



Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club
Airedale Terrier Club of Grtr Philadelphia
Allentown Dog Training Club
Am. Eskimo Dog Fanciers Club of G. Phila.
Anthracite Brittany Club
Back Mountain Kennel Club
Bald Eagle Kennel Club
Beaver County Kennel Club
Berks County Dog Training Club
Berks County Kennel Club
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Watchung
Borzoi Club of the Delaware Valley
Bucks County Kennel Club Inc.
Bull Terrier Club of Philadelphia
Bulldog Club Of Philadelphia
Bulldog Club of Pittsburgh
Bushy Run Kennel Club
Butler Dog Training Association
Cav. King Chas. Spaniel Club of DV
Chambersburg Area Kennel Club
Chester Valley Kennel Club
Colonial Rottweiler Club
Dachshund Fanciers Assoc of Berks County
Delaware County Kennel Club Inc.
Delaware Valley Bullmastiff Club
Del. Valley Cardigan Welsh Corgi Assoc.
Delaware Valley Chinese Crested Club
Delaware Valley Dalmatian Club
Del. Valley German Shepherd Dog Club
Delaware Valley Havanese Club
Delaware Valley Manchester Terrier Club
Del. Valley Soft Coated Wheaten Terr. Club
Delaware Valley Toy Dog Fanciers
Delaware Valley Weimaraner Club
Delaware Valley Yorkshire Terrier Club
Devon Dog Show Association
Doberman Pinscher Rescue of PA, Inc.
Dog Training Club Of Chester County
Dog Training Club Of York
Erie Kennel Club
Great Dane Club Of Lehigh Valley
Great Dane Club Of Pennsylvania Inc
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Assoc.
Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club
Grtr Pittsburgh Labrador Retriever Club
Grtr Val. Forge Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
Harrisburg Kennel Club
Hatboro Dog Club
Hilltown Dog Training Club
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.
Interstate Shetland Sheepdog Club
Irish Wolfhound Assoc Of Delaware Valley
Keeshond Club of the Delaware Valley
Kennel Club Of Philadelphia
Kerry Blue Terrier Club of Grtr Pittsburgh

Dogs are Barking About...

PA Federation of Dog Clubs Newsletter

Spring 2014

PFDC's Annual Delegates Meeting at Caitlyn & Cody's Diner, 6:30 PM, June 19th will feature

NJ Federation of Dog Clubs President Jeff Ball

Recently many anti-dog proposal were making their way through the town council of Ridgewood NJ and Jeff Ball was in the middle of the fight against them. But he knew long-term, this was not the way to defend the dog owners and breeders of the community. A pro-active, positive agenda was needed to improve the public perception of dog owners and their pets in Ridgewood. They created the first Responsible Pet Ownership Committee and are now working with other communities like Fair Lawn, NJ to establish similar committees there.

Jeffrey D. Ball has been a dog owner for most of his life and has bred and competed with Great Danes for 30 years. Jeff is a delegate to the AKC for the Ramapo Kennel Club, chairs the Public/Club Education Committee for the Great Dane Club of America, serves as president and newsletter editor for the Northern NJ Great Dane Club, and is a member of the Canadian Kennel Club. He participates in conformation, obedience, agility, rally, pet therapy visits and educational seminars. He is also an AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluator, a Certified Evaluator for Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs Inc. and teaches obedience and show handling classes. He also owns a home here in PA.

In his professional life, Jeff is involved in contract negotiations, arbitration, educational training and event planning. He advocates for grassroots public education campaigns and encourages members of kennel clubs and dog owner organizations to honor their past while changing with the times.

Keystone Cocker Spaniel Club
 Keystone English Springer Spaniel Club
 Lancaster Kennel Club
 Laurel Highlands Kennel Assoc.
 Lebanon County Kennel Club
 Lehigh German Shepherd Dog Club
 Lehigh Valley Coursing Club
 Lehigh Valley Kennel Club
 Lenape Golden Retriever Club
 Liberty English Cocker Spaniel Fanciers
 Lower Bucks Dog Training Club
 Mid Susquehanna Valley Kennel Club
 Middle Atlantic St. Bernard Club
 Mifflin County Dog Training Club
 Montgomery County Kennel Club
 Mountain Laurel Kennel Club
 Mt Nittany Dog Training Club
 Nita-Nee Kennel Club
 Obedience Training Class Of Harrisburg
 Owner Handler Assc Lehigh Valley Chap.
 Old York Road Dog Training Club
 Penn Ridge Kennel Club
 Penn Treaty Kennel Club
 Penn-Dutch Great Pyrenees Club
 Philadelphia Dog Training Club
 Pocono Mountain Kennel Club
 Poodle Club of the Lehigh Valley Inc.
 Quaker City Doberman Pinscher Club
 Saucon Valley Boxer Club
 Schuylkill Valley GSP Club
 SE Keystone Chinese Shar-Pei Club
 Siberian Husky Club of Del. Valley
 Skycastle French Hounds
 South Hills Kennel Club
 Suburban DTC of E Montgomery Cty.
 Tri State Dog Obedience Club Inc.
 Valley Forge Kennel Club
 Waterland Retriever Club
 William Penn Poodle Club
 Western PA Kennel Association
 William Penn Poodle Club
 WP West Highland White Terr Club
 Williamsport Dog Training Club
 York County Dog Training Club

Annual Dinner Scheduled for September 10

We will be evaluating the Caitlyn and Cody's Diner at the Delegates meeting and if most like it, we will probably hold the Annual Dinner meeting there. Pencil in the date on your calendars with time to be determined. Our speaker will be Dr. Cindy Otto DVM, PhD, DACVECC, Director of the Working Dog Center at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. She will be talking about the Working Dog Center and the research they are conducting on breeding and training.

We will be announcing the winners of our Outstanding Club and Newsletter awards, so get those entries in now. Newsletters can be submitted to NewsletterAwards@pafederationofdogclubs.org and Outstanding Club write-ups to OutstandingClubs@pafederationofdogclubs.org.

Western PA Legislation & Public Relations Meeting, Friday May 23, 2014, 6:30 PM

Held in conjunction the Memorial Day Weekend Cluster in New Castle, PA

Our featured speaker will be PA Dog Law Supervisor Thomas Wharry. He will talk about their procedures for inspecting kennels and canvassing for dog licensing and proof of rabies inoculations. He will take any questions you bring about the PA Dog Law and how his team applies it in the field.

Our own Legislative Chairman, Julian Prager will provide a handout on current legislative issues being considered in Harrisburg, regulatory proposals that may be on the horizon and an update on the APHIS revisions to the Pet Store rule. Julian is a retired attorney, is the Legislative Director and Executive Committee member of the National Animal Interest Alliance. He sits on the PA Dog Law Advisory Board also.

PFDC President Darin Cox will talk about PFDC activities including Public Relations outreach efforts.

Legislation Committee Report Highlights from Chairman Julian Prager

SB 1126 - Dinneman - Moves Dog and Kennel licensing enforcement from Agriculture to Health. **We oppose.** While Heath has a legitimate interest in the implications of dog health on cross species transfer of disease, they have neither the expertise or the understanding of dogs to properly assume these duties.

HB 760 - Costa - **Support in Part and Oppose in part** - Increases penalties for willful or malicious injury to the animal of another. Many of the increases are reasonable for willful and wanton acts and increasing penalties for subsequent acts is reasonable. However, they are increasing the penalties for neglect from a summary offense to a 3rd degree misdemeanor. We oppose changing the penalties for that section or separating out the neglect. The section currently makes it an offense to perform certain acts with respect to "any animal." A strict reading of the language would appear to require a person to provide food, water and shelter to any animal he saw that needed it. That is surely not its intent.

SB 82 - Greenleaf - Changes to the Consumer Protection Law. **We support.** It is being held up in the House after passing the Senate. We pushed hard to get this language in the statute.

HB 538 - Kortz - **We support.** Requires officials detaining dogs to report information to local police Department within 24 hours so it is easier for owners to reclaim their dogs.

SB 1068 - Alloway - **We support.** Amends the law establishing dog training areas for training and trials to prohibit hunting without permission from the permit holder of the dog training area and imposes penalties for willfully, maliciously or negligently injuring or interfering with a dog being trained or participating in a field trial.

HB 41 - Scavello - **We oppose.** Standard anti-tethering bill prohibiting tethering at night or other than as specified in the act. Permits tethering for 15 minutes, or while training for hunting, or agricultural use, while attending a dog show or field trial, etc (but not training for those events unless a license is required for the activity), or for sled racing, or for camping and recreational areas as required.

SB 522 - Alloway - **We Oppose.** His standard anti-tethering bill. Worse than Scavello's.

HB1102 - Benninghoff - **Oppose in part and support in part.** Permits Dog wardens to carry firearms and stun guns if approved by the Secretary. While the use of stun guns may be appropriate in some circumstances, we vigorously oppose the arming of Dog Wardens with other firearms.

HB 1759 - Schreiber - **We Oppose.** Requires pet shops kennels to display information about the dogs they sell, including health information, but exempts dogs from a non-profit kennel sold in pet shops. Pet shops and non-profit kennels should show the purse, if known, of dogs they sell and reveal all known health information.