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American Staffordshire Terrier Club of Canada

MESSAGE FROM ASTCC PRESIDENT

WELCOME EVERYONE

I would like to start by thanking all the folks that have worked hard to get the Club up and running. It takes a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication to wrangle everyone together, raise funds, and put on events. An endless list.



Their hard work will pay off and we are looking forward to our first National Specialty in 2017!

The ASTCC has plodded along over the years, in 2003 we banned together with the DLCC and the Banned-Aid Coalition to fight the largest threat to our breed we in Canada have ever faced. The breed ban in Ontario. Our little club displayed the very attributes that we love in AmStaffs fearless, courages and loyal.

We must stay ever vigilant to the BSL threat, to enjoy our dogs and to ensure the future of our breed, to be enjoyed by generations to come. We are "the keepers of the keys".

I am looking forward to working with all of you.

Cathy Prothro

REGIONAL CONVERSATIONS

British Columbia – Nancy Halford, Maple Ridge, BC
Cosmetic Ear Cropping / Tail Docking Banned By B.C. Veterinarians / Vets who carry out the procedure could face charges under Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act / October 2015

Dog owners and breeders in B.C. will no longer be able to get their animals' ears cropped or tails docked by vets, after the College of Veterinarians of B.C. voted to ban the cosmetic procedure October 2015.

The procedure is also banned by veterinary regulators in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, P.E.I., New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, while Newfoundland and Labrador has a legal prohibition against ear cropping. [Read more](#)

Alberta Region – Linda Kool, Okotoks, Alberta
Dog Ear Cropping, Tail-Docking Needs to be Banned / Veterinarians / Canadian Press / January

More veterinarians in Canada are speaking out against pet cosmetic surgery such as removing the tails of puppies and cutting dog ears into points, but the pace of change is slow.

Ear-cropping and tail-docking are already prohibited in seven provinces either by law or regulatory bylaws.J

The decision on whether to operate is left up to individual animal doctors in Alberta, Ontario and Quebec, even though veterinary groups in those provinces oppose such procedures in principle.

Dalton said it is not fair to single out veterinarians to effect what amounts to a social change.

The Canadian Kennel Club opposes any ban on cosmetic surgery, but encourages dog breed clubs to not include ear-cropping and tail-docking in their breed standards, said spokesman Andrew Patton. [Read more](#)

Ontario Region - Lori Gray, Alliston, Ontario

I would first like to say how happy I am that our club is getting back up and running. It is always great to get to know and share experiences with other AST people.

It has been a long 11+ years here in Ontario!

From a personal perspective I felt I had to put all aside and do all I could to try to get a repeal of BSL.

As most of you know, we launched a constitutional court challenge, of which the ASTCC was a part of. We had major portions of the law struck but the Ontario Government appealed and the appellant court judges reinstated the portions we had struck. We appealed to Supreme Court of Canada but they chose not to hear our case. Approx 10% of cases applied to the SCC are heard and ours wasn't one of them.

We've had 4 Bills in the Legislature, one of them tri party signed! Yes we do have a few allies on the Liberal side.. however the one that signed on to the Bill left provincial government and is now elected at a municipal level in the Niagara region.



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The Liberals are firmly committed to their draconian laws they have brought in. In my opinion I don't think we have a hope of a repeal until the Liberals are gone, which at the very soonest would be 2018. That being said, I am on a bit of a break from the fundraising and actively working with MPP's to concoct new Bills and needle campaigns. It's tiring work!

That leaves me some time to get back to life as it should be, which is enjoying my dogs (which never stopped but I have more time now) and getting involved in other things such as the rebuilding of the ASTCC. I think my personal experience is equally reflected on other AST owners here in Ontario. We are all watching our dogs get older and we are getting anxious watching our already uncommon breed in Canada get even more uncommon.

Our member Diane Duffy, also from Ontario, suggested that we have something on our site that dog owners who don't participate in shows or sports can relate to. People who just love the breed or maybe have AST's but don't get involved in the show world can relate to.

She suggested profiling individual dogs, which we easily could do since there aren't that many of them across the country. She also suggested adding an element of discussing health issues, problems and solutions that people have experienced.

It has been quite a while since I've entered in a show. I showed Justice for a couple years but never once did we ever have any breed competition. It wasn't fun in fact it was really lonely. Only once did I enter him in a show and have one other AST in the ring, which was when we visited Halifax and Cathy entered Ruby! There just aren't any AST's in Ontario and now they are all veterans or sadly passed on. It is legal to bring a dog into Ontario for a CKC sanctioned show but nobody wants to come into Ontario and I can't blame them.

I fear that this update is rather depressing however after all this time I am confident we will eventually see a repeal of BSL in Ontario! I am encouraged by speaking with and watching other provinces in Canada producing beautiful litters, participating in shows, sports, getting CGN's and doing therapy work. I am looking forward to our club getting a website back up so we can show what an amazing group of people and dogs we have!

We are seeing BSL dumped like a domino effect. Twenty four? States have now made it illegal to use breed specific language in lawmaking state wide! Many

jurisdictions have dumped BSL because the proof is there that it is a colossal failure. We have more evidence than ever that BSL is discrimination against dog owners, there's no evidence to support that any dog is dangerous based on breed or appearance and unless fair and equal treatment under the law exists, the problems with dangerous dogs don't decline.

Cheers to the renewal of our club!

Related Stories

[AB Primetime Part 1](#)

[AB Primetime Part 2](#)

[B.C. Vets Call for Ban on Dog Docking, Cropping](#)
[Ear Cropping of Dogs Banned in Manitoba](#)

[N.S Veterinarians Ban Tail Docking](#)

[No More Nip and Tuck for Show Dogs: N.B. Vets](#)
[Breeder Dismisses Ban on Cutting Tails, Ears](#)

EVENTS

The ASTCC held a successful Fun Conformation Sanction Match on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Newalba Kennels, Red Deer, Alberta.

The ASTCC would like to thank Jo Hammond, our Judge and Shannon Ward, our Stewart for volunteering their time and knowledge to help us with the Fun Sanction Match. We would also like to thank Wes Larnie from Newalba Kennels, Red Deer, Alberta for donating the venue for our event.

We had 21 participants and raised \$210.00 for the club.

Our ASTCC winners for the Conformation Match are:



Best Baby Puppy
Pam Sheane /Kenzi
Airedale-Terrier



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Best Puppy
Wes Larnie
Rosie/Bulldog



Best Graduate
Kathy Iluil
Ryder / Weimaraner

MEMBER'S UPDATE

ASTCC OnLine Auction

A huge thank you to all of the members and businesses that contributed prizes to the ASTCC Online Auction, making this a record year of prizes donated. 100% of the proceeds raised go to support the club in upcoming specialties, website development, awards, and learning opportunities. On behalf of ASTCC members, we thank you!

The ASTCC would especial like to thank Lisa Wysminity for coordinating and running the OnLine Auction.

ASTCC Website to Inform Members

ASTCC will be developing a website in April and will be online by May 1st. The website will perform many key activities for the club; it will interface with the members by providing contact information, addresses, and other essential information for members which is relevant and recent information.

- A few of the features we are looking at are;
- Member's Only Login (member/dog profile, health issues, training, etc.)
 - Up-to-the-moment newsfeed with relevant content
 - Organization information front and center. Keeping members informed about organization developments and events, and
 - Blog or Online Newsletter.

With this in mind, we encourage members to be engaged and interactive with the club's website.

UPCOMING SHOW LISTINGS

Shows available for entering now

Official Show Name	First Day of Show	Official Show Closing
NICKEL DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB - LTD	Fri, Apr 01	Wed, Mar 16
RED DEER & DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB	Fri, Apr 01	Wed, Mar 16
CREDIT VALLEY K&O CLUB - OBEDIENCE	Sat, Apr 02	Fri, Mar 18
ASSINIBOINE KENNEL CLUB - LTD	Fri, Apr 08	Mon, Mar 28
RENAISSANCE DOG ASSOCIATION	Fri, Apr 08	Wed, Mar 16
CLUB CANIN DE L'ESTRIE - LIMITED	Sat, Apr 09	Tue, Mar 22
CLUB CANIN DE L'ESTRIE - OBEDIENCE	Sat, Apr 09	Tue, Mar 22
FREDERICTON KENNEL CLUB - LIMITED	Sat, Apr 09	Mon, Mar 21
NEWFOUNDLAND (ALL BREED) KENNEL CLUB	Sat, Apr 09,	Mon, Mar 28
POODLE CLUB OF ONTARIO - OBED & RALLY	Tue, Apr 12	Tue, Mar 29
NORTH GOWER DOG CLUB OBEDIENCE	Wed, Apr 13	Fri, Apr 01
KENT KENNEL KLUB - LIMITED	Fri, Apr 15	Tue, Mar 29
KENT KENNEL KLUB - OBEDIENCE & RALLY	Fri, Apr 15	Tue, Mar 29



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PICTOU COUNTY KENNEL CLUB - OBED & RALLY	Sat, Apr 16	Wed, Mar 30	KW KENNEL CLUB - AGILITY TRIALS	Sat, May 21	Tue, May 10,
CHAMPLAIN DOG CLUB	Fri, Apr 22	Tue, Apr 05	TANTRAMAR KENNEL CLUB - LIMITED	Sat, May 21	Wed, May 04
CHAMPLAIN DOG CLUB - OBEDIENCE	Fri, Apr 22	Tue, Apr 05	REGINA KENNEL & OBEDIENCE CLUB	Sat, May 21	Wed, April 27
GUELPH & DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB- LIMITED	Fri, Apr 22	Wed, Apr 06	HOCHELAGA KENNEL CLUB	Sat, May 21	Tue, May 03
HAMILTON DOG OBED CLUB - AGILITY TRIALS	Fri, Apr 29	Mon, Apr 18	BELLEVILLE & DISTRICT - AGILITY	Fri, May 27	Mon, May 16
LAKEHEAD KENNEL CLUB	Fri, Apr 29	Tue, Apr 12	SWANSEA DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB	Sat, May 28	Wed, May 18
VICTORIA COUNTY KENNEL CLUB - LIMITED	Fri, Apr 29	Wed, Apr 13	BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG COC - DRAFT TESTS	Sat, May 28	Wed, May 18
CLUB CANIN RIVE-SUD DE MONTREAL	Fri, Apr 29	Tue, Apr 12	SOUTH SHORE KENNEL CLUB	Sat, Jun 04	Wed, May 18
CANINE ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA	Sat, Apr 16	Fri, Apr 01	ONTARIO COUNTY KENNEL CLUB	Fri, Jun 10	Mon, May 30
TYEE KENNEL CLUB	Thu, May 05	Wed, Apr 20	YUKON KENNEL CLUB	Fri, Jun 10	Wed, May 18
SEAWAY KENNEL CLUB - LIMITED	Fri, May 06	Wed, Apr 20	POODLE COC - ALL BREED AGILITY	Sat, Jun 11	Wed, June 01
ARNPRIOR CANINE ASSOCIATION	Fri, May 06	Tue, Apr 19	OROMOCTO KENNEL CLUB	Sat, Jun 11	Mon, May 23
LAKES DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB (BC)	Sat, May 07	Wed, Apr 20	MONARCH KENNEL CLUB - LIMITED	Fri, Jun 17	Wed, Jun 01
MONCTON KENNEL CLUB - LIMITED	Sat, May 07	Mon, Apr 18	THUNDER BAY KENNEL & TRAINING CLUB	Fri, Jun 24	Tue, Jun 07
MARITIME GROUP 7 CLUB (WITH MONCTON)	Sat, May 07	Wed, Apr 20	POODLE COC - JUNE OBED & RALLY	Sat, Jun 25	Tue, Jun 14
BYTOWN DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB	Sat, May 07	Fri, Apr 22	BARN HUNT - LEONBERGER CLUB OF CANADA	Sun, Jun 26	Wed, Jun15
FORT GARRY KENNEL CLUB	Fri, May 13	Mon, Apr 25	PORTAGE KENNEL CLUB INC.	Fri, Jul 01	Tue, Jun 14
CLUB CANIN DU BAS-SAINT-LAURENT	Sat, May 07	Thu, Apr 21			
FOREST CITY KENNEL CLUB	Fri, May 13	Wed, Apr 27			
TRAFALGAR DOG SPORTS - OBED & RALLY	Wed, May 11	Fri, Apr 29			
DARTMOUTH KENNEL CLUB	Sat, May 14	Wed, Apr 20			
FORT ST. JOHN & DISTRICT KENNEL CLUB	Sat, May 21	Wed, May 04			
KELOWNA KENNEL CLUB	Sat, May 21	Wed, May 04			



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MEMBER'S BRAGS

Canada Conformation Brags

The following stats are taken from Canuckdogs.ca, last update March 27, 2016. Best of Breed Points Current to February 29, 2016.

Rank #1



Michl R I Only Dates Models (M),
 GP1 – 1 Point, GP2 – 2 Point, GP3 – Point 1
 Total Points – 52

Rank #2



Alpine's Ring of Fire (M), GP2 – 1 Point, GP4 – 1 Point
 Total Points – 48

Rank #3



Can. LBK's Release the Kraken (M)
 Total Points – 12

Rank #4



Ch. Chargers Gazella All For Glory (M)
 Total Points – 8



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Rank #5



Ch. Blue Nile's Just The Way You Are (F)
Total Points – 4

Rank #6



Prairie Moon's Mega Man (M), Total Points - 4

Rank #7



Marauders Revolution (M), Total Points – 3

International Conformation Brags



Ch. Marauders Hey Jude (F) / WB for a 3-point Major at Seattle Kennel Club under Judge Vandra Huber, March 12 – 13, 2016.

Canada Working Title Brags (Coming Soon)

For members who are interested in profiling their working title achievements with their AMStaff please send your name, dog's name, working title achievement (obedience, rally, scenting, etc) to Linda Kool @koolbert@telus.net for the next newsletter. Plus a Picture!

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS BETTER!

We would like you as a member to provide us with 6 things to get to know you better outside of dog shows. Please send along a picture of yourself to include in our next issue.

BC Member(s)

Dawne Deeley, Sidney, BC
Nancy Halford, Maple Ridge, BC
Angela Gilbert, Courtenay, BC
Kelly Thorburn, Langley, BC

AB Member(s)

Jaida Lee Cooper, Leduc, AB
Ron Hiebert & Linda Kool, Okotoks, AB
Bryan and Lisa McLellan, Langdon, AB
Lisa Wysminity, Tofield, AB

SK Member(s)

Whitney Weston, Maidston, SK



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ON Member(s)

Lori Gray, Alliston, ON
Diane Duffy, Gravenhurst, ON

NFLD Member(s)

Leeann O'Reilly, Brook, NFL (pending)

NS Member(s)

Cathy Prothro, Dartmouth, NS

WHO ARE OUR EXECUTIVES!

Cathy Prothro, President
Dawne Deeley, Vice President
Jaida Cooper, Secretary & Treasurer

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting will be held Sunday, June 12, 2016, at 4:00 PM (MST).

A meeting notice will be sent to all members in April advising them of the conference call details.

Please forward any "agenda" items to Jaida Cooper, Secretary/Treasurer prairiemoonkennels@gmail.com prior to May 22nd.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Upcoming Executive Meetings will be held quarterly and our first meeting will be Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 4:00 PM (MST). The following Executive meeting dates will be determined for September and November at the May meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REFERRALS

We are looking for only the most responsible and dedicated owners and fanciers to promote the versatility of the American Staffordshire Terrier, through conformation, obedience, agility, therapy work, etc.

Because of the distance of our membership there will be no formal meetings. Communication will be through our quarterly newsletters, articles, letters, website (coming soon), and pictures are welcome. If you know, of

someone who would benefit by joining our club please let us know, or have them fill out the membership application form and send to Jaida Cooper, our Secretary/Treasurer at prairiemoonkennels@gmail.com.

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER ISSUE DATES

The following deliverable dates for our 2nd quarterly newsletters will be;

- Regional Director's Input – June 15
- Release of Newsletter – June 30

If you have any information you would like to have inserted in the Newsletter please provide it to your Regional Director by email prior to the date above.

Your Regional Director by Province(s)

Regional Director BC – Nancy Halford
Email nshalford@shaw.ca

Regional Director Prairies (AB/SK) – Whitney Weston
Email saskpits22@hotmail.com

Regional Director ON – Lori Gray
Email mustangsilly@rogers.com

Regional Director Atlantic – Leeann O'Reilly
Email presdlcc@gmail.com

If you would like to provide input into the newsletter and cannot reach your regional director please send you comments/suggestions to Linda Kool @ koolbert@telus.net.

ASTCC NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

On behalf of the ASTCC Newsletter Committee, we hope you have enjoyed reading and receiving an update from the club.