



DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER American Staffordshire Terrier Club of Canada

SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL.....

2016 has been a year of leaps and bounds for the ASTCC. We have really got some traction this year.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who have worked tirelessly for the Club to see our first National in 2017! Plans are in the works for our National, summer of 2017. Stay tuned!

2016 has also seen a breed ban in Montreal, despite the efforts of many. Hopefully the on-going legal battle will be successful. In this newsletter there will be updates from our Front Line, boots on the ground members.

Thank-you for your diligence, in helping to protect all dogs and owners from these horrific laws.

I would like to welcome our new members, and returning members. I look forward to meeting and working with you all in the New Year.

On a sad note, the BSL fight has lost one of our staunchest supporters. Selma Mulvey passed away December 14th. Selma was with the DLCC Ontario battle from the start. Those of us who knew her, knew she was a force to be reckoned with. She will be sadly missed.

Best of the season to all
Cathy Prothro, ASTCC President

UPDATE OF MONTREAL BY-LAW

The application to the court was denied and the bylaw went into effect this month in Montreal. It is a barbaric bylaw including not only breed/appearance ban but also pet limits, mandatory harness for all dogs over a certain weight, mandatory muzzling for dogs deemed "pit bulls" or of the banned breeds, warrantless entry to people's homes, criminal record checks for those owning targeted dogs, mandatory spay and neuter for targeted dogs, mandatory special licensing that cost \$150 for targeted dogs and 4' leash for all dogs and mandatory microchipping.

People are scrambling to buy and train their dogs to wear a muzzle, trying to get their criminal record check, some scrambling to be able to afford all of this right before the holidays. They have been given a deadline of December 31st to acquire the special licenses yet the offices are closed from Dec 23rd to January 2nd.

There is no continuity being reported by dog owners as to what constitutes as a "pit bull". Some offices are advising

people to get DNA tests, others are saying DNA is not admissible. Some offices have check lists which include wrinkles on the forehead to determine visual ID of breed mixture!

Dog owners are very afraid at this point, as they well should be. That being said, it's important to remember that despite the sledgehammer on a gnat thinking, it is a city bylaw. People need to do what they can to protect themselves and their dog. The city has no jurisdiction to jail people. To be in contravention of the law is a bylaw infraction not a criminal charge.

It is alarming that this sort of insanity is happening here in Canada.

All credible information and common sense has been disregarded.

****Footnote**, the owner of the dog that killed Christiane Vadnais in her Montreal backyard that sparked this whole mess was not charged. No reports have ever surfaced proving breed mixture of the dog that killed her. It was reported by main stream media as a "pit bull" yet was licensed as a boxer. Breed is irrelevant as we know but how Montreal arrived at the current state of affairs is rather insane.

Law abiding dog owners have been ostracized, publicly regarded as 'wackos' by the mayor, targeted by others on the street, distressed with threats of fines, seizure of family pets and threats of home intrusion by hired agents of the city.

Let's hope common sense will prevail at a later date.
Submitted by: Lori Gray

CKC SHOWS SUPPORT FOR MONTREAL SPCA LEGAL CHALLENGE TO BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

Since breed-specific legislation was first proposed in Quebec and municipalities such as Montreal earlier this year, CKC has been working to affect positive change at the provincial and municipal level.

CKC opposes fear-based breed-specific legislation in favour of well-crafted dangerous dog legislation that is reasonable, enforceable and non-discriminatory. We believe that public awareness and education, stronger enforcement of existing bylaws and stiffer penalties for irresponsible owners is more effective at protecting the public.





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In the spirit of collaboration, we have also reached out to like-minded organizations such as the Dog Legislation Council of Canada and the Montreal SPCA to build on our shared interests and mutual goals regarding BSL.

As you may know, the Montreal SPCA launched a lawsuit against the City of Montreal following the implementation of a breed-specific bylaw in September, seeking a judicial review and stay, to suspend the breed-specific provisions until a hearing on the merits could take place in Quebec’s Superior Court. Despite a successful, though temporary stay, the breed-specific provisions of the bylaw were recently reinstated, but the Montreal SPCA plans to continue its efforts to fight the discriminatory Montreal bylaw and a hearing is expected sometime in the New Year.

During recent discussions with the Montreal SPCA, CKC offered to promote their legal challenge and would like to ask our members to help CKC support this important initiative. For more information about how you can help, visit www.saferkindercommunities.com.

2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

13 Days Remaining - Membership renewals are due on December 31, 2016.

ETransfer your dues to:
prairiemoonkennels@hotmail.com

Annual Dues

Individual membership	\$25.00
Family membership	\$40.00
Youth Membership (under 18)	\$15.00

EVENTS

2017 ASTCC National Specialty

Our 2017 ASTCC National Specialty will be held under the umbrella of the Alberta Kennel Club (AKC) at their 2017 Summer Classic, Calgary, Alberta during August 4 – 7, 2017.

Our application for the National Specialty for the AKC has been submitted and we are looking at either the Friday, August 4th or Sunday, August 6th for our event.

Our Show Committee is as follows;

- Show Chair – Jaida Cooper
- Show Superintendent – AKC Superintendent
- Ring Stewart – Dawne Deeley

- Judge Committee – Cathy Prothro, Jaida Cooper and Dawne Deeley

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

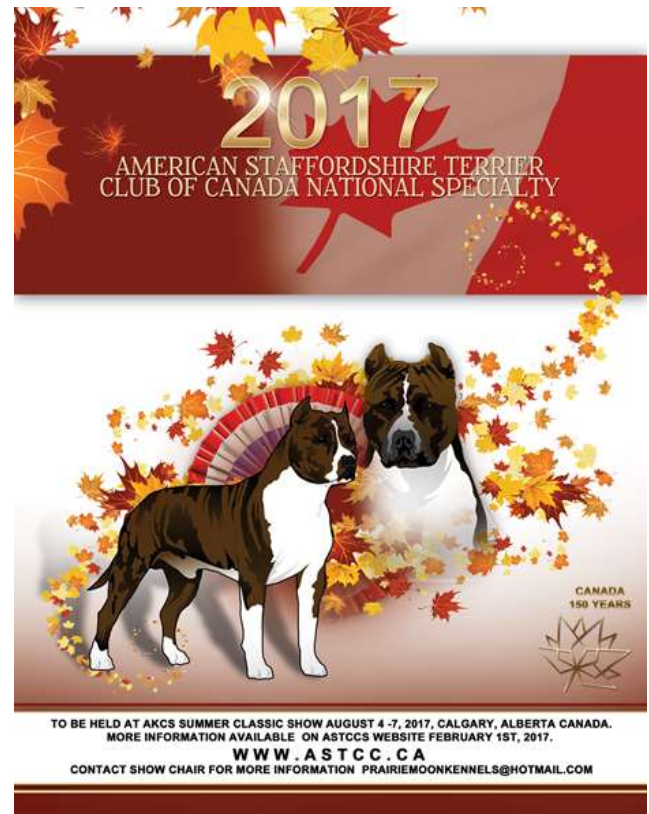
If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jaida Cooper at prairiemoonkennels@hotmail.com.

The following items are being addressed and/or in progress for the upcoming ASTCC National Specialty;

- AKC Specialty Club Contract (completed and sent)
- Premium List (drafted)
- Budget (completed)
- Sponsorship/Ad Package (completed)
- VGI Pet Services/Show Secretary Services (confirmed)
- Advertising the ASTCC National Specialty
 - in STCA quarterly magazine December 2016
 - in STCA quarterly magazine March 2017
 - 2017 World AmStaff Catalogue by Rade Dakic
 - 2017 CDF Online Weekly (dates to be determined)

Further updates of the National will be posted on the ASTCC Group FaceBook page and the Website in the coming months.

Below is our 2017 ASTCC National Specialty Ad (without date)





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2016 Prince Alberta Kennel & Obedience Association Sanction Match (November 25, 2016)

Due to unforeseen circumstances of the BIS running late on the Friday ASTCC Sanction Match was not held.

UPCOMING 2017 SHOW LISTINGS

Note: When entering shows in Ontario/Quebec please check with the Show Secretary regarding Breed restrictions

Official Show/Event Name	First Day of Show	Official Show Closing
<u>MKC Match</u> Moncton, NB	Jan 07	
<u>Alberta Kennel Club</u> Calgary, AB	Jan 20 - 22	Jan 04
<u>Wildwood Kennel Club</u> Woodstock, ON	Feb 02 - 05	Jan 20
<u>Crocus Obedience & Kennel Club</u> Brandon, MB	Feb 18 - 20	Jan 31
<u>Mount Cheam Canine Association</u> Chilliwack, BC	Feb 23 - 26	Feb 08
<u>Halifax Kennel Club</u> Halifax, NS	Feb 24 - 26	
<u>Woodstock & District Canine Association</u> Woodstock, ON	Feb 24 - 26	Feb 13
<u>Prince Albert Kennel & Obedience Club</u> Prince Alberta, AB	Mar 03 - 05	
<u>Ontario Breeder Association</u> Lindsay, ON	Mar 03 - 05	
<u>Victoria City Kennel Club</u> Duncan, BC	Mar 03 - 05	
<u>Scarborough Kennel Club</u> Mono, ON	Mar 10 - 12	
<u>Windsor All Breed Training & Tracking Club</u> Windsor, ON	Mar 18 - 19	Mar 01
<u>Battle River Canine Association</u> Camrose, AB	Mar 24 - 26	
<u>Northwinds Dog Club</u> Winnipeg, MB	Mar 24 - 26	Mar 07

<u>Cobequid Dog Club</u> Truro, NS	Mar 25 - 26
<u>Nickel District Kennel Club</u> Coniston, ON	Mar 31 - Apr 02
<u>Oceanside Kennel Club</u> Chilliwack, BC	Mar 31 - Apr 02
<u>Red Deer & District Kennel Club</u> Red Deer, AB	Mar 31 - Apr 02

INTERESTING IN TRACKING SEMINARS, AND ONLINE COURSES

Introducing new courses for Winter 2017. Each online class has a maximum of 7 participants. Registration forms will be posted soon!

Contact: Donna Brinkworth
Website spiritdancelifecoaching.ca

Working Title Events	First Day of Online Classes	Last Day of Online Classes
<u>Online Tracking Course (AB)</u>	Sat, Jan 7	Mar 11
<u>Online Tracking Course (BC)</u>	Sat, Jan 7	Mar 11
<u>Online Tracking Course (ON)</u>	Sat, Jan 7	Mar 11
<u>Online Tracking Course (QC)</u>	Sat, Jan 7	Mar 11
<u>Online Tracking Course (NS)</u>	Sat, Jan 7	Mar 11
<u>Greater Victoria Dog Obedience Training Club (CKC UT), Victoria, BC</u>	CKC UT Test Mar 12	
<u>Forbidden Plateau Obedience & Tracking Club (TD/TDX), Courtenay, BC</u>	TD/TDX Test Mar 19	

For other events please see the event calendar at Canuck Dogs @ <http://canuckdogs.com>.

MEMBER'S BRAGS

Canada Conformation

The following stats are taken from Canuckdogs.ca, last update December 15, 2016. Best of Breed Points Current to November 21, 2016.





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Rank #1



Ch Michl R I Only Dates Models (M)
GP1 – 6, GP2 – 11, GP3 – 7, GP4 – 5
Total Point(s) – 562

Rank #3



GCh Prairie Moon's Mega Man (M)
GP2 – 2, GP3 – 4, GP4 – 4
Total Point(s) – 121

Rank #2



GCh Chargers Gazella All For Glory (M)
GP1-4, GP2 – 3, GP3 – 8, GP4 – 9
Total Point(s) – 313

Rank #4



CH Prairie Moon Legend of Zelda (F)
GP2 – 3, GP3 – 2, GR4 – 6
Total Point(s) – 97

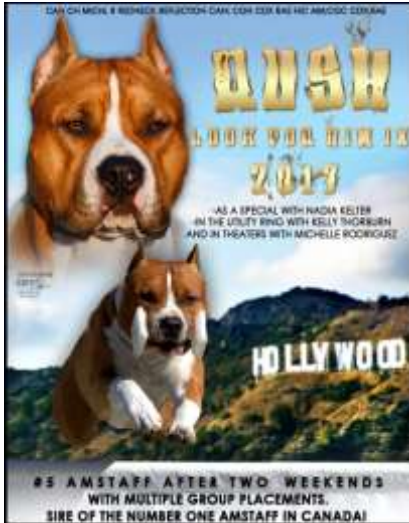




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Rank #5



Ch Michl R Redneck Reflection (M)
GP3 – 3, GP4 – 1
Total Point(s) – 91

Rank #7



Ch Roadhouse's Life Of The Party (M)
GP1 – 1, GP3 – 1, GP4-1
Total Point(s) – 65

Rank #6



GCh LBK's Release The Kraken (M)
GP1 – 1, GP2 – 2, GP4 – 1
Total Point(s) – 86

Rank #8



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





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Rank #9



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

Rank #11



Ch Marauders Revolution (M)
Total Point(s) – 3

Rank #9



Fraja EC Ticket To Party (F)
GP4 – 1
Total Point(s) – 4

Rank #12 – FLK Knockout (M) NO PICTURE
Total Point(s) – 2

Rank #13 – Blue Nile's Boudica's Coming (F) NO PICTURE
Total Point(s) – 1

CANADA/US/INTERNATIONAL WORKING TITLES

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

LAST MEETING(S)

General Meeting

Sunday, November 20th, 2016 at 4:00 PM (MST)
Minutes were posted on the ASTCC Group FaceBook and Member's website.





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UPCOMING MEETING(S)

Show Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 15th, 2017 @ 4:00 PM (MST)
Discuss upcoming ASTCC National Specialty Show

General Meeting

April 2017, General Meeting & AGM (TBD)

WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS

Below is a listing of our members by province.

BC Member(s)

Dawne Deeley, Sidney, BC
Nancy Halford, Maple Ridge, BC
Angela Gilbert, Courtenay, BC
April Perrin, Quesnel, 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, Maidstone, SK

ON Member(s)

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

NB Member(s)

Sonya Lee, Fredericton, NB

NS Member(s)

Cathy Prothro, Dartmouth, NS

WHO ARE OUR OFFICERS/EXECUTIVES

Cathy Prothro, President
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Regional Director (BC) – Nancy Halford
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Regional Director Prairies (AB/SK) – Whitney Weston
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Regional Director (ON) – Lori Gray
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Regional Director (Atlantic) – Cathy Prothro
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MEMBERSHIP COMMUNICATION

Because of the distance of our membership there will be no formal meetings. Communication will be through our quarterly newsletters, articles, letters, website, 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 Linda Kool at koolbert@telus.net.

BREEDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Charger American Staffordshire Terriers





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ADVERTISING RATES

Ad	Members	Non-Members
Full Page	\$15.00	\$25.00
Half Page	\$10.00	\$15.00
Quarter Page	\$5.00	10.00
Business Card	Free	\$5.00
Announcements	Free	\$5.00
Whelping Box	Free	\$5.00
Brags	Free	Free
Yearly Contract (4 issues)		
Full Page	\$30.00	\$50.00
Half Page	\$20.00	\$30.00
Quarterly Page	\$10.00	\$15.00
Business Card	Free	\$10.00

Send ads and subscriptions to: Linda Kool,
Recording Secretary / Email: koolbert@telus.net

OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER ISSUE DATES

The following deliverable dates for our 1st quarterly 2017 newsletters will be;

- Regional Director's Input – March 15, 2017
- Members Input – March 15, 2017
- Release of Newsletter – April 1, 2017

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

