
The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE (OUTGOING) PRESIDENT

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Anthracite Brittany Club. Without the active members participating in events and volunteering their time to make those events a success, we wouldn't have a Club. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President the past two years. We welcome the new leadership of the board of directors. Let's support them and the events of the Club through participation and volunteering to help out to continue the success of the Club. Wishing you and your families a great 2011!!

REMINDER: Club meeting will be January 11th at 6:30 PM at the Starlight Diner in Fogelsville.

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NEXT MEETING:

**January 11th, 6:30PM at Starlite Diner,
Fogelsville, PA. Contact Dave Wieder at
610-473-9426 for more information**

Coordinators:

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Domenic Serago 12/2010

Michele Serago 12/2010

Based on information from the ABC, the following members' dues are payable in the month listed:

Charlene Frable 1/2011

Judy Kostelac 1/2011

Michael Mercanti 1/2011

Susan Spaid 1/2011

Mary Ann Breininger 4/2011

Linda Starner 2/2011

If you have paid directly to the ABC or intend to pay that way, the information above will be adjusted. Please drop me a line so as that I can keep the membership up to date.

Secretary's Report
Membership Dues

The policy of the American Brittany Club is that you submit your dues 60 to 90 days before the date that is printed on the back of your magazine.

PLEASE CHECK THE BACK OF YOUR MAGAZINE FOR DUE DATES.

Waiting to submit your due until the date stamped on the back of the magazine will result in missed magazine issues as well as interruption in membership.

Annual Dues of **\$30.00** Payable to the **Anthracite Brittany Club** should be sent to Deb Rudert, Anthracite Secretary, 4364 Valley Drive, Allentown, PA 18104.

The following members are past due:

Joe Sikorski 8/2009

Claire Ricci 8/2009

Debra Chance 10/2010

Ken Merkel 9/2010

Jeanne Rozowski 12/2010

Stan Rozowski 12/2010

Mike Sammon 8/2010

Thank You,

Deb Rudert

Anthracite Secretary

Brittany Rescue (Please note new info)

Would you please help a Brittany in need?

In 2005 American Brittany Rescue helped nearly 1000 Brittanys find new homes. Despite this staggering number, we also lost hundreds more. We lost them simply because we had no place for them to go.

Foster homes are desperately needed in your state! Short term safety for a Brittany while a forever home is sought could help save many of them.

Transporting them to safety is another way to help.

For more information or to sign up - contact us at

<http://www.americanbrittanyrescue.org/index.php?module=pagesetter&func=viewpub&tid=3&pid=3>

1-866-BRIT911 (toll free phone number)

American Brittany Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit organization supported by adoption donations and tax deductible donations from the public. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us!

Thank you,

Rhonda Carlson

American Brittany Rescue, Inc

<http://www.AmericanBrittanyRescue.org>

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From the Editor's Desk

All information for the newsletter should be submitted in a *timely fashion*. I would prefer if information were submitted via email in the message section or as an attachment. Just a reminder that

1. All members that have an email on file with the secretary will be receiving their newsletter electronically. This will be as an attachment (pdf – Adobe Acrobat file).
2. The newsletter will no longer be sent via US mail. If you want a copy, contact another member or send me your email address.

BRAG ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you want to submit a brag announcement to the newsletter, send an email to me (mjpsammon@gmail.com) with the word brag (or brags) in the subject line. The mail will automatically be forwarded to Claire Ricci who will post it on our website.

We have a contributed article in this issue from

Susan Spaid, President National Brittany Rescue and Adoption Network. Please contact Susan if you want to work with her organization.

Mike

Brag

From Elizabeth Shellhammer:

In the last 5 shows, Elizabeth Shellehamer received 4 Best Juniors and a 2nd Place in Junior Showmanship.

From Terry Hilliard:

Hope/Grayrocks Start Your Engine (Ford) WD at the Michigan Specialty for a 4 point major (first show at 7 1/2 months). RWD and Best Puppy at the American Brittany Nationals at 8 1/2 months Owned by Terry Hilliard and Doug Tighe.

CH. RJ's Talk of the Town, JH (Gabby)

Veteran Bitch Winner and Select Bitch at the Michigan Specialty (first time in the ring in 5 years). Best Veteran in Sweeps, Best Veteran, Select Bitch and First Award of Merit at the American Brittany Nationals at 8 1/2 years old Owned by Larry and Terry Hilliard

From Pat Ortelli:

CH Mt. View's Shamus McLane JH - Shamus - co-owned by Jim & Linda McLane, MaryAnn Breininger & Pat Ortelli, handled by MaryAnn Breininger - started his show career at Del Val Brittany Specialty with a major and finished his show career in Fitchburg MA with a major. He also finished his Junior Hunter title with 4 qualifying scores in a row.

Mt. View's Lil Braveheart - Kate - co-owned by MaryAnn Breininger, Domenic Serago, Pat Ortelli & Roy Schaeffer, handled by MaryAnn Breininger - started her show career with Winner's Bitch at the Bloomsburg shows, Winner's Bitch at Gettysburg, and two majors (by going Best of Winners) at the Fitchburg MA shows. She has 11 points so far.

Mt. View's Treasure Hunter - Indy - co-owned by Nancy Macci, MaryAnn Breininger and Pat Ortelli, handled by Pat Ortelli - took Winners Dog at Somerset Hills NJ.

Mt. View's Lady Lola - Lola - co-owned by Nick Albano, MaryAnn Breininger & Pat Ortelli, handled by MaryAnn Breininger - took Winners Bitch at the Susquehanna Brittany Club specialty in July.

CH Mt. View's Triple Crown MH - Di - co-owned by MaryAnn Breininger & Pat Ortelli, handled by Pat Ortelli - scored perfect 10's in her Master Hunter Brace during the Delaware Valley German Wirehaired Pointer Hunt Test in October. She also received a 4th place in Open Limited Gun Dog at the Eastern German Shorthair Pointer Club field trial in November.

CH Mt. View's Put'n on the Ritz MH - Cooper - co-owned by Pat & Ric Ortelli, and MaryAnn Breininger, handled by Pat Ortelli- received a 4th place in Amateur Limited Gun Dog at the Eastern German Shorthair Pointer Club field trial in November.

From Claire Ricci:

FC/AFC Hit's All Jack'D Up - owned by Claire Ricci and Joe Sikorski, Handled by Joe Sikorski
Sep 2010 - Won the New England Brittany Amateur Shooting Dog Championship, East Windsor, CT.

Sep 2010 - Finished his Amateur Field Championship title at the Del Val Brittany Club Field Trial, Medford, NJ.

October 2010 - Finished 4th in the Brittany National Gun Dog Championships, Ionia MI.

National Brittany Adoption Network (NBRAN)

Susan E. Spaid

The National Brittany Rescue and Adoption Network (NBRAN) was founded in 2001 by a group of committed rescuers. Initially the group's focus was primarily the Midwest, but since 2001 the group has developed a solid national presence. Currently there are coordinators in place in 48 of the 50 states, and even though there is no assigned coordinator to Alaska, NBRAN has placed dogs there. Our adoption process includes an extensive phone interview along with a home visit requirement and vet reference. We are careful where we place our dogs, because our goal is to find the perfect new home for our Britts. We adopt to folks who want a family pet and also to owners who want to hunt their dogs. Each dog arrives at its new home fully vetted and microchipped and our adoption fees are \$350 or \$75 for our Senior to Senior adoptions.

The backbone of NBRAN is its all volunteer transport system that moves dogs weekly across the country to foster or forever homes. Recently the group moved nineteen dogs on eleven separate transports. The group commits to move a dog being adopted up to 1300 miles- which is possible over a two day schedule. It takes hundreds of drivers and hundreds of hours to arrange transports like these, but it's all worth it to receive a picture of a happy family with a happy Brittany.

Our most successful large scale rescue to date actually occurred in Pennsylvania. In May of 2009 we were contacted by the Indiana County Humane Society about 13 dogs that were in need of rescue. They were being kept in crates on a carport by a widower who had made a death bed promise to his wife that he would keep her dogs. After several months the neighbors finally were able to convince the owner that it was not good for Brittanys to be confined to crates and that he should turn them over to the animal officers. The dogs were in terrible condition- matted and stained from urine and feces. NBRAN went to work and helped clean up the dogs and we found them all foster homes. Most were healthy, but we lost one old fellow a few days after rescuing him. We have found homes for all the dogs, although two are technically still fosters. All the dogs are thriving and have recovered from their ordeal. They are beautiful dogs and are enjoying their new lives. Each has a great story that illustrates the resiliency of the Brittany spirit. Below is a picture of one of the dogs the day he was rescued. The other pictures are of the dogs in their new homes. There is a You-Tube video which details their rescue at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAkma3NhQNK>.

NBRAN's president is Susan Spaid who lives in Clearfield County PA- about an hour west of State College. The groups Treasurer lives in Bethel Park PA. The state is coordinated by Linda Krupa and Pauline Traficante on the western side and Eva Young in the east. New Jersey is coordinated by David Beecher who also supervises New York and serves on the NBRAN Board of Directors. The group is always in need of foster homes for the dogs they obtain via shelter pulls or owner surrenders. The transport system also can use volunteers to drive on the weekends and move the dogs along the designated routes. If you'd be interested in volunteering, go to www.nbran.org and complete a volunteer application. If you just have general questions, feel free to contact Susan Spaid at sspaid@verizon.net or any of the state coordinators listed below.

NBRAN stats: In 2010 year to date dogs taken into rescue nationally is 601 dogs and we have placed 517 dogs. In PA alone we have taken in 16 Brittanys from shelters and owners and placed 28 dogs into PA so far in 2010.

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On the next page are some pictures of our dogs.



Rowan the day he was rescued. The dogs all looked like this and smelled horrible.

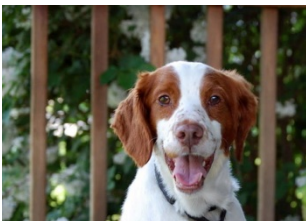
Once rescued, a new life emerged for the dogs:



Moe enjoys a rawhide and a bed



Indie gets a canoe ride with her new family.



Tango smiles because he is free!

**ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB
MEETING MINUTES**

Anthracite Meeting 9/22/2010

Attendance:

David Wieder, Jean Wieder, Sam Moser, Mike Moser, Bobbie Dunkling, Bob Williams, Joe Cartwright, Larry Hilliard.

Call to order: 7:08 p.m.

Forego approving minutes.

President Report: disappointing turnout for a voting meeting

Secretary Report: See attached

Treasurer Report: See attached. Bobbie to give report to Deb.

Committee:

-Field Trial: No report

-Show: No Report

-Hunt Test: Food vendor 10% purchases goes to St. Jude's Hospital in Anthracite Brittany Club's name (\$24.50). All paperwork sent to the AKC 9/21/10.

-K9 Learning: Papers are out. Ken fill in application, Bobbie sent it in. Ken will be chairing again this year. We will have a booth with two tables.

PA Federation of Dog Clubs (PFDC): Nothing to report. Drop from committees.

Old Business

Judges seminar - one day seminar AKC \$500. Need 3 dates (Jan 22, Feb 19 & Feb 26) and location (Cabela's \$75 room that holds 30 people). Suggested minimum 20 people @ \$20pp. Approved Larry. 2nd Bob. All in favor.

New business

Nomination for floor: none

President: Larry Hilliard

VP: Jimmy Wilkinson

Secretary: Deb Rudert

Treasurer: Bobbie Dunkling

Board member: David Wieder

Newsletter: Hard copy should be given if person does not have computer. Bobbie motion. Bob 2nd. Dave to inform Mike Sammon

Letter from AKC given to Bobbie for Deb. Need new membership list.

Brag:

Joe Cartwright - 10th leg Master on Max

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2011

Deb to send out new list of members - updated

Meeting adjourned. Meeting Minutes will be posted in the next Newsletter.