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# The ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB Newsletter

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**Walking Field Trial:** Chair Needed

**Show:** Deb Rudert, Acting Chair  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is almost upon us! I hope everyone's hunt tests and field trials have been successful.

I hope to see everyone at our annual picnic on Sunday, June 6th at Freeland Kennel Club, Weatherly PA. We have games planned, lots of food and field work for the dogs. We need to know if you are coming ASAP. RSVP to Jimmy Wilkinson, Deb Rudert or Terry Hilliard. If there is not enough interest we will be cancelling the event. There will be a club meeting at this time also.

I would like to thank those who have helped so far in 2010. **K-9 Learning** - Thank you Ken Merkel, chairman, and all who volunteered their time and creativity with our booth! **Field Trial** - Thank you Jeff Currier, chairman, committee members and all who volunteered their time to help in the field and kitchen!

We have more events coming up for the remainder of this year. Mark your calendars and get your pups ready! Your help is always appreciated during these events also!

Show - July 23, 24 & 25 at Nita Nee Kennel Club

Hunt Test - September 18 & 19 at Freeland Kennel Club

Fall Field Trial - more info to come.

Dave Wieder

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## **NEXT MEETING:**

**June 6th at Freeland Kennel Club. Contact  
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information**

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e-mail - [rlu2s2@hotmail.com](mailto:rlu2s2@hotmail.com)**Secretary's Report****No Report this quarter.****Brittany Rescue (Please note new info)**

Would you please help a Brittany in need?

In 2005 American Brittany Rescue helped nearly 1000 Brittans 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>

**PA /CT/RI State Coordinator**

Wendy Boyce

**A Letter From Rhonda Carlson**

Gabby and Max's story is one we are hearing more and more often in these economic times. Their owners were losing their home and surrendered them to a Pennsylvania shelter. The shelter contacted ABR and they were placed in foster homes in New Jersey. They are two of the fortunate ones as with the rise in incoming Brittans and the limited foster homes, they were given a second chance at a new "forever home". Gabby and Max (now renamed Tiberius) are doing great in their new homes and their new owners couldn't be happier!

Gabby, the wonder dog, has brought joy and laughter back into our lives. From her "happy dance" for breakfast and dinner to her leaps and bounds when she catches her "football", her intelligence and loving nature shine through. She welcomes our friends and family members with a bark at first, but soon the little tail begins to wag. Jeff is teaching her to accept other dogs that we meet on our walks with just a glance. She is also learning the fun of being outside with boundaries using her invisible fence collar. At first, she was nervous and unsure. Well, so were we. However, with patience, love and time she has become the third member of our family.

Jeff and Marlene Lambert

Since joining his people, in Alexandria Virginia, Tiberius has truly found his forever home. He has become much more comfortable and social around other dogs and enjoys playing with his friends at Dogs Day Out Daycare. He is also becoming more secure in knowing that his home is permanent and less nervous when meeting new people. Some of his favorite things to do are cuddling, wrestling, playing training games, cuddling, going for runs and cuddling. But the best time of the day is when his people come home and he becomes the happiest dog.

Lindsay and Jason Cameron

If you have every thought about helping a Brittany in need now is the time with the number of incoming Brittans increasing we can sure use all the help we can get. Sign up to be a volunteer today!

[http://www.americanbrittanyrescue.rescuegroups.org/forms/form\\_edit\\_nologin?verify=15449411&FormID=1038](http://www.americanbrittanyrescue.rescuegroups.org/forms/form_edit_nologin?verify=15449411&FormID=1038)



Tiberius



Gabby

### **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](mailto: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.

Mike

**Brag**

**From Deb Rudert:**

**CH May-Jay's Point My Way**, Wade, out of CH Tonan-Hope's R U Kiddin me x CH May-Jay's Ooo La La JH. owner Deb Rudert, Was awarded Best of Breed in the Eastern Futurity.

**CH May-Jay's Point My Way**, Wade, finished his conformation champion that afternoon taking his third three point major at the Hudson Valley Brittany Club. Expertly show by Doug Tighe.

**From Dot Moon:**

**CH Tonan-Rao Halfmoon's Nite Mist** 2009 ABC Nationals Award of Merit, Westminster 2010 Award of Merit. November 2009 Halfmoon's Poconos Princess at the Leatherstocking Shows Syracuse NY got her Open A title with two firsts and a second. She also placed 1st in Open A at the 2009 ABC Nationals.

**ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**March 3, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Dave Wieder. Present were Bobbie Dunkling, Bob Williams, Cindy Miller, Joe Cartwright & Deb Rudert

Talked about Nominating Committee

How to keep thing going in the club.

Bring more life to the club

Puppy People, bring into club to mentor in field, show and Hunt test.

Seminars?

**ANTHRACITE BRITTANY CLUB  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**March 3, 2010**

The general meeting was called to order by Dave Wieder, President at the Cabela's store in Hamburg. Present were John McMurray Bobbie Dunkling, Bob Williams, Jim Wilkinson, Larry & Terry Hilliard, Ken Merkel, Domenic Serago, Leslie Casselberry, Cindy Miller, Joe Cartwright, Jean Wieder and Deb Rudert.

Approval of the minutes was given. Motion by Cindy Miller and second by Larry Hilliard.

**President's report:**

President welcomed new board member Joe Cartwright. Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and would like everyone to come up with ideas to help make the club prosper.

**Secretary's report:**

Received                      Hodges Ribbon Catalog

American Brittany Rescue Magazine

Letter from      Dr Froman

Van Andal Research Institute Michigan.

Club insurance is paid and copy sent to Mary Jo Trimble.

The Anthracite Ad went to the magazine. It should be in the next issue part of the ad page was used to announce the Specialty show dates.

**Treasurer's Report:**

	<u>Begin Bal</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>End Bal</u>
Nov	11,834.02	3,473.00	2,420.27	12,866.75
Dec	12,886.75	336.44	1,602.03	11,621.16
<b>End of 2009 Final Report</b>				
	15,890.20	11,678.07	15,947.20	11,621.16
Loss of \$4,269.13				
<b>End of 2009 Rescue Report</b>				
	4,667.57	141.00	3,718.66	1,089.91
Jan	11,621.16	120.00	742.73	10,998.43
Feb	10,998.43	280.00	928.80	10,349.63

### **Vice President – No Report**

**Hunt Test:** Domenic reported that plans are underway. Dates for 2010 Hunt Test will be September 18<sup>th</sup> and September 19<sup>th</sup> at Freeland Kennel Club. Would like to try walking judges Need Judges. Use of AKC tracking collars allowed. Will need someone for Kitchen at Hunt Test.

**Field Trial:** Les reported Field trial to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Paper work is in. Discussion on grounds was held. Dates for Fall trial is 11/13 and 11/14.

**Specialty Show:** Specialty show has been approved. The show will be as follows;

Supported entry on Friday, (judge to be announced)

Saturday, specialty show Elaine Lessig sweeps and Jim Reynolds regular classes

Sat night one hour after best in show Anthracite independent specialty show Gale Young regular classes not sweeps limit 50 dogs.

Sunday supported entry sweeps Larry Terricone sweeps, Virginia Lyne regular classes.

I am still in need of a Hostility Chair and a trophy chair. Most of the trophies have been purchased. Or donated. If you would like to sponsor a class. A donation of \$5 per class, \$10 for BOB, BOS, BOW.

**PA Federation** – Bob reported he has been no real action.

**Newsletter** – No report

**Website** – No Report

**Bylaws** – No report

**Picnic** – Jimmy Wilkinson will Chair the picnic with help from Terry and Deb. It will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at

Freeland Kennel club. Anyone is invited. Club will provide Hamburgers and Hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish, chairs, Shade and water for your dogs. Anyone interested in demonstrating Brittany activities please contact Jimmy, Terry or Deb.

**Seminars** –No report

**Brittany Rescue** – Our funds are almost depleted. If the fund is to Continue Rescue or Club members need to step up and help to raise the money to replenish the funds. When the money runs out the rescue fund will be closed.

**Canine Learning** – Ken Merkel will Chair Canine learning for 2011, Please call Ken and give him a helping hand to make this event as great as 2010.

**Grounds** – Discussed using the Hudson Valley Grounds. Too far, can't justify cost, Stay at Freeland a year or two more. Possibility to go to central PA but no club house.

**First Reading of Members:**

**Members for the second time and voted into membership:**

**Old business:** None

**New Business:** No blank check will be issued only advances for events.

Invite Rescue to events

Last years show judge never cashed check (remove from books)

Talked about an AKC Master Excellent Program coming up.

Also about the Grand Championship.

John McMurry made a motion to send a letter to Judy Tighe to see if we can get approval for use of ATV's at Hunt test to transport Judges to Break Away and back and for planting birds. Tabled and Cindy will talk to Judy about how to proceed.

**Nominating Committee:**

Joe Cartwright, Jean Wieder and Ken Merkel.