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**—Calling Dog Lovers Everywhere...Bring the Entire Family—  
Mark Your Calendar: Saturday, June 12, 2010 @ Taylor Farm Park, Norwalk, CT**

**NORWALK, Connecticut (June 7, 2010)**—Where can you meet your favorite dog breed and talk to knowledgeable breeders, watch the Best Dogs compete in Conformation, Obedience & Rally Trials, see well-trained dogs show-off their skills, shop for unique gifts, learn the inside scoop on dog shows, and meet well-known authors? At the Greenwich Kennel Club's (GKC) 78<sup>th</sup> AKC All-Breed Dog Show, Obedience and Rally Trials on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This prestigious dog show will showcase more than 1,200 pre-entered dogs representing more than 150 unique breeds competing in conformation, obedience and rally trials at Taylor Farm Park in East Norwalk, CT.

New this year is the *AKC Canine Partners* program making mixed-breed dogs eligible to compete in AKC sanctioned obedience and rally events. GKC will be one of the first shows in the area to welcome mixed-breed dogs and their owners to our trials. There is no better way to learn about the joys and responsibilities of dog ownership than to connect with other dog owners who participate in training classes and competitive events. We extend an invitation to dog lovers across the northeast to attend our trial where you will be able to meet like-minded dog lovers and experienced owners who are eager to answer your questions. For more information on listing your dog in the AKC Canine Partners go to [www.akccaninepartners.org](http://www.akccaninepartners.org). Once listed, enter to compete in the GKC show prior to May 26<sup>th</sup>.

GKC has drawn purebred dogs from all corners of the United States and Canada and now looks forward to showcasing those well-trained mixed-breeds competing with purebreds in the obedience and rally events. Dog enthusiasts also will have a unique opportunity to see their favorite breed up close and talk with the owners. Whether they are competing in the conformation or obedience rings these competitors will do their best to win the coveted Best in Show award for conformation or the High in Trial award in obedience.

This show will delight the entire family and includes:

- The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual **Meet the Author** Book Sales, Signing and discussion opportunity. Some featured authors are:
  - **Sherry Bosley** takes a hilarious look at parenting and the world of ice-dancing in *Toepicks, Cadaver Dogs and Sports with No Balls*.
  - **Ralph Holzauer** is the author of *Fur Under the Desk* a heartfelt, true-to-life story of how one teacher/dog-lover introduced and implemented the fresh concept of dog therapy and dog-assisted special education into his small-town school in upstate New York.
  - **Janet Marlow** is a composer, researcher and co-founder of Pet Acoustics, an innovative company dedicated to creating music products that help animals and their people. Their innovative approach for animals has been featured on *The Martha Stewart Show*, the *NY Times*, *CNN*, *Forbes*, *Good Morning America*, *Animal Planet*, and *Everyday with Rachel Ray*. Janet Marlow is the author *Zen Dog: Music and Massage for a Stress Free Pet*.
  - **Sheryl Matthys**, author of *Leashes and Lovers—What Your Dog Can Teach You About Love, Life, and Happiness*, talks with dog lovers about how their dogs impact their lifestyle and relationships. She has been featured on Animal Planet, E!, Bravo, Sirius-XM, *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and FOXNewsChannel.com.
  - **Rachel McPherson**: *Every Dog Has a Gift: True Stories of Dogs Who Bring Hope and Healing into Our Lives* is true stories of dogs who bring hop and healing into our lives. Mississippi native, Rachel McPherson, is the founder and executive director of The Good Dog Foundation.
  - **Sharon Sakson** is an American Kennel Club judge of Hound and Working breeds and judges internationally. Sharon is the author of *Paws & Effect: The Healing Power of Dogs*, *Paws to Protect: Dogs Saving Lives and Restoring Hope*, *Brussels Griffons: A Complete Pet Owner's Manual* and co-author of *Paws & Reflect: A Special Bond Between Man and Dog*.
  - **Susan Santangelo** is the author of *Retirement Can Be Murder*.
  - **Maureen Sullivan's** *Custard and Mustard: Carlos in Coney Island* and *Ankle Soup* both illustrated by Alison Josephs tell the tale of Carlos the French Bulldog travels to Coney Island and his Thanksgiving day train ride. These are delightful children's books with colorful illustration that capture the imagination of the child in all of us. *Ankle Soup* is a semifinalists for the 2009 Independent Publishers IPPY Awards.
- **Meet the Breed**: The public outreach program gives spectators the opportunity to meet seasoned breeders who can discuss the unique characteristics of their breed.
- **Free Show Tours** throughout the day. Learn the inside scoop on dog show competition from knowledgeable professionals.
- **Puppy Groups & Best Puppy in Show** competition.
- **Silent Auction**: Many unique items and baskets.
- **AKC's Canine Good Citizen®** test (CGC) is open to both purebred and mixed-breed dogs, with no pre-entry required. CGC is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. Individuals may schedule the test for their dog between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Ring 17. Participants must bring their dog's brush or comb and \$15 cash.
- **DNA Collection** by the GKC at the Superintendent's Tent.
- **ICSB-MA Canine Semen Collection Clinic** on the grounds. Advanced appointment required.

The Greenwich Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership through proper training and breeding programs. The show will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Taylor Farm Park in East Norwalk, Connecticut. Both conformation and performance judging start at 8:30 a.m. and will continue throughout the day with the Group competition at 3:00 p.m. culminating with Best in Show about 6:00 p.m., rain or shine. This is an outside show with some tenting. Admission with parking is \$10 per car. For further information go to [www.GreenwichKC.org](http://www.GreenwichKC.org).

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