### The Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club's



## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fun-Filled Gala



Sunday, September 11, 2016

## Register Today

- Cookout
- Dog Costume Parade
- Raffle
- Surprise gifts
- Pet Portraits
- Pond—Dogs swim freely
- Fun and Games
- Demystifying the Breed Ring
- Introduction to AKC Performance Events
- Demonstrations—I Didn't Know Dogs Could Do That
- Doggie Spa
- How to Teach Tricks to Your Pet
- Canine Health and First Aid
- Earn a Canine Good Citizenship Title
- Hunt Test Set-Ups at the Junior, Senior and Master Level

### **Fun for the Whole Family**

Join us in celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club. This celebration is a "thank you" to all Club members for loyal support over the years. Even if you have never participated in one of the Club's activities before, don't miss this one.

Come spend the day with old friends; meet new friends. Fun for young and old; people and dogs. We can hope for good weather but we do have indoor space if inclement. Nothing is going to stand in the way of a good time for all!

This celebration is dedicated to Anne Cotton, long-time member and former Treasurer, who has devoted many hours to the NEFCRC.

Sally Young President

#### Location:

Thompson Rod and Gun Club 93 Brandy Hill Rd Thompson CT 06277

### Program of the Day's Activities

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(Rain or Shine)

In celebration of the Northeast Flat-Coated Retriever Club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we have planned a day of fun-filled activities for the whole family and, of course, your dogs. There is something for everyone: pet owners or competitive dog trainers; beginners to more advanced; adult or child. A multitude of activities will run concurrently, so you can choose those that interest you the most all day long. Best of all, you can leave your wallet at home; most of the day's activities are free of charge.

The Gala will be held at the Thompson Rod and Gun Club. The property includes a large outdoor pavilion which will house a display of *The History of the NEFCRC*, the *Lunchtime Festivities*, *several of the day's activities*, and *limited crating space* for your dogs. There are two ponds on the property, one small and one large, in which your dogs can swim—the large pond in the morning and the small pond in the afternoon.

NEFCRC's favorite photographer *Jeremy Kezer*, an expert in photographing our "black dogs," will be on hand all day. In addition to taking photographs of the various activities, He'll be available for individual portrait sessions (your dog or your family and dog together). Prints, digital images and novelties with your dog's picture on them can be ordered from his website <a href="https://www.jeremykezerphotography.com">www.jeremykezerphotography.com</a> following the Gala.

The planned activities will include:

#### **Lunchtime Festivities**

Starting off with a **Costume Parade** with prizes awarded for the best doggie (and handler, especially kids) costume. **Cookout** including hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, clam fritters, chowder, soft drinks and dessert. While you're eating, there will be a **Raffle drawing** (prizes on display and tickets on sale throughout the morning) and distribution of **surprise gifts**. Lunchtime activities will be concluded by a competition for **Best Dog Tricks**.

#### Fun and Games

A variety of fun and games will be held throughout the day. *Paw Print Crafts* at which you can make a cast of your dog's paw print. *Teach Your Dog Tricks*, especially aimed at kids but adults welcome too. In the *Scurry*, prizes will be awarded for the fastest retrieve in the puppy, open and veteran's classes. In *Retriever Scramble*, prizes will be awarded to the dog that picks up the most objects in a given time period (puppy and adult dog classes). *The Contest* is an elimination game in which dogs catch a variety of treats tossed to them. In the *Kissing Contest*, the dog that kisses (i.e. licks) its owner most vigorously will be the winner. Also, the dog that most vigorously wags its tail in the *Tail-wagging Contest* will take home the prize.

#### Demystifying the Breed Ring: What Leads up to Westminster

Did you ever wonder what the ideal Flat-coat should look like? *Understanding Breed Standards* will help to clarify this. *What Happens in the Show Ring* will describe the different classes in the breed ring, what the handler does, what the dog must do, what the judge looks for, the various placements in these classes, what it takes to become a Champion or Grand Champion, along with a demonstration. After these two presentation/demonstrations, *Try your Hand at Handling* will feature both a kids match and an adult match.

#### **Introduction to AKC Performance Events**

The American Kennel Club supports numerous performance events. In preparation for these many AKC-sanctioned competitions, training/classes for these events are offered at private canine facilities and dog clubs around the country, including New England. In order to give you an idea of whether you would be interested in pursuing one or more of these activities, introductions and demos on *Competition Obedience* (structured exercises, *Agility* (canine obstacle course of jumps, tunnels, weave poles and contact obstacles), *Rally* (a medley of obedience and agility on a course full of fun exercises), *Tracking* (showcases a dog's natural ability to recognize and follow a scent, and is the foundation of canine search and rescue work), and *Field Events* (the retrieving of gamebirds, both *Hunt Tests* and *Upland*) will be presented, along with opportunity for you to try some of them.

AKC's **Canine Good Citizenship (CGC)** certificate is awarded to dogs that can pass a basic obedience test. As the title suggests, the skills emphasized for CGC are essential for both pets and dogs that may later pursue more rigorous performance events. In the morning, a tutor will be available to explain the requirements and work with individual dogs and handlers to prepare them for the test itself that will be held in the afternoon. Dogs passing the test will be awarded an official AKC title and certificate.

For those who are currently involved in AKC hunt tests at a Junior, Senior or Master level, as well as pet owners who are rank beginners, *Hunt Test Set-Ups* will be available and supervised by NEFCRC Field Goddesses—*Beginners and JH levels* in the small pond and *Senior and Master levels* in the big pond.

#### <u>Demonstrations—I Didn't Know Dogs Could Do That</u>

Our dogs are capable of doing some amazing things. Just of few of these will be demonstrated at the Gala. *Nosework*, for instance, is a fun activity that encourages your dog's natural drive to hunt, coupled with its special talent for picking up scents and finding their source. And did you know that your dog can dance? Be sure to see the *Freestyle* demonstration, a mixture of obedience training, tricks, and dance that allows for creative interaction between dogs and their owners.

#### Doggie Spa

Everyone knows that Flat-coats are the most beautiful dogs on the planet. They don't require much grooming, but a little work on their ears, paws and nails will keep heads turning as we parade them around the neighborhood. *Grooming How-To's* will teach you to do just that. Does your dog need a little pampering? Doggie beautician, *Miss Beth*, will be available for a little touch up as time permits.

#### **Canine Health**

Besides regular vet checks and routine immunizations, there are a number of things we, as responsible dog owners, should do to keep our four-legged kids healthy and what we need to do in case of a medical emergency. These will be covered in **Pet Health Tips** and **First Aid Measures**.

The Animal Health Trust (AHT), among other things, conducts research on inherited diseases that affect certain breeds of purebred dogs by studying their DNA. NEFCRC supports these efforts by collecting blood samples and submitting them for analysis. A quick and easy *AHT Blood Draw*, conducted by competent technicians, will be set up at the Gala. We hope you will support these efforts by participating.

<u>There is no rain date for this event</u>. In case of rain, those activities that can be held under the pavilion will go on as scheduled. Others may also be held for those who don't mind getting a little wet. In any event, there'll be good food, good friends and plenty of fun to be had.

#### What to Bring

- Dog water bowl. Water is available on site.
- Poop bags
- Leash
- Portable dog crate if you'd rather not leave your dog crated in your car
- Folding chairs
- EZ-Up canopy, if you have one, in case crating space under the pavilion fills up
- Casual clothing, in layers. Wet weather gear in case of rain.
- Notebook and pen for making notes
- For those participating in hunt test set-ups—whistle/duck call, training collar, leash, boots

#### Please note—no alcohol of any kind will be permitted on the premises

#### **Accommodations**

For those of you coming from a distance and would like to come the night before, the following are the closest pet-friendly hotels. Please re-check room rates and pet policy before booking as these change frequently:

- Comfort Inn, 16 Tracy Rd, Dayville, CT 06241. (860) 779-3200. Room rate \$133 plus \$15/pet (10 miles; 12 minutes)
- LaQuinta, 446 Southbridge ST, Auburn, MA 01501. (508)832-7000. Room rates from \$139. (21 miles, 24 minutes)
- Quality Inn Plainfield, 55 Lathrop Rd, Plainfield, CT 06374. (844) 445-5886. Room rate \$120 plus \$15/pet. (25 miles; 25 minutes)
- EconoLodge, 200 Worcester Providence Turnpike, Sutton, MA 01590. (508) 865-5222. Room rate \$119 plus \$10/pet. (19 miles, 27 min.)
- All Seasons Inn & Suites, 355 George Washington Hwy., Smithfield, RI 02917 (401) 232-2400. Room rate \$126 (AAA and AARP) plus \$25/pet/stay; advanced notice required. (25 miles; 37 minutes)
- Hampton Inn, 945 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917 (401) 232-9200.. Room rate \$170 (AAA & AARP). No pet fee; maximum 2 pets per room.
- LaQuinta, 24 Beaver St., Milford, MA. (508) 478-8243. Room rate \$99. Pets stay free/maximum of 2 dogs per room (dogs must be declared when making reservations and upon check-in). (26 miles; 50 minutes)

# Registration Form (Registration closes August 15, 2016)

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