



# MASSFED NEWS

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This Federation...

- Promotes and protects the interests of responsible dog owners.
- Actively assists and participates in local, state and national legislation concerning dogs and dog owners.
- Brings such legislation to the attention of the membership and the general public.
- Promotes responsible dog ownership.
- Uses all legal means to promote the general welfare of dogs and dog owners.
- Disseminates information and knowledge regarding dogs.

## Responsible Dog Ownership Month in Massachusetts

Eleven dogs and about 35 people gathered at the State House on September 21 to celebrate the proclamation of Responsible Dog Ownership Month as Rep. Jennifer M. Callahan, D-Sutton, presented Gov. Mitt Romney's proclamation urging dog owners to take better care of their pets.

"We have a pervasive problem because of people who don't act as responsible dog owners," said Callahan, citing the hundreds of thousands of dogs that end up in shelters every year.

Nancy Fisk, spoke of the ongoing educational effort by the American Kennel Club to encourage responsible dog ownership, which is highlighted annually by their national "Responsible Dog Ownership Day" initiative. As a member of Mass Federation of Dog clubs and Responsible Dog Owners, Fisk also spoke of the effort to protect dog owner rights.

The problems with irresponsible dog ownership can extend beyond the dogs themselves. Bad dog owners create problems for the good ones, according to several of the dog owners gathered at the State House. When dogs attack

humans or cause some other kind of disturbance, the consequences are sometimes written into law.

"When irresponsible dog owners cause these incidents, towns react to keep people safe," said Bellingham's Nancy Fisk, vice president of the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs. "We're here to fight legislation that is often a knee-jerk reaction to dog incidents," said Fisk.

In response to some of these issues, Rep. Brad Hill, D-Ipswich, sponsored a bill that would prohibit breed-specific legislation, such as those aimed at pit bulls, and instead define dangerous dogs based on their actions.

Many of the owners present were pleased with the decision to spotlight the month of September for responsible dog owners. Kerstin Ottmar owns a 10-year-old Swedish Vallhund named Moose and has trained him to be a service dog for her and her mother, Marilyn Thell.

Excerpts from: "A ruff month" By Gary Dzen/ *Daily News* Correspondent; Friday, September 22, 2006.



Left to right: Jess LeClair, Nancy Fisk, Virginia Rowland, Rep. Hill, Jen Warren (Rep. Callahan's aid), Suzanne Gray, Rep. Callahan, Kerstin Ottmar, and Marilyn Thell.

## MassFed Participation Around the State

### Fall River

Fall River has been a tremendous effort and hopefully a success although we are not done yet. We are still waiting for the City attorney to finalize his non-breed specific ordinance which we hope will be similar to the New Bedford one. It will then be taken back to the council and hopefully passed. He agreed with us that the bill that had been sent forward out of the first council meeting was unconstitutional. We are not taking anything for granted because the majority of the council was adamant about wanting the extremely restrictive Pit Bull/ Rottweiler ordinance. We are not ready to trust that they won't still try for something more restrictive.

Holly Stump, Lisa Comuso, Monique Bertrand, Manny Emaciel, the New Bedford ACO (who is also President of the Mass Animal Control Officers Organization) and Nancy Fisk worked with residents of Fall River to fend off the horrific ordinance. Nearly six hundred letters were sent to all dog owners in Fall River, more than thirty people marched in the Fall River Parade with multiple banners (MassFed, ADOA and New England Rottweiler Foundation, as well as the Fall River Animal Coalition), The New Bedford ACO truck, the North East Search and Rescue truck and "Bartl" a certified search and rescue and cadaver dog (who happens to be a Fall River resident rottweiler and would have been imprisoned by the ordinance had it passed.) We were able to make such an impression on the city residents with the letters and parade, that they came out 150 strong for the second city council meeting. AKC Handler and attorney, Rebecca Carner, represented the pit bull and rottweiler owners at the second meeting after being invited to do so by Holly Stump and Nancy Fisk. We are in her debt because she made a very good impression and was willing to get involved as soon as she was approached.

### Gloucester

A total Pit Bull ban was being considered by this city after a pit bull incident in which a small dog was killed. Oct 16, 2006 Holly Stump, Lisa Comuso, Monique Bertrand and

Nancy Fisk attended the meeting where the council decided to work on an ordinance that would use New Bedford, and Springfield ordinances as models. After input from their ACO, and all of us, the council decided against a breed the next meeting, to which we will be invited.

### Methuen

Lisa Comuso, Holly Stump and Nancy Fisk attended the Methuen meeting the week of 10/9. They are also working on a non-breed specific dangerous dog ordinance. They have all ordinances that we usually present towns to work with. We are being included in the planning, as is MSPCA because they have a presence in Methuen.

### Leominster

When Leominster City Councilor Richard Marchand proposed an ordinance that would ban pets from the annual Johnny Appleseed Festival and give the council the right to "vote to extend this prohibition to other City events or specific public areas as public safety and convenience may require," Donna Kiuru, member of Wachusett Kennel Club who lives in Leominster, contacted MassFed for help. Julie Rembrandt Seeley (MassFed Corresponding Secretary & Public Education Coordinator of Wachusett KC) provided Donna with public education material for the Tails-A-Waggin Halloween Pet Parade in Leominster and other behind the scenes help with written statements for council meetings, contact info, phone calls etc. Anne LeCuyer (owner of the Tails-A-Waggin boutique) and Donna coordinated the effort of organizing Leominster residents to speak at the council meeting. Along with the help of Police Chief Roddy (Great Dane exhibitor) they were able to persuade several council members to change their stance on this ordinance and the ordinance was rescinded at the meeting on 11/13/06.

See newspaper article: <http://www.telegram.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061114/NEWS/611140363&SearchID=73263031096033>

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## Legislative Updates

### **S844 - Property Used for Training Hunting Dogs (Sen. Brewer)**

**Judith Erlanger** testified at a hearing regarding Senate Bill 844 – AN ACT RELATIVE TO DOG TRAINING AREAS IN THE COMMONWEALTH. This bill protects the owners of property that is used for training hunting dogs, making them immune from civil action or criminal prosecution in any matter relating to noise or noise pollution resulting from the normal and accepted dog training activity of sporting dog training areas. This is provided that the owners of the sporting dog training areas are in compliance with any applicable noise control laws or ordinances in existence at the time the establishment of the sporting dog training area was initiated.

The purpose of this bill is to protect people who have bought and developed property for training of sporting dogs, only to have development of the property surrounding theirs by people who don't want to hear the gunshots.

This bill would also protect people like Pagey Elliott, who has been harrassed by a new neighbor that complains about dogs barking. Pagey allows her land in Carlisle to be used by the Old Northbridge Hounds for training the young foxhounds. She was certainly in compliance with noise ordinances when she first purchased her property.

The bill was sent to study in this current session, and we would like to get it re-filed in the next legislative session.

### **H3650 Shelter Bill (Rep. Khan)**

Testimony from the hearing was reviewed and it was concluded that the Agriculture Department had the right to regulate on this issue so our bill has "gone to study," i.e., has been killed. However, we have made a difference. We have aired the issue in a public hearing and the Agriculture Department issued emergency orders which impacted the shelters bringing thousands of animals into the state. The emergency orders remain in effect and will be there until there is a bill. It unfortunately does not stop the trade in off shore shelter animals and as a result we could still have more tropical diseases introduced to the resident animal populations and we have a good chance of having the variant rabies from Puerto Rico's Mongoose come to Mass. That's something none of us want to see!

We are grateful to **Charlotte McGowan's** representative Kay Khan who put this issue out there, worked with her committee, and communicated our concerns to the Agriculture Department.

While this bill did not pass, this process has been a win-win situation. We now have the emergency orders in place. Our goal will be to make those orders permanent and continue to educate about the dangers of the mass movement of stray and feral animals into Massachusetts from areas where disease issues could come in and harm both our local animals and our citizens. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on this effort.

### **H4516 Insurance Underwriting Guidelines Pertaining to Dogs (Rep. Gobi)**

The aim of H4516 is to end the practice of insurance companies denying or canceling homeowner's coverage to persons who own certain breeds of dog or mixes of certain breeds without cause.

**Virginia Rowland, Judith Erlanger, John Kenney & Julie Rembrandt Seeley** had an organizational meeting with **Rep. Anne Gobi** prior to the hearing. As Legislators with tight schedules are afforded the luxury of being taken out of turn, we were the second group to testify. Rep. Gobi introduced our group. **John Kenney** (MassFed Delegate from Yankee Siberian Husky Club) testified first, giving some of the more statistical details involving the bill. **Virginia Rowland** (MassFed President, MassFed Delegate from Ladies' Dog Club), **Cheryl Malone** (MassFed Delegate from Cape Cod KC & Vice President of Animal Control Officer of MA), **Julie Rembrandt Seeley** (MassFed Corresponding Secretary & MassFed Delegate from Wachusett KC), **Judith Erlanger** (MassFed Recording Secretary & MassFed Delegate from Yankee Golden Retriever Club), **Holly Stump** (MassFed Legislative Specialist, ADOA Northeast Region Legislative Coordinator) all testified and left written copies of testimony for the committee. Also in attendance were **Nazarene Mondello** (Executive Board of the American Working Dog Federation member, Doberman Pinscher Club of America Working Dog Sport Committee member), **Judy Maurer** (MassFed member, Legislative Committee member of the American Working Dog Federation, Legislative Committee member for the Doberman Pinscher Club of America) and **Melissa Joan Wood** (MassFed member) who all gave oral testimony. **Alan Borgal** (Animal Rescue League, Boston) and **Kara Holmquist** (MSPCA), **Dr. Amy Marder** (Veterinary Behaviorist) and **Ruth Smiler** (Manners for Life Dog Training) also gave testimony in favor of the bill.

We also submitted written testimony from **Nancy Fisk** (MassFed Vice President) regarding a family who were forced to euthanize their elderly Akita due to insurance cancellation; written testimony from **Jackie Easter** (MassFed member) who owns American Staffordshire Terriers whose insurance was cancelled solely due to breed of dog; written testimony from **Stacey Gavin** (Wachusett KC member) whose insurance was cancelled due to breed of dog (Bullmastiff); copy of letter from **Stephanie Lane** (AKC Director of Canine Legislation) supporting H4516.

Points covered in oral and written testimony included:

- Denial of homeowner's insurance based solely on breed punishes responsible dog owners with well trained, well socialized pets.
- Statistics used and available from CDC are quite old and outdated.
- Specific breeds and mixes thereof are frequently identified incorrectly.
- Denial of insurance based solely on breed is synonymous with racial profiling.

MassFed has already requested that Rep. Gobi re-file this bill in the next legislative session.

## August 11, 2006 General Membership Meeting

### Report of the President

The membership meeting of the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners was called to order by President Virginia Rowland at 8:05 P.M. at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Leominster, MA.

Present were President Virginia Rowland, Vice President Nancy Fisk, Corresponding Secretary Julie Rembrandt Seeley, Recording Secretary Judith Erlanger, Treasurer Cynthia Stark, and board members Charlotte McGowan, and Holly Stump. Also present were John Seeley of Wachusett Kennel Club, Joan Bevers of Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Donna Kiuru of Wachusett Kennel Club, Liz Sullivan of Charles River DTC and Wachusett Kennel Club, Sally Schilling of Concord DTC and American Eskimo Club of New England, Len Abraham of Holyoke Kennel Club, Ina and Joe Duda of Holyoke Kennel Club, Jean Gamble of New England Rhodesian Ridgeback Club, Beverly Haramut of Holyoke Kennel Club, Mary Ellen Beturney of Holyoke Kennel Club, Karen Jordan of NE Scottish Terrier Club, Donna Cappadona of Framingham District Kennel Club, Peggy Lands of Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston, Paulette Palmer of Poodle Club of Massachusetts, Susan Mahan of Bernese Mt. Dog Club of Nashoba Valley, and Ann & Bradford Dunn of Pilgrim Doberman Pinscher Club & Framingham District Kennel Club.

### Corresponding Secretary

Julie Rembrandt Seeley reported we had no correspondence since the previous report.

### Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the May Membership Meeting were approved.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Cynthia Stark and was placed on file.

Virginia reported that Holly Stump will be presented with the AKC Community Service Award at our next meeting.

### Committee Reports

**Legislative** – Our bills have no chance of passing in this current legislative session. We will work to get them re-filed in the next session.

#### Breed Specific Legislation –

- Fall River will have a second meeting on their proposed BSL on August 15.
- Brockton is investigating BSL.
- Waltham has taken BSL off the agenda until October.
- Gloucester will have a first public hearing on BSL August 18.

#### Federal Legislation –

Senator Santorum is running for re-election. If he is not re-elected, Senator Durbin will sponsor PAWS.

#### Responsible Dog Owners Day –

Nancy Fisk is working with Rep. Callahan to have a state-

wide Responsible Dog Owners Day declared. Also, North Shore Kennel Club will conduct dog temperament testing at their event on September 23 & 24 in recognition of Resp. Dog Owners Day.

#### Insurance Bill –

We will get the bill re-filed, and we will need more legislators to co-sponsor the bill.

*Annual Meeting* – October 20, 2006

### Unfinished Business

See Committee Reports.

### New Business

None

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. It will be followed by a discussion of a proposed ordinance in the city of Fitchburg regarding new dog ordinances including dog breeding.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Erlanger  
Recording Secretary

### Addendum:

After a protracted discussion regarding the proposed revision to the Fitchburg Animal Control Ordinances, we voted to take the following actions:

- Virginia Rowland will contact Ms. Susan Kowalewski, the Fitchburg ACO, and offer MassFed's assistance in drafting a new ordinance.
- MassFed will apologize to Ms. Kowalewski for not inviting her to this meeting. Judith Erlanger will draft a letter to this effect for Virginia's signature.



Bob St. Martin & Bartl march in the Fall River parade.

## October, 2006 Annual Membership Meeting

The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners was called to order by President Virginia Rowland at 8:25 P.M. at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. Following the call to order the representatives from the various organizations introduced themselves.

Present were President Virginia Rowland of Ladies' Dog Club, Vice President Nancy Fisk of Hockamock Kennel Club, Corresponding Secretary Julie Rembrandt Seeley of Wachusett Kennel Club, Recording Secretary Judith Erlanger of Yankee Golden Retriever Club, and Treasurer Cynthia Stark of Worcester County Kennel Club. Also present were Cheryl and Richard Malone of Cape Cod Kennel Club, John Seeley of Wachusett Kennel Club, Joan and John Kenny of Yankee Siberian Husky Club, Kerstin Ottmar, Barbara Haywood of My Dog Votes.com, Henda Plosker, Diana Dupont-Walther and Doug Walther of Minuteman Samoyed Club, and associate members Kim and Natalie Occhuti.

### Corresponding Secretary

Julie Rembrandt Seeley presented a report summarizing the MassFed events of the past year.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Cynthia Stark and was placed on file.

### Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the August Membership Meeting were approved as submitted.

### Report of the President

Virginia thanked Micki Rein and Suzanne Gray, two MassFed board members who are stepping down.

Virginia also reported that MassFed is now incorporated. Our next step will be to obtain an IRS tax identification number.

### Committee Reports

Legislative – a detailed accounting of our activities is included in the reports.

Newsletter– The newsletter is currently being prepared.

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

#### Nominations

The slate of candidates for MassFed's board of directions was approved. The candidates are:

President:	Virginia Rowland
Vice President:	Nancy Fisk
Corresponding Secretary:	Julie Rembrandt Seeley
Recording Secretary:	Judith Erlanger
Treasurer:	Charlotte McGowan

Five Board Members: John Kenney, Rebecca Leonard, Cindy Stark, Holly Stump, Phyllis Wright

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. It will be followed by a presentation by Barbara Haywood of MyDogVotes.com

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith M. Erlanger  
Recording Secretary

## AKC Honors Massachusetts Fancier Holly Stump with a Community Achievement Award

The American Kennel Club® announced today (06/15/06) that Holly Stump of Ipswich, Mass. has been named a recipient of the AKC® Community Achievement Awards for her efforts to educate legislators about the dangers of breed-specific legislation. Massachusetts Federation of Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners, a group in which she serves as board member, nominated Stump. Stump received one of three awards this quarter - Edward Peterson, of Middlesex, Vt. and Donna and Bill Welty of Vienna, N.J., also received recognition.

The AKC Community Achievement Awards support and recognize outstanding public education and legislation efforts of AKC-affiliated clubs, AKC-recognized federations and their members. The AKC selects award recipients who promote purebred dogs and responsible dog ownership within their communities or who have successfully introduced, monitored and responded to legislative issues affecting dog ownership.

Holly Stump travels her home state on the federation's behalf, attending town committee meetings and working with legislators to combat breed-specific legislation wherever it is introduced. She also makes therapy visits to an area nursing home with her American Staffordshire Terrier, Lula.

"The dog fanciers of Massachusetts are fortunate to have such a vigilant lobbyist advocating for their rights," said Noreen Baxter, AKC's VP of Communications. "Holly and her American Staffordshire Terrier have helped to dispel myths about bully breeds and build trust between dog owners and their communities. We are pleased to present Holly with the AKC Community Achievement Award and thank her for all of her efforts."

Nominations for the AKC Community Achievement Awards are accepted year-round. Up to three honorees are named each quarter. They receive a certificate of appreciation and a \$1,000 check payable to the club or federation's public education and canine legislation efforts.

**Secretary's Annual Report October 2005–October 2006**

The October 14, 2005 Annual Meeting was held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. A delightful dinner was followed with slide presentations by Sue Cohen of Springfield Kennel Club entitled "One City's Successful Solution to the Breed Specific Issue" and a slide presentation by Holly Stump entitled "Confronting Breed Specific Legislation."

The Federation provided literature for the Thanksgiving Cluster of Dog Shows in Springfield, November 25-28, 2005.

The Federation had a booth at the Bay Colony Cluster on December 8-11, 2005 which was moderately busy each day.

The February 8, 2006 General Membership meeting was held at Ma Glockner's Restaurant in Bellingham, MA. Holly Stump's Breed Specific Legislation slide show was presented again to attendees and logistics regarding the Federation's Second Annual Lobby Day at the Massachusetts State House were discussed.

MassFed's Second Annual Lobby Day at the State House was held on April 5, 2006. Julie Rembrandt Seeley's Rep. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton) served as our sponsor for this event. We had 20+ dog fanciers in attendance as our lobbyists. It was a very successful event for MassFed. Bills lobbied included: Support of a good generic dangerous dog bill (H553); Support for a shelter reporting bill to start regulation of shelters that import thousands of stray and feral dogs to Mass. shelters (H3650); Support for a bill to ban discrimination against dog owners with regard to homeowner's insurance (H4516).

Local kennel clubs and dog training clubs were very generous again this year in support of our second Lobby Day by contributing funds toward that effort.

The May 18, 2006 General Membership Meeting was held at Scupper Jack's Restaurant, Acton, MA. MassFed and Scottish Terrier Club of N.E. member, Susan Getgood gave a marketing and public relations talk entitled "From Lobbying on Capitol Hill to Being Interviewed on the Local Television News" which gave attendees many great tips on preparation, the best way to drive your point home, how to keep your listener's interest and be effective.

This summer AKC announced that MassFed Board Member Holly Stump had been named as one of the recipients for AKC Community Achievement Award for her diligent work on legislative matters of interest to the dog fancy. Recipients receive a certificate and a

\$1,000 check payable to the club or federation's public education and canine legislation efforts – MassFed was the recipient of these funds.

The August 11, 2006 General Membership Meeting was held at the Four Points Sheraton, Leominster, MA with an attendance of sixteen people who animatedly discussed with the panel of Virginia Rowland, Nancy Fisk and Liz Sullivan the subject of "Fitchburg Animal Control Officer working on ordinance that could ultimately end responsible dog breeding in the City of Fitchburg.

Numerous members met in Boston for a photo session to celebrate September as Responsible Dog Ownership Month in Massachusetts.

Members of MassFed participated in various legislative activities throughout the state over the year. See pages 2 and 3 for more details.

We were pleased to welcome The Scottish Terrier Club of New England as a new member of the Federation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Rembrandt Seeley  
Corresponding Secretary

**Lobby Day**  
**April 25, 2007**

We are planning now for our  
**3rd Annual MassFed**  
**Lobby Day**  
**at the State House**  
**Nurses Hall 9:30-11:30am**

We encourage each of you to participate in this exciting event. Mark your calendars and check the website for updates!

Group transportation information will be posted on the website.

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***In Passing...***

MassFed Airedale Terrier Club Delegate, Nancy (Greig) Nance 70, of Newport RI, formerly of Wayland, MA died unexpectedly, Thursday March 2, 2006 at Newport Hospital. She was born in Boston on January 30, 1936. She is the daughter of the late James S. Greig and Ann Coutts Higgins. She grew up in Brookline, MA where she graduated from Brookline High School in 1954. She then went on to MIT where she received a full scholarship for Math. She attended MIT for two years where she met and married Jack B. Nance Jr. and started a family in Aug. 1956. She attended one more semester before devoting herself fulltime to being a mother. After having four children she returned to school and received her degree in Russian Studies from Harvard University. During the 60's and 70's she worked at home translating Russian Physics Papers for various think tanks so she could still devote her time to her four children which were her passion. She was the mother that was always involved. Her other passion was breeding and showing Airedale Terriers and French Bull Dogs. She bred and showed to Champion several dogs. She is the past President of the Concord Dog Training Club, Concord, and a board member of the New England Terrier Club where she was still very active with meetings and stewarding at shows. She ran a kennel in Stow, MA for ten years before retiring to Newport in 1998. In her retirement she fell in love with Newport. She worked at the Newport Art Museum and made many good friends. Their friendship gave her the confidence to be herself and enjoy the last years of her life.

***WEBSITES OF INTEREST***

- American Dog Owners Association  
<http://www.adoa.org>
- American Kennel Club  
<http://www.akc.org>
- Contacting Congress  
<http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/committees.html>
- Lawmaking in Massachusetts  
<http://www.state.ma.us/legis/lawmaking.htm>
- Mass. General Court  
<http://www.state.ma.us/legis/legis.htm>
- National Animal Interest Alliance  
[www.naiaonline.org](http://www.naiaonline.org)
- Project Smart Vote  
<http://www.vote-smart.org/>
- Thomas - U.S. Congress on the Internet  
<http://thomas.loc.gov/>
- U.S. Department of Agriculture  
<http://www.usda.org>

***If you become aware of any impending legislation in your town please contact a MassFed Board Member immediately so that we may start the process of investigation and take appropriate action!***

***2007 Meeting Dates***

Mark your calendars now for next year's meeting dates:

- **March 07 (Wed)** Speaker & location to be announced
- **May 17 (Thur.)** Speaker & location to be announced
- **August 08 (Wed.)** Speaker & location to be announced
- **October 25 (Thur.)** Annual Meeting

Check our website ([www.massfeddogs.org](http://www.massfeddogs.org)) for updated meeting info and reservation forms.

***ELECTION 2006***

The November elections are over. If your Massachusetts State Senator and Representative were reelected now is the time to contact and congratulate them. If your District elected a new Senator or Representative, now is the time to contact them. Stop in if they have a district office near you, get to know the staff. Let them know you will be happy to communicate and help them with educational material regarding dogs. Leave a copy of the MassFed newsletter for them and give them our website address! Remember, education is the key!!

If you do not know who your State Senator and Representative is you can find out at the MA General Court website – <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/legis.htm>.

***NEW MEMBERS***

Welcome to new Associate Members Rhoda Bergman of Leominster; Susan Getgood of Hudson; Myrna Libby of Sutton; and Wendy Walsh of Boxford. We look forward to her active participation.

We would also like to welcome the Scottish Terrier Club of New England to the Federation.

We are always recruiting! Club and Associate Membership applications can be downloaded from the website — [www.massfeddogs.org](http://www.massfeddogs.org).

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