

Dear EALC members and Catahoula friends

Here the last EALC Newsletter of the year

1. The European Association of Louisiana Catahoulas - EALC , which was founded on the 1st August 2012, currently has **22 members and 24 Catahoulas**.

As it stands we have member from Austria, Czech Republic, Netherlands and Germany.

2. Decisions of the General meeting held on the 3rd November 2012:

- The annual Members Fees, currently 19€, will be increased in 2013. More information will be released to EALC members per email.
- A Treasurers Report will detail the revenue and expenses will be released towards the end of 2013
- The EALC is supported by its members. We greatly appreciate this support and would like to invite further offers of support from our members.
- The partnership between EALC and the original organization NALC (National Association of Louisiana Catahoulas) was discussed.
- Out of a series of designs the members voted on the below design as the official EALC Logo:



Concept and Design by Sylvia Klausen.

Final touches and Formatting for digital print Peter Prasilik -

<http://www.pesign.de/>

Many thanks to both of you!

As discussed in the meeting T-shirts, Caps and Stickers shall be printed first. This undertaking is planned for the first quarter in 2013. We are still searching for members that can help us with Ideas and connections.

Please feel free to use the EALC Logo on your Homepage; the File is attached to this document.

- 3. Photos of the November 2012 meet** have been uploaded onto the EALC website:

<http://www.ealc.info/en/media/pictures/> (below)

- 4. The first Events are planned for the first half of 2013** and are to be found on the EALC Webpage:

<http://www.ealc.info/en/events/>

Of course there is plenty of time for networking, presentations and many other possibilities to exchange experiences. The meets are also a possibility for interested people to gain information and experience about Catahoulas.

- 5. The new E-Mail Address** of the EALC:

Catahoula@ealc.info

Other E-Mail Addresses:

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- 6. Presentations about working with Louisiana Catahoulas** can be sent to the EALC, as well as any reports of Tests with your Catahoula. These will then be uploaded onto the EALC website. We would prefer a German and English version, but it is not a requirement.
- 7. An increasing trend is the request for a Louisiana Catahoula as a Hunting Dog.** Some countries do not recognize the breed as a hunting dog and as such it can be especially hard to realize this. In part this is due to the FCI not recognizing the Louisiana Catahoula as a breed. Whilst this affords the Catahoula many advantages, it does come at a price.

We know that the Catahoula can be an excellent Hunting Dog, however we aim to be able to answer these questions based upon the experiences of hunters and rangers alike. This would also allow us to create a profile as to which uses the Catahoula has as a Hunting Dog in Europe.

To this end we have created **2 questionnaires**:

- One questionnaire will give us field reports detailing the Catahoula as a hunting dog. This will also be sent to American breeders and hunters.
- The other will be sent to Hunters and Rangers in Europe who are interested in the Catahoula as hunting dog. The goal being to create a profile as to what sort of niche the Catahoula has in Europe.

Both questionnaires are attached to this document. We would like to invite Hunters and Rangers alike to fill these out and send them back to us for review. The result of

the survey will be released, according to the Data protection policy, on the EALC Website. Please feel free to send the survey to other Hunters/Rangers interested in the Catahoula.

8. Any questions and suggestions are welcome, please use the email (listed above), alternatively please telephone us on:

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Questions regarding the training and raising of Catahoulas can also be posed per Email but also as part of the Blog of the EALC as a general discussion.

So, that's it, no more news this year. All that remains is:



*We wish all EALC Members and all
Catahoula lovers and their families
A Merry Christmas*



Sincere Regards

The EALC-Team