



## NEWSLETTER 1/2013

Dear EALC Member and Catahoula friends,

Here is the first Newsletter of 2013.

1. The EALC (European Association for Louisiana Catahoulas) currently has **25 Members and a total of 26 Catahoulas.**

Currently we have members from Austria, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Australia and Germany

2. **The first event has been organised for 23rd to 26th of May:**

**„Testing the abilities of the Catahoulas to work cattle“**

The tests will be adjusted to suit the age and developmental stage of the individual dog. As such it is suited for beginners as well those owners who want to test their Catahoula out. A minimum level of obedience is desired.

Location: [Fasanhof in Podmitrov](#)

The Fasanhof is a farm in Podmitrov by Bruenn in the Czech Republik. The farm is a run on biological principles and humane treatment of animals. Karel Kalny, owner of the farm, has worked his Catahoulas on the cattle for many years and brings a great deal of experience to the event.

During the weekend Trailing exercises will be held for those interested.

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

During all EALC-Meets it is possible to exchange information based on theory and experience outside of the organized events, it is also possible to make presentations or hold short lectures. Besides the organized events it is an opportunity for those interested to learn more about Louisiana Catahoula Leopard Dogs.

### 3. Reports of Tests/Seminars:

- The three Catahoulas Alma Rose, Aquim and Hudson have passed their aptitude tests for search and rescue dogs at the ASB Rescue Dogs Unit Munich/RV Oberbayern successful. Congratulations!



Aquim



Alma Rose



Hudson

Alma Rose and Hudson will be trained to become Mantrailer. Aquim will be trained to become rubble and area search dog

- At 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2013 Catahoula female Abygail passed successful a Mantrail workshop for beginners at K9 search dog center in Nürnberg.

**Test results / Seminar Workshops attended** as well as general reports about working with the Louisiana Catahoula may be sent at any time to the EALC for publication. These can then be included on the website and published in the newsletter. It is our objective to promote the Catahoula as a working dog. Seminar recommendations are also desired.

- 4. Unchallenged and overchallenged Catahoulas** Recently we published an article on the website. This ought to be of interest to owners of Catahoula pups as well as younger Catahoulas. A working dog does not need to be kept busy 24-7

Link:

<http://www.ealc.info/en/unter-und-uberbeschäftigung-des-catahoulas/>

5. **Pictures of your Catahoulas** at work, portraits or simply captured moments are always welcome and will be published on the EALC website. Please forward them to us in the highest possible resolution.

6. **Health/Breeder:**

- In March 2013 an interesting article on the Merle Gene was published on the EALC site:

<http://www.ealc.info/en/die-sache-mit-dem-merle-gen/>

Several members will be testing their Catahoulas for the Merle gene soon. If you require information about the testing please forward your query per email or call us on the contact details below.

The following link will bring you to our Homepage:

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

- In the next newsletter we will provide information about **Hip Dysplasia (HD) in the Louisiana Catahoula**.
- For those who are interested in purchasing a Catahoula and are still searching for a respectable and responsible breeder can go to our Breeders Check page:

<http://www.ealc.info/en/breeders-check/>

We welcome feedback and queries. Breeder from the member list of the EALC will also be listed.

7. **T-Shirts and Baseball Caps:** As has been previously said, we will have a supply available with the EALC logo printed on them.

8. **EALC Logo:** This is available for use on your Homepage. The file is attached to this email.

9. **Questions and Comments:**

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All questions about the training and education of the Catahoulas can be forwarded to the relevant point of contact as listed above. We also welcome entries for our Blog attached to the EALC Website for general discussion.

We plan on publishing a total of 4 Newsletters in 2013.



Kind Regards, Das EALC Team

Membership application:

[http://www.ealc.info/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Mitgliedsantrag-EALC\\_eng.doc](http://www.ealc.info/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Mitgliedsantrag-EALC_eng.doc)