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President's Message

Hello!

Roughly a year and a half ago, a small group decided to start a local Curly-Coated Retriever club originating in Ohio. It has been a challenging process, but we finally did it! We are recognized as a new AKC club, and we are well on our way thanks to all of you.

We want this club to be of value to all members. That means we need your input and ideas. We have several events planned this summer which you can read about in this first issue of our quarterly newsletter FETCH! Send our editors your brags, stories, and pictures so we can add them to future editions.

I also encourage you to invite other members to meet up with you at shows, trials, and training. Please feel free to post what you are doing on our Facebook page so others can join in on the fun with you.

We hope to have a club website going up soon. It will be a place for information about OCCRC, a place to learn about club events, and a place to celebrate our favorite breed.

This club will only be successful if its members participate, so I encourage you to attend our bi-monthly meeting which are held on the second Sunday of even numbered months on Zoom or in-person. Zoom links are sent out by e-mail before each meeting.

I look forward to this year and future developments for the Ohio Curly-Coated Retriever Club. I hope you are as excited as I am that we now have a local Curly club.

Sincerely,
Sue Davis
OCCRC, President



"Gladys" Sleeth doing an Excellent level Exterior search in AKC Scent Work

Welcome to the first edition of FETCH! Curly News Worth Retrieving

This is the Ohio Curly-Coated Retriever club's online newsletter, featuring all the latest information, images, and interests of this region's Curlies and their activities. Issues will be produced and distributed on a quarterly basis: in March, June, September, and December.

Let's start with an introduction to your editors, copy staff, and reporters...

We are Penny Sleeth and Jenn Edlind, and we will be working hard behind the scenes to bring FETCH! to you. Fun fact: we first met ten years ago when Penny placed one of her pups – Stella (from Dru's litter) – with Jenn and her family. Since then, Jenn's love for the breed has grown, and she is enjoying dog sports and volunteering her time with the OCCRC. Penny acquired her first Curly in 1981 and has given many years of her life to this delightful breed. Whether you are a rookie or a veteran, you have made the brilliant choice to love and own Curly-Coated Retrievers. Welcome!

This first edition will consist of introductions, club business, upcoming event information, and requests for content and ideas. You'll find an article of interest in every issue along with a member profile and always a photo or two.... or ten.

Your Editors, Penny and Jenn

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Our First AKC Speciality Show!



Come join our very first AKC Specialty on August 1st, 2026, as part of the Steel Valley Cluster, in Canfield Ohio.

The four-day cluster includes something for everyone, including Conformation, Owner-Handled, Junior Showmanship, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Fetch, Fast CAT, Dock Diving, Puppy, UpDog, and more! The event also features AKC seminars, health fairs, and a variety of merchandise, service, and food vendors. Click [here](#) to see the full premium (our specialty is on page 63).

What a great way to spend some time with fellow Curly folks!! Sue Davis is our Event Chairperson, so reach out and let her know how you can help. This is a large endeavor, and our club needs everyone's participation to make it fun and successful. We will be having a POTLUCK PARTY after the show, so bring your favorite side dish/dessert to pass!



Mark Your Calendars



June 20

INFO
COMING
SOON

July 18



August 1

AKC FIT Dog Walk
Brecksville, OH

Intro to Fieldwork
Location TBD

OCCRC Specialty
Canfield, OH

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Calling All Curly Lovers!

We want to make this newsletter all about Curlies, and we need your help. For the next issue, tell us what you and your canine companions did this summer. Send us your brags, photos, and stories of interest and we'll include them in upcoming issues of FETCH!

Email us what you want included, and we'll take care of the layout. Make it easy on us by sending photos we have permission to use.

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