

The AKC Government Relations team mourns the loss Peggy Wampold. Peggy was a tremendous role model in her dedication and zeal for public outreach, regularly meeting with her legislators, and always staying on top of public policies and legislation that could impact dogs. She will be sadly missed by her friends at the AKC GR team and by all who knew her.

We thank Laurie Maulucci of the Connecticut Dog Federation for sharing this moving memorial.



Mary Margarette Wampold
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Mary Margarette Wampold was born and raised in Louisiana before relocating to Connecticut in 1970 with her husband David and their family. To all of us she was our Peggy, ever faithful to her Southern roots and the rules of etiquette associated with their traditions. Her passion for public education was unparalleled, evidenced by her devotion to "Meet The Breeds" and other events that reached out to the general public. That commitment began decades ago with one of the first MTB events ever held, which has since evolved into a major component of the two-day CT Pet Expo in Hartford. She was the driving force behind all of South Windsor Kennel Club's events, whether it was our May match, our all-breed shows held in April and November, Paws In The Park, 6 days of MTB during the Eastern States Exposition or exuberantly leading our members and their dogs while participating in a public parade. She championed our club's support of local entities, delivering a \$5,000 donation to the Vernon Police

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Department toward the purchase of a police dog. Her long-time role as President of SWKC kept her in the public eye as an ambassador for purebred dogs and our sport, but her favorite role was that of Delegate to the American Kennel Club. Peggy loved the AKC, and it brought her great pride to be a strong voice in that community. She was elected to the AKC Delegate All-Breed Committee, and in 2015 was one of the first recipients of the AKC Visionary Award, bestowed upon those whose vision and contributions have been responsible for change and forward movement. That phrase described Peggy perfectly - forward movement. When she had a goal, she was relentless in its pursuit. Her ability to assemble a brigade of "volunteers" was unequalled. When Peggy asked, you said yes, and you did not disappoint her. She lived her life as a truly unstoppable force, and we are all better for having been in her path. We will forever miss our Peggy.