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DEFENDING OUR RIGHTS

March 2013 AKC Chairman's Report

For years, animal rights extremists have focused on attacking the health of purebred dogs based on what they determined were improper breeding programs, and have indiscriminately discredited dog breeders with unsupported anecdotal stories as opposed to facts. We all know the unsubstantiated accusations all too well.

Unfortunately, the rather gullible media simply accepted these allegations without objective investigation. A case in point is the untruthful story about Bulldogs published in the New York Times Magazine. Interestingly, while we supplied significant factual information about the health of Bulldogs, as did the Bulldog Club of America, the article was selective — which is just a nice word for “biased” - in the utilization of those facts. In the end, the story was simply propaganda, not journalism.

But starting last year, there was a subtle, yet very noticeable shift in the communication tactics of the two largest animal rights organizations. Previously, for the most part, they had practiced a strategy of either ignoring or dismissing the AKC. Simply put, they did not see us as an organization of any concern to them in their quest to eliminate dog

ownership through the elimination of breeders. As they have made very clear, their stated goal is “no new puppies” — a goal they intend to accomplish through legislation and ballot initiatives to mandate spay/neuter and restrict breeders to the point of oblivion.

So, what changed? We did. In the past few years all of us — you, your clubs, and the

AKC - have become more aggressive, more organized, more vocal, and more visible in legislative matters.

The tipping point last year appears to have been our proactive approach to the proposed APHIS rule changes, which included both a well-documented, reasonable, and thorough review of all the issues with suggestions to make the intent of the regulatory changes achievable without unnecessarily damaging hobby breeders, and a petition of support signed by over 75,000 concerned dog owners. Our response to APHIS caught the extremists completely by surprise and sent them into a whirlwind of activity that amounted to nothing. Most likely, their evaluation after the storm was that the AKC needed much greater attention from them.

But the proactive plan around the APHIS rule changes was just the tip of the spear the AR extremists have been feeling of late. The AKC Legislative Department, led by the pleasantly indomitable Sheila Goffe, has made our presence, knowledge, and commitment felt on a myriad of legislative issues around the country. Last year, Sheila's department monitored more than 1,500 pieces of legislation. Contrary to what the AR extremists would have people believe, we are a respected resource in dog legislation for legislators and governmental organizations charged with animal care oversight. Our Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy is accepted as an intelligent and fair standard. Our careful analysis of proposed legislation helps reveal unreasonable requirements buried in a bill that would make it virtually impossible for a legislator's constituents to be in compliance. Our individual financial support of legislators' campaigns has made new and strong friends for the AKC and our mission. And your clubs, and the hard-working AKC legislative liaisons at both the state and local levels, have made significant inroads in protecting our rights to own and breed our dogs responsibly.

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President's Message



Sharon Framer

April is a big month for Ramapo Kennel Club. Our health clinic will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at the Veterinary Tech Building at Bergen Community College on Paramus Road in Paramus, NJ. We will offer appointments for eye testing and cardiac testing. See the flyer on page 8 that may be printed and handed out (or an electronic version is available for emailing) if you would like to spread the word

to any other local clubs you may belong to or to anyone that may be interested. Remember that advance registration is necessary by April 9th.

April is also the month Jeffrey Ball's Ridgewood, NJ, Responsible Pet Ownership Committee will kick off its series of events to educate that community about how best to care for and train their companion animals. Jeff has big plans for this committee and Ramapo will be there to help and support him along the way.

RKC's officer elections are coming up and a nomination and election committee was put together with Jeffrey Ball as Chairperson, Cindy McMillen and Eleanor Dearborn. Gerrie Oliver and Rose Ann Tucker are the alternates. The committee has met and you will find within this newsletter their slate of officers. Nominations will now be accepted from the

floor at the general membership meetings in April and May. Members nominated must be present to accept that nomination. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

June 1st is the date for the Natural Pet Event held by Trappers Way at Ramapo College in Mahwah, NJ. Information such as the vendors and speakers at the event can be found on the Trappers Way website, www.trappersway.com. Pending Board approval and AKC approval we will hold our all breed conformation "B" match in conjunction with this event. We will, as always, need volunteers to help with set up, registration, stewarding, breakdown and clean-up. If you know anyone working towards their judging license that needs a match show assignment please let Patrick Dearborn, match show chair, or me know and we will happily contact them.

Another date to put on your calendar is our annual awards dinner which will be held on Wednesday June 12 at the Paris Inn in Wayne, NJ. You still have until April 15 to get your Award nominations in to Elaine Barone.

As I finish writing this I am out in Tucson, AZ at my breed's national specialty. Several hours ago I received a phone call from my husband to say that while the dog I left at home was out behind our house she came face to face with a skunk. You can easily imagine what happened next. After giving him the tried and true hydrogen peroxide/baking soda/dish soap recipe, along with detailed instructions about how to apply it and wash it off, I realized that spring is really, truly, FINALLY here! We can all, at long last after a cold and snowy winter, look forward to outdoor obedience and rally trials, conformation shows, agility trials and a multitude of other fun activities outside with our dogs. It's about time!

Sharon

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RKC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: DEADLINE, APRIL 15, 2013

Attention Members!

The RKC Achievement Award Nomination forms are on pages 5-7. Please remember to apply for your achievement awards each year. There are many categories in which you may qualify. Please check the website Ramapokennelclub.com for the complete list of categories. Descriptions and requirements for Special Club awards are also listed in the front portion of your Roster.

Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
March 13th 2013
VFW Hall
Fairfield, NJ 07004

Kathy Haupt from Trapper's Way (Raw food company) did a very nice presentation on the benefits of feeding raw food. Kathy's company is also hosting the Pet Event on June 1st at Ramapo College.

President Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 9:07pm.

Recording Secretary- Joan Murko made a motion to accept the January minutes, Jeffery Ball seconded, voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Tilly read a thank you from Jeffery Ball from The Federation for the donation the RKC sent toward the Sandy victims.

Treasurer- The Money Market has \$32,745.04 as of March 1st. February checking balance was \$15,947.59.

Sunshine- Amy Starost's father passed away and the Club made a donation to a Hospice.

Obedience- The classes are super full and there are registrations for the next session already.

New Business- Jeffery reported that Ridgewood Responsible Dog Ownership Committee has been established and is planning a few exciting upcoming events to kick it off.

Point Show- The Cluster has agreed to a \$32 entry fee for 2013 show and to eliminate parking fees for exhibitors. Spectators will still pay parking fees.

Match Show- Kim Luikert reported that the Club is looking into joining a larger group that is hosting a Pet event at Ramapo College the first weekend in June. More information will follow after some important details are looked into.

Canine Health Clinic- Joan Murko reported it will be Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Bergen Community College, 10 AM to 4 PM. Cardiac Testing by Dr. Donald Schrope. Eye Exams by Dr. Michael Brown. Flyers to be distributed to all RKC members and to dog fanciers. Registration in advance on or before April 9, 2013.

AKC Delegate Report- At the Annual Meeting of the AKC on March 2, 2013 the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2017 was elected. The four Directors elected were: Lee Arnold, Delegate for the Southern Colorado Kennel Club; Carl C Ashby III, Delegate for the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club Inc.; Alan Kalter, Delegate for the American Bullmastiff Association; and Harvey Wooding, Delegate for the Westminster Kennel Club. In addition, Alan Kalter was elected as Chairman of the Board and Dr. William R. Newman was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board at the meeting of the AKC Board of Directors convened after the Delegates Meeting. At the same meeting there were two Bylaws/Regulations that were amended.

Awards- Please send your awards to Elaine Barone before the April 15th deadline.

Refreshments for the April meeting- Karen Stickle and Amy Starost.

Amy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm, seconded by Anne, voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Luikert

March 17, 2013

NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2013/2014 SLATE

Nominations for the 2013-14 Officer/Board are as follows:
President- Sharon Fremer, Vice President- Arlene Stover,
Recording Secretary- Kim Luikert, Corresponding Secretary- Tilly Grassa, Treasurer- Ruth Henningson, Board Members Lorraine Fennemore and Janet Hayes.

DEFENDING OUR RIGHTS, AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, *Continued from page 1*

Today, the AKC is neither being ignored nor dismissed by the AR extremists. Instead, those organizations are now attacking us using the same propaganda tactics of lies and innuendo. I believe our position as squarely in the sights of the AR extremists is a status and a challenge we should accept with resolve and great pride.

As a former ad guy, I am reminded of a 1915 magazine ad for Cadillac considered one of the greatest print ads of all time. It only ran once - in the Saturday Evening Post. I believe that ad, titled "The Penalty of Leadership," captures the essence of the American Kennel Club and the challenges we face from AR extremists. The ad explains why companies that honor "standards of excellence" become "targets of the envious."

Here are a few pertinent sentences:

"In every field of human endeavor, he that is first must perpetually live in the white light of publicity. The reward is widespread recognition; the punishment, fierce denial and detraction. When a man's work becomes a standard for the whole world, it also becomes a target for the shafts of the envious few. If his work be merely mediocre, he will be left severely alone. If he achieves a masterpiece, it will set a million tongues a-wagging.

The leader is assailed because he is the leader. The follower seeks to depreciate and to destroy. If the leader truly leads, he remains — the leader."

How are we leading in this fight for our rights?

First, we are proactively taking our messages of the Good Things We Do (the Parent Club rescue network, AKC kennel inspections, AKC CAR, and our collective commitment to

improving the health of dogs) to the public; we are telling the facts about purpose-bred dogs and the desirability of owning a well-bred purebred as the family dog; and we are telling the stories of the passionate commitment of our breeders to protect, preserve, and improve purebred dogs. We are doing that through a combination of an aggressive public relations strategy utilizing every media opportunity imaginable to get our story told correctly and in its entirety. In addition, we now have an expert in social media, which gives us the ability to tell the narrative of the AKC throughout the world of social media. For the first time, we will have a constant and consistent platform to reach the general public every day.

Second, we will always be aggressive in responding to AR propaganda posing as media stories. The difference in our response to the Bulldog story and the response to the New York Times attack on the AKC is a demonstration of our new commitment to act quickly, broadly and emphatically.

While the cost to have a day-in and day-out public outreach program and an immediate response program is significant, we can afford it. In fact, we can't afford not to have it.

With Churchill as inspiration, our mantra now is this: we will fight with growing confidence and growing strength; we will defend our rights, whatever the cost may be; and we will never stop fighting.

Your comments and suggestion are most welcome atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,

Alan Kalter Chairman

Ramapo Kennel Club Annual Awards Dinner

Wednesday, June 12, 2012

7:00 p.m.

The Paris Inn
1292 Alps Rd.
Wayne, NJ 07470

Guests - \$30.00 Members - Free

Please R.S.V.P. to Lorraine Fennemore
973-227-0945 or lorryfenn1@optonline.net



RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1, 2012 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2012

Reg. Name of Dog _____

Dog _____ Bitch _____

AKC# _____ Breed/Variety _____

Owner(s) _____

Address _____

Breeder _____

Owned by member(s) _____ Bred by Member(s) _____

Handled by Member(s) _____

*Indicate name of RKC Member who is to receive the award.

CATEGORY

HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BIS (All Breed) Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

BIS (Specialty) Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

High in Trial Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Best in Field Trial Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Conformation Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Grand Champion Show _____ Date _____

Obedience Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Field Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

OBEDIENCE DEGREE AWARDS

BN Degree Show _____ Date _____

CD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

GN Degree Show _____ Date _____

CDX Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

GO Degree Show _____ Date _____

UD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

VS Degree Show _____ Date _____

TD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

TDX Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

RN Degree Show _____ Date _____

RA Degree Show _____ Date _____

RE Degree Show _____ Date _____

RA/RE Degree Show _____ Date _____

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

OTHER AKC TITLES (Herding, Field, Agility etc.)

_____ Show _____ Date _____ Country _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____ Country _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Photocopies of all AKC Titles must be sent with entry. No awards will be given without photocopies. NO EXCEPTIONS!! Non-AKC Titles will only count towards the breeders' award and certificates of achievement. Temperament testing is a Non-AKC Title.

Non-Regular Awards and Requirements

Additional Non-AKC Awards (CGC, TT, etc., applicable for Certificate of Achievement only)

_____ Show _____ Date _____ Country _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

AENNCHEN ANTONELLI/GILMA BLAUVELT - MOSS BREEDERS AWARD

1. Award to be won by a club member who is the breeder of record of the dogs winning the most titles in each calendar year. Dogs do not need to be owned by the club member. It is the total number of titles won which determines the winner, not the number of individual dogs.
2. Any recognized titles shall be included, ie Champion, Obedience, Field, Working Dog, etc.
3. Titles may be won in any country of the world.

LEE ABRAHAM AWARD FOR BREEDER OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the bitch who:

1. Produced the most champions (bred by owner from one bitch only) during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

MILLIE MC CABE AWARD FOR STUD DOG OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the Stud Dog who:

1. Produced the most "Champions" during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

WILLIAM AND RUBY KLEINMANN'S MEMORIAL AWARD

This Award is figured from January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011, for the June 2012 Award. This award will be based on the greatest number of dogs defeated in breed competition (up to and including Best in Show) by a single dog **handled by its Owner**. Dogs owned or co-owned by a Professional handler are excluded. If the dog is owned and handled by more than one member (neither of which is a Professional handler), both members will share the award equally.

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The following rules govern the choice of the recipient of this award each year.

1. This award is presented to the RKC member who has provided dedicated service to the club and the sport of purebred dogs.
2. Award is given to a club member who has received the most letters of recommendation by the membership.
3. In the event of a tie the recipient shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from those individuals recommended by letters from the membership.
4. To be presented at the June Awards Dinner. Recipient only may be told to insure their being present.

LESLEE VALENTE MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN OBEDIENCE

This award is given to a member who handled the dog with the highest average scores in AKC Novice A or B from January 1, 2012, thru December 31, 2012. Minimum of three scores required. All qualifying scores count. Winner is to retain custody of the award for the year.

Eligibility for Ramapo Kennel Club Awards

In order to apply and receive any Achievement Awards, members must fulfill at least two of the following:

1. Work the Point Show.
2. Work the Match Show.
3. Attend two (2) Club Meetings
4. Work at Obedience and/or Show Handling Classes
5. Work on a Club Committee.
6. Participate in a Public Education Demonstration through the Club
7. Participate in a Pet Therapy Session through the Club.

(Life Members or members living more than 60 miles from show functions are exempt)

In addition, to give recognition to a greater number of members, Achievement Awards will be limited to three (3) consecutive wins by a member.

All award entries must be received by APRIL 15th, 2013 with photocopies of Wins and Titles to:

**ELAINE BARONE
10 BIRCH ROAD
KINNELON, NJ 07405-2505
E-mail elaineb.bowow@juno.com**

YOU MAY E-MAIL ELAINE YOUR LETTERS FOR THE "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD"

Feel free to e-mail your awards ONLY if you can scan the forms and certificates required.
Thank you, and Elaine looks forward to hearing from all of you.

Ramapo Kennel Club Canine Health Clinic

**Note: Advance Registration
required by April 9, 2013**

Saturday, April 13, 2013
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
At
Bergen Community College
Veterinary Technology Building
Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652

- OFA Cardiac Testing
(Auscultation & Echocardiogram w/Doppler)
Donald Schrope, DVM ACVIM
 - CERF Eye Exam
Michael H. Brown, DVM, MS, ACVO
- Assisted by
BCC CVT Faculty and Vet Tech Students

Ramapo Kennel Club

OFA Cardiac Testing

**Heart Auscultation \$45 + Heart Echocardiogram
(with Doppler) \$210**

By Board Certified Veterinary Cardiologist Dr. Donald Schrope
Limited number of appointments – Paid in Advance, on first come basis
Exams will be performed for OFA clearance. Clinic fees DO NOT include
OFA registration. Owners will be provided a copy of their results and can
register their dog by mailing the form to OFA with the registry fee. For
more information, visit <http://www.offa.org/cardiacinfo.html>

CERF Eye Exam - \$40.00

By Dr. Michael Brown.. The CERF Eye Exam is a general eye exam that
screens for genetic and non-genetic abnormalities in dogs. The \$40.00
fee DOES NOT include CERF registration. Owners will be provided a
copy of their CERF results and can register their dog by mailing the form
to CERF with the registry fee. **Plan to arrive 30 minutes PRIOR to
your CERF appointment time since dog's pupils need to be dilated
prior to seeing the vet.**

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED
MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE AS SPACE
IS LIMITED

Send Reservation on or before April 9, 2013 to

Ramapo Kennel Club
Joan Gordon Murko
50 Casson Lane
Woodland Park, NJ 07424
973-345-4275
donohill@optimum.net

Make checks payable to Ramapo Kennel Club

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone # () _____

Email _____

Auscultation only - # of dogs and
breeds _____

Eye Exam _
dogs/breeds _____

Total number of dogs _____

Amount enclosed _____

Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

**VFW HALL
45 PLYMOUTH STREET
FAIRFIELD, NJ AT 8:00 PM
(unless otherwise noted)**

WEDNESDAY, April 10	7:15 PM- BOD Meeting; 8:00 PM- RKC Member Meeting
SATURDAY, April 13	RKC Health Clinic Bergen County Community College
MONDAY, April 15	Deadline for Achievement Awards Nominations
FRIDAY, May 3	Deadline for May Growl submissions
WEDNESDAY, May 15	7:15 PM- BOD Meeting; 8:00 PM- RKC Member Meeting, (members only due to Officer and Board Elections).
FRIDAY, May 31	Deadline for June Growl submissions
WEDNESDAY, June 12	8:00 PM Annual Awards Dinner, Paris Inn, Wayne, NJ



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