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THE DEFINITION OF "MAN'S BEST FRIEND"

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We've all seen Rin Tin Tin's acts of heroism on the silver screen or read about heroic dogs rescuing drowning victims or finding lost children. But it is not every day that one hears about a puppy — less than 4-months-old — prompting his owner to seek medical treatment and perhaps saving her life as a result.

Diane and Harry Papazian of Staten Island, N.Y. lost their first Doberman, Jet to liver failure when he was only four. Handler Kelly Marquis served as a reference to breeder Susan James of Raindance Dobermans, who agreed to sell them a show prospect puppy. "We were supposed to take him home at 16 weeks, but we just couldn't wait," Diane Papazian explains. They picked Troy up when he about ten-weeks-old, and allowed him to sleep in bed with them at night.

"Troy was well behaved, but he kept nuzzling my left breast," Papazian says. Troy was persistent, and soon Papazian noticed that the area began to itch. She felt a lump in her breast that she hadn't noticed before and saw her doctor the next day.

"I'd had a clear digital mammogram only five months before," Papazian continues. When the lump was diagnosed as an aggressive malignancy, already at Stage 2 and three centimeters in size, Papazian realized what Troy had done for her. Had the diagnosis not been made until her next mammogram, her prognosis might have been very different. Today, Papazian is cancer-free.

Troy grew up to be GCh Raindance Led Zeppelin of Marquis—and an Award of Merit winner at Westminster 2014. At home, "he's a real lap dog," Papazian says. He's very gentle, wonderful with children, and not easily spooked by anything. He's



Spring is coming . . .

appropriately protective, sounding the alarm when a stranger approaches the house, but quieting instantly when the person is introduced as a friend. When he's with Marquis for shows, her 5-year-old daughter, Gabrielle sleeps with him.

Marquis calls Troy "the best boy I have ever shown — solid, dependable, and willing." His startling ability — as a very young puppy — to recognize that something was amiss with Diane Papazian has won him a nomination for an "Emerging Hero" award from the American Humane Association. The Papazians have also done numerous media interviews about their companion and show dog.

In the benching area, Harry Papazian brings Troy out of his crate to meet a new set of admirers. He's a big, solid, handsome black and tan boy, but he gambols like a puppy in front of Harry. Only after an enthusiastic greeting for the owner who has been standing right outside his crate does Troy turn his attention to his public.

Not every dog can be a hero. Not every dog needs to be. In Troy, the Papazians have just what a Doberman was meant to be — a calm, intelligent, trainable dog. That he also happens to excel as a show dog is a bonus. That he was able to spot a medical issue with his new owner is nothing short of extraordinary.

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President's Message



JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

May brings us to Ramapo Kennel Club's annual election. This year's slate, found elsewhere in this issue of the Growl, was nominated by a committee led by Rose Radel. I thank them for their work assembling a group of people that will work hard along with the rest of the board to move RKC forward.

Nominations may be made from the floor only at this month's general membership meeting. They will not be accepted at the May meeting. Our Bylaws stipulate the following:

Additional nominations may be made at the April meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed. If the proposed candidate is not in attendance

at the meeting, the proposer shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. The additional nominations which are provided for may be made only from among those members who were not nominated by the Nominating Committee or who declined such nomination. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

Jeffrey Ball, 2015 point show chairman, is assembling his team for our shows. They are a great opportunity for people to do something meaningful for the club. We are always in needs of volunteers both leading up to and on the days of the shows. Please contact Jeffrey at jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com or at (201) 446-4569 to find out what you can do to help.

Our 2015 Annual Awards Dinner will be at the Paris Inn on Alps Road in Wayne, NJ, on Wednesday evening, June 10th. We will institute something new this year. The Board has amended the way we will subsidize members' dinners going forward. We want to encourage our members to be involved in club-related activities year-round. *For 2015, in order to qualify for a RKC-paid dinner, we will require that each member has met 1 set of the following conditions: attended 2 meetings, participated in 2 events/activities or a combination of 1 of each. Eligible events and activities are: Point Show(s), Match Show, Obedience classes, Show Handling Classes, membership on an RKC committee or participation in any outside event that promotes our club and/or educates the public. Anyone that has not met these conditions will be asked to pay the full \$30 cost for the dinner.* Please feel free to contact me for additional information about this decision. I'm happy to discuss it.

Straws to Paws, LLC a canine reproduction practice in Washington, NJ, will present our April program. STP is a Synbiotics certified and AKC recognized canine semen freezing center. They offer a full range of services related to canine reproduction. Owners Dr. Mary Stankovics and Debbie Leach joined forces when they both worked for The Seeing Eye in Morristown, NJ. Dr. Mary was the second full-time veterinarian brought aboard by The Seeing Eye, where she developed her interest in canine reproduction. Debbie managed the breeding program for The Seeing Eye in Morristown New Jersey for 13 years, where she handled all aspects of reproductive management of their breeding colony of 90 dogs and a yearly production of 700 puppies. I look forward to an informative evening and encourage anyone interested in breeding to join us. Please feel free to bring guests!

The days are growing steadily longer and, sometimes, warmer. Fingers crossed winter is finally behind us. Enjoy!

Sharon

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2014

Gerrie Oliver

2015

Rose Radel
Amy Starost

2016

Lorraine Fennemore
Janis Hayes
Melissa Ayers

AKC Delegate

Jeffrey David Ball

Minutes

RKC Member Meeting

March 11th 2015

VFW Hall

Fairfield, NJ 07004

There was an informative and enjoyable program by Jane Killion about Puppy Culture. For more information, and for those who missed it, go to

www.puppyculture.com/learning-center.html.

Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 9:52 pm.

Recording Secretary- Anne made a motion to accept the February minutes, Elaine seconded, voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary- A check for \$100 from Dick and Susan Symons was donated in memory of Pat Scully. The Club will use this for High in Trial obedience trophies at the 2015 point show in memory of Pat Scully.

Treasurer- The checking account is \$17,277.42 detailed accounting handed out to board members and the money market is \$34,836.64.

Show Handling Classes- going well.

Obedience Classes- classes are packed.

Membership- Sue Leonard of Pompton Plains has Entlebucher Mountain Dogs and she is sponsored by Amy Starost and Ann Hulsizer. She is willing to serve.

NJFDC- Meeting first Monday in April - guests are welcome to attend The speaker will be from the AKC Canine Health Organization.

AKC- Delegate meeting- New Board results were: Steve Gladstone, Tom Davies, Carmen Bataglia. Chairman Ron Menaker and Vice Chair Carl Ashby.

Awards- applications are on back table and need to be back to Elaine Barone by April 15th.

Awards Dinner- June 10th at the Paris Inn. Requirements for complimentary dinner will be in the Growl.

Match Show- Melissa Ayers has agreed

to be the chair for the match show. Cindy McMillan offered to be her assistant. Amy Starost and Arlene Stover agreed to help with obedience. A tentative date of June 13th was discussed.

Refreshments for April meeting- Amy, Jeffrey and Sharon.

Amy made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09, seconded by Janis Hayes, voted upon and approved.

*Respectfully submitted by
Kim Luikert*

March 17 2015

NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2015/2016 SLATE

The nominating committee consisting of Rose J. Radel, Chairman, Cindy McMillen and Rose Ann Tucker would like to present the 2015 slate for Ramapo Kennel Club. All terms are for 2 years.

Vice President - Amy Starost

Recording Secretary - Kim Luikert

AKC Delegate - Jeffrey D. Ball

Board of Directors - Elaine Barone

Board of Directors - Lorraine Fennemore

Board of Directors - Janis Hayes

The current positions of President, Corresponding Secretary, and 3 board members (Melissa Ayers, Gerrie Oliver and Rose Radel are not up for re-election this year according to our new constitution).

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Respectfully submitted

Kim Luikert, RKC Recording Secretary

AKC Delegate's Report

Monday March 9th, 2015

All-Breed Clubs Committee The following matters were discussed:

Election of two committee members to fill the vacant positions.

Update Best Practices – Membership – initial survey results.

Input for questions for the next survey focusing on All-Breed Clubs events.

Update Barn Hunt events.

Reports from Board and Staff Liaisons.

Topics for Agenda items 2015.

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.

Applications due by April 15, 2014.

Parent Clubs Committee The following matters were discussed

CGC Title Numbers.

Dock and Crop.

Changes to AKC website that are forthcoming.

PC recommended health testing to each PC site Committee report.

Breeders of Merit – each club needs a list from AKC re: Breeders of Merit listed for their Club.

AKC initiatives re: program to recognize and support breeders who perform health testing recommended by the Parent Club.

Judges Approval.

Pet Disaster Trailer.

Low Entry Breeds.

Meet The Breed Booth Report for FL and NY.

General Caucus and Candidate discussions

Directors elected were:

- Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, Delegate from the German Shepherd Dog Club of America.
- Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Delegate from the Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.
- Steven D. Gladstone, Delegate from the Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.

In addition, Ronald H. Menaker (Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.) was elected as the Chairman of the Board and Carl C. Ashby III (United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.) was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Board at a meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, convened after the Delegates Meeting.

The Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club is also pleased to announce the re-election of executive officers Dennis B. Sprung (President and Chief Executive Officer), James P. Crowley (Executive Secretary), and Joseph Baffuto (Chief Financial Officer).

Chapter 11, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows –

Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, which changes the time frame of when the limited registration must be removed for a dog to compete in a breed competition.

Passed.

Read on the proposed amendment to **Chapter 2, Sections 1-16**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*

– Making Application to Hold a Dog Show, in which with the deletion of Section 2, brings the Rules into compliance with current operating procedures. Changes to Section 3, requires clubs to (1) hold events in their territory to retain exclusivity and (2) only provides exclusivity for a defined period of time surrounding the show date. Additionally, an appeals process is outlined for clubs that believe permission to hold a show within another club's territory has been unreasonably withheld. The deletion of Sections 5-7 removes outdated and repetitive language. Sections 8-16 will be renumbered. Changes to new Section 14 allows clubs to have digital copies of documents

Tuesday, March 10th, 2015

Legislative Caucus

Board Elections

AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLASS OF 2019 ELECTED

At the Annual Meeting of the American Kennel Club on March 10, 2015, the AKC Board of Directors Class of 2019 was elected. The three

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1, 2014 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2014

Reg. Name of Dog _____

Dog _____ Bitch _____

AKC# _____ Breed/Variety _____

Owner(s) _____

Address _____

_____ email _____

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 _____

BIS (Specialty) Show _____ Date _____

High in Trial Show _____ Date _____

Best in Field Trial Show _____ Date _____

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Conformation Champion Show _____ Date _____

Grand Champion Show _____ Date _____

Bronze, Silver, Gold Gr CH Show _____ Date _____

Obedience Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____

Field Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____

OBEDIENCE DEGREE AWARDS

BN, PCD, CD, GN, PCDX, CDX, GO, PUTD, UD, UDX, VER, TD, TDX, RN, RA, RE, RAE, OM, OGM

TITLE

_____ Show _____ Date _____

_____ Show _____ Date _____

_____ Show _____ Date _____

OTHER AKC TITLES (Herding, Field, Agility Therapy dog 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.

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

Non-Regular Awards and Requirements

Additional Awards (S.T.A.R., CGC, CGCA, WORLD CYNO SPORT, TT, or parent club titles etc.), applicable for Certificate of Achievement only)

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

AENNCHEN ANTONELLI / GILMA BLAUVELT - MOSS BREEDERS AWARD

1. Presented to a club member who is the breeder of record of 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, 2014 through December 31, 2014, for the June 2014 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.

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, 2014, through December 31, 2014. Minimum of three scores required. Shows and scores must be provided. Winner is to retain custody of the award for the year.

*****NEW AWARD THIS YEAR*****

RALLY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

This award is presented to the RKC member who has achieved the AKC Rally Advanced/Excellent title. To earn this title, the dog must have completed the requirements for the Rally Excellent title and received qualifying scores in both Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B at 10 separate trials.

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.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

1. This award celebrates those individuals who deserve special recognition for having made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embody the AKC code of sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. The award is given to a club member who has been nominated and approved by the majority of the board of directors and officers PRIOR to the May meeting and shall be presented at the June awards dinner. The awards chair will be notified by April 15th. The recipient only may be notified by the awards chair to insure their being present.

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, 2015** with photocopies of Wins and Titles to:

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

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

Feel free to e-mail me your awards ONLY if you can scan the forms and certificates required.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from all of you.

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL 2015 - 2016

Dues for the coming year 2015 – 2016 are now due and payable by June 1, 2015. Please make checks payable to the RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB and mail to:

Ruth Henningsen, Treasurer
Ramapo KC
153 Holland Mt. Rd.
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

*Membership shall be considered lapsed if dues are not paid by July 1, 2015.

- _____ Junior Membership \$10.00 (10 – under 18 years old)
_____ Regular Membership \$25.00
_____ Family Membership \$40.00 (2 persons 18 yrs and older residing in the same household)
_____ Life Membership (25 years) No membership fee required. \$10.00 to receive the
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SUBSCRIPTION FEE \$10.00 With the increased cost of printing and postage, if you would like to continue to receive the GROWL and ROSTER by mail you will need to include a \$10.00 fee with your membership renewal. This includes Life Members. You can also view the Growl online at www.ramapokennelclub.com for no fee.

In order to update our records and the Roster please include any additions or corrections to your current listing. PLEASE PRINT Life Members—please fill in this form to keep your information up to date.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip+4 _____

E-Mail _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

(work) _____ (fax) _____

Kennel Name _____ Breed _____

Interests: (circle) Breeder Agility CGC evaluator Conformation Field Trials Hunt Test

Judge Obedience Pet Therapy Rally Rescue Tracking Other _____

Please return this entire form with your payment.

**Ramapo Kennel Club
Annual Awards Dinner**

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

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

*Please see the President's Message on page 2 for details on changes in subsidized members dinners.

US HOUSE APPROVES PILOT PROGRAM ALLOWING PETS ON TRAINS, CONTACT THE SENATE

The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a comprehensive passenger train bill that in requires Amtrak to develop a pilot program that would, when feasible, designate at least one car where passengers may transport a dog or cat if the pet is in a kennel that can be stowed according to Amtrak's requirements for carry-on baggage.

HR 749 has now been assigned to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

AKC urges dog owners to support this measure and to contact your US Senators and ask them to support the Amtrak Pilot Program in HR 749 that would allow pet owners to travel on certain trains with their pets.

Visit www.senate.gov and select your state under the "Find Your Senators" box at the top of the page to find the contact information for your senators.

Got Stuff?

Send your news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, tgcreative@aol.com. Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Check the calendar on the last page for submission deadlines. The *Growl* is by and for the members so I need your help to make it interesting.



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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 8 RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15
Program: *Straws to Paws*, Dr. Mary Stankovics and Debbie Leach, canine reproduction specialists, will cover the use of the frozen semen—how it is done, how is it best used, ovulation timing of the female and how to determine whether to use Transcervical Insemination vs Surgical Artificial Insemination.

Wednesday, May 13 RKC Member Meeting/Elections, 8PM. Board meeting after elections.
(members only due to Officer and Board Elections).

Wednesday, June 10 Annual Awards Dinner/Meeting, 8PM. Paris Inn, Wayne, NJ



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