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IN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, TO AVOID HUMANE SOCIETY SCAM, GIVE LOCALLY

by Rick Berman
Executive Director of the
Center for Consumer Freedom.

If you back a wild animal into a corner, you run the risk that it will lash out. That's also the result when an animal rights group is exposed for misleading Americans and scamming them out of millions of dollars that could have helped pet shelters.

Nowhere in the recent ad hominem attack piece written by the Humane Society of the United States against my organization, the Center for Consumer Freedom, will you find the group rebutting this simple fact: Less than 1 percent of HSUS's budget is donated to local pet shelters or humane societies to help them care for animals.

Don't take my word for it. The director of

the Newark-based Associated Humane Societies told News 12 that her group receives "not one penny. We receive nothing from (HSUS). And the amount of money they get nationally and don't share with needy shelters like ours is a shame."

The Humane Society of the United States collected \$131 million in 2010, but could

apparently only spare \$500 to help New

Jersey's animal shelters. It is likely that HSUS raised hundreds of thousands, if not millions of dollars from the Garden State. Yet almost none of it was given back to the community.

HSUS responds that it "never says" that it gives to local shelters. But knowing people are confused, they also never set the record straight.

According to a recent national poll, 71 percent of Americans incorrectly believe that HSUS is an umbrella for the nation's local pet shelters. Nearly six in 10 Americans think HSUS shares most of its money with pet shelters.

HSUS is well aware of this widespread

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Bring your dog (and family) to the RKC Holiday meeting and have a photo taken with Santa. See page 7.

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President's Message



Jeffrey David Ball

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. After a harsh fall, we have been lucky with some nice weather. Hopefully it will keep up and we'll have a mild winter. We'll see what Mother Nature has to offer us.

A special thanks to Kim Luikert for overseeing Ramapo Kennel Club's AKC Meet the Breeds booth at the Javits Center last month. I would also like to thank all those members who attended and

assisted with it. The RKC booth was once again a great success. Our booth was extremely well designed, well-staffed and

extremely informative. I don't believe there was a minute that there was not a guest at it. It was in a terrific location and the public seemed to be drawn to it. People were extremely interested in everything that was displayed, the dogs and the things we do. It was tremendous public relations for our club. I also commend Ramapo Kennel Club for allowing the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs to place information at our booth. If the NJFDC had used their booth, it would have been in a corner of the building facing a wall like the Connecticut's Federation's booth was. Again, thank you to everyone for a job well done.

will be holding our Holiday Celebration at the VFW Hall in place of our regular meeting. We are doing the same thing as



Kim Luikert, Rose Radel and myself at the Ramapo KC booth at AKC's Meet the Breeds at the Javitz Center in NYC.

last year. Members seemed to truly enjoy themselves. There is no charge, you can bring family or friends, and we just ask that you bring something. Lorraine Fennemore, lorrfenn1@optonline.net, is coordinating the event so please let her know if you and or family and guests are coming and what you wish to bring. It's not too late to RSVP! Santa will be there and Tilly and Jack Grassa have volunteered to take pictures once again. So please feel free to bring your family for a Holiday picture, which includes your dog. Yes, you can bring your dogs! Drop in or come for the whole evening. We will also be having a Yankee Swap. If you are not familiar with it, it's a great deal of fun. Lorraine can share details with you.

The details have been finalized for the NJFDC "How to Lobby" workshop which has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2012. If you are interested in receiving

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As you know, the club has decided that we

more information, or interested in attending, please let Sharon Fremer know. If you would like to purchase a NJFDC Breeders Guide or 2012 Show calendar, Sharon can also assist you with that.

As the year comes to a close, I would personally like to thank all the RKC members and especially the Officers, Board and all the members who have participated in RKC events. I have said it a thousand times and will say it many more, one or two members do not make a club, it takes many people with different skills and ideas to make a club successful. It also takes many participating, not just sitting on the sideline talking. Remember, it's ok to disagree on issues, no one will ever agree on everything, but in the end, as long as

our goal is the same, making sure the club is successful, it will be. We need to put any individual goals aside and work as unit. If we do, there are no limitations on this club. So please jump in and make this club better, commit and PARTICIPATE!!!!

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Holiday. May the new year bring wonderful times and things to you and your family. Thank you again to everyone; you are all a big part of my family!

I hope to see you all soon!

Jeffrey

THREE COUNTIES AWARDED EMERGENCY PET TRAILERS

By Misha Patel

Three animal emergency trailers were awarded to Bergen, Hudson, and Morris counties by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture at a ceremony in West Trenton in October.

These 20-foot trailers are to be used in emergency situations to set up temporary animal shelters. They are outfitted with cages, heating and cooling units, electrical and water hook-ups, generators and external light sources.

"New Jersey, located between two major cities, needs to be prepared in case disaster strikes, because any incident that poses a threat to large numbers of people is likely to put animals at risk, as well," said New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher, who awarded the trailers to the counties' Offices of Emergency Management and County Animal Response Teams. "The animal evacuation trailers can fill a vital role in an emergency and help provide care for animals that might not be able to go along with their owners."

Paid for with and Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant, the trailers will be used by the counties' Animal Response Teams, whose members are trained on animal issues in disasters. The trailers will allow owners to seek shelter for themselves in the face of an emergency, without having to worry about their pets.



At the RKC point show in October, 2011.

Meeting Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
November 9th 2011
VFW Hall
45 Plymouth Ave Fairfield, NJ 07004

What a fun night we all had learning about the different breeds of the members of Ramapo KC. Dawn Sandve talked about her Italian Greyhounds, Candi Wisnineski about the Collie, Joanne Silver about her Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Elaine Barone about her Husky and Amy Starost with her Entlebucher Mountain Dogs.

Jeffrey Ball called the meeting to order at 9:24pm.

Recording Secretary- The May minutes were reviewed, Joyce Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded and approved. The October minutes were reviewed and Joyce Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report- Checking \$39,208.30 the dollar amount is high now as several bills from point show will be paid shortly. The Board voted to donate \$100 to each VFW in honor of Veteran's Day.

Membership-Members will vote on three applications next month.

Pet Therapy-All is well, there are a new School in Oakland and one in Mahwah that is opening in January.

AKC Delegate-The Board of Directors has nominated the following Delegates as candidates: William J. Feeney (Sir Francis Drake KC), Thomas Powers (Kennel Club of Beverly Hills), Lynn Worth Smith (Vizsla Club of America) The following have been named by Petition: Patricia Cruz (Heart of Plains KC), Larry Sorenson (Dachshund Clun of America), Robert Schroll (Clarksville KC). As of January 1, 2012 the AKC will increase the registration fee to \$30 per dog. With the first-time individual dog registration as well as any subsequent transfer of dog ownership, one primary owner will be listed with the \$30 registration or transfer fee. In addition, a \$10 fee will be added for each additional owner listed on the registration certificate. The primary owner will receive the

official AKC Registration Certificate and each additional owner will receive an email only copy of the registration certificate. The email copy will be clearly marked COPY, will not display the certificate issue date and will not have the transfer form on the back. The group club moratorium has been lifted for shows as long as it is run within an existing show. There will now be "Open Show" starting mid 2012. An Open Show is an informal AKC sanctioned confirmation event at which Championship points are not earned but rather Certificate of Merit (CM) points are awarded to this introductory AKC confirmation suffix title.

Constitution on By-Laws-A meeting has been scheduled by the Board to review. The AKC has already accepted our changes, once the Board reviews that, it will be presented to the Membership for Vote.

Sunshine- An additional \$65 (Totaling \$100) was donated to the American Cancer Society in Honor of Beverly Lynn. A \$100 Home Depot gift card from the club and \$100 cash donation from club members was taken over the Casey (VFW Commander) to help her out after the tremendous loss she sustained from Hurricane Irene and its aftermath. Anyone wishing to make a donation to Casey please see Lorraine Fennemore.

Point Show- 2011 was a very successful show. The Preliminary count looks to be approximately \$7000 profit! We are already looking at 2012, any suggestions for judges please see Sharon Fremer 2012 Point Show Chair. Phyllis Rosinsky is the Co-Chair. We are looking for new supported or specialties. Any comments about 2011 please let Diane know.

Show Handling Class-The numbers are down, in order to keep up the classes we need attendees. Please recommend friends!

Obedience Class- New session begins November 16th, classes are well attended and going smoothly.

Holiday Party- is next month December 14th , 7pm at the VFW hall in Fairfield. A signup sheet is on the back table, please see Lorraine Fennemore to let her know if you will be joining us and what you will bring. There will be a \$15 gift exchange if you are interested in taking

part. Pictures with Santa will be available with you and your Dog. Family and guests (four legged too) are welcome.

Unfinished Business- Danielle Weitz from Franklyn Lakes who is in the midst of a legal battle with the town had her case postponed. The new date is November 30th at 9:30am anyone who can come and support her (and the rights to own dogs)will greatly be appreciated.

Meet the Breeds- Is November 19-20th. We have several volunteers to help with the booth. We have a 10 X 20 booth and it is in a prime spot across from the big "event ring"

New Business- Elaine Barone reported that Charlie the man who puts down and takes up the mats at the VFW in Butler is retiring. She is

asking the club if they would consider giving him a Thank you gift at the end of November. It will need to be discussed at the next Board meeting . Joanne Silver has learned from the people who now run the animal shelter in Oakland that the "want nothing to do with Breeders".

Guests- Danielle Weitz Ruth Henningson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 pm, seconded by Elaine Barone voted upon and approved.

*Respectfully submitted by
Kim Luikert
November 21, 2011*

JUDGING PANEL SUGGESTIONS FOR 2012 RKC POINT SHOWS

We need your input! Judging panels can make or break a good entry at shows. Please help us put together a group of judges that will appeal to owner handlers as well as the pros. Share your thoughts about judges, pros and cons, for our 2012 point shows. All suggestions must be submitted on this form, hard copy or via email. It is important that you provide the reason(s) you feel a judge would be good or bad for our shows. We are particularly happy to use provisional judges. Judges coming from out of town must be able to do one or more Groups. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: Sharon Fremer, 25 Van Blarcom Lane, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 Or email me at teneo@mac.com **Deadline is January 15, 2012**

MEMBER NAME:

JUDGE'S NAME:

JUDGE'S FEE (if known): _____

BREEDS/GROUPS LICENSED TO JUDGE:

WHY THIS JUDGE IS GOOD/BAD:

VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

National unemployment is high, but I'm a working dog with lots of jobs:

SOCIAL ICE BREAKER: Go ahead, just try to ignore me...nothing like a cold nose in the crotch to get attention...

WRITER: Perhaps you've read my pieces doggedly written with tongue in jowl...

RECYCLER: Stolen plastic water bottles and aluminum cans are great toys...paper towels snatched from the kitchen are delicious...and you'll only get these things back if you indulge in an extended game of keep-away...(does that make me an exercise trainer too?)...

DISH WASHER: House rules limit me to performing the pre-rinse cycle only...

HUNTER: I bring flopping fish to the studio in summer and squirrel furcicles to the kitchen door in winter...

TIMEKEEPER: 8AM pacing, waiting while the cat is fed 'cause my breakfast is next...4PM

sitting, staring and drooling in front of the cabinet containing my dinner... 9PM spontaneously curling up in my crate for the night... you can set your watch by me...

ALARM SYSTEM: growling when a bear enters the yard...barking loudly when someone I don't know knocks...wagging rapidly when the UPS man makes a delivery...(he has good dog biscuits)...wildly dancing when a friend comes to the door...we don't need no stinkin' doorbell...

HALL MONITOR: No one goes up or down the stairs without my permission...they are MY domain...the magic words are "may I?"...

FLOOR CLEANER: If it hits the floor and it's edible, it's MINE...even if it isn't edible, it's STILL mine...

HEATING SYSTEM: Lie on the couch to watch TV and I guarantee I'll sprawl on top of you with my nose buried in your neck...this service was really appreciated during the recent power outage...70 pounds at 102° defines a one-dog night...

Yes, I'm a working dog and my favorite job is...COUCH POTATO...

*Casbar Glen Wild Weekend
BN, RA, THD, CGC, STAR
(but you can call me "Friday")*



Holiday Meeting, December 14, 7PM

Our Holiday dinner will once again be held at the VFW Hall in Fairfield
(where we have our membership meetings)

FOOD AND DRINKS!

SANTA WILL BE THERE!
HAVE A PHOTO TAKEN OF YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY- WITH
YOUR DOG(S)!



FREE TO ALL MEMBERS,
FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



THE VFW BAR WILL BE
OPEN FOR HOLIDAY
DRINKS! (CASH BAR)

BRING A GIFT FOR THE
WHITE ELEPHANT
EXCHANGE!

Here's how it works: Buy, (or regift) a gift worth about \$15, wrap it up beautifully and bring it along. There will be a raffle to select a number. The person who selects #1 will be able to choose any gift that was brought. That person will open the gift in front of everyone. The next person (#2) now gets to choose a wrapped gift or to take #1's gift instead. Then #3 either chooses a wrapped gift or to take either #1's or #2's gift. And so on and so on, until everyone that brought a gift has had a turn. Who will be left with the best gift?!



IF YOU WANT TO BRING A POT-LUCK
DISH CONTACT LORRAINE FENNEMORE AT
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FDA WARNING

November 18, 2011 — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued an important bulletin warning consumers that chicken jerky products (also marketed as chicken tenders, strips or treats) may be associated with serious illness in dogs.

Over the past 12 months, the FDA has observed an increase in the number of complaints regarding canine illnesses associated with consumption of chicken jerky products imported from China.

These complaints have been reported to the government by both dog owners and veterinarians.

FDA had previously issued a cautionary warning regarding chicken jerky products in September 2007 and a Preliminary Animal Health Notification later on in December of 2008.

Unfortunately, so far, scientists have not been able to determine a definitive cause for the reported illnesses. The FDA continues to conduct extensive chemical and microbial testing but has this far not identified a contaminant.

What to Watch For

Chicken jerky products should never be considered a substitute for a balanced diet. These treats should be intended to be fed only occasionally — and in small quantities.

The FDA is advising consumers who still choose to

feed their dogs chicken jerky to monitor their animals closely for any or all of the following signs that may occur within hours to days of feeding these products including:

- Decreased appetite
- Decreased activity
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea (sometimes with blood)
- Increased water consumption
- Increased urination

Blood tests may indicate kidney failure. And urine tests may show Fanconi syndrome (increased blood sugar). Although most dogs are likely to recover, some deaths have been reported.

What to Do

If a dog shows any of these signs, the FDA urges consumers to stop feeding the suspected products immediately.

Owners should consult a veterinarian if signs or symptoms are severe or persist more than 24 hours.

So, take precautions. And be sure to tell everyone you know.

You can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food products by calling the consumer complaint coordinator in your area.

Or go to <http://www.fda.gov/petfoodcomplaints>.

Dear NJFDC Member Clubs,

After the January 2011 NJFDC Legislative Seminar, "Recognizing, Understanding and Protecting your Rights", which had such a great response, the NJFDC Officers and Board of Directors heard that the membership wanted to have another seminar and learn about the next steps we need to take. So with that, the NJFDC did a survey at a Delegate Meeting about a tentative seminar and the response from the delegates was tremendous. So we have planned our next Legislative Seminar. It will be "Learning to and How to Lobby" We originally scheduled it for September 2011 but had a poor response and had to postpone it.

We have rescheduled it. It will be an evening program, approximately two and a half hours, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, January 26, 2012. A working dinner would be supplied. It will be held at the same location as the last one, Rutgers University, School of Management and Labor Relations, 50 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901.

Our goal in this project will be to educate the members on what is lobbying and how to lobby the politicians when it comes to the canine world. The goal would be to have a number of these attendees attend a Lobby Day that the NJFDC plans sometime in the near future.

Ideally, every club would purchase a couple of tickets and give or sell them to their members to enabling them to attend. Our goal is to have forty attendees. This is a simple goal, but we need your assistance. The cost of each ticket will be in the \$30.

Please email Jeffrey Ball at jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com or call him at 201-689-1323 with any questions.

Thank you for your assistance and we hope we can count on your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

The NJFDC Special Legislative Seminar Committee

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confusion. HSUS could make it explicitly clear in its fundraising appeals that it is not affiliated with local humane societies, that it gives almost no money to local shelters.

But HSUS doesn't. In fact, its fundraising helps perpetuate the confusion among Americans.

A review of HSUS' TV appeals reveals that more than 90 percent of the animals depicted are dogs and cats. HSUS' fundraising mailers are chock full of pets and have included lines such as "Your renewed membership helps the HSUS assist local shelters" and rhetoric about "saving these innocent puppies and kittens and finding them good loving homes."

It's no surprise that Americans mistakenly believe that the HSUS is a pet-sheltering group. In fact, my organization regularly hears from HSUS donors who are shocked to learn the truth about HSUS — that the group focuses more on attacking farmers who raise chickens and pigs rather than helping abused and abandoned cats and dogs.

Even more cynically, HSUS cites pet euthanasia statistics in its ads. Three to four million cats and dogs are put down in shelters every year. HSUS even acknowledges that shelters may be putting down more animals in these hard economic times.

And yet, HSUS is apparently all too happy to cite these statistics knowing that 99 percent of the money it raises won't go to grants that help pet shelters care for more animals and keep them alive.

Here's another inconvenient truth: When HSUS sucks up all these doggie dollars from local communities, the donations are used in ways that donors likely have no clue about.

Since 2004, HSUS has pumped \$14 million into executives' retirement pensions. And they have tucked \$32 million away in hedge funds, where the money can't help any animals.

Maybe pet shelters and homeless dogs and cats need a "We are the 99 percent" campaign.

GOT STUFF?

Send your news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to either Tilly Grassa, tgcreative@aol.com, or Sharon Fremer, teneo@mac.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 we need your help.



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Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

**VFW HALL
45 PLYMOUTH STREET
FAIRFIELD, NJ AT 8:00 PM**

December 14	Holiday Party at the VFW Hall
December 30	Deadline for December <i>Growl</i> submissions
January 11	Membership Meeting. Program TBA



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