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PISTAL'S BEST IN SHOW: RETIREMENT VILLAGE STYLE

By Debra Lampert-Rudman

Photo by Heath Village Retirement Community Staff

Pistal has travelled cross country by plane many times, been in the spotlight of nearly every huge dog show, was #1 parti-color Cocker Spaniel in 2011, and was among the first 10 parti-colored Cocker Spaniels to ever achieve the GCH title. But, on a sunny fall day, in a New Jersey retirement village, surrounded by walkers and wheelchairs, GCH Dal-Mar's Topaz Pistal, BN, CGC achieved one of his most rewarding titles: Best in Show-Retirement Village style.

Respected Hound fancier Connie Butherus of Lebanon, NJ, invited top and former top show dogs and their breeders and owners, from each of the seven AKC groups to create a mini "show and tell" dog show at Heath Village Retirement Community, Hackettstown, NJ.

About half of the Village's 400 residents strolled, wheeled and "walkered" into the large Auditorium while nearly 20 show dogs and their

handlers waited their turn to appear onstage with their group. Despite probably never seeing that many walkers and wheelchairs in one place, the dogs quietly took everything in stride. Not a bark was heard. Well, maybe one bark.

Announcing that we would "bring out the



Pistal and Debi Lampert-Rudman with Best in Show Rosette

Groups like they do at Westminster – only you'll be the judge", Connie Butherus opened the afternoon's festivities with three representatives of the Sporting Group trotting onto the stage in size order.

Karen Spey of Bookstore Pointers and her 10-year old "Rosie", Melissa Ayers with her yellow Labrador Retriever, and five-year old Parti-color Cocker Spaniel "Pistal", the smallest of the Sporting Group and I, each took our turn at the microphone — describing our breed's features, a bit of breed history, and sharing a few anecdotes and some highlights about our dogs. I shared that Pistal was also in retirement now, no longer being campaigned as a "special" so didn't have the long, full coat they would see on a Cocker Spaniel in the show ring.

Presentations by the remaining six groups were met with rounds of applause and laughter. Lynne Rutenberg of Green Township, NJ, and her 8 year old black Newfie "Lola", were crowd

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President's Message



Sharon Framer

'Tis the season! The holidays are upon us and I'm sure everyone is up to his or her eyeballs in To Do lists that must be accomplished by year's end. RKC has just the stress buster you need....

Take a few hours out of your busy schedules to come to our annual holiday party, held this year at Lieto Italian Restaurant in New Milford, NJ, next Wednesday night, December 11th. Lieto is a Bring Your Own Bottle establishment, so here's a great

opportunity to introduce others to a favorite wine or beer. See details on page 8.

We will, as always, hold our wild and crazy Yankee Gift Swap. Participation is not mandatory, but those that wish to play should contribute a wrapped gift valued at approximately \$20 and be prepared for mayhem. Basic rules are as follows:

Each participant supplies one wrapped gift. The gifts are placed in a central location and participants draw numbers to determine the order in which they will select one. The first person opens a wrapped gift, shows it to the participants and his/her

turn ends. On subsequent turns, each person has the option of "stealing" any previously chosen, unwrapped item from its new owner or taking a new, wrapped item from the gift pile. When a player's gift is stolen, they must select a replacement gift from the pile of wrapped presents. The game is over when the last person has taken their turn. Ramapo has added a few variations to the basics which we will explain before the swap begins.

December is often a month for reflection as well as goal setting for the coming year. Now is a time to remember the contributions of the many people in the fancy that we lost throughout 2013, particularly in the past several months. It is also a time to look forward and establish some new targets for you (and your dogs). Take a look around you at our next meeting. There are many excellent role models in Ramapo Kennel Club, people that have a slew of impressive accomplishments in many different venues of the dog world. Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Therapy, Coursing – you name it. If you have an interest in something one of our members has done please don't be shy. Ask for input on how you can best become involved in it. Each of us is proud of what we have achieved with our dogs and I am sure most (if not all) of us will happily answer questions.

As always, please feel free to suggest programs and/or events you would like to see us make happen. Ramapo depends on its members to drive things forward and your ideas are important.

Happy Holidays to all!
Sharon

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Minutes

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

After an interesting program about Coursing Ability Tests Sharron Fremer called the meeting to order at 9:10pm

Recording Secretary- Elaine Barone made a motion to accept the October 9th minutes, Janis Hayes seconded, voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Tilly Grassa had nothing new to report.

Treasurer- The checking account balance is \$21,671.52 The Money Market is at \$22,787.46

Membership- The second reading and voting of Linda Bassett of 10 Tenfer Drive in Glenwood NJ has Labs and is sponsored by Joanne Silver and Elaine Barone. Voted on and approved. Steve Cemelli of 23 Channing Drive Ringwood has Labs and a "Pet Partner" is sponsored by Joanne Silver and Ruth Henningsen. Voted on and approved. Janis Hayes will send their information to Tilly Grassa so they can get the Growl.

Obedience Class- November 20th new classes begin.

Pet Therapy- Chilton Hospital is now accepting applications.

Sunshine- Lorraine Fennemore will be away from November 19th-December 3rd. The Holiday Dinner will be at Lieto Italia in New Milford on December 11th. The cost is \$33 per person for a sit down dinner including a selection of appetizers, salad, pasta, choice of six entrees, coffee, tea and soda. It is a BYOB. If you wish to take part in the grab bag the recommended cost is \$20.

NJFDC- Karen Dashfield will be the speaker on December 2nd. She will be discussing the status of the Pet Disaster

Relief set ups in NJ and the AKC trailers.

AKC Delegate- Jeffery Ball will be traveling to Orlando December 12-13th for the annual meetings.

Point Show- Chairman, Jeffery Ball is looking for Judge requests, his goal is to have a panel set by March. Sharon Fremer and Melissa Ayer will work on the supports.

Match Show- There will be a Match Show June 7th the place has yet to be determined and we are still looking for someone to chair.

Guests- Kathy Gillan who has Flat Coated Retrievers and competes in rally. Carol Brower who has Boxers and competes in obedience and rally. Don Murko, Joan's husband.

Rose Radel showed members a "snuggle puppy" that was donated by a vendor at Meet the Breeds this past September. She raffled it off at the end of the meeting.

Refreshments- Joanne Silver will bring them to January meeting.

Janis Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm seconded by Joan Murko.

Respectfully submitted by
Kim Luikert
November 24, 2013

CONFORMATION AND OBEDIENCE/RALLY JUDGING PANEL SUGGESTIONS FOR 2014 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 2014 point shows. All suggestions must be submitted on this form, via either hard copy or email. It is important that you provide the reason(s) you feel a judge would be good or bad for our shows. We particularly want to include several provisional judges on the panel. Judges coming from a long distance must be able to do one or more Groups.

Deadline is December 31, 2013

MEMBER NAME:

JUDGE'S NAME:

CONFORMATION __

OBEDIENCE/RALLY __

JUDGE'S FEE (if known):

BREEDS/GROUPS LICENSED TO JUDGE:

WHY THIS JUDGE IS GOOD/BAD:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, NOVEMBER 2013

Advancing Our Sport

This year we celebrate the 129th anniversary of the American Kennel Club. Today, as it has been throughout those years, our beliefs and traditions continue to guide us in our sport, while innovation continues to advance us. We began the year with the spirit of relentless positive action in search of new ideas to advance our sport - a spirit shared by the Board, Staff, Delegate Committees, and the Delegate Body. Working together, we have evaluated scores of new programs and implemented dozens across Conformation, Companion, and Performance events in our quest to continuously increase participation and assist clubs. The following is a sampling of those innovations impacting our sport - some already in place, some coming before the end of the year, some starting next year:

- Scheduled the inaugural AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals in Orlando in December
- Evaluating testing all-breed and group clubs meeting certain criteria to hold two shows in one day
- Added to both the number of Executive Field Representatives as well as staff in the Event Department to better serve exhibitors, clubs and judges
- Offered the option for clubs to award a three-point major to the Reserve Winners at National Specialties
- Created levels of the Certificate of Merit to encourage dogs to continue to compete
- Evaluating adding the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class to Miscellaneous
- Added CGC as a title program
- Launched advanced CGC Community Canine program
- Added new "Pre" classes for Obedience (Pre-Novice, Pre-Open, and Pre-Utility)

- Approved AKC Rally National Championship launching in Pennsylvania in April 2014
- Removed restrictions on Rally to allow any club to hold Rally whenever they desired
- Permitted clubs to hold Rally events without also having to offer Obedience
- Approved the offering of two Agility Trials in a day by Specialty clubs
- Modified mileage restrictions to allow Agility events within 100 miles of each other with the agreement of both clubs
- Upgraded Online Entries system to better serve Agility competitors and Trial Secretaries
- Held Agility Advisory Committee - first recommendations for administrative improvements will be effective 1/1/14 with others to follow
- Approved allowing Canine Partners to participate in Tracking at the club's option effective 1/1/14
- Added new Tracking test (Tracking Dog Urban) to Tracking program effective 1/1/14
- Implemented Online Plans and Results tool for clubs offering Coursing Ability Tests
- Added Retriever Hunting Test Lifetime Achievement title effective 1/1/14
- Added new Grand Field Champion titles earned in Pointing Breed field trials starting 1/1/14
- Added three new breeds participating in Performance events
- Increased the number of titles AKC displays on a dog's record and on printed documents (extended Dog Title Name)
- Recognized Barn Hunt titles
- Implemented program to recognize Wilderness Search & Rescue dogs
- Expanded number of clubs holding My Dog Can Do

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- Changed all sport Rules/Regulations to allow clubs to offer lower entry fees for Junior Handlers at the club's discretion
- Approved allowing premium lists and judging programs to be delivered solely by email
- Modified policy on combined catalogs to support national specialties and clusters
- Implemented Standing Board approval of common special attractions
- Added asterisk to designate Delegate Judges in the Online Judges Directory
- Expanded the type of clubs eligible to participate in the Club Outreach program
- Welcomed Agility clubs to apply to become member clubs

Of all the innovations we have reviewed and implemented, the one that has the greatest potential for the future of our events is marketing. The issues impacting our events today have been clearly identified and discussed. They can be collected into three categories - societal, economic, and legislative. While the apparent reasons are simple to discover, the solutions are significantly more complex. It will take very sophisticated marketing to achieve our goal of bringing more participants to our events and more members to our clubs. We are not only up for addressing it, we are capable of delivering it.

Our headroom for growth is significantly larger than anyone might have imagined. Currently, there are about 350,000 people living in households with some active involvement with the AKC. What is our headroom for growth? Amazingly, there are about 100 million people with at least one dog in their home, roughly half with a

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SHOW HANDLING SCHEDULE 2013-2014

TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:45 - 7:30

DROP IN CLASSES ONLY

\$10.00 per dog

Dec. 3, 17
Jan. 14, 28
Feb. 4, 18
Mar. 4, 18

Apr. 1, 15, 29
May 6, 20
June 3, 17

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RKC TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE 2013-2014

TUESDAY EVENING-Rally Advanced/Excellent 7:30-8:30

SESSION 2

Nov. 19
Dec. 3, 17
Jan. 14, 21, 28
Feb. 4

SESSION 3

Feb. 18, 25
Mar. 4, 18, 25
Apr. 1, 15

SESSION 4

Apr. 22, 29
May 6, 20, 27
June 3, 17

Pet Training/Obedience Schedule

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

SESSION 1

Sept. 18, 25
Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30
Nov. 6

SESSION 2

Nov. 20
Dec. 4, 18
Jan. 15, 22, 29
Feb. 5

February 19 Canine Good Citizen
Testing/snow day
(there is a fee for the test)

SESSION 3

Feb. 26
Mar. 5, 19, 26
Apr. 2, 16, 23

SESSION 4

Apr. 30
May 7, 21, 28
June 4, 18, 25
June 24 (Tuesday) Canine Good
Citizen Testing/ snow day
(there is a fee for the test)

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES
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The new graduates from RKC KPT Pet Therapy Class

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pleasers as Rutenberg explained why she carried a drool towel.

AKC Judge Richard Reynolds of Tenafly, NJ brought representatives for both the Terrier and Hound group. A 10-month old Bedlington Terrier "Catcher," whose day job is killing rats in New York City alleys and woodchucks in the fields of New Jersey. Residents loved seeing the dog that "looks like a lamb" and Reynolds warned them that he was tougher than he looked, which led to even more laughter.

Reynolds' Miniature Wirehaired Dachshund, Ch. Rose Farm's Range Rover, "bred by the late great Dee Hutchinson" was described to the audience as a retired woodchuck hunter. He has totally self-recovered from a paralyzing disc condition common in Dachshunds and is my personal role model.

The Herding Group was quite well-represented with Bearded Collies, Corgis, and an abundance of Old English Sheepdogs. The crowd especially appreciated Roberta Corbett's stories about her boy "Caroussel" enjoying retirement as a stud dog and compared his life to Secretariat's.

With the "show and tell" portion complete, "Best in Show" voting began. Residents were each given a ballot, pencil, and instructions to "vote for your favorite show dog." While voting and tallying, handlers and dogs were encouraged to mingle among the residents in the audience.

Sharon Fremer of Wyckoff, NJ, enjoyed sharing her Cardigan Welsh Corgis, "Eve" a 4 year old from France, and 14 month old "Houston" with Heath Village residents. "Eve" especially enjoyed the attention lavished on her while we waited our turn on the stage and spent a lot of time soaking up the love and rolling over on her back to be petted by the people around us, Fremer said.

"I found the afternoon at Heath Village to be very rewarding. We got a warm and enthusiastic reception from a surprisingly (to me) packed audience. The dogs and I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to walk around and meet the residents," Fremer added. "A number of them had friends or former neighbors that had owned Pembrokes and one woman had owned a Pem that lived to 16. We got the usual comments about being the "Queen's dogs" and I was happy to speak with them about the differences between our breed and Pembrokes. It gave me an opportunity to educate people about our history and the differences between Cardis and Pems. I

love educating people about this breed!"

"Pistol", who had never done anything like this before, wove cheerfully among the audience. A woman dressed in a dazzling animal print top and fuzzy scarf petted Pistol while tearfully sharing stories about her 14 year old red-and-white Cocker Spaniel who passed nearly 20 years ago.

"He's so soft, and he's looking at me with those sweet eyes," she said. "He knows, he knows."

Another very well-dressed resident who said she'd had "Scotch Terriers" for years when she lived at home, invited Pistol to sit in her lap and visit with her and her friends. He happily clambered up, and when I said he might be too heavy for her, she said, "Oh, no, please – I love having him in my lap." When asked for kisses, Pistol planted several on her cheek, and a quickie on her friend, emphasizing that he was right where he belonged – bringing beaming smiles to their faces.

Happily chatting with our new resident friends, I didn't really notice Connie Butherus approach the microphone and begin revealing the Best in Show winner's background.

Never thinking we had a chance — Pistol won Best in Show! Pistol and I ran up to the stage and were quite surprised to be presented with the biggest, reddest, rosette I'm sure either of us had ever seen. Cameras snapped, the crowd cheered; and Pistol took it all in stride.

Daisy Dauch, Assistant to the Activities Director, created the glamorous rosette and said recently that "Our residents loved it! Not only the independent residents were there but also our Health Care and Assistant Living residents attended. They are still talking about the dog show and comparing the dog show to our annual family day; the second big event that brought so many smiles to their faces! "

On our way out following refreshments, Pistol, proudly wearing his rosette as a cape, passed through the Heath Village lobby amid cheers of "Congratulations, Champ" and "Yay – there goes Pistol".

In the parking lot, three spry fans ambled out for a last minute chat and snuggle. "Please come back again," one said as she reached out to caress Pistol's ears.

Of course, we'll be back again.

Pistol now has a title to defend; and so much more love to share.

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RKC HOLIDAY PARTY

Wednesday December 11, 2013

Lieto Italian Restaurant



7:00 p.m.
203 Main St.
New Milford, N J.
201-265-0515

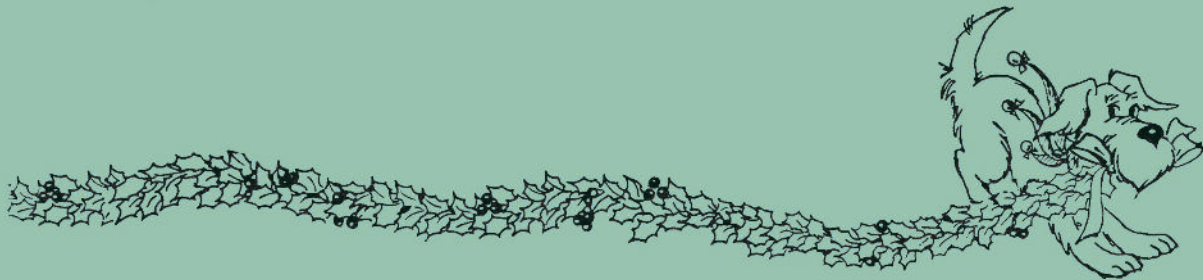
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Choice of 5 entrees:

Grilled Snapper, Veal Tiverina, Salmon Castellano,
Chicken Marsala, or Chicken Parmigiana

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AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, *from page 5*

purebred dog. Our research indicates the majority shares our beliefs and know and respect our brand - but really do not know we have something for them and their dog to participate in, learn from, or just enjoy together.

The AKC Board and Staff are taking a number of steps to address this opportunity. We continue to grow our communications web with almost one million fans on Facebook and two million unique visitors per month to our website. Obviously, we are already reaching significantly beyond our 350,000 constituents to people who share our beliefs. Since people read, share, and engage more with information when it is

presented by people they know and trust, we have the opportunity to introduce them to our sport. Staff is currently creating marketing programs to stimulate event participation utilizing a variety of communication assets. Although we already possess significant consumer research, we continue to conduct studies to learn from participants and potential participants. In addition, the Board is developing a new strategic plan to specifically address the next three years.

Peter Drucker, the father of modern management once wrote, "The purpose of a business is to generate new customers, and only two functions do that - innovation

and marketing. All other business functions are expenses." I believe strongly in that thought. I also believe that innovation and marketing are too important to be the province of a few. The McDonald's Happy Meal, invented by a franchisee, is just one famous example of brilliant innovation and marketing coming from outside the corporate office. I encourage all of you to share your thoughts about ways to improve our events. Please send your comments to me at atk@akc.org, Doug Ljungren at dvl@akc.org, and Chris Walker at cxw2@akc.org.

Thank you.

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, December 11 Holiday Party at Lieto Italian Restaurant, New Milford, NJ
No board meeting

TUESDAY, December 31 Deadline for January Growl

WEDNESDAY, January 8 Membership meeting. Program TBA
There will be a board meeting starting at 7:15PM



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