

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB INTRODUCES JUNIOR SHOWCASE EVENTS

By Samantha Seymour, AKC

The AKC is pleased to announce the launch of Junior Showcase events meant to promote and increase youth participation in the sports of agility, obedience and rally.



TILLY GRASSA

to provide meaningful events that appeal to young dog owners,” said Pamela Manaton, Director of Obedience, Rally and Tracking. “We encourage clubs to invest in the future of the sports by hosting these events.”

Administrative advantages to holding Junior Showcase events include:

- May be held in conjunction with a club’s regular event or as a stand-alone event.
- No event application fee.
- Does not count against the number of events a club may hold in a year.
- Normal judging assignment conflicts are waived for Junior Showcase judges.
- Junior Showcase events can be identified on the AKC website when using the Event Search feature for obedience/agility/rally.

“The AKC is committed to promoting youth involvement in our sports. Like AKC’s successful Junior Showmanship program, Junior Showcase events will provide another visible symbol of this commitment,” said Doug Ljungren, Vice President for Sports and Events. “Many in the fancy have a deep interest in providing opportunities for youth. We encourage suggestions. Please email them to Juniors@akc.org.”

Junior Showcase events may be held starting February 1, 2017. Interested clubs may submit their event applications immediately.

To learn more about AKC’s Junior Showcase events including application forms, go to: <http://www.akc.org/events/junior-showcase-events>.

“Junior Showcase events provide clubs the option to limit entries to junior handlers only and to tailor the events to their interests. Our experience with junior events has shown this setting promotes camaraderie and provides an enjoyable experience,” said Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility.

“Many AKC clubs have a relationship with local youth organizations. Junior Showcase events are an opportunity for these clubs

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President's Message



Sharon Fremer

As promised in my last President's Message, at our November meeting I went around the room and thanked each member present for their contributions to our club. I'd like to repeat that here so the entire membership can see what I covered. Unfortunately, I missed a few things for people that were there and I'd like to thank a few

people that weren't. This is a good opportunity to make up for that

My sincere thanks and appreciation to:

Amy Starost - Amy is our Vice President. She has been an excellent sounding board when I need to brainstorm and she has consistently had my back. Amy is always thinking. Her ideas about how to improve our club are wide-ranging and often outside the business-as-usual box. Amy also teaches RKC Rally and Obedience classes and acts as both our Match Show and Point Show Obedience Chairman. Thank you Amy!

Ruth Henningsen - Ruth does a phenomenal job as our treasurer; her reporting of our monthly finances and our yearly point show expenses is unequalled, but it doesn't stop there. Ruth is one of our intrepid Obedience and Rally instructors as well as overseeing (along with Elaine Barone) the entire Obedience & Rally classes program. She also holds the often back-breaking responsibility for maintaining our storage unit. Thank you Ruth!

Kim Luikert - Kim has been our Recording Secretary for many years. It's not easy to keep up with our Board

and Membership meetings, but she somehow manages to take thorough and complete minutes every month and distribute them right away. Kim has also headed our Point Show Trophy Committee for what seems like forever. The compliments we receive each year from our show's winners are testament to her great choices and hard work. Thank you Kim!

Tilly Grassa - Tilly is our Corresponding Secretary. She keeps up with a steady stream of correspondence in addition to publishing our monthly newsletter, The Growl, pretty much singlehanded. To consume even more of her time, Tilly and her husband, Jack, have taken photographs at all our important events for close to 10 years. We are fortunate to have photographers of their caliber to capture so many special moments for our club archives. Thank you Tilly and Jack!

Jeffrey Ball - Jeff is our AKC delegate. He has already made a name for himself at the AKC delegate meetings as he stands up for the all-important legislative issues that the majority of the delegates seem to prefer to sweep under the carpet. Jeff is one of our NJ Federation of Dog Club delegates as well as its President. He has built the NJ Federation into a nationally recognized organization that is held up as an example to other states trying to get their own Federations off the ground. Dog clubs across NJ are grateful to Jeff for all he does - and so are we. Thank you Jeff!

Elaine Barone - Elaine is on our Board of Directors, a role she has held a number of times before. Her longtime experience in dogs and dog clubs bring an excellent perspective to the issues we regularly address in our meetings. Elaine is another of our intrepid Obedience and Rally instructors as well as overseeing (along with Ruth Henningsen) the entire Obedience & Rally classes program. Elaine's other major contribution to the club is our annual Awards Program. Elaine singlehandedly collects our members' submissions for their yearly accomplishments, prepares the trophies and awards, and presents them at our June dinner. (I think we should all offer to help her polish some silver in 2017!) Thank you Elaine!

Lorraine Fennemore - Lorraine is a longtime Board Member. She can be counted on for thoughtful, balanced input to all the topics we cover at our meetings. Lorraine is our Special Dinners chairperson and our point shows' Luncheon chairperson. We can always depend the absolute best food for the best possible price. NO ONE haggles as well as Lorraine! Lorraine also does our Sunshine work. Any of us that has been under the weather can attest to how uplifting it is to receive a card or gift when we need it most. Thank you Lorraine!

Janis Hayes - Janis is a Board Member, our Membership Chair and the point shows' Concession Chairman. Her perpetually happy nature and big smile have undoubtedly convinced prospective members to fill out an application. Similarly, we have a number of 'regulars' that show up out in Sussex County year after year to set up their booths at our shows. Thank you Janis! (And thank you to Don Hayes for his invaluable help

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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
November 9th, 2016
American Legion Hall
11 Oak Ave Pequannock, NJ 07440

Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:18 pm.

Recording Secretary- Anne Hulsizer made a motion for the minutes from October to be accepted Amy Starost seconded- voted on and approved.

Treasurer- October balance \$37,375.10. Money Market \$24,875.02

Corresponding Secretary- Sharon reported for Tilly Grassa. Joy Messinger has items for sale-they were sent around to members via email. There is a bill being heard on Monday 14th at 2:00, anyone able to attend would be helpful, see Barbara. AKC lifetime achievement award nominations are Tibby Chase, Patricia Lawrence and Jim Campbell. Annual Dues notice was received.

Membership- Nothing new.

Programs- Barn Hunt program runs longer, will suggest when it can start sooner and no Board meeting, hopefully in January. If you have a contact for something interesting please make the call to start ball rolling.

Sunshine- Thank you card received from Joanne Silver.

Obedience- New session starting next week, adding second beginner class.

NJFDC- Breeders directory deadline has been extended to February 1st ..

AKC Delegate- The AKC Board has approved Rally Clubs. Delegates meeting in December, Royal Canine is now sponsor of AKC Championship Show. Linked GPS collar with thermostat built in \$7.00 month fee. Nuzzle is selling apps for their collar that runs \$150-200. Games similar to Pokeman coming out. Doggie Day care is looking for a April 2017 opening.

Awards- Elaine Barone reminded members to keep track of your awards.

Holiday party- Sign-up sheet went around- \$25, bring your favorite dessert and grab bag swap. Dec 14th at Franco's. Call or email Lorraine Fennemore if you were not at the meeting.

Roster- Please give Ruth any changes for the new roster.

Shirt's- Hoodies, polo shirts and tee shirts available. Look at classactembroidery.com for what you may like and give Lorraine your order. Free for RKC class instructors.

Pet Expo- June 10-11 2017. Meet the Breeds, people will be there to assist in loading and unloading. Goal is 2 floors, first floor meet the breeds, grooming competition. Upstairs dock diving, agility, demo rings.

Rose Radel- Thanked everyone for the dedication of the shows this past October. She is so grateful for the love and outpouring of support and honor from the Club and its members.

Sharon- Went around the room and personally thanked each and every person for the hard work and dedication for their contribution to the club.

Amy- Asked for 2-4 therapy dog volunteers on Dec 14th at Ramapo College for a project her son is working on. See Amy for more details.

Point show- Our numbers are still coming in...but it was noted that Palisades KC has 1900 dogs for their two shows that was held indoors. They will not be returning to our cluster. We will get cost comparison from MBF vs Rau.

Refreshments for January - Sharon, Joan and Karen.

Lorraine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 seconded by Elaine, voted on and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Luikert

November 26th 2016

year after year at our shows. He happily and ably does virtually anything we ask him to do. Thank you Don!)

Melissa Ayer – Melissa is a Board Member and was this year's Show Chairman. Melissa has deep experience in the dog world, all of which she freely shares as the Board discusses our monthly agenda. This year's shows were a particular challenge between Palisades KC leaving the Harvest Cluster and a number of judges backing out of their commitments. Melissa effectively navigated these obstacles and presented 2 successful shows. Thank you Melissa!

Gerrie Oliver – Gerrie is a Board Member and also makes sure (along with Kim Luikert) that we are all well fed and watered at our monthly meetings. Gerrie was Melissa's

Assistant Show Chair this year. Her experience putting on the annual Gathering at Sunnybank for the Collie Health Foundation prepared her well for the outstanding job she did with specialties, supported and advertising. All 3 were a big success. Thank you Gerrie!

Sue Leonard – Sue is our newest Board Member. She has been active working with the Obedience and Rally classes for several years and brings a fresh perspective to our table. Sue has a balanced, thoughtful approach and always provides a valuable input to our discussions. And I am very excited to say that Sue and Amy now co-own an Entlebucher puppy, Oz, that is going to compete in conformation! Thank you Sue!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, Continued

Ann Hulsizer – Ann is the club's resident Knitwit! She is also a valued instructor for Rally and Obedience classes. Ann is another member that is at the ready when we need help at an event. She can be counted on to always participate and she never misses a meeting. Thank you Ann!

Fred and Linda Hachtel – Fred and Linda have been responsible for our Show Handling classes for well over a decade. They cover the gamut: opening the building on Tuesday nights, collecting the money, teaching the classes, responding to email and phone inquiries and encouraging all our burgeoning handlers. This year Fred bumped it up a notch and also chaired our Match Show. It was very well attended and everyone that participated had fun and walked away happy. A success all the way around. Thank you Fred and Linda!

Joanne Silver – Joanne was another active member of the Obedience and Rally instruction team. She also did our CGC and Therapy Dog testing. Sadly for us, Joanne is migrating south. We will miss her many contributions to the club, but we all wish her the best in her new home and hope she will come back to visit often. Thank you Joanne!

Cindy McMillen – Cindy helps wherever needed at all the Ramapo classes in Butler. She pitches in and teaches at the drop of a hat. Cindy also does Ring Hospitality at our shows. You will find her in a golf cart, delivering food and drink to judges all day long. I know the judges and stewards are as grateful to Cindy as we all are. Cindy is another member that

doesn't miss a meeting. Thank you Cindy!

Rose Radel – Rose has held many positions in our club over her decades of membership. From club President to Board Member to AKC Delegate, Rose's contributions are incalculable. We cannot thank her enough for all she was done for us over the years, but I will never stop trying. Thank you Rose!

Diane Ammerman – Diane is another member that has held a variety of positions in our club. She has chaired several point shows. Diane is always happy to share her experience as we discuss the issues facing all dog lovers in the age of animal rights activists. Thank you Diane!

Elizabeth Smith – Elizabeth is one of our members that is happy to offer her help whenever needed at events. She regularly volunteers to be an obedience steward at the point shows. Elizabeth is another member that regularly attends meetings. Thank you Elizabeth.

I am running out my allotted word count here, so must finish up quickly. I know I have not named every member that volunteers their time, effort and ideas to Ramapo. I'm sorry I cannot list each and every person here and now, but I will continue to call people out in the future. I am indebted to all of you and I thank you very much.

Happy Holidays to all! I hope to see lots of you at next week's holiday dinner. We will have the annual Yankee Swap. If you haven't yet signed up, please let Lorraine know soon!

Sharon

VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

I'm a perpetual student, having been in classes at least twice a week since I set paw in Puppy Kindergarten...but I'm going to brag about two other students in RKC Rally Advanced/Excellent classes (which my human happens to teach)...both are mixed breeds with dedicated owners...

Daisy is an adorable cockapoo with a dusty chocolate coat...(I know all the colors of chocolate intimately)...she and her human, Colleen, weren't so sure about competing when they first attended RKC classes...now they are entering both AKC and WCS trials and consistently earning placement ribbons...UKC rally trials are less frequently offered, but Team Daisy will do well there too...

Hattie is the sweetest gray merle mix ever...doing pet therapy, she melts the hearts of all she visits with her human, Nicole...her approach to a jump makes the whole class



laugh with delight...her kickback return to heel is military...filled with spunk and keen attention, she aces rally courses...UKC rally is in her future too...

Both Daisy and Hattie compete in AKC and CDSP obedience as well... (I can't remember where they stand in Novice and Beginner Novice, but I know they will join me soon in Open training)...

Both dogs entered the Port Chester trials in November and earned their second leg in Rally Excellent...



PHOTOS COURTESY ANN HULSIZER

only one more to go!...all the RKC instructors are proud of Colleen and Nicole's achievements and their dedication to working as a team with their dogs...I know Ruth and Elaine's RAE Huskie, Mickey, joins me in anticipation of their continuation toward a RAE title...once you're bitten by the rally bug, you're a perpetual student...

UCD, URO2 Casbar Glen Wild Weekend CDX-C, CD, BN, RAE, RL3, ThD, CGCA (but you can call me "Friday)

PUREDOGTALK PRODUCT LAUNCH

Those long drives to dog events now have a new entertainment option.

A brand new podcast by and for purebred dog fanciers debuted this month. PureDogTalk is designed to answer some of the pressing challenges of the 21st century purebred dog exhibitor. A podcast, much like old time radio shows, is a continuing series available to listeners at no cost.

PureDogTalk is hosted by Laura Reeves. Laura is a second generation dog breeder, AKC Breeder of Merit and Member of the Professional Handlers Association. She is a long-time instructor for handling classes and mentor to numerous young people over the course of 20-plus years as a professional handler. Back in the day, Laura was a newspaper reporter and a producer for self-guided audio driving tours. Laura's weekly column "As the Wheels Turn" can be seen on *Best in Show Daily*.

Producer, Mary Albee, celebrates a long television and film career as a Stunt Coordinator and DGA Director, but her true passion is her Norwegian Elkhounds. Breeder and prominent advocate of rehoming and rescue of Norwegian Elkhounds, Mary contributes time and talent to Pure Dog Talk and Championship Breeders.

"I would hear all the time from people who wanted more information, more education, more mentoring," said Laura Reeves. "Mary and I created PureDogTalk to help fill that void."

"We give people real world how tos. We try to provide content that speaks to all of the many

and varied exhibitors in our sports. We talk to the legends," Reeves noted "and give our listeners tips and tools to create a great life with their purebred dogs. We like to tell folks, "Your passion is our purpose!"

PureDogTalk is downloadable from iTunes, Android and RSS feed. Audio content also is available directly on the PureDogTalk.com website. The first of three different shows, Mentor Monday, offering tips from the pros to succeed in the show ring, is already prompting positive reviews.

"This will be great for all dog show enthusiasts," said Shea Skinner, Stanwood, Wash.

Aaron Bradshaw, Weatherford, Texas, adds, "I really love this, great job. Supporting new Dog show enthusiasts and bettering our sport!"

Wisdom Wednesday, debuting Jan. 4, 2017, brings forward the voices of Master Breeders, Judges, Handlers, Trainers, Scientists, Behaviorists and Vets to share their knowledge.

Friday Free For All, which is slated to kick off on Jan. 6, 2017, is an anything goes sort of show. This series might be on the road at a performance event, AKC National or a breed education seminar.

Pure Dog Talk is Sponsored by ChampionshipBreeders.com, a Proud Supporter of the American Kennel Club, our Parent, Specialty and All-Breed Clubs, Dog Sports, Therapy, Service and the Preservation of our Canine Companions.

Visit PureDogTalk.com to listen to the first five episodes.

SMALL PETS RIDE FREE ON AMTRAK THROUGH MARCH 31

Traveling with pets can be tough. It can also be expensive. If you have to travel with a pet within the next few months, Amtrak has a promotion that allows them to ride free through March 31 (but you'll have to book soon).

Via the company's promo page: The "Pets Ride Free" offer, available for trips booked

December 6 through December 11, 2016 or while supplies last, allows pets to ride at no additional cost on participating Amtrak routes from December 9 through



March 31, 2017...To travel with a small dog or cat, tickets must be purchased at least three days prior to travel and are valid for up to March 31, 2017. Only one cat or one small dog are allowed in an enclosed carrier on trips up to seven hours in length.

The fine print also points out that the pet and carrier have to

have a combined weight of no more than 20 pounds. You can check out their full pet policy here, and for more detail, at <https://www.amtrak.com/pets>

ELECTION WRAP-UP: YOU VOTED....NOW INTRODUCE YOURSELF!

AKC Legislation Department

The elections may be over, but our work as responsible dog owners, exhibitors, and breeders is just beginning. Many states elected a large number of new lawmakers on the federal, state, and local levels – most of whom likely know very little about canine legislation.

Most state legislatures will reconvene in early 2017, and many are already beginning pre-filing bills for next session. This is why it is critical for you as a member of a local club or state federation, or as a responsible breeder and dog owner, to take the next several weeks to educate your lawmakers about the importance of promoting and protecting responsible dog ownership.

Here are a few simple ideas of effective, proactive actions you can take over the next couple months to make a big difference for dog owners in your state:

- **Send congratulations letters** – If you haven't already done so, take a look at the elections results for your area. Send congratulations notes to those who won (including, if applicable, Governor, state legislators, mayor and city council, and members of Congress). Regardless of whether the lawmaker is an incumbent or a freshman, send a letter and let them know that you are an active constituent and responsible dog owner/breeder/dog club, etc. Congratulate them on their election and offer to be a resource to them should dog issues arise. You can view a sample introduction letter for constituents and for your club in the AKC Legislative Action Center. Handwritten notes are always appreciated too.

- **Request a meeting/send canine legislation information** – Consider asking for a brief meeting (approximately 15 minutes) to introduce yourself and/or your club and briefly talk about dog issues important to you. Often lawmakers will have public events that allow you the opportunity to meet them in person. Provide them with information about the positive things your club does in the community, as well as a few items from the AKC Government Relations Toolbox, such as the economic impact of purebred dog ownership in

your state. Remember these contacts should be friendly and informational. Do not overwhelm them with a large amount of information or be confrontational. The purpose is simply to introduce yourself as someone who can help them and provide a brief introduction to responsible dog ownership issues. Should legislation arise, then you can have a more specific, in-depth legislative discussion.

- **Invite new lawmakers to shows/field trials** – In addition to sending a congratulations letter, consider inviting newly-elected lawmakers to a local dog show, competition, or field trial. Give them a tour of the event and consider asking them to present the Best in Show or another award. This is a great way for lawmakers to learn first-hand about the world of dog shows and responsible dog ownership and breeding.

- **Follow up**– Once session begins, follow up with the lawmakers you contacted, regardless of whether there is a pending legislative issue. If your club has recently held (or plans to hold) a community event, or has done something to benefit the community (such as donations for a police K-9, etc.), let them know. Don't overwhelm them with phone calls and letters, but touch base with them periodically and let them know what you are doing to help promote responsible dog ownership.

Lawmakers deal with hundreds, and sometimes thousands of legislative proposals on a broad range of issues each year. They cannot be expected to be experts on every issue coming across their desk. They often rely on others who are perceived to be experts in a particular field to help them better understand issues. One of the most important things you can do as a dog owner or breeder is to take the time to contact your lawmakers. It lets them know that you are a constituent and an expert they can contact should canine legislation issues arise.

AKC Government Relations is happy to help you reach out to your elected officials. Visit our online Legislative Action Center or contact us at doglaw@akc.org if you need assistance in helping educate lawmakers about canine legislative issues in your state or community.

ALL DOG BREEDERS NOW REQUIRED TO GET LICENSE, BUILDING APPROVALS IN JACKSON, NJ

by Shore News Network

On Tuesday night, the Jackson Township council unanimously passed an ordinance that will affect private dog breeders in the township. Prior to the ordinance's passing, breeders who bred and sold 10 or less dogs or cats per year were exempt from having to obtain a kennel license and going through the expensive process of acquiring zoning and planning board approvals.

Now, anyone who breeds and sells more than 5 dogs or cats per year or cares for that many with financial gain will be required to register as a licensed kennel or breeder.

Pet shops, which go through more rigorous licensing and regulation are exempt from this local ordinance.

Small breeders and those who breed and sell more 5 dogs or cats in a commercial setting from their homes will now have to apply for a kennel license under the new ordinance.

Under the ordinance, no application for a license would be accepted by the township clerk until such time as the applicant has received variance approval, if required, or such other approval, if required, from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board meaning the applicants must retain lawyers and submit blueprints and plans to the township if such a use is not permitted in their current zone.

A license fee paid to the township will be required at an annual cost of \$100. Those who violate the ordinance could be subject to up to a \$500 fine.

Establishments that sell or shelter rescued animals are also exempt from this ordinance.

At Tuesday's council meeting, no members of the public spoke in favor or against this ordinance and the township council provided no comment.

The above article shows the importance of monitoring legislation/ordinances at every level. The NJFDC did not learn of this until this morning. We have a great group that does the monitoring, yet they missed this. Currently, HSUS is going after breeders at the state level and with the help of AKC Government Relations department, we have been fighting it. HSUS' secondary plan, takes it to "Local" levels where it is much more difficult to fight. Why? These types of ordinances are posted locally and are easy to miss unless you are monitoring that town or county every week or even every day. As HSUS begins to pass these types of ordinances, they make an appeal to the state legislators pointing to all the towns or counties that are doing it. It should be done on a state level. Many towns and several counties have already outlawed pet stores that sell puppies. Although the argument is that hobby breeders are not pet stores, HSUS is doing everything in their power to put all "breeders" together. This proves it. At one Senate hearing, HSUS argued that they were trying to eliminate puppy mills and wanted people to go to hobby breeders. However, putting these types of ordinances in place eliminates the hobby breeders.

Even if you wanted to get a kennel license, the requirements are prohibitive and would subject you to major harassment and expenses. There will be no more breeding in Jackson, NJ. My question is- how long before the next town passes it?

Jeffrey Ball



Holiday Party

December 14th, 2016

FRANCO'S RESTAURANT

907 Bloomfield Ave
West Caldwell, NJ 07006

7:00 .p.m.

\$25.00

BYOB and BYO dessert



BRING A SMALL ITEM FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE!

Contact Lorraine at lorryfenn1@optonline.net

973-227-0945 or at the next meeting



Braggs

Team Siberlink at a three Siberian Husky Specialty weekend.

Elaine & Ruth and the "Team" continued their competition every day in Team Rally. Hunter, Mickey, Allie (Siberlink dogs) and Nemo (Olympus dog) made up our Rally Team named "Siberlink" The dogs and handlers enter the ring one at a time until all 4 dogs have completed their runs. Team Rally scoring is determined by the total of all 4 runs combined and timed in case of a tie score.

Saturday Hunter went first and scored 100, followed by Nemo and another 100, Allie scored 97 followed by Mickey with a 91 for a total of 387 out of 400 and first place.

Sunday the scores were 100,97,97 & 89 for a total of 383 and another first place.

Now the pressure was on for Monday at the SHCA National. Can team "Siberlink" take another 1st place to make it a 3 day sweep?

By now both Ruth and Elaine were tired from many times in the ring in obedience and rally the past 3 days. Evidently the dogs were not because they scored a total

of 397/400 for another 1st place!!

Somehow the handlers read all the signs correctly and cued the dogs to perform them well.

This was a very memorable 3 day, 3 Specialty weekend with great memories and photos for the albums.



Nemo 12, Hunter 11, Mickey & Allie 9 Elaine and Ruth.

SILVER'S WINNING WAYS



Lena Tamboer's Ch. Tam-Boer n'Tarly Silver Diamond of Carefot, Group 2 judge Tom Nesbit, Group 2, Group 4 Syracuse, Bay Colony Dachshund Club, back to back specialties,, Best of Breed , at 1st one Best of Variety and Best of Opposite Sex at 2nd

QUESTION FOR THE MEMBERSHIP:

Can anyone recommend a dog toy that is indestructible?

My 6 month old puppy (Kiwi) destroys all toys. I can't use the chew bones because my other two monster Pyrs won't let her have her own. She has already started "working" on my deck and steps outside. Yes, she has toys outside too. I have been using black pepper to deter her, but not with much success. *Lorraine Fennemore*



RKC Training Class Schedule - 2016/2017

TUESDAY RALLY CLASSES

7:30 - 8:15 RALLY ADV/EXC.

8:30 - 9:15 RALLY NOVICE

(Basic obedience skills required)

Session 2

Nov 16, 30

Dec 7, 21

Jan 4, 18, 25

Session 2

Nov 15, 29

Dec. 6, 20

Jan. 3, 17, 24

Session 3

Feb 15, 22

Mar 1, 15, 22, 29

Apr 5

Session 3

Feb. 14, 21, 28

Mar. 14, 21, 28

Apr. 4

Session 4

Apr 19, 26

May 3, 17, 24, 31

June 7

Session 4

Apr. 18, 25

May 2, 16, 23, 30

June 6

No classes July and August

New schedule starts after Labor Day.

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES
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OR Elaine Barone 973-492-1876

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OR Amy Starost 201-576-0491

email astarost@yahoo.com

Class registration form available on the
website:

ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses

2016 RKC Show Handling TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:45 - 7:30

Drop-in classes: \$12.00 per dog,

OR 6 classes for \$60.00

Jan. 17, 24

Feb. 21, 28

Mar. 14, 28

April 18, 25

May 2, 23

June 6

FMI: Linda Hachtel

973-697-4337

or Sharon Fremer

201-665-2565, teneo@mac.com

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Puppy Kindergarten 6:30-7:15

Beginner Obedience 7:30-8:15

Advanced Beginner 8:30-9:15

CGC/CGCA/THERAPY TESTING (there is a fee for testing)

Feb 1 and June 13

Got Stuff?

Send your stories, news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, tgcreative@aol.com. Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Submissions are due two weeks before the meeting. The *Growl* is by and for the members so I need your help to make it interesting.



GROWL

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Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

**American Legion Post 450
11 Oak Ave.
Pequannock, NJ 07440 at 8:00 PM
(unless otherwise noted)**

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, December 14 | Holiday Party, 7PM - Franco's Ristorante, West Caldwell, NJ |
| Wednesday, January 11 | Member Meeting, 8PM; Board Meeting 7:15. Program: TBA |
| Wednesday, February 8 | Member Meeting, 8PM; Board Meeting 7:15. Program: TBA |



GROWL

11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

FIRST CLASS MAIL