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DOG FEDERATION PREZ SAYS \$700 'DANGEROUS' DOG LICENSING FEE WON'T WORK

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Ridgewood's reasons to significantly increase a dog licensing fee are faulty, a resident and dog club president argued. The village has maintained it's concerned about the time and cost spent monitoring 'dangerous' dogs.

A Ridgewood resident and president of the state's federated canine club says the village's effort to increase licensing fees onto owners of 'dangerous dogs' will not solve the problems it faces.

Addressing the council Wednesday night, Jeffrey Ball said the council's proposed ordinance to increase licensing fees of court-designated "dangerous dogs" to \$700 misses the mark on several fronts.

"A true dangerous dog is a problem and needs to be dealt with in an appropriate

way," Ball, the current president of the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs, said. "Just raising the licensing fee is not the answer."

According to Ball, a long-time resident, Ridgewood's belief that shifting the financial burden of monitoring a 'dangerous' dog onto the owner isn't statutorily possible.

The village has argued a resident was before

municipal court in December for a dog attack and health department staffers were concerned about the time they were spending on the case. Hence, the ordinance was recommended to village management.

But the state's statute requires only monthly checks of the animal and the cost cannot be passed on to the owner, Ball said.

"Increasing the dog licensing is not going to affect your liability, whether the state mandates a minimum of \$150 or a maximum of \$700," he added. "To increase it to \$700 is not going to change whether a town is liable or not liable. The reason for the increase you're giving is not accurate."

The only way to guard against liability issues is to not deviate from state-recommended protocol, Ball said.

He also worried about the perception Ridgewood is being seen by outsiders as not being a pet-friendly town.

"Generally it's not the dogs that are the problem, it's the owner," Ball said.

"Education is the most important thing. This town could be a leader in this and I'd be the first one to volunteer...before upping this license let's look at the whole thing."

Councilwoman Gwenn Hauck defended against the stated perception the village sees animals as an adversary of sorts.

"Just like it's a child-friendly town and a family-friendly town, this is a pet-friendly town," she maintained, adding the council allowed a family to bring their dogs to a council meeting during the height of Super

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President's Message



Sharon Framer

The Westminster Kennel Club show is right around the corner. Whether you are actually at the show as an exhibitor or a spectator or you watch it from the comfort of your home, this show seems to get everyone's juices flowing. Ramapo's handling class attendance quadrupled in size several weeks ago. We had dogs that will compete in Best of Breed, dogs that will show as class dogs (the first time this has been offered since 1991), dogs that will show at one of the many specialty shows held the weekend prior to WKC and dogs whose owners are simply pumped-up to get out to local shows to earn their championships. The excitement

was palpable; another example of the enthusiasm and pleasure our purebred dogs bring to us. May all our members' dogs that are entered present themselves beautifully and have fun doing it. I look forward to the next meeting's Brags session!

Elsewhere in this issue of the Growl is information from Jeffrey Ball about the latest challenge presented to local dog owners. Ridgewood has proposed an amendment that will levy a \$700 charge for those dogs deemed 'dangerous' or 'potentially

dangerous'. The way in which these dogs will be determined to be so is disturbingly arbitrary. Jeff is a Ridgewood resident, so this is particularly near and dear to his heart. He met with Ridgewood's mayor and proposed that Ridgewood create a Responsible Dog Ownership committee. Happily, the mayor liked the proposal and has endorsed it. Jeff has asked that Ramapo KC support this endeavor. It offers our club an exceptional opportunity to work with the community to educate them as well as set an example of good, responsible dog ownership. We can do much to further the reputation of purebred dogs, the people that own and love them and even the AKC. It also provides us with an excellent venue to introduce our club to the dog-owning public. I encourage everyone to consider what they can do to contribute to Jeff's efforts.

Plans for our 2013 point shows (held on Sunday, October 13 and Monday, October 14) are well underway. As always, we welcome volunteers. Please contact me (show chair) or Joanne Silver (obedience chair) if you would like to be part of the team.

Since several of us will not be able to attend the March meeting, there will be no Board of Directors meeting before the general meeting.

February and March weather can be crazy. If there is any question about whether a meeting will be held please be sure to check before heading out the door. We will try to use the call tree to notify everyone, but feel free to call my cell phone (201-665-2565) or email me (teneo@mac.com) if you are unsure.

Sharon

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RKC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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, 2013.

Minutes

RKC Member Meeting

January 9th 2013

VFW Hall

Fairfield, NJ 07004

President Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:10pm.

Recording Secretary- Lorraine Fennemore made a motion to accept the November minutes, Tilly Grassa seconded, voted upon and approved.

Treasurer- absent.

Corresponding Secretary- The AKC sent a notice looking for a member of each Club to be a liaison to the AKC for companion events. The Board will discuss.

Show Handling- Next class is Tuesday January 15th, things should pick up now that we are in peek showing season.

Obedience- Going great.

Sunshine- A gift basket was sent to Vivian Bregman who had surgery on her hand. She is doing well.

AKC Report- Jeffrey reported in detail about his first meeting in Orlando in December. The All Breed Committee Meeting made it very clear that if a Club does not hold a match or show in their area they will lose their exclusiveness to the area. At The Delegates Advocate and Advancement Committee Meeting they want to change the meetings from four to three a year. The goal is for the Delegates to get more involved and not to miss anything (this happens with the four meetings a year as the meetings overlap) and the financial savings for

those Delegates who travel across the Country. The slate of officers who are running for the Board positions are: Carl Ashby, Alan Kalter, Gail Laberge, Harvey Wooding, Tom Davies, Lee Arnold and Judith Daniels. Jeffrey had the opportunity to speak with most of these people and will be getting bio's on all of them so he and the Club can make sound choices. The voting will be at the March meeting as well as three by-law changes.

The Federation- There is a special Board Meeting on January 21st to distribute Sandy Funds. They will also be taking up a collection for the Danielle Weitz Appeal Fund. The NAIA is also helping.

The Health Clinic- Will be Saturday April 13th at Bergen Community College. More information to follow.

Point Show- please send your judge recommendations to Sharon.

Match Show- Patrick Dearborn will be the Chair and there is a possibility of holding the Match at Ramapo Collage the first Saturday in June. More information to follow.

Refreshments- Jeffrey and Lorraine will bring refreshments to the February meeting.

Tilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm, seconded by Lorraine. Voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Luikert

January 13, 2013

DANGEROUS DOG LICENSING FEE WON'T WORK, continued from page 1

Storm Sandy.

Mayor Paul Aronsohn instructed village staff to meet with Ball to discuss possible educational opportunities.

The public hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for Feb. 13 at 8 p.m.

Jeffrey Ball met with the Ridgewood Mayor who endorsed his position to establish a Ridgewood Responsible Pet Ownership Committee. He is currently working with the AKC Government Relations Department to finalize wording, but the

goal of the committee would be to educate and assist the town residents in pet related issues, which would include looking at legislative issues. The Council will vote on this " Dangerous Dog Licensing Fee" on February 13, 2013. Along with that vote, we hope to have Council approval on our committee.

The meeting is the same night as our next club meeting, but anyone who can attend that meeting and endorse the proposed committee is welcome. A large number of people showing up and supporting the committee would be great!

SAVE HOBBY BREEDING—TAKE ACTION—DONATE TODAY

You all received an email in December regarding a pending court case in NJ. As you may recall, Danielle Weitz is appealing the ruling by a municipal court judge in Franklin Lakes. The appeals court has put it on their calendar for February 25, and the brief from Danielle's attorney was due January 25.

The need for donations is now, time sensitive and urgent. Please make this issue known to your members so they will be able to act independently if they so choose. This is extremely important. Without your financial assistance the lawsuit may not be able to proceed. An appeal is the only way to remedy this situation. Every donation counts and is gratefully accepted.

The judge found this hobby breeder guilty based on the following:

1. He found her to be operating a kennel business - the prosecutor used the online AKC breeder profile as evidence against her because it states the breeder will provide a "bill of sale" to a puppy buyer.

2. Guilty of "failure to apply for a kennel license" - there is no way any home hobby breeder could meet the requirements of kennel licensure (impervious concrete facility flooring, industrial fire & sprinkler systems, air handling systems, drainage, etc.).

ADDITIONALLY - THE JUDGE IMPOSED:

- A. Mandatory inspections of her home and dogs every 30 days by health department officials and animal control.

- B. She must prove she is NOT breeding via these inspections.

Selling one puppy through the local paper or online may be used as evidence of operating a "business".

SAVE HOBBY BREEDING - TAKE ACTION - DONATE TODAY

All donations are directed to the law firm handling the case (not Danielle personally).

There are two ways you can help hobby breeders in NJ by supporting this appeal:

1. Send checks made out to Trautmann & Associates Attorney Trust Account to the law firm handling the appeal:

Trautmann and Associates, LLC
262 East Main Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866

Or donate by phone:

Call the law firm at: 973-627-8000 to donate with your credit card.

The NJ Federation of Dog Clubs and NAIA Trust of NJ fully support this case. Thank you in advance for your support of hobby breeding. Questions should be directed to Barbara Reichman at barbreichman@comcast.net.

Jeffrey Ball, President, NJFDC

Barbara Reichman, NAIA Trust of NJ Director

FOR SALE

"The Trotter" dog treadmill. Variable speed ranges from 2 mph to approx. 12mph. Automatic timer. Safety switch. Heavy canvas trotting belt. Gaiting post attaches to trotter to hold a show lead properly while dog gaits freely on trotter.

Asking \$300.00 or BO.

For more info contact Ruth Henningsen
ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com 973-697-9456

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

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

Reg. Name of Dog _____

Dog _____ Bitch _____

AKC# _____ Breed/Variety _____

Owner(s) _____

Address _____

Breeder _____

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

Handled by Member(s) _____

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

CATEGORY

HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BIS (All Breed) Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

BIS (Specialty) Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

High in Trial Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Best in Field Trial Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Conformation Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Grand Champion Show _____ Date _____

Obedience Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Field Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

OBEDIENCE DEGREE AWARDS

BN Degree Show _____ Date _____

CD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

GN Degree Show _____ Date _____

CDX Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

GO Degree Show _____ Date _____

UD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

VS Degree Show _____ Date _____

TD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

TDX Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

RN Degree Show _____ Date _____

RA Degree Show _____ Date _____

RE Degree Show _____ Date _____

RA/RE Degree Show _____ Date _____

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

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

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

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

Non-Regular Awards and Requirements

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

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

AENNCHEN ANTONELLI/GILMA BLAUVELT - MOSS BREEDERS AWARD

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

LEE ABRAHAM AWARD FOR BREEDER OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the bitch who:

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

MILLIE MC CABE AWARD FOR STUD DOG OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the Stud Dog who:

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

WILLIAM AND RUBY KLEINMANN'S MEMORIAL AWARD

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

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

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

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

LESLEE VALENTE MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN OBEDIENCE

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

Eligibility for Ramapo Kennel Club Awards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXCITING NEW TITLES AT AKC

By Christi McDonald

In an ongoing effort to increase revenue and allow proud owners to tack newly earned titles onto their dogs' names, the American Kennel Club has approved numerous new titles for AKC-registered, Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) and Foundation Stock Service dogs, as well as AKC Canine Partners.

The first, approved in March 2011, is the Coursing Ability Test (CAT) title. A line, usually braided fishing line, runs around a series of pulleys with a "lure," usually a white garbage bag, attached. The line is operated by a motor, which moves it, and the lure, around a course.

According to Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Assistant Vice President of Sport Services, people who had done coursing over many years discovered that, when they took their dogs of other breeds to coursing practice or events, no matter the breed, it seemed, they got excited watching the hounds chase the lure. Breeds other than sighthounds began to get involved in lure coursing, and eventually the CAT title was created to recognize non-sighthound dogs for their accomplishments on the course.

The Coursing Ability Test is designed as an introduction to the sport. To pass, dogs are required to "complete their course with enthusiasm and without interruption" – in other words, if they get distracted by something that interrupts their pursuit of the lure, they won't pass that test!

The CAT course is shorter than a traditional lure course, just 300 yards for dogs shorter than 12 inches tall at the withers and for flat-faced, or brachycephalic, breeds, and 600 yards for all other dogs. Courses are to be designed with the thought in mind that other dogs may not be as agile as their sighthound brethren, and the course will not include hard turns.

All AKC-registered, FSS, PAL and AKC Canine Partners dogs are eligible to earn CAT titles. Four title levels are offered: the CA, or Coursing Ability, title is awarded to dogs that pass the CAT three times under at least two different judges; the CAA, or Coursing Ability Advanced, title goes to dogs that pass the CAT 10 times; the CAX, or Coursing Ability Excellent, title is earned by dogs that pass the test 25 times; and the CAX2 is for dogs that pass the test 50 times. Each additional 25 passed

tests earns the dog a higher number on its CAX.

To date, 1,024 CA, 16 CAA and 17 CAX titles have been awarded.

A TITLE FOR HELPING OTHERS

The AKC Therapy Dog (ThD) title was established in July 2011, and to date more than 3,000 titles have been issued.

A Therapy Dog is not the same thing as a specially trained service canine, such as a Seeing Eye dog or one that assists a person with a disability. Any dog can become a therapy dog and, with its owner, volunteer to visit people in hospitals, assisted living facilities and nursing homes, or perhaps to help children learn to read. The AKC ThD title doesn't in itself qualify a dog to make therapy visits; instead, dogs that have been deemed qualified by a therapy dog organization, then have completed a specific number of volunteer visits in that capacity, can earn the ThD title.

To become certified with an AKC-recognized therapy dog organization, such as Therapy Dogs International, Bright and Beautiful, the Delta Society Pet Partners program, Therapy Dogs Inc. or any one of dozens of other local, state and national groups, dogs must pass fairly stringent testing. The specifics of the tests differ from one organization to the next, but most include elements of the AKC Canine Good Citizen test, such as "Sitting Politely For Petting," "Coming When Called" and "Sitting and Down on Command/Staying in Place."

There are additional exercises, however, that the dog must pass before being certified, and these test the dog's reaction to equipment such as wheelchairs, crutches and canes, as well as to people who, for instance, may be breathing heavily, coughing or wheezing. Once the test is passed, a dog can be certified or registered by that particular agency.

To earn the Therapy Dog title, a dog must be certified by or registered with an AKC-recognized therapy agency and must have completed 50 therapy visits. The application for the title is available online.

AKC notes that owners of ThD dogs need to maintain their certification or registration with their organization of choice as long as they continue to volunteer.

A TITLE FOR AN ELITE GROUP OF DOGS

The AKC Board of Directors approved the newest AKC title in July 2012. Only a very select number of dogs are eligible for the Urban Search and Rescue Dog title.

The U.S. government's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) deploys urban search and rescue dogs to federal disasters and, as Doug Ljungren, AKC AVP of Performance Events, notes, "has brought structure and consistency to the training and certification" of these dogs. Many states have also developed Urban SAR teams and have "adopted standards similar to FEMA's for the training and testing" of their teams.

AKC consulted with FEMA about the possibility of titling Urban SAR dogs, and FEMA supported the idea. These titles will bring recognition to these hardworking heroes and, as Ljungren pointed out, will serve as "an aid over time to the breeding of dogs that excel in this area."

Dogs that are FEMA-deployable can earn an SAR-U1 title, while those that are state deployable will earn the SAR-U2 title.

On September 11, 2012, three of the remaining survivors who worked at Ground Zero following the terrorist attacks in New York in 2001 received the first three Search and Rescue titles.

THOSE FLYBALL DOGS

Another title can now be added to the names of those canine athletes who excel at playing ball. One of the most popular events for dogs around the country is flyball, and in May 2012 the AKC Board voted unanimously to recognize three North American Flyball Association (NAFA) titles, including FDCh (Flyball Champion) and FM (Flyball Master) for AKC dogs.

NAFA flyball titles are earned when dogs accumulate a given number of points, and points are earned each time a team achieves a particular speed when racing in an NAFA-sanctioned

tournament. For instance, if a team completes a course in under 24 seconds, each dog racing in the heat receives 25 points toward a flyball title. If it is completed in under 32 seconds, but more than 28, each dog receives just one point. The FDCh title requires 500 points, while the FM is earned after a dog accumulates 5,000 points.

AKC will also recognize the ONYX title, earned when a dog has 20,000 points.

Upon submission of an application by the owner, flyball titles will be placed in the dog's AKC record and will appear on the future pedigrees where applicable. For a small fee, owners can also purchase a title certificate. AKC will record titles earned back to January 1, 2000.



CANINE GOOD CITIZENS BECOME OFFICIAL

The last new development at AKC in regard to titles is that, as of January 1, 2013, Canine Good Citizen, or CGC, will become an official suffix title. The owners of dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen test will be given the option of having the certificate that has always been available, or for an additional fee they can

have the CGC title added to their dog's permanent AKC record. All dogs that were previously certified will be grandfathered in and eligible for the title.

The test for CGC certification will remain the same but, next year, two evaluators will be present during the process so that one can verify a passing performance.

For the past several years, the American Kennel Club, like the rest of the country and much of the world, has undergone a degree of financial stress. To help boost its bottom line, AKC continues to work to develop activities and incentives that will allow more people and dogs to participate in AKC events. AVP O'Neill reports that more titles and user-friendly programs are in the development phase, including those that focus on family participation and those designed to encourage people to pursue healthy activities with their dogs.

LIVING LARGE! BIGGER BREEDS SHAKE UP TOP 10 ON MOST POPULAR LIST

[Wednesday, January 30, 2013]

New York, NY – Proving that bigger really is better, the American Kennel Club (AKC®) announced today that the Bulldog has muscled its way into the top 5, becoming the fifth most popular dog in the U.S.



according to AKC Registration Statistics, bumping the tiny Yorkshire Terrier into sixth place for the first time since 2003. The Golden Retriever also pushed its way back to the top,

overtaking the Beagle for third place, and Rottweilers continued their climb up the top 10 list by taking ninth place away from the Dachshund, both adding to the bigger breed trend. Labrador Retriever lovers have again spoken – the playful, family friendly breed remains the number one most popular breed in the U.S. for the 22nd consecutive year, tying with the Poodle for the longest reign in the top spot.

"Bigger breeds are making their move," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "The popularity of the pint-sized, portable pooch just gave way to a litter of larger breeds in the Top 10. These predictable, durable, steady breeds, like Labs and Golden Retrievers, are great with kids and offer the whole family more dog to love."

2012 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Golden Retriever
4. Beagle
5. Bulldog
6. Yorkshire Terrier
7. Boxer
8. Poodle
9. Rottweiler
10. Dachshund

2011 Ranking

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Beagle
4. Golden Retriever
5. Yorkshire Terrier
6. Bulldog
7. Boxer
8. Poodle
9. Dachshund
10. Rottweiler

PROGRAMS

March: Kathy Haupt from Trappers Way which is a frozen natural raw food that she and her husband formulated when their Labrador, Trapper, became plagued with allergies. Now Trappers Way sponsors an All Natural Pet Event at Ramapo College the first weekend in June each year. She will come to speak with us about both the All Natural Pet Event and their frozen raw food.

Check them out online:

http://trappersway.com/Garden_State_Pets.html

Important Note: If you have any ideas for future programs or know of a potential guest speaker, please contact Phyllis Rosinsky, Programs Chair at cantails@optonline.com or Sharon Fremer at teneo@mac.com.

RKC PHOTO CONTEST- WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION, A DOG'S PERSPECTIVE



Honorable Mention goes to Lorraine Fennemore for this photo of her two Great Pyrenees darlings, "hanging out with their dad".



Honorable Mention goes to Ruth Henningsen for this photo of her Siberian Husky jumping through hoops.

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, February 13

RKC Member Meeting. No BOD meeting. Program TBA

WEDNESDAY, February 27

Deadline for March Growl submissions

WEDNESDAY, March 13

RKC Member Meeting.
Program: Raw Food and the All Natural Pet Event



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