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Preparing for a Blizzard

Most of these tips are no-brainers, but they are nevertheless worth repeating:

Storm's a comin'! Make sure you are prepared to care for your pet with these tips.

Stock Up

While picking up the bread, eggs, and milk, make sure you also get enough dog food and medication (if needed) to last a few days longer than you think you'll need. Also, remember when picking up bottled water to get enough for your dog, too.

Limit Outdoor Time (and Eliminate Off-Leash Time)

Bathroom breaks should be quick, and make sure your pet is kept on a leash at all times. Sure, you can let him romp around the snow if that's what he likes to do, but keep these sessions short—dogs can suffer from frostbite, too.



SHARON FREMER

will wear them, boots are helpful for keeping those paws safe.

Dress for the Weather

Small, older, or short-haired dogs might benefit from a jacket or sweater to help them keep warm. And, as mentioned above, boots or paw protectors are recommended when going outdoors in the winter.

Update Your Pet's IDs

Make sure your dog has a collar and tags with up-to-date contact information, and if your pet is microchipped, be sure that information is correct, too.

Plan Ahead

If you need to leave your home because of unsafe conditions or lack of electricity, do not, we repeat, DO NOT, leave your pet behind. Plan ahead before the storm to ensure you know of a place where you and your pets can go.

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Watch Out for Antifreeze and De-Icing Salts

Antifreeze is incredibly dangerous to dogs—a very small amount can be lethal. Also, watch out for those de-icing salts, which can burn a dog's paws. Pet-friendly varieties are available at most pet stores, but even if you use those, don't assume your neighbors did. If your dog

President's Message



Sharon Fremer

You all likely know by now that the dog world lost a true force of nature earlier this week. RKC lifetime member Pat Scully died at home on Saturday, January 31st. Pat's accomplishments in dogs were wide and deep. She was beloved by many and respected by all. She was a popular obedience judge, multiple term member of the AKC Board of Directors, active member of many clubs and much, much more. The March issue of the Growl will feature Pat and the many important roles she played through out her life. Details regarding services and visiting hours have not yet been made public. When

they are, we will share them immediately. Rest in Peace Pat, you are already sorely missed by countless people all over the world.

I am excited to announce that our April (4/8) meeting program will be given by Straws to Paws, Dr. Mary Stankovics and Debbie Leach, canine reproduction specialists based in Washington, NJ. They will cover the use of frozen semen; how it is done, how is it best used, ovulation timing of the female and how to determine whether to use Transcervical Insemination vs Surgical Artificial Insemination.

Please feel free to invite anyone you know that might be interested in learning more about this process. It promises to be an interesting, educational presentation.

This month's program will include a Rally demo by Ruth Henningsen, Elaine Barone and Anne Hulsizer. When they are done club members are welcome to give it a try with their own dogs, so bring your aspiring Rally pups out for a night of fun. We will also hear about Bernese Mountain Dogs from Janis Hayes and about Entlebucher Mountain Dogs from Amy Starost. I hope to continue to hold mini Meet the Breeds at meetings throughout the year. If you would like to speak about your dog's breed please let me know and I will happily schedule it for you.

Believe it or not, it's time to start planning for our October point shows. Jeffrey Ball is this year's Chairman and Joan Murko is his Assistant Chairman. If you would like to volunteer to help or have any ideas for the show please contact Jeffrey to let him know (201-689-1323 or jeffbestyball@yahoo.com).

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 get cancellations posted on the website as well as use the call tree to notify everyone. Please 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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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
January 14th 2015
VFW Hall
Fairfield, NJ 07004

We enjoyed a presentation by Young Living Essential Oils.

Sharon called the meeting to order at 9:27 pm.

Recording Secretary- Janis Hayes made a motion to accept the December minutes, Melissa Ayers, seconded, voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Nothing to report.

Treasurer- The checking account is \$26,554.99 detailed and the money market is \$20,831.47. Money will be moved back from checking to money market. Preliminary numbers show a \$5611 profit for the 2014 point show. Rau has yet to send their final payment. The AKC sent at thank you for the \$1000 gift The Club sent for the Reunite Trailers. Thank you was also received from the donation that was sent in memory of Betty MacDonald's husband.

Show Handling Classes- going well but attendance is sporadic.

Obedience Classes- Classes are full even with cold weather.

Pet Therapy- Valley Hospital is in need of dogs and volunteers as well as Chilton Hospital. February 18th there will be CGC and CGCA testing at the training location.

Programs- There is no program for February. A Reproductive specialist will be coming in April.

Sunshine- Omaha Steak gift was sent to

Pat Scully Remembered

Pat Scully, long-time member of Ramapo KC, passed away on Saturday, January 31. Since this was at the time of publication, we will honor her with an article in the upcoming March issue of the *Growl*.

Linda Hachtel after her rotator cuff surgery. Pat Scully is in Care One in Paramus from a fall.

AKC Delegate- Report was in newsletter and elections are in March.

NJFDC- Lobby Day in December went exceptionally well. There were 20-25 people who attended at the State House.

Unfinished Business- Criteria for awards and Club sponsorship in the Breeders directory needs to be defined, it will be taken up at future board meeting.

New business- The Club has not been invited to Meet the Breeds this year, a pole was taken to see if members were interested in pursuing getting invited and there was NO interest.

Refreshments- Anne and Jeffrey will bring to the February 11th meeting.

Janice made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 pm seconded by Lorraine voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Luikert

January 18th 2014

Hello Ramapo Kennel Club!

I want to thank you all for attending our Young Living Essential Oils presentation at the last meeting. I'm speaking on behalf of all of us when I say that we had a fantastic time and hope you did as well!

Just to recap some of the things we spoke about:

- Aromatherapy is the use of essential oils to treat medical conditions.
- Only use Young Living Therapeutic, Grade A, Essential Oils.
- Essential Oils can be used to treat conditions from the minor to the severe in both dogs and their humans.
- There are multiple methods of application: Petting, Diffusing, Ingestion, Transdermal
- Oils can be used to replace toxic flea and tick treatments
- Thieves toothpaste can be used for pet dental care

If you are interested in finding out more information about our Young Living Essential Oils or purchasing the Premium Starter Kit, please let me know!

Regards,
Samara Foge
samara@petiquettedogs.com

AKC Responds to GoDaddy Controversy

The Twitter-sphere was abuzz regarding the distasteful GoDaddy Super Bowl commercial released this week. For those unfamiliar, the dramatized spot shows a breeder hauling her Golden Retriever puppies in the open back of a pick-up truck, causing one to fall off and get lost. Upon the puppy's grand return, the breeder announces that she has sold him over her GoDaddy website and promptly shoves the puppy in the back of a delivery van.

What resulted was outrage from breeders and dog lovers across the country. The

ad was an unfair misrepresentation of the hundreds of thousands of responsible breeders providing happy, healthy puppies to families across the country.

We are happy to report that, due to the overwhelming criticism directed at GoDaddy from AKC, our constituents and dog lovers everywhere, the commercial was NOT aired.

We thank you for all you do for dogs, and encourage you to continue to stand strong and loud.

Wow, Can I Get a Copy of That?

By Patty Van Sicklen, AKC Legislative Analyst

That was a frequent question by visitors to the AKC Government Relations booth at the 2014 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

We're glad you asked! The AKC Government Relations (GR) department provides a variety of materials on legislative and regulatory issues that affect dogs and dog owners—available right on the AKC website for you to view, download and print. Click here for a complete list of resources.

If you need:

- Data on the positive economic impact of AKC dog shows
- Issue analyses on hot topics to discuss with your lawmakers
- Handouts on effective advocacy and public outreach to share at your next club meeting
- Customizable letters to the editor

It's all there and more. Whether you're interested in information on a specific issue, such as the negative effects of mandatory spay/neuter laws, or ideas on how to build support for a public dog park and other topics.

New federal and state bills that affect dog ownership are being drafted and filed as Congress and all 50 state legislatures convene their 2015 sessions. Go to AKC GR to stay up-to-date on dog-related legislation tracked by AKC GR.

Pet limit laws, breed bans, and other restrictive legislation are often proposed by local governments, and AKC GR relies on concerned dog owners to let us know when problematic laws are discussed at the city and county levels. We can help you in supporting good proposals that positively impact dogs and opposing problematic and overly-restrictive legislation. Please contact doglaw@akc.org or call 919-816-3720 to let us know when dog-related laws are discussed in your local community.

RAMAPO KC LOGO APPAREL - ORDER YOURS TODAY!



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Crew Sweatshirt



Hoodie Sweatshirt

All Cotton Golf Shirt

Men's sizes S-XL \$20.00 each

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(no wrinkle polyester)

Men's sizes S-XL \$25.00

Crew Neck Jerzees Sweatshirt

Men's sizes S-XL \$20.00

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Men's sizes S-XL \$25.00

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Order from Lorraine at the next meeting, or send to:

Lorraine Fennemore

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Montville, N J 07045

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.

—Unknown

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN COMMUNITY CANINE (CGCA) THERAPY DOG TESTING

WEDNESDAY FEB. 18, 2015 6:30 PM

TO BE HELD AT OUR TRAINING BUILDING:

VFW
69 Carey Ave.
Butler, NJ

FEE \$15.00—CGC/CGCA \$25.00--Therapy dog

Check payable to Ramapo Kennel Club

YOU CANNOT TEST FOR THE CGCA UNLESS YOU HAVE A CGC
ON RECORD WITH THE AKC.

Please contact Ruth Henningsen at ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com if you want to
have your dog(s) tested. There are a limited number of slots available

Show Handling Schedule - 2015

TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:45 - 7:30

DROP IN CLASSES ONLY

\$10.00 per dog

No classes July and August

Apr. 14, 28

May 5, 19

June 2, 16

Feb. 3, 17

Mar. 3, 17, 31

FMI: LINDA HACHTEL

973-697-4337

or rkc@ramapokennelclub.com

RKC Training Class Schedule - 2015

TUESDAY EVENING

Rally Novice
Rally Advanced/Excellent
7:30 - 8:15 Rally Novice
8:30 - 9:15 Rally Advanced/
Excellent

SESSION 2

Feb. 3

SESSION 3

Feb. 17, 24
Mar. 3, 17, 24, 31
Apr. 14

SESSION 4

Apr. 21, 28
May 5, 19, 26
June 2, 16

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Puppy Kindergarten-Pet Training-AKC Star
Puppy Program
6:30 - 7:15
Beginner Obedience-Canine Good Citizen
Instruction
7:30 - 8:15
Advanced Beginner
8:30 - 9:15

SESSION 2

Feb. 4
February 18 - Canine Good Citizen
Testing/snow day (there is a fee for the
test)

SESSION 3

Feb. 25
Mar. 4, 18, 25
Apr. 1, 15, 22

SESSION 4

Apr. 29
May 6, 20, 27
June 3, 17, 24
June 23 (Tuesday) Canine Good Citizen
Testing/ snow day (there is a fee for the
test)

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES
CONTACT:

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Class registration form available on the
website:
[http://ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses.
html](http://ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses.html)

Got Stuff?

Send your news, brags, suggestions,
comments and photos to Tilly Grassa,
tgcreative@aol.com. Remember the *Growl*
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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 11 RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15
Program: RKC obedience instructors will give a rally demonstration. Members are invited to bring their dogs and participate.

Wednesday, March 11 RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15
Program: TBA

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



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