

## NO PROGRAM 14 MAY

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS NO GUESTS, PLEASE

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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The May meeting is our only "closed" meeting which means that it is for RKC members only. We will hold the election of officers and new board of directors. The Nominating Committee has presented an excellent slate. To date there are no additional nominations by petition.

There is no planned program, but we will be able to have a social hour together after the business meeting

The planning for the June 7 match is well organized by Christine Haycock and Elizabeth Smith, assisted by Joanne Silver and Louise DeBlois. Please plan on coming and supporting the club in one of our major club functions.

Note in the *Growl* the reservation form for the June 11 Awards Dinner. We are returning to the Glen Rock Inn where we enjoyed our holiday dinner. Please complete the reservation form and return it to me at the May meeting or by mail with a check *for* \$15.00 made out to RKC. The June meeting is the meeting where we celebrate the successes of the past year. Elaine Barone always makes the presentation so very meaningful. Guests are welcome

Betty

**Pease note the email address of the GROWL collator and change your books!**

**GROWL Collator: Jack Berlet  
1100 Ramapo Valley Road  
Mahwah, NJ 07430-2410**

**Email- eberlet@optonline..net (201)327-6059 FAX (201)445-0443**

RKC Annual Awards Dinner at  
Glen Rock Inn  
222 Rock Road  
Glen Rock, NJ 07452

11 June 2003  
6:30 PM

Hey Guys! This was a good place for the sit-down dinner for the Holidays. Main course menu choice of London Broil, Chicken Marsala, Chicken Francais, Salmon with Dill Sauce. There is a cash bar. Service is very nice and competent. All that and entertainment by Elaine Barone, it's a real bargain at \$15 a head. Guests are welcome. RKC will pick up the difference, so enjoy!

Make reservations with Betty McDonnell. Indicate your menu preference when you send your check to her at  
1174 Ramapo Valley Road  
Mahwah, NJ 07430-2410

If you want to talk about it email Betty at  
[kilykanewf@aol.com](mailto:kilykanewf@aol.com)

**Directions to the Glen flock Inn**

**GARDEN STATE PARKWAY SOUTH**

To exit 165 (Ridgewood Avenue exit), take East Ridgewood Avenue for approximately 2 miles to Maple Avenue, turn left onto Maple Avenue, travel south through 3 traffic signals, make right turn at the 4th signal (Rock Road), go over the 1st railroad tracks to the 2<sup>nd</sup> street (Glen Avenue), the Inn is on the corner of Glen Avenue and Rock Road.

**ROUTE 4**

Route 4 to Route 208 North, travel approximately 2 miles to Maple Avenue exit (Glen Rock, Ridgewood), travel approximately 1. mile to 2nd traffic signal (Rock Road). make left onto Rock Road, go over the 1st railroad tracks to the 2nd street (Glen Avenue) on left, the Inn is on the corner of Glen Avenue and Rock Road.

**ROUTE 80**

Route 80 to Route 17 North, to Route 4 West to Route 208 North. follow directions above.

**RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB**  
**April 9, 2003**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

The Meeting was called to order at 9:20 p.m. by President Betty Mc Donnell, after an excellent program on Canine Rehabilitation by Dr. Joseph De Lucia, DVM.

Recording Secretary - Pal Paladino advised the minutes from March, 2003 were printed in the GROWL. Betty McDonnell offered a correction to the minutes with regards to our Guest, Lynn Berry. Her breed is Newfoundland NOT Newfoundland / Lancier as reported. Minutes were approved as published Jack Berlet and Vivian Bregman.

Corresponding Secretary - Shirley Irwin advised all members and guests to please sign the roll call sheet on the back table.

Shirley also advised that a copy of the AKC Annual Report was also on the back table for those interested.

A thank you note was received from Sue Cone thanking the Club for their kind thoughts and the fruit basket she received.

Treasurer - Jackie Makoujy had to leave after the Board Meeting held earlier in the evening Betty Mc Donnell stated that the checking account balance stands at \$15,196.23 and the Money Market balance is \$19,030.32

Point Show Ruth Henningsen reported that we have received AKC approval for the 2 days Sunday and Monday, October 12 and 13, 2003. Our Superintendent will be Jim Rau Dog Shows.

Nominating Committee - Candy Wisnieski stated that the slate of Officers for the Club has been published in the GROWL. However, nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Obedience Classes: Candy reported that the spring classes are full.

Show Handling: Many more people are in the beginners class and the drop-in class has had attendance of at least 10.

Match Show: Flyers for the show are available for distribution. See Candy. There is also a sign up sheet for volunteers for that day. The date is Saturday, June 7, 2003.

A volunteer is also needed to order sandwiches and refreshments for our Judges and Ring Stewards for that day. If you are interested and can help out the club, please see Christine Haycock or Candy Wisnieski.

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at the Glen Rock Jim. This was the sight for our Holiday Party and the restaurant was very well received by those who attended. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and more information will be printed in the GROWL. Checks for the dinner can be sent to Betty Mc Donnell.

Jack Berlet reported that the Ramapo Kennel Club web site is up and running.

SOME WELL DESERVED BRAGS! I!!

Diane Ammerman reported Thai Chesapeake bay Retriever "Cheers" 17 months old won Winners Bitch, Best of Breed and received a Group 2 at the Twin Brooks Show.

Joyce Wilson's Border Terrier also received a Group 3 at the Sand and Sea Kennel Club show at the end of March.

Shirley Irwin proudly reported that her Granddaughter, Alyssa who has just started her Junior Showmanship career placed 4th out of 10 at Rockland; 2nd out of 6 at Northern New Jersey and 4th out of class of 12 at the New Brunswick shows.

Beverly Lynn advised the members that Alex Laskowski has recently graduated from Computer School

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!!

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided by Karen Kimmene and Elaine Barone. THANK YOU!!!

Ow next meeting in May is a "closed" meeting and we will have the election of officers

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Paladino  
Recording Secretary

## **RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2003**

Candy Wisnieski, Chair

Arlene Sardo

Randy Paladino

Alternates: Helen Berndt, April Rothwell

The 2003 Nominating committee respectfully submits the following slate. The consideration of the membership. All nominations are for term of one; year, except where specified.

### **OFFICERS OF THE CLUB:**

President: Joanne Silver

Vice President: Jack Bend

Recording Secretary: Pat Paladino

Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Irwin

Treasurer: Jackie Makoujy

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS Class of 2006:**

Jerry Iermiero

Keith Paladino

**AKC Rep** for a three-year term: Rose Radel

### **Continuing Leadership:**

Board Class of 2004: Lena Tamboer, Ruth Henningsen

Board Class of 2005: Joan Murko, Candy Wisnieski

Immediate Past President: Betsy McDonnell

As stipulated by the Constitution of Ramapo Kennel Club, this slate is submitted for the April General Meeting of the club with the election of officers to follow at the Annual Meeting of Ramapo Kennel Club in May.

>I don't know who wrote this, but it sure is funny and sooooo true.

>The Most Expensive Collar you ever bought?

>Why of course ,that very first show collar!

>How it all began

>in the Beginning...

>You got your dog, a real show dog, and quickly realized that you needed the correct collar to show him on.

>Which in turn led you to that wonderful buttery smooth three foot leather >lead.

>At your very first show, you noticed that you just HAD to have the proper

>grooming supplies also.

>Slicker Brush \$9.00

>Comb \$10.00

>Spray Bottle \$4.00

>Good Conditioner \$15.00

>Water Bottle \$4.00

>Pin Brush \$15.00

>Bait \$10.00

>NEW Collar (your dog has now out grown that first one) \$14.00

>Chalk \$9.00

>Chalk Brush \$15.00

>Cholesterol \$10.00

>YOUR FIRST POINT\*\*\*\*\*YOUR HOOKED\*\*\*\*\*

>Bait \$10.00

>Dog show calendar \$12.00-don't wanna miss ANY shows now

>By now you're beginning to realize the back seat isn't a proper way to >transport your dog.

>Dog Crate for the car \$80.00

>At your very next show you begin to feel a bit more confident and relaxed at 'dog shows

>Borrowing and waiting to use your friends grooming table is so inconvenient

>GroomingTable \$95.00

>Grooming Arm \$50.00

>Bait \$10.00

>You begin to start collecting dog show things, old towels, skirts with

>pockets, dresses with pockets,

>Good comfortable shoes, rain gear, umbrellas, water jugs, etc \$100.00

>Too many grooming supplies?

>Tack Box for supplies \$50.00

>Good comfortable Camp Chairs \$35.00-we seem to be spending much more time at

>shows lately.

>Suddenly you realize all of these items AND your dog don't fit in the family car anymore.

>Used Mini Van \$15,000,

>Somewhere around this point you get tired of waiting to use your friends

>blow dryer

>New blow dryer \$150.00

>Extension Cord for Dryer \$15.00

>Five-way plug for sharing electricity with your new dog show friends \$10.00

>New and improved dog show collar and lead \$40.00

>New type of improved Coat Conditioner \$15.00

>Bait \$10.00

>Your friends favorite Shampoo and Whitener \$35.00

>New Comb and Slicker brush \$25.00 (you lost the old ones at the last show)

>Scissors \$30.00 (kitchen shears just don't trim those pads right)

>Muddy Show grounds.. Roll up mat for covering ground \$45.00

>YOUR DOG PICKED UP HER NINTH SINGLE

>The hunt for majors begins.

>After wasting much money on entries where majors didn't hold you begin to get frustrated and search out and find that new male show puppy and a

>perfect match for your female!

>Crate for new dog \$80.00

>Show collar and lead for new dog \$50.00 (your tastes have been refined now)

>Handling classes for new dog \$40.00

>The very first show teaches you, your Mini Van will not carry both crates and all your equipment.

>Brand New Larger Mini Van \$25,000.00

>Now having two dogs to show and get ready quickly teaches you a generator is >required!

>Generator \$325.00

>Two Dog Kennels for outside \$1,000.00

"Just gotta pick up one of those majors on your female "Handler for those major shows \$200.00 (+/-)

>YOUR FEMALE FINISHES!

>Your new male is too young to breed.

>Updating & Health Clearances on Female \$200.00

>Stud Fee \$1,000.00

>Progesterone Testing \$200.00

>Whelping box \$250.00

>Vet bills-x-rays, sonograms, well mother checks \$400.00 "Putting first aid whelping kit together \$300.00

>Vaccines for new litter \$150.00

>X-pen for puppies \$80.00

>Whelping — fleeces, toys for puppies, weaning supplies, etc \$450.00

>Baby Scale \$45.00

>Well puppy and mother exams \$150.00

>Spectacular puppy in litter will be new show dog

>Immediately realize Mini Van will NOT hold three dogs and show equipment

>Motor Home or Full size dog show van \$30,000 to \$100,000!!!!

>You suddenly realize you are eating macaroni and cheese while your dogs

>are eating Human Grade Dog food at \$55.00 a bag.

>Congratulations!

>**You have now** earned the title of 'Dog Breeder!'

>**Aren't you glad you are finally making those big bucks breeding dogs?**

>So far you have invested **\$75,652.00** in showing **your two dogs**.

>This figure does NOT include dog food, the initial cost of your dogs,

>entry fees, motel bills, general vet bills, toys and Many other ownership >incidentals.

>Your litter of pups yielded **six** puppies, you kept one and **sold** the other five for **\$500.00** each.

>Congratulations you just made \$2,500.00 Breeding your dogs!

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>**Now if you can just breed 30 or more litters you MAY just break even with**

>**your initial investment of over \$75,000!**

**Ramapo Kennel Club  
Trophy Sponsor**

<b>Breed or Variety:</b>		
<b>Class</b>	<b>Trophy</b>	<b>Offered By</b>
Best of Breed		
Best of Opposite Sex		
Best of Winners		
Winners Dog		
Winners Bitch		
Reserve Winners Dog		
Reserve Winners Bitch		
Puppy Dog 6-9 Mo. - First		
Puppy Dog 9-12 Mo. - First		
12-18 Month Dog – First		
Novice Dog – First		
Bred by Exhibitor Dog – First		
American Bred Dog – First		
Open Dog – First		
Puppy Bitch 6-9 Mo. - First		
Puppy Bitch 9-12 Mo. - First		
12-18 Month Bitch – First		
Novice Bitch – First		
Bred by Exhibitor Bitch – First		
American Bred Bitch – First		
Open Bitch – First		

Name:	Check #:
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**RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB  
TROPHY DONATIONS  
2003 POINT SHOWS**

**CONFORMATION TROPHIES**

On the reverse side of this page you will find a form for trophy donations.  
Please use it for your sponsorship of you favorite breed or breeds.

We are taking listings until May 30, 2003.

Please send your forms for Conformation Classes only to:

**Linda J. Lovstad  
P.O. Box 253  
Sparta, NJ 07871**

Or

You may FAX to me at:  
(973) 827-3118

(Listen to message and follow instructions.)

**OBEDIENCE TROPHIES**

Although the form does not have the obedience classes on it, please fill in the breed and class and use the same form.

Please send obedience trophy listings to:

**Vivian Brier  
8 Midland Avenue  
Fairfield, NJ (973) 808-7432**

or

**Dolores Bracken  
65 William Street  
Little Falls, NJ**

**Cash donations must be accompanied by a check  
made out to Ramapo Kennel Club.**

**Absolute deadline is May 30!!**



## **Dog translation device coming to U.S.**

Monday, March 24, 2003 Posted: 12:15 PM EST (1715 GMT) dog

What's Fido saying? 'Bowlingual' will translate

ATLANTA, Georgia (Reuters) .- If you're wondering why your pooch howls at the moon, growls at the mailman or barks uncontrollably at squirrels, the answer may be only a click away.

A Japanese toy maker claims to have developed a gadget that translates dog barks into human language and plans to begin selling the product -- under the name Bowlingual -- in U.S. pet stores, gift shops and retail outlets this summer.

Tokyo-based Takara Co. Ltd. says about 300,000 of the dog translator devices have been sold since its launch in Japan late last year. It is forecasting far bigger sales once an English Language version comes to America in August.

The United States is home to about 67 million dogs, more than six times the number in Japan.

"We know that the Americans love their dogs so much, so we don't think they will mind spending \$120 on this product," Masahiko Kajita, a Takara marketing manager, said during an interview at a recent pet products convention in Atlanta.

Cited as one of the coolest inventions of 2002 by Time magazine, Bowlingual consists of a 3-inch long wireless microphone that attaches to a dog collar and transmits sounds to a palm-sized console that is linked to a database.

The console classifies each woof, yip or whine into six emotional categories -- happiness, sadness, frustration, anger, assertion and desire -- and displays common phrases, such as "You're ticking me off," that fit the dog's emotional state.

Takara says it has spent hundreds of millions of yen developing the device in cooperation with acoustics experts and animal behaviorists and hopes to sell 1 million units in the United States in the first eight months after.

It is undeterred by those who scoff at the idea of paying \$120 to read a dog's mind. "Of course people are always really skeptical at first, but once they see a demo they are amazed and impressed" Takara spokesman Kennedy Gitchel says.

Helped by 9/11 impact

It is no secret that the product is being launched at a time of solid growth in the \$30-billion U.S. pet products market, often considered to be one of the best examples of a recession-proof industry

Sales in this sector have been buoyed in recent years by a steady rise in pet ownership, which has fueled demand for basic pet necessities as well as high-end items such as air-conditioned dog houses and rhinestone ferret collars.

The increasing importance of the industry was highlighted by the nation's reaction to the September 11, 2001 attacks. Many Americans found consolation in the familiar routines of their pets and were willing to NY  
x pamper their furry friends.

That trend continued in the months afterward as U.S. authorities tightened security across the nation and moved closer to a military attack on Iraq, industry insiders say.

'As fear, tension and insecurity continue to rise in the nation, people are turning to their pets for comfort, says Robert Vetere, executive vice-president of the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, an industry trade group. 'They don't mind spending more on them. 'Not the cat's meow, though

Whether the same will hold true when Bowlingual hits the U.S. market is anybody's guess.

Sharper Image Corp. and Petsmart Inc., the No. 1 U.S. pet products company, were among the retailers that have expressed an interest in carrying the product, but so far no deals have been reached, according to Takara.

One thing that does appear certain is that the market for animal translation products will likely remain a dog's world since Takara has no plans to develop a similar device for cats.

