



Ramapo Kennel Club GROWL

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President's Letter

To the membership of Ramapo KC:

Jack Berlet has resigned as President due to his wife's health. I wish Jack and Arlene the best and thank Jack for serving as President. I have therefore assumed the position of President. I look forward to working with the Board and members of RKC.

We need to address our Club position on the newly introduced legislation-PAWS. There are many different views on this and the Board is in the process of addressing this.

Our point show is well underway thanks to Joanne and her committees. I am sure Joanne will still need volunteers to work at the shows.

We will need ideas for programs for the upcoming year. Please contact me or any Board member with your suggestions.

We are still looking for a site for our Obedience and Show Handling classes. It will be my goal to get this program back on track! I have seen former students who tell me that "our classes were the best" so if you hear of any building (VFW, Am. Legion, church, firehouse, etc) that allows dogs please let me know. Remember--these classes were also a good source of income for our Club.

Finally, If you would like to serve on any committee let me know. At this time I am looking for 2 people to serve as delegates to the NJDog Federation (Thanks to Pat and Randy for serving on this committee) and we will be needing a Historian.

Regards,
Ruth Henningsen

Membership News

New address and phone number

Patty & Bob Lindsay
107 Federal Twist Road
Stockton, New Jersey 08559
(609) 397-1510

PLEASE HELP!

The club needs your help! We are still looking for a delegates as well as an alternate to serve on the New Jersey Dog Federation. They only meet four times a year in Somerset and only one member needs to attend each meeting. Also we are looking for a Historian, another member for Hospitality and someone to work on the website. Can you help? It's much easier than you think.

Please help us make this club even better than it is. Please see Ruth or any Board member!

THANKS!



Correction

For the Ramapo Match Show in June, it was incorrectly reported in the July Growl that there were 40 obedience entries, when in fact there were 63 entries.

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"Ok, I get it. The dog food is all gone."

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Hopefully by this time, through either e-mail or regular mail, you have received a ballot asking you about your position on the Pet Animal Welfare Statute (PAWS) bill of 2005, introduced by U.S. Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) on May 27, 2005. If you have not, here is the letter portion from the Ramapo Kennel Club Board of Governors;

Dear Member,

The Ramapo Kennel Club Board of Governors needs your assistance. As you have already seen, there is a great deal of controversy surrounding "Paws", a Pet Animal Welfare Statute of 2005, which is a bill in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. The RKC Board of Governors believes that our club should and needs to take a position on this bill, either for it or against it as soon as possible. After a lengthy discussion at a meeting last night, we determined that we need your input about this issue. Below, you will find two statements about the bill, one for (by Ron Menaker in Maroon print) and one against (by Walt Hutchens in the Blue print). We know there are even more arguments that both sides can make, but we have submit two for your review.

Please take a few minutes and review these. Then, please hit reply above and tell us your position. We are not looking for argument for or against, just:

YES, I support PAWS _____

or

NO, I am against PAWS. _____

Again, please make your voice heard. The deadline for response is September 1st, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and everyone's name needs to be on the reply. Your vote will be counted once, so please don't reply more than once. The RKC Board of Governors will then summarize the responses and announce the club's position. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

The Ramapo Kennel Club Board of Governors

If you have not replied and still have time, please respond. As I have said before, I personally feel it is very important to be involved in legislation and politics because if we are not, others will make decisions for us, which are not always in our best interest. The Board has asked for your input, I hope you take the time to share it with them.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Ball

Editor of the Growl

From the EDITOR:

Fuel Prices and other Rising Costs

Have they affected you?

I don't know about you, but I have found that the dramatic increase in fuel and other costs over the past year has affected me in many ways, especially when it comes to dog shows. In the past, I would not think twice about jumping in the truck with my dogs and driving several hours to a show. Now, I find myself thinking about things before I enter a distant show and just take off.

Before, if I had no idea who the conformation judge was, I didn't care. I looked at it as I would learn about them soon enough and have a fun day with the dogs. Now, because of costs and my experiences with some judges, I want to know something about the judge. What I really want to know about the judge is that they will at least give my dogs a fair look, even though I know they all should, that is not always fact. For those of you who don't know, I have blue Great Danes, some with natural ears, which some judges clearly don't care for and have even told me so. I don't want to drive hours and spend a great deal of money on entry fee, gas, hotel, food, maybe a handler and not get at least a fair evaluation. So, when the shows are hours away and I don't know anything about a judge, I think twice about entering.

Another reason I think twice about long distant shows are you have no idea what may happen with other exhibitors. Recently I drove to Ohio for four days with the knowledge from the superintendent that three of the days would be majors for my girl. I booked the hotel and drove six and a half hours one way. All this to only find that not one day held it's major. I can't tell you how disappointing it was. If the shows were close to home, I could have just turn around and gone home, slept in my own bed and not had a five hundred dollar hotel bill. I have heard from many that they are seeing fewer majors in their breed as well. I have to believe majors are becoming harder and harder to find since exhibitors are not traveling like they used to, partly because it has become much more expensive.

So, I am being more selective in the shows I go to. How about you? Do you think the fuel prices and other costs are affecting you in anyway? I know it has affected my handler, because her handling fee just went up a fair amount recently. Please share with us your thoughts.

Jeffrey D. Ball
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Home phone 201-689-1323

If you have a subject you would like to discuss, please let me know. I would be happy to share it with the members.

Ramapo Kennel Club Proudly Presents Canine Reproduction Seminar

By

Dr. Robert Van Hutchison, DVM,
One of the leading canine reproduction experts in the
world!

29 October 2005

Holiday Inn

One Route 46 W

Totowa, NJ

973-785-9000

800-443-5943

About 15 minutes from Giants Stadium

Learn about the latest advances in canine reproduction from one of the foremost experts in this field. Dr. Hutchison is the author of many articles and magazine presentations. This is an absolute must for all breeders, and Dr. Hutchison is an excellent and entertaining speaker. His passion for canine reproduction makes this seminar riveting and most informative. Topics include missed breedings, artificial insemination with fresh or frozen semen, pinpointing ovulation, estrus induction and postponement, problem pregnancies, bitch management, neonatal mortality, caesarian sections and more. Bring your difficult cases for extensive Q & A. This form is available for printout at www.britthavenkennels.com/RKC, the RKC website

Program:	8AM- 9AM	Check-in	Coffee and Danish
	9AM-12	Seminar	
	12-1PM	Lunch	
	1PM-5PM	Seminar	with soda break

Name _____

Address _____

Phone/email _____

Registration fee is \$80 (early bird \$75 until 1 September 2005) Deadline for registration is 12 October 2005. Remit to RKC and mail to Shirley Irwin, 268 Hoboken Rd., East Rutherford, NJ 07073. Phone 201-896-1156 Meadowlbgl@aol.com Reserve early to assure a seat and save \$5.

POINT SHOW INFORMATION

The Ramapo Kennel Club is proud to announce that the Monticello Kennel Club will be joining us at our Harvest Cluster Dog Shows in October. The Harvest Cluster will now be a four-day affair. Monticello Kennel Club will hold their show on Friday, Palisades Kennel Club on Saturday and of course, we have ours on Sunday and Monday. This makes for a great weekend for exhibitors and guests.

The Ramapo Kennel Club Premium List has been completed and is available to all.

The following ads have been received for the 2005 Point Show Catalog. If you have sent one in and it is not listed, please contact Jeffrey Ball (201) 689-1323 immediately. If you are interested in sending one in and have not yet done so, the deadline has been extended to September 1st, 2005. On September 2nd, the ads will be submitted to the Superintendent.

Rainbow Bridge Page

Ball, Jeffrey
Peters, Joan
Remland, Keith and Majorie
Silver, Joanne

Breeder's Directory

Ball, Jeffrey
Silver, Joanne

General Advertising

Ball, Jeffrey
Blue Ridge Rescue Squad
Haycock, Christine



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FMI: Monticello NY Kennel Club FRIDAY SHOW
Jim Burns kingswd@warwick.net

FMI: Palisades Kennel Club For Saturday Show Information
Janet Mines JanWarNJ@aol.com

FMI: Ramapo Kennel Club Show For Sunday and Monday
201-848-9229, 973-697-9456, 973-485-3298, 201-327-6059
silverck@carroll.com or ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com

FMI: OBEDIENCE and RALLY
973-239-6742, 973-696-8419 rottiedobe@aol.com

Vendor Information
Elaine Barone 973-492-1876 elaineb.bowow@juno.com
or Janis Hayes 973-364-0176 dhaves5983@comcast.net

Superintendent: J Rau Dog Shows www.raudogshows.com 610-376-1880

From the Membership

From the Dog Obedience list, a poem expressing the thought of someone new to obedience as they heels along.

Forward:

Oh, God, please don't let me die.

Halt:

Why can't I see my dog from the corner of my eye?

Forward:

Why didn't he sit? He always does at home!

Slow:

Is he behind me or am I heeling all alone?

Normal:

I wonder if I faint now if they'd call a local nurse?

About turn:

Why didn't I leave a copy of my will inside my purse?

Fast!

Quick! Quick! Keep up with me when I trot!

Normal:

Uh, oh. I'm slowing down, but I see my dog is not.

About turn:

Please God just let me live through this last minute!

Halt. Exercise finished.

Why did I pay to enter this show and put this darn dog in it?

Chorus:

Figure eight:

You put your left foot in,
You put your right foot out;
You tell your dog to heel
And you turn yourself about,
You do the Figure Eight,
While your dog sniffs Steward's crotch,
And that's what it's all about!

Written by Jordan

Shared with us by:

Vivian Bregman and the Border Collies

U OCH Goniff UDX 3, ASCA UD, RN and U CDX MsSugah CDX ASCA CD

vbregman@mindspring.com

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GROWL

Dear RKC Member,

Dues for the coming year, 2005 – 2006, are now due and payable by August 15th 2005.
Please make checks payable to the **RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB** and *mailed to:*

Ramapo Kennel Club
Jackie Makoujy, Treasurer
694 Ginger Lane
Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417-2208

***If you have not mailed this
in yet, PLEASE DO NOW!!***

_____ Junior Membership - \$7.00 (10-18 years old)

_____ Family Membership - \$30.00 (Husband and Wife)

_____ Regular Membership - \$20.00

_____ Life Membership – No Fee required

LIFE MEMERS, PLEASE NOTE: You must return this form if you wish to continue receiving THE GROWL and the RKC Membership Roster/Phone Directory.

*Please help us update our records. If there are any corrections or additions to your current listing in the roster, please make the changes below. **Please print:***

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Kennel Name: _____ Breed: _____

Interests: _____

Please return this entire form with your payment, thank you.

DATES to REMEMBER

All membership meetings are held at the
VFH Hall
45 Plymouth Street
Fairfield, New Jersey 07004-1615

- September 14th **Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.** Program to be announced
- October 12th **Membership Meeting - 8:00 p.m.** Program to be announced
- October
15th through 17th **Harvest Cluster Dog Shows and Obedience, Rally Trails.**
- December **Holiday Dinner – Date, Time and Location to be announced**

Ramapo Kennel Club GROWL
11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450

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