

PROGRAM FOR 8 JANUARY

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Message from the President

Happy New Year to all RKC members. New classes are beginning and indoor shows and obedience trials are in full swing. Let's hope this is a banner year for our dogs.

Due to bad rainy weather the attendance at our Holiday dinner was way down. Only half of those who had made reservations made the dinner. Those who did not come missed a super meal. We who were there all voted to return to the Glen Rock Inn for our awards dinner. We had a nice private room and the food and service were excellent, Thank you, April, for finding this nice restaurant for us.

We know that many of our members have success in the breed ring, obedience ring and in numerous working areas. You can now send your brags directly to the *Growl* editor and they will be printed. Don't be shy. Just make the brags current for the month.

Our Program Chairman works hard to line up good programs for our meetings. Our programs are interesting and educational and are one of the special benefits of club membership. Please come and bring a friend.

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PROGRAM FOR 12 FEBRUARY

ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOUR DOG

**Ray Mundy, AKC Delegate for Rockland County
President, Humane Society of Rockland County
Private Attorney**

A Special Invitation to

The AKC's Seventh

Open House

The American Kennel Club cordially invites you and your membership to attend our seventh Open House on Sunday, February 9, 2003. All exhibitors, handlers, judges, Delegates, juniors and members of the dog fancy and press are invited. This special event will be held from noon to 4:00 P.M.

As our guest you will have the opportunity to meet AKC officers and staff while touring the headquarters. On display is the AKC's extensive fine-art collection of oils, watercolors, statues, trophies and rare books.

The American Kennel Club headquarters are located on the 4th floor of 260 Madison Avenue, Manhattan, between East 38th and East 39th streets.

The AKC hopes you will join us for this festive occasion. An RSVP by Friday, January 31, 2003, would be greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to 212-696-8300. We look forward to welcoming you to the AKC.

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FITNESS IN YOUR BACKYARD

by Suzanne Clothier

Canine athlete. Do those two words make you think of dogs that can perform amazing feats? While it's fun to watch highly trained canine athletes take dogs sports to the extreme, your own dog hardly qualifies as a canine athlete. Or does he?

The Canine Sports Medicine Association newsletter (April, 1997) puts canine athletes in four categories: "elite, amateur, professional and recreational." Unless you're headed for competition, chances are your dog is a recreational athlete and keeping him reasonably fit doesn't require expensive equipment or membership in a doggy gym. With your coaching, your dog can walk, jump and play his way into better shape. First stop? Your veterinarian's office for a complete physical and a discussion about appropriate exercise levels.

"All dogs benefit from exercise, but the trick is to find the right exercise program for each dog," cautions chiropractic veterinarian Sue Ann Lesser DVM. With a roving practice that covers five states, the South Huntington NY based doctor spends her days helping concerned owners keep their dogs in great shape. "Every dog is different. Daily walks might be perfect for one dog, but another dog could need more intense workouts. You need to think about the individual dog."

Age, breed and personality along with health problems, such as hip dysplasia, obesity, arthritis, even some medications can affect your dog's exercise tolerance. Physical characteristics such as short muzzles or heavy coats may also need special consideration. Although exercise helps shed unwanted pounds, ask your veterinarian for ways to safely reduce your dog's caloric intake. New Hampshire veterinarian Dr. Geoffrey Clark reminds owners that "An overweight dog will need a transition period while it loses weight and regains fitness, so take it easy at the outset."

Is your dog closer to champion couch potato than award winning athlete? No need to despair, says dog lover Karen Koenig of Woodbine, Maryland. "My oldest American Eskimo, 'Mama Dog' was putting on weight and she had stopped being a part of the family. [began a regular exercise program developed for me by a trainer who specializes in this. We do daily stretches and walks, and have reached a point where 'Mama Dog' is actually running again. It's been great fun watching her re-emerge."

Dr. Clark, who is also the editor of Canine Sports Medicine Update, is an advocate of a varied exercise program. "Varying the training routine with different activities will make things more interesting for both yott and your dog. This form of 'canine cross training' can include a combination of walking, running, swimming and retrieving."

Walking is great exercise for you and your dog, requires no fancy equipment and can be done anywhere, anytime. Brisk is the key word to fitness walking. Allow your dog some sniffing time, and then start moving! A mature dog in good shape should be able to keep up with you easily. With puppies, older dogs, and dogs who are overweight or who have physical problems, you'll need to be cautious. For all dogs, stay alert for the first clue of tiring: a change in speed or the rhythm of the dog's gait. He may even feel a bit heavy on the lead. Immediately slow down and head fur home to avoid overdoing it.

Keep track of how far you've walked - measure by blocks or with your car's speedometer. If your dog has shown signs of tiring, do about 1/3 less on your next walk. Your goal is a dog who *can* comfortably make the round trip at a brisk walk with no signs of tiring. Increase distances very gradually as your dog becomes more fit. Decrease distances if your dog's age or physical problems begin to affect him more.

While your dog may already jump for joy, you can encourage him to jump for fitness. While jumping strengthens both back and belly muscles, it can be damaging to young bones (under a year old) and too much for dogs with physical problems. You can create jumps from anything that will break away or give if the dog makes a mistake: cardboard boxes (try tissue boxes or milk cartons for little guys), a broomstick balanced on coffee cans, or even open brown paper bags. Be sure to set up the jumps on good footing.

For basic toning, use a row of three jumps set no higher than the dog's elbow (higher jumps require special training and conditioning). With the dog oil-leash call him over the jumps to you. Never jump a dog on leash - you can throw oft' his balance and hurt him. Begin with 2 runs down the row, and gradually over 6-8 weeks increase to maximum of 10 runs down the row. Stop if your dog hits the jumps or refuses - it's his way of telling you his muscles are tired. And no matter how fit he is, three times a week is enough jumping for any dog.

"When I brought home a younger dog, I suddenly realized my husky mix Logan was moving like an old man," says Lynn Sipe of Severna Park, MD. "I knew exercise was important for human senior citizens, so I wanted exercises that could help Logan stay healthy and active." With help from trainers Debbie Hutchinson & Terry Wright of Pasadena MD, Lynn began a program of regular exercise that included low jumps to tone Logan's muscles. "Logan is now a very vigorous old fellow who definitely enjoys his exercises, especially his jumps," states Sipe. "And his veterinarian is delighted with Logan's continued suppleness and flexibility."

For dogs who like to retrieve, a game of fetch is healthy fun. You can add intensity to the workout in several ways. Use rope handled balls or bumpers, or put an old tennis racket to work to send the toy as far as possible. Build excitement and speed by throwing the toy but holding the dog back for 10-30 seconds before letting him fly after it. If there's a moderate slope available, send the dog uphill for the retrieve. For dogs who prefer treats to retrieving, apply the same techniques to making the dog work hard for a low calorie treat.

Your job as a coach is to protect your dog. He does not understand the long term effects of overdoing it or recognize the possibility of injury. Dr. Clark points out that "it's much easier to prevent an injury than it is to rehabilitate a dog following an injury." Be sure he gets proper warm ups (5-10 minutes of brisk walking) and cool downs (another 5-10 minutes of quiet walking), some stretches and even massage after a big workout. Whatever the activity, watch for signs that he's tiring, and switch to something less demanding, give him a rest or stop altogether.

Never assume that a dog is fit for one exercise because he's conditioned for another. Muscles become accustomed only to regular activities. Your dog may be an old hand at swimming but that doesn't mean he's prepared for hiking in the mountains. Adding something new? Dr. Clark cautions, "It's important to begin new activities at a moderate level and increase gradually. The risk of serious injury to your dog during strenuous activity can be diminished by entering into a training program at a reasonable pace."

A dog's enthusiasm for an activity does not equal fitness. Even though he may want to continue, you may have to set safe limits for him. Commit to regular exercise throughout the week to avoid the dreaded "weekend warrior" syndrome (active mostly on weekends and prone to injury.)

For those struggling with canine behavior problems, it's good to remember that exercise (along with training, proper nutrition and clear leadership) goes a long way to help resolve these problems. A tired dog is almost always a good dog!

"Sometimes, I can't remember which class I'm teaching - dogs or people?" laughs Linda Caplan, a busy dog trainer and aerobics instructor. "When I'm talking about exercise, it doesn't matter. Dogs get the same benefits we do - reduced stress levels and weight control. Exercise also gives the dog something to do which is not only fun, but good for them."

The Essex, Vermont trainer spends much of her time helping people sort out canine behavior problems. "in the initial interview, I always ask how much regular exercise the dog gets. Usually, the answer is 'not much.' It's amazing how many behavior problems can be helped by giving the dog a half-hour to an hour of serious exercise everyday."

Exercise can also give both the dog and owner a positive outcome, says Caplan. "One of my clients had an 8 month old puppy who wasn't getting enough exercise. The pup spent a lot of the evening racing around the house, grabbing things and generally ruining their quiet family time. Together, we created an exercise program that fit the owner's busy schedule but gave the pup what he needed."

Caplan laughs about the client's report a week later, "She told me about her wonderful, tired puppy who was now a happy part of quiet family time. That's the magic of regular exercise. When you think how many dogs are killed in shelters because of behavior problems, I wish more people knew that tired dogs are not only happy dogs, they're good dogs."

Just how much exercise is enough? A quick and easy way to evaluate whether your dog has gotten enough exercise (or not!) is to take the TV test: Settle down to watch your favorite show. Is your dog stretched out dead asleep beside you or quietly chewing on a toy or bone? If so, he's probably had enough exercise that day. If you have to struggle to see the TV over a dog who's standing in front of the set with a toy in his mouth and a hopeful look on his face, he hasn't had enough exercise.

The benefits of regular exercise can carry over well into the golden years. "I'd swim Daisy every day in the summer, and we had long daily walks followed by stretches the rest of the year," remembers Nancy Beach, a Labrador lover from Danbury, CT. "A regular fitness program helped keep her weight down and her joints limber despite several bouts of Lyme disease. Daisy literally bounced into old age - still active at age 14!"

A fitness program for your dog is part of responsible ownership, and can help keep your dog feeling and looking his best. Love and attention keep the gleam in your dog's eye. Good nutrition and grooming keep the shine in his coat. And your careful attention to his exercise needs can help keep the spring in his step.

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RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB: INFORMATION ON CLASSES

“A well balanced dog has a title at each end.”

CLASS LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION HALL LITTLE FALLS, NJ
DIRECTIONS, routes 46 or 80 to Rte 23 south. At first light after Willowbrook Mall, turn left on Maui Street. Go approximately mile and turn left on Van Ness Ave. (Town Tavern is on corner) American Legion Hall is 1/8 mile on left.

A COPY OF A VETERINARIANS CERTIFICATE OF CURRENT IMMUNIZATIONS IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES. PUPPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE AGE WHEN IMMUNIZATIONS ARE DEEMED SUFFICIENT BY THEIR VETS.

OBEDIANCE CLASSES 2002-2003

3 EIGHT-WEEK SESSIONS STARTING: SEPTEMBER 17th, JANUARY 14TH & APRIL ~
REGISTRATION PERIODS: 8/15-9/6; 11/15-1/7; 3/1-3/31

SCHEDULE: TUESDAY EVENINGS	WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
6:00-7:30 Instructors' Training Session (Therapy Class TBA)	6:00-6:30 set-up
7:30-8:15 Beginners	6:30-7:30 Puppy Kindergarten
8:30-9:15 Novice II	7:30-8:15 Beginners
9:30-10:30 Open	8:30-9:15 Novice I
10:30-10:45 Clean-up	9:30-10:30 Instructors Open Floor/Utility
	10:30-10:45 Clean-up

FEES: \$100. For each Beginner/KPT Class, includes equipment. \$90. All others
DISCOUNTS for shelter/rescue dogs, club members, dogs repeating a class
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES. FOR INFORMATION OR IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL CANDY WISNIESM AT 973 783 9436 OR E-MAIL: AWISNIESKI@AOL.COM

OBEDIENCE CLASS CALENDAR: CGC/THERAPY TESTS 12/04/02 & 6/10/03

FALL: Tuesday Classes Meet: 9/17, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 12/3

No Class: 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 11/26

Wednesday Classes Meet: 9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/20

No Class: 10/9, 11/13, 11/27

WINTER: Tuesday Classes Meet: 1/14, 1/21, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18

No Class: 1/28, 2/25, 3/25

Wednesday Classes Meet: 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/19

No Class: 2/12, 3/12

SPRING: Tuesday Classes Meet: 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 6/3

No Class: 4/29, 5/27

Wednesday Classes Meet: 4/2, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4

No Class: 4/9, 5/14

ORIENTATION SESSIONS FOR NEW STUDENTS: 9/10, 1/7, 3/26

HANDLERS ONLY; NO DOGS

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT RAMAPO ACTIVITIES. PLEASE ASK YOUR INSTRUCTOR FOR DETAILS OF MEETINGS, SHOWS AND MATCHES.

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CONFIRMATION SHOW HANDLING CLASSES 2002-2003

REGISTRATION IS ON-GOING AND STARTS AUGUST 1,2002

SCHEDULE: THURSDAY EVENINGS

6:00 – 7:00 Open Floor

7:00-7:45 Beginners: \$40. Per 5 lesson series

7:45-8:30 Open: \$7. Per dog drop-in

8:30-9:15 Open &/or Open Floor

As buildings that allow
Dogs are valuable, site rules will be
Posted and strictly enforced
Thanks for cooperating.

CALENDAR:

Series 1: 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26,10/3

Series II: 10/10,10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7

Series III: 1/14,11/21, 12/5, 12/12 12/19
No class: 11/28

Holiday Break

Series LV: 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6

Series V: 2/13. 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13

Series VI: 3/20, 3/27, 4/3. 4/10, 4/17

Series VII: 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22

Open Only: 5/29 & 6/5

ALL BEGINNER CLASSES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION OR IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CALL MARION HAYCOOK AT (973)256-0834 OR JOY GRAEME MESSINGER AT (973)239-1131

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACTIVITIES 2001-2002:

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Please ask you instructor for information on:

RAMAPO MEETINGS AND MONTHLY PROGRAMS; RAMAPO's OCTOBER POINT SHOW; RAMAPO EYE CLINICS; RAMAPO MATCH SHOW; THERAPY & SCHOOL VISITS; AND CLUB MEMBERSHIP

UNLEASHING THE REAL FACTS ABOUT N.J A2906

by Flora M. Edwards, Esq

In an effort to convince fellow assemblymen that A2906 does not warrant the vehement opposition of responsible dog owners throughout the State, Assemblyman Burchizelli has circulated a memorandum to his fellow legislators entitled "Unleashing The Facts".

The memorandum, which now extends the provisions of the bill to Rottweilers states:

No current owner of a pit bull or pit bull type dog owner would be covered under the bill. Current dog owners would be protected through a grandfather clause.

Paragraph 7(e) of the proposed Amendment reads as follows:

A municipality adopting an ordinance pursuant to this section may provide that it apply only to dogs born or acquired after the effective date of this act and to dogs born or acquire before the effective date of this act if they have not been properly licensed pursuant to P.L. 1941, c.151 [emphasis added]

Because the language of the amendment is clearly permissive, permitting municipalities to grandfather existing dogs, or not, the statement that current owners would be grandfathered is patently false and misleading. Moreover, even if it were not permissive, the grandfather language applies to dogs not owners. Therefore, any responsible owner who acquired another dog after the effective date of the amendment would be subject to its provision. Moreover, any owner who moves from one municipality to another would be subjected to the provisions of the ordinance.

Municipalities would be prohibited from enacting breed specific dog bans. Only communities where local law enforcement authorities have documented a problem to exist could trigger the bill's special licensing and ownership standards

Municipalities would only be able to enact public safety standards for the restraint, housing and care of these dogs once a problem has been documented to exist in the community.

Paragraph (2) states as follows:

A municipality may adopt an ordinance pursuant to this subsection only if the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality, or the animal control officer in any municipality which does not have a chief law enforcement officer, makes a finding and certifies in writing thereto that pit bulls pose a threat to public safety in the municipality

There is no requirement for documentation of problems within the community. In fact, there are no standards for documentation at all.

'The Only requirement is a certification by the chief law enforcement officer that he finds that "pit bulls pose a threat to public safety". Because it sets no standards for the finding, the provision permits enactment of the ordinance by any locality in which the chief law enforcement officer harbors such a belief. The lack of standards renders the provision virtually meaningless, and its ambiguity is open invitation to uneven and arbitrary application.

Dog owners who maintained their pets within the home would not be restricted except that they may need to display warning signs on the premises where their dogs are kept.

Paragraph 4 permits a municipality to require owners of "pit bull type dogs" and Rottweilers to display in a conspicuous manner, a sign on the premises where the dog is kept and maintained warning that a pit bull is on the premises, which sign may be required to be visible and legible from 50 ft of the enclosure required pursuant to paragraph 4 of this subsection.

The impact of posting such a sign on property values should be self-evident, since the desirability of a neighborhood populated with "BE WARE OF THE DOG" or as the bill proposes 'BEWARE OF PIT BULL' signs diminishes considerably. Moreover, the requirement forces owners of 'pit bull type dogs' to state against their will, and in the face of documented evidence to the contrary, that their dogs are inherently dangerous, whether or not their dogs have ever demonstrated any aggressive propensity. As a result the owners of the property who have lived peacefully with their neighbors without incident will be Singled out and targeted as dangerous' members of the community in which they live.

If the responsible owner took their dog off-premises owners must leash their animals and possibly secure them with a muzzle. The dogs could run loose on the owners premises only in well-constructed 'municipally inspected 1~nced-in areas.

Paragraph 4 reads;

The dog may be required to be confined in the enclosure when on the property where it will be kept and maintained or, if taken out of the enclosure securely muzzled and restrained with a tether approved by the animal control officer to restrict the dog's movements to a radius of no more than three feet from the licensee.

There is nothing "possible" about the proposed amendment. Instead, the amendment provides that the dog will be securely muzzled outside of the enclosure. Moreover, it requires that the dog be walked on a leash no more than 3 ft, which is insufficient room under any humane standard. Moreover, the language implicitly prohibits an owner from playing with his or her dog on his own fenced-in property since residential fencing (as opposed to a kennel or dog run) does not comply with the standards set forth in paragraph 4. 6 ft in height separated by at least three feet from the confined area). The amended language further ignores the recommendations of responsible dog groups, which advise that muzzling can be traumatic to the dog and dangerous to both dog and owner.

Please read the Amendment carefully.

The restrictions imposed on responsible dog owners under these provisions virtually eliminates the possibility of normal day to day interaction which characterize the bond between dog and owner such as taking a walk without a muzzle or without a leash so short that the dog cannot move or even playing in a fenced-in yard with the owner.

A2906 will not affect the criminals who will ignore its provisions, just as they ignore the law. It will however, punish responsible dog owners who have lived peacefully for years in their neighborhoods with their dogs without incident.

'Moreover, by singling out specific breeds of dogs, the provisions of A2906 belie its own preamble which recognizes that "any dog may become dangerous if it is trained improperly or abused". The assertion that "pit bull type dogs" or "Rottweilers" have any special inherent capabilities, has been disproved scientifically and has been rejected by the courts as well as expert in canine genetics and behavior across the county.

Please do not be deceived. A2906 is bad for New Jersey. Legislation should promote public safety. However, it should not sacrifice the simple day to day lives of law-abiding citizens in the process. Breed specific legislation does not work because it is wrong. We are counting on our legislators to protect us from unreasonable and intrusive legislation which disrupts our lives.

Please vote no if A2906 comes to the floor of the Assembly.

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB
January 8, 2003
General Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by President, Betty Mc Donnell.

Recording Secretary Pat Paladino advised there were no previous minutes as December was our Holiday Party and there was no General Meeting. However, the minutes from November, 2002 were printed in the GROWL.

President Betty Mc Donnell advised the membership that a small meeting was held regarding the need to approve the Breeder applications.

Betty also stated that despite the poor weather, the Holiday Party was very nice, and the food was excellent. It was suggested that the June Awards Banquet be held there this year, at the Glen Rock Inn.

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

Shirley also advised that there were several information sheets on the back table.

Treasurer Jackie Makoujy reported that the balance in the checking account was \$19,969.01 and the Money Market balance was \$18,915.62.

The final accounting from the Point Show showed a loss of \$427.15.

Refreshments for the next meeting will be provided by Beverly Lynn. THANK YOU!!!

Also, many thanks for ALL the refreshments provided for this meeting by Beverly Lynn, Jack Berlet and Lorraine Fennemore.

Sunshine Lorraine Fennemore reported that Ruby Kleinmanns was hospitalized recently and a card was being passed around for the members to sign.

Joan Murko reported on Legislature regarding a ban on certain breeds deemed vicious. There was also a report from Helmetta, NJ regarding a woman who was involved with Saint Bernard rescue. The woman was turned in to the health authorities. The dogs in her care were awaiting placement. Fortunately, this woman won her case and is allowed to continue with her work in rescue.

Joan also commented that PETA is very large and has entertainment people supporting it financially. This gives the organization exposure with these people and their monetary contributions behind them.

Show Handling classes being January 9, 2003. The enrollment for Obedience Novice 1 is 10 and Beginners/Puppy is also 10.

Point Show: Ruth Henningsen discussed a proposal of each club, Ramapo and Palisades, going to 2 shows each for a 4 day/show weekend. However, the support of the club would be necessary.

An inquiry will be made to the AKC regarding the addition of these shows.

Elaine Barone advised that forms for this year's awards are on the back table. Also nominations are being accepted for the Ramapo "Good Sportsman Award".

Forms will also be published in the GROWL.

Lorraine Fennemore has volunteered for the Public Education Coordinator position which was open.

THANK YOU LORRAINE!!

Match Show: Christine Haycock reported that the Match Show will be held Saturday, June 7, 2003 at the Veterans Home site in Paramus, NJ.

Christine stated that judges were still needed for the Non-Sporting; Herding and Working Groups. The membership suggested that perhaps some of the judges doing the other Groups may be available to judge these entries.

The judges selected at present were Sue Ely / Terrier; Paula Ruth / Hound and Junior Showmanship; Fran Mann / Toys (and possibly Non-Sporting). Suggestions were made for Charlene Troast or Linda Lovestad for Sporting and Arlene Pietrocola for Herding. Christine will contact these individuals.

Obedience will also require 4 judges.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Paladino
Recording Secretary

**RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION
CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1,2002 THROUGH DEC. 31,2002**

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

Bench Show Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Obedience Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Field Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

OBEDIENCE DEGREE AWARDS

CD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

CDX Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

UD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

TD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

TDX Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

OTHER AKC TITLES (Herding, Field, etc.)

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

Photo copies 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, i.e. 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 KLEINMANN'S MEMORIAL AWARD

This Award is figured from January 1, 2000 thru December 31, 2002 for the June 2003 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 bandied by more than one member (neither of which is a Professional handler), both members will share the award equally.

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

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

1. This Award is presented to the Ramapo Kennel Club member who has Provided dedicated service to the club and the sport of pure bred dogs.
2. Award is given to a club member who has been nominated by the membership and approved by the board of Directors and Officers.
3. To be presented at June Awards Dinner. Recipient only may be told to insure their being present.

Eligibility for Ramapo Kennel Club Awards

In order to apply and receive any Achievement Awards, members must fulfill at least tow 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 winds by a member.

All award entries must be received by APRIL 15Th, 2003 with photocopies of Wins and Titles to;
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U.S. Airlines May Stop Flying Pets if Rule Imposed Sun Jan 26, 11:17 AM ET

By John Crawley

WASHINGTON (Reuters) Many big airlines may stop carrying pets over the United States if the government makes them report figures on how many animals they lose and how many die or are injured on their planes, an industry group says.

Carriers say they fly millions of animals each year for a fee and endorse government efforts to make animal transport safer. The rule was ordered by Congress amid proposed last fall by the Federal Aviation Administration (news -web sites).

But airlines oppose (he plan to make them inspect such cargo more closely and submit detailed monthly reports to the Transportation Department on any incident that leads to loss, injury or death of a pet or an animal to be sold as a pet.

Some animal protection groups argue that reporting standards are needed to at least give consumers access to information about an airline's record for handling animals.

There are currently no industry figures for pet deaths or injuries, and the airlines dispute widely circulated claims that roughly 5,000 animals die in their custody each year

The biggest airlines, through their lobbying group, the Air Transport Association, say the rule would be logistically difficult and cost prohibitive. Delta Air Lines said the inspections could cost more than \$1 million annually.

"Many airlines are struggling for their financial survival and would have no choice but to forego carrying pets in an effort to maximize revenue while reducing the cost of burdensome federal regulations," Michael Wascom, the group's spokesman, said.

CARRY-ON BAGGAGE

Some airlines crate cats, small dogs and some birds and permit them to travel in the passenger cabin. They count as carry-on baggage. Larger domestic pets and other creatures are transported in cargo containers in the belly of the aircraft.

Airlines do not object to reporting a dog or cat death. They say those are rare. But they do not want to account for the wellbeing of any animal.

"Should we also be expected to open up every box of pet boa constrictors to see if they're all alive? It's a physical impossibility," Wascom said.

Delta said it called an expert from a zoo last year to open a container of venomous snakes.

"No matter how well trained, airline employees are not veterinarians with the necessary expertise to fully protect themselves from the danger of handling cold-blooded animals," Delta has told the Transportation Department.

The carrier and other airlines defend their record transporting animals, and have offered alternative language to modify the proposal.

But animal protection and other groups, like the Humane Society of the United States, argue for reporting standards

Neither animal suffering during air travel is the rare exception to the *rule*, in which case reporting it will pose a negligible burden. Or it goes on all the time, in which case it may be something of a hassle if airlines to how to report but all the more necessary from the public's perspective," the Humane Society told the Transportation Department.

But the American Kennel Club, the purebred dog registry, said current practices are adequate.