

THE RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GROWL

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PROGRAM

Awards Dinner at Glen Rock Inn

PRESIDENT MESSAGE.

I would like to thank everyone re-electing me to represent you as the President of Ramapo Kennel club. I look forward to working with our Board and Members.

Ramapo Kennel Club looks to the future, for an exciting year as we grow. This year we will be having a two day Point Show. Although this is exciting; we will need the volunteers and man power to have this. Please contact Ruth Henningsen and Jerry Iermiero to help out.

Anyone with ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any Board member.

If you would like to volunteer for any committee, please contact me as soon as possible. We are still looking for a club Historian. Anyone interested, please contact me for the details.

Please join me in thanking the out going President Betty McDonnell and Board Members for all their hard work and dedication. We look forward to their continued participation, and support

Also, mark your calendars for our upcoming events June 7th RICC Match Show, and June 11th for our Annual Awards Dinners.

Respectfully

Joanne Silver

Contributions to the GROWL close 20th of the month

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RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB
May 14, 2003
General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by President, Betty Mc Donnell.

Recording Secretary: Pat Paladino advised corrected minutes for April, 2003 were printed in the GROWL. Minutes approved as published, Vivian Bregman/Diane Ammerman.

Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Irwin advised she had nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer: Jackie Makoujy advised that the checking account balance is \$16,477.32:

Money Market Account balance is \$19,009.28.

Betty Mc Donnell reminded the members present of the upcoming awards dinner to be held at the Glen Rock Inn on Wednesday, June 11, 2003. The cost is \$15.00 per person and the choice of entrée is Chicken Marsala, Chicken Francaise, Salmon with Dill Sauce or London Broil. Please get your checks in as soon as possible.

Obedience: Candy Wisnieski reported that everything is going smoothly, week 5 is complete.

Show Handling: Joy Messinger reported that things are progressing and there have been many dogs attending the classes.

Sunshine: Lorraine Fennemore stated she had nothing to report at this time.

Point Show: Ruth Henningsen reported the judging panel has been submitted to the AKC for both days and things are going okay.

Match Show: Christine Haycock was absent, however, Elizabeth Smith stated that 8 Stewards will be needed the day of the Match for the Obedience rings with at least 3 or 4 needed for the conformation rings.

Hospitality: next month is the Awards Dinner so refreshments will not be necessary. Thank you to the Hospitality people, Beverly Lynn and Karen Kinnane who get the coffee going and EVERYONE who has brought the many goodies which are enjoyed at our monthly meetings!!!! Much Thanks!!!!

The next order of business was the Election of Officers for the Club:

Betty Mc Donnell advised the slate of Officers nominated were:

President, Joanne Silver
Vice President, Jack Berlet
Recording Secretary, Pat Paladino
Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Irwin
Treasurer, Jackie Makoujy
AKC Representative, Rose Radel

Vote to accept the above: Vivian Bregman / Lena Tamboer

The Members of the Board of Directors:
2004 Ruth Henningsen / Lena Tamboer
2005 Joan Murko / Candy Wisnieski

Nominated for the Board 2006 were Jerry Iermiero and Keith Paladino. There was also a nomination from the floor (Elaine Barone) who nominated Diane Ammerman who accepted the nomination. Betty Mc Donnell advised the Members that a secret ballot would be taken and that they should vote for 2 of the 3 individuals for the positions vacated by Elaine Barone and Dianne Sorrentino.

After the vote was taken and tallied (Rose Radel / Pat Paladino), the newly elected Members to the Board, 2006 were Jerry Iermiero and Keith Paladino.

Betty Mc Donnell thanked everyone for their support during her year as President and stated that she is working on and will continue working on putting together a "Policy Book" for the Ramapo Kennel Club.

Betty also wished her Successor, Joanne Silver well in her term as President, Joanne has served in the capacity before and has done an excellent job.

Rose Radel then thanked Betty on behalf of the Club for her efforts as President in the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Paladino
Recording Secretary

Ten Things You Need to Know to Prepare Your Dog for a Disaster

For pet owners faced with a flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, or other crisis, disaster experts are all of one mind on what to do:

Take your pets with you.

While animals are not allowed in disaster-relief shelters, an increasing number of animal shelters and veterinarians are better prepared now than ever before to take in animals during an emergency.

In fact, a model program started by the California Veterinary Medical Association has a 'veterinarian in place in each county to help coordinate animal-relief efforts. Other states are starting to see the light, too, with veterinarians, shelter groups, and specially trained disaster teams from the Sacramento, Calif., based United Animal Nations are prepared to do for animals what the Red Cross does for people.

Why all the changes? A growing realization that animals need help, too, and that some people choose to put their lives in danger rather than abandon their pets.

So take your pets. Also take their food, leashes, medicines, blankets, and carriers if told to evacuate.

You do can do better, still, if you plan ahead. Here are some tips from disaster-planning experts.

1. Have a Plan

Prepare for all possibilities, including the possibility that you may be away from home when disaster strikes. Make sure that everyone in your family, children, too! is prepared in the event of an emergency. Make a plan and go over it until everyone knows what to do.

People need to rely on each other during emergencies, and this is just as true when it comes to your pets. Get to know your neighbors, and put a plan in place to help each other out. Find out from local shelters and veterinary organizations what their emergency response plans are and how you fit into them in case of a disaster.

2. Know What Your Veterinarian's Plans Are

Ask your veterinarian if he has a disaster plan, and how he plans to fit in with other veterinarians in an emergency. If he has never thought of it, pushing *him* a little on the subject won't hurt. If he has no interest, consider changing vets or exploring back-up care for your dog from someone who is more tapped in.

3. Maintain Your Pet's Permanent and Temporary ID

Most animals will survive a disaster. But too many will never see their families again without a way to determine which pet belongs to which family. That's why pets should always wear a collar and identification tags. Better still is permanent identification that can't slip off, such as a tattoo or imbedded microchip.

Keep temporary ID tags at hand, too, to put on your pet if you're forced to evacuate. (Your pet's permanent ID isn't of much use if you can't be home to answer the phone.) One of the easiest: Key tags on which you can jot a current number, slip into a plastic housing, and then attach to your pet's collar.

4. Keep Vaccinations - and Records - Current

Infectious diseases can be spread from dog to dog through floodwaters, which is why keeping pets' vaccinations up-to-date is essential. Kennel cough, although not serious, is common in sheltering situations and also preventable through vaccinations.

Prepare a file with up-to-date medical and vaccination records, your pets' microchip or tattoo numbers, your veterinarian's phone number and address, feeding and medication instructions, and recent pictures of your animals. Trade copies of emergency files with another pet-loving friend - it's a good idea for someone else to know about your pet should anything happen to you.

5. Have Restraints Ready

Even normally obedient dogs can behave rather strangely when stressed by an emergency. Consequently, you should be prepared to restrain your pet - for his safety and the safety of others.

Keep leashes and carriers ready for emergencies. Ready means at hand - the means to transport your pet shouldn't be something you have to find and pull from the rafters. Harnesses work better than collars at keeping panicky pets safe.

Shipping crates are probably the least-thought-of pieces of emergency equipment for pet owners - but are among the most important. Sturdy crates keep pets safe and give rescuers more options in housing pets. They give you more options, too, in the homes of friends or relatives, or in shelters outside of the area.

Depending on weather conditions, crated pets may also be safely left overnight in vehicles.

Another item to keep on hand is a muzzle, because frightened and injured dogs are more likely to bite.

6. Rotate a Supply of Food, Water, and Medications

Keep several days worth of food and safe drinking water as well as any necessary medicines packed and ready to go in the event of a disaster. Rotate your supplies so they do not get stale. If your pet eats canned food, be sure to keep an extra can opener and spoon tucked in among the emergency supplies.

I have read your letter to the Ramapo Board for help in donations for the Disaster program you are trying to put together. While Ramapo Kennel Club feels this is needed, we would like to know a little more about it. We would like to know if you would like to set up a booth free of charge at our show with all the information on this unit, and perhaps we can get some donations at our two day

show in oct. at the sussex county fair grounds

Sincerely
Shirley Irwin Con- Secty Ramapo KC

Dear Shirley,

Thank you for your interest in this project. While I am not at the head of this *project*, (Dr. Dashfield is, of course) I will broach the subject with her. It is a great idea. She has a most willing personality.

Things are occurring at a quick pace. My next letter of information should go out this coming month.

Karen has received a donation of a rolling classroom, a sort of box truck, I believe. She is in the process of refurbishing this 1987 truck. certain people have volunteered to tune it up or whatever. Others have volunteered to set up some kennels. She will have an examination table and room for medical equipment. Still she will need a trailer. At least now she has a bone fide disaster truck.

At the moment, she is negotiating with her own insurance company and NJ State to get the unit on the road. Hopefully, by October, she could present the unit at your show. She is investigating sponsors for advertisement on the truck itself

All at the same time, she has engaged an attorney to establish this unit as a nonprofit enterprise. Of course, this is pro bono.. The attorney has to get to it

Now all of the voluntary donations are just that and take time to fit the work in people's work schedules. So as of a few days ago, the truck was not mobile and not registered and plated.

In addition, I am looking into the Community Achievement Award from the AKC. At the moment we still need funds to lubricate these activities.

This is the last report as of 10-12 days ago. I have not had a chance to phone her. I have just put on a program, prepped for a match, run a meeting and board meeting, and helped Helmi K. at the Monmouth Trophy Table as well as run my own business. Never mind the dogs and horses. Or my health. But I shall not try to preach to the converted. We all are spinning with commitments.

Again thank you for your club's support I will be sure to send the updated letter to your address.

Catherine Newsome

Emile J. Berlet

From: Sue Cone (by way of silverck@carroll.com)" <suecone~mindspring.com>
To: eberlet@optonline.net>; AWisnieski@aoLcom>
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 12:55 PM
Subject: Letters needed in NJ!!!

We really need letters to go in on this. ...Farm Sanctuary is trying to get very restrictive animal agriculture laws passed in NJ — as a foot in the door to force them on animal agriculture throughout the country - by having the governor veto the standards that have been carefully thought out. As you know, the Governor is in the pocket of the animal rights people -

A brief e-mail will do...something along the lines of experts (veterinarians, the NJ Farm Bureau, NJ Dept of Agriculture etc) have drawn up these standards, and it is their expertise that should be relied on, not propaganda from animal rights activists such as Farm Sanctuary (they were behind the Florida pig initiative) and non-farming people with no experience in the field....If you use the letter below, please change it a bit.

Folks, this is important -- I know I keep asking for letters, but if we don't stand up to these people, we are looking at big trouble.

Sue —

Original Message

From: zirkle

To: PRMA@yahoogroups.com

Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2003 1:39 PM

Subject [PRMA] Animal Rights issue

We need your help in NJ. Briefly, my husband retired as the State Vet in Jan. Prior to that he had been working on Minimum standards for the humane treatment of livestock (horses, sheep, cows, rabbits etc.) as requested by the state legislature. This was done to enable the state vets to apply consistent standards to ASPCA and PETA complaints about animal welfare. The rules have been published and it is time for comments to be received by the department of Agriculture. Unfortunately, because N.J. is populated primarily by non farming types and our animal agriculture is small, PETA and an insidious group called Farm Sanctuary, have been bombarding the department with negative comments. They want much tougher standards than proposed. ..in essence they want to do away with meat They have targeted N.J. hoping to win concessions which they can then force other states to comply wit As the largest rabbit breeder in N.J. we were involved with the rabbit portion and it is very broadly worded...no fears there folks! If each of you could send an email or a letter (I've attached simple wording below, feel free to alter as you wish) within the next week it will help all of us in AnimalAgriculture. Feel free to share this with any other groups or species that you are in contact with.

I need your help in responding to the proposed regulations. Animal rightists are sending in comments that the rules are not "tough enough" at the rate of 80 per day. The counts pro and con stands at 790 to 2. Not good odds to have the governor pass the scientifically supportable version that Ernie has worked on for 6 years. He is forbidden to "politic" hence my plea for help. If each of you would get 5 or 10 or more people to email or write there is still hope. Call me if you have any questions. Following is all that is necessary to write, more can be added if you'd like to elaborate.

To Dr. Nancy Halpern, Director of Animal Health P.O. Box 330,
Trenton, N.J. 08625 Humane standards@ag.state.nj.us

I am writing in support of NJAC2:8, #PRN2003-168. I understand that the Department of Agriculture has developed scientifically based standards for the minimum humane care of animals in NJ. The intent of the legislation creating these rules was clear. Modifications to these rules would place an unnecessary burden on agriculture and animal owners. Signed your name and state or address. (people from all areas are free to write).

Again, call me if you have any questions and PLEASE HELP!!! Cindy
Zirkle 856-455-6611