

PROGRAM FOR 11 December

Holiday Party at the Glen Rock Inn

Starts 7:30 PM Send your choice as per flyer plus \$15 to April Rothwell. Not a buffet!
Call evenings (973)478-4321

STATE TOXICOLOGIST WARNS PET OWNERS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ANTIFREEZE

MANHATTAN — Antifreeze may pose a serious health threat to pets, but seeking treatment quickly can prevent irreversible damages, a Kansas State University toxicologist says.

Fall and spring are the most common times of year for cats and dogs to be affected by antifreeze poisoning, said Fred Oehme, professor of toxicology and pathobiology and director of K-State's comparative toxicology laboratories in the department of diagnostic medicine and pathobiology.

Antifreeze is a common danger to pets because it is a commonly used product and is often carelessly stored or disposed.

"Animals are inquisitive in nature and are likely to lick the antifreeze out of curiosity," Oehme said. "Also, because antifreeze has a mild sweet taste, they may be more attracted and continue to lick it, causing them to ingest dangerous levels."

Although cats and dogs are both prone to antifreeze poisoning, Oehme says it is more common in dogs. Symptoms of antifreeze poisoning include vomiting, weakness and acting drunk or depressed. If the animal does not receive treatment, symptoms will worsen and eventually the kidneys will fail, Oehme said.

If your pet is poisoned from antifreeze, Oehme suggests acting quickly.

"If you see your pet ingest antifreeze, you can try to induce vomiting, but if they are already showing signs, then they should promptly be taken to a veterinarian," he said. "If treatment is received within four to six hours, the chances are good for avoiding irreversible damages and there is a better chance for recovery."

Poison control numbers:
K-State's Poison Control Hotline is 785-532-5679 (animals)
Universal Poison Control is 1.800-222-1222 (humans)

Vivian

GROWL Collator. The way you send it is the way you will see it
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All contributions must be in by the 20th of the month

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Chairman: Ruth Henningsen; Assistant: Christine Haycock
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Breeder Referral: Antoniette Coviello

Community Service: Elaine Barone

ADOA: Joan Murko

Educational Programs: Joan Murko and April Rothwell

New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs

Delegates: Pat Paladino and Shirley Irwin

Alternates: Randy Paladino and Keith Paladino

Parliamentarian: Joan Murko

Minutes of the Ramapo Kennel Club General Meeting of 11/13/02

In the absence of President Betty McDonnell, the meeting was called to order by VP Joanne Silver at 8:05PM.
Report of the Corresponding Secretary:

AKC Letter. As of April 1, 2003, the name of the Jack Russell Terrier will officially be changed to PARSON RUSSELL TERRIER.

Treasurers Report:

Checking Account Balance \$21,511.19; Money Market: \$18,939.09

Rosters are out tonight to people here and will be mailed to the rest of the membership. This is a beautiful job—
THANKS JERRY!!!

NJ Dog Federation applications must be in to Jackie before the DEC party as the Board will vote on them on that day. Each requires a check for \$20 made out to RKC and a new copy of the breeders contract.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of October 9th were accepted with no corrections.

Cake for next meeting (January): Lorraine Fennimore, Jack Berlet, Bevely Lynn, Candy Wisnieski

COMMITTEES:

Point Show:

Many thanks all around from Diane Ammerman and the Official Handover of the Show to Ruth Henningsen for next

year. Also many thanks from Elizabeth Smith on the Obedience side and hand over to Jerry Lemiero for next year.

Linda Lovstad—thanks to Trophy volunteers.

Awards: Elaine Barone

It is time for the membership to start thinking about the RKC Good Sportsmanship Award. Deadline April 15th.

Legislation:

Joan Murko spoke about new NJ Bill A2906, prohibiting bull-type breeds. She had petitions for signature and also asked the membership to write to our individual assembly representatives. Jerry Lemiero has done this successfully

and changed the mind of his Assemblyman. To find out who your rep is, use the Legislatures website or call Joan for help. The theme of the letters should be: DEED NOT BREED”

Sunshine:

Lorraine, happily has nothing to report.

Holiday Party:

April announced that the party would be at The Glen Rock Inn Glen Rock, NJ. Flyers are on the back table. This will be a sit down dinner rather than a buffet, so members were asked to submit an entree selections from the flyer with their checks for \$15 to April. As in passed years, the party will include Secret Santa and donations of dog food for a local shelter.

Obedience:

Candy Wisnieski reports that the Obedience Program is in the midst of its registration period for the upcoming Winter Term. She also urged all club breeders to encourage people buying their puppies to take them to Puppy Kindergarten. Candy also reminded members that Puppy Kindergarten is NOT AN OBEDIENCE CLASS but is rather a socialization and confidence building experience which research has shown gives all puppies a superior start--pet, breed, or performance. The Obedience Program can help you find programs for your puppies, as can Match Show Bulletin for puppies placed away from this area.

Show Handling:

Show Handling has completed Beginner Classes for the fall, and is offering Open Only from now through 12/19. The full program will resume in January.

No Old Business

No New Business

Motion by Elaine Barone to adjourn at 8:46PM seconded by Joyce Wilson

The Program:

After a brief break for coffee, a smaller group reconvened for the evenings program: a Breeder's Roundtable (or in our case, square table). As the group was small, we all pulled our chairs round the Board table. Instead of the panel discussion that was planned, the program was a more general discussion starting with introductions round the table for the benefit of new member, Erik Walter (Mastiffs). Present around the table were panelists: Joanne Silver, Dianne Ammerman, Ruth Henningsen, and Elaine Barone; and members: Linda Lovstad, Beverly Lynn, Joan Murko and spouse, Erik Walter, Shirley Irwin, Jack Bertet, and Candy Wisnieski. As one might expect from a bunch of dog people sitting around a table, the discussion wandered over many subjects. There were a couple of main themes: Evaluating potential puppy buyers and screening out poor fits and the increasing use of computer models for breed selection by families looking for companion dogs. As the mastiff and wire fox terrier are often presented as ideal choices, the models do not seem to fit well with what we know about these breeds. Also fascinating was the Doppler Fetal Monitor the Beverly Lynn demonstrated for us.

This program was wonderful and a format that is worth repeating often.

Respectfully Submitted,
Candy Wisnieski
substituting for Pat Paladino.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach the holiday time of year, I wish to send sincere best wishes to each of you. I am hoping to see many of you at our Holiday Dinner. April Rothwell has found a new venue for our party that is sure to please everyone. We have a choice of menu that will tempt our varied tastes. If you have not made your dinner reservation, call April now.

The Board of Directors had a three hour Board meeting on November 4 at the President's home in Mahwah. We just do not have enough time in our monthly pre-membership meetings to get through all of our club business. We apologize for running overtime delaying our meetings and programs in the past, and we are committed to finishing our future meetings by 8 PM.

One big project that we are trying to complete is to have detailed job descriptions for all of our volunteer positions. Chairmen should know what is expected in each job and the Board should be aware of committee responsibilities when we make these appointments. Joan Murko has volunteered to review and standardize these job descriptions to make future job transitions go smoothly.

As I assumed the presidency I was amazed to find that we have never kept a policy book where we could quickly reference policies voted by all prior Boards of Directors. We fortunately have longevity among our membership that will enable us to recall prior Board decisions. However we plan to review past Board minutes and record policy decisions and put them in a notebook form for quick reference. I have volunteered to work on this project.

As we pause in our busy schedules for Thanksgiving, let us be mindful of all the many benefits that Ramapo offers its members. We have in our fellow members a world of knowledge to share and a support group that is always willing to offer sympathy and support through the joys and sorrows of owning canines. We have the opportunity to offer training classes to our members and to the public, and we have the skill and manpower to run our annual dog show and match. I am grateful to able to serve our club.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

Vivian Bregman's proper email address is vbregman@mindspring.com
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Tuxedo NY 10987 Judge

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Owyhee@fcc.net

MEET RKC CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, SHIRLEY IRWIN

I grew up in Clifton, NJ, and attended Clifton High School. After marriage to husband, Bruce, we moved to East Rutherford where we have lived the past 30 years. We have three children, two girls age 31 and 29 and a son who is 27. We also have three grandchildren ages two, five, and ten years old.

When my children were growing up, I took a special interest in animals and I volunteered some time at the Bergen County shelter where I became very involved with the care of dogs and cats. Although I worked at an employment agency for a while, I wanted more than office work. I started working as a vet technician at Antelmans Hospital in Clifton in 1986. With new owners the hospital has moved and has been renamed the Valley Animal Hospital. I continue to work there on a part time basis doing technician work. I have developed a special interest in behavior for our clients' pets. I also spend volunteer time consulting with others on animal behavior over the Internet and via phone.

In 1987 I lost my fourteen-year-old mixed breed to liver failure. I read up on the Beagle and decided that this was the breed for my family and me. I went to a breeder for a pet, and when I saw the championship documents on her wall, I asked what dogs shows were all about. The breeder's explanation got me interested and she put me in touch with a professional handler. The rest is history, as I have bred over 25 champions including two Westminster winners and two National Specialty BOS winners. My foundation Beagle, Teddy Caboose, received two specialty wins and six Group Firsts. Several of my dogs are in movies such as Inspector Gadget and the Royal Tannenbaums, and my dog Destiny is the AKC mascot on their video Best Friends. I have six dogs at home and I co-own several others that are Group placers.

I have been a member of Ramapo Kennel club since 1989. I chaired Ramapo's match and point show for a two-year period. I joined my national Beagle Club in 1992. I also was a founding member of the New Jersey Central Hound Club.

When I am not attending dog shows or working at the veterinarian's office, my hobby is enjoying my grandchildren. I am so pleased that my older grandchildren are interested in dog care and dog shows.

Legislative Alert

New Jersey Looks at 'Pit Bull' Restrictions

New Jersey is considering new legislation that would severely restrict ownership of pit bulls—including “American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Staffordshire Terriers and any dog determined to be a pit bull type.” This new bill (A2906) was introduced in mid-October and appears to be quickly making its way through the Assembly. Immediate help from New Jersey dog owners is needed to rectify this unjust, ineffective, and extremely poorly written bill..

A2906 Requires:

- A special license for all “pit bulls” (\$150-700)
- A municipality may require anyone who owns a dog to prove that it *ISN'T* a pit bull (municipality will visually inspect the dog to determine whether it is a pit bull). Very few municipalities have staff with any breed identification knowledge or experience.
- Confinement in permanent enclosure (including a secure pen AND a 6-ft. fence).
- Pit Bulls must be muzzled when off owner's property and leashed with a tether not more than 3-feet long. The tether must be approved by an animal control officer.
- The municipality must inspect the enclosure and the licensee's property at least monthly.
- Liability insurance.
- Violators are subject to fine up to \$1000/day.
- Seized dogs will be placed in no-kill shelter until properly adopted or until the dog dies of natural causes.

Other Points about A2906:

- NJ state law prohibits labeling a dog “dangerous” based on breed alone. A2906 is contrary to existing state law.
- NJ has a good dangerous dog law in place—the key to solving dangerous dog problems is not to pass arbitrary new restrictions but to enforce the existing law.
- Breed-specific laws are unfair to responsible owners of the restricted breeds. Deeds, not breeds, should be the determining factor.

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- Breed-specific laws increase costs for the community. Administrative costs, enforcement costs, and shelter costs will skyrocket under A2906.
- Uniformly enforced dangerous dogs laws—like the existing NJ state law—will force all owners to be responsible, regardless of what breed they own.
- Countless national animal organizations—American Kennel Club, AVMA, ASPCA, National Animal Control Association, National Animal Interest Alliance, and others—oppose breed-specific legislation because they know it simply doesn't work.

What You Can Do:

- Immediately e-mail, call or write your NJ Assembly member and urge him/her to oppose A2906. (To find your legislator's contact information, visit <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp>)
- Contact the sponsor of the bill, Assemblyman John Burzichelli to let him know that New Jersey dog owners oppose A2906.

The Hon. John .1. Burzichelli (D-3)
 State House Box 098
 Trenton, NJ 08625-0098
 609-292-5339
 AsmBurzichelli @ njleg.org

- Share this information with fellow dog owners in New Jersey.

Don't wait—we need your help now! We must stop A2906 from passing the NJ Assembly!
 For more information about this bill, why breed-specific legislation doesn't work, or any legislative Issue affecting dog owners, please contact AKC's Canine Legislation Department at doglaw@akc.org.

New Champion

"Jamie"
 CH Silvercreek Mad About You
 (CH Chestnut Hills Coco Kele x Am/Can/PR/World CH Silvercreek I Love Lucy
 JH WD)
 Breeders: Joanne & Stan Silver
 owners: Joanne Silver and Diane Ammerman
 Handlers: Diane Ammerman & Joanne Silver

Jamie finished her championship by going back to back 5 point majors at ACC
 Supported in Philadelphia and West Springfield.

Jamie is the 4 puppy to finish out of 6 in this litter. Dylan just needs
 to single points to finish.

Joanne Silver

Congratulations Joanne.

Molly
www.chesapeakeUK.com

"He is your friend, your partner, 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".

Author Unknown.

ATTENTION: LIFE MEMBERS

Ramapo Kennel Club has a fair number of valued Life Members who have contributed enormously to the growth of our club.

Over the years, some of you have ventured into other fields and are no longer involved actively in the dog world. While we continue to send you the Grawl, a few say they no longer read it. To use our funds effectively, we would like to mail the newsletter only to those who are truly interested.

For this reason, please complete and send us the stub below if you would like to continue to receive the Grawl. If we don't hear from you, we will assume you prefer not to be on our mailing list for this publication.

In either case, please do keep in touch. We extend best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season to you all.

Jack Berlet
Publisher

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Please check the RKC Roster for your personal information and send any necessary changes when you respond.

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Vivian Bregman

ANTI-PET OWNERSHIP QUOTES

"Pet ownership is an absolutely abysmal situation brought about by human manipulation." — Ingrid Newkirk, national director, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA), "Just Like Us? Toward a Nation of Animal Rights" (symposium), Harper's, August 1988

"Liberating our language by eliminating the word 'pet' is the first step...In an ideal society where all exploitation and oppression has been eliminated, it will be NJARA's policy to oppose the keeping of animals as 'pets.'" -New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance, "Should Dogs Be Kept As Pets? NO!" Good Dog! February 1991, p. 20.

"Let us allow the dog to disappear from our brick and concrete jungles—from our firesides, from the leather nooses and chains by which we enslave it." —John Bryant, Fettered Kingdoms: An Examination of Changing Ethic (Washington, DC: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA), 1982), p. 15.

"The cat, like the dog, must disappear... We should cut the domestic cat free from our dominance by neutering, neutering, and more neutering until our pathetic version of the cat ceases to exist" -John Bryant, Fettered Kingdoms: An Examination of A Changing Ethic(Washington, DC: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA), 1982), p. 15.

"As John Bryant has written in his book Fettered Kingdoms, they [pets] are like slaves, even if well-kept slaves." —PETA's Statement on Companion Animals

"In a perfect world, all other than human animals would be free of human interference, and dogs and cats would be part of the ecological scheme." --PeTA's Statement on Companion Animals.

"[A]s the surplus of cats and dogs (artificially engineered by centuries

of forced breeding) declined, eventually companion animals would be phased out, and we would return to a more symbiotic relationship-enjoyment at a distance." —Ingrid Newkirk, "Just Like Us? Toward a Notion of Animal Rights" (symposium), Harper's, August 1988, p. 50. 20

"The bottom line is that people don't have the right to manipulate or to breed dogs and cats ... If people want toys, they should buy inanimate objects. If they want companionship, they should seek it with their own kind," — Ingrid Newkirk, national director, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA), Animals, May/June 1993.

"You don't have to own squirrels and starlings to get enjoyment from them ... One day, we would like an end to pet shops and the breeding of animals. [Dogs] would pursue their natural lives in the wild.. they would have full lives, not wasting at home for someone to come home in the evening and pet them and then sit there and watch TV," — Ingrid Newkirk, national director, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA), Chicago Daily Herald, March 1, 1990.

"[Animal] Fancies provide an escape from the real world, a sense of purpose in a lot of purposeless lives, a chance to play God by breeding animals, and a chance to play celebrity by showing them." (The Animals' Agenda, Dec.1991 Phil Maggitti).

"Human care (of animals) is simply sentimental, sympathetic patronage." (Dr.Michael W. Fox, HSUS, in 1988 Newsweek interview).

"We are not especially 'interested in' animals. Neither of us had ever been inordinately fond of dogs, cats, or horses in the way that many people are. We didn't 'love' animals." - Peter Singer, Animal Liberation: A New Ethic for Our Treatment of Animals, 2nd ed. (New York Review of Books, 1990), Preface, p. ii.

"The theory of animal rights simply is not consistent with the theory of animal welfare... Animal rights means dramatic social changes for humans and non-humans alike; if our bourgeois values prevent us from accepting those changes, then we have no right to call ourselves advocates of animal rights." --Gary Frsncione, The Animals' Voice, VoL 4, No. 2 Companion (undated), pp.54-55.

"Not only are the philosophies of animal rights and animal welfare separated by irreconcilable differences., the enactment of animal welfare measures actually impedes the achievement of animal rights...Welfare reforms, by their very nature, can only serve to retard the paceat which animal tights goals are achieved." —Gay Francione and Tom Regan, "A Movements Means Create Its Ends," The Animals' Agenda, January/February 1992, pp. 40-42.

Veterinary-only imaging and radiotherapy center opens in Clifton, NJ

The Veterinary MRI and Radiotherapy Center of New Jersey (vetMRIRI), the first privately owned veterinary MRI, CT and radiotherapy center in the world, will open its doors for business November 11 in Clifton, NJ. The Center provides high quality MR and CT imaging as well as radiotherapy for veterinarians with patients in need of such services.

Until now advanced imaging has been available only on a limited basis utilizing human facilities during off-hours in most cases. Usually that meant a long drive and an overnight stay for both owners and their pets. Because the vetMRIRI Center is designed for veterinary use only, imaging can be handled on an outpatient basis with no overnight stays required. And, with its location in the heart of the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area, it will be easily accessible to pet owners from most of New Jersey, southern New York State, Northeastern Pennsylvania and New York City.

The Center is owned and operated by veterinarians, including some of the most recognized specialists in the country. The Center's board boasts board certified specialists in surgery, radiology, internal medicine, imaging, oncology and radiation oncology. The oncologist, the radiologist and the radiation oncologist are the only veterinarians in the State to hold those credentials.

Staff members include Neal Mauldin, DVM Dip. ACVR, the region's only board certified radiation oncologist, Renee Alsarrof, DVM Dip. ACVIM, New Jersey's only board certified veterinary oncologist, and Justin Goggin, DVM Dip. ACVR, New Jersey's only board certified veterinary radiologist. Adam Sniderman, VMD, is the Managing Director

We have compiled an excellent group of veterinary specialists who recognize there is a real need for imaging and radiotherapy services specifically designed to meet the needs of companion animals," said Mark Skeels, DVM Dip. ABVP, a founder and board member of the Center. "Once veterinarians in the region realize what we can do, it will take their companion animal health care to another level."

The Center has invested in technology that exceeds that which is currently available in the veterinary field, along with the expertise necessary to ensure the right technology is utilized. Its centerpieces are a General Electric 1.5 Tesla Signa Advantage MRI, a GE Hi-Light Advantage CT, and a Siemens Mevatron 6740 Linear Accelerator. The MRI, used for soft tissue imaging, is three times the strength of other MRIs used for veterinary purposes in the region, which means the images it provides will be significantly sharper. Equally important, the time required to obtain the images is much shorter, which decreases the patient anesthesia time and increases safety. The CT scanner~ appropriate for bone and thoracic imaging, offers the highest resolution imaging of any CT in veterinary use anywhere. The Linear Accelerator delivers radiation doses some 20 times faster than more commonly used cobalt units, sometimes eliminating entirely the need for any form of sedation.

"Our equipment borders on research level machinery," Skeels said. "The combination of this equipment and our staff's level of expertise cannot be matched. This brings veterinary medicine into the 21st century.

The Center also differs from other advanced imaging options in the region in that cases will always remain with the attending veterinarian, imaging will be done on an outpatient basis and interpretation will be handled by in-house staff experts. Its imaging equipment is also the highest quality available for veterinary use. "A few facilities scattered around the Northeast offer one or two of these services," Skeels said, "But we are the first to offer such a complete package of services at this level of quality."

For example, some facilities offer imaging services, but not on an outpatient basis and generally as case referrals, meaning the practicing vet releases the case to the hospital. Others provide MRI scanning, but without CT imaging or interpretation services. No others in the area can provide radiation therapy with oversight from a boarded radiation oncologist.

An open house for veterinarians in the vicinity to have a first hand look at the Center is scheduled for November 10 from noon to 5:00 pm.

About the vetMRIRI Center

The Veterinary MRI and Radiotherapy Center of New Jersey is the region's only advanced diagnostic and therapeutic imaging facility exclusively for veterinary use. Owned and operated by veterinarians, the MRI/RT Center offers superior MRI and CT imaging, along with Radiation Therapy, in an outpatient setting. Located in the heart of the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area, the Center offers easy proximity from most of New Jersey, southern New York State, Northeastern Pennsylvania and New York City.

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<http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article id=1604>

AKC launches Homeowners' Insurance Resource Center, Tuesday 19 November 2002. Frustrated dog owners who are having trouble obtaining homeowners insurance now have a new resource at their fingertips, courtesy of the AKC's Canine Legislation department. Our new Homeowners' Insurance Resource Center provides tips on finding insurance as well as information on working with legislators to try to end insurance companies' discriminatory practices. We've also included suggestions for preventing dog bites, because responsible dog ownership can often help people avoid incidents that lead to insurance problems. Finding insurance is a growing problem for dog owners all over the country, but we believe this new information center will make things easier for people and their pets. Visit today!

Sue Cone and the Katmai Chesapeake

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.

OBEDIENCE 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

CALENDAR:

Series I: 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

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

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