



# GROWL

ESTABLISHED 1958

JANUARY 2016

## 4 NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE PERFECT FOR DOG OWNERS

By: Lindsay Cosner, AKC

Humans aren't the only ones who could benefit from a New Year's resolution or two. Resolutions can even help our dogs live healthier lives. Whether your four-legged friend needs a refresher course in training or needs to lose some weight, resolving to do more with your dog will help everyone involved. Here are four ideas to start the new year off right:

- **Mind your manners.** Whether you have a puppy that has yet to start training classes or an older dog that has forgotten his manners, training classes teach important commands and socialization needed to help both dog and owner to be a responsible member of society, not to mention that training is a great way for dogs to bond with their owners.
- **Explore competitive events.** Resolve to train your dog to compete in fun events

in the New Year. Agility, obedience, and rally competitions are a fun and rewarding experience for all dogs. You'll meet new people with a similar love for dogs and watch your pup grow into a well-behaved, even-tempered, and physically fit companion.

- **Lose those pesky holiday pounds.** Exercise is extremely important for both you and your dog's health. Daily exercise is good for your dog's heart, lungs, circulatory system, and muscles, in addition to helping him maintain a healthy weight. Obesity causes many health problems in dogs and being overweight can shorten your dog's life.
- **Help others.** Dogs love helping others and they're invaluable in providing service to humans - visiting the sick, helping the disabled, locating missing persons, and much more. There are many ways dog owners can put their special skills to use in their community.

### In this issue:

New Years Resolutions .....	1
President's Message .....	2
December Meeting Minutes .....	3
A Real Live Fairy Tale .....	3
View from the other end .....	4
AKC Delegates Report .....	5
Ovulation Timing (OVT) .....	6
Handling/Training Class Scheds. ....	7
Braggs .....	8
Holiday Dinner Photos .....	4
Items for Sale .....	9
Dates to Remember .....	10



Rose Radel with her gift at the Holiday Dinner. See more photos on page 8.

TILLY GRASSA

# President's Message



JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

Happy New Year to Everyone! May 2016 bring all our members good health, much happiness and great prosperity. As you experience new things with your dogs, please share your adventures with the membership by submitting an article to the Grawl. We can learn a lot from each other and our newsletter is the

perfect place to do that.

Many thanks to Lorraine Fennemore for ensuring our holiday dinner was, as always, delicious and a lot of fun. The food was outstanding and the homemade desserts topped off a wonderful evening.

We have big news for this year's Harvest Cluster. Palisades Kennel Club has chosen

to hold their shows on a different weekend at a different venue. This means that, for at least 2016, Ramapo Kennel Club will be able to hold our shows on Saturday and Sunday. This also means we could be flying solo, although we are researching what club(s) might be interested in joining us out in Sussex County. While there are many potential financial implications, this allows us to enjoy two weekend days of higher entries instead of one—hopefully offsetting some of our additional expenses. There is much to be worked out and Melissa Ayer is spending a tremendous amount of time and effort to ensure our success. We will keep the membership

informed about what is happening and we

encourage everyone to pitch in and help wherever and however you can.

Our general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13th, at 8pm at our new site—the American Legion Hall in Pequannock. A short Board meeting will be held at 7:30pm. We have not yet determined if we will have a short program. Melissa Ayer will address the group to present a rundown of the jobs that must be filled for this years point shows and what is required for each of them. This is very important. We must step up and cover the things Palisades KC has done in the past. We need more people than ever to work our shows. Please come to learn how you can help and then volunteer!

The next few months still might actually bring snow, ice and freezing temperatures. If there is any question about a meeting being held, please confirm it before heading out the door. We will get cancellations posted on the website as early as possible and will use the call tree to notify everyone. Feel free to call my cell phone (201-665-2565) or email me (teneo@mac.com) if you are unsure.

I look forward to seeing everyone next week. Remember to go to our new meeting site in Pequannock!

Sharon

## Ramapo Kennel Club Officers

### President

Sharon Fremer  
teneo@mac.com

### Vice President

Amy Starost

### Treasurer

Ruth Henningsen

### Recording Secretary

Kim Luikert

### Corresponding Secretary

Tilly Grassa  
tgcreative@aol.com

### Board of Directors

#### 2016

Melissa Ayer  
Gerrie Oliver  
Rose Radel

#### 2017

Elaine Barone  
Lorraine Fennemore  
Janis Hayes

### AKC Delegate

Jeffrey David Ball

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR 2016 SHOW!

There are many interesting and fun jobs to do. Melissa Ayer, Show Chair will discuss them at the January meeting.

# Minutes

## **RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB Holiday Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, December 9, 2015**

President Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:30pm at Franco's Restaurant, West Caldwell, NJ.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as presented in the Growl made by Janis Hayes, seconded Lorraine Fennemore and approved.

Janis Hayes reported Membership received

an application on 11/27/15 for Joan Kuehn, Pequannock, NJ, an active Ramapo Kennel Club performance student with Willow, a toy poodle. Joan is sponsored by Amy Starost and Anne Hulsizer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33pm with motion of Elaine Barone seconded by Amy Starost.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Gerrie Oliver*

## **A REAL LIFE FAIRY TALE**

*From the AKC Gazette:* Helfgott-Turner Productions, Inc., will launch a crowd-funding campaign to finance a feature film celebrating the world of dog shows.

The movie is called "A Little Magic: The Trish and Cinnar Story" and will tell the true Cinderella story behind the 1980 Westminster Kennel Club show, where young Trish Kanzler handled her mother's red Siberian Husky, Cinnar, to Best in Show—a singular achievement, considering it was done with no money, a 23-year-old handler, and a dog who had lost the tip of his ear in a scrap with a kennel mate. The film's producers call Kanzler and Cinnar's story a "real-life fairy tale."

The producers are launching a Kickstarter campaign because they met resistance from Hollywood. Producer Daniel Helfgott, owner of a champion Tibetan Terrier, says, "The studios don't believe dog lovers want an inspirational family movie." He has decided to go directly to the dog fancy for support.

The Kickstarter campaign will offer unique rewards. The one causing the most buzz is the opportunity for dogs and fanciers to be in the film. Some will have the chance to be at Westminster (at least in the movie) and even get into the ring for the Best in Show scene.

Helfgott-Turner has assembled a top-notch production team that includes Oscar and Emmy winners and nominees. Also involved is the real-life

Trish Kanzler, who says, "I support this film because I believe it will encourage young people to go into the sport." Other supporters of the project are prominent dog fanciers Wayne Ferguson, Mari-Beth O'Neill, and Jim Reynolds.

A portion of the movie's profits will benefit Take the Lead, a foundation that provides direct services, support, and care for people in the sport of purebred dogs who are suffering from life-threatening or terminal illness.

Sign up for the newsletter at [ALittleMagictheMovie.com](http://ALittleMagictheMovie.com), and then support the crowd-funding campaign going live on January 25. A release from Helfgott-Turner says, "By signing up, everyone will also learn more about the movie project and how they can participate in the fun, including how they can put their dogs in the movie!"



## VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

Happy New Year!...hey, what happened to all that balmy weather?!...we were able to train "go outs" on the patio outside the kitchen door last week...now my wimpy handler says it's too cold to work outside... geeze, I delighted in sleeping in snow

problem?...

I'm working with my human to learn Open exercises...she just stands there giving me commands and I do all the work...she keeps throwing the dumbbell across the floor and sends me to pick it up...why can't she pick it up herself?...we work on the Figure 8... boring!... how about a Figure 7 or a 9 for variety?...then she sends me over these broad boards and expects me to come back to her...why'd she send me there in the first place?...

Just to shake things up, I'm competing in AKC, UKC, and CDSP trials... it's tough to keep all the subtle differences in my little chocolate head... thank goodness my human partner brings the rules to



PHOTOS COURTESY ANN HULSTIZER

banks all last winter and all I heard this spring were complaints about my thick undercoat...I was plenty warm...what's HER

every event...

The good news is that my Husky buddy, Mickey, is working on his Rally Excellent skills and I get to run the course in class too...of course I have to read the signs and make sure my human handler performs them correctly, but I LOVE RALLY!...I get to do all kinds of fun stuff and show off things like backing up in a straight line...Mickey is still working on that one...he'll get it soon...

It's dinner time and I have to go and stare at my food bowl until my human fills it with kibble and veggies...meanwhile I wish all of you a warm coat and a Healthy 2016...

*U-CD Casbar Glen Wild Weekend CD, CD-C, BN, RAE, RL3, ThD, CGCA  
(but you can call me "Friday")*



# AKC Delegates Report

*The following is a general summary of the December 10 and 11, 2015 AKC Delegates meeting in Orlando, Florida. I will discuss any of the matters further at the next Membership Meeting.*

## **December 10, 2015 Delegate Committee Meetings**

### **All-Breed Clubs Committee - 9:00 to 11:30am**

Update All-Breed Club Event Survey, All-Breed Best Practices posted on AKC website

Territory exclusivity proposed change Rules applying to Dog shows Chapter 2, Section 3, Bylaw amendment, Article VII, Section 1 elimination of term limits for Board members,

Proposed change to Article VI, Section 5 that would permit Delegate judges to charge up to \$150 fee, Request from Companion Events Committee to form joint subcommittee with All-Breed Clubs, Companion Events, Herding, Earth dog, Coursing & Field Trial Committees to discuss "Achiever Dog" proposal, Multi-year approval of event applications, AKC Membership Requirements, Grand Championship new titles, AKC NOHS Program Enhancements, NOHS noted in Judges book, Concurrent Specialty change , Update match regulations for age of puppies, AKC help with Match promotion , Defibrillators at Shows , Reserve Best Jr, Jr Showmanship Novice & Open Class Criteria, Informational- Deaf dogs can participate in Agility, Rally &

Tracking, FIDO TV affiliation

### **Dog Show Rules Committee - 1:00 to 3:30pm**

Board of Director Liaison report and Staff Liaison, Chapter 2, Section 3 – "Territory issue", Chapter 14, Section 2 – Visible Means of Identification in the Ring – badges, shirts, etc. Inclusion of non-regular classes in calculation of Grand Championship points – Chapter 16, Section 6, Points for Group Placements, Coordinating Committee: Review Dog Show Rules Committee Charge, Showing Spayed/Neutered Dogs, Practice Rings

### **Coordinating Committee - 3:45 to 5:15pm**

Election of Coordinating Committee Officers

Report from Board Liaison and Staff Liaison

Report from all Committee Chairs Topics for future Forums

### **General Caucus – 4:45 to 6:00pm**

Attended Canine Health Foundation Fundraiser – 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

## **December 11, 2015 Delegate Meeting**

### **Legislative Caucus – 7:30 to 9:00am**

### **General Delegates Meeting - 9:00 to 1:30 p.m.**

List of AKC 2016 Board Candidates: Gretchen Bernardi, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club

Rita J. Biddle, Ingham County Kennel Club

Patricia M. Cruz, Heart of the Plains kennel Club

William J. Feeney, Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club

Linda Ayers Turner Knorr, Greenville Kennel Club

Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America

Thomas Powers, Kennel Club of Beverly Hills

Ronald H. Menaker, announced earlier that the Board of Directors concluded, at their October Board meeting to narrow the search for future AKC offices to two locations. The operational facility will be in the Research Triangle area of Raleigh, North Carolina and the headquarters to reside in the metropolitan New York area. The decision is a result of extensive due diligence performed on behalf of The AKC in addressing real estate planning by the following agencies: Aequitas, CBRE and Gensler.

Dennis B. Sprung, President and C.E.O stated the next step in this process is for the aforementioned real estate companies to provide quantitative and qualitative analysis for both targeted locations to determine the best physical locations for each office.

### **2:30 to 6:30 p.m. assisted in setup of Meet the Breeds**

## **December 12 and 13, 2015**

Worked at several booths for AKC as well as meet with candidates for AKC Board positions.

*Jeffrey Ball*

# OVULATION TIMING (OVT)

*Dr. Mary Stankovics and Debbie Leach from Straw to Paws, frozen semen specialists, gave an informative presentation to members at our November meeting. For those who couldn't be there here is an overview of the presentation:*

Ovulation timing (OVT) is the process by which one can determine the optimal time to breed a bitch and is the corner stone to a successful breeding program.

**OVT is as much a science as it is an art and experience in the field of reproduction is key to obtaining the best results.** This becomes extremely important especially when electing to use frozen or fresh chilled semen or when there has been poor reproductive performance.

The scope of this article is not to give a detailed overview of OVT but to give you a general understanding of the whole process.

OVT utilizes the following to determine the **fertilizable** period: vaginal cytology, vaginoscopy, progesterone and Luteinizing hormone (LH) testing. The fertilizable period is the time during which eggs are present (that they have been ovulated) in the reproductive tract and at the stage of maturation where fertilization by the sperm can occur.

In order for OVT to be successful the following key facts need to be kept in mind:

- Vaginal cytology should be performed by an individual comfortable in evaluating the changes that occur as a bitch progresses through her estrous cycle
- Progesterone assay tests should be performed by a reference laboratory or in-house chemistry analyzer, NOT in-house test kit
- In-house progesterone test kits are NOT adequate for OVT
- The handling of blood samples for progesterone and LH testing needs to be performed in a very specific fashion to avoid getting erroneous results
- Specialized equipment is necessary for appropriate gross evaluation of vaginal tissues (vagoscopy)
- **Determination of the LH surge is the cornerstone to good OVT, not only does it predict the best breeding dates, it is also the**

**most accurate predictor of parturition, LH is what drives the whole ovulation cascade**

- LH testing is performed utilizing an in-house kit, which unlike progesterone kits, is very reliable
- LH testing is not available through regular reference laboratories and has to be sent to a university, the long turnaround time makes LH testing through this method not practicable and expensive

When starting the process of OVT we like to see the bitch within the first 4 days of when blood is first noticed. This is to ensure that the bitch has a normal baseline progesterone level and that she truly has just started her cycle, as indicated by a vagina cytology result consistent with pro-estrus.

Progesterone levels and vaginal cytology are then typically assessed on an every other day to every 2 to 3 day schedule (depending on type of breeding planned and previous cycle history).

LH testing typically commences once vaginal cytology indicates the presence of 80% or more superficial vaginal epithelial cells and progesterone levels are in the 1 to 3 ng/ml, though this can vary greatly from bitch to bitch and from cycle to cycle.

Once the LH surge has been detected, typically a sharp rise in progesterone will follow. Breeding is typically performed on days 3 through 6 post the LH surge, with the date of the LH surge being day 0. Surgical inseminations are typically performed on day 5, 6 or 7 post the LH surge, depending on progesterone levels.

**It is key to continue to monitor progesterone levels even if the LH surge is captured to confirm that ovulation has in fact occurred.** Ovulation of the egg typically occurs two days after the LH surge, it takes another two days for the eggs to mature to the stage that they can be fertilized and the eggs will remain viable for another two to four days. Though the eggs may still be viable into early diestrus, late natural breeding may fail as the cervix "closes" and sperm cells can't pass through. Surgical or TCI (trans-cervical breeding) avoids this problem as the cervix is "by-passed".

*Mary Stankovics, D.V.M.  
Pleasant Valley Veterinary Services, LLC*

## RKC Show Handling Schedule - 2015/16

### TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:45 - 7:30

Drop-in classes: \$12.00 per dog,

OR 6 classes for \$60.00

No classes July and August

Jan. 19, 26

Feb. 2, 23

Mar. 1, 22

Apr. 5, 26

May 3, 24

June 14

FMI: Linda Hachtel

973-697-4337

or Sharon Fremer

201-665-2565, teneo@mac.com

## RKC Training Class Schedule - 2015/16

### TUESDAY RALLY CLASSES

7:30 - 8:15 RALLY ADV/EXC.

8:30 - 9:15 RALLY NOVICE

(Basic obedience skills required)

#### Session 2

Jan. 5, 19, 26

Feb. 2

#### Session 3

Feb. 16, 23

Mar. 1, 15, 22, 29

Apr. 5

#### Session 4

Apr. 19, 26

May 3, 17, 24, 31

June 14

#### Feb. 9 CGC/THERAPY testing

(there is a fee for testing)

### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Puppy Kindergarten 6:30-7:15

Beginner Obedience 7:30-8:15

Advanced Beginner 8:30-9:15

#### Session 2

Jan. 6, 20, 27

Feb. 3

#### Session 3

Feb. 17, 24

Mar. 2, 16, 23, 30

Apr. 6

#### Session 4

Apr. 20, 27

May 4, 18, 25

June 1, 15

#### June 22 CGC/THERAPY testing

(there is a fee for testing)

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES

CONTACT:

RUTH HENNINGSSEN 973-697-9456 or email

at: RUTHH.SNODOG@JUNO.COM

OR JOANNE SILVER 201-891-5090

JOANNE SILVER1937@YAHOO.COM

Class registration form available on the website:

[ramapokennelclub.com/RKCclasses](http://ramapokennelclub.com/RKCclasses)



JACK GRASSA

# Bragg

In December 2015, Lynn Budd's Doberman puppy, Tracker (**Catawba's Voyager v Lyro**) was WD in 3 of his first 4 shows, including a 4pt Major — all at 6 months of age. Lynn is looking forward to showing him again soon.

Tracker also graduated from and received a certificate for RKC AKC Star Puppy Class and is now in RKC Beginner Obedience.



"Silver"- **GCh Tam-Boer N Tarlyn Silver Diamond Of Karefor Mld**, Lena Tamboer's Longhaired Dachshund won a Group 4 at the Delaware Water Gap KC on Saturday, and a Group 2 on Sunday. Lena reports that the 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Group placements that day featured all Dachshunds—Group 1 to the Wirehaired, Group 2 to the Longhaired and Group 3 to the Smooth an occurrence she has never seen before.



## RKC Holiday Dinner- Franco's Restaurant, W. Caldwell, NJ



Although the tables are empty above, those at the dinner can attest that the food was delicious! A fun time was had by all and check out all the cool gifts that were traded at the Holiday White Elephant.



TILLY GRASSA

# Items for Sale

## ENTLESTRONG DOG TOYS:

Handmade (by Amy Starost) fleece dog toys.  
Strong & durable for training or for play.  
With or without tennis ball.  
Prices range from \$10-\$25 based on size.

As each toy is individually made, they can be custom sized for small dogs to large.  
Please contact Amy at: [astarost@yahoo.com](mailto:astarost@yahoo.com) or 551-485-2595 for more detail.



*This is a classified section for RKC members provided free of charge. Contact Tilly Grassa ([tgcreative@aol.com](mailto:tgcreative@aol.com)) if you have an item you'd like to list.*

## Thank you

Lena Tamboer would like to thank all the members who sent her cards and well wishes.

## Kabuki Cartoons



## Got Stuff?

Send your stories, news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, [tgcreative@aol.com](mailto:tgcreative@aol.com). Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Check the calendar on the last page for submission deadlines. The *Growl* is by and for the members so I need your help to make it interesting.



Published by the Ramapo Kennel Club  
7 Morgan Court  
Wayne, NJ 07470

### Designer/Editor/Photographer:

Tilly Grassa  
[tgcreative@aol.com](mailto:tgcreative@aol.com)  
973-633-5254

# Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

NOTE: NEW  
LOCATION!

**American Legion Post 450  
11 Oak Ave.  
Pequannock, NJ 07440 at 8:00 PM  
(unless otherwise noted)**

<b>Wednesday, January 13</b>	RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15 Program: TBA
<b>Wednesday, February 10</b>	RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15 Program: TBA
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b>	RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15 Program: TBA



# GROWL

11 Pershing Avenue  
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

**FIRST CLASS MAIL**