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APHIS Proposed Rule Makes Regulations Consistent with Animal Welfare Act

By AKC

Today, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published proposed updates to its regulations to make them consistent with existing requirements under the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). These rules do not represent a change in current USDA policy regarding licensing.

The proposed updates (known as a "proposed rule") reflect changes to the AWA that were enacted in early 2014 as part of the 2013 federal agricultural authorization act. The new regulatory language provides minor adjustments that expand thresholds for exemption from USDA licensing for animal dealer and exhibitor enterprises whose business activities are considered by USDA to be de minimis.

De minimis activities include those that are of a sufficiently small size or undertaken infrequently by owners of household pets that reside exclusively with the owner and generate less than a substantial

portion of income. The de minimis exemption also applies to any person who maintains four or fewer female dogs and/or other covered

animals and who sells, at retail or wholesale, only those animals' offspring, which were born on the person's premises.

Under the AWA, most dog dealer or exhibitor activities considered de minimis are already exempted from licensing based on exemptions for persons who maintain four or fewer breeding female dogs and/or other covered animals and who sell, at retail or wholesale, only those animals' offspring, which were born on the person's premises.

The proposed de minimis exemptions are in line with current regulations that exempt from licensing requirements any person who maintains four or fewer breeding female dogs and/or other covered animals and who sells only the offspring of those animals born and raised on his or her premises, for pets or exhibition. (As defined, "exhibitions" specifically exclude purebred dog and cat shows.) Entities already exempted under current licensing exemptions—including under the "retail pet store" rule that exempts those who sell puppies only in face-to-face transactions—from federal regulations—would also not be affected by the proposed de minimis exemption.

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Left, a couple of attendees relaxing at the RKC Match in June; Right, Jeffrey Ball encourages a young handler. For more photos, see page 8.

TILLY GRASSA

President's Message



JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

How can summer be more than half over? In less than a month our obedience, rally and show handling classes will resume, closely followed by our first full membership meeting since May. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to relax, refresh and recharge with

family, friends and dogs. If you went on a great vacation, or did something particularly fun close to home, please send a brief write-up about it, along with photos, to Tilly for future issues of the Growl.

We held a working board meeting at the end of July. One of the items on the agenda

was Committees. We have a few openings that need to be filled:

- The Community Service position is open. This is the person responsible for the information table we have at our shows and any other events we may be part of throughout the year. We have literature about pretty much everything to do with purebred dogs. It is a great resource for people interested in learning more about our club and what they can do with their dogs.

- The second New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs delegate position is open. This requires attendance at the Federation's quarterly

meetings and participation at the various events the Federation hosts throughout the year. As the animals rights groups become more deeply entrenched in our state the Federation needs as many motivated participants as possible to protect our rights as purebred dog owners.

- The Legislative Coordinator position is open. Sue Cone did a tremendous job in this role for many years. Jeffrey Ball has agreed to fill this spot temporarily, but we need someone willing to take it over full-time. This is extremely important for the same reason the Federation delegate is. We need people to keep the club informed about what's going on legislatively and what we can do to further our rights.

We covered many other topics during the meeting, we are trying to find new ways to publicize Ramapo Kennel Club and educate people about what and who we are. These ideas will be discussed at our September meeting. If you have thoughts about how to attract new members, new fun activities Ramapo can host beyond our annual point and match shows, or interesting meeting programs we can present we'd love to hear about them. Please come to the meeting, Wednesday, September 14th, and let us know about them.

In the meantime, enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Sharon

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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting

June 8th 2016

Paris Inn

Wayne, NJ

During the RKC Annual Awards Dinner, Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:55pm

Recording Secretary- Tilly Grassa made a motion to accept the May minutes, Joann seconded, voted upon and approved.

Match Show- Sharon thanked Fred Hachtel and Amy Starost for the wonderful Match show they

chaired. The exact numbers are not in but seems to be more dogs then 2015.

NJFDC- Lobby Day is June 16th from 9-2 in Trenton, see Jeffrey Ball for details

Janis Hayes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 seconded by Elaine Barone, voted on and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Luikert

June 12 2016

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THE 2016 RKC ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Annual Awards Dinner was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the Paris Inn in Wayne, NJ. Congratulations to all the members for their accomplishments in 2015. Very impressive! Thank you Elaine Barone for doing an outstanding job with the presentations as always. The food was great and a fun time was had by all.



Elaine Barone

Elaine Barone - Siberian Husky- BN, THD
MICKEY MICK AT TWO RIVERS CGCA, RA
 Mickey is a rescue dog and co-owned by member Ruth Henningsen.

Elaine Barone - Siberian Husky- CD-C, CDX-C
 U-CDX SIBERLINK'S HUNTER AT TWO RIVERS, CDX, CDX-C, RE, THD, CGC

Elaine Barone - Siberian Husky- CGC, BBTD
 TWO RIVERS PATCH ADAMS

Lorraine Fennemore - Great Pyrenees - GCH
 GCH KARENZ MAJOR HOTLIPS HOOLIHAN CGC



Ruth Henningsen

Ruth Henningsen - Siberian Husky - UD, CDX-C
 U-CDX OLYMPUS SEA CRUISE UD, CDX, CDX-C, RE, CGCA, THD



Anne Hulsizer

Anne Hulsizer - Labrador Retriever- U-CD, CD-C
 U-CD CASBAR GLENWILD WEEKEND CD, CD-C, RE, THD, RAE, CGCA

Joy Graem Messinger - Siberian Husky - RATN, RATO, RATS
 KACHME CALL AND ANSWER OF YETI RN, CD, RATS

Karen Stickle - Leonberger - RN
 MASONHAUS ANGELS AMONG US RN, CGCA, TDI



Joanne Silver

Joanne Silver - Chesapeake Bay Retriever
 The following dogs are bred, owned, co-owned and/or handled by Joanne Silver

CH MARJAN'S SILVERCREEK CHANTILLY LACE - **CD, WD**
 (CD, BN, RA, WD, CAT, CGC)

CH CABINRIDGE SILVERCREEK SURF SIDE SIT JH, WD - **JH,WD**

GCH SILVERCREEK SANDPIPERS ELAN -**GCH**

CH SILVER POND YOU MAKE ME SMILE - **CH**

SILVERCREEK'S SANDY BAY RADIANT ZARA CGCA - **CGCA**



Elizabeth Smith

Elizabeth Smith - Rough Collie - THDD(400 visits), CGCA, CGCU
 U-CH AVANT GARDE A PIECE OF THE ACTION, "ANDRE"- THDD, CGCA, CGCU BN, NAJ, RE, CAT, THDX, CGC, (AKC), RN(CKC), RO3(UKC)CD, RM(ASCA), HIC(CCA), NAC, TNN (NADAC), BPDx, TT, SOC III, VCH(AWCA), CGN, ORT, **THDD, CGCA, CGCU**

Elizabeth Smith -and the following Belgian Tervurens:
 AM/CAN GCH, OTCH (Can) ASPEN GLOW de COTAH "VALOR" - **GCH-B, THDA, CD, CDX, UD, BN, GN, GO, VER, HIC, AX, OAJ, NF, OAC, OJC, NGC, TN-O, WV-CGCA, CGCU, REMX N, UCA, CAT, RE, RAE, RO3, URX, RMX, TC, TT, SCT, CGC/CGN, PAT THD, VCC, FFX-OG-4, FFX-AG2, NV, GCH-B, THDA(100 visits) CGCA, CGCU, REMX**
 Titles won in AKC, CKC, UKC, ASCA, UBSC and/or NADAC

CH CANADIAN SUNSET du AFTERSHOCK "AMARUQ" - **CH, RN, CGCA, CGCU**
 CD, HIC, BN, CA, CGC, SCT(UBSCA), RN(ASCA)TT(ATTS), **RN, CGCA RA (ASCA)TT, BBTD, CGCU, RA(ASCA), TT, BBTD**

GCH-B BURNING LOVE du AFTERSHOCK, "NUKAG" - GCH-B,CD,RN (AKC), CD, RE (ASCA), THD, THDA(100 visits), CGCA, CGCU, TC
HIC, BN, CD, RN, THDA, CAT, CGCA, CGCU, CD, RE, (ASCA)R01, SCT, TT, TC



Joanne Silver

LESLEE VALENTE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN OBEDIENCE – Joanne Silver & Lacey with an average score of 190.
WILLIAM AND RUBY KLEINMANN'S MEMORIAL AWARD - Joanne Silver.



Kim Luikert

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – Kim Luikert
AKC OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – Kim Luikert



Rose Radel receives a bouquet from Sharon Framer in appreciation for her many years as an RKC Board member.

Dear Members:
 My heartfelt thanks to all for still another wonderful gesture received at our Awards Dinner from this exceptional club. The significant impact the Ramapo Kennel Club has had on my life is immense and greatly valued.

Considering that at one time I did not know kennel clubs existed, to have gained the superb friendships, shared knowledge, support when needed and training still amazes me. To have been consistently on the board and have the privilege of being your president for four years, AKC delegate for 26 years, board member and corresponding secretary for

the remainder of the half century still is hard for me to believe.

Ramapo was instrumental in Ed and me traveling world wide to show our dogs, To have had the honor of having the world's most titled Miniature Pinschers in the history of the breed and surpassing that record several times with various dogs meant more than I know ow to express. We finished the first American bred Min Pin in AKC history with uncropped ears in 1984. We then finished a total of six with full ears in all three colors in the breed standard.

I was published in the New York Times three times. I wrote a book on our breed published by Simon and Schuster. I wrote many articles for various dog publications including the AKC Gazette. I was asked to write a breed article for Great Britain's Dog World. I could go on and on.

I share this with you all so you can recognize the opportunities our club offers. It has had a huge impact on my life as well as Ed's. As Ed Syder stated in our 25th Anniversary brochure, "He who serves best, profits most." Needless to say, I totally agree!

*With gratitude and Love,
 Rose J. Radel*



**HARVEST CLUSTER
 DOG SHOWS AND OBEDIENCE, RALLY TRIALS**

Ramapo KC & Saw Mill River KC
 October 14, 15, and 16, 2016
 Friday - Saturday - Sunday

Friday, October 14 - Saw Mill River KC
 Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16 - Ramapo KC
 SUSSEX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 AUGUSTA, NEW JERSEY

RKC Training Class Schedule - 2016/2017

TUESDAY RALLY CLASSES

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

8:30 - 9:15 RALLY NOVICE

(Basic obedience skills required)

Session 1

Sept 6, 20, 27

Oct 4, 18, 25

Nov 1

Session 2

Nov 15, 29

Dec. 6, 20

Jan. 3, 17, 24

Session 3

Feb. 14, 21, 28

Mar. 14, 21, 28

Apr. 4

Session 4

Apr. 18, 25

May 2, 16, 23, 30

June 6

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Puppy Kindergarten 6:30-7:15

Beginner Obedience 7:30-8:15

Advanced Beginner 8:30-9:15

Session 1

Sept 7, 21, 28

Oct 5, 19, 26

Nov 2

Session 2

Nov 16, 30

Dec 7, 21

Jan 4, 18, 25

Session 3

Feb 15, 22

Mar 1, 15, 22, 29

Apr 5

Session 4

Apr 19, 26

May 3, 17, 24, 31

June 7

No classes July and August

New schedule starts after Labor Day.

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES CONTACT:

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OR Amy Starost 201-576-0491 email astarost@yahoo.com

Class registration form available on the website:
ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses

CGC/CGCA/THERAPY TESTING (there is a fee for testing) **Feb 1 and June 13**

2016 RKC Show Handling Schedule

TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:45 - 7:30

Drop-in classes: \$12.00 per dog,

OR 6 classes for \$60.00

Sept 6, 20

Oct 4, 18,

Nov 1, 15

Dec. 6,

Jan. 17, 24

Feb. 21, 28

Mar. 14, 28

April 18, 25

May 2, 23

June 6

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PHOTOS: JACK AND TILLY GRASSA

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB OBEDIENCE CLASSES – A BANNER YEAR AND AN ON-GOING SUCCESS!

The 2015-2016 obedience classes have ended and what a year it was!

We finished our Rally Novice and Advanced/Excellent classes on June 14th and the following night we finished our obedience classes for the year with KPT, Beginner and Advanced Beginner graduations.

On February 9th and June 22nd we held CGC/Therapy Dog testing, evaluating 18 dogs for CGC and 3 dogs for CGCA.

This ended a year of classes that were full and rewarding.

In KPT it was so much fun watching the puppies grow and learn along with their owners. We graduated many AKC S.T.A.R. puppies.

In the beginner and advanced beginner classes it was rewarding to watch owners gain knowledge and develop a closer relationship with their dogs.

Rally Novice and Advanced/Excellent classes continued to test dogs and owners. It was fun to watch the owners learn how to read, walk and talk to their dogs all at the same time! We are especially proud of our students that have taken the plunge into Rally competition and titled due to participation in our classes.

Through the continuing dedication of the instructors: Joanne Silver - KPT, Ruth Henningsen - Beginner, Amy Starost - Rally Novice, Ann Hulsizer - Rally Advanced/Excellent, Elaine

Barone - Advanced beginner and Assistants Sue Leonard and Cindy McMillen, Ramapo Kennel Club has made a significant contribution to educating the public and their dogs on how to be Canine Good Citizens and responsible dog owners.

Program Summary:

Number of Students	150
Number of S.T.A.R. Puppies	23
Number of CGC	16
Number of CGCA	3
Number of Therapy Dogs	3
Number of Rally titles	13
AKC RN- 6, RE-1 WCS RL1-2, RL2- 1 UKC R01-3	
Number of obedience titles	9
AKC UD-1, CD-1, BN-1, UKC U-CD-1, CDSP CD-C-3, CDX-C-2	
Number of other titles	5
JH-2, WD, CH, BPIS	
Number of instructor class hours	1260
Countless clerical hours.	

POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM GRATEFUL STUDENTS....PRICELESS!!!

Submitted by Elaine Barone

This is why we do pet therapy:

To Whom It May Concern:

My brother has aphasia. On June 5th, I brought him to Valley's Wound Care Center then Kurth Cottage Gift Shop. We encountered Friday the therapy dog. I wish I had a camera to capture the ear to ear grin the dog brought to my brother's face. We spent several minutes watching Friday respond to the handler's commands.

Later that afternoon, I asked my brother to describe the encounter to other family members. I asked him what the dog did and he responded "everything". That is a new vocabulary word for him. He was able to gesture and articulate a few of the commands "sit", "right" and 'left". He was absolutely grinning as he **tried** to speak.

The memory of that afternoon will always be with me. The simple presence of a therapy dog and the kindness of the handler made a difference to a family who cheers every new word my brother speaks. He was animated and determined to tell us about the dog. What a difference from his usually quiet and somewhat withdrawn demeanor.

I did not get the opportunity to properly thank Friday's handler and hope this letter reaches her.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.



Ramapo KC All-Breed and Obedience/Rally Match

June 4, 2016 - Sunnybank Park, Wayne, NJ



ALL PHOTOS: TILLY AND JACK GRASSA

Northern NJ Great Dane Club Match

Held in conjunction with the RKC Match



LAD!

COLORING OUR WORLD
FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS

August 20-21, 2016

The 20th Annual Gathering at Sunnybank,

381 Terhune Drive, Wayne, NJ 0747

FMI: Gerrie Oliver

201-913-4539



Kabuki Cartoons



Oh the joy of finding goose poop!

Got Stuff?

Send your stories, news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, tgcreative@aol.com. Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Submissions are due two weeks before the meeting. The *Growl* is by and for the members so I need your help to make it interesting.



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Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

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

Wednesday, September 14 Member Meeting, 8PM; Board Meeting 7:15. Program: TBA

Wednesday, October 12 Member Meeting, 8PM; Board Meeting 7:15. Program: TBA

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 14-16 The Harvest Cluster,
Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ



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