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VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

I usually sneak computer time to write this column in the middle of the night when my owner is snoring...and I tend to compose with tongue in jowl...well, it's broad daylight and I'm going to be serious for as long as a chocolate Lab can be...

I've been a full-time student for the last six months, training my owner three times a week... teaching footwork, hand signals, and drills...she has two left feet without benefit of two right feet...it's been challenging...

My owner started me in RKC puppy kindergarten three years ago because I have a mind of my own, know what I want, and how it should be done---MY WAY!...this didn't seem to fit her concept of good canine behavior...in puppy class I met Joanne who wrangles Chessies every day and

knew all my tricks...I learned about a "come to Jesus meeting" and got religion... although I earned my STAR title, I apparently hadn't met all my owner's criteria and when we graduated Joanne suggesting moving to the next class level...

In Beginner class I met Ruth, who pointed out that my owner was the problem, NOT ME...that breakthrough made my



Friday's Beginner Novice title at our own RKC show under judge Pat Scully.

JC Photography

life much easier...my owner just had to figure how to clearly communicate what was expected of me...then I'd make my decision about whether or not to comply...OK, I'll confess I took the Beginner class more than once, finally earning my CGC and therapy dog certification...

Ruth started making noises about entering competition...WHO? ME?...no way, I'm a family dog who does pet therapy and couch potatoing...OK, I'll send my owner to a trial so she can see what it's all about...she went to several trials and asked a food bowl full of questions...NO, I'm not going to

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President's Message



Sharon Framer

First, and most importantly, there are two people that particularly deserve recognition. I want to thank Jeffrey Ball for his four years of hard work as president of this club. His determination and dedication to lead us forward have been invaluable. His is a tough act to follow and I am grateful he continues to be on the Board as our AKC Delegate. I know I will turn to him for help and advice. I also want to thank

Rose Radel for her many years as our AKC Delegate. Rose represented Ramapo selflessly and tirelessly. Her detailed reports on all things AKC have ensured we remain well informed

about their news at all times. She is a force to be reckoned with, as the AKC learned when they tried to deny us our outdoor show site several years ago! Thanks to Rose's and Jeff's arduous work we continue to hold our October shows at the Sussex County Fairgrounds every year. Many thanks to both of you!

We have a great group of officers and board members. All facets of the dog fancy are well represented between us, which should ensure that the club includes something for everyone. I encourage every member of Ramapo Kennel Club to contribute to our efforts to make this club successful as we provide events and activities that are fun and educational both for us and for the dog loving public. Please feel free to

contact any officer or board member with your input. It is important that we know what you want and what you feel the club should do. As

always, we welcome any and all volunteers. I will be putting together a list of new committee chairs for the upcoming year. If you are interested in a particular committee please let me know. We can't do it without you!

Our club has a membership that spans decades. Those of us that are more recent joiners bring an abundance of new thoughts and ideas to the table and those that have been in the club for many years have much to teach us. What a great opportunity for all of us to learn! I hope that we will work together to make Ramapo a happy, productive club respected by our peers in the dog world and the communities in which we live.

It is now more important than ever before that purebred dog breeders, owners and lovers present a solid, united front to those that aim to take away our rights to do what we love best. I encourage everyone to stay informed about the efforts to do this that are taking place across the country. It is only a matter of time before it will impact each of us one way or another. The NJ Federation of Dog Clubs works hard to stay on top of this activity in the state. Their quarterly meetings are open to all. Please consider attending one or two to learn what you can do to help combat these activists' agenda.

On a happier note, our annual awards dinner will be held on Thursday, June 14th at the Paris Inn on Alps Road in Wayne. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with everyone before our summer hiatus. We will hold a (very) short meeting before Elaine announces the winners of this year's awards. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The Board will hold a working meeting on Monday, June 25th at the Merchant House Tavern in Fairfield. If you have something you would like put on our agenda please let me know (teneo@mac.com or 201-665-2565).

I hope everyone has a happy, fun summer and I look forward to a great year for Ramapo. Enjoy!

Sharon

Ramapo Kennel Club Officers

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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
May 9th 2012
VFW Hall
Fairfield, NJ 07004

President Jeffrey Ball called the meeting to order at 8:10pm.

Recording Secretary- Sharon Fremer made a motion to accept the April minutes, Patrick Deerbourne seconded, voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Tilly read a letter from the AKC regarding the importance of having adequate insurance coverage. Jeffrey assured members that the Club and it's officers are properly covered. There was also a letter asking that the new club officers be updated on their website after our elections.

Treasurer's Report- The Checking account has \$12,231.75. Money market balance is \$32,696.87 Membership Dues are due, names of those who have not renewed will be published in the next month's Growl.

Membership- Karen Stickel of Oak Ridge NJ has Leonbergers, she is sponsored by Amy Starost and Joanne Silver.

Show Handling- There have been 6-7 dogs attending classes. The Board will review what to do in the fall.

Obedience Class- June 6th is the graduation for all the classes. There are prospects already for the fall classes. June 20th they will be having CGC and Therapy Dog testing.

Sunshine- Nothing to report.

Hospitality- Thank you for your support.

Match Show- There will be no 2012 Match Show, options for ideas for 2013 are being looked at.

Point Show- Going well, looking into having "Owner Handler Class".

AKC Report-The new chairman is trying very hard to reach the numbers of dog owners to educate them. They will be awarding \$258,000.00 in grants to search and rescue groups. Jeffrey Ball was notified that the AKC would like RKC to present a check to a search and rescue group. The group and the date have not yet been released.

Awards Dinner- Thursday June 14th will be our

annual awards dinner. It will be held at the Paris Inn in Wayne. Members are free, guests are \$30. This will be a sit down meal. Please see Lorraine Fennemore if you can attend.

Election of Officers-President Jeffrey Ball asked the Members for any nominations from the floor. There were none and the elections proceeded.

President: Sharon Fremer- Lorraine Fennemore moved for the floor to be closed, Elaine Barone seconded, voted upon and approved.

Vice President: Arlene Stover- Lorraine Fennemore moved for the floor to be closed, Elaine Barone seconded, voted upon and approved.

Treasurer: Ruth Henningsen Elaine Barone moved for the floor to be closed, Lorraine Fennemore seconded, voted upon and approved.

Recording Secretary: Kim Luikert- Lorraine Fennemore moved for the floor to be closed, Elaine Barone seconded, voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Tilly Grassa- Lorraine Fennemore moved for the floor to be closed, Elaine Barone seconded, voted upon and approved.

Board 2015: Rose Radel and Amy Starost- Lorraine Fennemore moved for the floor to be closed, Elaine Barone seconded, voted upon and approved.

AKC Delegate: Jeffrey Ball- Elaine Barone moved for the floor to be closed, Lorraine Fennemore seconded, voted upon and approved.

Kim Luikert moved that one ballot be cast by the Secretary on behalf of the slate, voted upon and approved.

Jeffrey handed the gavel over to Sharon and she took his place at the table.

Federation- Jeffrey Ball is the new President of the Federation and looking to coordinate efforts with several of the surrounding states.

The Growl- Tilly is looking for a helper to assist with the Growl.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Luikert
May 14, 2012

USDA/APHIS NOW ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON FEDERAL RULE PROPOSAL

Thursday, May 17, 2012]

Yesterday, a proposed change to how the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) may administer federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations affecting "Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions" was published to the Federal Register. Comments on the proposal are now being accepted by APHIS.

The American Kennel Club continues to believe that the proposed changes have the potential to significantly impact AKC breeders, and encourages all interested parties to review the proposed rule and offer comment.

Background: The AWA exempts from federal licensing and regulations "retail pet stores", which are defined as anyone selling puppies directly to a final customer for use as pets. It is this exemption that enables most small or hobby breeders to currently avoid being licensed and regulated by the USDA.

The new proposed rule rescinds the exempt "retail pet store" status of anyone selling pets at retail to buyers who do not physically enter the breeder's facilities in order to personally observe the animals available for sale prior to purchase and/or to take custody of the animals after purchase. The primary purpose of this rule is to regulate breeders who sell puppies online. The changes in the rule mean that breeders or others who sell puppies sight unseen, by any means, would now be regulated under USDA regulations.

The proposed rule also increases from three to four the number of a breeding females that a person may maintain on his or her premises and be exempt from the licensing and inspection requirements in the AWA, regardless of how the offspring are sold.

The AKC has a number of concerns, including:

In many cases, geographic distance makes it difficult for a purchaser to personally visit or pick up the puppy at the breeder's kennel. Such scenarios are particularly common for breeders and fanciers of rare breeds and others who may be purchasing a second pet from the same breeder or already have an established relationship with a breeder. Requiring such individuals to comply with regulations designed for large commercial may not be appropriate.

The term "breeding female" is not defined. It is unclear at what age a female dog might be considered a "breeding female".

The AKC believes, based on its own experience in kennel inspections and breeding operations that the Regulatory Impact Analysis provided in the proposed rule vastly underestimates both the number the of individuals who will be impacted and the expense to occasional breeders to establish commercial-level facilities.

Changes to regulations differ significantly from legislation. Unlike legislation, where entire new laws can easily be developed, the proposed rule (regulations) may only address a narrow scope of how an existing law—the AWA—may be administered by the government. This means that the options for impacting regulatory outcomes are very limited compared to options for impacting legislation. The primary recourse for impacted parties for regulatory change is to provide specific expertise and comment on the proposed rule – which may or may not be accepted by the executive authority interpreting the law.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

The USDA is seeking constructive comment on the proposed rule or alternatives to the recommendations. Individuals concerned about the proposed rule change for retail pet stores have until Monday, July 16, 2012, to comment on the rule. Comments may be made:

Via postal mail to:

Docket No. APHIS-2011-0003
Regulatory Analysis and Development
PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8
4700 River Road, Unit 118
Riverdale, MD 20737-1238

AKC encourages you to respectfully share your thoughtful comments through the official public comment site. The AKC will also pursue a multi-pronged approach:

In addition to encouraging you to share your concerns directly with APHIS, AKC GR is also interested in your concerns and questions. You may send these to doglaw@akc.org. We will share the most common concerns directly with APHIS (leaving off your contact information). These will also help to inform AKC's response to these regulations.

We will provide formal comments regarding AKC's position on the regulation.

Please note, federal regulations do not supersede state licensing laws: If you meet the requirements for licensing at both state and federal levels, you would be responsible for obtaining both licenses. Some states do not require breeders to be licensed by the state if they are already federally licensed. This is an issue that varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Individuals should check with their state/local authorities to determine how they would be impacted.

For more information, contact AKC's Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720, or email doglaw@akc.org.

AKC BREEDERS A LABOR OF LOVE

*AKC Chairman's Report
May 2012*

One of the founding fathers of the American Kennel Club was William G. Rockefeller; his family is featured prominently throughout the history of the AKC. The Rockefellers had a family creed that formed their guiding principles. Visitors to New York will find it carved in granite at the entrance to the winter skating rink/summer restaurant area of Rockefeller Plaza. Included in the creed is the following principle: "every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty." While I would venture that the vast majority of us don't know a Rockefeller today, I believe we embrace the sentiment of the Rockefeller creed when it comes to our dogs. And nowhere is it more evident than among the breeders who are members of AKC Parent Clubs.

Through knowledge, passion, and determination, these breeders not only help preserve breed type, but improve the health, temperament and quality of their respective breeds as well. Responsible breeders serve as canine ambassadors, opening their homes to prospective owners, matching puppies with suitable families and bringing the AKC into their puppy owners' lives. But the most noticeable accomplishment of our breeders can be seen in homes throughout America, in the happy and healthy family pets that bring joy and rewards beyond measure to their families. In fact, 90% of the dogs from all AKC registered litters are not bred, nor are they entered in any AKC event. Families have experienced not only a well-bred puppy, but also a supportive breeder who is there to provide advice on every issue imaginable throughout their dog's life. It simply is what our breeders do and do so well.

The American Kennel Club values the hard work and importance of those who maintain and improve the future of purebred dogs; the Breeder of the Year award and the Breeder of Merit program were created to recognize these achievements. However, AKC's commitment to our breeders goes far beyond recognition. The AKC has a number of supportive programs for breeders.

The AKC website (the exciting re-imagining is coming this summer) is a deep resource for breeders, with help for all breeders. For the novice or infrequent breeder, there is solid information to help them through that somewhat scary, yet magical, experience. The first-time breeder's

resource covers everything from planning a breeding to whelping a litter to puppy care. We've made registering a litter easier through our online litter registration service. And by using your My AKC Account, a lot of the work is done for you. We developed AKC Online Record Keeping as a centralized area to maintain dog and litter records, your puppy owners and co-owners information, and the ability to quickly print pre-filled records – all free for AKC breeders.

Breeders have told us that a constant flow of useful information is a crucial necessity in their quest for continuous improvement of their breeding programs. In response to that need, we created the AKC Breeder Newsletter, a free quarterly publication covering nutrition, breeding techniques, health concerns, genetics, and informative interviews with respected AKC breeders. If you haven't seen it lately, check out the latest issue (and back issues as well) on the AKC website under the "Breeders" tab.

Health is an important focus point for all responsible breeders. Even our most strident detractors are compelled to admit that AKC Parent Club breeders are dedicated to producing healthy puppies. Our commitment to health and our breeders led to the establishment of the AKC Canine Health Foundation. The AKC/CHF produces a series of podcasts on a variety of health issues called Genome Barks. All of the podcasts are available through the AKC website. In addition, the AKC and the AKC/CHF launched the Breeders Symposia in 1994 targeted to both novice and experienced breeders.

Breeding, as exemplified by the Rockefeller creed of responsibility, obligation, and duty, and as practiced by our Parent Club breeders, is a labor of love – for dogs. Our breeders are not only at the core of what we do, they are a powerful force in creating the public's perception of all we do. We are now developing a new social media strategy to help tell our story – our breeders and their stories will be a part of that. At the heart of those stories is that the difference between a purebred dog and a well-bred purebred dog is just this: an AKC breeder. How can you top a story like that?

As always, please feel free to contact me at atk@akc.org.

*Sincerely,
Alan Kalter
Chairman*

NEW COMPANION EVENTS EXTRAVAGANZA

Recognizing Top Dogs in Agility, Obedience and AKC Rally® Debuts in 2013

Beginning in 2013, the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) will celebrate the top dogs in AKC Companion Events with the "Companion Events Extravaganza," a multi-day event that will feature Championship events for Obedience and Agility and a new national competition for AKC Rally®.

On March 15-17, 2013 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the National Obedience Championship (formerly known as the National Obedience Invitational) will move from its usual calendar date in December to run in conjunction with the National Agility Championship. A new AKC Rally® National Competition will be held on the Friday of that weekend. After 2013, the combined "Extravaganza" will rotate to different locations around the country.

"Thanks to the vision of retired Companion Events AVP Curt Curtis and his staff, this new 'Companion Events Extravaganza' will allow us to showcase the best competitors in the country, rotate venues and teach responsible dog ownership to the public through demonstrations, seminars and other companion dog related activities," said Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Companion and Performance Events.

The 2012 National Obedience Invitational and National Juniors Obedience Competition will be held as usual in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship this December in Orlando, Florida.

Beginning in December 2013, a new obedience competition - the AKC Obedience Classic - will be held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando. The new competition will crown the top dogs for the year in the Novice, Open and Utility classes. The National Juniors Obedience Competition will continue to be held with

these events in December.

For information about qualifying for these events and additional competition details, stay tuned to:

<http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/>

Ramapo Kennel Club Annual Awards Dinner

THURSDAY, June 14, 2012

(please note, this is not on the usual
Wednesday)

7:00 p.m.

The Paris Inn
1292 Alps Rd.
Wayne, NJ 07470

Guests - \$30.00 Members - Free

Please R.S.V.P. to
Lorraine Fennemore
973-227-0945 or
lorryfenn1@optonline.net

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compete...Ruth just slyly smiled...

Advancing to Rally class, it looked like a piece of liver cake...follow the numbers and read the signs...Simon Says for Dogs, NOT!...Elaine soon set me straight...and I mean straight FRONT...no sloppy sits accepted...commands became more precise and expectations were higher...then more silly talk about competing, NOT...practices were filled with zoomies, toy theft, refusals, and temper tantrums (mine, not my owner's), and lots of patience on Elaine's part...

One early morning I found myself in the Dogmobile with crates, chairs, gear bag, road map, and trepidation... we were off to participate in our first rally trial...the rest is

a blur of butterflies, muddy fields, flying over jumps, countless hours of waiting for my three minutes in the ring...a painful progression through RN, RA, BN, and finally finishing my RE title last weekend...

Thank you Joanne, Ruth, and Elaine...with your encouragement, support, urging, teaching, and friendship I'm proud to be the first dog to complete STAR, CGC, ThD, BN, RN, RA, RE all through the RKC obedience program...

I have become a rally dog and taught my old owner some new tricks along the way...

Casbar Glen Wild Weekend BN, RE, THD, CGC, STAR (but you can call me "Friday")

CGC TESTING OFFERED AT RKC TRAINING FACILITY

Wednesday June 20

CGC (Canine Good Citizen) Testing and Therapy Dog Testing (Bright and Beautiful) will be held at the VFW Hall
69 Carey Ave., Butler, NJ 07405.
This is our training building.

The testing will begin at 6:30 PM.
You will be able to start filling out the paperwork at 6:00 PM

CGC \$15.00
Therapy Dog \$20.00

If interested in testing your dog please let us know:
CGC - Ruth Henningsen- ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com
Therapy dog - Joanne Silver - joannesilver1937@yahoo.com

Membership Dues Renewal Form 2012 - 2013

Dear RKC Member,

Dues for the coming year, 2012 – 2013 are now due and payable by **June 1, 2012**. Please make checks payable to the **RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB** and mail to:

Ruth Henningsen
Ramapo Kennel Club Treasurer
153 Holland Mt. Rd.
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

_____ Junior Membership \$10.00 (10 – 18 years old)

_____ Regular Membership \$25.00

_____ Family Membership \$40.00 (2 persons 18 yrs and older residing in the same household)

_____ Life Membership(25 years) No membership fee required. **\$10.00 to receive the *Growl*/Roster by mail**

SUBSCRIPTION FEE: \$10.00—With the increased cost of printing and postage, if you would like to continue to receive the *GROWL* and ROSTER by mail you will need to include a \$10.00 fee with your membership renewal. **This includes Life Members.** The *Growl* will be emailed monthly and you can view the *Growl* online at www.ramapokennelclub.com for no fee.

In order to update our records and the Roster please include any additions or corrections to your current listing. **PLEASE PRINT—Life Members please complete form to keep your information up to date.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

(work) _____ (fax) _____

E-Mail _____

Kennel Name _____ Breed _____

Interests: (circle) Breeder Agility CGC evaluator Conformation Field Trials Hunt Test Judge
Obedience Pet Therapy Rally Rescue Tracking Other _____

Please return this entire form with your payment. Check made payable to Ramapo KC.

THANK YOU

REMINDER: Membership dues were payable by June 1, 2012. The following members have not yet sent in their dues. Please use the Membership Renewal Form on page 8 and send them in ASAP. Thank you.

Karen Barel
Lynn Budd
Fred & Linda Hachtel
Linda Lovstad
Gail Malone
Dawn Sandve
Anita Spielman
Gail Yingling

TROPHY SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE UPCOMING RKC POINT SHOW

Please see Kim Luikert, trophy chair or email her at kim.luikert@gmail.com. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

GOT STUFF?

Send your news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, 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 we need your help.



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Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

**VFW HALL
45 PLYMOUTH STREET
FAIRFIELD, NJ AT 8:00 PM
(unless otherwise noted)**

THURSDAY, June 14

RKC Awards Dinner, 7pm, at the Paris Inn, Wayne, NJ

FRIDAY, June 29

Deadline for July/August Growl

There will be no meetings in July and August

Sunday & Monday, October 14 & 15

RKC Dog Show, Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ

WEDNESDAY, August 29

Deadline for September Growl

WEDNESDAY, September 12

Membership meeting



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