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BEAGLES HAVE THEIR YEAR!

Curious and Comedic Breed Overtakes Yorkies to Place Third on Most-Popular List

Look out Lab, the American Kennel Club has announced that the Beagle has overtaken the beloved Yorkshire Terrier to become the third most popular dog breed in the U.S., according to AKC registration statistics released today. The Golden Retriever also made a strong push into the top ranks – advancing from the fifth to the fourth most popular dog breed – and the Rottweiler made news by unseating the Shih Tzu – which had been in the top 10 since 2000. But fans of the Labrador Retriever need not fear: the beloved Lab remains the champ – a spot it has now held for 21

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Jack Grassa

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NOTICE: The Ramapo Kennel Club Constitution and Bylaws have been reviewed and approved by the AKC and by the RKC Board of Directors. The membership will be voting on the revised Constitution and Bylaws at the March 2012 meeting. A hard copy was mailed out to the membership for review in February, two weeks prior to the membership meeting on March 14, 2012.

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President's Message



Jeffrey David Ball

I guess I spoke too soon when I said last month that we were lucky, and having a mild winter. Though the storm was not bad, and in fact some members did not even see any snow, it was not worth taking a chance and having members on the road last month. That is why the RKC Board cancelled the RKC membership meeting. It's never worth taking a chance when it comes to an individual's safety. Hopefully that's the last cancellation. Spring is right around the corner, in fact we need to spring those clocks ahead this weekend.

For all of you who attended Westminster this year, I hope you have some great results and/or stories to report to us. I understand that Westminster is going to be much different next year. I am not sure how I feel about all the changes. But like everything, things change and hopefully for the better.

Please remember that at the March meeting, we will be voting on changes to our constitution and by-laws. Everyone should have received a separate mailing that included all the changes. A special thanks to Ruth Henningsen for getting that out to everyone. Please take some time to review those documents before the March meeting. It will make it much easier to discuss and vote.

A nomination and election committee has been put together, Janis Hayes is the committee chairperson and Mary Gallagher and Gerrie Oliver complete the committee. Lorraine Fennemore and Rose Ann Tucker are the alternates on the committee. The committee will be announcing their slate of officers in the April *Growl*. After that, nominations will be accepted from the floor at the general membership meetings in April and May. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

Once the new officers take office, they will be putting together committee chairs for the 2012-2013 year. If you are interested in any position, please speak up. I have said it a thousand times—you probably hate hearing me say it. This club is only as good as its members. We ALWAYS need volunteers. Please consider getting more involved and if you are not sure how, or what you could do, speak to any of the current officer or board members and we will all gladly speak to you about it. Trust me when I say, we can find something for you to do, something you would enjoy doing, not just a job, I promise.

Just a reminder to keep your eyes and ears open to upcoming legislative issues. The minute you let your guard down and think there is nothing going on, that is when something may appear right in your back yard. Already there have been several new bills introduced on the State and Local level that are either anti-dog or anti-breeder and they are not going to stop. One gets defeated and another pops up.

Please remember if you would like to purchase a NJFDC Breeders Guide or 2012 Show calendar, Sharon Fremer can assist you with that.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting.

Jeffrey

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It is also RKC officer election time again.

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consecutive years – thanks to its well-earned reputation for playfulness and loyalty and its use as a police and search-and-rescue dog.

"While the Labrador Retriever has proven once again to be a family favorite, this year clearly belongs to the Beagle," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "The Beagle's merry personality combined with his love of outdoor activities make him such a wonderful family pet that I wouldn't be surprised to see this spunky breed sniff his way to the top of the list next year."

2011 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.

1. Labrador Retriever
2. German Shepherd Dog
3. Beagle
4. Golden Retriever
5. Yorkshire Terrier
6. Bulldog
7. Boxer
8. Poodle
9. Dachshund
10. Rottweiler

Most Notable Dog Trends in 2011 Include:

- Larger dogs are moving up, with the Labrador Retriever (1), German Shepherd Dog (2), Golden Retriever (4), Boxer (7), and Rottweiler (10) all making this year's top ten.
- It is the year of the Setters, with all four making big jumps over the past year – the English Setter

(from 101 to 87), the Irish Setter (from 77 to 70), the Irish Red and White Setter (150 to 147), and the Gordon Setter (from 98 to 94).

- Coonhounds made the largest tumble – the Black and Tan Coonhound (from 91 to 109) and the Bluetick Coonhound (from 119 to 136) had the biggest decrease in rankings this year. The Redbone Coonhound also dropped from 122 to 126.
- Terriers are making a comeback! Closing the gap this year, a couple of breeds that had been on the decline over the past decade have risen up the ranks over the past year – Bedlington Terriers (from 140 to 134), Border Terriers (from 83 to 80), and Dandie Dinmont Terriers (from 164 to 160).
- Among smaller dogs that rose in the rankings this year are the Brussels Griffon (from 80 to 77) and the Manchester Terrier (121 to 119).
- This past decade has proven that bigger is better, with larger breeds continuing to increase in popularity. Among them: the Bernese Mountain Dog (from 54 to 34), the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog (from 101 to 82), the Bullmastiff (from 49 to 40), the Rhodesian Ridgeback (from 57 to 44), the Irish Wolfhound (from 86 to 79), and the Belgian Malinois (from 94 to 74).

A complete list of AKC's Most Popular Breeds, including statistics for 50 U.S. cities, is available on the AKC website at akc.org/reg/dogreg_stats.cfm.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March: Ruth Tschudin will be making a presentation about her Open Doors rescue organization and some of the dogs they've saved including Jessie, a dog she saved and keeps as a pet and therapy dog. She will have a slide presentation called "Rescued Dogs on the Go!" as part of her program.

April: Lori Wolfbach will present the April program about her pet therapy work with a deaf dog.

May: The program will be a DVD presentation about AKC's involvement after the 9/11 crisis.

Important Note: If you have any ideas for future programs or know of a potential guest speaker, please contact Phyllis Rosinsky, Programs Chair at cantails@optonline.com.

PROTECT YOUR PET FROM THEFT

From parking lots to pet stores and even backyards, The American Kennel Club reports that dog thefts are on the rise. Thefts range from tiny puppies being stuffed into purses at pet stores to most recently, purebred pets being snatched from cars in parking lots and shelters. The AKC offers the following advice to prevent your “best friend” from being a target of a crime:

At Home

- Don't let your dog off-leash or unattended in your yard. Keeping your dog close to you reduces the likelihood it will wander off and catch the attention of thieves. A Saint Bernard that had wandered away from his owner in Nebraska was snatched up right off the road.
- Breeders need to be aware of home visits by potential puppy buyers. From Yorkies in Los Angeles to Bulldogs in Connecticut, thieves posing as would be “puppy buyers” have visited breeder homes to snatch dogs, while other homes have been burglarized when the owner was away.

On the Road

- Never leave your dog in an unattended car, even if it's locked.

- Don't tie your dog outside a store. This popular practice among city dwelling dog owners can be a recipe for disaster. Reports have surfaced of such thefts in Manhattan.
- Be vigilant. Always remain aware of your surroundings when entering or leaving any dog-friendly establishments.

Recovery

- Protect your dog with microchip identification. Collars and tags can be removed so make sure you have permanent ID with a microchip. Keep contact information current with your recovery service provider. For more information and to enroll your pet in a 24 hour recovery service visit www.akccar.org.
- If you suspect your dog has been stolen. Immediately call the police/animal control and pet shelters in the area your pet was last seen.
- Have fliers with a recent photo ready to go if your dog goes missing. Keep a photo of your dog in your wallet or on an easily accessible web account so that you can distribute immediately if your pet goes missing.

TROPHY SPONSORS NEEDED

For our upcoming 2012 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 March meeting.

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1, 2011 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2011

Reg. Name of Dog _____
Dog _____ Bitch _____
AKC# _____ Breed/Variety _____

Owner(s) _____

Address _____

Breeder _____

Owned by member(s) _____ Bred by Member(s) _____

Handled by Member(s) _____

*Indicate name of RKC Member who is to receive the award.

CATEGORY

HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BIS (All Breed) Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

BIS (Specialty) Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

High in Trial Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Best in Field Trial Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Conformation Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Grand Champion Show _____ Date _____

Obedience Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Field Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

OBEDIENCE DEGREE AWARDS

BN Degree Show _____ Date _____

CD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

GN Degree Show _____ Date _____

CDX Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

GO Degree Show _____ Date _____

UD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

VS Degree Show _____ Date _____

TD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

TDX Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

RN Degree Show _____ Date _____

RA Degree Show _____ Date _____

RE Degree Show _____ Date _____

RA/RE Degree Show _____ Date _____

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

OTHER AKC TITLES (Herding, Field, Agility etc.)

_____ Show _____ Date _____ Country _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____ Country _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

Photocopies of all AKC Titles must be sent with entry. No awards will be given without photocopies. NO EXCEPTIONS!! Non-AKC Titles will only count towards the breeders' award and certificates of achievement. Temperament testing is a Non-AKC Title.

Non-Regular Awards and Requirements

Additional Non-AKC Awards (CGC, TT, etc., applicable for Certificate of Achievement only)

_____ Show _____ Date _____ Country _____
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AENNCHEN ANTONELLI/GILMA BLAUVELT - MOSS BREEDERS AWARD

1. Award to be won by a club member who is the breeder of record of the dogs winning the most titles in each calendar year. Dogs do not need to be owned by the club member. It is the total number of titles won which determines the winner, not the number of individual dogs.
2. Any recognized titles shall be included, ie Champion, Obedience, Field, Working Dog, etc.
3. Titles may be won in any country of the world.

LEE ABRAHAM AWARD FOR BREEDER OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the bitch who:

1. Produced the most champions (bred by owner from one bitch only) during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

MILLIE MC CABE AWARD FOR STUD DOG OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the Stud Dog who:

1. Produced the most "Champions" during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

WILLIAM AND RUBY KLEINMANN'S MEMORIAL AWARD

This Award is figured from January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011, for the June 2012 Award. This award will be based on the greatest number of dogs defeated in breed competition (up to and including Best in Show) by a single dog **handled by its Owner**. Dogs owned or co-owned by a Professional handler are excluded. If the dog is owned and handled by more than one member (neither of which is a Professional handler), both members will share the award equally.

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The following rules govern the choice of the recipient of this award each year.

3. This award is presented to the RKC member who has provided dedicated service to the club and the sport of purebred dogs.
4. Award is given to a club member who has been nominated by the membership and approved by the Board of Directors and Officers.
5. To be presented at the June Awards Dinner. Recipient only may be told to insure their being present.

LESLEE VALENTE MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN OBEDIENCE

This award is given to a member who handled the dog with the highest average scores in AKC Novice A or B from January 1, 2011, thru December 31, 2011. Minimum of three scores required. All qualifying scores count. Winner is to retain custody of the award for the year.

Eligibility for Ramapo Kennel Club Awards

In order to apply and receive any Achievement Awards, members must fulfill at least two of the following:

1. Work the Point Show.
2. Work the Match Show.
3. Attend two (2) Club Meetings
4. Work at Obedience and/or Show Handling Classes
5. Work on a Club Committee.
6. Participate in a Public Education Demonstration through the Club
7. Participate in a Pet Therapy Session through the Club.

(Life Members or members living more than 60 miles from show functions are exempt)

In addition, to give recognition to a greater number of members, Achievement Awards will be limited to three (3) consecutive wins by a member.

All award entries must be received by APRIL 15th, 2012 with photocopies of Wins and Titles to:

**ELAINE BARONE
10 BIRCH ROAD
KINNELON, NJ 07405-2505
E-mail elaineb.bowow@juno.com**

YOU MAY E-MAIL ELAINE YOUR LETTERS FOR THE "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD"

Feel free to e-mail your awards ONLY if you can scan the forms and certificates required.
Thank you, and Elaine looks forward to hearing from all of you.

AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

February 2012

2012 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship Attracts Best in Bird Dogs

New York, NY – Later this month, the 2012 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship will take place at the Ames Plantation near Grand Junction, Tennessee. The event has drawn an entry of 124 dogs, which includes 105 Field Champions. This is the largest number of AKC Pointing Breed Field Champions ever assembled for a single event. Field Champions from all nine of the major pointing breeds will be competing including many that placed in their breeds National Championship in 2011.

Grand Junction is rich in bird dog history. The town is home to the National Bird Dog Museum, which houses exhibits depicting the history of field trials as well as portraits and sculptures of some of the most famous bird dogs over the last 100 years. The first organized field trial in the United States was held near Memphis (just 60 miles from Grand

Junction) in 1874 and the American Field National Championship has been held on the Ames Plantation since 1915. The AKC's 2012 Championship will run from February 27th through March 10th over the Plantation's 18,400 beautiful acres.

The trial will be one non-retrieving Championship stake consisting of two series and will run on wild quail. Each series will be one hour in length and six braces will run per day – three in the morning and three in the afternoon.

I encourage you to join the 2012 AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championship Facebook group for the latest on the event. "Dogs of the Day" will be posted there once the event starts. We'll also keep you up to date on event coverage and photos at www.akc.org/events/field_trials/pointing_breeds/gun_dog_championships/. We hope you enjoy the Championship!

*Ron Menaker
Chairman*

AKC'S NEWEST BREEDS - Recognized in 2011



Krista Droop

Entlebucher Mountain Dog



Lisa Croft Elliott

Norwegian Lundehund



Mary Bloom

Xoloitzcuintli



American English Coonhound



Cesky Terrier



Bottom three: Rob Genity

Finnish Laphund

ROSTER CHANGES

Please make the following changes to your rosters:

Remove the following members:

Emma Dodd
Clifford Molder
Joyce Wirt

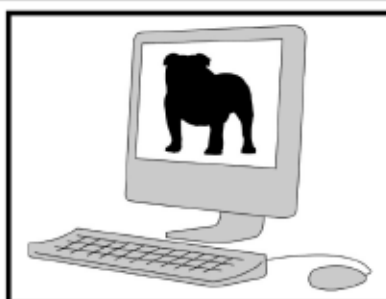
Changes for Larry & Ellen Passage:

Phone: 201-675-4710
email: larrypassage@optimum.net

New address for Ray & Clara Carli

226 Lafayette Ave.
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
Phone: 201-804-8855 (H)
201-615-8522 (C)

BEWARE OF INTERNET PUPPY SCAMS!



The American Kennel Club® and the Council of Better Business Bureaus have teamed up to warn consumers about Internet scams involving purebred puppies. Don't get scammed!

- Be wary of anyone who seems overly concerned with getting paid for the dog, or who communicates only through email
- Be cautious about wiring money overseas, or to anyone you haven't checked references on
- Be wary of heart-wrenching tales or slick web sites
- Do your research. Find a responsible breeder through the AKC® breeder referral link at www.akc.org
- If you have been scammed, report it to your local authorities and your local BBB (www.bbb.org)

A message from:



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GOT STUFF?

Send your news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to either Tilly Grassa, tgcreative@aol.com, or Sharon Fremer, teneo@mac.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**

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|-----------------|---|
| March 14 | Membership Meeting. Program: Open Doors rescue organization |
| March 30 | Deadline for April <i>Growl</i> submissions |
| April 11 | Membership Meeting. Program: Pet therapy work with a deaf dog |
| April 27 | Deadline for May <i>Growl</i> submissions |
| May 9 | Membership Meeting. Program: DVD presentation, AKC during the 9-11 crisis |



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