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NATION'S MOST ATHLETIC DOGS TO DESCEND ON TULSA FOR CHAMPIONSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA

More than 1,600 of the nation's top obedience, agility and AKC Rally® dogs will jump, heel and retrieve their way into Tulsa, Oklahoma for the first-ever

National Agility Championship," said Carrie DeYoung, Director of Agility. "With the country's most accomplished agility, obedience and rally competitors



MARY BLOOM

together, the Companion Events Extravaganza will showcase the abilities of all our companion dogs and what can be accomplished with training."

"We're excited to bring the National Obedience Championship and AKC Rally® National Competition to Tulsa for the first-ever Companion Events Extravaganza.," said Pamela Manaton, Director of

Companion Events Extravaganza, hosted by the American Kennel Club® on March 15-17, 2013. These talented canines will

Obedience, Rally and Tracking. "The inaugural rally event will show off the sport of AKC Rally®, which is an excellent introduction to AKC Companion Events for new dogs and handlers and can provide a challenging opportunity for competitors in other events to strengthen their skills."

compete in the AKC National Agility Championship, AKC National Obedience Championship and the inaugural AKC Rally® National Competition during the three-day event.

"We're pleased to welcome a record entry of top dogs to Tulsa for the AKC

EXTRAVAGANZA EVENTS AT A GLANCE

AKC National Agility Championship: 1,385 dogs, representing 104 breeds from 48 states and Canada, will compete for the title of National Agility Champion. Agility is the AKC's fastest growing sport,

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President's Message



Sharon Framer

Winter is almost over and spring is on the horizon. The warm weather brings many opportunities to get outdoors and have fun with our dogs, whether it is competition in the obedience, rally or conformation rings; hiking the trails in local parks or simply walking around the block enjoying the fresh air. We will enjoy the relief from the inevitable Cabin Fever that accompanies the winter months.

Spring 2013 also brings opportunities to participate in Ramapo KC events and activities. April brings the Health Testing Clinic on Saturday, 4/13, at the Bergen County Community

College Veterinary Technology Building in Paramus. We will need volunteers for several jobs! Please contact Joan Murko or me if you would like to be involved. June brings our Conformation Match Show. Plans are being finalized now, but it will likely be held on Saturday, 6/1, at Ramapo College in Mahwah in conjunction with the annual Pet Expo held there. We also plan to have a booth at the Expo and will need volunteers for that and the Match. Please contact Patrick Dearborn, Match Show Chairman, or me for more information.

Jeffrey Ball continues to work with the Village of Ridgewood to put together a Responsible Pet Ownership Committee that will hold clinics and seminars to educate residents how to best care for their animals. Ramapo KC strongly supports Jeff's efforts and will help wherever and whenever we can. This is a remarkable opportunity for our club to educate the community and recruit members. Please feel free to contact Jeff to learn more.

A note of caution: Insect-borne diseases are a growing concern for all dog owners. With the warm weather come the fleas, ticks and mosquitos. More and more tick-related diseases are being diagnosed yearly, some that were once considered all but non-existent in northern NJ are now being seen regularly. West Nile Virus, carried by mosquitos, was responsible for the deaths of several dogs in the state of NJ last summer. Two weeks ago I learned from my veterinarian that Equine Encephalitis, also borne by mosquitos, took the lives of four puppies in a litter of Saint Bernards. Please take whatever precautions you can to ensure your dogs are protected as well as possible this summer. Their lives may depend on it.

Because we had no meeting in February there will be no minutes printed in this month's Growl. March is a month of mixed weather. In the event of a storm we will once again alert everyone if we must cancel our meetings. Please contact anyone on the Board of Directors should you be unsure and have not heard from anyone via email and/or phone.

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RKC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: DEADLINE, APRIL 15, 2013

Attention Members!

The RKC Achievement Award Nomination forms are on pages 5-7. Please remember to apply for your achievement awards each year. There are many categories in which you may qualify. Please check the website Ramapokennelclub.com for the complete list of categories. Descriptions and requirements for Special Club awards are also listed in the front portion of your Roster.

AKC Chairman's Report

RELENTLESS POSITIVE ACTION

New York, NY - In my August Chairman's Report, I introduced the concept of "relentless positive action" as a driving force in delivering new programs, new events, and new outreach. That philosophy is one that most certainly drives our best breeders in their determined quest for constantly improving their lines, and subsequently, their breeds. Like those breeders, the American Kennel Club is on a determined quest for improvement - in events, and subsequently, our sport.

To paraphrase former New York Mayor Ed Koch, "How are we doing?"

WHAT'S WORKING

The Grand Champion title was launched May 12, 2010. The entire logic behind the program was an understanding that a large number of owners wanted to continue to compete in conformation after achieving a Champion title on their dogs, but they did not want to actively campaign their dog for a national ranking. We believed the Grand Champion program would offer those exhibitors a meaningful goal in continuing to show their dogs and, therefore, help entries at shows. In the year prior to the launch (2009), the Best of Breed class accounted for almost 374,000 entries. In the first full year of Grand Champion competition (2011), Best of Breed entries increased by almost 78,000 entries. Last year, the Best of Breed class accounted for almost 476,000 entries, an increase of 102,000 over the base year. The only explanation for this increase in entries is the Grand Champion program; there is no doubt the positive impact this new program is having on entries and the finances of our clubs. We believe the National Owner-Handler Series will continue to build Best of Breed entries.

The 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition - which provides the opportunity for training, socialization and an introduction to conformation - became an approved sanctioned event on July 3, 2012. There were 96 Beginner Puppy events last year with a total entry of 2,171 puppies. The 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Competition is an excellent public outreach program to bring new exhibitors and new dogs into Conformation. I encourage every club to consider offering this event.

The Beginner Novice optional titling class - a very popular combination of basic obedience and rally - seems to be having a positive impact on Obedience entries, which are up almost 7,300 entries for 2012. Not only are the Beginner Novice classes up, but all obedience regular and optional classes are seeing positive growth.

The Coursing Ability Test (CAT) - a fun and healthy event modeled after lure coursing that is open to all adult dogs - is attracting a following. While Lure Coursing did not exhibit growth in 2012, the CAT program added more than 6,000 entries.

Agility continues to grow and we believe the Time 2 Beat Agility Class, a unique, "hybrid" titling class, is having impact

on that growth. Last year, Agility - our second largest sport - increased entries by more than 117,000.

The AKC Canine Partners program, launched in 2009, continues to grow and bring new exhibitors and dog lovers into the world of AKC. Last year, these dogs and their owners, many coming from 4-H clubs, entered our events more than 40,000 times.

WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON?

The 2012 Conformation entry statistics reveal two other interesting trends. The number of new dogs being exhibited has remained basically constant at 41% of the total dogs exhibited. However, it appears people might be waiting until their dogs are more competitive before beginning to show them - most likely a result of the economic state of the nation. Creating additional opportunities to show young dogs is a priority for us. Fortunately, we are currently vetting a unique concept conceived by an active breeder/exhibitor/judge that appears to hold significant promise for the future.

Next month in Tulsa the AKC is hosting the first ever AKC Rally® National Competition in conjunction with the Obedience and Agility National Championships. This event will help bring recognition to those owners and dogs that train for and enjoy the sport of Rally.

AKC My Dog Can Do That!® has proven to be extremely successful in bringing new dogs and new exhibitors to experience Agility and Rally. About half the participants are Conformation people who were interested in learning about a new sport and half were people who had never been to a dog show. We are developing a program to make it easier for clubs to activate this program locally.

The success of Beginner Puppy and My Dog Can Do That! are perfect examples of using the AKC registrant database to benefit clubs, owners, and their dogs. We will continue to find ways to use this powerful tool in support of our clubs and their events.

Our continued success in events depends on our continued ability to innovate new programs. AKC Staff is committed to doing just that. While not every program will be successful, the spirit of "relentless positive action" requires that we stay open to new ideas and are willing to risk the occasional failure.

Our success also depends on a bit of relentless positive communication. Now that you know some of our success stories, let's all help spread the word. As in all sports, momentum is part of the game.

Your comments and suggestion are most welcome
atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,

*Alan Kalter,
Chairman*

VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

SNOW!...as a 3-month-old puppy, I had only been introduced to my new home for a couple of weeks when the whole outdoor world was transformed... everything was bright, white, fluffy and cold... my favorite sticks were buried... my potty area had vanished... suddenly I could get lost in piles of snow that were over my head...

I quickly learned the joys of rolling, hopping, pouncing, sliding, tunneling, skidding, catching snow balls, plowing through drifts, tumbling down hills, and chomping on icicles... eventually I'd come inside to crash on the sunny spot on the floor for a snooze and recharge...

Yesterday the skies opened



and I got to be a puppy again, racing around the yard, diving into piles of snow, tracking prints of visiting deer, attacking the blade of the snow shovel, sending sprays of snow onto the newly cleared walks... bouncing around like a kangaroo...

I've just come inside from a four-paw-drive

adventure in the woods...there's a fire in the fireplace and space on the hearth inviting me to snooze...as much as my human partner complains about the winter weather, let it snow, let it snow, LET IT SNOW!

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

CHAMPIONSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA *from page 1*

and reached over one million entries in 2012. Dog and handlers must negotiate a timed obstacle course, off-leash, striving for a perfect score of 100.

The Championship consists of five rounds to be completed over Saturday and Sunday. After round five, the top dog in each jump height – 8", 12", 16", 20", 24" and 26" for the Regular classes and 4", 8", 12", 16" and 20" for the Preferred classes – will win the title of National Agility Champion and Preferred National Agility Champion of 2013.

AKC National Obedience Championship: 97 dogs, representing 36 breeds from 30 states and Canada will compete for the prestigious National Obedience Champion (NOC) title. The top obedience dogs in the country qualified based on OTCH points and placements at AKC Obedience Regional Events and will show off their skills at scent discrimination, retrieving, heeling, hand signals and more.

AKC Rally National Competition: 168 dogs, representing 51 breeds from 36 states and

Canada will compete in the inaugural AKC Rally National Competition in four different class levels – Novice (89 dogs), Advanced (25 dogs), Excellent (28 dogs) and Rally Advanced Excellent (26 dogs).

Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course of stations, each containing a sign with instructions regarding a skill to be performed. Each team will run two unique rally courses at each level that have been designed by the judge and cumulative scores and times will be used to determine placements in each of the four classes.

Free Admission – Open to the Public

WHERE: Expo Square, 4145 East 21st, Tulsa, OK 74114

WHEN: Friday: Agility and AKC Rally® - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday: Agility and Obedience – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday: Agility and Obedience – 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1, 2012 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2012

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 _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____ Country _____

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.

1. This award is presented to the RKC member who has provided dedicated service to the club and the sport of purebred dogs.
2. Award is given to a club member who has received the most letters of recommendation by the membership.
3. In the event of a tie the recipient shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from those individuals recommended by letters from the membership.
4. 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, 2012, thru December 31, 2012. 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, 2013 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.

SIGN OF THINGS TO COME?

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — An international cat fancier organization threatened to move next year's convention out of Rhode Island on Monday following a dispute with police over missing feline health certificates.

Vickie Fisher, president of The International Cat Association, said state environmental police frightened several pet owners Saturday when they asked to see their animals' health and rabies certifications at the Rhode Island Pet Show. She said some owners left the event at the Rhode Island Convention Center because they feared the armed officers would seize their animals.

"If people show up with Tasers and guns ... and are making threats, people are going to protect their family and their cats," said Fisher, who did not attend the Providence show. "We have some members now that are saying 'I'm not going back to Rhode Island.'"

Fisher said the incident will prompt her organization to reconsider plans for next year's annual convention, which happens to be scheduled in Providence.

The officers from the state's Department of Environmental Management were checking to make sure the animals had up-to-date rabies and health

certifications, according to state veterinarian Scott Marshall. Marshall said there have been problems with compliance at earlier pet shows and the event's organizer was warned last week that police would be checking the paperwork. State law requires animals imported into the state for display to have current health and rabies certifications.

While most of the dog owners at the show provided the paperwork, Marshall said, several cat owners did not. The police had the authority to seize the animals or issue citations but chose not to, Marshall said.

"Very few were compliant, very few were cooperative," he said. "They immediately threatened to lawyer up... I thought we showed great restraint."

Fisher said members of her group would never exhibit a sick cat and that the state law requiring health certificates of cats on display is "misguided." Her organization released a statement over the weekend that the incident "has made it apparent to many of our members that Rhode Island is not a pet friendly state."

By David Keppler, reprinted from HuffPost Politics

WE'RE NOT BRUSHING OUR DOG'S TEETH

February was Pet Dental Health Month, designed to educate dog owners about the importance of their dogs' teeth and caring for them in much the same way as they do their own. For a number of years now, brushing dogs' teeth has been promoted as the best way to prevent the development of plaque – a bacterial film and tartar, which can lead to gingivitis and periodontal disease. In fact, the American Veterinary Dental College says, "Brushing your dog's teeth is the single most effective means to maintain oral health between professional dental examinations. Frequent (ideally daily) brushing is recommended to maintain optimal dental health."

The American Veterinary Medical Association, which sponsors Pet Dental Health Month, even created a video demonstrating how to brush a dog's teeth.

However, according to a recent study, 62 percent of dog owners do nothing to address their pets' bad breath, one sign of dental disease. In addition, of the 500 owners surveyed in January 2013, only 38 percent had their dogs' teeth professionally cleaned.

So, essentially, most of us aren't brushing our dogs' teeth — no matter how much we hear about how important it is, and apparently no matter how much we love our dogs.

RETIRED SHOW DOG

He sits to the side, out of the way
While others beg head rubs, or force you to play
His dark liquid eyes watch your every move
Hoping and waiting, his love to prove.

He was shown many times, a promising pup
And he just got better as he grew up.
A picture of health, robust and strong.
His gait and top line, never went wrong.

But his prime has passed and he seems to know,
That he'll never again will be put in a show.
He eats and sleeps not much more than that.
And maybe he's getting a little too fat.

He loves to be brushed, when you have the
time.

He waits his turn at the end of the line.

You think of him, sure, but not nearly as much.
As those promising pups, that new special and
such.

So he sits and he waits, till you have the time,
To make the same fuss
as you did in his
prime.

A scrap of affection or
playful shove,
To him it means
everything, to him it
means LOVE!!!

*Author unknown.
Submitted by Rose
Radel*



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 I need your help to
make it interesting.



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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)**

WEDNESDAY, March 13	7:15 PM- BOD Meeting; 8:00 PM- RKC Member Meeting Program: Raw Food and the All Natural Pet Event
WEDNESDAY, March 27	Growl submissions deadline
WEDNESDAY, April 10	7:15 PM- BOD Meeting; 8:00 PM- RKC Member Meeting
SATURDAY, April 13	RKC Health Clinic Bergen County Community College
MONDAY, April 15	Deadline for Achievement Awards Nominations



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