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## EVERY VILLAGE HAS ITS DAY

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by Darius Amos, Staff Writer*

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Tails were wagging and pups were pouncing at the Ridgewood Duck Pond last Saturday, when the American Kennel Club bestowed its first-ever Dog Friendly Community Award to the Village of Ridgewood.

The prize, presented in the form of a traditional Best in Show ribbon, recognized Ridgewood's dedication to providing canine ownership, education and resources to its residents over the past 12 months. The AKC specifically cited the creation of the Responsible Pet Ownership Committee, formed last February as a result of a then-controversial dangerous dogs licensing fee, as a proactive action in promoting the well-being of dogs.

Spearheaded by resident Jeffrey Ball and Dawn Cetrulo, head of the Ridgewood Health Department, the committee last summer hosted a dog microchipping event, implanting free identification chips for 75 pooches in the

village. The committee procured the chips through donations from the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs and the Ramapo Kennel Club.

At the same time, the committee donated two microchip scanners to the village, giving Ridgewood police and other officials the tools to identify and



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*Jeffrey Ball, RKC's AKC Delegate and president of the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs, addresses the audience during the AKC Dog-Friendly Community Award ceremony.*

reunite lost pets with owners in a timely manner. Through Ball, an AKC delegate and president of the NJFDC, the committee also held dog body language seminars and other educational events last year.

"Ridgewood is certainly a template and also a model for all other cities and towns in the country for responsible dog ownership," said Lee Arnold, a Saddle River resident and member of the AKC Board of Directors. "At the AKC, we always say: we are not only champion dogs, but we are the dogs' champions. We know how much they mean to all of us, in every area of our lives, as companions, working dogs and all other needs."

Arnold was joined by fellow AKC board members Charles Garvin and AKC's Chief Operating Officer, Daryl Hendricks, in presenting the award. State and county officials also

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# President's Message



JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

Punxsutawney Phil certainly called it right this year — I just hope he was accurate that there will be only another 6 weeks of winter following “his” day (February 2nd). Thank you to Lorraine Fennemore and Kim Luikert for making the decision to cancel last month’s meeting and

getting the word out to members. It was a wise call given the impending storm. Far better that people stayed home and prepared for another onslaught of snow, sleet and ice. Unfortunately that old adage, ‘Prepare for the worst and hope for the best’, held very true. The aftermath of that storm was not fun

(and still isn’t – it’s time for the snow and ice that accumulated from that round to be GONE).

It’s almost spring, and that means we are putting together the nominating committee to choose the upcoming slate of officers and board members. Per our new Constitution and Bylaws, this year we will elect a President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and three Directors. Next year we will elect a Vice President, Recording Secretary and the other three Directors. This year’s slate will be announced in the April Growl. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April and May general membership meetings. Please refer to our Constitution and Bylaws for the rules about floor nominations.

I once again encourage all our members to GET INVOLVED. When our new president takes office in May the list of Committees will be reviewed and possibly updated. If you have an interest in any of the

following areas please speak up! We want you!

- Show Handling
- Obedience
- The Growl
- Roster
- Awards
- Point Show
- Match Show
- Membership
- Meeting Programs
- Hospitality
- Property
- Sunshine
- Librarian
- Legislative Coordinator
- Special Dinners
- Breeder Referral
- Community Service
- Education/Seminars
- NJ Federation of Dog Clubs Delegates
- Parliamentarian
- Canine Health Liaison
- Policies & Procedures (Job Descriptions)

With the number of conformation shows, obedience trials, rally trials and agility trials on the rise as the weather (allegedly) improves, I anticipate many of our members will be out there vying with the best of them. Our club is full of active competitors and you all do Ramapo proud. May each of you have a fulfilling year with much success and fun along the way. I look forward to all the end-of-meeting brags!

We do not have a program for this month’s meeting, but I am determined to get several of our members to speak to the club about their breeds. I have a few breeds in mind, so will be in touch with some of you soon to ask if you will be willing to bring a dog or two to the meeting and fill us in on their history, original purpose and any other facts you feel important to share. Next month we will have a presentation by Shelter Our Pets, an all-volunteer nonprofit corporation serving New Jersey and beyond. Their mission is to provide a safe haven for the pets of victims of domestic violence fleeing their abusive situations. Shelter Our Pets assists people seeking safety from violence by providing alternatives to giving up a beloved pet, leaving a pet behind in a potentially dangerous situation or continuing to subject themselves and their pets to abuse.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 12th. Pray there will be no snow!

Sharon

## Ramapo Kennel Club Officers

### President

Sharon Fremer  
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### Vice President

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### Recording Secretary

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### Board of Directors

#### 2014

Joanne Silver  
Gerrie Oliver

#### 2015

Rose Radel  
Amy Starost

#### 2016

Lorraine Fennemore  
Janis Hayes

### AKC Delegate

Jeffrey David Ball

## MINUTES

The February 2014 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

## BIGGER BREEDS ARE HERE TO STAY! LARGE DOGS DOMINATE MOST POPULAR LIST

Labrador Retriever lovers have spoken! The American Kennel Club announced today that the intelligent, family friendly breed has taken the #1 spot on the most popular list for the 23rd consecutive year, the longest reign at the top in AKC history.

"Owning bigger breeds - an economic indicator of sorts - have been on the rise during the past five years," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "As the economy has improved, people are turning back to the big dogs they love, which cost more to feed and care for than the smaller breeds that saw a rise in popularity in 2007 and 2008."

In addition to the Lab holding strong to its top spot, the French Bulldog has seen a sharp rise in popularity over the past decade, with a 323% increase in registrations since 2003. The affectionate, easy to care for Frenchie rose three spots this year to number 11, its highest position since the breed was recognized by the AKC in 1898. French Bulldogs are known to be loveable lap warmers and are easily adaptable to city or suburban living due to their easily groomed coats and minimal exercise requirements.

### 2013 Most Popular Dogs in the U.S.

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

### Most Notable Dog Trends in 2013 Include:

- Comeback canines! These rare breeds, which have been on the decline over the past decade, made strong gains in 2013. Giant Schnauzers rose from 96 to 83; Keeshonden from 103 to 86; Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers from 104 to 97; Irish Terriers from 132 to 123; Kerry Blue Terriers from 130 to 126; Lakeland Terriers from 137 to 134; Sussex Spaniels from 169 to 162; and Dandie Dinmont Terriers from 172 to 168.
- In keeping with the popularity of large breeds, several members of the Working Group made double-digit gains over the past decade: Doberman Pinschers rose from 22 to 12; Great Danes from 27 to 16; and Bernese Mountain Dogs from 47 to 32.

## RKC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### *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](http://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. Applications due by April 15, 2014.

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congratulated the village for the honor. With playful barking behind him, Assemblyman David Russo read aloud a sate Legislature resolution signed by him, Assemblyman Scott Rumana and State Senator Kevin O'Toole, while County Executive Kathleen Donovan offered words of praise to Ridgewood.

"Were so happy that Ridgewood is receiving the award," Donovan said, noting to several dozen ceremony attendees that the county dog park in Ridgewood was recently renovated. "We put it in a place that's better for animals and much more friendly for them."

Mayor Paul Aronsohn, a Scottish Terrier owner, credited Ball, Cetrulo and other committee members for their efforts over the past year.

"I'm very proud and excited for this award. I'm proud because I'm mayor of a community that has demonstrated its commitment toward dog ownership and being pet friendly. I'm excited because this award will serve as an incentive to us and other communities to do even more and become even more pet friendly," Aronsohn said.

After the presentation, the mayor joined other delegates and attendees at the Ridgewood Community Center, where several Westminster Dog Show contestants, therapy dogs and other canines were the guests of honor.

"Woof!" bellows a Chesapeake Bay Retriever, who serves as a full-time therapy dog at the Valley Hospital.

The dog's welcoming call didn't break the concentration of the Rhodesian Ridgeback who was



*Left, Courtney Luikert sits with Halo, a Leonberger, at Ridgewood's Dog-Friendly Community Award Reception. Right, the cake for the reception at the AKC's award ceremony was created by Carlo's Bake Shop.*



practicing Westminster poses, nor did it distract the family of Leonbergers from playing with a group of children. Also unfazed was the region's top-ranked Great Dane, Seamus, who sat in the corner of the room with his co-owners.

Teddy the Brittany, meanwhile, cuddled up to visitors who hoped to learn more about the Ramapo Kennel Club, whose members were on hand to

distribute pet ownership literature. Founded in 1958, the RKC hopes to "protect and advance the interest of all breeds of purebred dogs and to encourage

sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and other dog events. To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows and obedience trials under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club," according to its website.

"We support a lot of local groups and events, whenever someone needs a helping hand," said Teddy's owner, Dumont resident and RKC officer Kim Luikert. Last year, the RKC stepped in to back Ball and other Ridgewood residents who argued against the village's ordinance that established a \$700 licensing fee for court-determined "potentially dangerous" dogs. The collective efforts helped jumpstart Ridgewood's educational

outreach initiative as well as the new committee.

Last Saturday's reception also featured a congratulatory cake from Carlo's Bakery as well as a complimentary lunch—for humans—from the Daily Treat.

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*Ann Boles and her Collie, Jump, a therapy dog, were guests of honor at the ceremony. They have logged over 2500 hours at Robert Wood Johnson hospital.*

COURTESY GERRIE OLIVER

# RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1, 2013 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2013

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,PCD,CD,GN,PCDX,CDX,GO,PUTD,UD,UDX,VER,TD,TDX,RN,RA,RE,RAE, OM,OGM

### TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_ Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

## RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

### Non-Regular Awards and Requirements

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

Show _____	Date _____	Country _____
Show _____	Date _____	Country _____
Show _____	Date _____	Country _____
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, 2013 thru December 31, 2013, for the June 2013 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.

### 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, 2013, thru December 31, 2013. Minimum of three scores required. Shows and scores must be provided. Winner is to retain custody of the award for the year.

### 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.

## **RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued**

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.

### **American Kennel Club Outstanding Sportsmanship Award**

1. This award celebrates those individuals who deserve special recognition for having made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embody the AKC code of sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. The award is given to a club member who has been nominated and approved by the majority of the board of directors and officers PRIOR to the May meeting and shall be presented at the June awards dinner. The awards chair will be notified by April 15th. The recipient only may be notified by the awards chair to insure their being present.

### **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, 2014 with photocopies of Wins and Titles to:**

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

## SHOW HANDLING SCHEDULE -2014

### TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:45 - 7:30

### DROP IN CLASSES ONLY

\$10.00 per dog

Mar. 18

Apr. 1, 15, 29

May 6, 20

June 3, 17

FMI: LINDA HACHTEL

973-697-4337

or rkc@ramapokennelclub.com

## RKC TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE -2014

### TUESDAY EVENING-Rally Advanced/Excellent

7:30-8:30

#### SESSION 3

Mar. 18, 25

Apr. 1, 15

#### SESSION 4

Apr. 22, 29

May 6, 20, 27

June 3, 17

#### SESSION 4

Apr. 30

May 7, 21, 28

June 4, 18, 25

June 24 (Tuesday) Canine Good Citizen Testing/ snow day

(there is a fee for the test)

### Pet Training/Obedience Schedule WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

#### SESSION 3

Mar. 19, 26

Apr. 2, 16, 23

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES CONTACT:

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A \$50,000 check is presented to CEO Terry Warren of the AKC Canine Health Foundation at their 2014 Charity Cocktail Party on Feb. 8, 2014 at the Affinia Manhattan Hotel. The check represents the Collie Health Foundation's donation to the AKC/CHF Donor Advised Fund to partner with them in research. Pictured left to right, Gerrie Oliver, President, Collie Health Foundation and board member of RKC, Terry Warren AKC Canine Health Foundation, and Nancy Kelso, DVM, Chairman of Grants Committee for Collie Health Foundation.

## A LETTER FROM LIFE MEMBER JEAN COOPER

Some of our members will remember Jean and Ed Cooper. Ed was our President in 1992-1994 and again in 1995-1996. Ed passed away some years ago. Jean remains at their Saddle River home with some help of a housekeeper and great neighbors. She is a life-member of RKC.

Jean wants everyone to know that she's O.K. from the waist up. However, as a retired educator at Montclair State University, the years of standing have taken a toll on her hips. Jean still drives short distances but needs a walker and skooter to get around otherwise. She's mostly in her kitchen and still loves to try new recipes. She was always a fine cook as I recall.

As owners of Old English Sheepdogs, Jean would come to shows in a full sized costume of that breed. I cherish a photo taken of the two of us receiving a hug from her dressed as an OES.

I'm sure Jean would be delighted to hear from our members who knew her or those who may want to get to know this wonderful lady. Her email and phone number are listed in our directory.

*Rose J. Radel*

### GOT STUFF?

Send your 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.



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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 12**

RKC Member Meeting. Program: TBA

**WEDNESDAY, March 26**

Deadline for April Growl submissions

**WEDNESDAY, April 9**

RKC Member Meeting.  
Program: A presentation by Shelter Our Pets



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