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*AKC Chairman's Report
April 2012*

This isn't so much a Chairman's Report as it is a little straight talk among friends. And I intend it to be the first of many.

We are fortunate that my predecessors, Ron Menaker and David Merriam, had the foresight to carefully plan for a financially sound American Kennel Club. Your Board and Staff developed and are executing a plan for this year that will allow the AKC to be in the black and still maintain the deep resources of our reserves and endowment.

The challenges we have been addressing seem to occupy all of our conversation, but I assure you, they do not occupy all we are doing. Beyond the challenges, there are exciting opportunities in every area of everything we do.

successful growth encompasses the 100 million Americans who own a dog - purebred or mixed breed. Today, we only scratch the surface of those who make dogs an important part of their lives. We are concentrating on three major areas in order to engage, excite, and enroll more of them into the world we all hold so dear.

At the core is our advocacy for the purebred dog, which is the gateway to so many defining aspects of the AKC. The discernibility of the purebred dog in form, purpose, and temperament is undeniable - and desired by millions of people. Responsible breeders need our support, encouragement, and recognition. The AKC Breeder of Merit program is an example of how we put that commitment into practice - it is no surprise the Fancy has enthusiastically embraced the program. Our successful "AKC Meet the Breeds®" events in New York and Orlando bring purebred dogs to the public in an entertaining and educational format. We will continue to explore ways in which we can bring this event in some form to more people. An exciting new initiative is the re-imagination of our website, which draws more than 1.5 million unique visitors each month. The new website will serve as an important and useful resource for breeders, puppy buyers, owners, exhibitors, clubs, judges, and the general dog-loving public. And, yes, it will be much easier to navigate. Our sport is evolving to be more inclusive and inviting than ever before. There are plans in place to create greater ease of entry into each of our sports and compelling reasons to

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It is our opportunities, those we have in hand today and those we will innovate tomorrow, that hold the true future of the AKC - and they require attention from us all. Our potential for

**Membership dues
are payable by
June 1, 2012.
See Renewal Form
on page 4.**

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President's Message



Jeffrey David Ball

Since this will be my last President's message I would like to thank you all very much for allowing me to be President for the past four years. It has been an honor as well as my pleasure to serve as the President of Ramapo Kennel Club. There have been a lot of great times, as well as some difficult ones. The difficult times are tough, but they come with the job and they happen when you deal with a large group of people that have different personalities, thoughts and positions. The old saying goes "you cannot

make everyone happy all of the time" and it applies here. You can only do you best. There are a few members who are happy to see me leave and others who are disappointed. I do hope everyone realizes that I truly tried to always do what was best for the Ramapo Kennel Club, not for myself as an individual. I care a great deal about the club and all the members in every way, and always will.

We all need to remember that the way the club did things thirty years ago, even ten years ago, may not necessarily work today. Times change and if the club is to survive and prosper, we as a club, as well as individual members need to learn to change as well. Not everyone likes

change and that is understandable. But old policies will always need to be updated. We need to learn new media methods all the

time, new issues are going to arise that need to be addressed and of course, we need to be open to the new ways that new club members and officers will bring. Of course, one of the most important things is that our club works together as a club and realizes there is no one member that runs this club, it's all of us, the members.

I look forward to working with the new officers and members. I am sure they will bring new ideas and ways of doing things. Remember, just because they are different, it does not make them wrong. I am excited to serve the club in any new capacity, whatever the members feel is appropriate. I truly hope to be there to continue to assist the club in any way. Nothing would make me happier but to attend the Club's 75th anniversary and God-willing, the 100th.

At the May general membership meeting other than the slate of officers announced by the Nominating committee, officer nominations will be accepted from the floor. Members nominated must be present to accept those nominations. Elections will be held afterwards.

As I said in the last newsletter, I will say it again—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. I will only have a few more chances to say it, so I am—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.

This was difficult for me to write, thank you again for everything! I look forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting and moving forward.

Jeffrey

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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
April 11th 2012
VFW Hall
Fairfield, NJ 07004

There was a very interesting program: Lori Wolfbach and her deaf bearded collie gave a wonderful presentation to our members. Together they do therapy dog work and compete in agility trials, they make a wonderful team.

President Jeffrey Ball Called the meeting to order at 9:05pm.

Recording Secretary- Sharon made a motion to accept the March minutes, Janis seconded, voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Tilly was absent and had nothing new to report (according to Sharon Fremer.)

Treasurer's Report- The Checking account has \$13,860.73. Money market balance not available. Membership Dues are do.

AKC Report-A new schedule of conformation points are on the website. The AKC is soliciting for the Humane Fund Award. Both mix breeds and pure bred dogs are eligible.

Show Handling- Classes are increasing. Obedience- Graduation was April 4th, new classes start on April 18th.

Hospitality- Rose Radel will bring a cake for our may Meeting and Anne Hulsizer will also bring refreshments.

Program- A DVD of the AKC's involvement with 9/11/01 will be shown at the May meeting.

Sunshine- Nothing to report.

Pet Therapy- Very busy, CGC test is scheduled for June 20th at the Butler training facility.

Match Show- There will be NO 2012 match show.

Point Show- A Harvest Cluster meeting was 4/11/12 and a Point Show meeting is set for 4/16/12.

Constitution and By-Laws- Were mailed out to AKC and awaiting their response.

Membership- Karen Stickel from Oak Ridge has Leonbergers and is sponsored by Joanne Silver and Amy Starost.

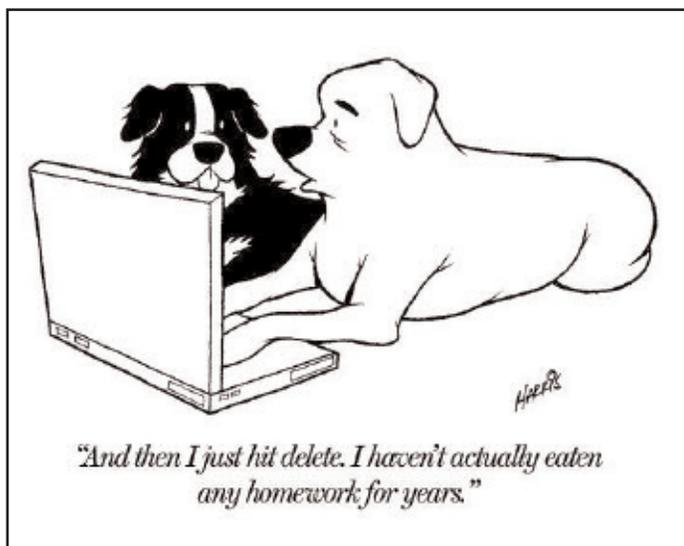
Election of Officers- The following are nominations for officers to the Board, these were read aloud by Jeffrey Ball and the floor was open for any nominations. President- Sharon Fremer, Vice-President- Arlene Stover, Recording Secretary-Kim Luikert, Corresponding Secretary-Tilly Grassa, Treasurer-Ruth Henningsen, Board-Rose Radel, Board-Amy Starost, AKC Delegate-Jeffrey Ball. Voting will be at the May 9th meeting. Any additional nominations will be taken from the floor the evening of the meeting.

Guests-Karen Stickel

Awards Dinner- Will be on Thursday June 14th at the Paris Inn. Please contact Lorraine Fennemore if you can attend. Please contact Elaine Barone for awards information.

Janis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm, seconded by Joanne, voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by
Kim Luikert
April 22, 2012



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

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENHANCES CARE AND CONDITIONS OF DOGS POLICY

Enhanced Guidelines and New Format Provide Best Practices For All Responsible Dog Owners

As the only purebred dog registry in the country with an ongoing kennel inspection program, the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is proud to announce recent enhancements to its Care and Conditions of Dogs policy. Since 2000, AKC has conducted more than 55,000 inspections based on its care and conditions policy, which is at the core of its inspections program, as well as record-keeping and dog identification. The AKC Board of Directors voted unanimously at its April meeting to implement the new enhanced policy with an effective date of June 1, 2012.

“In our leadership role as experts on maintaining and keeping of dogs since 1884, we are uniquely placed to provide American dog and kennel owners with guidelines detailing best practices that embody responsible dog ownership regardless of the number of dogs owned,” said AKC’s Director of Compliance Support Jack Norton. “We are committed to protecting the integrity of our registry and ensuring that all AKC dogs are cared for in a humane way. Our policies embody AKC’s mission to promote responsible dog ownership.”

Since 1990, an additional AKC policy has provided that when inspectors find substandard kennel conditions and /or dogs in imminent danger, it will be reported immediately to the proper federal, state or local authorities. The policy has been reformatted into an easy-to-understand framework for responsible dog ownership including: Care of Dogs, Kennels and Housing and Operations. Anyone, from a single dog owner to a large kennel manager, can follow these enhanced guidelines, to ensure best practices of keeping and maintaining dogs. In addition, as the cornerstone of the AKC Inspections program, each time an inspector conducts an inspection they will have the opportunity to educate and communicate this policy to owners and breeders.

Enhanced guidelines include:

- The importance of daily positive human interaction and socialization for dogs
- Sufficient number of staff must be provided to

carry out appropriate levels of care and conditions for the number of dogs kept

- Each kennel should maintain an emergency preparedness plan adequate for the type of facility owned and breed(s) of dogs maintained there
- When euthanasia is necessary, it should always be performed humanely AKC’s Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy (effective June 1, 2012)

The Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy, effective June 1, 2012, reflects the American Kennel Club’s values in promoting the responsible ownership and maintenance of dogs. These guidelines are meant as a basis for helping individuals ensure that dog care practices are performed and housing facilities are maintained in a safe, humane and responsible manner.

The guidelines are not intended to be all-inclusive or definitive, but rather are intended to serve as a working basic outline that can be expanded and refined as needed while lending uniform application of this policy. In addition to guidelines set forth in this policy, individuals are expected to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.

A. Care of Dogs

1. Dogs should have access on a daily basis for play and exercise.
2. Dogs must have access to fresh water as appropriate.
3. Dogs must have access to fresh food provided at appropriate intervals to maintain a healthy weight.
4. Appropriate health care, including routine and preventative care, must be provided for all dogs.
5. Dogs should be provided with daily positive human contact and socialization.
6. Each dog should have its overall health and behavior assessed daily. Any deviation in health condition must be addressed expeditiously and appropriately.
7. Dogs should be free from internal and external parasites.
8. Dogs should be afforded regular grooming to ensure health and comfort.

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9. When euthanasia is necessary, it must always be performed humanely.

B. Kennels and Housing

1. The primary enclosure must be large enough so the dog(s) can sit, stand, lie down, or turn around comfortably, with no overcrowding.
2. The primary enclosure shall be constructed and maintained so that dogs are securely confined and does not cause injury to the dogs.
3. Protection from adverse or extreme weather conditions must be provided.
4. While flooring that provides solid footing is preferred, if wire is used as flooring of a primary enclosure, it should be comprised of a material featuring a protective coating, be of an appropriate size to prevent injury (especially to feet), and must be kept in good repair. If wire is used, a solid platform of sufficient size should be provided to allow the dog(s) to attain solid footing and to offer a space for resting.
5. Facilities must be lighted to provide a regular lighting cycle for the dogs.
6. Bedding material made available to dogs should be clean and not pose a risk to the dogs.

C. Operations

1. A sufficient number of staff must be provided to carry out appropriate levels of care and conditions for the number of dogs kept.
2. Facility and primary enclosures should be clean, free from debris and odor, and feces should be picked up and disposed of as frequently as necessary so as not to pose a threat to the health of the dog(s).
3. Each kennel should maintain an emergency preparedness plan adequate for the type of facility owned and breed(s) of dogs maintained therein. The above is in addition to the policy adopted at the July 1990 Board meeting to notify federal, state or local agencies of unsanitary and/or unhealthy conditions found by AKC Inspectors during inspection of kennels; that the US Department of Agriculture (APHIS) will be notified when such conditions prevail at kennels regulated by that department under the provisions of the U.S. Animal

Welfare Act; and that other state/local governmental or humane agencies will be notified when such conditions are observed at kennels not regulated by federal law.

In instances when dog(s) are found in conditions that place them in immediate danger, the Inspector will immediately notify agencies with jurisdiction regarding the danger to the dogs.

During the course of an inspection, if an AKC Inspector determines that an individual is not maintaining his/her dogs or facility in a manner that is compliant with the AKC's Care and Conditions Policy, the individual's AKC privileges may be placed on temporary referral. The individual will be notified, in writing, of specific deficiencies and what steps need to be taken to come into compliance with the Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy. The individual shall be given 45 days to correct deficiencies and request a re-inspection. In cases where deficiencies are not corrected or re-inspections are not requested, the AKC may proceed with disciplinary action leading to suspension of all AKC privileges.

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

USA OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TEAM MEMBERS TRIUMPH AT CRUFTS

Obedience

The International Obedience World Cup at Crufts took place Sunday, March 11th and included exercises from UK, USA and European (FCI) obedience.

Petra Ford, from Washington, NJ, placed first in the Individual portion of Crufts World Cup 2012 out of 30 dog and handler teams with "Tyler," NOC OTCH Count Tyler Show Me The Money UDX7 OM6 MH, her seven year-old Labrador Retriever. Petra and Tyler are two-time AKC National Obedience Invitational Champions.

Petra and Tyler also competed alongside Plano, Illinois residents Bridget Carlsen and "Saucy," or High Times Instant Soup SH, a three year-old Golden Retriever in the team competition. The AKC/USA team placed 8th out of eleven teams in the Obedience World Cup despite fielding only two team members instead of three.

Agility

Nineteen year-old college student Tori Self, from Orlando, Florida, and her Border Collie, NAC MACH

Sagehill's Change the World OF "Rev" represented the AKC in the Crufts International Agility Competition.

The pair competed against 22 teams from countries around the world and placed 2nd in the International Jumping round, 3rd in the International Agility round and 5th in the Final round.

Tori and Rev were selected based on their accomplishments in 2011 which include an AKC National Championship in the 26" height class and winning the Large Dog Team Jumping class over 93 teams at the 2011 FCI World Agility Championships in France. Tori is a former AKC Junior handler who now balances her college life with her Agility training and competition.



NJ's Petra Ford and Tyler, winning first in the Individual portion of the Crufts World Cup.

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continue participation. We have conducted significant research to understand the needs of our exhibitors and have subsequently created innovative new programs aimed at growing participation in every sport. Some are completed, some are being pilot tested today, some will be launched soon, and some are still being developed. Most importantly, the quest for continuous invention, while still maintaining our heritage, is unwavering. These initiatives include the 4-6 Month Puppy competition, the new Grand Champion achievement levels, the Owner Handler Series, the soon to be launched Open Shows, the "My Dog Can Do That!" introduction to Agility and Rally, the Coursing Ability Test for all dogs, and others.

Our commitment to improving our sport includes event process improvement as well. Our new

Competition Management System will provide faster, easier, and more flexible service to clubs and exhibitors in Conformation, Companion, and Performance events. There is a current pilot test being conducted and we will be rolling out aspects of the program later this year, with even more to come. The third major opportunity is community impact in support of dogs, dog ownership, and responsible dog breeding. This area encompasses initiatives to enhance the image of breeders and purebred dogs, expand our efforts for responsible dog ownership (including potential new additions to our successful CGC program), and continue our involvement with legislative issues, with a greater emphasis on legislator education and proactive community support. Importantly, our commitment to improving the health and welfare of

dogs is unparalleled and will continue with fervor.

We can accomplish all this and much more if we make one further commitment - to all work together to achieve all that we must. There is ample proof that when the Fancy, Staff and the Board band together with common purpose, we are an unstoppable force. I personally commit to open better lines of communication with all AKC constituents, to solicit new ideas from everyone to advance our mutual opportunities, and to better serve our clubs, exhibitors, breeders, judges, and owners. I ask for your support of our mutual goals with the same positive, passionate spirit you all bring to our sport every day. I always appreciate hearing from you - please contact me at atk@akc.org.

*Sincerely,
Alan Kalter, Chairman*



**Two day Handling
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Second Dog: \$20.00

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A Two Day Show Dog Handling Seminar

By

GREG STRONG

June 16 and 17, 2012

At the Sussex County Farm & Horse Show Grounds
4-H Building, Augusta, New Jersey

Greg is an active member in the AKC Registered Handlers Program. He's been involved with breeding, raising and training show dogs all of his life. Averaging between 140 to 160 dog shows a year, Greg has been successful exhibiting in all 7 groups with many "Best in Show" awards.

In addition to professional handling, Greg owns and runs a boarding, grooming and training facility in Easton, Maryland.

SEMINAR FOCUS

- Defining the term "Handling"
- Starting Your First Show Dog
- The Makings of a Great Show Dog
- Techniques for Competing with the Professionals
- Building Confidence for You and Your Dog
- Psychology and Philosophy in Training Your Dog
- Building a Winning Partnership with Your Dog
- Overall Presentation of a Show Dog

The 4-H Building is a new, heated facility. It will be available for set up at 8:00 AM. Seminar hours from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM with 1 hour lunch break. Buffet lunch is provided. Participants should remember to bring crate(s) for your dog, treats, water bucket.

This is an information-packed seminar covering all aspects of showing a dog. It is designed for the beginner and the intermediate, but has been well received by the seasoned exhibitor as well.

For more information: Cathy Murch, 973-827-5178, e-mail: fmurch@earthlink.net

John Frisby: 973-383-7214, e-mail: holdenf@nac.net

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 May meeting.

Thinking about getting a dog?

Consider a purebred adult.

Rescuing an adult purebred means you already know the dog's size, appearance, and temperament. Many have had some basic dog training, are calmer and have outgrown some of the challenging behaviors of puppyhood.



If you are interested in giving a rescued purebred dog a second chance at a safe and loving home, visit www.akc.org or call 919-233-9767 to find out about AKC® breed clubs and purebred rescue organizations.

A message from:



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KENNEL CLUB

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
(unless otherwise noted)**

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| May 9 | Membership Meeting. Election of officers (no guests)
Program: DVD presentation, AKC during the 9-11 crisis |
| May 30 | Deadline for June <i>Growl</i> submissions |
| THURSDAY, June 14 | RKC Awards Dinner, 7pm, at the Paris Inn, Wayne, NJ |
| Sunday & Monday, October 14 & 15 | RKC Dog Show, Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ |



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