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STARTING AN EXERCISE ROUTINE WITH YOUR DOG

The obesity epidemic has officially gone to the dogs! The National Academy of Sciences



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reports that one out of every four dogs and cats in the western world is now overweight. Exercise can improve your dog's physical and mental health, but it is important to research the best exercise routine for you and your dog. The AKC offers the following workout tips for dog owners:

- Consider your dog's age, health, condition and current activity level. Check with a vet before beginning anything vigorous.
- Make sure to keep your dog on a leash at all times when you are exercising in

public. You don't want your dog to get distracted by cars,

people or other dogs.

- Letting your dog out in your backyard doesn't qualify as exercise; however, a good game of fetch may do the trick.
- When exercising your dog, try to keep it on a grassy or earth surface. A hot sidewalk or sharp gravel surface is hard on a dog's paws. Always remember to bring along clean water and a portable bowl so you can offer your dog a drink if needed.
- Stop exercising immediately if your dog begins to pant too rapidly. Dogs can suffer from heat stroke, so make sure your dog is not overexerting itself.
- Pay special attention to your dog's footpads and toenails. If there are any abrasions or cuts, stop exercising until they have completely healed.
- When starting your dog on any exercise program, begin slowly to build up its endurance level; too vigorous a workout may cause injury.

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RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GETS INVOLVED WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY

RKC along with the Ridgewood Responsible Pet Ownership Committee Hosts an AKC CAR Microchip Day. The Ramapo Kennel Club working with the Ridgewood Responsible Pet Ownership Committee, AKC CAR and the The New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs will be supplying free Microchips, implantation, and registration to the first 75 dogs who register for the May 15th clinic. This clinic will be held in conjunction with the town's free rabies clinic. Dr. Sherif George Mosaad, from the

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President's Message



Sharon Framer

Here we are on the cusp of our summer hiatus. Our annual dinner and meeting in June are barely a month away. Our

May meeting, a closed meeting, brings our annual election for RKC officers and Board Members. The slate brought forward by the nominating committee was listed in the April Growl. All officers and Board Members would remain in their roles for

another year. Any member attending the May meeting is permitted to make additional nominations at that meeting provided that the nominee does not decline when their name is proposed. If the nominee is not present at the meeting their nominator must provide the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate indicating their willingness to be a candidate.

A decision was made to hold off having our match show on June 1st in conjunction with the Natural Pet Event at Ramapo College. It was a wonderful opportunity and

we are very grateful to Kathy Haupt and Trappers Way for offering it to us, but we believe there may be a good alternative site available to us in early fall. More on that as plans gel going forward.

Please spread the word! Wednesday, May 15th, Ramapo Kennel Club and the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs will sponsor a micro-chipping clinic in Ridgewood, NJ.

Membership dues are payable by June 1st. There is a renewal form in this newsletter. When you are 're-upping' please give some thought to what you can contribute to the club in the next 12 months. We need and value your input and participation in all that we do. This club is here first and foremost for our members. Please help us ensure it accomplishes that.

If you would like to attend this year's annual dinner on Wednesday, June 12, at the Paris Inn on Alps Road in Wayne, please be sure to let Lorraine Fennemore know as soon as possible. Members dine for free and guests must pay \$30. This dinner is particularly special because it is where our annual awards are presented. Hope to see everyone there!

Sharon

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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting

April 10th 2013

VFW Hall

Fairfield, NJ 07004

President Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:45pm.

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

Corresponding Secretary- AKC letter about new initiative, "Good Dog Help Line" Trainers will be available on phone to help callers and they will be directed to their local training club. -Tilly read a thank you note from the family of Robert Otto for the donation The Club sent in his memory. Robert is Amy Starost's father

Treasurer- March checking balance was \$16,956.28 . The Money market balance was not ready at the time of the meeting.

Sunshine- A Thinking of You card and a Gift Basket was sent to Candy Wisnieski

Membership- Tracey Schnabel sent in a application for membership. Tracey has Barbet's and lives in Hoboken. She has come to handling classes and is willing to help with the Match and website.

Obedience- Graduation in next Wednesday the 17th.

AKC Delegate- The meeting will be held June 10-11th in Raleigh. AKC letter about new initiative, "Good Dog Help Line" Trainers will be available on phone to help callers and they will be directed to their local training club.

Federation- Website has been upgraded and newsletters have been sent out. By laws being revamped. Ridgewood Responsible pet owners first event is on May 15th.

Awards Dinner- Will be held at the Paris Inn on June 12th. There is no fee for members but guests will be \$30. Please see Lorraine if you can come.

Unfinished business- CGC fee situation, see Mary Burch.

Programs-The Club needs your help with program ideas and someone to chair it!!!!

Health Clinic- has been canceled due to lack of interest.

May 8th meeting will be closed members only meeting. We will be voting on the following:

Sharon read the names of the slate of officers for 2013-2014 Board. President- Sharon Fremer, Vice President- Arlene Stover, Treasurer- Ruth Henningsen, Recording Secretary- Kim Luikert, Corresponding Secretary- Tilly Grassa, Board- Lorraine Fennemore and Janis Hayes. Sharon asked for nominations from the floor, there were none.

Dues- Please remember to send in your annual dues to Ruth.

Refreshments- Anne will bake a cake for the may meeting.

Lure Coursing- Elizabeth Smith talked about her experiences in all breed lure coursing. Anyone looking for further information please see Elizabeth.

Patrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm, seconded by Tilly, voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Luikert

April 28, 2013

NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2013/2014 SLATE

Nominations for the 2013-14 Officer/Board are as follows: President- Sharon Fremer, Vice President- Arlene Stover, Recording Secretary- Kim Luikert, Corresponding Secretary- Tilly Grassa, Treasurer- Ruth Henningsen, Board Members Lorraine Fennemore and Janet Hayes. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the general membership meeting in May. Members nominated must be present to accept that nomination. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL 2013 - 2014

Dues for the coming year, 2013 – 2014 are now due and payable by June 1, 2013. Please make checks payable to the RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB and mail to:

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

_____ Junior Membership \$10.00 (10 – under 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.** You can view the Grownl on line 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 fill in this form to keep your information up to date**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

(work) _____ (fax) _____

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
Ruth Henningsen, Treasurer 153 Holland Mt. Rd. Oak Ridge, NJ 07438**

THANK YOU

Hi,

My name is Kernel and I am a Great Pyrenees. I am supposed to be white and have been called a White Newfy by some amateur dog lovers.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, my Mom hasn't been able to bathe and groom me as often as I would like. I really love being bathed and brushed and trimmed and pampered. Kind of like going to a Spa for the day.

My Mom heard this nice person from Ramapo KC talking about how she loved to see white dogs white and we kind of "hooked up" with Karen Stickel.

She is a professional groomer and a person extraordinaire. After meeting Karen's menagerie of horses, a CAT (see below!), donkey, llama, sheep, goats, and oodles of dogs, she got started pampering me. I didn't know what was in store for me, but look at me now. I'm gorgeous again, just like when I was in the show ring.

When I got home I told my sister, Kayleigh, about my day. She can't wait to meet Karen Stickel and be pampered too.

Boy, am I one lucky Great Pyrenees.

Love,
Kernel

p.s. See my Before and After pictures.



Before



After



RKC LIFETIME MEMBER CANDY WISNIESKI REMEMBERED

The Ramapo Kennel Club suffered a great loss with the passing of Candy Wisnieski. Candy joined Ramapo Kennel Club in 1985 making her a Lifetime member. She was involved and



Candy Wisnieski and friends

helped the club in numerous ways. We could not begin to list them all. So many of her contributions made the club what it is today. It is not just our club that will miss her, but the whole canine world.

She showed in both the conformation and obedience rings, but her greatest contribution was canine education. Candy took great pride in educating the public on canine matters every chance she had. Candy shared information and concerns on legislative issues and others with all via e-mail and verbally. She readily responded to

any request made by dog fanciers needing advice.

Her caring for dogs and people was always clearly evident. Whether it was at shows, at home or just walking in the park. Candy was a wealth of knowledge and was willing to share it with everyone. Candy's goal was the right goal, to improve all canines health which in turn improved the breeds. She always wanted people to learn what would be the best dog to add to their family since there are so many breeds and they are all so different. Though Candy will always be remembered as a Collie person, she could best be described as a canine person with a heart as big as a Collie.

Candy has left us with a profound and lasting legacy. Her presence will be greatly missed and cause a void not easily filled. Candy's gracious spirit and the beautiful memories remain with us all.

Ramapo Kennel Club Annual Awards Dinner

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

7:00 p.m.

The Paris Inn
1292 Alps Rd.
Wayne, NJ 07470

Choice of Chicken, Fish or Beef
Guests - \$30.00 Members - Free

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



RKC GETS INVOLVED WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY, from page 1

Farview Animal Clinic in Paramus will be present to implant the micro-chip which is quick and painless. It is done with a syringe.

What exactly is a microchip?

A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and is placed between your dog's or cat's shoulder blades.

A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and placed between your dog's shoulder blades under a veterinarian's supervision. Implantation is quick, easy and virtually painless — similar to a vaccine injection — and can be performed during a regular clinic visit.

A microchip is not a tracking device. It can only be "turned on" for a few seconds at a time by a handheld microchip scanner that is passed over to read the microchip's unique encoded number. The microchip number is the only information stored in the microchip so it is very important you immediately enroll your pet's microchip

with your contact information.

By enrolling your pet's microchip, your name, telephone numbers, emergency contacts and other vital information are linked to the microchip number and stored in American Kennel Club's Companion Animal Recovery's (AKC CAR) database. When a lost pet is found, AKC CAR is contacted and our recovery experts will call you to help reunite you with your pet.

FREE Microchip Clinic for Ridgewood Residents

Sponsored by Ramapo Kennel Club, AKC CAR, Ridgewood Responsible Pet Ownership Committee and New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs

For: First 75 Ridgewood Residents to register

Date: Wednesday May 15, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Place: Ridgewood Recycling Center
205 East Glen Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ

THANK YOU

To all my fellow RKC friends,

Thank you all very much for your kind words of sympathy and support of my father's passing.

I would also like to thank RKC for their donation to the Valley Hospice in memory of my father, Robert Otto.

With gratitude,

Amy Starost

WHAT DOGS TEACH US

I want my children to have a dog
Or maybe two or three
To learn from them much easier
Than they can learn from me.

A dog will show them how to love
And bear no grudge or hate
I'm not so good at that myself
But dogs will do it straight.

I want my children to have a dog
To be their pal and friend
So they can learn that friendship
Is faithful to the end.

There never yet has been a dog
Who learned to double cross
Nor catered to you when you won
Then dropped you when you lost.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Rose Radel

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR CANINE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING APRIL 2013 AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the March Delegates meeting, Article III of the American Kennel Club Bylaws was amended to include the following: "The objects of the Club shall be to advance canine health and well-being..." Someone unfamiliar with the AKC might see this as a beginning. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, this amendment signals the commitment each of us has to the never-ending journey begun decades ago by our responsible breeders and breed Parent Clubs - a journey that is making a difference for dog health and well-being, but one that is not truly understood by the public.

Probably the most well-known product of the journey is the AKC Canine Health Foundation, which was instituted by the AKC in 1995 and is the largest funder of exclusively canine health research in the world today. Since its inception, the AKCCHF has funded almost 600 grants, totaling nearly \$30 million - all addressing the health needs of dogs during their lifetime by focusing on all aspects of their physical, emotional and social well-being. What is not known by many people is that over 30 years ago the AKC was the first and the principle funder of the research that developed the vaccine for canine parvovirus, thus saving thousands of puppies' lives around the world.

There is no doubt that responsible breeders - in their efforts to protect, preserve, and improve their breeds with every litter - embrace the advances in health screening and tests. These breeders apply their understanding of the science of genetics by utilizing the screening and testing protocols designed to aid in the selection of a sire and dam. Today there are a number of health registries that support breeders in that selection process, including the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF). In addition, the AKCCHF and the OFA created the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC). Working with participating Parent Clubs, CHIC provides a centralized health database used as a resource for breeders of purebred dogs to research information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds.

The AKC recognizes our breeders' motto of "Breed to Improve," and offers significant information to help them achieve their ongoing quest. CHIC is but one of the many examples of available

information and opportunities for advancing knowledge for the AKC breeder. The AKC offers breeders information via the website and the quarterly *AKC Breeder Newsletter* - covering a wide range of topics of interest to breeders. The AKCCHF hosts the National AKC Parent Club Canine Health Conference, affording dog breeders the opportunity to meet, learn, and share ideas with some of the most sought after researchers and experts in their fields. The latest addition to AKC programs helping breeders is the AKC Breeder-to-Breeder Workshop coming to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando this December. This will be a free workshop open to all AKC breeders. Pre-eminent expert AKC breeders will share the thinking behind their successful breeding programs in a learning experience that is sure to deliver "news you can use."

The improvements we are seeing in the health of our dogs are a direct result of responsible breeders' commitment to utilizing today's science. Our AKC Breed Parent Clubs are strongly committed to the journey of improving the health and well-being of their breeds through educational outreach and funding research studies. Virtually every Parent Club's website includes a prominent health section supporting health awareness and education in their breed, identifying beneficial screening and testing protocols, and reporting on funded studies. In the aggregate, AKC Parent Clubs have contributed millions of dollars to fund research studies - many already yielding the science to change lives.

As George Bernard Shaw said, "We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future." By adding "health and well-being" so prominently into our Bylaws, we are re-affirming our commitment and our responsibility to ensure that every AKC dog can be a better dog and a quality pet. Our collective commitment to protecting, preserving, and improving the dogs we breed is vital and strong.

While we continue our mission, we must address a crucial issue: The fastest way to improve the lives of dogs is to connect knowledgeable puppy buyers with responsible breeders who register with the AKC. Unfortunately, we know that is not always the case. Not every dog breeder shares the motto

“Breed to Improve,” and not every puppy buyer knows how to discern those that do from those that don’t.

It is imperative that we have a better informed, more knowledgeable puppy buyer – particularly in regard to health and well-being. In the spirit affirmed by Nelson Mandela, educating puppy buyers is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the destiny of dogs. We are aggressively committed to being at the forefront of that education.

And it is imperative that we have a way for responsible breeders to identify themselves and their litters. Certainly, our 10,000-member Breeder of Merit program is one way for the public to identify breeders who certify that applicable health screens are performed on their breeding stock as recommended by their breed’s Parent Club. However, not every responsible breeder meets all of the Breeder of Merit

requirements around sport participation. A manageable way of identifying all AKC breeders who certify that applicable health screens were performed is a necessary goal in our desire to help buyers find healthy puppies.

In light of the importance of improving the health and well-being of all dogs, the Delegates acted wisely by writing the commitment to both into the Objects of the AKC Bylaws. While this is a reaffirmation of our beliefs and actions for the last 100+ years, it shall be addressed with energy – much like Yul Brynner’s pronouncement from Cecil B. DeMille’s epic film *The Ten Commandments*, “So let it be written; so let it be done.”

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

*Sincerely,
Alan Kalter, Chairman*

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, May 8

7:15 PM- BOD Meeting; 8:00 PM- RKC Member Meeting,
(members only due to Officer and Board Elections).

FRIDAY, May 31

Deadline for June Growl submissions

WEDNESDAY, June 12

8:00 PM Annual Awards Dinner, Paris Inn, Wayne, NJ



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