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A FAMILY DOG IS MUCH MORE THAN A CHILD'S PET

As television stars, Lassie and Rin Tin Tin showed audiences in the 1950s that dogs can improve the lives of little boys – as well as save their lives.

A growing body of scientific studies suggests that the family dog can prove to be positive force in a child's development, according to an examination of the research by Nienke Endenburg and Ben Baarda, instructors at Utrecht University in the Netherlands.

Having a dog can enhance a child's social, emotional, cognitive growth, the authors contend in their paper, "The Role of Pets in Enhancing Human Well-Being: Effects on Child Development."

Parents and children typically share in taking care of pets. Studies have shown that these shared responsibilities teach children at an early age how to care for and nurture a dependent animal. A 3-year-old child probably cannot walk a dog, but can help feed or give the dog water, the authors note. School-age children and teenagers can manage many tasks of caring for a dog without supervision.

For young children, participating in such important responsibilities builds self-esteem and that is an important part of emotional development.

Endenburg and Baarda note that dog ownership contributes to another aspect of social-emotional development: empathy, the child's ability to understand and appreciate the feelings of another

person. One study found that children of the ages of 3 to 6, who own dogs, achieved higher empathy scores than their counterparts who had no pets. Companion animals can provide emotional support, the authors said.

"Pets can make people feel unconditionally accepted, whereas fellow humans will judge and may criticize," they wrote.

Other studies suggest that a dog can elevate a child's self-esteem by helping the child feel accepted by his or her peer group, the authors note.

One study concluded that the attractiveness of a child's pet to other children may boost the attractiveness of that child as a friend or playmate. Another study found that 84 percent of the 10-year-old children interviewed said they met other children and adults while exercising their dogs. Pet-owning children also were found to be "significantly more popular with their classmates," the authors said.

The family dog can contribute to a child's sense of family, the authors add.

A survey of families with dogs found that 52 percent experienced an increase in the time the family spent together after acquiring their pets. As many as 70 percent said their family was happier and had more fun after bringing a dog into their home.

Reprinted from the AKC website.

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RKC's spring match will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at Sunnybank, Terhune Memorial Park, Wayne, NJ. For details see page 7.

TILLY GRASSA

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President's Message



JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

This spring Mother Nature has sounded a loud wake-up call. Two coyotes recently bit Bergen County residents in two different towns. Both incidents were unprovoked and the animals were aggressive. They were later caught, destroyed and found to be rabid. During the search for them, several coyote dens were discovered

in residential areas and near elementary schools. In my own neighborhood in Wyckoff we regularly see a pair of coyotes strolling down the street between 7:30 and 8:30 in the morning. Last week one of them was on my next-door neighbor's patio, looking into the house through a sliding

glass door. Do I now feel comfortable just letting my dogs out the door into our fenced-in yard after dusk or first thing in the morning? Nope! I now go out there with them, flipping on every outdoor light we have.

There has also been a proliferation of deer over the past 12 months. For years we've had a group of 3 to 5 does and their youngsters swing by the backyard for a late afternoon snack. This year that number is anywhere from 7 to 9. I love deer, we're pretty good at keeping them away from our tastiest plants and they're peaceful visitors. I don't love the ticks they introduce to the native flora and fauna surrounding us. And I detest the diseases

those ticks spread to our family animals.

As more and more natural habitats for wildlife disappear and they become more and more comfortable with living among humans, the potential for serious disease and bodily harm increases. We, as responsible owners, must be vigilant to keep our dogs (and cats) safe and well protected. Whether it is ensuring rabies vaccines are current, applying top spots like Frontline, using one of those new tick collars or taking measures to secure the perimeters of our yards to keep wildlife out, our pets depend on us to keep them out of harm's way. If there is something you feel is particularly effective, please share it with the rest of us. Information sharing benefits everyone.

Our 2015 Match Show will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, including Conformation, Obedience and Rally. It will be held at Sunnybank, former home of Albert Payson Terhune and his famous Collies, on Route 202 in Wayne, NJ. The match show chairman is Melissa Ayer. This is a beautiful site for a match show, with lots of shade and picnic tables. For more information or to volunteer to help she may be reached at melissa.ayer@gmail.com or on her cell at (203) 313-2697.

Our annual dinner will again be held at the Paris Inn on Alps Road in Wayne, NJ, on Wednesday, June 10th. This dinner is special because it is where our annual awards are presented. Please come to celebrate our members' successes while enjoying great company and good food. If you would like to attend, please contact Lorraine Fennemore at lorrfenn1@optonline.net or (973) 227-0945.

Sharon

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Minutes

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

VFW Hall, Fairfield, NJ 07004

President Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 9:55p at the VFW Hall in Fairfield, NJ following a presentation by Straws for Paws. Motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as presented in the Growl made by Amy Starost, seconded Lorraine Fennemore and approved.

Corresponding Secretary, Tilly Grassa, reported on AKC announcements: the delivery of the Bergen County AKC Reunite Trailer and the appointment of Glenn Lycan as Event Operations Director.

Treasurer, Ruth Henningsen, reported the April checking account balance is \$16,595.86. No money market statement. Thank you note received from Cornell for Pat Scully donation. Reminder that membership dues renewal must be done now and to please provide any address/phone/email updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Janis Hayes absent but second reading was offered for Sue Leonard, Entlebuchers, sponsored by Amy Starost and Anne Hulsizer.

Obedience Class: Elaine Barone reported that a new session starting end of April.

Sunshine: No news.

AKC: Jeffrey Ball reported that there was nothing new. He did, however, share information regarding the Delegates unofficial discussion regarding the over use of Service Dogs simply to take advantage of the privileges offered in air travel.

NJFDC: Jeffrey Ball reported on his success with bill sponsor, Valerie Huttle, regarding the Licensing Groomer bill which, with his encouragement, now reads that "anyone grooming for shows is exempt."

Point Show: Judges done.

Awards: Elaine Barone reminded all of the

4/15 deadline to submit awards.

Match Show: Chairperson Melissa Ayer reported all is good for Saturday 5/23 (Memorial Day weekend). Please watch newsletter for donations and support. Needs a Co-Chair.

Unfinished Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer and Board Member Elections – Nominating Committee of Rose Radel and Roseanne Tucker present the following candidates:

Vice President – Amy Starost

Recording Secretary – Kim Luikert

AKC Delegate – Jeffrey Ball

Board of Directors: Elaine Barone, Lorraine Fennemore, Janice Hayes.

No additional nominations from the floor.

A request was made to receive copies of the AKC Delegates' newsletter. Discussion revealed that the lengthy publication was intended for Delegates only and according to AKC they are not permitted to reproduce anything for one year. In addition, it was clarified that information was not pertinent to Club business.

Concern was expressed for the exposure to canine influenza at the New Brunswick KC shows in Edison and caution over any sneezing, coughing or choking should be exercised. In addition, Members were urged to take steps to ward off Parvo and ticks which have already arrived.

Cindy McMillan announced Newton KC is hosting an All Breed Match Show with Rally & CGC on 5/31 with a 12 noon start.

Refreshments: Rose Radel (annual sheet cake), Sharon Fremer, Tilly Grassa

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35p with motion of Elaine Barone seconded by Amy Starost.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gerrie Oliver*

AKC URBAN CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

AKC Urban CGC is beginning in April 2015. The first AKC Urban CGC test in the country was recently administered by the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County.

Organized by CGC Evaluator Marti Hohmann, dogs and their owners went through AKC Urban CGC testing at CityPlace, a premier dog friendly shopping destination. Hohmann and her Border Collie, Lark, walked by teenagers on skateboards, a trolley and Lark waited patiently while Hohmann had lunch in an outdoor cafe.

Vera, a retired racing Greyhound owned by Mary Macchia, was also among the first to earn her AKC Urban CGC title. "It's so important for our dogs to be well-trained so they are welcome in public places," said Macchia.



Small dogs were present at the Palm Beach AKC Urban CGC test and they showed that with proper training and exposure, they too can be unflappable in the presence of city noises and distractions. Catherine Anne Cassidy's Miniature Longhaired Dachshund, Sophie, performed all of the Urban CGC test items with ease,

including hopping into a dog friendly cab. Cassidy said, "As long as your dog appears calm and under control, people welcome you and your pooch-- and even appear glad to see dogs around."

Giving responsible owners a whole new level of achievement for their dogs, the American Kennel Club (AKC) announced today the launch of "AKC Urban CGC" to the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) training program. The new title focuses on city-dwelling dogs and the special skills they require.

Since 1989, more than 700,000 dogs and their owners have been recognized by the CGC program, which rewards the dogs' good manners at home and in the community. As with CGC, AKC Urban CGC requires a 10-step test of skills that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Urban CGC title. AKC Urban CGC skills dogs must possess include:

- Exits/enters doorways (of dog friendly buildings) with no pulling

- Walks through a crowd on a busy urban sidewalk
- Reacts appropriately to city distractions (horns, sirens, etc.)
- Waits on leash, crosses street under control
- Ignores food and food containers on sidewalk
- Person approaches on sidewalk and pets dog
- 3-minute down-stay in lobby of dog friendly building
- Safely negotiates stairs and elevators
- Housetrained
- Enters, exits, rides dog-friendly transportation (car, subway in a carry bag, cab)

"City dogs require a very special set of skills, including waiting to cross a street, ignoring food tossed on a sidewalk, behaving in building lobbies and riding elevators," said Mary Burch, Ph.D., Director of the Canine Good Citizen program. "Urban CGC reinforces practical, everyday skills for the millions of dogs living in urban areas today, creating safer, more responsible communities."

To be eligible for the AKC Urban CGC title, dogs must have a CGC certificate or title on record at AKC and must have an AKC number (AKC registration number, PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number). Dogs passing the AKC Urban Dog test will earn the "CGCU" title.

With the introduction of AKC Urban CGC, the AKC's CGC program now provides a variety of training options for dog owners and their dogs. Beginning with AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, progressing to Canine Good Citizen, AKC Community Canine and now AKC Urban CGC, the CGC program trains dogs through all stages of life and in all settings to be well-behaved in society.

Instructors can learn more about the program and begin training their students on AKC Urban CGC skills by visiting the AKC Urban CGC page. Urban CGC test materials are now available in the AKC store.

AKC Urban CGC testing will be administered by approved AKC CGC evaluators nationwide beginning this month.

AKC URGES SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL BILL TO HELP DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIMS ENSURE SAFETY OF THEIR PETS

The American Kennel Club supports a bill filed in the United States House of Representatives that would add federal protections for the pets of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence.

Known as the “Pet and Women Safety Act of 2015” (PAWS), H.R. 1258 is principally sponsored by Congresswoman Katherine Clark of Massachusetts and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida. The popular measure has 48 co-sponsors and is supported by numerous local and national domestic violence, animal welfare, and professional organizations.

For some time, the AKC has recognized the multi-faceted dilemma involving pets and domestic violence. Sociological and psychological studies show that a significant percentage of cases involving family victims also involve threats to the wellbeing of animals and/or actual harm having been perpetrated against pets. In many cases, victims of domestic abuse are reluctant to leave a dangerous situation for fear of the fate of a pet left behind. However, many domestic abuse shelters in the United States are not adequately equipped to provide housing for pets accompanying human victims. In helping address this troubling reality, the AKC Humane Fund has been a leader in providing grants to shelters to assist with arrangements for caring for the pets of domestic violence victims ([link to brochure pdf](#)). The AKC is pleased to see legislation that will help expand such efforts nationwide.

BILL SUMMARY

In addition to encouraging states to include pets in protections against violence or threatening acts, H.R. 1258 would:

For purposes of Title 18, Chapter 110A on Domestic Violence and Stalking, define “pet” as a domesticated animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, rodent, fish, turtle, horse, or other animal that is kept for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes.

Add pets to the list of those protected under the federal stalking statute. The addition would mean that an individual would be subject to fines and/or imprisonment if they—through travel, or by using electronic communications or other means—place

another in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury, or cause substantial emotional distress to that person, an immediate family member or spouse/intimate partner of that person, or their pet.

Include pets as the subject of protection orders, so that a person who commits an interstate violation of a protection order would be subject to fines and/or imprisonment.

Amend the section on restitution owed to a victim by including veterinary services relating to the physical care of a victim’s pet that results from an offense.

Create an Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant Program to award grants to eligible entities to carry out programs to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their pets. The bill provides for \$3,000,000 in funding for each of the first four years of the program. Entities eligible to participate include states; general units of local governments; Indian tribes; or any other organization that has a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Such organizations include domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers, domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, community-based and culturally-specific organizations, any other non-profit non-governmental organization, and any other organization that works directly with pets and collaborates with aforementioned organizations, including animal shelters and animal welfare organizations.

H.R. 1258 has been assigned to both the United States House Judiciary and Agriculture Committees. While the bill has not yet been scheduled for consideration, AKC’s Government Relations (AKC GR) Department will continue to provide information on the bill when it is scheduled for consideration.

For more information about AKC Humane Fund Grants for Domestic Violence Shelters or recipients of grants, visit the AKC Humane Fund. For more information about HR 1258, contact AKC GR at (919) 816-3720, or email doglaw@akc.org.

JUDGING APPROVAL PROCESS PROPOSAL

Dear Fellow Purebred Dog Lover,

In October AKC asked for your comments and suggestions on a new Judging Approval Process. We received over 750 thoughtful comments. The vast majority of the comments (82%) expressed high approval of the proposal but there were areas where very good suggestions were made to make the proposed Judge Approval Process even better. We have considered all of these suggestions and are now ready to share the results of our work.

We believe this final draft reflects the needs of our exhibitors, current and prospective judges, our show-giving clubs, and our breeders. It incorporates an enhanced judge mentoring role for our Executive Field Representatives to help create a nurturing environment for growth in breed knowledge and judging skills. It provides expanded breed educational opportunities to meet the education requirements, and it restores the interview for all breeds regardless of experience level.

We believe these enhancements, taken together, provide for accountability and competency that was referenced in some of your comments.

Your feedback in October was invaluable and we hope you can see how it has helped shape this final version. The AKC Board will be considering the final version for approval at its June, 2015 meeting. If you have any further thoughts please send them by May 21, 2015 so that they may be considered.

On a personal note I appreciate very much your participation in our sport, your support of the American Kennel Club, and most importantly your love of purebred dogs.

Ron Menaker

Chairman

American Kennel Club Board of Directors

You may access the proposed Judge Approval Process on the AKC website. Please email your comments or feedback on this proposal to judgingapproval@akc.org.

To all Ramapo Kennel Club Members:

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB MATCH, SATURDAY, MAY 23rd

(See flyer next page. Please forward to your friends)

We would like to invite everyone to come out and support your club and fellow members at our 2015 Match. Please come help, show your dog(s) and enjoy the day by the water.

If you can help in any way we will all appreciate it. Please contact me at Melissa.ayer@gmail.com to let me know what you can help with and if there is a specific job you would like. We will also have a sign up sheet at the May meeting on the 13th. Remember the more everyone pitches in the more successful our match will be.

We need help with setting up, tearing down and clean up, entries, stewards for the rings and parking cars.

We also need the following:

2 - Grooming tables for the rings

7 - Pop-up Tents

7 - 4ft or 6ft tables for entries, for judges in the ring

Donation of salads, chips, water, drinks and desserts

Thank you all in advance for your support and look forward to seeing you there.

Melissa Ayer, Match Chair, 203-313-2697 Cell

Amy Starost, Obedience Chair, 551-486-2595 Cell

RAMAPO KC DOG SHOW/OBEDIENCE MATCH

AKC Sanctioned All-Breed Conformation "B" Match/Obedience and Rally "C" Match
(Mixed Breeds welcome in Obedience and Rally)

OBEDIENCE
AND RALLY

Saturday May 23, 2015

Sunnybank Park

Route 202, 381 Terhune Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470

CONFORMATION
AND
JR. HANDLING

A handling clinic for adults and juniors will be offered before conformation judging

Entries will be accepted day of match from 9:00 AM until time of judging

Obedience judging starts at 10:00

Handling clinics (adult and junior) at 10:30

Conformation judging starts at 11:30

CGC
TESTING

Entry Fees- First dog: \$10.00; Second entry/same dog: \$8.00;
Handling clinics: Free; Jr. Showmanship: Free

HANDLING
CLINICS

Conformation Classes

(Puppy 3-6, 6-9, 9-12 months & Open)

Linda Berberich - Sporting, Terriers & BPIM

Marla Capozzi- Hounds, Toys & Miscellaneous

Barbara Dalane - Working

Jeffrey Ball - Great Danes & Junior Showmanship

Bernadette Biasi - Herding, Non-Sporting & BIM

Obedience Classes

Rally: Novice, Advanced & Excellence

Obedience: Beginner Novice, Novice, Open, Utility & Versatility

Obedience and Rally will allow "Verbal and gentle corrections and food or toys may be used in the ring".

CGC TESTING

For CGC appointments please email Jeffrey Ball at jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com to schedule an appointment. If any time is available the day of the match, walk ups will be accepted.

PLENTY OF SHADE UNDER THE TREES.

Please be sure to bring a copy of your dog(s) Rabies Certificate

Remember to bring food and water for you and your dog as none is available for sale.

As a courtesy to our exhibitors we will have coffee and water available as a donation.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

Directions: From the North and East: Rt. 287-S to Exit 58 - Rt. 202/Ramapo Valley Rd. Turn left at light. Follow Rt. 202-S for 3 miles. Park entrance is on right. Watch for low stone wall.

From the East: GWB, Rt. 4-W to Rt. 208-N to 287-S. Follow directions as from the North above.

From South and West: Take Rt. 287-N to Exit 53 (Bloomingdale, Pompton Lakes). Make right at light onto Hamburg Tpke. At 5th light, turn left onto Terhune Drive (CVS is on corner). Park entrance is about 1 mile on left. Watch for low stone wall.

From the South: Take GSP-N to exit 153 to Rt. 3-W to Rt. 46-W to Rt. 23-N (4 miles). Stay right to Rt. 202-N (Black Oak Ridge Rd.) Follow to Hamburg Tpke. Turn left on Hamburg Tpke. Turn right onto Terhune Dr. (still Rte. 202). Park entrance is about 1 mile on left. Watch for low stone wall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Ayer, Match Chair—201-891-9291 H or 203-313-2697 C, melissa.ayer@gmail.com;

Amy Starost, Obedience Chair—551-486-2595, astarost@yahoo.com



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MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL 2015 - 2016

Dues for the coming year 2015 – 2016 are now due and payable by June 1, 2015. Please make checks payable to the RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB and mail to:

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

*Membership shall be considered lapsed if dues are not paid by July 1, 2015.

- _____ 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 also 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 fill in this form to keep your information up to date.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip+4 _____

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.

**Ramapo Kennel Club
Annual Awards Dinner**

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

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

TROPHY DONATIONS NEEDED

for the upcoming point show
To donate, please see Kim at the
next meeting,
call her at 551-265-4245,
or email her at
kim.luikert@gmail.com

REMINDER:

**Deadline for
Membership Dues is
JUNE 1
(see renewal form on page 8)**

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 13 RKC Member Meeting/Elections, 8PM. Board meeting after elections.
(members only due to Officer and Board Elections).

Saturday, May 23 Ramapo Kennel Club AKC Sanctioned Match at Sunnybank, Wayne, NJ

Wednesday, June 10 Annual Awards Dinner/Meeting, 8PM. Paris Inn, Wayne, NJ

October 9-12, 2015 The Harvest Cluster shows



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