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## PAT SCULLY WINS AKC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The AKC is pleased to announce the winners of the 2012 AKC® Lifetime Achievement Awards: Jean Fournier (Conformation), **Patricia Scully (Companion Events)** and Robert Fleury (Performance). The three recipients will receive engraved Revere bowls on Friday, December 16, 2011 at the AKC Delegates luncheon held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida. A sterling silver Tiffany and Co. bowl, engraved with the names of all recipients past and present, is on permanent display at AKC headquarters in New York City.

The AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards were created to honor those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of purebred dogs on a national level. The recipients were selected from votes cast by AKC member clubs for nominees in the categories of

Conformation, Companion Events and Performance.

**Patricia Scully**, of Suffern, New York has been active in the Sport and Pug breed for 50 years and has finished Pugs in Obedience and Conformation in the United States, Bermuda, Canada, and Mexico. She is also a licensed judge for Obedience and Rally. Pat has served as the AKC Delegate for the Obedience Training Club of Hawaii for 26 years and is currently serving her fourth 4-year term on the AKC Board of Directors.



Pat is a former member of the AKC Delegates Coordinating Committee; and former Chairman of AKC Delegates Committee for Obedience, Tracking, and Agility. Her Board of Director Committees

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### VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

What's in a name?...I have lots of them: Fry, Fryer, French Fry (courtesy of my neighbors), and a couple that are not printable...but recently I have a new name, BOLT...

What's a Lab to do when the judge sets down bowls with soft toys, or better yet—cat food, for the off-set figure 8 exercise?...LEAVE IT!...are you nuts?...I'm gonna grab that trophy and show it off to anyone watching ring side...BOLT...

Yay, there's a jump on the course...it's only 16", but it's a jump just like

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# President's Message



*Jeffrey David Ball*

As many of you may already know, I am very sorry to say we lost a lifetime and active member last month, Beverly Lynn.

Beverly will always be remembered for her smile and true kindness. There was not a person or dog that Beverly didn't love. She had amazing dogs and you could always see the love they received from Beverly. Even when Beverly was ill, she did her best to attend RKC meetings and assist with refreshments. Every year Beverly passed out new calendar books to all RKC

members and she would say to me, "hopes this helps you with your crazy schedule." I am sure each and every one of you has a wonderful

Beverly story they could share. Beverly will be greatly missed by all. Our hearts and prayers go out to her family.

This sad news after many of you had to deal with Hurricane Irene. I hope that you and your families all did okay with the floods and weather damage. I know of many people who lost everything. Some homes near me were severely damaged and words cannot describe how difficult that is for families.

It's October and that only means one thing to Ramapo Kennel Club. Our point shows have arrived. The Harvest Cluster is scheduled for October 14th through the 16th, Palisades Kennel Club will be the first two days and our shows are Sunday the 15th and

Monday the 16th. What this means is that we need all hands on deck. The show committee

has been working hard this year with Diane Ammerman as Show Chairperson. Even though they have everything in order, we can always use additional member's assistance. Please feel free to bring family and friends to help as well. It's great to have everyone involved—it makes everyone's job easier. For volunteers we have a delicious free breakfast and lunch. It's always great food. So please come volunteer for the day or a few hours, everything helps.

Once we get through our point shows, we will be involved in AKC Meet the Breeds which is being held at the Javits Center in New York City on November 19th and 20th. We participated in the first year AKC held it and it was a great success. Last year we could not be involved based on the fact it coincided with our Point Show weekend in October. With a little convincing, AKC changed this year's date to the weekend in November. That was great since it now does not conflict with our shows and we can therefor participate again this year. If you are interested in assisting, please let us know. Kim Luikert is chairing this event and can be reached at [kim.luikert@gmail.com](mailto:kim.luikert@gmail.com).

The NJFDC "How to Lobby" workshop is being rescheduled for January 2012. If you are interested in receiving more information, or in attending, please let Sharon Fremer know. If you are interested in purchasing a NJFDC Breeders Guide, Sharon can assist you.

Remember, Ramapo Kennel Club is a volunteer organization and is only as good as ALL its members. One or two members do not make a club, it's everyone. Not one person deserves credit for its success—it was many individuals that led to RKC being such a great club. It does not matter if it's conformation members or obedience members, it's both. It's not life-time members, though they deserve a lot of credit, or new members, it's everyone! Remember, at one time, even the life-timers were new. So please jump in and make this club better, commit and PARTICIPATE!!!!

I hope to see you all soon!

*Jeffrey*

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## PAT SCULLY, continued

include Ad Hoc for Judges Development, Appeals, Audit, Business, Clubs & Events, Pension and Public Relations & Public Affairs. She is Board liaison for the Delegate Committees of Herding, Earth Dog & Coursing; Field Trial & Hunting Test Events; and Obedience, Tracking & Agility, and was a member of the 1999, 2003 and 2007 Obedience Advisory Committees and 2006 Rally Advisory Committee.

Leadership positions and honors include former Director, President, National Show Chairman, and Honorary Lifetime & Hall of Fame Member of Pug Dog Club of America; Director, President, and Obedience Chairman of Tuxedo Park Kennel Club; Honorary Lifetime Member of K-9 Obedience Training

Club of Essex County, NJ; Former Director, Obedience Chairman, and Honorary Lifetime Member of Ramapo Kennel Club; the 1988 winner of Richard H. D'Ambrisi Obedience Award; and three-time recipient of the Gaines Sportsmanship Award.

As an equestrian, Pat won local qualifying classes to ride at the finals of the prestigious American Horse Show Association Hunter Seat Medal in Harrisburg, PA and the ASPCA Alfred B. Maclay horsemanship class at the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden. Pat is a graduate of Cornell University, and worked as a research cardiovascular pharmacologist for Pfizer.

## VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH, continued



my favorite fallen trees in the woods...one jump isn't enough so I'll just clear the ring fence and visit my friends... BOLT...

Seems like I've been patiently sitting outside the entry gate forever and now it's finally my turn...I'm ready, I'm really ready, I'm R-E-A-L-L-Y ready...I'm not waiting any more, it's time to zoom around the ring...BOLT...

I have lots of names...you can call me anything...just not late for dinner...

*Casbar Glen Wild Weekend RA, THD, CGC, STAR  
(but you can call me "Friday" BOLT)*

## FIVE CANINE HEROES HONORED WITH AKC® HUMANE FUND AWARDS FOR CANINE EXCELLENCE (ACE)

The AKC® Humane Fund announced the winners of the 12th annual AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE), which commemorates five loyal, hard-working dogs that have made significant contributions to their communities in each of the following five categories: Exemplary Companion Dog, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Service and Therapy.

All the ACE recipients will receive \$1,000 and an engraved Sterling silver medallion presented at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida on December 17, 2011. Viewers can watch the ceremonies during the national broadcast on ABC Television on Feb. 4th (check your local listings). In addition, each winner will be honored at local events. The New York and New Jersey ACE winners will have their local ceremony and be available for a public meet and greet during AKC Meet the Breeds® on November 19-20, 2011 at the Jacob Javits Center in NYC.

This year's ACE winners include:

### **Exemplary Companion Dog: "Tugg," a Bull Terrier owned by Blake & Kim Ovard of Cleburne, TX**

When he was four months of age, "Tugg" was found staked down beside a road, wrapped in a blanket, barely alive and suffering from numerous infections. His adoptive owners, both animal control officers, started a Facebook page to report on Tugg's progress. Today, the Bull Terrier has more than 9,300 fans around the world. Tugg's fame has helped him raise money for an array of charitable causes, including animal rescue and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. As a certified Therapy Dog, Tugg makes school visits where he helps



raise children's self-esteem with his "You are great just the way you are" program.

### **Law Enforcement Dog: "Blue," a German Shepherd Dog owned by Suffolk County Police Department and handled by John Mallia of Yaphank, NY**

On December 11, 2010, John and Blue were requested to search for a missing woman in the Gilgo Beach area of Long Island, NY. They ended up locating a different woman's remains in an area covered with dense brush and later unexpectedly found three additional sets of human remains, all of which were believed to be victims of the same serial killer. Just one week later, the team recovered the remains of a person in an unrelated case, helping to bring closure to a victim's family.



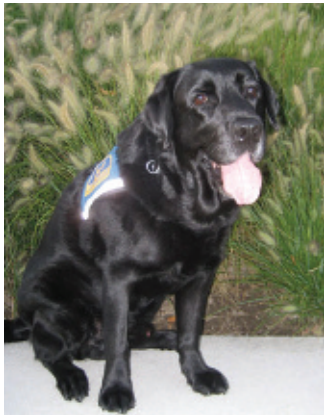
### **Search and Rescue Dog: "Hunter" owned by Fire Captain Billy Monahan of Tehachapi, CA**

Hunter and Captain Monahan were deployed to Haiti after the country's January 2010 earthquake. During his time there, Hunter detected and alerted to live human scent while searching the debris of a four-story collapsed building. As a result of his efforts, rescuers were able to pull three girls, still alive, from the rubble. Hunter was also called on after the Japanese earthquake and tsunami in March 2011 and worked through



aftershocks, tsunami warnings, freezing temperatures and snow. In 2010, Hunter was awarded the Firefighter of the Year award by the Los Angeles County Fire Department, becoming the first ever non-human recipient.

**Service Dog: "Bingo," a Labrador Retriever owned by Konrad Feldmann of Liberty Township, OH**



"Bingo" acts as a service dog for Konrad, who has cerebral palsy. Since being paired with Bingo, Konrad has experienced a far more inclusive and welcoming attitude in his

school and community. Whether it's a walk in the neighborhood or attendance at a high school football game, the team elicits a multitude of greetings from the many new friends Konrad has met through his canine partner. The team has also facilitated a presentation in a special needs classroom

and taken part in a ribbon cutting ceremony for an accessible playground. Konrad loves to share his Service dog with others.

**Therapy Dog: "Miki," a Pomeranian owned by Tricia Baker of Plainsboro, NJ**

In 2009, Tricia Baker's son Kenny took his own life after years of struggling with depression and anxiety disorder. Therapy Dog Miki has been

instrumental in the Baker family's recovery. After Kenny's death, Tricia and her family created the organization A.I.R. (Attitudes in Reverse), whose theme is "Mental illness is like air. Just because you don't see it, doesn't mean it isn't there. It is all around us." Tricia makes presentations about mental health and suicide prevention where people pet and hug Miki as they open up about their personal journeys with similar issues. Miki also helps raise awareness by walking for the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



**Health Clinics – 9 AM to 2 PM – ALL BREEDS**

**Saturday Oct. 29, 2011**

The Long Hill Community Center  
1229 Valley Road 7 S. Warren Ave., Stirling, NJ 07980

Dr. Megan King of TriVet Cardio: Auscultations - \$35.00, Echos - \$225  
(less for multiple dogs)

Dr. Jay McDonnell of Veterinary Neurology of the Chesapeake: Baer testing,  
OFA certificate - \$55.00

Dr. Bradford Holmberg of Animal Eye Center of NJ: Cerf Test - \$35.00  
Beth Kenny PT Certified in Canine Rehab: Patella & Hip Screening - \$5.00  
Animal Genetics: Giving DNA testing kits for hereditary cataracts - FREE

Registration and scheduling please call: Joan Hilstolsky 7-9 PM, 610-865-3903. Evenings, please.

Walk-ins as available.



## RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW



JACK AND TILLY GRASSA



## BEVERLY LYNN

Ramapo Kennel Club lost lifetime member Beverly Lynn on Wednesday, September 21st. Beverly joined RKC in 1963 and was the club's unofficial hospitality hostess at membership meetings for many years, supplying the coffee so many of us enjoyed the second Wednesday night of each month. She was

the recipient of the Ramapo Kennel Club Good Sportsmanship Award in 2002.

Beverly bred West Highland White Terriers and competed with them in conformation shows for many decades. A long time member of the national club, she joined the West Highland White Terrier Club of America in 1961.

Beverly's deep love and great pride in her dogs was evident to all who knew her. She will be missed by all.

# THE HARVEST CLUSTER



**FRIDAY**  
**BEST VETERAN IN SHOW**  
**SATURDAY**  
**BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**

**SUNDAY**  
**BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**  
**&**  
**MEET THE BREEDS**

## **4 Days ALL BREED SHOWS** **4 DAYS OBEDIENCE - 4 DAYS RALLY**

**OCTOBER 14th - 17th, 2011**

**LOCATION**  
**Sussex County Fair Grounds**  
**Augusta, New Jersey**

**Palisades Kennel Club, Friday and Saturday October 14th & 15th**  
**Best Veteran In Show Friday**

**Supported**

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America Inc Supported

**Best Puppy In Show Saturday**

**Specialty Shows**

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America

Borzoï Club of Greater NY

Alaskan Malamute Club of America

**Supported**

Knickerbocker Standard Schnauzer Club (Saturday Sweeps Puppy & Veterans)

**Ramapo Kennel Club Sunday and Monday October 16th & 17th**  
**Best Puppy In Show (Sunday)**

**Meet The Breeds**

**Specialty Shows**

Garden State Norwegian Elkhound Club (Puppy and Veterans Sweeps)

**Supported Entries**

Collie Club of Northern NJ (Sunday and Monday)

Middle Atlantic Flat Coated Retriever Club (Sunday Puppy & Veteran Sweeps)

Borzoï Club of Central New York (Sunday Puppy & Veteran Sweeps)

Afghan Hound Assoc of Long Island (Sunday Puppy Sweeps)

Empire Saluki Club (Sunday Puppy & Veteran Sweeps)

The Alaskan Malamute Club of American (Sunday Puppy & Veteran Sweeps)

Newfoundland Club of American (Sunday)

Colonial Rottweiler Club (Sunday Puppy Sweeps)

\North Jersey Siberian Husky Club (Sunday Puppy & Veteran Sweeps)

Garden State Neapolitan Mastiff Club (Sunday)

Closed September 28, 2011 Superintendent: JIM RAU DOG SHOWS <http://www.raudogshows.com/>

# AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

September 2011

## – AKC Meet the Breeds® to Return to New York City –

This November 19th and 20th, AKC Meet the Breeds® will return to New York City for its third spectacular year at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. Sponsored by PetPartners, Inc., Your Partner in Pet Health Care®, AKC Meet the Breeds® is one of our largest public outreach opportunities of the year. During last year's record-setting event, more than 39,000 people attended and we achieved more than 700 million media and ad impressions.

This year, we have a bigger space – 160,000 square feet – where we hope to welcome an

even larger crowd of dog and cat lovers. We will also be joined by our new partner, The International Cat Association (TICA), the world's largest genetic registry of purebred cats. In addition to our 160 dog breeds, TICA will showcase



MARY BLOOM

*Sharon Fremer with husband Michael and "Wilson" at MTB*

50 breeds of cat ranging from the Bengal, appearing this year at AKC Meet the Breeds® for the first time, and the Toyger, a "mini" tiger with the sweet nature of the domestic cat, to the Peterbald and Pixiebob.

The larger space will also help us accommodate enhanced breed booths and more dog and cat activities, favorites as well as new events. The current lineup of activities includes demonstrations of agility, obedience and rally, Frisbee Disc Dogs, and flyball. We'll see Beagles, Belgian Malinois and other breeds of United States Custom and Border Protection show off their skills at detecting narcotics in suitcases and boxes. Border terriers and dachshunds will race through an above-ground, see-through

tunnel in the Earthdog demo, and United States Police Canine Association Officers and their K-9 partners will apprehend suspects in a demonstration of the dogs' masterful obedience and agility skills.

Not to be outdone, the cats will also run an agility course plus participate in a cat fashion show. Last year's Chiquita Banana cat and Scarlett O'Haira were big crowd pleasers.

We'll also have more than 100 dog and cat vendors, including Music My Pet, which will showcase classical music specifically created to calm pets; LG Electronics USA, which features a line of special vacuums for pet owners – great for the coated breeds in attendance; and the Fine Arf collection, the finest silver dog jewelry for people.

Thank you to the many parent clubs that have already signed up to participate. Your support over the past two years has been instrumental in making this event a tremendous success. If you are a parent club that has not signed up yet, we encourage you to do so soon! You'll want to be included in the ever-suspenseful breed booth contest. Last year, we saw "Toto," the Cairn Terrier, and friends recreate the Wizard of Oz, while the Queen of England and her Pembroke Welsh Corgis garnered Best Breed Booth in Show. We look forward to this year's surprises! For more information about breed booths, please contact Gina DiNardo at [gml@akc.org](mailto:gml@akc.org) or 212-696-8350.

The public truly enjoys seeing breeds ranging from family favorites to dogs they've never seen before. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parent clubs to educate the public about their breeds and responsible dog ownership.

For more information, go to [www.meetthebreeds.com](http://www.meetthebreeds.com). Please invite your family and friends, and we look forward to seeing you there! For the latest updates, bookmark the website or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

*Sincerely,  
Ron Menaker  
Chairman*

Ramapo Kennel Club will once again have a booth at Meet the Breeds this year. For information or if you'd like to volunteer please contact Kim Luikert at [kim.luikert@gmail.com](mailto:kim.luikert@gmail.com).

# BRAGS

Chesapeake Bay Retriever, **Eastern Waters' Sea Dragon @ Hillcrst** aka "Fafner" owned, trained and handled by **Linda J. Lovstad**, won a Third Place with a score of 99 at the American Chesapeake Club National Specialty Show on Sept. 22, 2011 in the Rally Novice B ring. There was a field of 26 Chesapeakes in the class and this was Fafner's very first time in the Rally ring anywhere!! I would like to thank all the RKC instructors and helpers that gave us such a great training start from Puppy Beginner through Rally Basics last winter. We are looking forward to getting those other 2 legs for an RN soon!!

Fafner also took a Third Place in the American Bred Class the next day, under judge Elliot Weiss from a field of 8 dogs.

## From Sue & Dick Symons:

Our girls have done a lot and our Marjji, **Ch CT Cinema Angel Marjji Symons UD HT OA OAJ THD CGC TDIAOV TT** went Select at our 1st Regional Independent Specialty for RBTF - Redwood Belgian Tervuren Fanciers. The show was at Grass Valley, CA on Friday, September 2nd. We had a wonderful, but small show and all had a great time. The setting is gorgeous with redwood trees at Nevada County Fairgrounds.

## GOT STUFF?

Send your news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to either Tilly Grassa, [tgcreative@aol.com](mailto:tgcreative@aol.com), or Sharon Fremer, [teneo@mac.com](mailto: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**

<b>October 12</b>	Membership Meeting- Program: Dr. Perez of the Plainfield Animal Hospital on Stem Cell Therapy in Dogs.
<b>October 16 and 17</b>	Ramapo KC Dog Shows
<b>October 28</b>	Deadline for Growl submissions
<b>November 9</b>	Membership Meeting. Program TBA
<b>November 19- 20</b>	Meet the Breeds, Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, NYC



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