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NJ SUCCESS: DELAWARE TOWNSHIP LIMITS PROPOSAL RETURNED TO FIRST READING

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Yesterday evening, the Delaware Township (New Jersey) Board of Health considered dog ownership and breeding limits. However, due to the outreach of the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs, the American Kennel Club (AKC), and many concerned responsible dog breeders and owners from throughout New Jersey, the Board of Health decided to instead reassess its animal control needs and return the current proposal to first reading.

HISTORY: POSITION

The American Kennel Club strongly supports the humane treatment of dogs, including an adequate and nutritious diet, clean water, clean living conditions, regular veterinary care, kind and responsible human companionship, and training in appropriate behavior. The AKC also supports reasonable and enforceable laws that protect the welfare and health of purebred dogs and do not restrict the rights of breeders and

owners who take their responsibilities seriously.

ISSUES WITH THE PROPOSAL:

Several aspects of the proposal are troublesome to the American Kennel Club, including:

Limiting the maximum number of dogs allowed per household. If adopted, the new law will allow no more than six intact dogs over seven months of age to be kept. While the AKC appreciates the inclusion of a grandfather provision that allows dogs currently kept in amount over the proposed limit to remain with their owners (notwithstanding inconsistent language between the proposed individual dog limit and the grandfather provision), the AKC opposes limits on dog ownership and believes that strong enforcement of general animal control and cruelty laws are more effective solutions than arbitrary restrictions on responsible dog owners.

Restricting the maximum number of litters per household to two litters within any 24-month period. The AKC believes that restrictions on the rights of breeders and owners who take their responsibilities seriously and who are not problems for their community create potentially unreasonable burdens for them while doing little to improve the quality of life for either dogs or people in Delaware Twp.

Prefacing the proposal with problematic legislative findings that do not represent significant impacts on the public health and

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President's Message



Sharon Fremer

Last weekend was the Harvest Moon... next weekend is the Harvest Cluster. Our point shows will be held at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta, NJ on Sunday, October 14th and Monday, October 15th. Palisades

Kennel Club leads the cluster off with shows on Friday and Saturday. I've said it before and I'll say it again – we need volunteers! The Obedience and Rally rings could use a

few helpful hands, as could ring hospitality and Meet the Breeds on Sunday. If you'd like to spend a day or two outdoors in (hopefully) beautiful fall weather we would love to have you there! If you would like to help out, please get in touch with me (Show Chair) at teneo@mac.com or Phyllis Rosinsky (Assistant Show Chair) at cantails@optonline.net to let us know. We will be more than happy to help you find something you will enjoy.

Continuing the October string of dog events will be the AKC Meet the Breeds on Saturday and Sunday, October 20th and 21st, at the Javits Center in New

York City. Kim Luikert has worked hard again this year to show the dog-owning

public how much an All Breed Kennel Club can bring to their lives. If you'd like to participate, particularly if you can bring a dog in for a few hours, please contact Kim at kim.luikert@gmail.com.

Please be sure to read the AKC Government Relations article in this issue of the *Growl*. It is about the Delaware Township Board of Health's attempt to limit both dog ownership and breeding. We are pleased to report the joint success of the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs, the AKC and many concerned owners and breeders throughout the state in convincing Delaware Township to reassess its animal control needs before pushing the limits through. Battles such as these are cropping up all over the state, it may not be in a town near you now... but you can be sure it will be sooner than later. Should you hear of something brewing in your area, please contact Jeffrey Ball, president of the NJFDC. That group of people is available as a resource for how to fight similar laws and many others that threaten dog owners and breeders.

On a happier note, we have a fun photo contest going on. All you photo buffs, get your photos in to Tilly (tgcreative@aol.com) by November 2 and see the winners published in the *Growl*.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, Wednesday, October 10th. There will be a brief board meeting held at 7:15 prior to the membership meeting.

Sharon

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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
September 12th 2012
VFW Hall
Fairfield, NJ 07004

Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:17pm.

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

Corresponding Secretary- Tilly read a thank you letter from the Poodle Club of America thanking us for the donation we sent in memory of Arlene Scardo. The AKC's deadline to vote for Lifetime Achievement Award is September 14th. The nominees were Ed Stedzik, Peter Green and Pat Trotter. A vote was taken and Peter Green won the majority of the vote.

Treasurer's Report- At the end of August the checking balance was \$11897.35 and the Money market was \$32,718.94.

Membership- Nothing new.

Obedience Classes- Classes start on September 18th. There will be classes on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Show Handling Classes- Classes start September 18th. Liz Henriquez has offered to start teaching again, although her membership lapsed last year. Jeffrey made a proposal to bypass the waiting period so she can begin teaching earlier after she re-fills out the membership application and money due. The membership agreed that she fill out her application and wait the two month period before she can start teaching.

Sunshine- Nothing to report.

Show Committee- The Premium list is finally out although very late and with mistakes. Rau has been extremely behind and not without issues. In addition the AKC has had staffing problems that compounded the issue. Next year we have to reconsider using Rau again. Please, the Club needs volunteers for Ring Hospitality and Obedience Stewards!

AKC Report- Rose attended her last meeting yesterday September 11th 2012. Rose has been a Delegate for 26 years, she was the first woman to be a delegate! At the meeting there were three regulations that were voted upon. They also talked about PAC, Political Action Committee.

Constitution and By Laws- The membership received copies of the changes in the mail. A vote was taken and 18 members were present and voted for approval of the Constitution.

Health- Joan Murko made a suggestion that the Club hold a Health Clinic in Mid March. Jeffrey made a motion to go forward with the Health Program, Janis seconded voted upon and approved.

Federation- The committee members have tripled. The next meeting is October 1st and Pete Guzzo will be there to address the 40-50 members. Anyone interested in going please see Jeffery.

Franklin Lakes Case- The ongoing Court Case of Danielle Weitz and the town of Franklin Lakes continues. Jeffrey spoke at length about the importance of supporting Danielle and all hobby dog breeders because if the Town wins this case it will change the rules for all the other towns around.

Jackets- The blue RKC jackets are available to purchase for \$20 please see Lorraine if you would like one. If you have had one and need another the cost is \$45.

The Growl- There is a photo contest please send your pictures to Tilly.

Refreshments- Jeffrey and Sharon will bring to the October meeting.

Jeffrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 pm, seconded by Gerrie. Voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Luikert
September 23rd, 2012

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safety. Relying on scientifically-unreliable or unsubstantiated findings does not provide justification for limiting property rights of responsible breeders.

The AKC congratulates the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs and the many individuals who effectively advocated protecting their rights to breed and own dogs responsibly. The AKC also commends the Delaware Township Board of Health for respecting the many stakeholders who

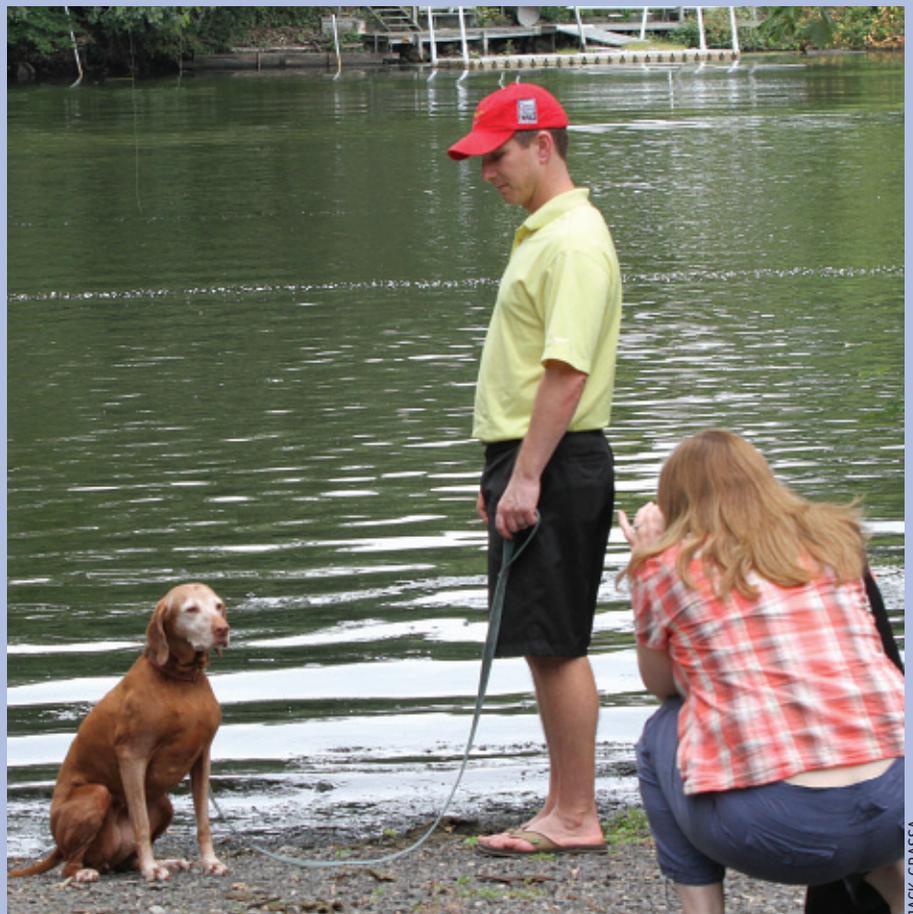
expressed serious concerns with the limits proposals.

The AKC Government Relations Department will continue to provide updates regarding Delaware Township as developments warrant.

For more information, contact AKC's Government Relations Department at (919) 816-3720, or e-mail doglaw@akc.org; or contact the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs at taadeutsch@yahoo.com.

PHOTO CONTEST: What I did on my summer vacation: a dog's perspective.

Send in photos of your dogs doing what they do best. From showing (breed, obedience, and all other events) to swimming, or relaxing by the pool. Whatever they were doing (even if they did nothing, sleeping dogs too). 1st through 4th place will be selected and published in the *Growl* and on the website. Deadline, November 2, 2012. Open to all RKC members and their families. No professional photographers. Email photos to tgcreative@aol.com.



JACK GRASSA

AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At the Delegates Meeting in June, we spoke of the proposed new regulations to the Animal Welfare Act and the onerous impact on AKC Fancy breeders, like you and I. We were determined to act quickly and with great purpose to address this issue. And we did. The AKC Government Relations team developed comprehensive, compassionate, and convincing comments requiring a re-think of the USDA proposal. Thousands of you took individual action and offered constructive comments, also. And the petition we started that day advocating for the AKC position ignited the passionate support of over 70,000 people. We made our voice heard strongly and undeniably. The quest for equitable regulations will continue for some time. This was just the beginning of a long journey – one that we are prepared for and committed to for as long as it takes.

Earlier this year, as I was travelling to New York for an AKC Board meeting and with these anti-breeder actions on my mind, I was approached by a flight attendant shortly after boarding the plane. She mentioned she had noticed my AKC Breeder of Merit pin and asked if I was a dog breeder. I responded “yes” and steeled myself for what she might say next. I was truly unprepared for it.

She said, “Thank you.”

She went on to explain that a dog has always been an important part of her life, her family’s life, her children’s lives, and now her grandchildren’s lives. Each a purebred dog, albeit several different breeds; each acquired from a breeder.

She understood the life-long joy her dogs brought to her and her family was made possible by breeders. She just wanted me to know my role as breeder was appreciated and worthwhile.

Unfortunately, every day we are confronted by those who see a breeder very differently than she does – those who work law by law by restrictive law to take our rights away. Every day we fight to protect those rights from the onslaught of extremists who would see breeding restricted to the point of elimination.

The American Kennel Club believes in your rights as responsible owners and responsible breeders. We stand up for your rights wherever and whenever necessary. We will not stand by and let breeders be bullied into hiding.

To ensure that will not happen we need more than a strong argument about what we are against; we need to be just as strong about what it is we are for.

In September, we have the perfect opportunity to tell everyone about that. This month hundreds of our clubs will participate in the tenth annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day by hosting free community events reaching dog lovers, potential pet owners, voters, and legislators. The AKC will host its flagship event in Raleigh, NC on Saturday, Sept. 22. We welcome AKC clubs, Canine Good Citizen® evaluators, rescue groups, dog trainers, vet clinics and all other dog-loving groups to join us in making this year the biggest month-long celebration yet. If you haven't already, I urge you to sign-up your club or organization for an event.

Last year, more than 630 dog clubs and other organizations hosted events reaching millions of dog lovers and potential pet owners through extensive media coverage. Dog lovers also posted thousands of "Acts of Responsible Dog Ownership" on our Facebook and Twitter pages to help us celebrate "Virtual AKC RDO Days." This year, follow us on Facebook and Twitter to get the latest AKC RDO Days updates and participate in our virtual celebration.

President Kennedy had an inspiring thought that I believe applies to us: “One person can make a difference, and every person should try.” We not only each have that responsibility for individual activism, but together we have a requirement for collective action. By doing both, we will shape our own future and ensure our rights as responsible dog owners and breeders.

Together, we will continue to stand up for what we believe.

Together, we will continue to fight for our rights.

Together, we are truly the Dog’s Champion.

*Sincerely,
Alan Kalter
Chairman*

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FMI: Ramapo Kennel Club Show For Sunday and Monday
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or Phyllis Rosinsky 201-529-2714 cantails@optonline.net

FMI: OBEDIENCE and RALLY Sunday and Monday
Joanne Silver 201-891-5090

Palisades Kennel Club, Friday and Saturday October 12-13th

Best Veteran In Show Friday

Best Puppy In Show Saturday

Ramapo Kennel Club Sunday and Monday October 14 – 15th

Best Puppy In Show (Sunday)

Meet The Breeds (Sunday)

New Exhibitor Briefing (Saturday)

On Sunday, the Club will be collecting donations of non-perishable foods for humans and canines at the front gate for the local food banks.

CGC Testing

Saturday, October 13th
12-2pm

Meet the Breeds

Sunday, October 14th
12 noon

AKC ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The American Kennel Club (AKC®) honored the recipients of the 2012 AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards at the December 14, 2011 Delegates Meeting Luncheon in Long Beach, California, in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. The winners received an engraved silver bowls. A larger Tiffany and Co. bowl, engraved with the names of all recipients past and present, is on permanent display at the 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 by votes cast by AKC member clubs for nominees in each of the following categories:

Conformation, Companion Events and Performance.

The 2013 recipients are:

Conformation: Patricia Craige Trotter

Companion Events: Sharon Redmer

Performance: Jean Dieden, DVM



Pat Trotter

OBEDIENCE/RALLY CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2012/2013

Session One

Sept. 19, 26
Oct. 3, 17, 24, 31
Nov. 7

Session Two

Nov. 28
Dec. 5, 19
Jan. 2, 16, 23, 30

Canine Good Citizen Test Feb. 6

Session Three

Feb. 20, 27
Mar. 6, 20, 27
Apr. 3, 17

Session Four

Apr. 24
May 1, 15, 22, 29
June 5, 19

Canine Good Citizen Test June 26

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com

SHOW HANDLING CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2012/2013

TUESDAY EVENINGS, 6:45 - 7:30
DROP IN CLASSES ONLY
\$10.00 per dog

Sept. 18, 25	Jan. 15, 29
Oct. 2, 16, 30	Feb. 5, 19
Nov. 6, 20	Mar. 5, 19
Dec. 4, 18	Apr. 2, 16, 30
	May 7, 21
	June 4

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FROM YORKIES TO SHIH TZUS, THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB UNCOVERS WHAT THE TOP DOGS OF THE METRO NYC AREA SAY ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THEM

According to the American Kennel Club (AKC®) the type of dog you own says a lot about your personality. "Dog owners tend to identify with pets who have similar personality traits, habits and physical activities as themselves," said AKC Meet the Breeds Spokesperson Gina DiNardo.

Since people gravitate towards dogs that match their personality, the AKC, inspired by New York City's AKC Meet the Breeds® event - the world's largest gathering of dogs and cats - searched through the personalities of the most popular breeds in the New York City metro area to determine what each says about the people who own them.

The Labrador Retriever may lead the pack nationally and is also most popular on Long Island and in New Jersey, but New Yorkers created their own trend by having the energetic Yorkshire Terrier in its number one spot. Owners of Yorkies typically love going out for a night on the town and have energy to spare, a perfect fit for those living in the city that never sleeps. New to Manhattan's top 10 were the Golden Retriever (up six places to number eight) and Havanese (up three places to 10th most popular). Golden Retrievers are said to be extremely social with a lot of self confidence, like New Yorkers, and they all tend to be hard working and serious but also have a playful side. Havanese dogs and their owners tend to be successful and highly intelligent, traits found in almost all New Yorkers.

The Labrador Retriever, German Shepherd Dog and Golden Retriever, all service dogs, are three of Northern New Jersey's most popular breeds. It's no surprise the German Shepherd moved up two places

to second, since they devote their lives to servicing and helping others. Many German Shepherd owners have been known to come from a family of police officers. New Jersey is associated with many things, big hair being one of them, so it seems fitting that the Maltese and Shih Tzu, with their fancy hairdos, are also in the top ten. Owners of the Maltese often spend extra time primping their long, flowing locks, while the Shih Tzu rocks the same hairdo as Snookie. Both are sweet and playful, but not afraid to stand up for themselves, much like those in New Jersey.

While the Lab remains the King of Long Island, the Bulldog (number four), Rottweiler (number five) and Poodle (number six) all made top 10 gains last year on their quest to become most popular on Long Island. Traits these breeds all have in common with Long Islanders are intelligence and confidence, yet an ability to relax and enjoy themselves. Most notably, the Shih Tzu fell four places almost falling out of the top ten. Could this be a sign that Long Islanders are over big hair?

What does your pet say about you? See, learn and play with more than 200 different dog and cat breeds at AKC Meet the Breeds, October 20th and 21st at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City. Get your tickets now at www.MeetTheBreeds.com and take advantage of special advanced tickets prices (\$15 adults/\$10 kids) while supplies last.

Check out the AKC Meet the Breeds blog at <http://meetthebreeds.wordpress.com/> to get a special sneak peak of the dogs and cats who will be at this year's event. You can also join AKC on Facebook and Twitter.



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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, October 10	Membership Meeting. Election of officers (no guests) Program: DVD presentation, AKC during the 9-11 crisis
Sunday & Monday, October 14 & 15	RKC Dog Show, Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ
Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21	AKC Meet the Breeds, Javits Center, NYC
WEDNESDAY, November 14	Membership meeting. Program TBA



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