



# GROWL

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## RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB OBEDIENCE CLASSES — A BANNER YEAR AND AN ONGOING SUCCESS!

*Submitted by Elaine Barone*

Well, the 2014-2015 obedience classes have ended and what a year it was!

On June 23rd we held CGC/Therapy Dog testing, evaluating 5 dogs for CGC and 3 dogs for CGCA title and 14 therapy dogs. The following night we finished our classes for the year the with KPT, Beginner and Advanced Beginner graduations.

This ended a year of classes that were full and rewarding.

In KPT it was so much fun to watch the puppies grow and learn along with their owners. We graduated many AKC S.T.A.R. puppies.

In the beginner and advanced beginner classes it was rewarding to watch owners gain knowledge and develop a closer relationship with their dogs.

Rally Novice and Advanced/Excellent

classes continued to test dogs and owners. It was fun to watch the owners learn how to read, walk and talk to their dogs all at the same time! I am especially pleased that some of our students have earned their Rally Novice Title because of participation in our classes.

Through the continuing dedication of the



instructors — Joanne Silver, KPT; Ruth Henningsen, Beginner; Amy Starost, Rally Novice; Ann Hulsizer, Rally Advanced/Excellent; and Elaine Barone, Advanced beginner, Ramapo Kennel Club has made a significant contribution to educating the public and their dogs on how to be Canine Good Citizens and responsible dog owners.

### Program Summary:

Number of Students .....	117
Number of S.T.A.R. Puppies .....	6
Number of CGC.....	11
Number of CGCA .....	10
Number of Therapy Dogs .....	16
Number of Rally titles .....	7
Number of RAE titles.....	1
Number of obedience titles .....	7
Number of other titles.....	1
Number of Therapy Dog Titles .....	2
Number of instructor class hours .....	900
Countless clerical hours.	
Net profit.....	\$9,754.55

**POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM GRATEFUL STUDENTS..... PRICELESS!!!**

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# President's Message



Sharon Fremer

I don't know about anyone else, but I cannot believe our shows will be held this coming Sunday and Monday. Where did the summer go?? Where did September go?? Maybe it's the warm weather, but it doesn't seem possible we'll be headed out to Sussex County in just a few days.

It's not too late to volunteer! If you're headed out to the shows and would like to help out, just see Jeffrey Ball and he will let you know where he needs an extra pair of hands.

I am very sad to let everyone know that Sue Cone passed away just a few days ago. Sue was a longtime Ramapo KC member and a

respected obedience trainer and competitor with her Chesapeake Bay Retrievers. Sue was also a formidable warrior in our fight to save our animals from the animal rights fanatics and devoted herself to keeping us informed for well over a decade. More information about Sue and where you can make a contribution in her memory may be found elsewhere in this issue of the Growl.

As you hopefully read in Tilly's meeting notice, we have lost the use of the Fairfield VFW hall for our "2nd Wednesday" meetings. The town of Fairfield will now be using it all day and night Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our next meeting, Wednesday, October 14th, will be held at the Butler, NJ VFW Hall

on Carey Avenue (directions may be found on our website on the Classes page). This is where we hold our weekly training classes and is easily reached from Route 23 and Route 287. Both the Board and General Membership meetings will be held at their usual times.

We have several location/night options open to us. We can change meeting nights to 2nd Thursdays and remain at the Fairfield VFW; we can hold meetings on our usual 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Butler VFW; or we can find a new meeting place altogether and continue to hold meetings on 2nd Wednesdays. We welcome input from all of you on which way to go. We will discuss all of this at next Wednesday's meeting and the final decision will be made by a vote of the membership, whether that be next week or at a later meeting. If you have thoughts about a new meeting site, please let anyone on the board know.

Hope to see many of you out at the Sussex County Fairgrounds this weekend. The weather promises to be perfect for fall. What better place to be than at a dog show??

Sharon

## Ramapo Kennel Club Officers

### President

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Elaine Barone  
Lorraine Fennemore  
Janis Hayes

### AKC Delegate

Jeffrey David Ball

# Minutes

**RKC Member Meeting**  
**September 9th 2015**  
**VFW Hall**  
**Fairfield, NJ 07004**

Bergen County CART made a presentation to members about their organization and how they operate.

Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 9:13pm

**Recording Secretary-** Elaine Barone made a motion to accept the June minutes, Ann Hulsizer seconded, voted upon and approved.

**Corresponding Secretary-** Tilly Grassa: The AKC Lifetime achievement awards nominees are:

**Conformation**

Hon. David Merriam  
Dr. Claudia Orlandi  
Patti L. Strand

**Companion Events**

Susan (Suzi) B. Bluford  
John Cox  
Donald A. Levinson

**Performance**

Ray (Jerry) Cacchio  
John Russell  
Grant Stanfill

Tilly will send out an email to members asking for the suggestions.

**Treasurer-** Ruth Henningsen: Financial statements were passed out for July checking 16,897.80, August checking 16,525.84. Money market statement was not available yet.

**Point Show-** Jeffrey Ball: Parking for RKC will be \$5 for guests only on Sunday and Monday. Palisades will be charging \$3 for every car both days. Set up is Thursday. John Penitillo from Palisades has resigned and Terry is the acting chair. Stewards are needed for Obedience and Rally Sunday and Monday. Cindy needs a helper for hospitality. 2016 Show, Gerrie has

agreed to assist Melissa as co chair.

**Membership-** Janis Hayes had nothing to report. "Dog fest" and similar pet events are a great way to educate the public on purebred dogs and events. Members are encouraged to notify the Board of events in their neighborhoods to see if RKC would be interested in attending.

**Obedience Class-** Elaine Barone: New classes begin 9/15. The 2014-2015 year showed a profit of \$9754.55

**Show Handling-** Sharon: the drop-in fee is now \$12 per class but a package of 6 classes can be purchased for \$10 each. Classes start 9/15.

**Programs-** Sharon: Straws to paws will be here in November and Carol Tyler from Tyco animal control will be here in October.

**Sunshine-** Lorraine Fennemore: Joyce Wilson just returned from the hospital a card was sent around to be signed. Sue Cone has difficulty walking and has placed her dogs. A card was passed around for her as well.

**NJFDC-** Next meeting is September 21st. A lobby day is being planned for the fall, 14/15 pending bills.

**AKC Delegate-** Jeffrey: Friday, September 11 and Saturday 12th are the delegates meetings. Discussions will include 4-6 month puppy classes, website, number of clubs having shows and number of entries. The VP of marketing resigned. AKC not willing to change into the modern times.

**Refreshments-** Kim and Sharon will bring refreshments to October meeting.

Elaine made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned at 10:00 seconded by Lorraine voted on and approved.

*Respectfully submitted by: Kim Luikert*

# My Adventures of Buying Dog Food

By Amy Starost

Where do you buy your dog food? Local Pet store? Grocery Store? Wholesale club? Do you shop around for the best price? Coupons and/or deals? If you do, then you are like me! I love a good bargain — who doesn't? But not only is a good bargain great, but the ease of it is even better. If I have to travel too many extra miles, or pay for shipping, it might not really be worth it, right?



For me, feeding three dogs means you must purchase at least 2 big, heavy bags of dog food a month. Here is the breakdown of buying dog food:

1. Driving to the local pet store, usually during my lunch break as I found a great local pet store close to the office.
2. Getting a cart – now mind you, these are small carts because it's a local small pet store.
3. Once at the proper aisle, finding that my brand is on the bottom shelf.
4. Figuring out how to pick up the 50+lbs of each bag and trying to maneuver it into the cart (come on – laugh....we've all had that same trouble where you line up the cart and think it will be easy to pick up the heavy bag and put it into the cart only to have the cart roll as you struggle with the bag that was heavier than you thought!).
5. Push the cart, which is now heavy and doesn't steer straight (we've all found those annoying carts work great when you first push it only to have a few items in it and

it becomes the spastic cart that you are constantly fighting to keep straight and not run into every person you try to walk past)!

6. Getting to the checkout counter only to find that when you finally got the dang heavy bag of dog food in the cart, the UPC scanner code is at the bottom and not visible. Then it's lifting the heavy bag again so you can at least hope that the cashier can be smart enough to reach a little with the mobile scanner to grab the code quick enough (go ahead, laugh again....I know that's happened to you too).

7. Paying for the dog food and trying to negotiate that coupon that expired and you go, "no, is it really September 30th already? I swear it was the 29th and that's why I came in here today".

8. Pushing that cart out to your car, again, trying to keep it straight and not hit anyone or anything.

9. Finding you keys and fumbling to unlock the car with the key fob while still trying to keep the cart straight (thinking you'll save time by unlocking the doors before arriving at the car, but meanwhile you've dropped your keys).

10. Pondering for a moment about how are you going to lift these heavy bags of dog food from the cart and into the vehicle (without it rolling, so maybe line up with the vehicle – oh wait, don't want to scratch my truck with the cart that's spastic).

11. Ready to heave-ho and lift the bag awkwardly from the cart to drop in the vehicle and find that now the cart is in the way of you successfully placing it in the vehicle and of course, now the cart won't move when you try to hip check it.

12. Repeat with bag #2

13. Drive home and pull into the driveway – actually backing in to the driveway to make it easier to get the dog food out (now I'm thinking!)



14. Dang – no one is home!  
15. Unlocking the front door, letting the dogs out, and then trying to grab one bag of dog food from the car and juggling it so I can see the steps up to the front door.

16. Dang it – I forgot to open the basement door and turn on the light! Now I have to put the bag down and open the door and turn on light.

17. Done. Oh boy, now I have to pick up the 50+lbs. of dog food that's standing straight up, because that was the easiest way to put it down....UGH!

18. Again, juggling this heavy bag of dog food so I can successfully walk down the basement stairs without tripping and thinking to myself, if I fall, will the dog food cushion my fall? How long until someone finds me?

19. Repeating steps 15-18, but at least the basement door is open!

20. Closing the trunk of my vehicle, closing and locking the front door, letting the dogs in and finding out I forgot the dog biscuits!

So now, I'm exhausted from this adventure, sweating from my workout, I pulled a muscle in my neck, my wrists hurt and I'm really mad that no one was home to help me!

After doing this for a couple of times I now purchase my items online. I researched prices and shipping costs and found that I can get the same exact special dog food that I buy, online with free shipping and it's on auto-ship, which means every 4 weeks, the poor FedEx man has the joy of lifting a 100+Lbs. box and delivering it to my doorstep and I walk past it and tell my husband there is a package outside for him!

However, the FedEx man is not happy. I've seen him try to carry this to my steps. All I can do is smile BECAUSE IT'S NOT ME!

If you'd like a referral to the websites I use, please email me at: [astarost@yahoo.com](mailto:astarost@yahoo.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO: Ch. Tamboer 'n Tarlyn's Silver Diamond of Karefor MLD

and Lena Tamboer



Morris & Essex KC,  
Best of Variety  
under Breeder judge  
Luis Sosa



Metropolitan  
Washington  
Dachshund Club  
Best of Breed,

## CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP ROSTER 2015/2016

Berlet, Emile & Arlene: Remove—did not renew

Bregman, Vivian: Added - Cell Phone 973-632-5749

Cohen, Laura: Added - Cell Phone 973-945-4729  
Added- Welsh Corgi; Pet Therapy

Gallagher, Mary: Delete work phone number

Hayes, Janis: Added - Janis cell Phone 973-632-0463

Irwin, Shirley: Remove- Beagle

Lasser, Phyllis: Added- "WELMFORTH"  
Added- Rescue

Leonard, Sue: New Member  
27 Manor Avenue  
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444-1704  
973-839-6307  
973-768-5590 (C)  
Sueleonard4@yahoo.com  
Entlebucher Mountain Dog  
Obedience, Pet Therapy, Rally

McDonnell, Betty: Remove- Fax number

Messinger, Joy Graeme: Added- Sled Dog Racing

Murko, Joan: Added- Conformation

Nykamp, Joanne: Deceased

Oliver, Gerrie: Delete- work phone number

Passage, Larry: Change Address  
124 Kingston Avenue  
Hawthorne, NJ 07506-1248  
973-304-4766

Peters, Joan M.: Change breed- Lab Mix  
Added- Rescue

Remland, Keith & Marjorie: Change Cell Phone-  
862-221-8424

Scherzo, Dr.Carmen & Judy: Change address  
PO Box 25  
Brewster, MA. 02631-0025

Scully, Patricia: Deceased

Spaulding, Dennis & Shelley, Amber & Becky  
New Members:  
600 Pulis Avenue #113  
Mahwah, NJ 07430  
201-891-2367  
201-669-0891 (C)  
dandsspaulding@hotmail.com  
Pugs

Stickel, Karen: Added- "MASONHAUS"  
Breeder, Pet Therapy

Symons, Dick and Sue: Remove - CGC Evaluator

Tamboer, Lena: Corrected Cell Phone- 201-891-2230

Tucker, Rose Ann: Added Cell Phone- 732-406-8554

# RKC Show Handling Schedule - 2015/16

## TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:45 - 7:30

Drop-in classes: \$12.00 per dog,

OR 6 classes for \$60.00

No classes July and August

Sept. 15, 22, 29

Oct. 6, 27

Nov. 3, 17

Dec. 1, 15

Jan. 19, 26

Feb. 2, 23

Mar. 1, 22

Apr. 5, 26

May 3, 24

June 14

FMI: Linda Hachtel

973-697-4337

or Sharon Fremer

201-665-2565, teneo@mac.com



# RKC Training Class Schedule - 2015/16

## TUESDAY RALLY CLASSES

7:30 - 8:15 RALLY ADV/EXC.

8:30 - 9:15 RALLY NOVICE

(Basic obedience skills required)

### Session 1

Oct. 6, 20, 27

Nov. 3

### Session 2

Nov. 17

Dec. 1, 15

Jan. 5, 19, 26

Feb. 2

### Session 3

Feb. 16, 23

Mar. 1, 15, 22, 29

Apr. 5

### Session 4

Apr. 19, 26

May 3, 17, 24, 31

June 14

### Feb. 9 CGC/THERAPY testing

(there is a fee for testing)

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Puppy Kindergarten 6:30-7:15

Beginner Obedience 7:30-8:15

Advanced Beginner 8:30-9:15

### Session 1

Oct. 7, 21, 28

Nov. 4

### Session 2

Nov. 18

Dec. 2, 16

Jan. 6, 20, 27

Feb. 3

### Session 3

Feb. 17, 24

Mar. 2, 16, 23, 30

Apr. 6

### Session 4

Apr. 20, 27

May 4, 18, 25

June 1, 15

### June 22 CGC/THERAPY testing

(there is a fee for testing)

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES  
CONTACT:

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JOANNE SILVER1937@YAHOO.COM

Class registration form available on the  
website:

[ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses](http://ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses)



ALL PHOTOS JACK AND TILLY GRASSA

Photos of the Puppy Kindergarten  
graduation, June 2015.



# IN MEMORY OF SUE CONE

Long-time Ramapo KC member, Sue Cone died in Livingston, New Jersey, on October 2, 2015, precisely one month shy of her 75th birthday. She was born on November 2, 1940 in Glen Ridge, and grew up in North Caldwell. Sue attended high school at Northfield Mount Hermon School in Gill, Massachusetts before matriculating at Cornell University, where she received a bachelor's degree.

A lifelong student of animal psychology, she volunteered for many years teaching dog obedience classes for Ramapo Kennel Club. She served as president of RKC from 1979 to 1981, and earned the Club's Good Sportsmanship Award, Breeder's Award, and Excellence in Obedience Award. A nationally renowned trainer of Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, she was the first in the nation to earn the Obedience Trial Champion (OTCh) title on a Chesapeake, and continued on to train a total of four Chesapeakes (more than any other trainer) to the OTCh title, also earning Obedience Master 1, and Obedience Master 2 awards. Additionally, she showed her Chesapeakes in conformation competition at the Westminster Kennel Club in New York City.

Mrs. Cone volunteered in a number of capacities, including the board of directors for the American Chesapeake Club (ACC), co-authored the definitive ACC book "The Chesapeake Bay Retriever," received the ACC's Outstanding Sportsmanship Award in 2008, and at the time of her death, was the ACC liaison to National Animal



Interest Alliance (NAIA). Additionally, she was a member of the National Association of Dog Obedience Instructors.

She worked tirelessly for the Friends of the Livingston Library for many years, coordinating book sales to raise funds, and serving as board secretary. Having been a student in the very first Emergency Medical Technician course held in New Jersey in the early 1970s, she volunteered for many years with the ambulance services in Cedar Grove and Livingston, inspiring both of her children to do the same.

Mrs. Cone is survived by a daughter, Jenny Cone Chciuk, and her children Caitlin, Kylie, and TJ; a son David, his wife Kim, and their children Ben and Andy; and a sister Jeanette Cuneo, her husband Ernie, and their children Ernie Jr., Christa, Charlie, and Amanda. She was predeceased by her sister, Judy Hartney.

At the request of the deceased, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of two organizations: The Friends of

Livingston Library, online at the website <http://livingston.bccls.org/> (use the "donate" button and from there, the section for memorial donations) or by mail at Friends of the Livingston Library, 10 Robert Harp Drive, Livingston, NJ 07039; or the National Animal Interest Alliance, online at <http://www.naiaonline.org/donate/donate.php> (use the "Memorial" button), or by mail at National Animal Interest Alliance, PO Box 66579, Portland, OR 97290.

Our cause has lost one its most dedicated and effective warriors, and we have lost a dear friend with the passing of Sue Cone.

Sue was a passionate and successful sportswoman and a great dog person with top achievements in AKC obedience.

Sue understood the propaganda war we face and the evil behind it, and set out to counter the distortions by supplying the public with factual information.

For more than a decade Sue got up every day and scoured the media for articles about animals and animal rights extremism, and posted them far and wide. Everything she did was from the heart, her only reward being the knowledge that she was making a difference. Sue understood that under our form of government public opinion drives public policy and worked to inform the public and thereby change public opinion. Few have accomplished as much as Sue, and we will miss and remember her every day. RIP, Sue.



Patti Strand

National Animal Interest Alliance



# Items for Sale

6 x 16 dog kennel. It looks similar to the one below with a extra panel in the center to keep two dogs separate. No dog house. We are located in Dumont and someone would need to be local with a pick up or large van. Looking for \$500.

Email Kim Luikert: [kim.luikert@gmail.com](mailto:kim.luikert@gmail.com)



## Happy Legs Stacking Blocks System

Large box (36" x 16") with blocks. Lightly used. \$100 or best offer

## Metro Locking Tack Box

Lightly used. \$40 or best offer

Email Sharon Fremer: [teneo@mac.com](mailto:teneo@mac.com)

**Free:** Receiver collar and transmitter for an electronic dog fence...someone would only need to purchase 18 gauge coated wire.

Email Anne Hulsizer: [rallydog@optonline.com](mailto:rallydog@optonline.com)

4 ft. grooming table (needs some work - ie: new screws in leg brackets, top in good shape \$20.00

Email Ruth Henningsen: [ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com](mailto:ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com)

*This is a classified section for RKC members provided free of charge. Contact Tilly Grassa ([tgcreative@aol.com](mailto:tgcreative@aol.com)) if you have an item you'd like to list.*

## Got Stuff?

Send your news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, [tgcreative@aol.com](mailto: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:

**October 9-12** The Harvest Cluster shows, Augusta, NJ  
Friday, 10/9/15 Palisades Kennel Club; Saturday, 10/10/15 Palisades Kennel Club;  
Sunday, 10/11/15 Ramapo Kennel Club; Monday, 10/12/15 Ramapo Kennel Club

**Wednesday, October 14** RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15

**NOTE, CHANGE OF LOCATION: VFW Hall, 69 Carey Ave, Butler, NJ 07405**

Program: Carol Tyler, owner of Tyco Animal Control and the Northern Region Director of the NJ Certified Animal Control Officers Association will be our guest speaker.

**Wednesday, November 11** RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15

Program: Straws to Paws — canine reproduction Location TBA.

**Wednesday, December 9** RKC Holiday Dinner, 8PM. Location TBA.



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