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## AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program

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**Next Meeting**  
**February 11, 2009**

### **New AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program**

New York, NY –The AKC Canine Good Citizen® program debuted in 1989, with 1,392 dogs taking the CGC test. Today, nearly 40,000 purebred and mixed breed dogs per year participate in all 50 states. To date, we have enrolled more than 9,000 official CGC evaluators in communities across the country to train and test America's dogs.

Recognized as the gold standard of behavior for dogs, 36 states and the United States Senate have passed resolutions or proclamations endorsing the AKC Canine Good Citizen concept, and many more local communities have incorporated the CGC test into their animal control ordinances, rewarding responsible dog owners. Animal control agencies and animal shelters nationwide now have CGC programs and administer the test.

To continue with 20 years of CGC success and in response to evaluator's needs, we have created the new AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm Program, another step in a long line of responsible dog ownership initiatives. A precursor to the AKC Canine Good Citizen program, the S.T.A.R. (Socialization, Training, Activity and Responsibility) Puppy Program will provide basic

training and socialization opportunities for new puppies (those under one year old) and answer any new-owner questions. Ultimately, our hope is that these S.T.A.R. puppies will continue down the path to more AKC events, graduate on to more formal obedience training and create future obedience and agility stars!

S.T.A.R. puppies will test on behaviors such as sit, down and recall on command; walking on a leash; and remaining calm around other people and dogs. But puppies won't be the only ones learning in these sessions – evaluators will also offer "people lessons," providing information on important topics such as housetraining. Owners will also be "tested" on whether or not they bring bags to class to pick up after their pup, provide proper

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identification, create an adequate daily exercise and play plan and more.

Upon graduation, from a course at least six-weeks long, your puppy will receive the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Medal and Puppy Package that includes:

- \* A beautiful, frameable certificate designating your puppy is in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy records at AKC
- \* AKC Puppy Handbook, a valuable resource
- \* Discount enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery Corporation, a 24-hour recovery service
- \* Ongoing Monthly Email Newsletter: Your AKC. This includes training tips and up-to-date information every dog owner needs to know.

We began enrolling puppies in the S.T.A.R.

Puppy Program late last year and will officially kick-off the program at the "Puppy Extravaganza" at the International Kennel Club of Chicago shows on February 21-22, 2009. Here we will celebrate the success of many Chicago puppies that have successfully completed the program. CGC and S.T.A.R. Puppy Director Dr. Mary Burch will be on hand to award the 125th medal to the 125th program graduate (a Labrador Retriever, the breed that is ranked # 1 in registration statistics in Chicago), in honor of the AKC's 125th birthday.

We are looking forward to the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program enjoying the same growth and success as its "parent" program. If you're interested making your young dog a STAR puppy or have any questions about the program, please visit [www.akc.org/starpuppy](http://www.akc.org/starpuppy) or contact [starpuppy@akc.org](mailto:starpuppy@akc.org).

Here's to more well-behaved puppies and responsible, happy owners in the future.

## LEGISLATIVE OBSERVATIONS

### January 2009

- Catherine D. L. Newsom  
Delegate from Sussex Hills KC to NJFDC

Today, there are two new bills that will dramatically change the way in which the dog fancy exists in New Jersey.

One is A 3298: A short bill that establishes the Office of Animal Welfare within Department of Human and Senior Services. At the present, there will no additional budget allocation. This makes passage of the bill very appealing. When this bill is law, the Office of Animal Welfare will become the vehicle for enforcing any new regulations found in animal-related laws.

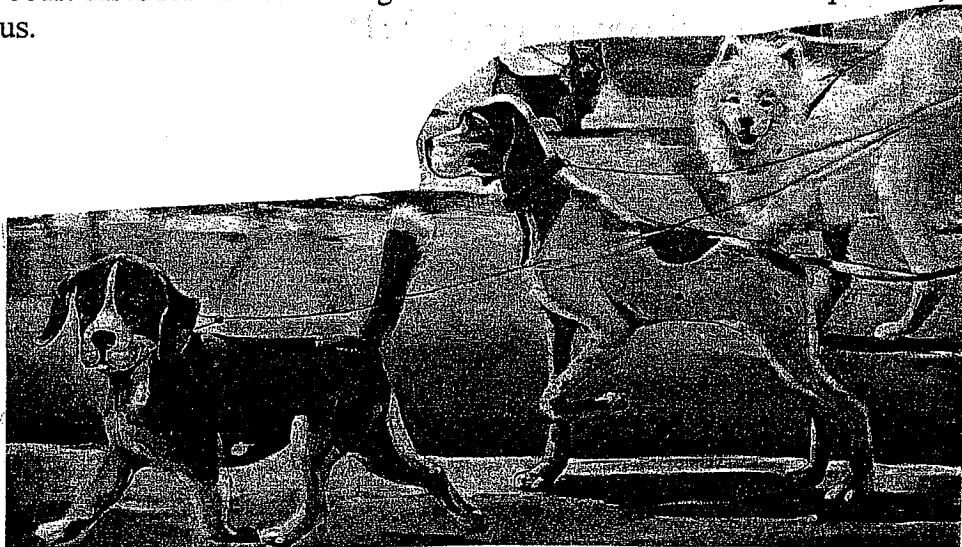
The second is A3355. This bill mandates animal cruelty training for selected assistant county prosecutors and tracking of animal cruelty cases in the New Jersey State uniform crime reporting system. The bill directs the Attorney General to issue prosecutorial guidelines for animal cruelty cases. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Humane Society University of the Humane Society of the United States, shall prescribe the required training.

So, the first bill is structure. The second is expertise in function. The Humane Society University, as the expert, will instruct certain assistant county prosecutors as to what constitutes cruelty. While we applaud, for example, the outlawing of tethering, what do we think about the professional kennel requirements of yearly inspections of concrete, fire sprinklers and space requirements. Remember that, today, what is not considered a professional kennel, may be considered one tomorrow.

More importantly, we must face this new world. The HSUS has its own University. The HSUS is in our politics, and in our education from grade school to the university. The HSUS is in the fabric of our society.

Here is the dilemma. As dog fanciers and good citizens, we cannot appear to oppose actions that will criminalize animal cruelty. For far too long, felons convicted of animal cruelty have received mere slaps on the wrists. The dog fancy supports animal welfare bills. At the same time, we realize and must be prepared for new, restricting and constricting bills.

What to do? More than ever, come out and support groups like the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs. Numbers of like-minded voters will influence legislators to modify the new bills. Get your friends and relatives to send in emails. We must continue to pressure our elected officials, especially, in these economic times. We must remind our legislators that we will be the ones to pay for the enforcement of new regulations through taxing and licensing. Over-zealous enforcement of new regulations will only clog our fragile court system. Tell them to look at dismissed court cases for excesses in regulation enforcement. If we don't speak out, no one will speak for us.



**RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB**  
**January 14, 2008**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:20 p.m. by President, Jeff Ball.

President's Report: Jeff thanked everyone for coming. There is no program this evening as we will be discussing some issues regarding our Point Show.

Jeff encouraged everyone to visit our Ramapo website. If anyone has any input or ideas to include at the site, please see him.

Joanne Silver stated that she would like to see more "eye catching" ads for our obedience and show handling classes. Also our puppy programs which are offered which are excellent for new puppy owners. Joanne was very proud of the Puppy Star Program and she will have flyers available next month.

Old Business: Jeff reported that Ramapo is in receipt of a letter from the AKC dated November, 2008 stating that it has been determined that our show site is inadequate and the shows MUST BE moved indoors. Many meetings have been held and much correspondence forwarded between our club and AKC officers and board members. Club member Pat Scully is also taking this matter of our show status to the AKC board. Rose has talked to several AKC board members also who seemed receptive to our concerns.

Point Show Chairperson, Diane Ammerman stated that a trophy chairperson is needed for our 2009 show. If you are interested, please see her. Any suggestions for judges from the membership need to be to Diane before Monday, January 19, 2009 for consideration.

Recording Secretary: Pat Paladino advised the November minutes were copied and placed on the back table for the members to read. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as written: John Piznak/Janis Hayes

Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Barone advised that the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs has issued their slate of officers for the 2009-2010 term. The slate nominated will be published in the GROWL. If anyone has anything to input or if you wish to petition anyone for office you may do so.

Treasurer: Diane Ammerman reported a balance in the Club's checking account of \$26,785.24 and in the Money Market account a balance of \$15,416.53.

## RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GROWL

Membership: Applicant for membership, Anne Hulsizer present for the meeting. Anne assists at our obedience classes and has also worked at our Match Show. A motion was made to accept Anne into membership. Joanne Silver/John Piznak WELCOME ANNE!!!!

We also have several pending applicants for membership: Diane Husar; Gerrie Oliver; Kim & Courtney Luikert, and Sharon Fremer.

Our guest for this evening: Laura Cohen, thank you for joining us, we hope to see you again!!

Sunshine: Lorraine Fennemore reported that Louise DeBlois fell at home and the club sent her a fruit basket. Bob Messinger passed away recently and Lorraine circulated a card to be sent to Joy. The club will also be sending a "Thinking of You" card to Jim Burns of the Monticello Kennel Club. Jim was the Show Chairman for Monticello.

Pet Therapy: Joanne Silver asked that if anyone is interested in visiting various schools/hospitals, etc. and has a certified pet therapy dog to please see her. We now also will be conducting visits at a new location, Holy Name Hospital.

Jeff advised the membership that he received a call from Linda/Fred Hatchel from our show handling class that they are looking for extra people to help fill in occasionally.

We can also use help at our obedience classes in conducting classes. If you are able to help out or know of someone who may be interested, please see Jeff, Ruth or Joanne.

Programs: Due to the shows at Westminster prior to our meeting next month, the club will conduct a BINGO night with GREAT prizes for the winners. Please plan on attending for a fun night. As always, guests/friends are also always welcome. In March, 2009 we will have a police detective who will speak to us about individual and pet safety, which should be very interesting.

Rose Radel our AKC Delegate attended the Eukanuba Dog Classic in Long Beach, CA. It will be broadcast on Saturday, January 31, 2009 at 8p.m. on Animal Planet.

Rose also reported that the AKC will be 125 years old this year and will celebrate at the Eukanuba show in 2009.

The AKC will also sponsor the OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, February 8, 2009 from 12-4.

Also, the AKC summer intern program is under way for any interested young person for the months of June and July. If you have someone who is interested, applications are available.

Rose also spoke about our show site at the Sussex County Show grounds and the fact that being approved with an Indoor status is not workable. Rose has written a Perspective to be presented

to the AKC Board along with her proposal regarding this. Rose has worked relentlessly on this for the benefit of Ramapo. We have been advised by Jim Crowley that the AKC Board meeting will be held on Friday, February 6, 2009 due to Westminster and every attempt is being made to have our proposal put on the agenda for the meeting.

Jeff advised all members present to take several of the petitions on the back table and get signatures which will also be presented with the proposal. Everyone's help is needed, please take several and distribute them.

Congratulations to all our Members on their many wonderful noteworthy BRAGS!!!!  
Much success to all in 2009.

Refreshments for our February meeting will be provided by Joanne Silver, Diane Ammerman and Rose Radel. Thank you Ladies!!!

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m. Janis Hayes/Grace Mc Glynn.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Paladino  
Recording Secretary

## **NEW MEMBER APPLICANT**

Diane Husar

Gerrie Oliver

Kim & Courtney Luikert

Sharon Fremer

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Below, you will find the Nomination Committee's recommendation for officer elections for the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs. If you would like to discuss this matter, please speak to the NJFDC Delegate Jeffrey Ball at (201) 689-1323 or [jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com)



New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc.

1/5/2009

Dear Club Secretaries:

The following people have been selected by the Nominating Committee to serve the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs Inc. Election for the office will be held at the April 2009 annual meeting.

Slate of Officers 2009-2010

President:	Priscilla Gabosch,	Gloucester Co. K.C.
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President:	Jeff Ball	Ramapo K.C.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President:	Joan Tabor	K.C.N.N.J
Treasurer:	Marie Gemeinhardt	Jockey Hollow K.C.
Recording Secretary:	Pat Crew	Southern N.J. Cocker Spaniel Club
Corresponding Secretary:	Audrey Wright	Bayshore Companion Dog Club

Board of Directors 2009-2010

Rose DeMario-Bednarz	Sand & Sea K.C.
Donna Welty	New Brunswick K.C.
Barbara Wicklund	Berkshire Valley Basset Hound Club
Donna Colletti	Shetland Sheepdog Club of N.J.

In accordance with the clubs constitution, Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph b, additional nominations officers and directors may be made by petition which shall be signed by at least one (1) delegate from each of the five member organizations in good standing. The petition must be signed by said candidate(s) indicating a willingness to serve and such petition must be received by the Corresponding Secretary no later than February 15, 2009. If any nominating petitions are received by the Corresponding Secretary all member club secretaries will be notified of the additional nominations no later than March 1, 2009. In the event there are no additional nominations received, ballots need not be prepared.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Audrey Wright

Corresponding Secretary



## RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GROWL

### RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The following rules govern the choice of the recipient of this award each year.

3. This award is presented to the RKC member who has provided dedicated service to the club and the sport of purebred dogs.
4. Award is given to a club member who has been nominated by the membership and approved by the Board of Directors and Officers.
5. To be presented at the June Awards Dinner. Recipient only may be told to insure their being present.

### LESLEE VALENTE MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN OBEDIENCE

This award is given to a member who handled the dog with the highest average scores in AKC Novice A or B from January 1, 2008, thru December 31, 2008. Minimum of three scores required. All qualifying scores count. Winner is to retain custody of the award for the year.

### **Eligibility for Ramapo Kennel Club Awards**

In order to apply and receive any Achievement Awards, members must fulfill at least two of the following:

1. Work the Point Show.
2. Work the Match Show.
3. Attend two (2) Club Meetings
4. Work at Obedience and/or Show Handling Classes
5. Work on a Club Committee.
6. Participate in a Public Education Demonstration through the Club
7. Participate in a Pet Therapy Session through the Club.

(Life Members or members living more than 60 miles from show functions are exempt)

**In addition**, to give recognition to a greater number of members, Achievement Awards will be limited to three (3) consecutive wins by a member.

**All award entries must be received by APRIL 15Th, 2009 with photocopies of Wins and Titles to;**

**ELAINE BARONE**

**10 BIRCH ROAD**

**KINNELON, NJ 07405-2505**

E-mail [elaineb.bowow@juno.com](mailto:elaineb.bowow@juno.com)

**YOU MAY E-MAIL ME YOUR LETTERS FOR THE "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD"**

**Feel free to e-mail me your awards ONLY if you can scan the forms and certificates required.**

**Thank you and I look forward to hearing from all of you.**

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### OTHER AKC TITLES (Herding, Field, Agility etc.)

_____	Show _____	Date _____	Country _____
_____	Show _____	Date _____	Country _____
_____	Show _____	Date _____	Country _____

Photocopies of all AKC Titles must be sent with entry. No awards will be given without photocopies. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Non-AKC Titles will only count towards the breeders' award and certificates of achievement. Temperament testing is a Non-AKC Title.

### Non-Regular Awards and Requirements

Additional Non-AKC Awards (CGC, TT, etc., applicable for Certificate of Achievement only)

_____	Show _____	Date _____	Country _____
_____	Show _____	Date _____	Country _____
_____	Show _____	Date _____	Country _____
_____	Show _____	Date _____	Country _____
_____	Show _____	Date _____	Country _____

### AENNCHEN ANTONELLI / GILMA BLAUVELT - MOSS BREEDERS AWARD

1. Award to be won by a club member who is the breeder of record of the dogs winning the most titles in each calendar year. Dogs do not need to be owned by the club member. It is the total number of titles won which determines the winner, not the number of individual dogs.
2. Any recognized titles shall be included, ie Champion, Obedience, Field, Working Dog, etc.
3. Titles may be won in any country of the world.

### LEE ABRAHAM AWARD FOR BREEDER OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the bitch who:

1. Produced the most champions (bred by owner from one bitch only) during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

### MILLIE MC CABE AWARD FOR STUD DOG OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the Stud Dog who:

1. Produced the most "Champions" during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

### WILLIAM AND RUBY KLEINMANN'S MEMORIAL AWARD

This Award is figured from January 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008, for the June 2009 Award. This award will be based on the greatest number of dogs defeated in breed competition (up to and including Best in Show) by a single dog **handled by its Owner**. Dogs owned or co-owned by a Professional handler are excluded. If the dog is owned and handled by more than one member (neither of which is a Professional handler), both members will share the award equally.

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RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION  
CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1, 2008 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2008

Reg. Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog \_\_\_\_\_ Bitch \_\_\_\_\_  
AKC# \_\_\_\_\_ Breed/Variety \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder \_\_\_\_\_

Owned by member(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Bred by Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Handled by Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Indicate name of RKC Member who is to receive the award.

**CATEGORY**

**HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

BIS (All Breed) Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

BIS (Specialty) Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

High in Trial Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Best in Field Trial Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

Conformation Champion Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience Trial Champion Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Field Trial Champion Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

**OBEDIENCE DEGREE AWARDS**

CD Degree Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

CDX Degree Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

UD Degree Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

TD Degree Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

TDX Degree Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

RN Degree Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

RA Degree Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

RE Degree Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

RA/RE Degree Show \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# **DATES to REMEMBER**

All membership meetings are held at the

VFH Hall

45 Plymouth Street

Fairfield, New Jersey 07004-1615

8:00 p.m.

February 11 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Meeting BINGO NIGHT! So bring a few dollars to spend.
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Meeting
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Meeting
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Membership Meeting – Members Only

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We are always looking for Guest speakers. If you have any ideas or better yet know of someone, please speak to Joanne Silver at the next meeting or call her at (201) 891-5090.

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