



# Ramapo Kennel Club GROWL

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## What if your dog out lives you?

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**Next meeting**  
**November 12, 2008**

### What If Your Dog Outlives You?

Deciding what will become of your dog should you be incapacitated or die is a difficult decision. If you are a breeder with a full kennel, you have a greater burden than the average dog owner when it comes to planning ahead. In planning ahead for your dog(s), there are two primary legal mechanisms to consider: non-trust arrangements and trusts.

#### Non-Trust Arrangements

The simplest method of providing for your dog(s) is to designate -- in writing -- a caretaker to take custody if need arises, before or after your

death. Name several backups in case your first choice is unable or unwilling to serve when the time comes. Provide a written "letter of instruction" with specific directions as to which dog is to be placed with which caretaker and the exact care each dog should receive. If there are multiple dogs, identify them as specifically as possible, and don't forget to add the words "and any other dogs I own at the time I die or am incapacitated."

If you cannot identify an appropriate caregiver, designate someone with good judgment to select one. Provide a copy of the letter of instruction to each person affected, and place a copy with your important papers. If you have a power of attorney, make sure that person has a copy of the letter and has the authority to make expenditures on behalf of your dog while you are incapacitated and before a will is probated. You may want to incorporate your letter of instruction into your will. Although perhaps not fully enforceable, this may influence how your executor disposes of your dog and your money.

The problem with merely designating a caretaker and leaving a letter of instruction is the lack of legal assurance your wishes will be followed.

Leaving your estate to your dog directly is not an option: Courts of any state will reject such a provision. The alternative to this quandary is to create a trust.

#### Creating a Trust

A trust is an arrangement whereby you place assets in the care of a trustee, who has a fiduciary duty to use those assets according to your wishes on behalf of the beneficiary (or beneficiaries) that you designate. You designate a caregiver for your dog and, as described below, either the dog or the caregiver may be your beneficiary. Include directions (similar to the letter of instruction) in the trust document describing exactly what care the caregiver should provide for your dog on a daily basis, right down to their breeding and showing careers, housing, food, medical needs, veterinarians and which toys they prefer. Designating different people as caregiver and trustee ensures there are checks and balances in place (although a caregiver may be a co-trustee as well). Even though you have a trust, you can leave the dog as property to someone in your will. Naming the caregiver as at least one of the future owners may help avoid future ownership disputes.

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# President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I have to start by thanking all the members who made the 2008 Ramapo Kennel Club shows such a wonderful success. I have heard so many compliments from judges, exhibitors and guests on how amazing our shows were this year. I cannot even recall all the compliments, but I whole heartily agree with every one of them. The members of Ramapo Kennel Club deserved every one of them. I thought everything was fabulous, the entries, the judging, the organization we had, the participation, the food and of course the weather. This wonderful success could not have been accomplished without so many members working hard at so many jobs. I cannot name everyone, but I would especially like to thank the Show Committee Chairpersons because without them, these shows would not have been such a great success, and I don't know how they would be possible. Ruth Henningsen, Cluster Coordinator, Diane Ammerman, Assistant Show Chairperson, John Pinzak, Obedience Chairperson, Mary Gallagher, Assistant Obedience Chairperson, Pat and Randy Paladino, Parking, Lorraine Fennemore, Catering, Joanne Silver, Public Relations, Elaine Barone, Trophies, Rose Ann Tucker, Public Education, Joan Murko, Hospitality, Rose Radel, Catalogs and Janis Hayes, Vendors. This does not even name all the wonderful workers we had. You all know who you are and on behalf of Ramapo Kennel Club and myself, I would like to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart! You are all what makes Ramapo Kennel Club such a great club!

In November, we are going to have wonderful program presented by Rose Radel and Pat Scully. They will be updating us on the AKC, such things as registration, groups, mixed breeds and obedience. Many of you have questions at past meetings, so please bring those questions and Rose and Pat will do their best to answer them. Answering everything is not always possible, but between Rose and Pat, we could have so much knowledge and experience, this is a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of them and learn from them. Please feel free to invite guests!

Congratulations to Ruth Henningsen and Elaine Barone who each won a basket at our October meeting. We will once again give away a basket at the November meeting, remember, you have to be there to win! We are still collecting non perishable foods, both canine and human. Please bring those items that have been sitting in your cabinets to the next meeting and if you don't have anything, please pick up a few items next time you are at the food store. Just a reminder that the forms for the NJFDC Breeders guide are do. This will be the last newsletter you will find them in. Please return them immediately if you are interested in participating.

The December meeting will be our Holiday and the end of the year celebration. Thanks to Elaine Barone we have a new location and it sounds wonderful, so please join us. Lorraine Fennemore is collecting the names of attendees. It will be a great way to end the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Ramapo Kennel Club!

Hope to see you all next week! Jeffrey

## GROWL

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### Types of Trusts

- **Pet trusts:** A pet trust is a specific arrangement, legally recognized in half the states, in which your dog is the beneficiary. As noted above, the trust document should specifically identify the beneficiary dog, using DNA, microchip numbers, call name, AKC name and number, photos, and so on.
- **Common law trusts:** In other states, a pet trust is not legally enforceable. Residents can designate only human beneficiaries, not dogs. But even in one of these states, you can establish a "common law trust." To make certain the common law trust is effective, (a) ensure the caregiver receives funds on a frequent basis (not all at once or only once a year), and (b) ensure funds are disbursed conditionally, i.e., in order to continue receiving funds, the caregiver must frequently check in with the trustee and demonstrate that proper care is being given to the dog. This provision helps ensure that the "checks and balances" will work properly. A common law trust set up this way is generally legally enforceable.

**Choosing a trustee:** For both types of trust, you must designate a trustee -- someone you know and can rely on, or an attorney, or a bank, or one of the various organizations that are willing to serve as trustee for pet trusts -- and also identify backups. You can also appoint co-trustees. A caretaker should be appointed co-trustee only if there is at least one independent trustee. Whoever you choose as trustees, talk to them now to ensure they agree to serve.

**Choosing a caregiver:** As with trustees, contact potential caregivers now about your plans. For a professional breeder, the caretaker almost certainly must be a "dog person," willing to take your dogs into their home or kennel and continue your breeding and showing program. If your loved ones cannot do this, consider reputable fellow breeders. If a caretaker is not available for dogs that will not be shown, consider naming a reputable animal sanctuary or rescue agency to select appropriate adoptive homes.

**How long can a trust last?** State laws differ as to whether your trust can benefit only those of your dogs that are alive when your trust takes effect, or only those you own when the trust is created, or whether the trust can endure for 21 years after your death, regardless of how many dogs are alive at that time. (If you are a breeder a trust that provides for breeding of offspring of your dog, perpetuating the kennel name ad infinitum, to be financially supported by the trust, would probably be disfavored by the courts, though preferred by many breeders). Consult an attorney in your state to ensure your trust meets your state's criteria.

**Co-ownership and estate planning.** If you co-own a dog or dogs, talk with the co-owners about your estate plans. Consider establishing a trust that you and the co-owner(s) fund to benefit your co-owned dog. This helps protect your assets: Not only may you be able to share legal fees, but if you establish a trust without regard for a co-owner's rights, that co-owner may challenge the trust in court. Even if your trust prevails, legal fees from such a fight may deplete the trust.

**When your dog dies.** Your trust should include instructions for disbursing any assets that remain when your dog(s) dies or the trust ends. Do not leave these assets to the caretaker: That gives a disincentive to provide a long and lavish life for your dog(s). Rather, ensure your caretaker receives adequate money only while the dog(s) is alive and well cared for. When a dog(s) dies or the trust ends, leave the residual money to a loved one or charity.

*\*This article by Lisa Curry, Esq. originally appeared in the June 2008 issue of the AKC GAZETTE and is reprinted with permission. It is only an overview and does not constitute legal advice, yet it might provide some insights into the kinds of issues to consider when planning for your dog(s)' future. You should consult an attorney in your state that is knowledgeable about estate planning to establish your dog(s)' trust.*

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**NEW JERSEY FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS, INC.**

**GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS  
(Adopted June 2, 1992)**

*The following "Guidelines for Responsible Breeders" were adopted by the delegates to the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs, Inc. on June 2 1992. Breeders who wish to be included in the Breeders' Directory indicate by signing the application, that they are in agreement with the Guidelines and will abide by them.*

1. All dogs shall be kept under sanitary conditions and shall be given maximum health protection through regular inoculations and proper nutrition. Dogs shall be contained within safe restrictions when the breeder/owner cannot personally supervise their safety.
2. All breeders shall keep accurate and complete personal records of breedings, litters, pedigrees, and puppy owners' names as required by the American Kennel Club.
3. All puppies leaving the breeder's possession shall be a minimum of seven (7) weeks of age, except in those breeds where a twelve (12) week age is generally accepted.
4. All breeders of purebred dogs shall breed to conform to the American Kennel Club's Standard of Excellence for their breed, and only from quality, healthy stock. Breeders will screen for inherited diseases as known in their breed.
5. Breeders shall provide the puppy buyer with written details of feeding, general care, dates and types of inoculations and wormings, grooming instruction, etc., and be available to offer future advice as needed.
6. Breeders will not sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet stores, puppy brokers or other commercial dealers.
7. All puppies will be sold with written contracts appropriate for show/breeding quality or pet quality specifications, guarantees, and restrictions. The contract will ensure that the breeder will be contacted whenever an owner can no longer keep a dog at any time in the dog's life, and it will be the obligation of the breeder to assist in the placement or disposition of the dog. Puppy purchasers should be urged to spay or neuter all pet quality puppies.
8. Dogs and bitches will not be bred before or after such age as is customary for their breed as outlined by the Parent Club and/or AKC guidelines. The breeder will allow proper, healthful spacings between litters.
9. Breeders will permit stud service only to quality, healthy bitches, appropriately screened for inherited diseases/disorders, owned by the individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give these puppies proper care and attention and who are in agreement with these and the Parent Club guidelines for responsible breeders.
10. Prospective buyers should be screened as thoroughly as possible to determine their desire and ultimate intent for each puppy or dog, and also for their interest and ability to provide a safe, adequate and loving home for each puppy or dog acquired.
11. Breeders will not dispose of any puppy or adult dog bred or owned by them in shelters or pounds.

**ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES**

**Directory of Breeder & Rescue Services 2009-2010**

In an effort to save on escalating postage costs, your applications for breeder and rescue listings for the 2009-2010 Directory of Breeders & Rescue Services were enclosed with the August newsletter. Additional copies are being provided to your club's delegate, along with copies of the Federation's Guidelines for Responsible Breeders. Please make the appropriate number of copies and distribute them to your club members.

Please note the following requirements:

- Each application must be approved by your club and signed by an officer.
- Applications must be typed or printed legibly, with all information included and the appropriate boxes for inclusion checked off. Please proofread each application as they will be published as received.
- Ensure that your members read the Guidelines for Responsible Breeders and agree to abide by them.
- Breeder listings are restricted to those breeds either fully recognized by AKC or eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class. Those still in the FSS listing program **are not eligible**.
- Collect the \$35 breeder listing fee and send the Federation a **club check** to cover the cost of all listing.
- Rescue listings are free. Make sure the rescue service is currently actively engaging in rescue activities for its breed.
- All applications with appropriate fees must be received by **Wednesday, January 7, 2009**. None will be accepted after the deadline.

If you are interested in participating,  
PLEASE complete this application and return with a check made out to  
Ramapo Kennel Club by December 10, 2008; Mail to:

Diane Ammerman  
598 Pulis Avenue  
Mahwah, New Jersey 07430

If you have any questions, please contact Diane via email [Ammerman@us.ibm.com](mailto:Ammerman@us.ibm.com) or  
call (201) 891-9291

**New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs**  
**Directory of Breeders and Rescue Services 2009-2010**  
**Breeder Listing Form – Directory & Web Site**

**PLEASE NOTE;** Listings are accepted for AKC approved breeds only. Breeds still in the FSS listing program are not eligible until admitted to the Miscellaneous Class. Each breed or variety must be submitted on a separate form. The fee for each listed telephone number is \$35. Listing will end with the 2009-2010 Directory. The breeder must complete the application and submit it to the Board of Directors of his/her member club. An officer of the member club must sign the application and print his/her name, office held and phone number. All information must be typed or printed legibly. Proofread entire application for accuracy. It will be printed as received.

**Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Variety:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Kennel Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle all categories that apply:

|         |      |              |              |           |       |         |       |         |
|---------|------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| Puppies | Dogs | Stud Service | Conformation | Obedience | Rally | Agility | Field | Herding |
| P       | D    | S            | C            | O         | R     | A       | F     | H       |

**Complete entire application, then check the box next to each line to be printed. For example, if you wish your name and phone number only, check only those boxes next to your name and phone number.**

|  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Name  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Address   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City, State, Zip Code                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Code, Phone Number                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail Address  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to have my listing published on the NJFDC web site |

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club regarding the sale and registration of purebred dogs. I agree to donate \$5 to the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs for each puppy or adult sold or for each stud service contract received as a result of the listing in the directory or on the web site.

I subscribe to and am bound by the Code of Ethics of my member club and of the parent club or national club of my breed as well as the **Guidelines for Responsible Breeders** of the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs, which I certify I have read. I hereby affirm I do not engage in the commercial sale or trafficking of dogs.

The NJ Federation of Dog Clubs reserves the right to reject any application from any individual(s) who have been convicted of cruelty to animals or if a member of their household has been convicted of cruelty to animals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Member Club**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

The member club certifies that this applicant is a member in good standing and that to the best of the club's knowledge does not engage in breeding practices that would violate the Federation's Guidelines for Responsible Breeders. Any complaint received by the Federation against this applicant will be referred to the Board of Directors of the sponsoring club for disposition according to that club's Constitution & Bylaws and according to the best interests of the breed, the club and the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Club Officer  
 Printed Name & Phone Number of Officer \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Office Held

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Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle all categories that apply:

Puppies Dogs Stud Service Conformation Obedience Rally Agility Field Herding
P D S C O R A F H

Complete entire application, then check the box next to each line to be printed. For example, if you wish your name and phone number only, check only those boxes next to your name and phone number.

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Signature of Club Officer
Printed Name & Phone Number of Officer

Office Held

## RKC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 9, 2008  
VFW Hall  
45 Plymouth Street  
Fairfield, New Jersey 07004

The meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Ball at approximately 8:10 p.m.

**PAST MEETING MINUTES** – Minutes from the September membership meeting were placed in the Growl. Jeffrey asked if there were any changes. Joan Murko made a motion to accept them; it was seconded by Lorraine Fennemore. The minutes were unanimously passed.

**PRESIDENTS REPORTS** – Jeffrey thanked everyone for coming and stated that the primary goal tonight would be to review everything pertaining to the point shows, address a few new items but then end the meeting in a timely fashion since the show setup was the next days. For the program, Jeffrey had brought along a slide show from events of the year.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT** - Elaine Barone reported that she had received three items. First, an invitation from the Metro Club for anyone interested in attending a brunch on February 11, 2009 for the winner of Westminster. Secondly she received a "Great Dog" magazine which she would leave out for anyone interested and finally, information about Leigh Valley Kennel Club holding a Gilbert Seminar on March 7 & 8, 2009 at a cost of \$175.00. Elaine would leave this information on the back table for members to review.

**RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT** – Not available. Jeffrey did inform the Members that he received a membership application for Diane Husar of Milford, New Jersey. Diane has Great Danes, has been a past officer and show chairperson for the Great Dane Club of Raritan Valley. Her sponsors are Jeffrey Ball and Rose Ann Tucker.

**TREASURERS REPORT** – Diane Ammerman reported that there was \$23,631.53 in the checking account and \$15,439.38 in the money market. Diane also reminded the membership that NJFDC Breeder Guide checks should be made out to Ramapo Kennel Club and must accompany the complete application.

In regards to membership renewal, Diane stated that there were several people that did not renew their membership and would be removed the membership list. There is one or two members that need to be spoken to since they are active but have not renewed.

**POINT SHOW COMMITTEE** – Jeffrey reported that everything regarding this year's shows was in good shape. Jeffrey reported the number of entries at this year's show and stated that the major decrease was due to a large rally in Freehold. Sunday was only down about 52 dogs and Monday was the same as last year. Jeffrey also reported that he had received no posters from Rau but would check to see if anyone else did. Janis Hayes reported that 17 venders had committed and it was possible that 19 would come. The large number of registrations arrived late, many after it was learned Cherrybrook would not be attending. Elaine Barone reported that trophies were all set, but was looking for volunteers to assist at the table. Jack Berlet informed Elaine that he would be available to assist. Jeffrey informed the membership that he had received the towels and that they were very nice. He explained that they were done in white and blue because of the concern of dyes and ink rubbing off on dogs. Lorraine Fennemore



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stated that the caterer was all set and that everyone should be there for breakfast since it would be as good as in the past. Lena Tamboer would bring the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary boards on Saturday for the display. Ruth Henningsen reported that all decorations for the show were ordered and would be delivered tomorrow. Ruth also confirmed the golf carts and tents and they were all set. Ruth stated that she would arrive at the grounds to assist after she picked up the mums in the morning. Jeffrey said that he would be there around 9:00 a.m. for setup and would meet the trailer vender to be sure they went into the proper place. Jeffrey reminded the members that any assistance was welcome on setup day but more important was the days of the shows, Sunday and Monday.

**NJFDC** – Jeffrey reported that applications are now available for the new NJFDC Breeders Guide. They were placed in the newsletter and would be once again in November.

**AKC DELEGATE** – Rose Radel stated that the next 2009 AKC Delegate meeting was scheduled for Long Beach, California and that she would be attending. Rose thanked the membership for allowing her to attend and assisting with the costs.

Rose Radel discussed briefly some of the items going on with AKC, changes which included accepting mix breed applications, increasing groups, registrations and changes in obedience and stated that she would have much more complete information at the next meeting.

**MEETING PROGRAM** – Jeffrey reported that he had spoken with Joanne Silver and she was working on programs for January and February but was looking for any recommendations. November's program would be done by Rose Radel. Rose hoped to get someone from the AKC to come as well. The program will be about AKC, what are their plans for now and the future.

**SUNSHINE** – Lorraine Fennemore had good news, nothing to report.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Jeffrey stated that this year's holiday dinner was going to be at Linas. Lorraine Fennemore is to collecting the names of those attending. Jeffrey stated that the cost was \$25 for members and \$30 for guest. That motion was seconded by Diane Ammerman. The motion was unanimously passed.

Elaine Barone and Jack Berlet offered to bring snacks to the next meeting. Lorraine Fennemore pointed out that food may be left over from the shows. It was then agreed that Elaine and Jack would not bring something unless Jeffrey called them. Jeffrey thanked all the members who brought something to tonight's meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Jeffrey read a letter of thank you from the VFW Hall for the donation from our Match Show. It was recommended that it be placed in the newsletter if possible. Jeffrey agreed that he would get it in one of the next newsletters. Jeffrey apologized for forgetting to draw a winner at the September meeting for a gift basket. Because of that, Jeffrey has brought two baskets to this meeting. They would be raffled off during the program. Tonight's program was a slide show of this year's Ramapo Kennel Club events, which included a few programs, the match show and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner.

Janis Hayes made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Jack Berlet and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Ball

# RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

## SAVE THE DATE!!!!

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

*Ramapo Kennel Club Holiday Dinner*

Location

*Linus Restaurant*

*49 Main Street*

*Bloomington, New Jersey*

*7:30 p.m.*

*Cost \$25 members & \$30 for Guests*

Please RSVP to Lorraine Fennemore at [lorryfenn1@optonline.net](mailto:lorryfenn1@optonline.net) or by calling 973-227-0945 by December 1, 2008

Remember to bring a gift of under \$15 if you are interested  
in our participating in the give-away!

*Donations for shelters will also be collected.*

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### *I am a breeder*

My food receipts for a family of 7 and my dog food bills match.

My water bill has doubled.

My electric has tripled.

It is I, a breeder, who when my fridge quit, saved the dog meds and let the food go bad.  
My feet find the way to the kennel before I have even grabbed a cup of coffee in the morning and the  
kennel is my last stop before bed.

While my friends are on a cruise to the Bahamas and my family meets for Christmas I am home  
delivering puppies.

I haven't had a real vacation in 7 years, but maybe soon. All plans  
are made around heat dates, whelp dates and vet dates.

I shower and 10 minutes later my grand kids say I smell like a dog  
My clothes are all stained with fecal matter, urine, afterbirth or bleach.

I have to remember to clean my shoes before church

Most of my friends breed dogs.

Who else can you call at 3 am for support?

Who else has the experience I sometimes need, the med I sometimes need, or just an uplifting word I  
sometimes need? Who else would understand how it feels to have invested hours and hours and  
hours in a weak puppy to lose it? Or the joy in investing hours in one that lives?

I have slept on the floor beside a litter until the crucial 2 weeks  
have passed. I have bottle fed a litter of 12..feeding every 2 hours  
and it taking 90 minutes to do for weeks at a time.

I have learned to be proficient at micro chipping, vaccinations, sub  
q fluids, bottle feeding and tube feeding.

My vet knows me by first name.

The vet knows my children

The vet now knows my grand children

My vet knows it was I who added on the wing to the vet clinic

I am a breeder

It is to me that 63 days takes on new meaning still excited by every new life  
It is I who delivers all my pups, towels and heat lamps on ready, happiness and sadness sometimes  
intermingled

Even though it increases my work load, I look forward to the 10 day  
stage when eyes open, and puppies begin to emerge from the  
helplessness of newborns. Puppy breath, a first bark. and a heart of exploration.

I am not uneducated, unemployable, illiterate or lazy as some Animal  
Rights folks would imply of breeders. I am a conscientious lover of  
animals and I have found my niche.

I am a breeder.

And although I feel no shame there is a part of me that feels the  
need to hide from powers that could come to invade my home and take  
my dogs ...maybe for finding a mild infraction, a leaf in the water  
dish? A kennel not yet cleaned for the day? A rash I am home treating? I tell my children and grand  
children to hush, do not tell others we are dog breeders, and I wonder when did breeding puppies go  
into the same secret place as criminal activity?

I am a breeder and I am not cruel, dumb, uncaring or criminal. I am  
not raking in money while sitting on my butt. Every penny I make I  
earn through blood, sweat and tears. My greatest joy is a healthy  
puppy and a wonderful home. The cards of thanks and the pictures of  
my puppy with its new family is the fringe benefits of my efforts. I  
am an animal lover, nurse, midwife, heavy laborer, customer service  
representative, and marketer. AND I am a breeder.

*Lori Hallfrisch of Southernstyle kennel*

# **DATES to REMEMBER**

All membership meetings are held at the

**VFH Hall**

**45 Plymouth Street**

**Fairfield, New Jersey 07004-1615**

8:00 p.m.

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| November 12 <sup>th</sup> | Membership Meeting - Rose Radel and Pat Scully will discuss the AKC, it's current programs and it's many possible future changes.<br>PLEASE INVITE GUEST!!! |
| December 10 <sup>th</sup> | Holiday Dinner  |
| January 14 <sup>th</sup>  | Membership Meeting  |

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We are still collecting non-perishable foods, both human and canine for local food banks. Please bring them to the next meeting or if you have a large amount, call Jeffrey Ball for pick-up. (201) 689-1323

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