



Ramapo Kennel Club GROWL

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AKC Adds New Titles to Several Events

--AKC Adds New Titles in Conformation, Companion and Performance Events --

New York, NY – Since the start of the year, each event type – conformation, companion and performance – now offers its exhibitors a brand new AKC title. The conformation and performance titles will appeal to the long-time exhibitor while the companion title will help bring along the novice handler or inexperienced dog.

Last month, Conformation added the Grand Champion title. Judges now have the opportunity of awarding Grand Championship points to their Best of Breed and Best of Opposite winners as well as to additional AKC Champions with the Select Dog and Select Bitch award. We believe this title gives breeders and owners a new way to showcase the quality of their breeding stock to judges and other breeders and exhibitors alike. We encourage you to take advantage of the enhanced conformation title.

We are proud to announce that we already have the first AKC Grand Champion in history - a 4-year old Weimaraner named GCH Monterra's Best Bet, MH – who finished his title in six consecutive shows. As an additional recognition for dogs that complete their Grand Champion title, they will also receive an invitation to the AKC / Eukanuba National Championship.

Starting this summer, Companion events will offer a new Beginner Novice obedience title. This title is an excellent competitive event for both the novice handler and dog. Most exercises,

a blend from Rally and Companion Dog, are completed on-leash.

In the Performance area, Earthdog competitors now have the opportunity to earn a new title - the Endurance Earthdog - the first addition since the program's inception in 1993. This EE title provides a new challenge for dogs that have earned their Master Earthdog title by requiring them to earn five double qualifications in master and senior. A Border Terrier named "Rosemary" recently earned the first ever EE title.

As you know, Parent Clubs also have a variety of breed specific sports and events. The Board recently approved a program to allow the recording of parent club performance event titles if AKC does not provide a test for these breed-specific skills. The Bloodhound Club of America is the first to apply for acknowledgment of its titles with their "man-trailing event". If your parent club would like to participate in this new program please contact Performance Events AVP Doug Ljungren at DVL@akc.org.

As you can see, it's an exciting time for AKC exhibitors. Whether you want to compete further, add more titles or participate in parent club events, we hope these new AKC titles will inspire you to reach higher goals, remain longer on the competitive trail, and provide you with more ways to bond with your dog.

Sincerely,
Ron Menaker
Chairman

What Is An Obedience Title Really?

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores, a title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honor the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain, in the record and in the memory, for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard.

And though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievement has been noted, a title says many things in the world of humans where such things count.

A title says that your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good-natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

In addition, a title says that you loved your dog. That you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that, in the end, your faith was justified.

A title proves that your dog inspired you to that special relationship enjoyed by so few; that in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return.

And when that dear short life is over, the title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend. Volumes of praise in one small set of initials after the name.

An obedience title is nothing less than true love and respect, given and received and permanently recorded.

by Sandy Mowery

GROWL

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Dear RKC Member,

Dues for the coming year, 2009 – 2010, are now due and payable by June 1st, 2010.
Please make checks payable to the **RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB** and *mailed to:*

Ramapo Kennel Club
Diane Ammerman
RKC Treasurer
598 Pulis Avenue
Mahwah, New Jersey 07430

_____ Junior Membership - \$7.50 (10-18 years old)

_____ Family Membership - \$40.00 (Husband and Wife)

_____ Regular Membership - \$25.00

_____ Life Membership – No Fee required

_____ **SUBSCRIPTION FEE - \$10.00** **This is NEW for 2010.** With the increased cost of printing and postage, if you would like to continue to receive the GROWL newsletter by mail and a roster, you will need to include this fee with your membership fee. **This includes Life Members.** If you do not pay this fee, you can still view the Growl on line at our website, <http://ramapokennelclub.com> .

LIFE MEMERS, PLEASE NOTE: You must return this form if you wish to continue your membership. If you would like to continue to receive the Growl newsletter by mail and roster, you must pay the \$10 Subscription fee.

*Please help us update our records. If there are any corrections or additions to your current listing in the roster, please make the changes below. **Please print:***

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Kennel Name: _____ Breed: _____

Please return this entire form with your payment, thank you.

**RKC General Meeting
May 12, 2010
VFW Hall
45 Plymouth Road
Fairfield, NJ 07004**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Ball at 8:12pm.

President Jeffrey Ball gave a reminder to everyone that the sign in sheet was on the back table.

The minutes from the April meeting are printed in the Growl – They were accepted with corrections.

Corresponding Secretary - Elaine Barone reported the AKC Health Foundation Clubs would like clubs to join them.

Treasurer's report – Diane Ammerman reported the checking account has \$22,837.44 the money market has \$15,540.87.

Membership Renewal – there are form on the back table. Correction to the junior membership fee It will be \$7.50 not \$10. There is a subscription fee that will apply to all members who want to receive a paper Growl. Sharon Fremer suggests emailing The Growl to members who request it. She volunteered to do this.

Obedience Classes -- Elaine Barone reported that the classes are huge, the classes this year netted \$5,000. There is a CGC testing on June 16th.

Pet Therapy –Joanne reported that she really needs teams. Testing is done at OJ's in Oakland.

AKC Report – Rose Radal's annual report. She looked back at what Ramapo has done/does in the 43 years

Sunshine Committee – Lorraine Fennemore reported that everyone must be healthy.

Point Show – Diane Ammerman reported we are waiting for the AKC to approval the Judges. This is the first year we are allowing mixed breeds in Obedience & Rally, We are having Meet the Breed. There is Meet the Breed in New York the same day we are hoping we don't lose entries. Diane also reported that there are 10 supported entries. Rose brought up allowing the mixed breed in meet the Breeds. Joan suggested changing the sign to say AKC Purebred Breeds. Beverly reminded to sign up for the awards. Diane will have a point show meeting after the Cluster meets.

Programs – Jeff asked for suggestion for future meetings.

Awards Dinner – June 9th Lorraine requested that if someone signed up for the dinner and cannot make it to please contact her asap. There will be dog food collection at the dinner.

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Match Show – Sharon reported that the judges are signed up – AKC entry forms are on the back table. Volunteers are needed.

Elections – The nominations for the 2010 Board was read as follows

President – Jeffrey Ball. Lena made a motion to close 2nd by Sharon, all in favor.
Vice President – Joanne Silver, Lena made a motion to close, 2nd by Sharon all in favor
Treasurer – Diane Ammerman, Lena made a motion to close, 2nd by Sharon all in favor
Corresponding Secretary, Elaine Barone, Lena made a motion to close, 2nd by Sharon all in favor
Recording Secretary, Kim Liker, and Lena made a motion to close, 2nd by Joan, all in favor
Board of Directors – Lorraine Fennemore and Linda Lovstad. Motion from the floor was made to nominate Janis Hayes for the Board. By Sharon, Janis accepted the nomination. Forms were passed out, with a correction to corresponding Secretary. The results,

President – Jeffrey Ball, Vice President – Joanne Silver, Treasurer –Diane Ammerman,
Corresponding Secretary-Elaine Barone, Recording Secretary-Kim Luikert,
Board of Directors Lorraine Fennemore and Janis Hayes.

Old Business – There was no unfinished business. NJ Federation legislation seminar Jeff Ball took over for 1/2/2011

New Business - Pat Scully thanked everyone for their support. . Elaine Barone requested if the club could purchase a new POW for the VFW Hall were the obedience/rally classes are being held. Jeff Ball said he will contact Lautenberg's office to see if they would donate one.

The present commander of the VFW Hall asked for donations for the memorial poppies, cans were placed on the back table.

Lorraine requested if our by-laws could be changed to allow board member to show at our show, this was approved.

We had our brags session – congrats to Joanne, Elaine, Lorraine Beverley , Ruth, and Jeff

Rose Radel provided the annual Carrot Cake.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Hayes

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

MAY 2010

By NJFDC President Priscilla Gabosch

A248: Prohibits use of certain underwriting guidelines by insurers pertaining to guide dogs, service dogs, or hearing assistance dogs harbored on the insured property. Referred to Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee January 12, 2010. Identical Bill Number is S1168. Last session bills were S1389 and A1418.

A474: Prohibits certain breeding and sales practices; requires persons selling cat or dogs to provide certain information; and provides penalties. Bill was introduced in July 2006 and never came out of committee. It was then pre-filed for introduction on January 8, 2008 and now again it was referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on 12 January 2010. This is the bill that defines a breeder as one who offers for sale more than 5 cats or dogs per year. No one may sell more than 25 cats or dogs per year for use as pets. The bill contains requirement for maintenance of your facility and the fines for violations as very high. Last Session bill number A1591.

A678: Requires all cats and dogs released from shelters and pounds be sterilized with certain exceptions; increases certain dog-related fees; dedicates increases to Animal Population Control Fund; establishes new eligibility criteria for spaying and neutering program. Referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee 12 January 2010. Last session bill was A1568.

A832: Establishes new crimes concerning service dogs and upgrades crimes against certain other animals. Referred to assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on 12 January 2010. Identical bill # S1154. Last Session bill numbers were A4350 and S3106.

A1027: Permits the rabies inoculation of dogs at pounds or shelters under the direction of a licensed veterinarian, or other veterinarian permitted by law to administer vaccinations, who is employed by the licensed pound or shelter. Introduced, referred to assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee January 12, 2010. Last session bill was A449.

A1518: This bill revises current animal cruelty law to specifically identify the cruel restraint or confinement of a dog as both a criminal and civil offense. Bill defines cruel restraint of a dog. Sets limits, on the hours dogs may be tethered. Bill defines cruel confinement of a dog, specifying square feet of space of an enclosure that is used as the dog's primary living area or regularly used by the dog to eat, sleep, drink and eliminate. Primary sponsor is Anthony Chiappone. Introduced, referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee 12 January 2010.

A2731: Bill to permit various facilities dealing with dogs to provide municipal dog licenses, and municipal cat licenses where required, with municipal approval. Bill would permit licensed kennels, pet shops, shelters, pounds, or veterinarians, or pet grooming establishments, to solicit, accept, and process dog registrations and tags on any dog, within the jurisdiction of a municipality. Cat licenses are included

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in bill. Primary sponsor is Gordon M. Johnson. bill introduced and referred to Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee May 13 2010.

S539: Establishes crimes of dog fighting and leader of a dog fighting network; amends RICO to add leader of a dog fighting network. Primary sponsors are Thomas H. Kean Jr. and Jeff Van Drew. Dog fighting is illegal in New Jersey however, dog fighting does not appear under "Racketeering activity " in New Jersey's RICO statute. Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary Committee January 12, 2010.

S1125: Prohibits cruel restraint of dogs. Again, as in A1518, bill revises current animal cruelty law however this bill specifically identifies the cruel restraint of a dog as both a criminal and civil offense Last session Bill Numbers; S2510 and A539. Primary sponsor Jeff Van Drew. Introduced in the Senate referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee 4 February 2010

S1154: Establishes new crimes concerning service dogs and upgrades crimes against certain other animals. Referred to Senate Economic Committee on 4 February 2010. Identical bill **A832**. Last Session Bill number A4350 . Referred to Senate Economic Growth Committee on 4 February 2010. Last Session bill number S3106.

S1168: Prohibits use of certain underwriting guidelines by insurers pertaining to guide dogs, service dogs, or hearing assistance dogs harbored on the insured property. Referred to Senate Commerce Committee on January 12, 2010. Identical Bill Number is A248. Last session bills were S1389 and A1418. A248 introduced and referred to Senate Commerce Committee on 4 February 2010.

S1643: Requires all cats and dogs released from shelters and pounds be sterilized with certain exceptions, and establishes penalty for noncompliance. Referred to Senate Economic Commerce Committee, March 4, 2010 Primary Sponsor is Stephen Sweeney. Last session bill number was S1694.

S1506: Bill provides that an insurer shall not deny, cancel, or non-renew a homeowners insurance policy solely on the basis of the type or specific breed of dog harbored upon the insured property Last session Bill Numbers S1275 and A1951. Primary sponsor Jeff Van Drew. Bill introduced in the Senate and referred to Senate Commerce Committee on 22 February 2010.,.

Local Legislation

Garfield, NJ was considering passage of a breed-specific ordinance. The NJFDC advised them in writing that such an ordinance would be in violation of state law. **Barbara Reichman** represented the NJFDC at the council meeting at which they acknowledged receipt of the letter and withdrew consideration of the ordinance. They are now considering a dangerous dog law. We will continue to monitor any new proposals.

Lodi, NJ is considering a breed-specific ordinance to be patterned after Garfield's ordinance. The NJFDC advised them in writing that such an ordinance would be in violation of state law. We will continue to monitor their activity.

NJFDC Legislative Seminar

Dear NJFDC Member Clubs,

The NJFDC Officers and Board of Directors have been working on several projects in recent months, the biggest one being a NJFDC Legislative Seminar. Years ago NJFDC had yearly seminars which were extremely popular and well attended. But over time, interest waned and they were discontinued. Well, we would like to resume them, but to do so, we would need all the member clubs to assist and or participate. Our goal in this project is to educate the canine world to the importance of the legislative world and help them better understand it. We know that the more people understand about the legislative process, the more important it will be to them and we hope it will enticed them to become more proactive. If this is to be done, we need to do it right and we believe this event will serve that purpose. Ideally, every club would purchase a block of tickets and give or sell them to their members to enabling them to attend. Our financial strategy would include targeting a minimum of one hundred assured attendees. This is a simple goal, but again, we need your assistance.

We have selected a date and put together an agenda. The proposed date is Saturday, January 22, 2011. The reason we selected this date was that it had the least number of conflicts; it seemed to be a great time to get canine people together and kick off the New Year with a very informative program. The location would be centrally located, hopefully at the Holiday Inn in Somerset where we currently hold our Delegate meetings. The cost of each ticket will be in the \$30 to \$40 range depending on the food selection and final number of attendees. In accordance with our desire for optimal attendance we plan to keep attendee cost as low as possible.

The idea if this NJFDC Legislative Seminar would be to educate the canine world about the legislative world and explain the problems we all face. So the theme would be "Recognizing, Understanding and Protecting Your Rights". This seminar would start with the basics of what a Bill is, how does it come about, who supports and votes on it and how a Bill becomes law on the national, state and local levels. Then we will have a speaker from the AKC talk about current laws and bills that are pending in New Jersey and throughout the country and how they all will affect us. After each of these speakers, we will hold a question and answer period.

We will serve lunch then return for additional speakers. The next speaker will talk about Animal Rights, what their agendas are and what they are doing. This will lead to a discussion about how our members' rights are being threatened. We will then have Political speakers and short question and answers session will follow. Our final speaker will motivate us to get out and protect our rights!

We have general ideas of speakers that we would like to see in each of these categories and have begun to reach out and find out about their availability. We will not make commitments until we hear from you.

Is this something your club would be interested in? Would they purchase tickets or help sponsor the event? Can you get your club members to attend and if so, how many? Please take a moment and let us know. Please email Jeffrey Ball at jeffbetsyball@yahoo.com with the answers to these questions. We will also have a signup sheet at the June 7 delegates meeting, asking these same questions.

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Thank you for your assistance and we hope we can count on your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

The NJFDC Special Legislative Seminar Committee

Jeffrey Ball, Linda Deutsch, Barbara Wickland, Sue Sullivan and Joan Tabor

TENTATIVE AGENDA

NJFDC LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

Saturday, January 22, 2011

“Recognizing, Understanding and Protecting your Rights”.

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| 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. | Registration, beverages available, possibly breakfast |
| 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | Welcome, Introductions and summary of the day. |
| 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | The Bill
Basic level of what a Bill is, how it comes about, who supports and votes on Bill and how it becomes law on a national, state and local level. |
| 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. | Question and answer time |
| 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | AKC Speaker
Speak about current laws and bills that are pending in New Jersey and throughout the country and how they all will affect us. They will also speak about what they are doing to address issues. |
| 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. | Question and answer time |
| 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Lunch, a few brief speakers |
| 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. | Animal Rights
Who are they and what type of threat are they. |
| 1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. | Question and answer time |
| 1:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. | Political speakers |
| 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. | Motivational Speaker
Getting out and protecting our rights, having your voice heard! |

DATES to REMEMBER

All membership meetings are held at the

VFH Hall

45 Plymouth Street

Fairfield, New Jersey

8:00 p.m.

June 1st	Dues Renewal Due
September	RKC Obedience and Conformation Classes begin
September 8th	Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced
October 13th	Membership Meeting – Speaker to be announced
October 16th -19th	Harvest Cluster
October 18th -19th	Ramapo Kennel Club Point Shows

If you are interested in making a trophy donation to this year's RKC Point Show's in October
Please contact Antoniette Coviello at (973) 427-0611 or email her at antoniettecoviello@msn.com

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