



# Ramapo Kennel Club 50th Anniversary!

In 1938, a group of dog fanciers established a club which ultimately became the Ramapo Kennel Club. This year, some of those members along with many new members, had the opportunity to celebrate Ramapo Kennel Club's 50th Anniversary at its annual awards dinner in June. It truly had a very special meaning for all of the members and guests who attended.



President David Ball speaking at the 50th Anniversary dinner given by the Ramapo Kennel Club, from the historic and ornate Assembly Hall in New Jersey.

Mr. Jeffrey David Ball, the current President of the Club, opened the evening by welcoming everyone and thanking all the members past and present for attending the event and making the Club possible. He then recognized the 50th Anniversary Committee that made the evening event possible; Lena Tambour, Committee Chairperson, Rose Kadel, Arlene Scardis, Ruth Henningsen, Joanne Silver, Lorraine Pennesser and Elaine Darone.

Mr. Ball spoke about the Club's history and its innumerable accomplishments as well as the individual accomplishments of its members and their canine counter parts. Mr. Ball pointed out that upon opening the Ramapo Kennel Club's 25th Anniversary booklet, the very first thing it did was state the objectives of the Club. They were 0 To further the advancement of all breeds of pure-bred dogs, 2) To conduct dog shows, field trials, obedience trials and sanctioned matches under the rules of The American Kennel Club and 3) To devote all profits accrued to the Club to the purpose or to make specific bequests to such charitable or civic organizations as shall be approved by a majority vote of those in attendance and voting at a Club meeting. "The Ramapo Kennel Club exists for all these reasons... and so many more."

In reading that, he was extremely proud to say it is still true today, especially the very last sentence, The Ramapo Kennel Club exists for these reasons...and so many more.

Lifetime member Ms. Patricia Scully, also an AKC Board member, was asked to say a few words. Ms. Scully shared some wonderful memories of the early years of the Club. She also stated how proud she was to be a member of a club that had stayed true to its original objectives, yet managed to change in a positive manner to keep up with the times.

Mr. Ball then read letters of recognition and congratulations from NJ Governor Jon S. Corzine, US Congressman William Pascrell, Jr., US Congressman Scott Garrett and accepted a Special Congressional Recognition given to the Ramapo Kennel Club from US Congressman Steve Rothman. Mr. Vernon Walton, a Bergen County Freeholder, then addressed the event and discussed how important a club such as the Ramapo Kennel Club is to the community. In recognition of all that the Club does, the County of Bergen, in the direction of the Freeholders Board, issued a Certificate of Commendation to the Club. Mr. Walton then recognized four members of the Club with Commendations for their special contributions to both the club and the community, they were Joanne Silver, Ruth Henningsen and Pat and Randy Paladino.



Mr. Michael Lossi presenting a bronze statue to the AKC Library in memory of the AKC's parents, Leonard and Elizabeth, a plaque and three years of Dedication to the hall of AKC.



Mr. Michael Lossi, AKC Director of Club Relations, presents the Ramapo Kennel Club with an AKC Dedication.



Mr. Ball presents the Public Fire Department with a plaque of Recognition. Other Clubs that the Ramapo Kennel Club has recognized by

After Mr. Walton's presentation, Mr. Michael Pock, a representative from US Senator Frank Lautenberg office, read a letter of congratulations and best wishes from Senator Lautenberg. He presented Mr. Ball with a 5 x 8 American Flag which was flown over the US Capitol on behalf of the Ramapo Kennel Club 50th Anniversary. Mr. Pock then presented Ms. Patricia Scully with a citation recognizing her hard work and dedication over many years to the canine fancy.

Mr. Neil Granowitz, a representative of US Senator Robert Menendez, had some wonderful word to say about the club and then presented Mr. Ball with a Certificate of Special Senate Recognition to the Ramapo Kennel Club. After this, Mr. Granowitz presented four lifetime members with certificates; those members were Rose Kadel, Lena Tambour, Sue Cone and Joyce Wilson.

The final Club recognition came from NJ Senator Kevin O'Toole, NJ Assemblyman Scott Rumano and NJ Assemblyman David Russo.

It was a Joint Legislative Resolution from the Senate and General Assembly of New Jersey. It honored and congratulated the Ramapo Kennel Club for its 50th Anniversary and lauded its many years of service to the canine community and the community at large, extended sincere best wishes to the club and for continued vigor and success. This resolution was signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and Assembly Clerk. This award brought the membership to its feet with excitement.

After these awards, Mr. Ball spoke about how the awards were for every member, past and present, because they all contributed to make Ramapo Kennel Club what it is today. He then discussed how extremely proud the membership was that the Club would be donating all the monies made from the weekend's Match Show to the New Jersey Veterans Home in Paramus and the VFW Hall in Fairfield. The Club also recently began supplying local Fire and Rescue Departments with Recovery Oxygen Masks for all size animals. Two were donated that evening, one to the Butler Fire Department and another to the Bergen County Sheriff's Department.

One more amazing gift was to be given along with these donations, it was from lifetime member Ms. Lena Tambour. Ms. Tambour donated a bronze statue to the AKC Library in memory and honor of her parents, Leonard and Elizabeth Tambour and their years of Dedication to the Doxorz breed. Leonard and Elizabeth were not members of the Ramapo Kennel Club,

but were very much an important part of the Club in its early days. The Doxorz breed of Am. Can. Ch. Mikhal of Tam-Dox was executed by Damaris Dolbe, well known Doxorz breeder and PHA Handler. Miss Dolbe studied Sculpture in Paris under Meier C. D'hommeau. She has a strong background in animal anatomy and livestock judging. Mikhal was the Tambour's first Doxorz and the first in many years to go Best in Show from the Open Dog Class, not once but twice in America and twice in Canada. Mr. Michael Lossi, AKC Director of Club Relations, accepted the statue on behalf of the AKC Library.

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There was a short break in the program which gave the guests the opportunity to walk around the room and view some of the Club's history. The committee collected pictures from the members of their Best in Show and High in Trial winners which were displayed on boards throughout the room. Also displayed were documents from the past, which are always fun to view. Once Mr. Bull began the program again, he invited Mr. Michael Lissin, AKC Director of Club Relations, back to the podium. Mr. Lissin then read and presented the Ramapo Kennel Club with an AKC Proclamation. This Proclamation summarized some of the Club's history and congratulated the Club on its many contributions to the sport.



Mr. Bull thanked all the guests on behalf of the Club. Then, as a formality, he opened the Club's meeting. The only agenda this night was to thank all the members who made this Club possible and to take a moment of silence for the club members the Club has lost over the years. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and dinner was served.



After dinner, Mr. Bull handed the meeting over to lifetime member Ms. Elaine Barone, who is the Club's Awards Chairperson. Multiple awards were given to members for all the championships and awards their dogs had received over the past year as well as awards such as top breeder, most dogs defeated in conformation and obedience, good sportsmanship and many more. Since the club has so many active members, the awards were numerous.

Mr. Bull then held a raffle. Local businesses, as well as members, donated a variety of items for this purpose and the table center pieces were included. Each member and guest who attended had one raffle ticket and there were many winners. Mr. Bull again thanked the guests and especially the members for attending this wonderful celebration. It truly was an amazing night. Mr. Bull stated that this was a time to remember the past, recognize some of those special members who brought this Club to its present quality, celebrate the present and look to the future with the current members, remembering this Club's goals.

Of course, it's not one night that makes a good club, it's the intelligence, hard work, achievement, dedication and friendships of the members that make a great club and none is forever. This Club has put that in its members and always has. People stayed until the very end when the facility was closing. A fabulous event for a remarkable club.



Mr. Neil Granowitz, a representative of US Senator Robert Menendez, presented Mr. Bull with a Certificate of Special Senate Recognition to the Ramapo Kennel Club. Mr. Granowitz then presented four lifetime members with certificates; those members were from left to right: Sue Coe, Ross Radel, Lorie Tashner and Joyce Wilson.



Mr. Michael Puck, a representative from US Senator Frank Lautenberg, presents Mr. Patricia Duffy with a citation recognizing her hard work and dedication over many years to the canine family.



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Mr. Vernon Walker, a Bergen County Freeholder, presenting Mr. Bull with a Certificate of Commendation to the Club from the Bergen County Freeholders.



Mr. Bull and member Mr. Candace Winicki unveil a 12 x 6 American Flag which was flown over the AKC Capital on behalf of the Ramapo Kennel Club 50th Anniversary by Senator Frank Lautenberg.