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THOUSANDS OF DOGS & CATS TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF THE BIG APPLE ON NOV. 19-20 AT AKC MEET THE BREEDS

Ramapo Kennel Club will once again participate in Meet the Breeds with a booth. For those interesting in helping out contact Kim Luikert.

New York, NY - From cats in costume to a recreated scene from the Wizard of Oz, New York City will go to the dogs... and cats this November when the American Kennel Club® (AKC) returns to the Javits Center on November 19th & 20th to host the third

annual AKC Meet the Breeds® event – the largest showcase of dogs and cats in the world. Special advance ticket offers are available online now at www.MeetTheBreeds.com.

Sponsored by PetPartners, Inc. a leading pet healthcare insurance provider, AKC Meet the Breeds will offer pet lovers the unique opportunity to see, touch and play with

thousands of dogs and cats, including many breeds most people have only read about. This family-fun event is an opportunity for pet lovers to interact with responsible breeders while educating themselves about

choosing and caring for the right pet for their lifestyle.

This year the AKC will join forces with The International Cat Association (TICA), the world's largest genetic registry of purebred cats, to showcase even more cat breeds. The event has also been expanded to 160,000 square feet of dog and cat festivities, including ongoing demonstrations featuring a Kitty CATure fashion show, Frisbee Disc Dogs, law enforcement K-9s, dog and cat agility, grooming and training advice, and more than 100 vendor booths selling every imaginable dog and cat item just in time for the holidays.

"From dreadlock-covered Komondor dogs to hairless Xolo puppies, AKC Meet the Breeds is a great opportunity for everyone to literally 'meet' and learn more about the vast range of pets that share our lives," said AKC Meet the Breeds Spokesperson and AKC Assistant Vice President Gina DiNardo.

"Cat lovers will have their first chance to see the world's favorite breed of cat, the Bengal, and then get the chance to see kittens and cats of all different breeds compete for the fastest times in the cat agility ring," said TICA President Vickie Fisher.

Tickets are on sale now at www.MeetTheBreeds.com.

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President's Message



Jeffrey David Ball

I hope everyone had a great summer. We started out with a wet spring and it looks like we will now end the summer just as wet. Maybe we will have a nice fall and mild winter. I think we are all owed that.

Our next meeting is in September. That means only one more month before our point shows. I hope everyone is rested because things with the club will get busy again. I am happy to say we have a number of new members getting involved in all aspects of the club. I am sure some will say not enough, but we

are making progress. There are a number of clubs out there that do not have any new

members participating in things. We are very lucky to be one of the few. In saying that, we need to remember that times change. Years ago, you would have members fighting over positions, chairing events or committees. That is not true today, not just with us, but all clubs.

New volunteers, often do things differently and that is not always a bad thing. Often it can be better than it was done in the past. All we need to do is look at this newsletter. I was the Growl Editor for years and could never do it as well as Tilly Grassa and Sharon Fremer do it now. In my opinion, they improved the Growl tremendously. It's not that I did a bad job; it's that they now do it differently and improved it. I am extremely happy about that.

was in the past. In those cases, the officers, board members or the members should discuss this and try to assist in improving it in the future. The same is true if a member makes a mistake. Unless the mistake truly hurts the club, the matter should be discussed and the club should move forward.

We need to remember, the members who do these many jobs are volunteers, they do not get paid for the work they do. Joanne Silver has said this to me many times and she is so right.

If this club is going to continue to be successful, we need all the members and volunteers we can get. We all need to remember that getting mad at members, complaining about members and talking down to members will not get this club anywhere. People do not like to be criticized or treated improperly. It turns people off and they will often not volunteer in the future. Worse yet is if they walk away from the club altogether. Who wins in that situation? No one wins!

Why do I bring this up? Well, I have seen some of this lately, and I just wanted to remind everyone that for our club to continue its success, we need to work with members and move forward. We need to do the right things, not the wrong. Otherwise, our club will dwindle in numbers. We may have very few members or lose volunteers and the club will fall by the wayside like so many other clubs now. Ramapo was never a small club run only by a few and I hope to never allow it to be. Senior members, new members, future members, obedience and conformation, all need to work together to keep this club as successful as it has been. Any in-fighting only hurts the club in the long run.

—Just another quick note, The NJFDC “How to Lobby” workshop on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 has been postponed. They will announce a new date later this month. If you are interested in receiving more information, or interested in attending, please let Sharon Fremer know. If you are interest in purchasing a NJFDC Breeders Guide, Sharon can assist you

I hope to see you all soon!

Jeffrey

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RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB CLASSES—

HELD AT THE VFW HALL, 69 CAREY AVENUE, BUTLER, NJ 07405

**PUPPY/BEGINNER/PET TRAINING
OBEDIENCE/RALLY SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
STARTING AT 6:30**

**FEES: \$ 135.00- PUPPY KINDERGARTEN
(UNDER 6 MONTHS)**

**\$120.00- SHELTER/RESCUE/CLUB
MEMBERS**

\$120.00- RALLY/NOVICE OBEDIENCE

First Session
Sept. 7,21,28
Oct. 5,19,26
Nov. 2

Second Session
Nov. 16,30
Dec. 7,21
Jan. 4,18,25

FEB. 1 CGC Test/Snow Day
(there is a fee for the test)

Third Session
Feb. 15,22,29
Mar. 7,21,28
Apr. 4

Fourth Session
Apr. 18,25
May 2,16,23,30
June 6

June 20 CGC Test
(there is a fee for the test)

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**SHOW HANDLING CLASSES
TUESDAY EVENINGS
7:00 - 7:45
DROP IN CLASSES ONLY**

\$10.00 PER DOG

Sept. 6, 20
Oct. 4, 18
Nov. 1,15, 29
Dec. 6, 20
Jan. 17, 31
Feb. 14, 28
Mar. 6, 20
Apr. 3, 17
May 1,15, 29

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NEW RULE WILL LIMIT IMPORTATION OF PUPPIES FOR RESALE IN THE US

September 2, 2011

Yesterday, the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) distributed proposed rules that provide guidance to federal agencies tasked with enforcing a 2008 law that amends the federal Animal Welfare Act. This measure limits the importation of dogs under the age of 6 months into the United States for the purpose of resale. The proposed rule is necessary to implement this law and further ensure the health and welfare of America's dogs. The AKC believes the proposed regulations, as written, are a reasonable interpretation of the statute.

HISTORY:

As far back as 2007, the AKC Government Relations Department worked with members of Congress and federal agencies to ensure the reasonableness of parts of the federal agricultural authorization (the "farm bill") that impact dogs. Since the bill became law in 2008 as the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act, the AKC has continued to work with APHIS to ensure that any proposed regulation that focuses on dogs ensures the health and safety of American dogs and the wellbeing of the dog-owning public.

Strong enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act as amended law is supported by the American Kennel Club and other animal welfare organizations, recognizing that a large number of puppies are being bred overseas and imported into the United States in order to bypass the welfare regulations and standards required of American breeders. In many cases, irresponsibly bred and undocumented foreign puppies end up at shelters, rescues or other informal or unregulated retail venues. Diseases borne by such animals can create public health issues for both animal and human populations.

WHAT THE PROPOSAL DOES:

The new regulations provide specific guidelines needed by US Customs to prevent the continued "dumping" of unregulated foreign puppies for resale onto US markets. The underlying law (7 U.S.C. 2133) defines resale to include "any transfer of ownership or control of an imported dog of less than 6 months to another person, for more than de minimis consideration."

Specifically, the rules "prohibit the importation of dogs from any part of the world into the continental United States or Hawaii for purposes of resale, research or veterinary treatment, unless the dogs are in good health, have received all necessary vaccines and are at least 6 months of age".

Dogs intended for resale, research, or veterinary treatment may be allowed into the U.S. as long as they obtain an import permit from APHIS, import that dog within 30 days of the proposed import date stated on the permit, and abide by other requirements including:

- The dog is not younger than 6 months of age.
- Dogs imported into the United States for resale, research, or veterinary treatment must be accompanied by an import permit issued by APHIS. This would help ensure that the requirements for importing dogs are understood and met by the importer.
- Detailed health and rabies vaccination certificates are provided for each dog imported into the United States. The certificates must be in English and signed by a licensed veterinarian. The veterinarian must provide his license number on the certificate. By providing proof of having received vaccinations necessary to protect against distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, parvo, parainfluenza—DHLPP—and rabies, personnel at a port of entry will be able to best determine that each dog is in good health for importation.

- Improved identification and tracking requirements. Under the regulation, importers and exporters are required to provide personal identification and contact information and detailed information for each dog imported. This will help APHIS to determine whether dogs are eligible for importation, to identify dogs at a port of entry, and to contact appropriate parties if any questions arise concerning the importation.

The proposed rule also provides sanctions for those who attempt to import dogs without complying. In addition to penalties already available under the Animal Welfare Act, non-complying importers will be required to provide for the cost of care (including appropriate veterinary care), forfeiture, and adoption of the dog, at his or her expense. This will help ensure the welfare of dogs imported into the U.S., serve as a punishment for violators, and provide a deterrent against potential non-compliance.

The import permit does not guarantee entry into the US, and any dog may be refused entry for non-compliance with requirements.

WHAT THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT DO:

These proposed rules do not prohibit individuals from bringing foreign dogs into the United States for their own use or breeding programs, nor target certain breeders for undue hardship.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Comments on the proposed rules will be accepted until October 31, 2011. If you would like to comment, please go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2009-0053-0001> and click "Submit a Comment".

For more information, contact:

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Upcoming programs

The September program will be given by Pet Rest In Peace Memorial Center. The Center's goal is to help individuals and families through what is widely recognized as the most difficult phase of pet ownership. They provide end of life care to pet guardians and their families. It is unique in that it is owned and operated by licensed and experienced funeral directors.

The October program will be Dr. Perez of the Plainfield Animal Hospital on Stem Cell Therapy in Dogs.

As the Chair of the Programs Committee, I'd like to invite all of you to please e-mail or call me with new ideas and suggestions you might have for programs at our club meetings. Any and all will be considered and appreciated.

Thanks so much for your help and look forward to hearing from you!

You can get in touch with me through my e-mail address, cantails@optonline.net, or phone which is 201-529-2714.

Phyllis Rosinsky, Programs Chair

DOG TOY WARNING

Last night at agility class, a vet, who is a fellow agility student was telling us about a case she had this week. The dog ate a child's teddy bear and was very sick. When she opened the dog up to remove what she thought was an intestinal obstruction she found a huge gelatin type mess inside and the dogs intestines were black and the tissue dead. The dog will die—no surgery can fix him. There was no living intestine left from stomach to colon.



This was not an obstruction, so she called the manufacturer of the teddy bear on a quest to find out what the gel was and what killed the dog. Turns out the stuffing in children toys contains ingredients for flame retardants and mite control! It is designed to

become a gel. It is highly toxic. Now you would think a child's toy would be safe because it is for children, but they don't expect a child to eat the stuffing of the toys. That seems a bit scary too. But we all know dogs demolish stuffed toys.

So do not give or buy your dog any children's stuffed animals. Some people get them at Goodwill etc. Maybe some children's toys do not have this ingredient, but better to be safe than sorry. So meanwhile, make sure all your dog toys are for dogs. Please pass this on. It is a horrible death she described and one that can be avoided.

by Elena Bar

Submitted by Betty McDonnell

FROM PUPPY BLING TO LAVISH TOYS AKC SURVEY FINDS THE FAMILY DOG WILL REAP THE BENEFITS OF A REFUND FROM UNCLE SAM

Forget about self-indulgence, a recent American Kennel Club® (AKC®) financial survey revealed that 63% of dog owners who receive a tax refund will use the money to pamper their dog. The most popular splurge-worthy item was doggy bling (a rhinestone collar or fancy leash) however, other lavish items for Fido included a "specialized all weather dog run and play area," an "auto ball thrower," and "a posh puppy boutique."

In addition 31% of respondents have a savings account for their dog either for emergencies or to indulge Fido and 62% have considered starting one. And while many people will receive a tax refund, some Americans will end up owing the government. It turns out that most dog owners (81%) or their spouses (13%) will endure necessary cutbacks if they owe Uncle Sam, rather than take away from the family dog.

"It's not surprising that many Americans use their tax refund to buy gifts for their

dogs knowing the benefits of dog ownership are priceless," said AKC Spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Since dogs are considered valuable family members even those not in Uncle Sam's favor still put Fido first by cutting back on their own luxuries in order to indulge their favorite companions."

The survey also found that the top five items the family dog would buy if he were able to take out a loan are:

5. Membership to a dating service to check out other hot doggies
4. Unlimited massage therapist services
3. A personal assistant to clean up the yard after potty breaks
2. Squirrel Hunting Trip
1. Unlimited Kibble

Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

**VFW HALL
45 PLYMOUTH STREET
FAIRFIELD, NJ AT 8:00 PM**

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| September 14 | Membership Meeting–Program: Pet Rest In Peace Memorial Center |
| September 28 | Deadline for October <i>Growl</i> submissions |
| October 12 | Membership Meeting- Program: Dr. Perez of the Plainfield Animal Hospital on Stem Cell Therapy in Dogs. |
| October 16 and 17 | Ramapo KC Dog Shows |



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