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## My Summer Vacation

By Amy Starost

What is a summer vacation without your dog, or should I say dogs? For some, taking your animal is not an option but for the Starost family, we enjoy having our entire family together for quality time. Every year we go to the beautiful Adirondack Mountains of NY State, and for those who have never been there, pack your bags, grab your leash and head out!

While everyone here in NJ was melting in the July/August heatwave, we were enjoying sunny, warm (and not humid) 70's and low 60s at night (one night it even went down the upper 40s)! Hiking, swimming, fishing, relaxing or riding a Stand Up Paddle Board on the lake – now that's a vacation! No crowds, no cell service, no TV – a perfect way to



Erika & Gigi

disconnect and relax.

Gigi has become quite the dock diving dog at the age of 9 1/2, and I do meaning diving – off the dock and under water! Katara is a missile in the water – sleek and fast; and Gustav, well...he runs around barking at the girls. There are the occasional times when Katara accidentally

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Gigi, Katara & Gustav

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# President's Message



Sharon Fremer

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and looks forward to an active fall with their dogs. Ramapo KC is happy to help with that. Our Obedience, Rally and Show Handling classes start the week of September 14th. Show handling and Rally will be on Tuesday nights, with Obedience on Wednesday nights. Details for all classes may be found on our website: [www.ramapokennelclub.com](http://www.ramapokennelclub.com). Additionally, our point shows will be held on Sunday, October 11th and Monday, the 12th. They include conformation, obedience and rally and we offer the National Owner Handler Series as well.

Det. Gidget Petry, director of the Bergen County Animal Response Team (CART), will present our September 9th program. Gidget is a Sergeant in the Bergen County Police Department, assigned to the Sheriff's office. CART

ensures our animals are safe and cared for during emergencies of all kinds, whether they impact one family (such as a fire) or entire communities (such as a hurricane). Gidget will cover what we, as owners, can do to prepare ourselves for emergencies as well as what Bergen CART does on a county level.

News on other presentations: Straws to Paws will be back at our November meeting to continue their discussion about canine reproduction. Our October presentation was set to be Ria Acciani from Advanced Canine Rehabilitation, but she has been invited to accompany the AKC Agility team to Milan, Italy and will not be back in time, so she will join us in early 2016. I just extended an invitation to someone for the October meeting. When that has been confirmed I will share it with the membership. As always, if you have an idea for a program, please speak up!

I look forward to seeing everyone next Wednesday. Enjoy the Labor Day holiday!

Sharon

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Houston takes the plunge



**4 ALL BREED SHOWS  
4 OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS**

**Sussex County Farm & Horse Showgrounds  
37 Plains Road, Augusta, New Jersey 07826**

Friday, 10/9/15 Palisades Kennel Club  
Saturday, 10/10/15 Palisades Kennel Club  
Sunday, 10/11/15 Ramapo Kennel Club  
Monday, 10/12/15 Ramapo Kennel Club

Rain or Shine  
Indoors and Outdoors  
SHOW HOURS: 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

**Palisades Kennel Club, Friday and Saturday October 9-10**

4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Special Attraction  
October 9-10, 2015 (AKC Sanctioned)  
CGC Testing and New Exhibitor Briefing  
will be held on Saturday, October 10

**Ramapo Kennel Club, Sunday and Monday October 11-12**

**Sunday and Monday's shows are dedicated to the  
memories of Pat Scully and Joanne Nykamp**  
National Owner Handler Series (NOHS) Sunday and Monday  
Meet The Breeds (Sunday)

FMI: Palisades Kennel Club, John Penatello [john.penatello@frozenropes.com](mailto:john.penatello@frozenropes.com)

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**National  
Owner-Handler Series**  
Sunday and Monday,  
October 11 and 12

**CGC Testing**  
Saturday,  
October 10  
12-2pm

**Meet the Breeds**  
Sunday, October 11,  
12 noon

The Ramapo KC  
will be collecting  
donations of  
nonperishable  
foods for humans  
and canines at the  
front gate for local  
food banks.

Please note that the premium list is available on the RKC website:  
[www.ramapokennelclub.com/RKCSHOWS\\_Matches](http://www.ramapokennelclub.com/RKCSHOWS_Matches)

# Puppies, Puppies, Puppies

The 19th Annual Gathering at Sunnybank took place August 15 and 16 at Terhune Memorial Park, Wayne, NJ. The event is free and open to the public and was made possible with lots of help from my Ramapo KC

friends. For starters, **Melissa Ayer** helped to make sure we had the power to be heard!

Stories about Albert Payson Terhune, who wrote many books about his champion collies, were featured on Saturday morning, along with walking tours of the former estate. A Rescue Parade and Nose Work demonstration was held in the afternoon.

There was a microchip clinic with the help of Oakland Animal Hospital, CGC/CGCA Certifications hosted by **Jeffrey Ball**, as well as Bright & Beautiful therapy dog certifications by **Joanne Silver's** friend, Cindy Mauro. RKC Member **Elizabeth Smith** handled

all the paperwork.

A Collie Puppy Selection Program was held on Sunday along with a study of the best collie virtues, a Junior Showmanship Match and the Lad Match Show.

Throughout the weekend Gathering memorabilia, t-shirts, notepads, puppy stress balls and lots of dog-related items were available for sale with the help of **Kim & Courtney Luikert**.

This event is held by the Collie Health Foundation, a 501(c)3 dedicated to the health and welfare of collies everywhere. All proceeds from "The Gathering" benefit the Collie Health Foundation ([www.colliehealth.org](http://www.colliehealth.org)). CHF is currently funding a host of worthy grants at research universities from around the world. The variety of research includes studies related to epilepsy, bloat, the canine genome, and the health implications of early spay-neuters, and several others.

*Submitted by Gerrie Oliver*



*Gerrie*



*Elizabeth*



*Kim and Courtney*



ALL PHOTOS BY RON SHERR

# Summer vacation

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runs into Gustav on the dock and he falls in (I'm sure she plans that!). The best part is how quiet it is at night because everyone is exhausted from all the outdoor activities of the day. A tired dog is a happy dog and during my vacation I had very happy dogs, and humans!



Three "happy" dogs

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*I know many of our RKC members would love to hear of an adventure you took this summer with your dog, or something different you did or tried. Did you teach your dog a new trick? Did you go for a hike? Did you go swimming in the pool or lake? Or maybe you have a funny story? Please, let's share some of our normal doggy days and submit your information and photo's to Tilly so we can all enjoy!*

*Wishing you all the best!*  
*Amy Starost*

# When I got my Dog

I asked for strength that I might rear her perfectly;  
I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.

I asked for good health that I might rest easy;  
I was given a 'special needs' dog that I might know nurturing.

I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;  
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.

I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;  
I was given a clown that I might laugh.

I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;  
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.

I got nothing I asked for,  
But everything I need.

*Author Unknown*

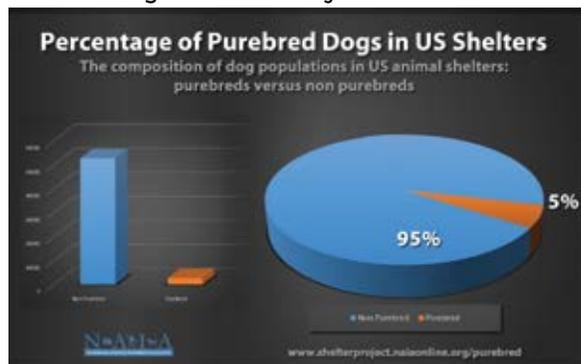


"Rex, come here and mark your territory."

# Shelters reporting an all-time low in the number of purebred dogs

A groundbreaking shelter study released this summer by the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) reveals that U.S. animal shelters are reporting an all-time low in the number of purebred dogs available.

The study finds that only about five percent of the dogs available in U.S. shelters are purebred; a significant departure from the 25% figure commonly assumed. If



pitbulls (a commonly misidentified dog) and Chihuahuas (which are the leading import dog for relocation programs) are removed from the purebred total the percentage drops to closer to 3%.

This survey shows “tremendous progress in eradicating dog overpopulation and substantially reducing the number of shelter deaths which occurred in the past due to indiscriminate or accidental breeding,” said Patti Strand, president of NAIA.

Strand credited animal sheltering groups and national dog organizations like the American Kennel Club (AKC) for launching ongoing campaigns encouraging pet owners to select their pets more carefully, neuter dogs not intended for breeding programs, and understand the lifelong commitment that responsible dog ownership requires. She also commended the AKC breed rescue

groups that work directly with shelters to save purebred dogs suitable for adoption.

The study is also significant because it reveals common misconceptions about purebred dogs in shelters and exposes the fallacy that pet purchasers who prefer a purebred pet or one from a documented source somehow hurt a dog in a shelter through their choice of pet. “The best way to prevent pets from being in shelters is to be a responsible pet owner”, said Sheila Goffe of the American Kennel Club. “There are a variety of sources from which you can get a great pet. But responsibility starts with carefully selecting the right pet for your lifestyle so that you can care for it appropriately and have a rewarding lifelong relationship.”

The NAIA, a national advocacy group for responsible animal ownership, has long been involved in efforts to reduce the number of adoptable pets that are euthanized in American animal shelters.

Strand notes that the problems surrounding shelter euthanasia and the expansion of shelters in the United States is complex. “To make progress toward effective solutions we need a clearer understanding of the many issues involved”. To achieve this, NAIA calls for new state and federal laws prohibiting imports of rescue dogs from overseas and expanded oversight and reporting requirements for U.S. shelters.

To learn more about NAIA’s recent report and its ongoing commitment to the study of shelter issues, contact NAIA at [naia@naiaonline.org](mailto:naia@naiaonline.org) or 503-761-8962 and visit [www.naiaonline.org](http://www.naiaonline.org).

# RKC Show Handling Schedule - 2015/16

## TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:45 - 7:30

Drop-in classes: \$12.00 per dog,

OR 6 classes for \$60.00

No classes July and August

Sept. 15, 22, 29

Oct. 6, 27

Nov. 3, 17

Dec. 1, 15

Jan. 19, 26

Feb. 2, 23

Mar. 1, 22

Apr. 5, 26

May 3, 24

June 14

FMI: Linda Hachtel

973-697-4337

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# RKC Training Class Schedule - 2015/16

## TUESDAY RALLY CLASSES

7:30 - 8:15 RALLY ADV/EXC.

8:30 - 9:15 RALLY NOVICE

(Basic obedience skills required)

### Session 1

Sept. 15, 22, 29

Oct. 6, 20, 27

Nov. 3

### Session 2

Nov. 17

Dec. 1, 15

Jan. 5, 19, 26

Feb. 2

### Session 3

Feb. 16, 23

Mar. 1, 15, 22, 29

Apr. 5

### Session 4

Apr. 19, 26

May 3, 17, 24, 31

June 14

### Feb. 9 CGC/THERAPY testing

(there is a fee for testing)



ALL PHOTOS JACK AND TILLY GRASSA

Photos of the Puppy Kindergarten graduation, June 2015.

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Puppy Kindergarten 6:30-7:15

Beginner Obedience 7:30-8:15

Advanced Beginner 8:30-9:15

### Session 1

Sept. 16, 23, 30

Oct. 7, 21, 28

Nov. 4

### Session 2

Nov. 18

Dec. 2, 16

Jan. 6, 20, 27

Feb. 3

### Session 3

Feb. 17, 24

Mar. 2, 16, 23, 30

Apr. 6

### Session 4

Apr. 20, 27

May 4, 18, 25

June 1, 15

### June 22 CGC/THERAPY testing

(there is a fee for testing)

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES CONTACT:

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Class registration form available on the website:

[ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses](http://ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses)



# The Ultimate List of Companies With Secret Menus and Free Products For Your Pup

## 1. Starbucks

One of the items on the Starbucks secret menu, the Puppuccino is a small cup filled with whipped cream for your pup, a.k.a. all things good in this world. Next time you get that grande non-fat chai latte, treat your pup to the puppuccino! *Editor's note: Just like humans, some dogs get upset stomachs from eating dairy so if you have a pup with a sensitive tum, might want to stay clear of this one!*



## 7. JetBlue

Want to take your pet on vacation? No problem. JetBlue allows small pets to travel in cabin and has an exclusive program, JetPaws, that caters to your canines every need, providing all the tools necessary for a smooth trip. The program includes a carrier bag-tag and a travel guide which includes a list of pet-friendly establishments in popular destinations!

## 8. Ace Hotels

Ace Hotel New York has got a real soft spot for our four-legged guests. Travelers who book a room at Ace Hotel New York with the special rate code PUPPYLOVE will have the regular pet fee waived.

## 2. Rock & Brews

This American comfort food restaurant not only has a dog-friendly patio, but they have a doggie menu and will bring water in a bowl for your pup upon request (on the house). The perfect place to dine and rock out with your pup.

## 3. Shake Shack

Would you like a Pooch-ini to go with those fries? Shake Shack offers delicious desserts custom made for your pup. The Pooch-ini is composed of dog biscuits, peanut butter sauce, and a vanilla custard. You can also order a Bag O'Bones, which is a bag of five ShackBurger dog biscuits made by Bocce's Bakery.

## 4. Johnny Rockets

At select Johnny Rocket locations, such as the Chino Hills, CA branch, a specialized menu is offered for our four legged friends. Items include doggie hamburgers, lickety split ice cream, and even pupcakes. Dogs are welcome at all locations and are provided with fresh water upon request.

## 5. Sprinkles Cupcakes

Not only does this chain have Cupcake ATM's (satisfying your cupcake needs 24/7), but it also offers Doggie Cupcakes. These cupcakes are sugar-free and topped with a yogurt frosting.

## 6. In-N-Out

The Flying Dutchman, an item on the secret menu, simply contains two beef patties and two slices of cheese. While it is not officially a dog item, per se, rumor has it that it was created for people to feed their dogs at one of the original In-N-Out locations.

## 9. W Hotels

At these luxurious hotels, pets are pampered just like their hoomans. Upon arriving, pets receive welcome packets that contain a toy, treat, pet tag, and clean up bags with the W's PAW (Pets Are Welcome) program. The program includes custom W pet beds, food and water bowls with a floor mat, and treats at turndown.

## 10. Kimpton Hotels

This hotel chain is perfect for the pampered pooch. They offer special pet packages which include amenities such as food and water bowls, mineral water, temporary pet tags, gourmet dog cookies, walking services, dog sitting services, and even pet massages. They even have a Director of Pet Relations to ensure that your dog has a pleasant stay.

## 11. Saks Fifth Avenue

Who says pups and fashion have to be mutually exclusive? Bring your pooch with you while you shop. Saks is extremely pet-friendly; the Birmingham branch even hosted a Dogs & Denim Fall Fashion show supporting Hand in Paw, an animal therapy organization.

## 12. Tim Hortons

Tim Hortons might be known for their variety of Timbits, but few people know that Tim Hortons offers plain Timbits for dogs. Just make sure to ask for a pet-friendly

Timbit so they know not to put sugar on it. Limit one per canine customer.

### 13. Southwest Air

Though most airlines will allow customers to bring a pet carrier on board for a fee, Southwest has a 2-for-1 rate. Meaning if you have two small dogs that can fit comfortably in one carrier, then you will only be charged for the carrier, and not per pet.

### 14. Westin Hotel

The Westin will pamper you pup as much as it would a person, offering robes, massages, and custom cuisine to the dog in your entourage. After all, luxury is not limited to those who walk upright. The concierge will even inform you of the dog-friendly activities in the local area.

### 15. Dairy Queen

This ice cream eatery has a royal secret. The Pup Cup! Ask your cashier for a Pup Cup the next time you're at Dairy Queen with your dog and you'll receive a free small-serving of vanilla soft serve ice cream. Bow (wow) to the Queen!

### 16. Virgin Atlantic

Virgin Atlantic offers a special heated and air-conditioned compartment – just like the cabin – for your furry flyers. Hoomans even earn Flying Club miles for flights logged by your pup. See the Virgin Atlantic Flying Paws scheme to sign up. Virgin Atlantic does have a set limit on the number of dogs allowed onboard, so you guessed it, call ahead!

*For the complete list go to Barkpost.com*

## Got Stuff?

Send your news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, [tgcreative@aol.com](mailto:tgcreative@aol.com). Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Check the calendar on the last page for submission deadlines. The *Growl* is by and for the members so I need your help to make it interesting.

# Items for Sale

RKC is cleaning out some items from our storage area:

- 4 ft. grooming table (needs some work - ie: new screws in leg brackets, top in good shape \$20.00
- Electric coffee pot can brew from 10 - 100 cups. Free to good home.

Email Ruth Henningsen: [ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com](mailto:ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com)

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### Happy Legs Stacking Blocks System

Large box (36" x 16") with blocks. Lightly used. \$100 or best offer

### Metro Locking Tack Box

Lightly used. \$40 or best offer

Email Sharon Fremer: [teneo@mac.com](mailto:teneo@mac.com)

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**Free:** Receiver collar and transmitter for an electronic dog fence...someone would only need to purchase 18 gauge coated wire.

Email Anne Hulsizer: [rallydog@optonline.com](mailto:rallydog@optonline.com)

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*This is a new classified section for members provided free of charge. Contact Tilly Grassa ([tgcreative@aol.com](mailto:tgcreative@aol.com)) if you have an item you'd like to list.*



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# Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

**VFW Hall  
45 Plymouth Street  
Fairfield, NJ at 8:00 PM  
(unless otherwise noted)**

**Wednesday, September 9** RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15  
Program: Det. Gidget Petry, director of the Bergen County Animal Response Team (CART).  
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Program TBA

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Program: Straws to Paws — canine reproduction



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