Ramapo Kennel Club

50th Anniversary Celebration

1958-2008

A Welcome from the President

Jeffrey David Ball

I would like to welcome you all to the Ramapo Kennel Club's 50th Anniversary celebration. This is an extremely special time for all of the members, past and present. If you look back on the club's history, you will see so many astonishing and amazing accomplishments by both the club and of course, the members who make up the club. This is not to take anything away from our special canine family who make this club and all the friendships in it possible.

Looking back, when you opened the Ramapo Kennel Club's 25th Anniversary booklet, the very first thing it did was state the objectives of the club. They were 1) 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, I am extremely proud to say it is still true today, especially the very last sentence, The Ramapo Kennel Club exists for all these reasons….and so many more. At our 50th Awards and Celebration Dinner, I will be extremely proud to see the members of Ramapo Kennel Club make a donation to the New Jersey Veterans Home in Paramus, make a donation to the VFW Hall in Fairfield, continue to supply local Fire and Rescue Departments with Recovery Oxygen Masks for all size animals and see a member make a special donation to the American Kennel Club Library. Then of course we will have the opportunity to see all the Ramapo Kennel Club's awards to our canine friends and their owners. It truly will be an amazing night. Of course, it's not one night that makes a good club, it's the intelligents, hard work, achievements, accomplishments and friendships of the members who make a great club and move it forward. This club has just that in its members and always has. Over the 50 years, we have lost many amazing members and I am sorry to say I cannot begin to name them all. But, we have also gained many special new members and I am sure we will continue to do so. No one every can take the place of that special lost member, but those new members do find a way to carry on Ramapo Kennel Club's true mission.

This is a time to remember the past, recognize those special members who brought this club to where it at, celebrate the present and the hard work of the current members, as well as look to the future remembering this club's goals.

To all the members and guests, thank you for being a part of this celebrating of the past, present and future of this wonderful club.

Ramapo Kennel Club 2008-2009

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We would like to extend a very special thank you to the

50th Anniversary Committee

For all the hard work in making this night a wonderful success.

Lena Tamboer
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Ramapo Kennel Club

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Ramapo Kennel Club

Who we are, what we do and our members

About the Club

- Was founded in 1958
- Is an all-breed kennel club
- Is a non-profit organization
- Is a member of the American Kennel Club
- Is a member of the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs, which Ramapo Kennel Club was a founding member
- Was the first all-breed club in the United States to become a member of The Association of Obedience Clubs & Judges (AOCJ), Inc.
- Was the first, if not the only, all-breed club in the area to have programs illustrating the six Groups. (This was before the Herding Group.)

Things our Club does

- Holds monthly meetings with educational programs for our membership in which guests and the public are welcome
- Holds two American Kennel Club point shows a year
- Holds a Conformation, Obedience and Rally match show every year at the New Jersey Veterans Home in Paramus
- Holds obedience classes year round
- Holds show handling classes year round
- Holds Puppy Kindergarten Training classes year round
- Holds Canine Good Citizenship testing programs
- Holds Certified Therapy Dog testing programs
- Holds canine Health Clinics
- Holds extended all day educational programs outside our regular meetings with Professional Speakers
- Holds demonstrations and meet the breeds for groups and organizations
- Maintains speaker bureau available for outside groups and organizations
- Maintains a Library of information for members
- Maintains a supply of Educational brochures and information free for the public
- Maintains a canine breeder and rescue referral program free for the public
- Has a monthly informational newsletter
- Has a comprehensive website
- Has an awards program to recognize the great accomplishments of past and future members
- Raises and donates money to organizations associated with canine interests, such as health and research, as well as human charities

About our Members

- Have active members from as early as 1960
- Have 49 Life members (Member of club for 25 years or more)
- Have men and women who are United States Veterans
- Have members who have Certified Therapy Dogs who regularly visit Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Libraries, Cancer Centers and Long Term Care facilities
- Has a member who serves with their dogs on the Federal Disaster Team
- Has a member of the police force who has a canine partner
- Have members who participate in canine rescue
- Have members who are Obedience instructors
- Have members who are Show Handling instructors
- Have members who are Canine Good Citizen instructors and testers
- Have members who are Certified Therapy Dog instructors and testers
- Have members who are Rally instructors
- Have members who are Puppy Kindergarten instructors
- Have members who are professional dog trainers
- Have member who are American Kennel Club judges in both Conformation and Obedience
- Have members who have judged in foreign countries
- Have a member who sits on the Board of the American Kennel Club
- Have a member who is a New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs officer
- Have members who are officers and board members of Specialty Clubs
- Have members who are Professional Handlers
- Have members who participate in conformation showing and have had many Best In Show winners in this country, including the Westminster Kennel Club, as well as foreign countries
- Have members who participate in conformation showing and have had many Best in Specialty Show winners in this country as well as foreign counties
- Have members participate in Obedience Trials and who have had many High in Trial Placements
- Have members who have put Obedience Trial Championships on their Dogs, including AKC, UKC and ASCA
- Have members who compete in Junior Handling and have won titles
- Have members who participate in Rally and have titled their dogs
- Have members who participate in Agility and have titled their dogs
- Have members who participate in Hunting and Field trials and have titled their dogs
- Have members who have competed in sled dog competitions
- Have members who are accomplished breeders
- Have members who are veterinarians
- Have members who serve as seasoned Stewards at both conformation, obedience and Rally shows

Past President's Comments for the 50th Anniversary of the Ramapo Kennel Club.

"Few as my active years with the club were, they were for want of a better word, glorious. I shall always cherish them. My sentiments for Ramapo Kennel Club are best expressed by William Butler Yeats:

"Think where man's glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends."

Those are my words that appeared in Ramapo's 25th Anniversary booklet. On reflection they still represent my appreciation of the club and its members to this day.

Tempus has indeed a way of fugiting and when I left the club and relocated to Virginia fond memories of Ramapo Kennel Club and its members whom I were happy to call my friends have remained with me to this day.

I was proud to have been a member and officer of Ramapo and share the present members' pride in celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary. My congratulations to all of you and wish you and the club continued success. You have done yourselves and the dog world proud!

Lloyd W. Alton
Leesburg, Virginia
1981-1982

Congratulations for the past 50 years and may there be another 50 years of Ramapo Kennel Club in the future.

It was a pleasure to serve Ramapo Kennel Club as President. This club is a very dynamic group of people which is seen at each and every club gatherings, we are so much more than just a point show giving club, but a true club of dog people.

Diane Ammerman
2000-2002

Ramapo Kennel Club is a great club and with a number of hard working members but it does need all to work. I enjoy keeping up through the newsletter. GOOD LUCK!

Eunice Bailey
1988-1990

I joined the Northern New Jersey German Shepherd Dog Club somewhere in the early 1960's, when I started showing my German Shepherd in obedience and breed.
Then in the mid 1970's I got a Border Collie and the NNJGSDC only permitted genuine GSDs to train there, so I asked Sue Cone about Ramapo Kennel Club.
She immediately asked me to: judge a graduation, join the club, and become an instructor. I did all three. We had been training together and showing together for several years at this point.

Over the years I was obedience instructor, editor of the Growl, obedience trophy chairman, obedience trial chairman, board member and President.
Being President of RKC was the most exciting, interesting, frustrating, educational, two years of my life.
I used to joke that except for show chairmanship I had almost every job at RKC.

Most of these jobs I could not have done without the assistance of my good friend the late Phoebe Wolff.

I am proud to be a life member of Ramapo Kennel Club.

Vivian Bregman and the Border Collies in Wayne, NJ
1990-1992
AKC/UKC/ASCA OTCH Goniff UDX 7, RA,
And U-OCH & ASCA OTCH MsSugah UDX, RN,
AND MAZEL --- just getting started.

Ramapo has always been known for its strong obedience component, and support of dog training and obedience trials. Ramapo's obedience classes were ongoing when I joined the club in 1967. Pat Scully and Ed Radel were teaching classes in the North End Firehouse in Cedar Grove. Many other great instructors have volunteered their services over the years – Al Karas, Fred Epifano, Betty Bailey, Andy Lang, Betty McDonnell, Marty Leonard McCluskey, Leslee Valente, Phoebe Wolff, Vivian Bregman, Elaine Barone, Ruth Henningsen and Joanne Silver. Many of these wonderful instructors began as students in our classes. For many years two beginner classes were offered along with advanced classes through Utility. Vivian Bregman and I wrote an Instructor's Manual for teaching beginner classes for the club that is currently being revised by our current instructors to reflect the needs of today's students.

Our methods of instruction changed over the years, as motivational methods came to the fore and gave better results that the correction-based methods that were common everywhere in earlier years. The obedience staff at Ramapo gave hugely successful seminar with Karen Pryor, which helped lead to the popularity of clicker training which was incorporated into our classes along with traditional techniques.

We had trouble finding class venues when we lost the firehouse but we moved to a variety of locations, and kept classes going, as they do today in Butler, taught by Elaine Barone, Ruth Henningson, and Joanne Silver.

The obedience group at Ramapo does demonstrations of dog training for nursing homes, scout groups and other special groups, and began this long before the idea of therapy dogs had become common. The same core group runs the obedience portion of our match and point shows.

I was honored to be Ramapo Kennel Club's President from 1979 to 1981. The club was very active, with full obedience and show handling classes, successful match and point shows, and wide range of programs.

Sue Cone
1979-1981

Now as Life Members, looking back over our dog fancy years, we have fond memories of being a part of Ramapo KC. Certain meetings, match show, and dog shows stand out. We thank God for the friends we made who kept in touch over the years. Celebrate all the hard work members do. Enjoy the anniversary.

Jean & Ed Cooper
1992-1994

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB.

My first introduction to Ramapo Kennel Club was enrolling my Siberian Husky, Chipper, in obedience class. That was quite a few years ago but it started me on a wonderful path. In 1985 I joined Ramapo KC and would never have imagined that years later I would be President.

During my years with our Club I have had the opportunity to serve on many committees including, but not limited to, Match Chairman and Point Show Chairman. As Show Chair in 2003 Ramapo started our first Sunday/Monday weekend. Wow, two All-Breed point shows and two Obedience trials! It seemed like an overwhelming task but, as usual, the hard work and dedication of the membership made my job easier. We had an entry over the two days of approximately 2800 dogs. We have continued to hold 2 shows and in 2005 added Rally to our Obedience trials.

I have gained so much from my association with the obedience training classes and have since progressed into one of the training instructors. I owe my knowledge to the wonderful obedience program and the dedicated instructors that Ramapo has had
thru the years.

One of the highlights of my Presidency was being chosen by my fellow members for the Ramapo Kennel Club Good Sportsmanship Award. I am grateful for this honor.

I have enjoyed working with such an incredible number of dedicated people who have supported me as President. I appreciate and thank each and every one of you! Ramapo KC is and will continue to be a distinguished Club and I am proud to be a member!

I am honored to serve as President of Ramapo KC as we celebrate its 50th anniversary together.

Ruth Henningsen
2005 – 2008

Robert A Messinger served as President of Ramapo Kennel Club from 1977 to 1979. A member since 1970 he was always active in the club, serving as Match Show Chairman, Show Chairman, a member of the Ramapo Speakers Bureau, a member of the committee which organized the four day Dog-A-Rama at the Willowbrook Mall, Concession Chairman and for many years taught the show handling class. For 19 years he assisted at the eye clinics.

In his spare time he handled his Siberian Huskies in conformation and obedience and became an AKC approved judge for Siberian Huskies. He also competed in mid-distance sled dog races.

Even after his Parkinsons Disease prevented his active participation in club events he worked the Community Service table at the Point Shows

Joy Graeme Messinger, written for Robert Messinger
1977-1979

Dear Ramapo Members,
I sincerely regret being unable to attend our club's 50th celebration. It has been with great pleasure I have followed the success of our club from Lakeland to the Ramapo of today. Will be sorry to miss a reunion with old friends and meet new members. My thoughts will be with you.

Sincerely
Joanne Nykamp
1971-1973

My first introduction to Ramapo was in the 1960's when I went to handling classes. There I saw obedience which I also joined. Then a member, Lois Wood, asked me to bring my Irish Setter for

a program on the 3 setters. I met Ruby and Bill Kleinmanns who along with Lois Wood later convinced me to join the club. It was a club with active members and good meetings. I soon found myself working in the club and for several years chaired the show handling along with Claire McBride. Then I became a member of the board and eventually the President. It was a great experience with a very active board and many members working on the committees. It was great to work with so many enthusiastic fellow club members. Later, I went on to assistant show chair and finally chaired one of the largest shows we ever held at Ramapo College. There were so many members working on the show that many hands made the work seem light. I appreciate the opportunities I had at Ramapo as well as the many people who helped with my education in dogs.

Ellen Reilly Passage

1984-1986

"Ramapo is a dynamic club. Serving as its President, one becomes very aware of the enormous dedication, talent and energy that combine to create a club of this caliber. You recognize, too, the importance of the great spirit of cooperation that is ever present among its people.

I have treasured memories of associations within the club before, during and since my Presidency. But, I'm particularly grateful to all who gave so much of themselves to help make my years as President so successful."

I wrote this for our 25th anniversary. Miraculously, it also holds true for our 50th. I deeply value our club's contributions to the quality of life for such a multitude of dogs through our training classes, public education, legislative interventions, donations, conscientious breeding, outstanding participation in performance events, therapy programs, concern for health issues... to name only a few of the ways in which our members impact the dog fancy. It was the mission of our club when I was at the helm and, I'm proud to say, It has intensified over time.

Happy Anniversary, Ramapo! A trillion thanks for all these golden years

Rose Radel

1975-1977

I wish Ramapo Kennel Club a Happy 50th Anniversary and wish for another 50. This is a wonderful club with exceptional members; it has been my pleasure to serve Ramapo all these years

Joanne Silver
1996-1998
2003-2005

The Golden Anniversary. This is high point for Ramapo Kennel Club. I was pleased to serve as President for this wonderful club. I have been a member for many many years! I have served in many capacities. This club was very special to me, and my parents, who were not members, but contributed in many ways. I took some years off, maintaining my membership to work with several breed clubs, but I was happy to come back and to serve the membership as best as I can. I was very proud to receive the Good Sportsmanship Award for 2007 and to be awarded the First Good Sportsmanship Award from the American Kennel Club through the Ramapo Kennel Club. I wish this club another 50 years of service to dogs and to the community.

Lena Tamboer
1998-2000

Obviously, not every Past President could send us something. Over the years, we have lost some very special members. We hope that everyone will take a moment and remember each of them in their own way. Some of you may not know all of them, or for that matter, any of them. We would say just ask a Lifetime Member and they will be happy to share some wonderful stories about each and every one of them. While you are at it, ask about past members in general and you will hear some amazing stories and accomplishments. This club is about every member who has volunteered to make Ramapo Kennel Club what it is today and that history is amazing.

Members Comments for the 50th Anniversary of the Ramapo Kennel Club.

Reflections on Ramapo Kennel Club
Ramapo Kennel Club has been a part of my life since 1975 when I became involved in the obedience program with my Siberian Huskies. The hundreds of Wednesday nights spent at classes as first a student, then an assistant, and currently an instructor have come back to me 100 fold. Ramapo has given me friendships beyond measure and I would like to say "Thank you Ramapo Kennel Club" and thank you to Sue Cone.

Elaine Barone
Life Member

Happy 50th Anniversary Ramapo Kennel Club

Since my 30 plus years of membership, Ramapo Kennel Club has offered me many enjoyable and memorable Wednesday night meetings, Special Board meetings, Show Handling classes as a participant and instructor, Obedience classes, and most of all the companionship if people who love their dogs. Because of Ramapo Kennel Club I have 15 titled dogs. Thanks for the Memories !!!

Lorraine K. Fennemore Happy 50th Anniversary !!!

Thanks to Ramapo Kennel Club for helping me be a more responsible dog owner. It is inspiring to be a member of a club whose members are so knowledgeable and so dedicated to their dogs. A special note of appreciation is extended to the Obedience instructors for their guidance, their patience and their encouragement as my dogs and I struggle through obedience. Ruth and Elaine in particular have always been there for me. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Mary Gallagher

We have enjoyed being members of the Ramapo Kennel Club, Have learned a lot of important information since we have been member. Hope the club has another 50 years.

Janis and Don Hayes

When joining RKC in 1987 I had purchased my first show beagle . Little did I know how many wonderful people were in the show world , and how much fun this was going to be as a hobby

At the RKC events everyone helped out everyone else in time of need. I remember being a very very novice breeder at this time ,I was asked to take on the job of chairman of the RKC'S puppy match just 6 months into joining as the original chairman could not go ahead and chair it at the time .

Although I had little experience with doing this a few member guided me every way . I sent out lots of mailings to breeders, veterinarians, etc. and we received an entry of about 250 dogs between breed and obedience. That is a experience I will never forget and had a great time doing

I would like to Congratulate the RKC and all its members for having 50 years of very nice and successful shows, and more to come in the future

Yours truly
Shirley Irwin Meadowland Beagles and Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

Congratulations to the Ramapo Kennel Club on their 50th Anniversary. I am proud to be a member of one of the strongest and most influential kennel club's in our area. Our reputation is the result of the hard work of many of our members. Thank you to those who volunteer their time and energy and make it all possible.

Best Wishes for the next 50 years.

Jackie Makoujy and the Max Cockers
Max Golden Punk'in Pie, CDX (waiting at the Bridge)
Ch. Max Snowy River Fantasy (waiting at the Bridge)
Ch. Blay's-n-Max Jenna MacKenzie, aka Kenzie
K-Line's Fly Me to the Moon, aka Rocket

"Congratulations to the Ramapo Kennel Club.....50 years as an excellent role model for other AKC Clubs."

Grace McGlynn
Blackrock Rottweilers

We have fond memories of the Ramapo Kennel Club.

Rose and Clifford Molder

50th Ramapo Anniversary
Joining Ramapo was for Ed and me life changing. The numerous friendships formed have been greatly valued.

Ramapo's training enabled me to owner handle several Miniature Pinchers to the top ten nationally and to the world's most titled. We traveled to foreign shows extensively. We finished the first uncropped American bred Min Pin in AKC history and six with natural ears.

I've written a breed book and numerous articles for dog publications.

Ramapo's introduction to the dog world made it all possible. My gratitude to our club and its members is immense.

Rose Radel

Ramapo Kennel Club introduced me to AKC Obedience Competition. This is an interest I still have.

Marj Remland

Blanche Saunders, a foremost obedience trainer in the 1940's and 1950's, and the kennel manager for Mrs. Helene Whitehouse Walker from Westchester County, presented a training program at Ramapo Kennel Club (RKC) in the 1960's. Mrs. Walker was the person who brought the sport of obedience to the United States from Germany in 1933. Her hand written copy of the first *Obedience Regulations* in 1936 is in the AKC Library.

Ramapo Kennel Club was the first, if not the only, all-breed club in the area to have programs illustrating the six Groups. (This was before the Herding Group.) Bill Kleinmanns was responsible for organizing these educational evenings. Club members who had the appropriate breeds brought their dogs and discussed the Breed Standards.

Ramapo Kennel Club was the first all-breed club in the United States to become a member of The Association of Obedience Clubs & Judges (AOCJ), Inc. The AOCJ's logo was designed by RKC, and donated to the organization. The AOCJ logo appeared on the RKC stationery for years. The secretary of The Association of Obedience Clubs & Judges, Inc. at the time was Dick D'Ambrisi, a well known obedience authority, and in 1970 the first Director of Obedience at The American Kennel Club.

In the early 1960's Ramapo Kennel Club members started to travel to foreign countries to attain titles. My first Pug had his titles in four countries, and very quickly Rose and Ed Radel, Janet Hobbs, Sue & Dick Symons, Walt Trotta, Tracy Antonelli, and others followed.

The obedience classes at the North End Fire House in Little Falls were for Sub-Novice (Beginners) only, with one Novice Class given annually. I wrote a program of lesson plans, and

selected and trained instructors so that rather quickly we were able to offer classes through Utility. RKC was one of the few all-breed clubs to do so.

I wrote a monthly newsletter for the obedience members of RKC, and a year later Ed Syder used this format to communicate with the members, and started the publication of *The Growl*.

Pat Scully

Dick and I besides Sue Cone are probably the only ones left who got their 1st UD's back in 1971... before there was an OTCh or a UDX We weren't in conformation in those days. That was a few days ago. Our daughters showed our family dogs in Junior Showmanship and did some winning. Today they are all in their late 40's. We continued on at Ramapo K.C. until Dick was transferred to CA and we've been here in CA ever since. Our dogs back then were or became BDA/CAN OTCH Symons' Silver Stardust UD (SHADOW) a Silver Mini-Poodle male and BDA/CAN OTCH RENEE of Myra UD, a Toy Poodle.. We moved to Thousand Oaks where we spent 4 years and then to Morgan Hill in 1976 and have been here for 31 years. This should bring back some memories. We also had Mearchem's Autumn of Burnrock (MISSI) a GSD bitch who eventually earned her CDX. All of these dogs had pups in their day and Shadow's line still exists thanks to MaryAnn K. Giles and her Toy Poodles many generations later.

We later got into the Belgian Tervuren breed where we have been ever since... 29 years. We have had 6 Ch UDT's the 1st to have that many as ABTC's - Motto - American Belgian Tervuren Club "A Ch at one end and a UDT at the other end" and these were the only possible AKC titles available to our breed when it began. Marjji will hopefully be our 7th. She will be a yr on the 12th and is a marvelous pup and quite accomplished for her age... all training done in fun and play. Dick and I have been showing for 39 years. We have had many other honors over the many years, but this is a quickie summary.

Many of the titles are listed below... but we also showed in Bermuda, Canada & Mexico. A couple of the dogs aren't listed either. Congratulations, but unfortunately we live to far away to attend. Hope it is a marvelous and joyous time for all who attend.

Sue & Dick Symons and "Treasure Kids"

Ch Symons' Treasure Kurtiss UDT OA OAJ PT CGC TDIA
Cinema Angel Marjji Symons CDX TD
(Int Ch Starwind's Jessi Symons UDT HT CGC TDI COP-BAR)
(Ch Symons' Treasure Dixxi UDT HS CGC TDIA)
(Ch Symons' Treasure Jeff UDT PT CGC TDI)
(Ch Symons' Treasure Jenni UDT TT HIC CGC TDI)
(Symons' Treasure Discovered CDX - Dagger)
(Ch Symons' Treasure Harbor Light VCD1 PT CGC TT TDIA - Toro)
(Ch CT Symons' Treasure Izzi VCD2 UD PT CGC TT TDIAOV)
(Symons' Treasure Francci CD CGC TDI

It has been a wonderful experience in the short time I have been here. Congratulations to Ramapo Kennel Club on 50 great years and may it have many more.

Rose Ann Tucker

I have been enjoying membership in Ramapo Kennel Club for 48 years. Memories are priceless, watching a new club mature. The first event I remember was attending a match show in the Riverdale Armory. Then each year the BIG shows followed. I got lost every time I tried to go home from the Paterson Armory, and then what an improvement when our show was held outdoors on the grounds of Ramapo College. Loud noises never bothered my dogs because they attended obedience class at the Cedar Grove firehouse and inevitably the fire alarm would sound off. What a blast we had there. Most important, it doesn't matter when or where I've been, I treasure the friendships developed through membership in Ramapo Kennel Club. We've come a long way baby!!!!

Joyce Wilson

Congratulations on 50 years!

Gail Yingling

I have been extremely lucky in my career in dogs, and the success is almost entirely due to exquisite mentoring. I cannot even begin to count the things I have learned from the grand dog people over the years in Ramapo Kennel Club starting when I walked into a summer class in Sue Cone's backyard in 1982. Sue was the first but there have been so many others from whom I have learned valuable lessons in both obedience and confirmation--some of these were major long term relationships, others shorter defining moments. Special thanks, in approximate chronological order to:
Sue Cone
Vivian Bregman
Marty Leonard
Betty McDonald
Joanne Silver
Patty Valente
Arlene Scardo
Lena Tamboer
Joan Murko
Jack Berlet
Beyond the mentors there have been colleagues and magical programs to help all of us grow--Can't leave without a special mention of Puppy Kindergarten, which is my personal favorite class and the best possible start for any dog--lying at my feet is yet another champion & BISS winner who started there.

Candy Wisnieski

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB AWARDS

"Leslee Valente Memorial Trophy"
For Excellence in Obedience

Leslee's introduction into the sport of dogs began like many others, she found her way to the Ramapo's doorstep in September 1980 with a bright but hyperactive Border Collie puppy. Obedience training was the last resort.

By the end of a beginner session she had a path headed towards obedience competition. Her early successes with Sybil were followed by many dual-ring, owner handled Standard Poodles and Flat Coated Retrievers, who then introduced her to AKC hunt tests.

A dedicated volunteer who could not comprehend the word "No", Leslee worked for local specialty clubs and held numerous positions for Ramapo including Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Obedience Trophy Chair, and Assistant Obedience Trial Chair.

The Little Falls Legion Hall is the product of Leslee's personal campaign to find the club a new training facility after a five year lull. We still owe her our thanks for her successful quest.

Leslee's true passion and zeal have yet to be matched and she is sorely missed by all those who were touched by her spark.

This award is given to the RKC member who handled the dog with the highest average scores in AKC Novice A or B in the previous calendar year. Minimum of three scores required. All qualifying scores count. Winner to retain custody of the award for the year.

2006 – Lorraine Fennemore
2004 - Vivian Bregman
2003 - Betty McDonnell
2002 - Ruth Henningsen
2001 - Betty McDonnell
2000 - Patty Valente
1999 - Sue Cone
1998 - Betty McDonnell
1997 - Linda J. Lovstad
1996 - Betty McDonnell
1995 - Betty McDonnell

“Millie McCabe Award”
For Stud Dog of the Year

Millicent McCabe was an early member of Ramapo Kennel Club. She was a breeder and exhibitor of Old English Sheepdogs along with the Van Rensselears in the late 60's and early 70's under the Fezziwig prefix. Some of her dogs were National Specialty and Westminster winners. Along with her husband Joe, she was a very active club member, especially at match and point shows. She and Joe were the recipients of the Gaine's Award in 1979.

Millie was devoted to her Old English Sheepdogs and her love for all God’s creatures was exceptional. She was a true lady of the sport, willing to help and guide with all her expertise. All that knew her considered her with the utmost affection and respect.

This award is presented to the owner of the stud dog who:
Produced the most Champions in a calendar year.
Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

2005 Joanne Silver
2004 Joyce Wilson
2003 Betty McDonnell
2002 Joyce Wilson
2001 Joyce Wilson

"Aennchen Antonelli/Gilma Blauvelt-Moss Breeders Award”

Aennchen Antonelli was a well known breeder of Maltese.
Her kennel name was Aennchens and her dogs usually carried the word "Dancer" in their names. Aennchen’s home reflected her dogs even to the bathroom wallpaper. Photos of her outstanding winners – some Best in Show were everywhere.

Gilma Blauvelt-Moss bred Pekingnese under the kennel name Ho-Dynast’s. She once said I’ve spent my life studying this breed and will die knowing only a fraction of all there is to know about the Pekingnese,
a reflection of her dedication.

In our 25th anniversary brochure, Ed Syder had this to say:

“From the very beginning Ramapo members have stood out in the show world. Aennchen Antonelli and Golma Blauvelt-Moss were breeder-exhibitors of legendary success in their respective breeds.

2006 – Joanne Silver
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2003 - Betty McDonnell
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1996 - Betty McDonnell
1995 - Betty McDonnell
1994 - Elaine J. Barone
1993 - Susan K. Cone
1992 - Kay Ladd
1991 - Betty McDonnell
1990 - Richard Tomita
1989 - Richard Tomita
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1987 - Richard Tomita
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1985 - Betty McDonnell
1984 - Richard Tomita
1983 - Richard Tomita
1982 - Richard Tomita
1981 - Kathy DiGiacomo, Betty McDonnell
1980 - Betty McDonnell
1979 - Wanda and Louis Gec
1978 - J and R Hetherington, Robert and Joy Messinger
1977 - Lee Abraham, Kathy DiGiacomo
1976 - Ellen R. Passage

"Lee Abraham Award"
For Breeder of the Year

Lee Abraham first bred and exhibited Afghan Hounds. Bill Kleinmanns influenced her to breed Miniature Pinschers. Her Ariston Kennel produced many Champions. Lee exported dogs to Israel, Denmark, and many other parts of the globe. Her CH Ariston's Mariko is listed in the Miniature Pinscher Club of America's honor roll of dams, and her CH Ariston's Knight Rider the honor roll of sires.

Presented to the owner of the bitch who:

* Produced the most "Champions" Bred by owner from one bitch only during the calendar year.

* Only AKC Championships to count

2004 Joanne Silver
2003 - Betty McDonnell, Joanne Silver
2002 - Joanne Silver
2000 - Shirley Irwin
1999 - Betty McDonnell
1996 - Shirley Irwin
1995 - Arlene Pietrocola, Joanne Silver
1994 - Arlene Pietrocola, Shirley Irwin
1993 - Kay Ladd
1992 - Kay Ladd
1991 - Janice J. Mines
1990 - Janice J. Mines
1989 - Betty McDonnell, Arlene Pietrocola
1988 - Kathy DiGiacomo
1986 - Kathy DiGiacomo
1984 - Kathy DiGiacomo

"William & Ruby Kleinmann's Memorial Award"

For decades Ruby and Bill Kleinmanns names were synonymous with Ramapo. They worked diligently in the forefront of our club during Ramapo's formative years....and long after.

Bill served as Ramapo's President twice, a Board Member for

many years and Chaired major club events numerous times. Bill and Ruby's overall knowledge of purebred dogs was vast and they shared it enthusiastically.

Their "Roadie" was #1 Toy in the country during the several years he was campaigned. Ruby was nominated as the Nations top owner/handler in 1979, a well deserved tribute. Roadie sired over 70 Champions and was top Breed Producer for a long period of time.

To put all this in perspective, we need to recognize that Bill was in a wheelchair for 48 years following a military accident. Working together, Ruby and Bill gave us a shining example of what is possible with dedication, courage, and love. Their contributions to Ramapo are extensive and significant. Ruby and Bill are pillars in the sport of purebred dogs and have given us an admirable legacy.

And so, in establishing this award in Bill's name, it is fitting that the requirements will be based on the greatest number of dogs defeated in Breed competition (up to and including Best in Show) by a single dog handled by its owner.

Dogs owned or co-owned by a professional handler are excluded. If the dog is owned and handled by more than one member (neither of which is a professional handler), both members will share the award equally.

This award may not be won more than three (3) consecutive years by the same individual(s).

2006 – Lorraine Fennemore
2005 – Christine Haycock
2004 – Joanne Silver
2003 – Christine Haycock
2002 - Christine Haycock
2001- Keith Paladino
2000 – Keith Paladino
1999 - Elaine Barone, Ruth Henningsen
1998 - M. and B. Bakert
1997 - Linda J. Lovstad
1996 - Elaine Barone, Ruth Henningsen
1995 - Elaine Barone, Ruth Henningsen
1994 - Elaine Barone, Ruth Henningsen

"Ramapo Kennel Club Good Sportsmanship Award"

This award is presented to the RKC member who has provided
dedicated service to the club and to the sport of purebred dogs.
The award is given to a club member who has been nominated in
writing by the membership and approved by the Board of Directors and Officers,
To be presented at the June Awards Dinner

2006 – Lena Tamboer
2005 – Rose Radel
2004 – Elaine Barone
2003 – Ruth Henningsen
2002 - Beverly Lynn
2001 - Joan Murko
2000 - Joanne Silver
1999 - Marion Haycock
1998 - Robert and Joy Messinger

We hope that you have had a wonderful evening tonight. It was one that will never be forgotten for the membership of the Ramapo Kennel Club. We will be sure to place everything that happen tonight onto our website, so please visit it and see for yourself.

http://ramapokennelclub.com

Please drive and arrive home safely. We look forward and hope to seeing everyone very soon.

The Ramapo Kennel Club Officers and Board of Governors