RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

GROWL

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THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE...

For those of you who don't know her, Joan Huber is an 83 years old icon in the sport of purebred dogs and has been for decades. She has always been an outstanding example of sportsmanship, as well as an exceptional breeder. She is a Legend in the dog world, not just Miniature Schnauzers. She was AKC terrier breeder of the year 2016, with 850 champions! She is now a victim of Animal Rights people.
Reprinted from the Canine Chronicle.

The following message is from Carole Weinberger, the President of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club regarding Joan Huber of Blythewood Miniature Schnauzers:

One of the AR groups planted an "employee" in Joan's kennel. She only worked there a short time, and she left after she reported that Joan was cropping ears in her kennel. The animal police came and arrested her for "Animal Cruelty, ie. Cutting off dogs' ears." She went to court and took a deal which negated her kennel license and forced her to reduce her number of dogs to 25. Over the next few months she worked diligently at doing so, placing the good ones with friends she could trust, selling some, gifting some. She had gotten down to 27 in the kennel when the animal police came again. They came with a warrant, violated her for the 2 dogs, and went through her files and records and made the determination that a co-owned dog, whether or not it was in Joan's immediate care, or EVER HAD BEEN, was to be considered in the 25 she was allowed "on the property". They confiscated 8 or so dogs, a litter of 8 5 week old pups, and came back later for more dogs. All told they have taken about 25 of her dogs, have spayed and neutered them, and are placing them through Montgomery County SPCA.

She will be going to Court for violating the "numbers law". They are pushing for jail time and have told her they would be requesting that.

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Denis Johnson's 3 Norwich Terriers looking very festive for the holidays.

President's Message

JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

In last month's Growl I omitted a very important thank you among those to all the members that worked our point shows. That thank you belongs to Betty McDonnell, our Assistant Show Chairman. She was a large part of the behind-the-scenes work that goes on for months before our shows. Betty worked with our Specialty and Supported clubs and was always available to help me however I needed it. So, a heartfelt thank you Betty, for your hard work and your constant moral support!

I hope you have all emerged from your thanksgiving dinner stupors and are ready to enjoy our holiday dinner on Wednesday night, December 13th. It will be at Portobello, located at 175 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland, NJ 07436, starting at 7:00pm. Price is $30/ person. There will be a cash bar, no BYO this year. If you plan to attend but have not yet let Lorraine know, please get in touch with her NOW! You must be prepaid, we cannot accept money at the dinner.

We will hold our traditional Yankee Gift Swap. Participation is not mandatory, but those that wish to join the fun should contribute a wrapped gift valued at approximately $20 and be prepared for mayhem. Basic rules are as follows:

Each participant supplies one wrapped gift. The gifts are placed in a central location and participants draw numbers to determine the order in which they will select one. The first person opens a wrapped gift, shows it to the participants and his/her turn ends. On subsequent turns, each person has the option of "stealing" any previously chosen, unwrapped item from its new owner or taking a new, wrapped item from the gift pile. When a player's gift is stolen, they must select a replacement gift from the pile of wrapped presents. The game is over when the last person has taken their turn. Ramapo has added a few variations to the basics which we will explain before the swap begins.

Thank you all for your contributions to our club throughout the year. We are a reflection of our members and their hard work. Everything we undertake succeeds because of you. I encourage each of you to get involved in 2018, be it our core Obedience, Rally, Conformation classes or a one-off event like a day at Barn Hunt or a Herding Clinic or Nosework. I look forward to a year filled with new events as well as our 'regulars'. Let us know if you have ideas for things to do in 2018 and for program presenters, we're eager to hear from you.

I wish all our members and their families (2-legged and 4-legged) very happy, healthy holidays.

Hope to see you at Portobello next week!

Sharon

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Minutes

Ramapo Kennel Club – Membership Meeting

Call to Order
The Membership meeting of Ramapo Kennel Club was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at The American Legion Hall, 11 Oak Street, Pequannock, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 9:16pm and was presided over by President Sharon Fremer.

Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting for October 11, 2017 was made by Tilly Grassa and was seconded by Lorraine Fennermore.

Officers' Reports
Treasurer Report – Ruth Henningsen stated that the checking account balance was $44,525.81 and the money market is at $34,889.94
Secretary Report – Tilly Grassa received the Close Out Notices from the AKC for our two shows and that our Annual Dues of $25 to the AKC is due.

Other Reports
Sunshine: Lorraine Fennermore stated that a card was sent to Rhonda Dalton. The RKC Holiday Party will be held at Portabello's in Oakland. The cost will be $30 per person with a cash bar. Collection of CASH is being collected tonight. If interested in participating, a $20 Yankee Swap will be held.
Obedience: Elaine Barone stated that the next session of classes begins next week.
AKC Delegate: Jeffrey Ball provided updates on the NJ Dogs Federation and legislative updates.
P**oint Show:** Sharon Fremer stated that we had lower entries this year; however, a lot of compliments were given such as less stress, great food, excellent judges, friendly and helpful club members.

Main Motions
- Rita Marchese was voted in, unanimously, as members of the club
- Denis Johnson was voted in, unanimously, as members of the club

Announcements
Sharon Fremer thanked Jeffrey Ball for the program presentation tonight, which was the CART Video and the video on the NJ Lobby Day 2016.
Sharon Fremer announced that at the December meeting we will take names of volunteers who will bring refreshments for the next several months. Please sign up for either January, February, March or April meeting.

Guests
The following guests were in attendance:
Erika Starost

Adjournment
Lorraine Fennermore moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Gerrie Oliver, and this was agreed upon at 9:49pm.

Recording Secretary – Amy Starost

WHAT TO DO WHEN ANIMAL CONTROL COMES KNOCKING

You may have read this before— but this may be a good time to read it again.

ANTI-DOG ENFORCEMENT – What Every Dog Owner Needs To Know
by George J. Eigenhauser, Jr.

Dog owners and ethical breeders are increasingly being targeted. Disgruntled neighbors may retaliate against dog owners and many other reasons drive complaints, and anti-dog enforcement action, which many times may be conducted illegally.

The following text outlines methods of inquiry and enforcement which may be used by local officials in attempts to enforce anti-dog ordinances in your community and suggested techniques of response. These techniques are entirely legal and based upon the rights of citizens as stated by the U. S. Constitution.

No breeder wants to have Animal Control come knocking on the door… but if they do, it will help if you know what your options are.

Remember, Animal Control is law enforcement. They are bound by the same Constitution as any other government agency. To protect yourself, you need to know your rights. These vary slightly one jurisdiction to another, but some general principals apply. One rule applies everywhere: never physically resist an officer.

When Animal Control is At Your Door:

1. Do not let them in, no matter how much they ask. Animal Control generally can not enter your home without a warrant, or your permission. While regular police can enter in emergency situations when human life is at risk (i.e. they hear gunshots and a scream inside), there are few, if any, situations in which Animal Control can enter your home without a warrant. Simply tell them they may not come in.
2. If you let them in, anything they find in "plain sight" can be used against you. In some circumstances Animal Control officers, unable to find a legitimate reason to make an arrest, have reported building or zoning violations. This may include caging you attached to a wall without a building permit, that extra outlet in the puppy room, having more pets than allowed by zoning, even extension chords in violation of fire codes! No matter how clean your kennel, if they want to find a violation, they will.
3. Do not talk to them from an open doorway. Step outside and close (and lock if possible) the door behind you. This is necessary because: A) Anything they see through the open door is "plain sight" and may be the basis for an arrest, or probable cause for a search warrant. B) If they make an arrest or even feel threatened they are usually permitted to search for weapons in your immediate area. Do you keep a baseball bat inside the door for protection? Even if you don't, once they step inside to look, they are in your home and may continue to search. C) It is hard not to be intimidated by someone in authority. Some animal control is even done by local police, who carry guns. It is easy for them to get "in your face," causing you to back up into the home. Once you go in, it will be interpreted as an invitation to follow.
4. If they claim to have a warrant, demand to see it. In general, a search warrant must be signed by a judge. A warrant to search your home for dogs does not include an inventory of your jewelry box. A warrant to search your kennel in the garage or in the barn does not include a search of your home.
5. In some locations dog owners may have obtained special "breeder permits" that stipulate that Animal Control has your permission to enter at any time. If you have signed such a permit they still can not enter against your wishes, since you can revoke the permission at any time. However, if you refuse permission it may allow them to cancel your breeder permit, so you have to weigh the consequences.
6. Warning, anyone in lawful possession of the premises may be able to give permission for a search. Make sure your roommate, baby sitter, dog sitter, housekeeper and others know that they should not let animal control into your home.

How to Handle Questions:

1. Don't answer any questions beyond identifying yourself for the officer. Anything you say to the officer in your defense can not be used in court (hearsay). Anything you say that is harmful to you will be used in court (confessions are not considered hearsay.) You can not win, except by remaining silent.
2. Be polite but firm. Do not argue, bad mouth, curse, threaten or try to intimidate the officer.
3. Do not lie to an officer, ever. However, it is NOT a lie to exercise your right to remain silent.
4. Keep your hands in plain sight. People have been shot by police when common objects, such as a wallet, were mistaken for a gun.
5. Do not touch the officer in any way. Do not physically resist an officer, no matter how unlawful his or her actions.
6. Don't try to tell your side of the story, it can not help.
7. Do not threaten the officer that you plan to file a complaint for their actions.
8. If the questioning persists, demand to speak to a lawyer first. Repeat as necessary.

Gathering the Facts:

1. Get the name and badge number of each officer involved. If she/he does not volunteer this information, ask.
2. Ask the name of the agency they represent. Different agencies have different enforcement responsibilities.
3. Ask why they are there. Request the factual basis of the complaint, and the identity of the complainant.
4. If they have other people with them (Humane Society, press, etc.) get the names and organizations for all present.
5. Note the names (and addresses) of any witnesses to the encounter.
6. If you are physically injured by the officer, you should take photographs of the injuries immediately, but do not forego proper medical treatment first.
7. Write down all of the information, as well as the date and time of the incident immediately, while details are fresh in your mind.
8. If your rights are violated, file a complaint with the appropriate body.

If You Are Arrested:

1. Remain silent. Answer no questions until you have consulted with a lawyer.
2. Don't "explain" anything. You will have time for explanations after you have talked to your lawyer.
3. Within a reasonable time they must allow you to make a phone call to get a lawyer or arrange bail. They are not allowed to listen to your call to your attorney, but they may "monitor" the rooms for "your protection." Do not say anything you do not want them to overhear; save that until after you are out on bail.

TELEPHONE INQUIRIES OR THREATS:

You may receive telephone inquiries concerning the number of dogs you own and whether any dogs or puppies are for sale. Other questions may also be asked.

Your response should be to inquire "Are you interested in a puppy?" If the answer is "yes", ask that person for his name, address and phone number. Suggest that you or a responsible breeder will contact that person at a more convenient time for you.

If the answer is friendly and genuinely inquisitive, invite the person to look at your puppies.

If the question asked is, "What is the price of each puppy?" simply say that puppies of this type are being sold for between "X" and "Y" dollars. Never say that you are selling them.

If the question is asked "Are these your puppies?" you should ask "Why do you want to know?"

If your conversation indicates that the person is representing the county clerk's office or allegedly representing an official body, ask the caller for:

- FULL NAME, TITLE, PHONE NUMBER
- AGENCY'S FULL NAME AND FULL ADDRESS
- THEIR SUPERVISOR'S FULL NAME, PHONE NUMBER
- NATURE OF THE INQUIRY (what it is about)
- WHY THE INQUIRY IS BEING MADE
- HOW YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER WERE OBTAINED
- ASK THAT ALL FUTURE QUESTIONS FROM THAT AGENCY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING

Preventative Measures:

1. Always keep your kennel clean and take good care of your animals.
2. Consider a P.O. Box or other address for business cards and advertisements. Keep descriptions of your location general (i.e. Southern California, rather than the name of the City where you live). The Internet can provide anonymity for initial contacts. You can even buy a "remote prefix" to get a phone number from a nearby community forwarded to your phone or to a voice mail. Avoid local newspaper classifieds, they are often monitored.
3. Screen any potential puppy buyers carefully. Always be alert that they may be Animal Control or even Animal Rights working under cover.
4. Don't allow strangers into your home until you have screened them.
5. Be fair and honest in all of your dealings, and be on good terms with your neighbors. Most animal control contacts are complaint-driven. Some complaints may arise as harassment by people with unrelated grievances against you. It may be a disgruntled dog buyer, or a cranky neighbor who doesn't like you parking in front of his house.
6. Anything about you that can be observed in "plain sight" from the street or sidewalk can become probable cause for a warrant. Even areas on your property open to visitors can be dangerous. Be aware of which areas of you home are visible from the outside, and plan accordingly.
7. If you are confronted by Animal Control, and turn them away, assume they will be back. Use the time available to make sure everything is clean and presentable. If you are over limit on the number of pets, find friends who can provide temporary shelter for your dogs.

Whatever you do, stay calm and keep your wits about you.

Just say "no," no matter what threats or promises of leniency they make.

When in doubt, say nothing and speak to a lawyer afterwards.

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They want to make an example of how foul "show breeders" are and will be making this a nationwide campaign.

This is what I know to date. I would ask 2 things of our membership. First if there is anyone in the PA, NJ, DEL area who could foster a dog or two for Joan, this would get the remaining 8 out of the kennel and out of the AR's hands. Please consider doing this. Joan hopes to find a place outside of Pennsylvania where she can continue with Blythewood, so the foster would be temporary. You can contact Kelly Radcliffe or Barbara Donaldson and Nadine Tare to let them know you can help. Second, please forget any issues you may have had with Joan over the years. She has been a huge influence in our breed and occupies a large place in our history. She needs compassion and kindness and most of all, help, to get her through this horrible experience. And Thirdly, there but for the grace of God go each and every one of us. It's a war between the AR's and the Show breeders that has finally impacted OUR breed and we have to do everything we can to fight back!!

Carole Weinberger
President, AMSC"

JACK GRASSA

Joan Huber

Joan has no way of supporting herself. She has a mortgage, utilities and needs to eat. Any help anyone can give would be greatly appreciated!! A GoFundme campaign has been started for her at:
www.gofundme.com/joan-huber

Achiever Dog Program

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce the launch of its new Achiever Dog certificate program. The AKC Achiever Dog certificate program is designed to recognize those exhibitors and dogs who participate in multiple sports. A dog will receive an AKC Achiever Dog certificate when they have been awarded a placement or earned a qualifying score in three different sports. Dogs can start earning AKC Achiever Dog certificates December 1, 2017.

AKC is launching the Achiever Dog as a pilot program. At the end of one year, all owners who have received a certificate will be surveyed to determine the success of the program. Opportunities for improvement will be identified and could lead to a more refined program which recognizes these versatile dogs.

Lorraine Fennemore on her hog, celebrating her 80th birthday. Way to go Lorraine!!

Holiday Party

December 13th, 2017

PORTOBELLO

175 Ramapo Valley Rd.
Oakland, NJ 07436
7:00 .p.m.
$30.00 (cash preferred)
Sit down dinner with choice of Chicken, Veal or Fish

BRING A SMALL ITEM FOR THE GIFT EXCHANGE!
Contact Lorraine at *lorrfenn1@optonline.net*
973-227-0945

HOWL-A-WEEN PUPPY GRADUATION

Ruth Henningsen reports that 10 puppies graduated in the first session which landed on Halloween!

Who's the scary dude that showed up???

Brags

Six month old Frabjous Fergus by Littlefield (GCH CH Wonderful Walter of Thistledew x CH Littlefield Tesoro Prezioso, CGC, THDN) 3-30-2017, took BOSS at our National Speciality at Montgomery KC owner handled by Denis Johnson.

Frabjous E. T. Elizabeth Taylor by Littlefield. (GCH CH Ji-Ros Hotspur - Call Me Nigel, CGC x CH Littlefield Tesoro Prezioso,CGC, THDN) Finished out of "Bred By" at Penn Treaty KC- 5 pt major. Bred/Groomed/Owner/Handled by her daddy, RKC's new member, Dr. Denis Johnson. E.T. is currently ranked 4th in the country O.H. Norwich Terrier. She is one and a half years old. She will be at Westminster in February.

Lena Tamboer reports another BOB for "Silver" at the Bay Colony Dachshund Specialty and a Group 3 at Palisades Kennel Club.

RKC TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE - 2017-2018

RALLY CLASSES
TUESDAY EVENINGS
Note: Change in time:
6:30 - 7:15 RALLY ADV/EXC.
8:30 - 9:15 RALLY NOVICE
(Basic obedience skills required)

Session 2
Nov 14, 28
Dec. 5, 19
Jan. 2, 16, 23

Session 3
Jan. 30
Feb. 6, 20, 27
Mar. 6, 20, 27

Session 4
Apr. 3, 17, 24
May 1, 15, 22, 29

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
Puppy Kindergarten 6:30-7:15
Beginner Obedience 7:30-8:15
Advanced Beginner 8:30-9:15

Session 2
Nov. 15, 29
Dec. 6, 20
Jan. 3, 17, 24

FEB. 13 CGC/CGCA/Therapy Testing (there is a fee for testing)

Session 3
Jan. 31
Feb. 7, 21, 28
Mar. 7, 21, 28

Session 4
Apr. 4, 18, 25
May 2, 16, 23, 30

JUNE 6 CGC/CGCA/Therapy Testing (there is a fee for testing)

No Classes 2nd Tues/Wed of each month
No Classes July and August

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Class registration form available on the website:
ramapokennelclub.com/RKCClasses

SHOW HANDLING CLASSES
TUESDAY EVENINGS
7:30 - 8:15
Drop-in classes: $12.00 per dog,
OR 6 classes for $60.00

Session 1
Sept 5,& 19
Oct 3, 17 & 31

Session 2
Nov 14 & 28
Dec 5 & 19
Jan 16 & 23

Session 3
Feb 6 & 20
Mar 6 & 20

Session 4
April 3 & 17
May 1 & 22

No classes July and August

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Got Stuff?

Send your stories, news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, *tgcreative@aol.com*. Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Submissions are due two weeks before the meeting. The *Growl* is by and for the members so I need your help to make it interesting.

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Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

American Legion Post 450
11 Oak Ave.
Pequannock, NJ 07440 at 8:00 PM
(unless otherwise noted)

Wednesday, December 13	Holiday Dinner at Portobello's in Oakland, NJ, 7PM
Wednesday, January 10	Member meeting 8PM, Board Meeting 7:15 PM. Program: TBA
Wednesday, February 14	Member meeting 8PM, Board Meeting 7:15 PM. Program: TBA

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11 Pershing Avenue
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

FIRST CLASS MAIL