RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

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AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

THE TRUE ESSENCE OF AKC BREEDERS

Eleven years ago, Ron Menaker, Dennis Sprung, and the good folks at Eukanuba created the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and made celebrating our breeders an integral part of the event. In 2003, they added the Best Bred-By-Exhibitor competition and every year since then, many of our sport's top breeders compete in the Bred-By-Exhibitor competition.

In fact, 30% of the more than 4000 dogs entered in conformation at the show are entered in the Bred-By-Exhibitor competition. And they aren't here just to compete; they take the time to educate the public about their breed at the AKC Meet the Breeds® over the course of the weekend.

In addition, the Breeder of the Year Award recognizes one prominent AKC breeder from each Group who has made a great impact on a specific breed. At the end of the presentation Sunday night honoring these seven breeders, one will be chosen as 2012 AKC Breeder of the Year.

Certainly, this emphasis on the role of breeders is a clear statement:

There is no doubt that the American Kennel Club respects and supports our breeders.

And that commitment will grow even stronger next year. I have been working with Dennis, AKC Staff, and the Parent Club and the Health Delegate Committees, and I am pleased to announce the initiation of our first Breeders Workshop at next year's AKC/Eukanuba Championship show.

This free workshop will be by breeders and for breeders, and will feature what I call "news you can use."

There is also no doubt that the public loves what our breeders bring into the world – puppies, bred for type and to be sound in body, mind, and spirit. Look at any social sharing site and puppies are always a big part of the conversation. On You Tube alone, there are over 729,000 videos garnering billions of views.

There are many reasons to look forward to the Holiday Season, but anyone who has bred a litter knows there is something extra-special that arrives each year – the Holiday cards and notes updating you on the puppies you bred that are now part of other families.

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President's Message

MARY BLOOM

Sharon Fremer

Happy 2013! I hope everyone had happy, healthy and safe holidays. May this year be all that each of you wants it to be. I hope we hear lots of brags about new titles and many other accomplishments you and your dog have achieved together in the coming months.

A BIG thank you to Lorraine Fennemore for doing her usual wonderful job organizing our holiday dinner. The new restaurant, the Fairfield Tavern, was warm and friendly and the food was great. Everyone that participated in the gift swap had a great time, as usual.

We need to keep the winter weather in mind for our next several meetings. If there is any question about a meeting being held please be sure to check before heading out the door. We will try to use the call tree to notify everyone, but feel free to call my cell phone (201-665-2565) if you are unsure.

We have received word that Ramapo College may allow us to hold this year's Match Show on their grounds. Kim Luikert and I are working on this and hope to have more information for the membership within the month. It would be great to return to the site where our point show was held for so many years!

I believe we will continue to see a push this year by Animal Rights groups to diminish our rights as animal owners and members of the fancy. I encourage everyone to keep your eyes and ears open. We will surely find that the situation that occurred in Franklin Lakes is contagious. Jeffrey Ball will keep us aware of news about this, but we should all be vigilant. Your town could be next.

If anyone has thoughts about future meeting programs please let me know. We have several interesting ones lined up for this year, but are always happy to receive suggestions for more.

We will have a membership meeting on Wednesday, January 9th, at 8pm at the VFW Hall in Fairfield. The following night, Thursday, January 10th, will be a working board meeting at 7:30 in the same place. There will be no board meeting on the 9th prior to the general membership meeting.

See you all soon,
Sharon

Ramapo Kennel Club Officers

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RKC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Attention Members!
The RKC Achievement Award Nomination forms are on pages 5-7. Please remember to apply for your achievement awards each year. There are many categories in which you may qualify. Please check the website *Ramapokennelclub.com* for the complete list of categories. Descriptions and requirements for Special Club awards are also listed in the front portion of your Roster.

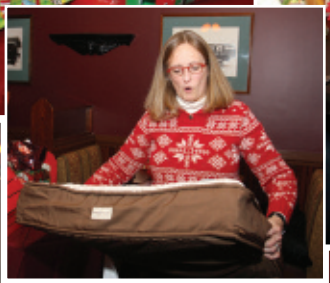
Minutes

The December 12th Ramapo Kennel Club meeting, held at the Fairfield Tavern restaurant in Fairfield, NJ, during our annual holiday party (see photos of the fun below).

Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 7:45pm.

There was no new business or old business discussed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gerrie Oliver at 7:47pm and seconded by Tilly Grassa. It was voted on and approved.



TILLY GRASSA

RKC RALLY CLASS UPDATE

Our last Rally Class before the Christmas Holiday was December 19th and we had to have some fun! We started the evening with warm up exercises, practiced our sit-stays and down-stays and learned two new Rally signs. After that a course was set up and each student and instructor were able to perform at least two run-throughs. I have to admit, my students are getting better and better and I can't wait to see them in a "real" ring soon! Afterwards, we celebrated the best way we know how...with our dogs!

Submitted by Amy Starost

Amy & Gustav

Susan & Piper

Mike & Wade

JUDGING PANEL SUGGESTIONS FOR 2013 POINT SHOWS

We need your input! Judging panels can make or break a good entry at shows. Please help us put together a group of judges that will appeal to owner handlers as well as the pros. Share your thoughts about judges, pros and cons, for our 2013 point shows. All suggestions must be submitted on this form, via either hard copy or email. It is important that you provide the reason(s) you feel a judge would be good or bad for our shows. We particularly want to include several provisional judges on the panel. Judges coming from a long distance must be able to do one or more Groups.

Deadline is January 15, 2013

MEMBER NAME: _____

JUDGE'S NAME: _____

JUDGE'S FEE (if known): _____

BREEDS/GROUPS LICENSED TO JUDGE: _____

_____

_____

_____

WHY THIS JUDGE IS GOOD/BAD: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
Sharon Fremer
25 Van Blarcom Lane
Wyckoff, NJ 07481
teneo@mac.com

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS

CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1, 2012 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2012

Reg. Name of Dog _____
Dog_____ Bitch _____
AKC#_____Breed/Variety_____

Owner(s)_____

Address_____

Breeder_____

Owned by member(s) _____ Bred by Member(s)_____

Handled by Member(s)_____

*Indicate name of RKC Member who is to receive the award.

CATEGORY

HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

BIS (All Breed) Show _____ Date _____ Country_____

BIS (Specialty) Show _____ Date _____Country _____

High in Trial Show _____ Date _____Country_____

Best in Field Trial Show _____ Date_____Country_____

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Conformation Champion Show _____ Date _____Country_____
Grand Champion Show _____Date _____
Obedience Trial Champion Show _____Date _____Country_____
Field Trial Champion Show _____Date _____Country _____

OBEDIENCE DEGREE AWARDS

BN Degree Show _____ Date _____
CD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country_____
GN Degree Show_____ Date _____
CDX Degree Show _____ Date_____ Country _____
GO Degree Show _____ Date _____
UD Degree Show _____ Date_____ Country_____
VS Degree Show _____ Date _____
TD Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country_____
TDX Degree Show _____ Date _____ Country_____
RN Degree Show _____Date _____
RA Degree Show _____Date_____
RE Degree Show _____Date_____
RA/RE Degree Show _____ Date_____

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

OTHER AKC TITLES (Herding, Field, Agility etc.)

_____ Show _____ Date _____Country_____
_____ Show _____ Date _____Country _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____Country _____

Photocopies of all AKC Titles must be sent with entry. No awards will be given without photocopies. NO EXCEPTIONS!! Non-AKC Titles will only count towards the breeders' award and certificates of achievement. Temperament testing is a Non-AKC Title.

Non-Regular Awards and Requirements

Additional Non-AKC Awards (CGC, TT, etc., applicable for Certificate of Achievement only)

_____Show _____ Date ____Country _____
_____Show _____ Date ____Country _____
_____Show _____ Date ____Country _____
_____Show _____ Date ____Country_____
_____Show _____ Date ____Country_____

AENNCHEN ANTONELLI/GILMA BLAUVELT - MOSS BREEDERS AWARD

1. Award to be won by a club member who is the breeder of record of the dogs winning the most titles in each calendar year. Dogs do not need to be owned by the club member. It is the total number of titles won which determines the winner, not the number of individual dogs.
2. Any recognized titles shall be included, ie Champion, Obedience, Field, Working Dog, etc.
3. Titles may be won in any country of the world.

LEE ABRAHAM AWARD FOR BREEDER OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the bitch who:
1. Produced the most champions (bred by owner from one bitch only) during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

MILLIE MC CABE AWARD FOR STUD DOG OF THE YEAR

Presented to the owner of the Stud Dog who:
1. Produced the most "Champions" during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

WILLIAM AND RUBY KLEINMANNS MEMORIAL AWARD

This Award is figured from January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011, for the June 2012 Award. This award 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.

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The following rules govern the choice of the recipient of this award each year.

1. This award is presented to the RKC member who has provided dedicated service to the club and the sport of purebred dogs.
2. Award is given to a club member who has received the most letters of recommendation by the membership.
3. In the event of a tie the recipient shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from those individuals recommended by letters from the membership.
4. To be presented at the June Awards Dinner. Recipient only may be told to insure their being present.

LESLEE VALENTE MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN OBEDIENCE

This award is given to a member who handled the dog with the highest average scores in AKC Novice A or B from January 1, 2012, thru December 31, 2012. Minimum of three scores required. All qualifying scores count. Winner is to retain custody of the award for the year.

Eligibility for Ramapo Kennel Club Awards

In order to apply and receive any Achievement Awards, members must fulfill at least two of the following:

1. Work the Point Show.
2. Work the Match Show.
3. Attend two (2) Club Meetings
4. Work at Obedience and/or Show Handling Classes
5. Work on a Club Committee.
6. Participate in a Public Education Demonstration through the Club
7. Participate in a Pet Therapy Session through the Club.

(Life Members or members living more than 60 miles from show functions are exempt)

In addition, to give recognition to a greater number of members, Achievement Awards will be limited to three (3) consecutive wins by a member.

All award entries must be received by APRIL 15th, 2013 with photocopies of Wins and Titles to:

ELAINE BARONE
10 BIRCH ROAD
KINNELON, NJ 07405-2505
E-mail elaineb.bowow@juno.com

YOU MAY E-MAIL ELAINE YOUR LETTERS FOR THE "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD"

Feel free to e-mail your awards ONLY if you can scan the forms and certificates required.
Thank you, and Elaine looks forward to hearing from all of you.

AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, *continued from page 1*

heartfelt expressions of how lives were made better by the addition of that dog. The arrival of those cards serves as a powerful reminder of the important role responsible AKC breeders play in bringing the joy of a dog into people's lives.

There is also no doubt that, while the public loves puppies, not all of the public loves breeders. Unfortunately, many see our responsible breeders in a very different light than reality – a misconception that is as incorrect as it is offensive. A misconception promoted by a few and accepted by too many. And because of this extraordinary disconnect between perception and reality, there is a continuous onslaught of restrictive laws with the sole purpose of eliminating all breeders – including our responsible breeders.

All of us will continue to fight anti-breeder legislation, but we must do more.

There is also no doubt that we must change the conversation about our responsible breeders.

From unabashed lies to the truth.

From a cloud of doubt to clarity of trust.

From rumors and innuendo to factual reality.

From expediency in law-making to right judgment.

To accomplish this, we must have unity and dedication of purpose. In addition to all that AKC does now to add to the conversation, we will do more – especially by engaging the general public.

We have powerful communication resources with our newly re-imagined website, our database of millions of people, our robust Facebook and Twitter following, and our professional and passionate public relations team led by Lisa Peterson, a proud AKC Breeder of Merit. We will utilize those resources to reach out to the public consistently, frequently, and convincingly about the true essence of our responsible and dedicated breeders.

But that is only part of the job. We need your support to take the message into your communities, where the voters are who can impact our future. You are the force that brings together, and then unleashes, the true power of the American Kennel Club.

Our breeders represent everything we are today and everything we will be tomorrow. This weekend we will celebrate them and know that our destiny is in good hands.

As always, your comments are welcome – atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,
Alan Kalter Chairman

PROGRAMS

January: Kathy Haupt from Trappers Way which is a frozen natural raw food that she and her husband formulated when their Labrador, Trapper, became plagued with allergies. Now Trappers Way sponsors an All Natural Pet Event at Ramapo College the first weekend in June each year. She will come to speak with us about both the All Natural Pet Event and their frozen raw food.
Check them out online:
http://trappersway.com/Garden_State_Pets.html

Important Note: If you have any ideas for future programs or know of a potential guest speaker, please contact Phyllis Rosinsky, Programs Chair at *cantails@optonline.com* or Sharon Fremer at *teneo@mac.com*.

RKC PHOTO CONTEST

Honorable Mention goes to Amy Starost for this photo of her Entlebucher Mountain Dog waiting on the pier.

Honorable Mention goes to Lena Tamboer for this photo of her sleepy Dachshunds.

GOT STUFF?

Send your news, brags, suggestions, comments and photos to Tilly Grassa, *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.

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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, January 9	RKC Member Meeting. Program: Raw Food and the All Natural Pet Event
WEDNESDAY, January 10 **Board Members Only**	RKC Working Board Meeting, 7:30PM at VFW Hall
Wednesday, January 29	Deadline for Growl submissions
WEDNESDAY, February 13	RKC Member Meeting. Program TBA

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FIRST CLASS MAIL