RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

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PROPOSED USDA/APHIS REGULATION COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED UNTIL AUGUST 15

July 13, 2012

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Animal Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS) announced today that the comment period on the proposed regulations regarding "Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions" has been extended until August 15, 2012. We encourage any concerned dog owners who have not yet signed the AKC petition and/or submitted comments about this problematic proposal to take advantage of this extra time to do so.

BACKGROUND:

This important proposal would require all who own more than four "breeding females" and sell even one animal "sight unseen" to be regulated as a commercial breeder and be subject to federal commercial breeder licensing, regulation and inspections. The term "breeding female" is not defined, so it is unclear how USDA or even breeders themselves would determine who falls under these regulations. The term also includes multiple species (including cats, dogs, and other small mammals).

The AKC believes that the USDA's "one size fits all" regulations are not in the best interest of all dogs, responsible breeders, or puppy buyers. It is unreasonable and virtually impossible for many small hobby breeders to comply with the strict kennel engineering standards that were designed for large commercial operations.

Visit AKC's USDA/APHIS Regulations Resource Page for more information on this proposal, including frequently asked questions, a fact sheet from APHIS, an educational handout and other resources.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Sign the AKC's Petition – If you have not already done so, visit *www.akc.org/petition* and join the tens of thousands who have signed our online petition in support of responsible breeders. The new petition signature deadline is August 13.

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*Sue Cone, left, receiving the **2011 Ramapo Kennel Club Good Sportsmanship Award,** and the **American Kennel Club Outstanding Sportsmanship Award** from Elaine Barone at the June Awards Dinner held at the Paris Inn in Wayne, NJ. For more awards and photos see pages 4-5.*

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President's Message

Sharon Fremer

Everywhere we turn this summer we are reminded of the threats the dog fancy faces from the animal rights movement; whether it is in our own backyard with the case in Franklin Lakes against Danielle Weitz or at the national level with the proposed USDA/APHIS regulations. I have forwarded several emails from Sue Cone to the RKC membership giving us an overview of what these regulations mean and informing us where we may each go online to take a stand on these regulations by signing a petition and leaving a comment about them. It is crucial that each of us do this if we are to preserve our rights as owners and breeders of purebred dogs. The deadline to sign the petition and leave comments has been extended to August 15th. (see article on p.1) You may contact Sue or me for links to that site or you can go to www.akc.com and find the information on their home page. Please take the time to do this, we will all benefit from it!

Also related to the animal rights movement is a new initiative from the AKC PAC. That group's board chairman, David Ashbey, has challenged club presidents to secure at least $200 from club members to go to the AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC). He then further challenges us to contribute at least $300 to the AKC Canine Legislation Support Fund (CLSF). The support of our club members as we raise these funds will help push back threats against the future of our dogs. I urge and encourage our members to consider contributing to each of these causes. You may not donate directly to the AKC PAC, but must do it through our club. I will send a detailed email to the membership covering how we can go about accomplishing this important goal. If successful, with 100% club participation, over $1,000,000 will be raised. This will go a long way toward helping the AKC PAC and CLSF protect dogs across the nation.

The annual AKC Meet the Breeds at the Javits Center in NYC will take place on October 20th & 21st this year. Kim Luikert is again heading the committee that will work the event. Please consider volunteering your time to make 2012 another huge success for Ramapo. Kim does an outstanding job with the booth and has some great new ideas for this year. We will need both 2-legged and 4-legged participants. You can reach Kim at kim.luikert@gmail.com for more information.

There are several open committee positions for the upcoming year. If you might be interested in any of the following please contact me at teneo@mac.com.

- Audit Committee
- Annual Awards Review Committee – Elaine Barone received disappointingly few submissions for the annual awards this year. This new committee will review the awards process of past years and make recommendations for how it could be done differently to garner more interest going forward.

I hope everyone has a great summer. See you in September!

Sharon

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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
June 14th 2012
The Paris Inn
Wayne, NJ 07470

Sharon Fremer opened the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Membership: Karen Stickel of Oak Ridge was voted into membership by the members.

Sunshine: Diane Ammerman had foot surgery, a card was sent around for all to sign. A card was sent around for Arlene Scardo also.

Lorraine Fennemore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm, seconded by Joan Murko, voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Luikert
July 1, 2012

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RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB AWARDS FOR 2011

At a well-attended dinner meeting on June 14, 2012 at The Paris Inn in Wayne, NJ the 2011 RKC Awards were presented by Elaine Barone. Thank you, Elaine, for again doing a splendid job. Congratulations to all the winners!

ELAINE BARONE—SIBERIAN HUSKY
U-CDX Siberlink's Hunter at Two Rivers CDX,BBTD
U-CDX, RE
Owner handled by Elaine Barone, co-owned by member Ruth Henningsen

LINDA BERNDT—BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG
Tennescott Sholome Bernbrooks Holly, RN
RN

VIVIAN BREGMAN—BORDER COLLIE
AKC/ASCA OTCH UKC GOCH Sunrise Mssugah of Kelev UDX8,OM9,VER, RN,HIT
UDX 7 ,8, OM 7,8,9 NATIONAL OBEDIENCE INVITATIONAL (NOI) 2ND IN HERDING GROUP AND HIGHEST SCORING BORDER COLLIE, PLACED 13TH OVERALL IN A FIELD OF 118 & RECEIVED AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL BORDER COLLIE CLUB FOR THEIR ACCOMPLLSHMENTS.

AND
U-CDX Breakouts Mazel Tov of Kelev AM/ASCA CDX
AKC CDX, ASCA CDX, UKC CDX

SUE CONE—CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER
Longmeadow Susquehanna UDX 3, OM3, HIT
VS, HIT
HIGH IN TRIAL TAKEN AT THE CHESAPEAKE NATIONAL SPECIALTY

LORRAINE & ANTHONY FENNEMORE—GREAT PYRENEES
CH Karenz Kernel Krackerjack RN,CGC
CH
Breeders Lorraine & Anthony Fennemore, handled by Lorraine Fennemore.

JOY GRAEME—SIBERIAN HUSKY
MACH Kachme First Cadance of Yeti CDX,RN,MX,MXJ,WPD,TD,CGC
MACH

RUTH HENNINGSEN—SIBERIAN HUSKY
U-CD Olympus Sea Cruise At Sho-Arch CDX,RE,CGC,THD
AKC-THD*
Allie is co-owned by member Elaine Barone

AND
SIBERLINKS DARE TO DREAM RN,CGC
Allie is co-owned by member Elaine Barone
RN

ANNE HULSIZER— LABRADOR RETRIEVER
Casbar Glen Wild Weekend RN, CGC, BN, RA, THD
BN, RN, AKC-THD*
Owned and handled by Anne Hulsizer and bred by member Diane Ammerman

JOAN MURKO—FOX TERRIER (WIRE)
BIS IR/AM CH Burrencorft Special Lad
CH, BIS

MARJORIE & KEITH REMLAND–GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG
Remland's Ziva of Brightwood CD
CD

JOANNE SILVER—CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVERS
The following dogs are bred, owned, co-owned and/or handled by Joanne Silver

BIS/BISS BPIS GRCH Silvercreek Casbar Cheers
BRONZE GRAND CHAMPION
GRCH Silvercreek Cabinridge Gidget **GRCH**
CH Sago's Rosita Bonita **CH**
CH Marjan's Silvercreek Chantilly Lace **CH**
CH Sago-Silvercreek's Having a Ball **CH**
CH Sago's Summer of Love Mariposa Lily **CH**
CH Silvercreek Gossip Girl **CH**
CAN/CFC CH Silvercreek's Lone Star at Wildhorne **CH**
CH Silvercfeek's Mandan Sun Vow BN,RN **BN**
Silvercreek Trapper John RN,CGC **RN**
Silvercreek's Super Size Me RN,THD **THD***

ELIZABETH SMITH—COLLIE ROUGH COAT
UKC CH Tartanside Carte Blanche ASCA/CKC CD, AKC/UKC CDX,CKC ASCA RE, AKC RAE, UKC RO3, HIC, NA, OA, NAJ, OAJ, AXJ, NJP, NAC, OAC, NNC, TN-O, TG-N, NGC, BPDX, BPJ, BPS, CGC, CGN, TDIAOV, THD, TT, TCSS, PET, SOC III, OV, VCX, NADAC NV
AGILITY- NADAC WV-N, NV
OBEDIENCE – AKC BN, CKC #3 COLLIE IN 2010 IN CANADA
RALLY- ASCA RA, RE
THERAPY – AKC THD*
OTHER - GSDCA TT TC

AND
UKC CH Avant Garde a Piece of the Action BN, RE,CKC RN,UKC RO,3 ASCA RA,NAJ,NADAC TAC,TN-N, TC,CGC,CGN
AGILITY- AKC NAJ, NADAC NAC
OBEDIENCE – AKC BN
RALLY AKC RE ASCA RA, RN
OTHER - GSDCA TT TC

ELIZABETH SMITH—BELGIAN TERVUREN
AM GRCH, CAN CH,Aspen Glow De Cotah AKC,ASCA,CKC,UKC CDX,CKC UD, BN, GN, VER, HIC, AX, OAJ, NF, OAC, OJC, NGC, TN-O, WV-N, U-CA, CKC RE, AKC RAE, U-ROC, ASCA RAX, TC, CGC, CGN, PAT VCC, FFX-OG(4), FFX-AG(2)
AGILITY, AKC AX,NF
NADAC NVW,OAC,NCC,TNN,NAC,NJC
CONFORMATION - GRCH
OBEDIENCE – AKC BN,CD,CDX
RALLY- ASCA RN,RA,RAX
OTHER – GSDCA TT-TC

AND
Galatean Challenge the Lion
Tartanside Adventure
Tartanside Metropolitan
THERAPY – AKC THD*

AMY STAROST—ENTLEBUCHER MOUNTAIN DOG
Gustav of Wildhorn RA, CGC
RA

PATTY VALENTE—ENGLISH SPIRINGER SPANIEL
Stormwynd Skydive CDX, RAE, JH, AX, AXJ, OF
CDX,RE,AX,AXJ

JOYCE WILSON—IRISH TERRIER
GRCH Rockledge's Micah of Meath BISS
BISS

Millie McCabe Award for Stud Dog of the Year:
JOANNE SILVER
STUD DOG-
BIS AM/CAN CH Silvercreek Remington Steel JH,WD
having produced the following champions:
CH Marjan's I Walk the Line
CH Marjans Silvercreek Chantilly Lace
GR CH Silvercreek Cabinridge Gidget
CH Silvercreek Sago's Rosita Bonita

*Therapy dog title is awarded to a dog who has completed a minimum of 50 therapy visits.

BREEDING POODLES WAS HER PASSION

Arlene Scardo, grew up with Boston terriers, but it was another breed — the elegant, highly intelligent poodle — that brought the Mahwah resident renown.

Arlene Scardo was an icon in the world of poodles. "She was an icon in the poodle world," said Barbara Green, who had served with Mrs. Scardo on the Poodle Club of America's board of directors.

Mrs. Scardo, who died June 24, had 39 champions in four decades as a breeder. She specialized in white toy poodles.

One stood out: Ch. Arlrich Halcyon Days, judged best of breed at the Poodle Club of America's 1991 National Specialty.

Esa, as her owner called the tiny champion, lived a pampered 17 years, sleeping in the same bed as Mrs. Scardo. "Toward the end, Mom was bringing the dog for acupuncture because of her arthritis," said Mrs. Scardo's daughter Laurie Hettel.

After Esa died in 2005, Mrs. Scardo commissioned a bronze likeness.

"Oh my God, did she take care of that dog!" Green said. "She home-cooked food for all her dogs. She knew the correct ingredients for health and nutrition. Never was dog food given to any of her animals."

Mrs. Scardo built her icon status on the strength of "fabulous animal husbandry" and knowledge of show procedures, Green said.

The mother of two first tried her hand at breeding dogs in the early 1960s, when she bought two German shepherds from a breeder. The pair had a litter of 12. Suddenly, the family's small home in Oakland felt even smaller.

After moving to Mahwah, Mrs. Scardo learned to be a groomer and purchased a poodle groomer's customer list. "She started investigating the breed, and it took off from there," Hettel said. "We had a couple of black poodles along the way, a few apricots, but she ended up with just white ones in the house."

Mrs. Scardo hired handlers as she began making a name for herself on the show circuit. A 1976 *New York Times* article focused on one of Mrs. Scardo's toy poodles — Ch. Chrisward A-O-K of Arlrich, or Okie for short, the best of show winner at a Newtown (Conn.) Kennel Club event. The judge enthused that Okie "had all the beauty of an Elizabeth Taylor," a comment that had Mrs. Scardo bursting with pride.

Mrs. Scardo, a founding member of the Watchung Mountain Poodle Club, an affiliate of the Poodle Club of America, and a lifetime member of Ramapo Kennel Club, retired from breeding 10 years ago. She entered the CareOne at Wayne nursing home last year and was visited regularly by her four poodles — Trixie, Katie, Magic and Gracie.

In addition to Hettel, of Butler, Mrs. Scardo is survived by another daughter, Maureen Elze of Pennsville; a sister, Shirley Flynn of Hockessin, Del.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Vincent Scardo, died in 1994.

In 1983, Mrs. Scardo was a central character in a lost-dog story with a happy ending.

She had sold a poodle puppy to a Mahwah couple whose 13-year-old son suffered serious burns in a camping accident. Peppy, a belated Christmas gift, was the boy's first dog.

One afternoon, Peppy slipped out of the house. The family thought he was gone for good.

Enter Mrs. Scardo.

After helping with the search, she called a friend who raised German shepherds as tracking dogs. The friend suggested a hunter's strategy for recovering the lost dog: leaving a piece of clothing where the animal was last seen.

Mrs. Scardo placed an old bathrobe at a shed near the family's property. When she returned the next morning with her own two poodles, she found Peppy — soaking wet, perhaps from wandering into the Ramapo River.

"I just kept praying Peppy was going to be there, and he was," Mrs. Scardo told *The Record*, which published two articles about Peppy's disappearance and reappearance.

Reprinted from *The Record,* June 25, 2012. By Jay Levin, Staff Writer.

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Submit Comments Directly to the USDA's Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS) – You may submit comments online by going to: *http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2011-0003-0001*.

You may also mail comments to:
Docket No. APHIS–2011–0003
Regulatory Analysis and Development
PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8
4700 River Road, Unit 118
Riverdale, MD 20737–1238

Both actions are important in helping send a strong, clear message to APHIS on this issue. The petition, which will be submitted with the AKC's formal comments to the USDA, will demonstrate the immense number of people who are concerned about this issue, and direct comments will help educate on exactly how this proposal will impact responsible breeders, dog owners, and puppy buyers.

AKC Government Relations (AKC GR) will provide more information as it becomes available. For more information, visit AKC's USDA/APHIS Regulations Resource Page: *http://www.akc.org/governmentrelations/usda_aphis.cfm*. Further questions may be directed to AKC GR at (919) 816-3720 or doglaw@akc.org.

AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

July 2012

--A Shared Agenda for Success--

President John F. Kennedy's address to a special joint session of Congress on May 25, 1961, was both an historic and a defining moment for the United States. It was during that speech that he announced a plan to put a man on the moon before the decade was over. A little over a year later, President Kennedy explained further why he believed that was a goal worth pursuing:

"We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too."

There was just one small problem. There was no plan. But there was something stronger than a plan – a shared agenda for success.

Study the participants in any American Kennel Club event – conformation, companion, or performance – and you'll witness the shared agenda for success that exists between exhibitors and their dogs. It is a commitment to work together to achieve something that could not be achieved individually. When the judge points or the finish line is reached or the exercise is completed, both dog and handler rejoice in their mutual achievement.

That essential nature of our sport, the shared agenda for success, is something we intuitively apply throughout many of the challenges we face in our lives with our dogs. Sometimes it is to stand up for our rights; sometimes it is to do the right thing.

Today we are faced with potential USDA regulations that will seriously impede, if not eliminate, a large number of Fancy breeders as well as endanger a number of low-number breeds we are trying so hard to preserve. Our efforts to effectively comment on the APHIS proposed regulations by July 16 have taken on a life of their own, with thousands of concerned members of the Fancy submitting their comments. In addition, the AKC petition in support of the numerous comments made by the AKC Government Relations team has recorded more than 50,000 signatures.

The emergence of a shared agenda to accomplish the right thing was never more evident than our response to the needs of the search and rescue dogs working in New York on 9/11. The request for portable x-ray equipment to help the veterinarians working there treating the dogs was met in one day by Dennis Sprung and a team of volunteers in several states assisting in the acquisition and transport of the equipment. There was no formal plan – just a shared agenda to achieve the mandatory goal. A success celebrated through the DOGNY project.

Together over the years, we have accomplished small miracles by simply establishing a goal and working together to make it possible. We have also achieved success with game-changing ideas that altered our course dramatically. In 1994, there was an idea for a new AKC event. It was an idea that a number of our constituents embraced, wanted to see succeed, and committed their time to work to make it happen. From those small, yet enthusiastic beginnings, Agility was born at the AKC. Last year, Agility entries reached one million – making it our fastest growing event and the second largest AKC event in terms of entries.

In each instance, we answered in the affirmative to the Mission Impossible offer of "This is your mission, should you choose to accept it." In each instance, we worked together to achieve success made possible by common purpose – a shared agenda. In each instance, we stayed the course until we achieved success.

What will we choose to do next? What will be our next game-changing idea that will propel us forward by the end of the decade?

I propose this goal for your consideration: Increase the number of dogs which annually participate in the AKC's Canine Good Citizen program to ten times what it is today – from more than 50,000 to 500,000.

The benefits of accomplishing that would be enormous. AKC's CGC program attracts the general public, particularly young people and parents; brings new people and new revenue to our training clubs and events; serves as a bridge to companion, performance, and conformation events; strengthens our story in the legislative arena; amplifies the ability to insure homes when "redlined" breeds are present; significantly enhances the public's image of the AKC; and dramatically expands our base.

Currently 43 states and the U.S. Senate have issued proclamations in support of AKC's Canine Good Citizen program. An additional goal would be to have all 50 states support the program.

Training a dog is at the core of everything we do - from conformation to coursing, from heeling to herding to hunting - nobody knows how to do it better than we do. We can help make America's dogs be better members of their families and society. We can help make America's dog owners be more responsible owners. We can help make America think differently about our role in their lives.

We can do it, if we choose to do it.

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

Sincerely,

Alan Kalter
Chairman

To: All AKC Clubs Licensed to hold Obedience Events

The AKC Companion Events department has some exciting news for clubs licensed to hold obedience/rally events regarding changes to the regulations.

The Department continues to focus on growing participation by varying levels of competitors. To continue generating new competitor interest, the AKC has developed new Optional Titling classes and titles: the Pre-Novice Class, Pre-Open Class and Pre-Utility Class. The classes have been developed with no Group Exercises and the jumps in Pre-Open and Pre-Utility are set to half the height of the dog at the withers. With the addition of the new Pre-Novice Optional Titling Class, the current Non-Regular Pre-Novice Class has been renamed the Sub-Novice Class. These new classes become effective and may be offered at events beginning July 1, 2013.

With the addition of more new classes, it became apparent that AKC needed to allow exhibitors the ability to move their dog to more than just the traditional level classes when they complete a title. The language in the Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 16a has been changed from "Move-ups" to "Transfers". Effective July 1, 2012, after a dog earns a title, it may be transferred to another class in a future trial even though the closing date for the trial has passed, provided the club offers transfers and provided the dog and handler are eligible. Dogs competing in obedience in the Optional Titling classes may be moved to Regular Titling classes and vice versa or even to Non-Regular classes at the request of the exhibitor.

Transfers are only allowed within the same sport, e.g. obedience class to obedience class, or rally class to rally class. The request to transfer must be presented in writing to the superintendent or trial secretary at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial. Transfers may be approved provided the class and judge are available, and the class has not reached its limit. Movement between an "A" and "B" class at the same level is not considered a transfer — refer to Chapter 1, Section 16b of the Obedience Regulations.

Another change applies to the Beginner Novice B Class eligibility requirements (Obedience Regulations – Chapter 6, Section 2). Previously once a dog had earned the BN title, they were required to move out of the Beginner Novice Class. Effective August 1, 2012, a dog may remain in the Beginner Novice B Class until the handler believes the dog is ready to enter another level class.

Lastly, we know that parents have a lot of choices for their children to participate in multiple activities these days. The AKC has approved that clubs may offer a reduced entry fee for Junior Handlers in their obedience, rally, tracking and agility events effective for events applied for on or after January 1, 2013. A Junior must have an AKC Junior Handler Number and is defined as anyone under 18 years of age on the first day of the event. Please remember to encourage new exhibitors, especially juniors to participate in our sports; they are the future of the sports we love so much.

Sincerely,
Pamela Manaton
AKC Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking

Joanne Silver and Anne Hulsinger were both awarded the Mighty Oak Volunteer Award from Valley Hospital for going above and beyond with their pet therapy dogs. They were the first dog teams to receive this honor. Joanne is pictured with her dog Vanna, and Kaitlyn Hopskin from the Volunteer Office.

WHAT DOES YOUR CLUB DO FOR YOU?

1. It enables you to establish lasting friendships with a great group of people with a common interest.

2. It enables you to observe and practice the art of art of "Good Sportsmanship".

3. It provides you with a monthly newsletter that keeps you informed and in which you can publish wins, titles, news and articles.

4. It offers annual achievement awards for champions, obedience and other titles.

5. It offers the Antonelli/Gilma Blauvelt - Moss Award, Lee Abraham Award for Breeder of the year, William and Ruby Kleinmanns Memorial Award, Leslie Valente Trophy for Excellence in Obedience and the Good Sportsmanship Award annually.

6. It provides you with educational programs enabling you to be a more responsible dog owner and care taker.

7. It provides you with a close-knit network of reputable breeders dedicated to our cause.

8. It enables you to learn the importance of the Officers' and Board of Directors' responsibilities and enables you to run for office to develop leadership skills and your potential by serving.

9. It enables you to serve on committees and learn more about the dog world, your dog club, your own abilities and how to enhance them.

10. It provides you with opportunities to steward, judge matches, and learn from experienced members so you can develop a tangible resume if you decide to judge.

11. I tkeeps you abreast of current events at the American Kennel Club, the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs and other dog related sources.

12. I provides you with two socials annually - the June Awards' Dinner (free to members) and the Holiday Celebration.

13. It gives you the opportunity to advertise your dogs and business in our show catalog at a reduced member price.

14. It provides you with the opportunity to support your breed or other event interests by donating trophies or rosettes for our point shows and matches.

15. It provides you with the opportunity to participate in show handling, puppy and event classes to receive training from knowledgeable instructors.

16. It provides the opportunity to conduct training classes if you have the skills or to learn how to be an instructor.

17. It teaches you how a kennel club functions, parliamentary procedures and the application of our constitution and by-laws at work. This is knowledge you can utilize at our club and elsewhere.

18. It sends you a card or gift when you're ill, marry or lose a close family member... remembers you in life's happy and sad times.

19. It provides you with someone to call to ask dog-related questions or share good news.

20. It provides you with the opportunity for your dog to be a valuable therapy dog or participate in educational programs outside our club.

I'm sure there are more things your club does for you as well, but for now, this list is quite substantial in comparison to the small amount we pay for dues or do not if we are life members. Now the question is ..... *What do you do for your club?*

Submitted by Rose J. Radel

NOTE: CGC AND THERAPY DOG TEST OPEN TO ALL BREEDS

REFLECTIONS

A LOOK BACK AT THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS

The 16th Annual Gathering at Sunnybank, 2012

381 Terhune Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th

9:00 am & 9:30 am
SunnybankWalking Tours
Guides: Marilyn Horowitz & Kathy George
Judy Leathers & Donna McKoy

Special Musical Ensemble
Susan Chandler, Keyboard

10:30am – What Was Your Favorite Gathering?
Judy Leathers – Terhune Sunnybank Memorial News
Marilyn Horowitz – APT Stamp Status
Kristina Marshall – Gathering Trivia Contest
Open Mike for Everyone!

10:00a to 2:00p - Microchip Clinic @ Gazebo - $25
AKC CAR Including lifetime enrollment; no annual fees
24/7 support by dedicated recovery experts - Collar ID tags

1:00pm – Canine Good Citizen Test - $15

1:00pm Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dog Test - $25
Joanne Silver, Evaluator
Entries Limited to 15 Dogs – Pre-registration Required
Call Sue Chandler 973-696-2506 or greyskyes110@optonline.net
CGC Dogs must be 6 months old; Therapy Dogs must be 1 year

2:00p – BLOAT – Things Everyone Should Know!
Cindy Bossart, DVM

Important For Everyone

- *What is it?*
- *How does it happen?*
- *What do I do?*
- *Can it be prevented?*
- *What does that surgery do?*
- *Collies Count on YOU!!!*

3:00p Toni Bailey with famous collies James & Prosper
In Freestyle Dancing Demo
(Hold onto your dollars, folks, for "buckets" of fun!!!!!)

6:30p – Tribute to Right Stuff Award Winner
CLAIRE LEISHMAN & trip "Down Memory Lane"
Portobello's, 155 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland
$35 - Advance Reservations ONLY (Before August 10th) or $45 after
Send Your Check to Gerrie - Payable "CHF"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th

9:00 am
Collie Memorial & Bagpiper at Sunnybank
Complete order form below and mail together
with your check for $4 payable to "CHF" before August 1st
FMI: Sue at 201-391-9826 or susiezo@aol.com

BEST DESSERT CONTEST
An Old Favorite Is Back!
Bring your favorite dessert & recipe for judging.
Winner published in CE!!!

10:00 am - Virtues Match
* PROFILE * SKULL*MUZZLE*EXPRESSION*
* OUTLINE * FRONT * REAR * SIDE GAIT *
Moderated by Royal Rock's Leslie Canavan
Judges: Connie DuBois, Sylvan,
Susan Larsen, Trailwind
and Marian Darrow, Heatherlyn

1:00 pm – The Gathering Juniors' Match

Judge: John Buddie, Tartanside
First Prize is a BEAUTIFUL Original Acrylic Painting!

Lad of Sunnybank Memorial Match
(Immediately following Juniors)
"Lad of Sunnybank" Trophy offered for Best in Match
SANDY DRAPER MEMORIAL TROPHY
Judges:
Dogs: John Buddie, Tartanside
Bitches: Cindi Bossart, Argent

Event Prices:
Match Shows: $5/Virtue or $12/3
Juniors & Lad Match Entry: $5
Microchip $25
Dessert Contest - FREE
CGC - $15 TDI - $25

Wear your favorite t-shirt & bring your favorite story from past Gatherings!

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY
Courtesy of Boles' Bistro & CCNNJ

Holiday Inn Express, 303 Union Ave., Haskell, NJ 07420
Call DIRECT 973-839-4405 & ask for "The Gathering at Sunnybank" block before 7/29/12 for great rate of $85; $20 pet fee
7/18/12 NEWS: Block sold out! Try again after 8/1 or call LaQuinta, 1850 Rt. 23 & Ratzer, Wayne, NJ 973-696-8050

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OBEDIENCE/RALLY CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2012/2013

Session One
Sept. 19, 26
Oct. 3,17.24,31
Nov. 7

Session Two
Nov. 28
Dec. 5, 19
Jan. 2,16,23,30

Canine Good Citizen Test Feb. 6

Session Three
Feb. 20, 27
Mar. 6,20, 27
Apr. 3, 17

Session Four
Apr. 24
May 1,15,22,29
June 5, 19

Canine Good Citizen Test June 26

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com

REMINDER: Membership dues were payable by June 1, 2012. The following members have not yet sent in their dues. Please contact Ruth Henningsen, Treasurer, at ruth.sno-dog@juno.com Thank you.

Karen Barel
Gail Malone
Anita Spielman

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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All membership meetings are held at

VFW HALL
45 PLYMOUTH STREET
FAIRFIELD, NJ AT 8:00 PM
(unless otherwise noted)

There will be no meetings in July and August

WEDNESDAY, August 29	Deadline for September Growl
WEDNESDAY, September 12	Membership meeting
WEDNESDAY, September 19	First Session of RKC Obedience Class starts
Sunday & Monday, October 14 & 15	RKC Dog Show, Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ
Saturday & Sunday, October 20 & 21	AKC Meet the Breeds, Javits Center, NYC

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