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AKC CAR AIDS IN RELIEF EFFORTS AFTER TORNADOES

Major crises have a way of bringing people together, and the horrific tornadoes that ravaged Oklahoma were no different. The EF-5 category tornado killed 24 people, injured many more, and destroyed more than 12,000 homes in its path. Once they got word of the damage, the American Kennel Club and AKC Companion Animal Recovery (AKC CAR) sprang into action. They offered assistance to each of the more than 20 member clubs in the affected areas, as well as contacted their more than one million subscribers letting them know what AKC was doing to help and how they could get involved with the relief effort by donating to AKC CAR. They also reached out to other organizations that were helping with relief efforts, specifically the Red Cross and Salvation Army, among others. With the help of club members and AKC staff in the

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AKC's Stacy Mason with a family who just found their dog.

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FREE MICROCHIP CLINIC IN RIDGEWOOD, NJ A SUCCESS

TILLY GRASSA

As was reported in the last Growl, the Ridgewood Responsible Pet Ownership Committee held a free microchip clinic on May 15th, and it was a tremendous success! Pictured left to right are the volunteers that made it happen. Back row: Dr. Sherrif George Mosaad of the Farview Animal Clinic in Paramus, NJ; Sharon Faath Fremer, president of the Ramapo Kennel Club; Jeffrey Ball, president of the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs and founder of the RRPOC; Richard Loccke, village resident and dog owner; Paul Aronsohn, Ridgewood mayor and Kim Luikert, recording secretary of the Ramapo Kennel Club. Front row: Cardigan Welsh Corgis Houston and Eve, Brittany Spaniel Teddy. For more photos see page 5.

President's Message

JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

Thank you all for allowing me to be your president for another year. I am very grateful. We have a great club and I am proud when I tell people I am a member. We have had decades of positive impact in the sport of dogs and in people's lives with their dogs and will continue to do so for years to come.

Our annual dinner on Wednesday, June 12th, will be held at the Paris Inn on Alps Road in Wayne, NJ. If you would like to join us but have not yet let Lorraine Fennemore please contact her immediately to ask if you can be included. Members dine for free and guests must pay $30. This dinner is where our annual awards are presented. Elaine Barone puts enormous effort into this every year, please be sure to come and help the recipients celebrate. Hope to see everyone there!

The Ridgewood Responsible Pet Ownership Committee's June event will be held at 7:30p on Tuesday, June 18th, at the Ridgewood Public Library. It will feature Kathy Santo, a local trainer, speaking about how to recognize dog body language. Ms Santo has been featured on Martha Stewart and has been training dogs for many years. Please come and participate! We can all make a difference in educating the public about our dogs and how best to care for them.

The RKC All Breed/Obedience/Rally shows will be held on Sunday and Monday, October 13th and 14th. We need YOU! Please consider joining us out at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta, NJ. We can always use volunteers, but we specifically need someone to head up Ring Hospitality and someone to organize the Sunday show's Meet the Breeds. Also, please spread the word that Pattie Proctor will hold her Junior Showmanship Judging seminar at our Sunday show. There will be a lecture followed by observation of Junior Showmanship judging. The fee to attend this seminar is $25. This is the first AKC Juniors seminar to be held in NJ. Please spread the word far and wide to anyone you know that hopes to apply for his or her Junior Showmanship judging license. They will not be disappointed. It is a great seminar!

Remember to keep the mosquitos, ticks and fleas away from yourselves and your dogs – Lyme Disease appears to be rampant already this summer and the threat of West Nile Virus is never far away. There are a multitude of products available to help repel these insects. Don't hesitate to use them! That said, I wish everyone a happy, relaxing summer filled with fun. May you, your family and your dogs enjoy all the activities you pursue.

We will not have meetings for the months of July and August. They will resume in September; same time, same place.

See you then!
Sharon

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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
May 8th 2013
VFW Hall
Fairfield, NJ 07004

President Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:28pm.

Recording Secretary- Joan Murko made a motion to accept the April 10th minutes as Lorraine seconded, voted upon and approved.

Treasurer- April checking balance was $15,936.23 . The Money market balance $32,750.60.

Sunshine- A donation to the Collie Club of NNJ Rescue was sent in honor of Candy Wisnieski who passed away this month.

Membership- Second reading of Tracey Schnabel. Tracey has Barbet's and lives in Hoboken. She has come to handling classes and is willing to help with the Match and website. Next moth we can vote.

Obedience class- Last session. Final class is June 26th. A CGC test will be had then along with Therapy Dog testing. Tilly will put this in The Growl. See Ruth for pre registration.

Pet Therapy Class started on the 6th of May at Joanne's house and is going well.

Federation-The Ridgewood Responsible Pet Ownership Committee gave the town of Ridgewood two micro chip scanners, this was done at a meeting and was covered by the press. The first event the RRPOC is hosting is a Free Micro Chip's to residents on Wednesday the 15th in conjunction with the towns free rabies shots. The Federation will have the owner of Cherrybrook speaking at their next meeting. The Federation is now on Facebook.

AKC Delegate- At the June 11-12th Delegates meeting there is sure to be a huge debate on the Today Show upset. The owner handler series will also be addressed.

Election of Officers-President Sharon Fremer asked the Members for any nominations from the floor. There were none and the elections proceeded:

President: Sharon Fremer- Jeffery Ball moved for the floor to be closed, Patrick Deerborn seconded, voted upon and approved.

Vice President: Arlene Stover- Joan Murko moved for the floor to be closed, Tilly Grassa seconded, voted upon and approved.

Treasurer: Ruth Henningsen- Joan Murko moved for the floor to be closed, Janis Hayes seconded, voted upon and approved.

Recording Secretary: Kim Luikert- Joan Murko moved for the floor to be closed, Diane Ammerman seconded, voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Tilly Grassa- Janis Hayes moved for the floor to be closed, Joan Murko seconded, voted upon and approved.

Board, 2016: Lorraine Fennemore and Janis Hayes. Joan Murko moved for the floor to be closed, Diane Ammerman seconded, voted upon and approved.

Rose Radel made a motion for a vote of the Slate and Jeffery seconded. Kim Luikert moved that one ballot be cast by the Secretary on behalf of the slate, voted upon and approved.

June Awards Dinner is at the Paris Inn please see Lorraine if you can attend.

Match Show- Has been canceled for June 1st. Jeffery will see about hosting it in Ridgewood along with the Responsible Pet Committee.

Meet the Breeds- Is September 28-29th at Javits Center in NYC. Kim Luikert will chair the event.

Janis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 Patrick seconded voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Luikert
May 18, 2013

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL 2013 - 2014

Dues for the coming year, 2013 – 2014 are now due and payable by June 1, 2013. Please make checks payable to the RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB and mail to:

Ruth Henningsen, Treasurer
153 Holland Mt. Rd.
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

_____ Junior Membership $10.00 (10 – under 18 years old)

_____ Regular Membership $25.00

_____ Family Membership $40.00 (2 persons 18 yrs and older residing in the same household)

_____ Life Membership (25 years) No membership fee required. **$10.00 to receive the GROWL/ROSTER BY MAIL**

SUBSCRIPTION FEE $10.00 With the increased cost of printing and postage, if you would like to continue to receive the GROWL and ROSTER **by mail** you will need to include a $10.00 fee with your membership renewal. **This includes Life Members**. You can view the Growl on line at www.ramapokennelclub.com for no fee.

In order to update our records and the Roster please include any additions or corrections to your current listing. **PLEASE PRINT Life Members—please fill in this form to keep your information up to date**

Name:_____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip_____

E-Mail _____

Phone (home)_____(cell)_____

(work)_____(fax)_____

Kennel Name_____ Breed _____

Interests: (circle) Breeder Agility CGC evaluator Conformation Field Trials Hunt Test

Judge Obedience Pet Therapy Rally Rescue Tracking Other_____

Please return this entire form with your payment. Check made payable to Ramapo KC
Ruth Henningsen, Treasurer 153 Holland Mt. Rd. Oak Ridge, NJ 07438

THANK YOU

AKC CAR AIDS IN RELIEF EFFORTS AFTER TORNADOES

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area, they identified where the pet shelters were and got boots on the ground to help.

With only a 16 minute warning before the tornado hit, many people were separated from their beloved pets. AKC staff member Stacy Mason packed up her car and made her way to the Animal Resource Center where many pets were receiving care. She delivered a ton of supplies, including crates, bowls, and leashes, and stayed overnight helping out. AKC CAR then purchased two more rounds of supplies for the shelter, buying more crates and kennel runs for the dogs. Club members from the Mid-Del-Tinker Kennel Club, Oklahoma City Kennel Club, and the Lawton Dog Fanciers Association were on site helping as well, wearing AKC logo t-shirts.

AKC CAR donated 200 microchips and six scanners to a shelter being run by state personnel at the Moore Home Depot. In a major move, AKC CAR also donated $10,000 to Oklahoma State University's Veterinary Medical Hospital to support veterinary work and boarding for animals injured by the tornado. The Communications team worked feverishly to get the word out on all of AKC's social media channels, as well as networked with as many local sites and help resources as possible to push their message and assistance. They posted heartwarming pictures of owners reuniting with their pets, as well as of donations that AKC staff delivered.

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Oklahoma City Kennel Club's Tim Smith delivering crates.

For the benefit of those both in and outside of the affected area, the AKC has issued a list of suggestions for pet owners who have to leave their primary residence and seek temporary shelter after a natural disaster.

TILLY GRASSA

Clockwise from top left: Jeffrey Ball shows Ridgewood's mayor Paul Aronsohn how to work a microchip scanner; Sharon Fremer holds and comforts as Dr. Mosaad implants a microchip; happy owner and canine friend leave after being microchipped;

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Another FREE SEMINAR sponsored by the Ridgewood Responsible Pet Ownership Committee.

Canine Body Language Workshop
Presented by Kathy Santo
Dog Training
Tuesday, June 18, 2013
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Ridgewood Library.
Members are invited.

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN AND THERAPY DOG TESTING

(BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL)

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, 2013
To be held at the
VFW
69 CAREY AVE
BUTLER, NJ 07405
(RKC Training Hall)

6:30 - 8:30

$15.00 PER DOG—CGC TEST
$20.00 PER DOG-- THERAPY TEST

FMI: ruthh.sno-dog@juno.com
973-697-9456

PRE REGISTRATION SUGGESTED

The American Kennel Club Presents:

"JUDGING JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP"

Held in conjunction with the Ramapo K.C. show
October 13, 2013
Augusta, New Jersey
$25.00
Pre-registration required.

*Please meet at the Superintendent's desk 30 minutes prior to the start of Junior Showmanship Judging
*Time subject to change based upon final judging schedule.
Seminar to be conducted in-conjunction with Junior Showmanship Judging

For a registration application email Sharon at *teneo@mac.com*

Ramapo Kennel Club Annual Awards Dinner

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

7:00 p.m.

The Paris Inn

1292 Alps Rd.
Wayne, NJ 07470

Choice of Chicken, Fish or Beef
Guests - $30.00 Members - Free

Please R.S.V.P. to Lorraine Fennemore
973-227-0945 or lorrfenn1@optonline.net

VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

It all started two months ago...suddenly the doors to the training facility burst open and eleven puppies of all sizes and shapes arrived for their first RKC Puppy Kindergarten class...some cowered, some were carried, most pulled their owners into the room...they were like kites on a string on a blustery October afternoon...there were out-of-control puppies everywhere...from Leonburgers and Bernese Mt Dogs to a tiny Chihuahua...

Registration completed, KPT instructor Joanne Silver established some ground rules and organized the whirling dervishes in a circle around the room...that first night was a blur of tangled leashes, stumbling feet, pee puddles, spilled treats and hesitant handlers...a cacophony of barks, yips, and howls...

Bravely, all eleven dogs and handlers returned for the next lesson...confusion about what side the dog belonged on, what hand holds the leash, where to store treats...learning to walk all over again...embarrassment as the class detoured around the clean up in aisle 3...constructive suggestions from Joanne's able assistants...and laughter, lots of laughter...

Slowly by the fourth week humans and canines learned which end of the leash was boss...dogs sitting when their handlers halted...awareness of back feet that had to negotiate walking the plank...finding treats at the top of the A-frame making the precarious scramble worthwhile ...conquering the tunnel...no more barking, yipping, or howling...

Suddenly it was week seven and graduation!...eleven owners ran their dogs through the course exhibiting the new skills they had learned: wait, jump, up and down the A-frame, over the tilt board, walk the plank, sit, through the hoop, down, weave the cones, into the tunnel, through the cavaletti, and finish with a stand...hard to tell who was prouder, the newly empowered owners or the RKC obedience team...there were grins, wags, and lots of applause as accomplishments were rewarded and the new graduates quietly exited the training facility in heel position...(well, MOST of them)...

The learning process has begun...hopefully they'll return for Beginner class and polish the skills begun in KPT...who knows, they may go on to complete in Rally and Obedience at the RKC point show and really make their instructors smile as they remember that first whirlwind entry into KPT class...

Casbar Glen Wild Weekend CD, RE, RO1, ThD, CGC, STAR (but you can call me "Friday")

Please donate a trophy (or two) to the upcoming point show. See Kim Luikert, trophy chair at the next meeting or send her an email at *kim.luikert@gmail.com*

FINISHING FIONA

After my last Yorkie died, having primarily owned and shown toy dogs, I decided I wanted a larger breed of dog. I liked the terrier temperament and considered several terrier breeds. For various reasons, I decided upon getting an Irish terrier. I planned on showing in conformation as well as the performance sports. At Meet the Breeds in 2009, I was told there was a litter of Irish Terrier puppies available, and Fiona became a part of my family. It has been over twenty some years since I had been involved in showing a dog in conformation and things were a bit different.

Various people in the fancy and perfect strangers would comment on what a beautiful dog Fiona was. I thought she would finish quickly and we could move on to obedience and agility. I was very naïve, and in fact the road to her championship was long and frustrating, if not at times a discouraging journey.

Fiona started her show career at eight months of age. Regardless of who handled the dog—be it myself, the breeder or handler—Fiona lost. Finally, after being in the ring 18 times she won her first points. The handler who put her first points on her was enthused about her and indicated she would finish quickly. When she continued to lose, he decided he did not have time for her. Someone suggested that another handler evaluate Fiona. This handler felt because of the dog's soft temperament it would be difficult to finish her. He said it would cost five thousand dollars to finish Fiona and I should put the dog aside and get another show dog!

Top, Fiona finishing her championship and bottom, Award of Merit at Montgomery KC.

In truth Fiona is a soft dog. I had Yorkies who were more terrier in temperament than Fiona. She is an atypical terrier. I later learned there were exhibitors who said Fiona would never finish because of her blah attitude in the ring. Now Fiona had been well socialized: puppy kindergarten, competition, obedience puppy classes, handling classes, various dog shows before she was shown, and a year of agility classes. I hired yet a third handler who while expressing concern about her soft temperament felt it would be a learning curve and with continued showing, she would get better.

Finally Fiona's breeder decided to take over showing her. I didn't have a lot of confidence in my dog as I felt she looked so different from a lot of the dogs in the ring. Her breeder kept telling me Fiona was the correct type according to the breed standard.

Fiona was two and a half years old at this point. She finished in three months with three majors. She and her brother both finished their championships the same day. Fiona was then shown as a special in the Best of Breed class at Montgomery KC. That day in the ring, she showed like she never showed before, with energy and animation. It was a thrill to see her show so well, even sparring in the ring with the other Irish Terriers. That day Fiona received an Award of Merit. This was a wonderful way for "the soft dog who would never finish" to end her career in conformation. Fiona will now enter a new and exciting phase of her showing career—OBEDIENCE.

Submitted by Arlene Stover

A REMINDER—RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB DUES

Membership dues were payable by June 1, 2013. The following members have not paid their dues for the 2013/14 year as of 5/21/13. Please send your check made out to RKC to: Ruth Henningsen, Treasurer, 153 Holland Mtn. Rd., Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.
Please use the Membership Renewal Form on page 4 and send them in ASAP.
Thank you, Ruth

Linda Becker
Jack/Arlene Berlet
Barbara Brisgel
Lynn Budd
Laura Cohen
Antoniette Coviello
Patrick/Eleanor Dearborn
Louise DeBlois
Mary Gallagher
Fred/Linda Hachtel
Shirley Irwin
Linda Ladner
Alexandra Laskowski
Linda Lovstad
Cindy McMillen
Phyllis Rosinsky
Dawn Sandve
Karen Stickel
Gail Yingling

The following list is of Life Members of RKC whom I have not heard from. Please review your information in the last roster so I can update the new roster with any changes. Please use the membership form on page 4.

Barbara Aster
Eunice Bailey
Elaine Barone
Helen/Linda Berndt
Phebe Bishop
Ray/Clara Carli
Jean Cooper
Lisabet Costello
Kathryn DiGiacomo
Alfred/Sarah Epifano
Anthony/Lorraine Fennemore
Helene Fisher
Harry Hakoun
Allison Milne
Joanne Nycamp
Mike/Joyce Oscar
Larry/Ellen Passage
Arlene Pietracola
Carmen/Judy Scherzo
Lena Tamboer
Richard Tomita
Robert/Patty Valente

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, June 12	7:00 PM Annual Awards Dinner, Paris Inn, Wayne, NJ
MONDAY, July 1	Deadline for July/August *Growl*
There will be no meetings in July and August	
Sunday & Monday, October 13 & 14	RKC Dog Show, Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ
WEDNESDAY, August 28	Deadline for September *Growl*
WEDNESDAY, September 11	Membership meeting

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