RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

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AN UPDATE ON CANINE INFLUENZA

This notice is being sent out to provide up-to-date and accurate information about the Canine Influenza Virus to help prevent the spread of the virus to healthy (unexposed) dogs. The information provided is not intended to alarm dog owners and handlers.

There are recently confirmed cases of the Canine Influenza Virus (H3N2 strain) that was first brought to and identified in Chicago, Illinois in the spring of 2015. The most recent outbreaks concern the following states: Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina.

Canine Influenza Virus is an extremely contagious airborne disease that is easily spread among dogs, and in rare instances, can be contagious to cats. If you believe one of your dogs may have contracted the Canine Influenza Virus, immediately isolate it from other animals and contact your veterinarian.

Here is some additional information about Canine Influenza Virus and tips for how to minimize the risk and reduce the spread of the disease:

Canine Influenza Virus

- Canine Influenza Virus is spread through:
  - Close proximity to infected dogs (it is airborne and can travel up to 20 ft.)
  - Contact with contaminated items (bowls, leashes, crates, tables, clothing, dog runs, etc.)
  - People moving between infected and uninfected dogs
  - 80% of all dogs that are exposed to the virus will contract it
  - The virus lives up to 24 hours on soft surfaces and up to 48 hours on hard surfaces.
- Some exposed dogs will be subclinical carriers - meaning some dogs will contract and spread the virus without showing symptoms.
- Dogs show clinical signs within 24-48 hours and can shed the virus for up to 28 days from exposure.
- Most dogs will completely recover with proper treatment.
- Dogs that regularly interact with dogs outside of their own family or frequent places where many dogs gather are most susceptible to exposure to Canine Influenza Virus.

Symptoms

- Dry, hacking cough (similar to kennel cough)
- Lack of appetite
- Lethargy

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The program at our April meeting was a presentation on Emergency First Aid basics and a demonstration on how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on dogs. For more see page 7.

President's Message

JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

Our annual election was held last month. Our Board and Officers will continue to ensure Ramapo Kennel Club's commitment to purebred dogs and their place in our lives. Welcome to new member Joan Kuehm. Joan has been very active in our Obedience and Rally classes for several years. Many of you will recognize her with her Toy Poodle, Willow (often found in the company of Karen Stickel's Leonbergers). Welcome back to Elaine Barone and Lorraine Fennemore. All our board members give much of themselves to the club and I am very grateful for that. I believe Ramapo KC can accomplish a lot, but we can't do it without ALL our members participating. Each of us has unique talents to bring to the table. Give some thought to how you can help Ramapo become the best it can be; then act on it. Everyone on the board is happy to speak with you about your ideas for the club and to help make them reality.

The World Dog Expo takes place this weekend at the Meadowlands Expo Center in Secaucus, NJ. Many of you will know this venue from the Kennel Club of Northern NJ shows that were held there in March for many years. Ramapo will have a booth there. We have several volunteers that will be there, but we would be happy to welcome several more. Even if you are there to work your breed booth, please try to spend some time with Ramapo if you can. Bring your dog(s) with you. It will be great to highlight our members and the versatility of our dogs.

Our annual awards dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 14th, at Amore of Wayne, 611 Ratzer Road in Wayne, NJ. If you would like to join us but have not yet let Lorraine Fennemore know, please contact me right away. (Lorraine is in NC visiting family until next Tuesday, so I will be her substitute for anything to do with the dinner.) Members dine for free and guests must pay $30. Elaine Barone puts many hours of effort into this every year, please come to recognize the recipients and help them celebrate. I hope to see everyone there!

As always, our meetings will take the summer off. They resume on September 13th; same time, same place. We're working on lining up some good presentations. If you have someone you'd like to see on the schedule, please let me know and provide names and contact details. I'll do my best to get them.

Enjoy the summer!
Sharon

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Joan Kuehm

AKC Delegate
Jeffrey David Ball

Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
May 8th, 2017
2017 American Legion Hall
11 Oak Ave., Pequannock, NJ 07440

Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:25

Recording Secretary- Phyllis Lasser made a motion to accept the Minutes from April Fred seconded voted on and approved.

Treasurer- April balance $20,462.20. Money market 34,881.

Corresponding Secretary- Thank you from Gerrie Oliver, Tilly Grassa was absent.

Membership-George Falkner who has St Bernards, friend of Cindy McMillan submitted an application.

Obedience-sign ups for CGC and Therapy dog and Trick dog testing for June 13th test.

NJFDC and AKC- June AKC meeting, Chris Christie vetoed 3041. There are other bills stalled at this time. June program on the Federation's website

Board Elections all for two year terms:
Vice President-Gerrie Oliver
Recording secretary- Amy Starost
Board- Elaine Barone
Board- Joan Kuehm
Board- Lorraine Fennemore
The above were voted on by the membership and approved. The Recording Ssecretary cast one vote for the slate.

Karen Stickel made a motion to adjourn Ruth Henningsen seconded—voted on and approved at 9:05

Respectfully submitted by Kim Luikert
June 3, 2017

Ramapo Kennel Club Annual Awards Dinner

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Amore of Wayne

611 Ratzer Road Wayne, NJ 07470

Guests - $30.00 Members - Free*

Please R.S.V.P. to Lorraine Fennemore

973-227-0945 or lorrfenn1@optonline.net

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL 2017 - 2018

Dues for the coming year 2016 – 2017 are now due and payable by June 1, 2017. Please make checks payable to the RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB and mail to:

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

*Membership shall be considered lapsed if dues are not paid by July 1, 2017.

_____ **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 also view the Growl online 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+4:_____

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

WORLD DOG EXPO - COME AND JOIN THE FUN!
NEED VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS

The World Dog Expo at the Meadowlands Expo Center in Secaucus is coming up this Saturday and Sunday, June 11th & 12th. Ramapo KC will have a booth there, using the same materials we used at the AKC Meet the Breeds booth for many years. We need volunteers to put in a few hours each day! Our mission is to meet, greet and educate the general public. We want to get the word out about what Ramapo Kennel Club is and what it does. We want to show people how much fun they can have and how much they can learn if they join. Members are encouraged to bring their dogs - they are always a crowd pleaser. Please contact Sharon Fremer at teneo@mac.comor 201-665-2565 for details. Come and join the fun!!!

VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

My human was just reminiscing about her connections to RKC...she met Vivian Bergman in the mid 80s at classes in the Preakness School...she still has that 5' (now stretch to 6') heavy leather lead which she used with her first Chocolate Lab, "Preppy"...

Her next encounter with RKC was when she worked for a veterinarian in the late 90s...a sudden influx of clients with new puppies sparked the idea of offering puppy class on site...enter Elaine Barone and Ruth Henningsen, arriving with gates, crates, demo dogs, and cheese...the classes were a hit and my human realized her second Chocolate Lab, "MEG", would benefit from more training...they travelled to Little Falls and classes with Candy Wisnieski...a vet tech friend suggested getting certified for pet therapy...along with Joanne Silver and two of her Chessies, "MEG" piloted the pet therapy program at The Valley Hospital...

When classes moved to Butler, my human started arriving early to observe and eventually assist...enter her third Chocolate Lab, ME, a real hard head...everyone quickly realized that I needed a firm hand and a job...like my predecessor, I was certified in pet therapy, and piloted the pet therapy program at Chilton Hospital...but that wasn't enough...I got bored and into trouble...kicking and screaming, Ruth and Elaine convinced my human to train for rally and obedience competition...I love rally... obedience, not so much!...

My human now teaches the RKC puppy kindergarten and rally advanced/excellent classes...

Puppies come in all sizes and shapes... here are the big and the small of the current series:

Classes are almost finished for the year... I'm looking forward to the summer of competition and returning to classes in the Fall as demo dog...

UCDX, URO2 Casbar Glen Wild Weekend CDX-C, CD, BN, RAE, RL3, ThD, CGCA
(but you can call me "Friday")

An Update on Canine Infuenza, *continued from page 1*

- Discharge from the nose or eyes
- Fever (normal temperature is 101 – 102)

Prevention

- The best protection is vaccination. There is now a single vaccination for both the H3N2 and H3N8 strains of the virus. The vaccination requires a booster shot two weeks after the initial vaccine. Vaccination provides the best chance of immunity within 7-14 days of booster shot.
- Isolate sick animals and keep them isolated for up to 30 days after symptoms subside.
- Practice good sanitation. Use a bleach and water mixture diluted to 1-part bleach x 30 parts water to disinfect common areas such as tables, bowls, leashes, crates, etc. Allow items to thoroughly air dry for a minimum of 10 minutes before exposing dogs to them. Bleach breaks down quickly so solution should be made daily. Keep in mind that bleach becomes inactive in UV light. If mopping use two buckets so as not to cross contaminate areas
- Wash your hands frequently, ideally between handling different dogs. At the very minimum, hand sanitizer should be used between handling dogs.
- Use disposable gowns or wipe down clothing and shoes with a bleach solution between dogs or after leaving an area where dogs congregate.
- Food/water bowls should be made of stainless steel instead of plastic because scratched plastic is hard to fully disinfect.

Treatment

- Treatment of Canine Influenza Virus requires veterinary assistance. If you believe your dog may have Canine Influenza Virus, please contact your veterinarian immediately. Untreated, the illness may progress to pneumonia or other, more serious problems. H3N2 can lead to severe secondary pneumonia which can cause extremely sick dogs with potential fatalities.
- Most dogs take 2-3 weeks to recover from the illness.

Containment

- Any dog suspected of having Canine Influenza Virus should be immediately isolated from other dogs and should not attend dog shows, day care, grooming facilities, dog parks, or other places dogs gather. Dogs are contagious for up to 30 days once they have started showing symptoms.
- Contact your veterinarian to let them know that your dog may be showing symptoms of Canine Influenza Virus. If your dog is going to a veterinary hospital or clinic, call ahead to let them know you have a suspected case of Canine Influenza Virus. They may ask you to follow a specific protocol before entering the clinic to minimize the spread of the disease, including waiting in your car until they are ready to examine your dog.
- Keep sick dogs at home and isolated from other dogs and cats until you are certain the illness has run its course (typically 3-4 weeks).

Consideration for Event Venues

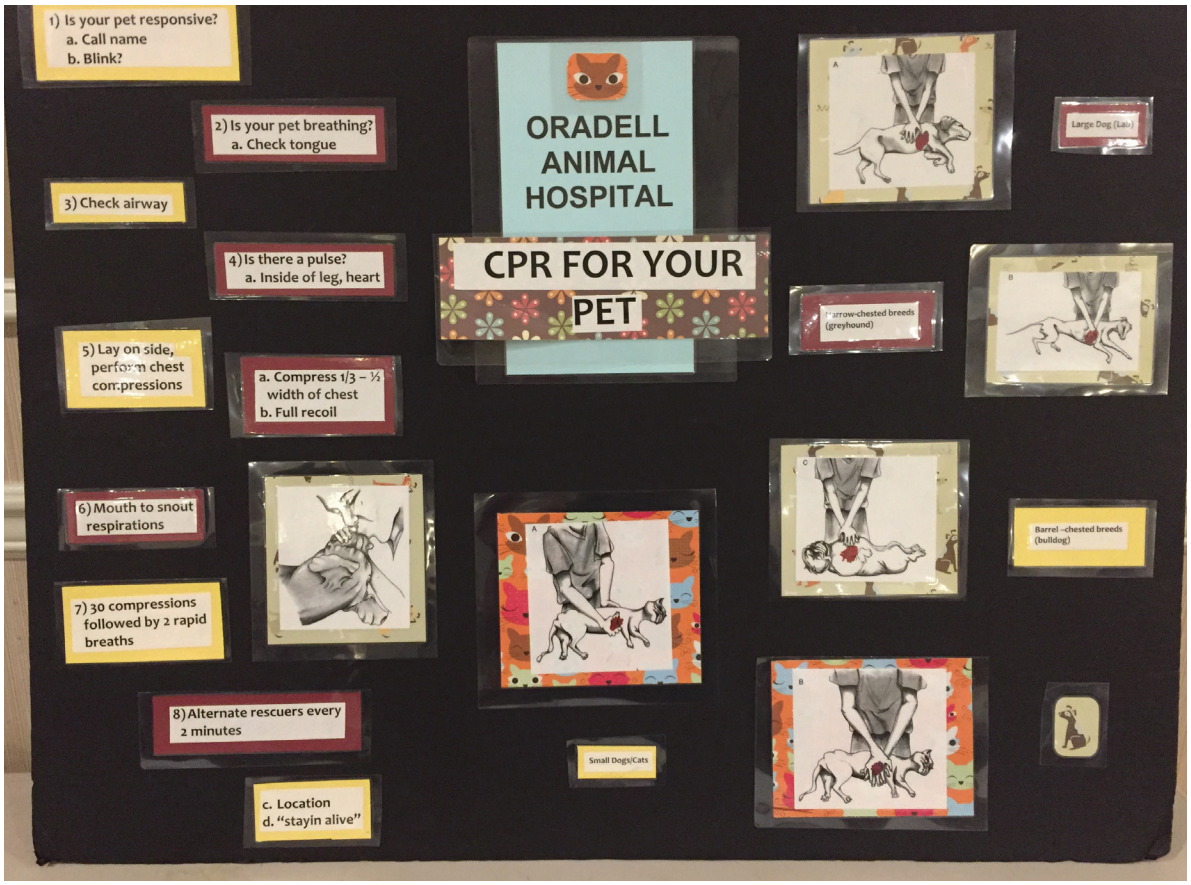
- Use a bleach and water mixture diluted to 1-part bleach x 30 parts water to disinfect common areas including show floors, grooming tables, ring gates, in-ring examination tables and ramps, and x-pens. Allow solution to completely dry (at least ten minutes in order to assure virus has been killed). Bleach breaks down quickly so solution should be made daily. Keep in mind that bleach becomes inactive in UV light. If mopping use two buckets so as not to cross contaminate areas.
- When wiping down hard surfaces paper towels are preferred over cloth.
- Consider having two exam tables at every ring so that they can be cleaned and allowed to air dry frequently in between classes.
- Provide hand sanitizer in each ring and in grooming areas.
- Exhibitors should consider grooming dogs at their cars instead of using grooming areas where dogs are in very close proximity.

Dr. Jerry Klein is a veterinarian in the emergency room at Chicago's largest veterinary emergency and specialty center. He was personally involved in treating hundreds of dogs sickened by the H3N2 virus during its initial outbreak in Chicago in spring of 2015. He is also an AKC licensed judge.

TROPHY DONATIONS NEEDED

for the upcoming 2017 point show
To donate, please see Kim at the next meeting, call her at 551-265-4245, or email her at *kim.luikert@gmail.com*.
Specific breeds, day, etc. can be requested or donations can be put in a general fund to go towards all trophies.

APRIL PROGRAM: EMERGENCY FIRST AID BASICS



At our April meeting Dr. Julie Lee, and Valerie Maldonato, from Oradell Animal Hospital spoke to us about Emergency First Aid basics. There was also a demonstration on how to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on dogs. Members and guests had a hands-on session with an available dog and life-like dummies.

First Time Out

Altoona KA, 5/25- 1st show, 6 mo old Tam-Boer 'n Tarlyn Copper Beach MLD owned by Lena Tamboer won a 4-point major followed by 2 RW to majors.

Winter Makes Magic

Elaine Barone reports that Sno Sky Winter Magic at Two Rives made magic at the Freehold shows over Memorial Day weekend.

"In his first point show at Staten Is KC he took RWD. The next day at Union County Kennel Club in Siberian Husky Sweeps he took his 6-9 Puppy Dog class and went on to take Best In Sweeps.

Back in the ring again for regular classes he took first in 6-9 again. He went back in for the third time for winners dog and much to my shock and amazement he took Winners Dog for 4 pts!!!

It has been about 15 years since I have a dog in conformation and what a way to start! Thanks to his breeder for her expert handling and thanks to the RKC show handling instructors Sharon and Fred for getting Winter in shape!"

RKC TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE - 2017

TUESDAY RALLY CLASSES
7:30 - 8:15 RALLY ADV/EXC.
8:30 - 9:15 RALLY NOVICE
(Basic obedience skills required)

Session 4
May 2, 16, 23, 30
June 6

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

Session 4
June 7

No classes July and August
New schedule starts after Labor Day.

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES CONTACT:

Ruth Hennigsen 973-697-9456 or
email at: RUTHH.SNO-DOG@JUNO.COM
OR Elaine Barone 973-492-1876
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OR Amy Starost 201-576-0491
email astarost@yahoo.com

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

CGC/CGCA/THERAPY TESTING (there is a fee for testing) - **June 13**

2017 RKC Show Handling

TUESDAY EVENINGS
6:45 - 7:30
Drop-in classes: $12.00 per dog,
OR 6 classes for $60.00

Jan. 17, 24
Feb. 21, 28
Mar. 14, 28
April 18, 25
May 2, 23
June 6
No classes July and August

FMI: Linda Hachtel
973-697-4337
or Sharon Fremer
201-665-2565, teneo@mac.com

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

On June 5, 2017 Sue and Dick Symons celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary! What a milestone! Congratulations to the happy couple!!

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)

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June 9-11	World Dog Expo, Meadowlands Expo Center, Secaucus, NJ
Wednesday, June 14	Awards Dinner, 7PM; No board meeting Amore of Wayne, 611 Ratzer Road Wayne, NJ 07470
No Meetings in July and August	
Wednesday, September 13	Member meeting 8PM, Board Meeting 7:15 PM
Friday through Sunday, October 13-15	The Harvest Cluster Dog Shows

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