RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

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LOSING YOUR FREEDOM TO CHOOSE YOUR OWN DOG

By Sheila Goffe

If a wrong-headed Assembly proposal passes the state Senate and is signed into law, Californians will surrender the freedom to select the pet of their choice.

Hard to believe, but you read that correctly. Under the proposal, the state would step in and prevent you from choosing a purebred puppy if you wanted to buy a pet through a retail pet store that is subject to federal animal welfare regulations and California's consumer protection laws.

This might not have been a big deal years ago, because you could find a local breeder with relative ease. But tough local limit laws, restrictions on owning dogs that have not been spayed or neutered and even anti-breeder extremism have discouraged small, local hobby breeders. For many people, especially those who don't have access to small, private breeders, professionally-bred pets are their only option to get a pet of their choice.

At issue is Assembly Bill 485, which would eliminate the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits sourced from professional breeders in all pet shops throughout the state. Instead, pet shops would be forced to sell only those animals obtained through shelters or so-called rescues.

The federal animal welfare act currently regulates the breeding, care, conditions and other standards of welfare for professionally-bred pets sold at pet stores. By contrast, pets that are labeled as "rescue" or "shelter" are not subject to the same requirements.

AB485 effectively takes away the most regulated, health-tested and temperament-checked sources of pets on the market and promotes pets from sources that lack this regulation and oversight. Less oversight on sourcing also potentially increases public health risks for the entire community.

The proposed law subsidizes the import and sale of pets from random and unregulated sources, while taxing sellers and buyers of pets

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Federal PETS Act Lays Framework for Protecting Pets During Natural Disasters

One of the biggest concerns for pet owners during times of natural disaster is ensuring the safety and care of their animals.

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina, the federal Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act ("PETS Act") was passed to address these questions and issues. This law and subsequent amendments require that when the Department of Homeland Security approves state and local emergency preparation plans, they must make sure these plans "account for the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals before, during, and following a major disaster or emergency." The Act also allows state and local

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President's Message

JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

I hope it's marked on all your calendars – our point shows will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 14th & 15th, this year. Starting the Harvest Cluster, Saw Mill River Kennel Club will hold back-to-back shows on Friday, October 13th. This year the Monticello New York Kennel Club will host their first ever Coursing Ability Test in conjunction with our Saturday show. Fall foliage seems reluctant to turn colors so far, but I'm sure it will be beautiful out at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. Come out and support the club. Cheer friends on in the Conformation, Obedience and Rally rings. Bring your dogs and try the Coursing Ability Test! Help Cindy McMillen's Ring Hospitality crew ensure our judges and stewards are happy and comfortable. There's always something to do. Contact show chair me (teneo@mac.com or 201-665-2565) to learn more about how you can participate. Parking passes will be handed out to volunteers at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 11th.

ShowSight magazine contacted me to say that they welcome any photos our members take at the Harvest Cluster shows. They are happy to feature them on their website and may even include them in a future issue. If you get some great shots and want to share them with ShowSight, let me know and I will give you the name and email address of the contact there.

Obedience and Rally classes and the drop-in Show Handling classes are well underway at the VFW hall in Butler. Turn out has been great, particularly for Obedience. Classes are full of enthusiastic students, eager to learn as they bond with their dogs. Ramapo brags the most successful, robust offering of classes of any kennel club in Northern NJ (possibly the entire state). Everyone enjoys themselves - handlers, dogs and instructors alike. If you think you might enjoy showing your dog in conformation, want to teach your dog their manners or would like to build a solid bond and working relationship with your dog come check out our classes. Dates and times are posted on the RKC website (*ramapokennelclub.com*).

We are eager to hear good program suggestions. What would you like to learn about? Have you heard about someone that is a great speaker with an interesting topic? Let us know about it. Better yet, reach out to that person and find out if they're available one of our meeting nights. I want our programs to reflect the membership, but that will only happen when you take the initiative to speak up and tell us what you want.

Hope to see many of you at our meeting next Wednesday night where attorney Phil Nostrand will speak with the club about the difference between Service Dogs, Emotional Assistance Dogs and Therapy Dogs and the legalities related to each of them.

Sharon

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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
American Legion Hall
11 Oak Ave.
Pequannock, NJ 07440

Dr. Leah Van Blarcom, AVCA Certified Animal Chiropractor, gave an interesting program about the benefits that chiropractic adjustments can bring to our dogs.

Meeting was called to order at 9:12pm, presided over by Sharon Fremer

The June 2017 meeting minutes were approved. Motion made by Janis Hayes and seconded by Elaine Barone.

Treasurer - August balance was $16,363.69.

Corresponding Secretary - Tilly Grassa read several notices from the AKC that had been distributed to club members via email.

NAIA donation - A motion was made by Ruth Henningsen to donate $200 to NAIA (same amount as our 2016 donation). Passed unanimously.

AKC Reunite donation - Passed

A motion was made by Gerrie Oliver to donate $500 for an AKC Reunite trailer. Jeffrey Ball will personally match our donations so the RKC name and logo will appear on the trailer. Passed unanimously.

Membership Report -

- First reading for new applicant: Rita Marchese
- First reading for new applicant: Denis Johnson of Nutley, NJ. Norwich Terriers. Sponsored by Joan Murko and Betty McDonnell
- Second reading: Cindy and Kristin Pierson
- Second reading: Tim Dewar and Catherine Cremins-Dewar
- George Falkner was unanimously voted in as a member

NJ Federation of Dog Clubs - The Federation sent a survey to all 2017 candidates for state office. Responses will help the dog community decide who to support in the upcoming election. There is continuing concern on how to define a breeder.

AKC Delegate - Jeffrey Ball was absent. No report.

Unfinished business - None

New business -

- Tilly Grassa will create a Ramapo Kennel Club Facebook page. Administrators will be Tilly, Joan Kuehm, Jeffrey Ball and Sharon Fremer.
- Ramapo Kennel Club 60th anniversary is in 2018. Lorraine Fennemore suggested hosting an open bar prior to official dinner. She also suggested we put together a memory book like what was done for the 25th and 50th anniversaries. She asked for additional ideas for the celebration. Amore in Wayne will be the site of the dinner.
- Phyllis Lasser requested that members post supportive comments on the Seer Farms FB page. Seer Farms fosters animals for people in need that cannot care for their animals. They are being unfairly charged with cruelty by Animal Rights advocates.

Point show -

- Premium list will go out late due to last minute cancellation by Chief Steward.
- Eastern Stewards will cover our shows. They will provide 7 stewards, club must provide an additional 3.

Guests: Rita Marchese, Tim Dewar, George Falkner.

Joan Kuehm and Sue Leonard will provide refreshments for the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm. Motion made by Anne Hulsizer and seconded by Lorraine Fennemore.

OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM:

Attorney Philip Nostrand will speak about legal roles and rights of service dogs, emotional support dogs and therapy dogs.

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that come from regulated, humane sources.

The measure is akin to forcing someone to buy a pre-owned car with only vague knowledge of the make and even less knowledge about its history, whether it's reliable and suits their lifestyle.

Backers of the bill believe their activism would benefit the ever-rising population of dogs in shelters and rescues. But in actuality, they would exacerbate a growing problem.

Selling only shelter or rescue dogs creates a perverse incentive to import greater numbers of street dogs and dogs of unknown origins for U.S. retail rescues. In fact, the U.S. already has become a dumping ground for foreign "puppy mill" and rescue dogs, importing close to 1 million rescue dogs annually from Turkey, several countries in the Middle East and as far away as China and Korea, according to the National Animal Interest Alliance.

It's a crap shoot whether these foreign street dogs Californians may be adopting are carrying serious diseases. That's because while importation laws require all dogs to be examined by a licensed veterinarian, foreign paperwork is commonly invalid or forged, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The issue is particularly concerning because dogs from other countries are not subject to the health and welfare laws of professionally-bred U.S. dogs. A number of rescue imports have been linked to new outbreaks of serious and infectious canine diseases including rabies, bordatella and most recently, canine flu in Los Angeles County.

Even setting aside the potential health issues and the problem of making the U.S. a magnet for the world's strays and sick animals, a rescue pet is not appropriate for everyone. Many have special needs that may not fit into the owner's lifestyle or care abilities. People select purpose-bred dogs because they want a specific type of pet. They may be seeking the predictability of a purebred puppy from known and health/temperament-tested parents or the consumer protections provided by state law over dog breeders.

If animal activists truly want to help dogs in need, they should, first, encourage responsible local and breed-club charitable rescues, while pushing to regulate importers, distributors and retailers of "rescue" pets at the same high standard that purpose-bred pets are regulated.

Second, activists should focus on boosting oversight of rescues and shelters. Despite the increasing popularity of pets marketed as "rescues," there is almost no regulation of animals that are labeled as rescues.

The decision to acquire an appropriate pet is a deeply personal choice. It should be made by the individual — not restricted by government fiat promoted by extremists who seek the end of responsible dog breeding.

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governments to permit pet owners to bring their pets with them when going to community shelters during natural disasters and states of emergency (although this is not required).

The PETS Act has been a significant step forward in ensuring the care of pets after a natural disaster. It allows local and state government entities to conduct rescue operations for household pets and even apply for reimbursement for caring for animals if community shelters allow evacuees to bring their pets. Some states have gone a step further and passed additional laws to further protect pets, and the American Kennel Club has supported these efforts.

Still, many questions remain on this important issue. Hurricane Harvey has again heightened public attention and raised the question of how governments and communities can help pet owners needing assistance after natural disasters.

AKC Reunite and the AKC Humane Fund take an active role in assisting victims with emergency shelter trailers, reuniting lost pets, and direct support.

AKC appreciates the public policy improvements made over the last 10 years, and looks forward to continuing to work with federal, state, and local lawmakers to continue to improve laws and ensure resources to help owners protect their beloved pets in times of disaster and emergency.

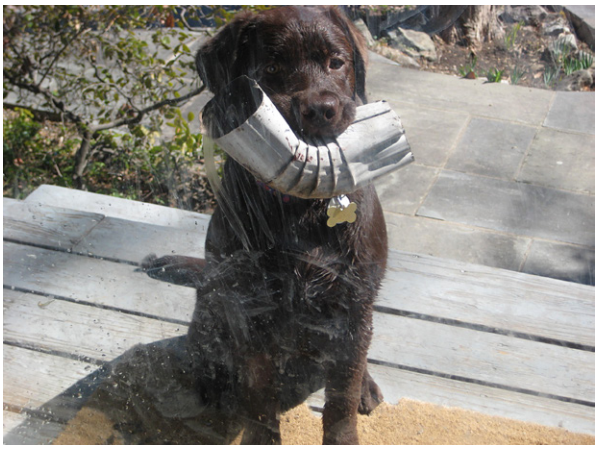
VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

Humans say that time flies when they are having fun…it's the same for dogs, but it races faster for us…I can't possibly be celebrating my 9th birthday in October… it really was only yesterday that I was in puppy kindergarten, learning to sit and down and heel…(which I never really mastered according to my human)…there were so many puppy adventures…my first snow storm…caught sleeping on the forbidden chair…bringing home a trophy or two…

And then all the classes…always learning something new and frustrating my human when I forgot…getting the zoomies in an outdoor rally ring…taking a jump twice 'cause it was so much fun…feeling gratified when a deduction was handler error and not mine…all the new friends we made and reconnected with at shows…and a growing wall of ribbons…

Now my back is creaky, my knees are crunchy, my muzzle is graying…(just look at my human's hair color)…I've retired from Obedience competition…and I'm hearing rumblings about looking for a new puppy… well, bring it on…I'm not ready for the couch yet…I'm still the best therapy dog ever…and whoever said you can't teach an old dog new tricks better take another look… I'm now training for Rally Masters and may even be the demo dog for the rally seminar at the point show…time is flying and I'm having a whole lot of fun!…

UCDX, URO3 Casbar Glen Wild Weekend CDX-C, CD, BN, RAE, RL3, RLV, ThD, CGCA (but you can call me "Friday").



PHOTOS BY ANN HULSIZER

FUN IN THE FALL

These are some of my favorites taken at Sunnybank with Riggs and this darling little boy he "found". — Gerrie Oliver

NOVEMBER'S PHOTO THEME: "HOWLOWEEN" Don't forget to take photos of your dogs trick or treating or in costume, etc.

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 1
Sept. 5, 19, 26
Oct. 3, 17, 24
Oct. 31

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 1
Sept. 6. 20. 27
Oct. 4, 18, 25
Nov. 1

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

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES CONTACT:

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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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Linda Hachtel
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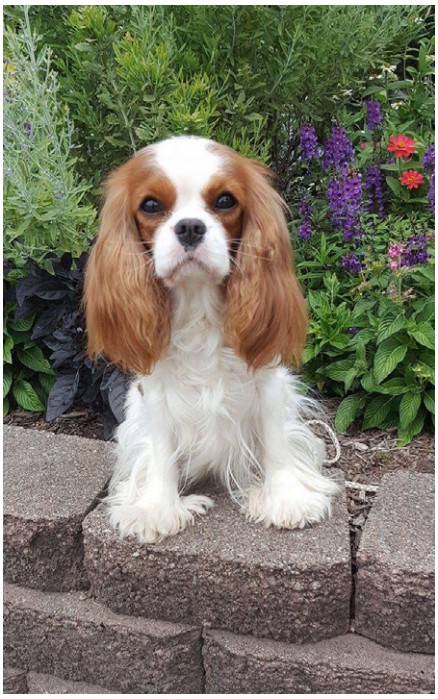
NAME BADGES FOR POINT SHOWS

To recognize our hard-working volunteers and to be sure they are recognized, Gerrie Oliver will be making up name badges for everyone attending the shows. Some of you may have already added your name to the list at the last meeting but if you didn't and would like one, please let her know if you are coming on Saturday or Sunday. Please include any title—RKC Member, Show Committee Responsibility or office held in the club, etc., that you would like her to include on the badge. Email to Gerrie Oliver at *olivergerrie@gmail.com*

Brags



Bonitos Companeros Josephine. went 6 shows with 5 Winners Bitch wins and 1 Reserve — owner-handled by Phyllis Lasser.

Bonitos Companeros Xaviera at a Cavalier Specialty. Owner-handled by Phyllis both Saturday and Sunday winning Best Puppy Bitch and Sunday was also Best Puppy In Show...

...but she isn't quite sure what to do with those ribbons.

Lena Tamboer's Gold GCh Tam-Boer 'n Tarlyn Silver Diamond of Karefor winning Best of variety Gateway Hound Club, Purina Farmss , Missouri

Also Silver wins Best of Breed at the National Miniature Roundup, 2017, over 100 entries.

At the Connecticut Yankees Dachshund Specialty, Silver was Best of Breed at the AM show and Best of Variety at the 2ndshow

HARVEST CLUSTER DOG SHOWS AND OBEDIENCE, RALLY TRIALS
Ramapo KC & Saw Mill River KC
October 13, 14, and 15, 2017
Friday - Saturday - Sunday

3 ALL BREED SHOWS
4 OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS

Friday, October 13 - Saw Mill River KC
Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15 - Ramapo KC

SUSSEX COUNTY FARM & HORSE SHOWGROUNDS
37 Plains Road, Augusta, New Jersey 07826

New for 2017!
Ramapo Kennel Club presents a Rally Masters (RM) seminar on Saturday, October 14, 2017, immediately following the Rally trial. Please join us for this free demo and educational seminar.

Also new for 2017:
Saturday, October 14, Monticello Kennel Club will hold a Coursing Ability Test (CAT) in conjuction with the RKC show.

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, October 11 — Member meeting 8PM, Board Meeting 7:15 PM. Program: Attorney Philip Nostrand -Legal roles and rights of service dogs, emotional support dogs and therapy dogs.

Friday through Sunday, October 13-15 — The Harvest Cluster Dog Shows

Wednesday, November 8 — Member meeting 8PM, Board Meeting 7:15 PM

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