RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

GROWL

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AKC PET DISASTER RELIEF

If a potentially catastrophic storm is approaching or there is a hazmat emergency, pet owners will be asked to leave their homes with little or no notice. Split-second decisions are made on what is most important to take with them: maybe their photos, but definitely their family and pets. What plans are in place to accommodate our pets in these situations?

Or without warning, a tornado, earthquake or explosion happens and animals seen wandering and lost after disasters are not strays or abandoned, they are our pets. They are lost, scared, possibly injured and in need of help. What will happen to our displaced animal companions?

Thankfully, regardless of the size or budget of a community, laws now require our local municipalities to prepare and care for its citizens and their pets in the event of a disaster. AKC Pet Disaster Relief can help our local Emergency Management be prepared.

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What is AKC Pet Disaster Relief?

AKC Pet Disaster Relief helps local Emergency Management provide animal care services during the first 72 hours following a disaster… the critical time before FEMA support and services are deployed. Deployment of these trailers will help put an end to post-disaster tragedies which have historically affected pet owners, such as: putting themselves in harm's way to save a beloved pet, or even losing a family pet during a disaster.

We want every community to be prepared to help people and their pets for any disaster and its aftermath. That is why AKC Reunite is partnering with local AKC Clubs and their affiliates to raise funds to help supply AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers to local Emergency Management.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers are stocked with essential, nonperishable necessities for sheltering pets. The supplies can be used to create a safe, temporary home-base for displaced animals and can be used to create one of two types of animal shelters:

- Co-location Shelters: A shelter that houses both humans and their animal companions. The people housed at the

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President's Message

JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

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noun
- a person who offers him/herself for a service or undertaking without compensation

verb
- to pitch in, help out, contribute

I offer a challenge to our membership. Ramapo Kennel Club wants YOU. Yes, that's right – YOU. Our club needs volunteers. Every kennel club depends on its members to define it and make it successful. Across the nation kennel club memberships are falling. There are fewer and fewer people to carry on the good works and traditions started by earlier members decades before. We are no different.

Ramapo has a core group of people that can be counted on to give all they've got to our club's events and undertakings. They readily do it time and time again. I am deeply grateful to them that they continue to do so. However, they cannot be expected to do everything. We need help with a number of open positions this year. We need someone to coordinate meeting programs. We cannot expect people to attend meetings that aren't interesting and informative. We need someone to chair our match show. These shows are a great opportunity to reach out to the public to educate them and possibly entice new members. We need several someones to contribute material to The Growl. Whether it's something about you and your dog's accomplishments or something you've read that you feel should be shared – we want it! All those brags we enjoy at the end of our meetings can also be posted in The Growl with photos for all to enjoy. If you need help scanning a photo Tilly Grassa will happily walk you through it. At our upcoming point shows we need people to help out with Sunday's Meet the Breeds, we need people to work on ring hospitality, we need Obedience stewards... the list goes on and on.

I am not asking for a massive commitment of anyone's time or effort. If each one of us can find something to contribute in some area of the club it will have a positive impact on RKC as a whole. Please consider volunteering in some way this year.

On an entirely different note, Ramapo lost long-time member Anthony Fennemore on September 4th. He and his wife, Board member Lorraine, bred/owned and showed Great Pyrenees under the Karenz prefix. They have had much success in both the conformation and obedience rings. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lorraine, her daughters and their families.

Our point shows will be held Sunday and Monday, October 13th and 14th. If recent weather is any indication, they will be the perfect setting in which to enjoy a day or two 'gone to the dogs' in Northwestern NJ where fall foliage will be well on its way to peak color. Come on out and support the club!

Sharon

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Minutes

RKC Member Meeting
September 11th 2013
VFW Hall
Fairfield, NJ 07004

President Sharon Fremer called the meeting to order at 8:35pm.

Recording Secretary- Rose made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 12th meeting, Janis seconded voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Tilly read a letter from the AKC listing the candidates for the AKC lifetime achievement awards. After Board discussion and asking the members at the meeting it was decided that the Club will make their decision after posting the information in the Growl asking for additional member input. The Deadline for submission is October 11th.

Treasurer-The Money Market has $32,778.07 as of September 11th. June checking balance was $14,669.45, July 14,575.14 and August 14,546.52. Collie rescue sent a confirmation of the donation RKC made in memory of Candy Wisnieski.

Obedience- The classes are full for September and there are registrations for the next session already. Classes begin on September 17th.

The profit that obedience and rally classes took in for the 2012-2013 season was $7034.69

Show handling- Linda and Fred have agreed to handle classes again. Classes start on the 17th of September.

Sunshine- A donation to "Take the Chair" was made in memory of Patrick Dearborn. A donation to The Alzheimer's Association was made in memory of Diane Ammerman's mother. A donation was made to St. Jude's Children's hospital in memory of Tony Fennemore. Joan Murko mentioned Joyce Wilson is house bound but she still enjoys getting out to shows if anyone would like to bring her.

Pet Therapy- New class is now under way and the next one begins in November.

AKC Delegate- Monday and Tuesday Jeffery attended two meetings of 2 1/2 hours each.

Point Show- Obedience and Rally stewards are needed please see Joanne Silver. Parking passes were handed out, they will be available at the October meeting too.

Meet the Breeds- Is September 28-29th volunteers both human and K-9 are needed Please get in touch with Kim.

Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws are available, See Ruth.

Elaine inquired about getting micro chips for members dogs. The Board will discuss the best way to get this done and what will be involved.

Joanne Silver will bring refreshments to the October meeting.

Tilly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40, seconded by Elaine voted upon and approved.

Respectfully submitted by
Kim Luikert
September 16 2013

AKC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The nominees for this year's annual American Kennel Club's Lifetime Achievement Awards are:

Conformation
Dr. Thomas Davies
Pat Hastings
Bill Holbrook

Companion Events
Lynn Eggers
Bill Iwamoto
Art Twiss

Performance
Dr. Ray Calkins
Katherine Simonds
Jeannie Wagner

We will be taking a show of hands at the next Ramapo KC meeting (October 9) to vote for one nominee in each category. For bios go to http://www.akc.org/news/lifetime/2014/nominees.cfm. Please email Tilly Grassa at tgcreative@aol.com for your suggestions before the meeting.

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shelter are responsible for their animal's general care.

- Lost and Found Pet Shelters: Displaced animals are housed in what often becomes a pop-up reunion center as people and animals are reunited. Approved volunteers and shelter staff provide animal care.

With AKC Pet Disaster Relief, our ultimate hopes are for:

- Better community preparedness
- More successful local disaster response
- Heightened awareness of the importance of disaster preparedness for their pets
- Peace of mind for pet owners –Safe, healthy sheltering environment that includes their pets — Happy reunions for separated animals and their human companions despite the chaos around them
- Lives will be saved

How Does it Work?

The AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer is stocked with essential supplies to house at least 65 pets the first 72 hours after a disaster is declared. The trailer has lighting and is wired for electricity, to run off either a generator or 110v power supply. Its contents are supplied based on North Carolina's State Animal Response Team expertise in handling hurricanes, floods, fires and tornados.

Following is a sampling of typical contents:

- Administrative Supplies: Log books, Volunteer registration forms, wrist/collar bands, check-in materials
- Maintenance Equipment: Batteries, Gas Can, Duct Tape
- Animal Care: Crates packed on rolling dollies for easy set-up, cat carriers,; litter, microchips and scanner, bowls, collars and leashes
- Equipment: Fans, Generator, Lighting, Hose
- Cleaning Supplies: Mop, trash can, tarps, litter boxes, disinfectants
- Access to training materials: Turnkey implementation of Co-Located Shelters and Pop-up Reunion Centers, Volunteer Mobilization, Decontamination and Replenishment

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Program Resources

Regardless of the size or budget of a community, local Emergency Management is now required by law to prepare and care for its citizens – including plans to accommodate people with their pets in the event of a disaster. To successfully meet these newer legal requirements, government organizations cannot alone meet the challenges posed by a catastrophe. AKC Pet Disaster Relief can be a key component to your local Emergency Management's disaster planning efforts.

Introducing AKC Pet Disaster Relief to your local Emergency Management is a powerful way to demonstrate your organization's concern for all pets and build meaningful grassroots relationships. If you do not know who to contact, FEMA.gov has a State Directory of Emergency Managers. You can also do a web search with your State's name and "local Emergency Management", oftentimes states have online directories at the regional or county level. For more information on Engaging with local Emergency Management, go to *www.akcreunite.org/relief*.

AKC Pet Disaster Relief is a grant program. To apply for a trailer for your local Emergency Management Team, please complete and submit the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Grant Application along with the signed AKC Pet Disaster Relief Agreement.

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

**Please meet at the Superintendent's desk 30 minutes prior to the start of Junior Showmanship Judging*

To Register mplete and retrn to: Katly Caruana ◆ Americn Kenne lC lub ◆ Judging Operatins Departmelt ◆ PO Box 900062 ◆ Ralegh, NC 27675-9062 ◆ 919-816-3862 ◆ fax# 919-816-4225

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NO REFUNDS ONE MO NTH PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE SEM INAR

*Time subject to change based upon final judging schedule.

Seminar to be conducted in-conjunction with Junior Showmanship Judging

SHOW HANDLING SCHEDULE 2013-2014

TUESDAY EVENINGS
6:45 - 7:30
DROP IN CLASSES ONLY
$10.00 per dog

Oct, 1, 15, 29
Nov. 5, 19
Dec. 3, 17
Jan. 14, 28
Feb. 4, 18
Mar. 4, 18
Apr. 1, 15, 29
May 6, 20
June 3, 17

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RKC TRAINING CLASS SCHEDULE 2013-2014

TUESDAY EVENING-Rally Advanced/Excellent
7:30-8:30

SESSION 1
Sept. 17, 24
Oct. 1, 15, 22, 29
Nov. 5
SESSION 2
Nov. 19
Dec. 3, 17
Jan. 14, 21, 28
Feb. 4
SESSION 3
Feb. 18, 25
Mar. 4, 18, 25
Apr. 1, 15
SESSION 4
Apr. 22, 29
May 6, 20, 27
June 3, 17

Pet Training/Obedience Schedule
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
SESSION 1
Sept. 18, 25
Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30
Nov. 6
SESSION 2
Nov. 20
Dec. 4, 18
Jan. 15, 22, 29
Feb. 5
February 19 Canine Good Citizen Testing/snow day
(there is a fee for the test)
SESSION 3
Feb. 26
Mar. 5,19, 26
Apr. 2, 16, 23
SESSION 4
Apr. 30
May 7, 21, 28
June 4, 18, 25

June 24 (Tuesday) Canine Good Citizen Testing/ snow day
(there is a fee for the test)

FOR CLASS INFORMATION AND TIMES CONTACT:

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RKC Obedience class graduation in June at the RKC Training Hall in Butler, NJ

ANNE HULSIZER

AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2013

Changing the Future

Last Thursday we posted a charming photograph of three Golden Retriever puppies on the American Kennel Club Facebook page. The caption was "I love my breeder" with a request to "share your love for your dog's breeder." The image was shared 2,500 times, received 11,000 likes and almost 500 comments. We posted this because we love responsible breeders, but also because we wanted to see the reaction it would elicit.

The post sparked a lengthy conversation about the merits of finding your new dog at a breeder vs. adopting a dog. That passionate debate proved two important issues. There are ardent, articulate, and knowledgeable supporters of responsible breeding who possess facts and are capable of persuasively educating the public about the truth of responsible breeding. However, it also proved that there is a great deal of misinformation about responsible breeding that result in significant prejudice against breeders. There is no doubt that prejudice against breeders has impacted our breeders, our sport, and the public's ability to enjoy the unique experience of a purebred dog in their lives.

Just 20 years ago, a purebred dog was the dog to have in your life. Twenty years ago, a responsible breeder was viewed as a respected resource. Twenty years ago there were virtually no important legislative efforts aimed at eradicating all dog breeding.

What changed in those 20 years? The noble quest to give every dog a "forever" home was co-opted by the animal rights organizations as a method to raise funds for their mission to completely eliminate pet ownership. Under the guise of supporting adoption, they have been raising a significant war chest - over $200 million last year alone – to fuel a campaign aimed squarely at destroying our ability to preserve breeds for future generations.

As told by AR groups, responsible breeders have been dishonestly accused of being the sole cause of dogs in shelters - not irresponsible owners.

As told by AR groups, purebred dog breeders have been maliciously portrayed as evil people only interested in money and winning at events, at the expense of their dogs' health and well-being.

As told by AR groups, purebred dogs have been wrongly defined as being plagued with genetic health and temperament problems caused by breeders.

After 20 years of this propaganda – mostly unchallenged by those who know better – a portion of the public has accepted this fiction as reality.

No more.

AKC Staff led by Chris Walker along with Bob Amen and I have been working with Edelman, our new public outreach partner, on the plan that will change the current conversation, as demonstrated in that Facebook post, by confronting the prejudice and telling the truth about purebred dogs and their responsible breeders.

We will focus our efforts on two key audiences – families with kids 8-12 and empty nesters. These groups represent the critical inflection points for dog ownership and hold our best opportunities to correctly educate the public about purebred dogs and responsible dog breeding.

An additional audience will be federal and local legislators. Our experience makes it clear that once legislators know the truth, the legislative outcome is positive.

We will expand our voice to include breeders, dog owners, AKC thought leaders, veterinarians, and AKC's over 700,000 grassroots followers.

We will relentlessly focus on these foundational story themes: the unique qualities of purebred dogs, the desirability of purebred dogs as family pets, the truth about the health of purebred dogs, and the truth about responsible breeders.

We will use every outreach channel to relentlessly tell our story in a shareable and searchable way, including national and local media, hybrid media, AKC's own media, and social media.

By focusing on these key audiences with expanded, credible voices centered on our core narratives we will get better stories in the media, more often.

In addition, we will immediately and aggressively respond to any attack utilizing our partners, our supporters, and our full media assets.

There are three things you can do to help regain control of our destiny.

Tell us what you are hearing from your community, what the toughest questions are that you face. We'll compile the answers and get you a toolkit to respond from a position of knowledge, strength, and pride.

Tell us your story - how you picked your breed, why you became a breeder and what has changed about the health of your breed due to the efforts of your Parent Club.

Tell us who you know who can help tell the truth – supportive officials in parent, children's, or seniors' organizations either locally or nationally; a veterinarian who is actively involved in a professional organization either locally or nationally; or an informed and outspoken government official.

You can share all of this information with Chris Walker at cxw2@akc.org or 212-696-8232.

As an avid Bullmastiff breeder, I am reminded of the description of that great protector of the family and property – fearless and confident, yet docile. I believe the AKC is a great protector of our rights to responsibly breed dogs. We too are fearless and confident, but it is time to stop being docile regarding the lies and propaganda that defile purebred dogs and responsible breeders.

We will communicate the truth about purebred dogs and their responsible breeders, emotionally and memorably.

We will increase the desire to own a purebred dog.

We will de-stigmatize responsible breeders.

We will change the conversation.

We will change the future.

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

Sincerely,
Alan Kalter

THE RKC BOOTH AT AKC MEET THE BREEDS

JACK AND TILLY GRASSA

Clockwise from top: Setting up the booth; Rose Radel and Kim Luikert; Gerrie Oliver and friend; information and goodies on the table.

THE HARVEST CLUSTER

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

PALISADES KENNEL CLUB

DOG SHOWS AND OBEDIENCE, RALLY TRIALS
HARVEST CLUSTER

RAMAPO & PALISADES Kennel Clubs

Will be held OCTOBER 11, 12, 13, and 14.
FRIDAY – MONDAY
SUSSEX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
AUGUSTA, NEW JERSEY

Rain or Shine
Indoors and Outdoors

ANTHONY FENNEMORE

Anthony J. Fennemore, 82, passed away Sept. 4, 2013 at Compassionate Care Hospice in Dover, NJ. He was the beloved husband of RKC board member Lorraine Fennemore. Born and raised in Clifton, he had been a resident of Montville since 1962. Tony served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He earned his Bachelors Degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1962.

Anthony was a supervisor with the County of Passaic Division of Adult Protective Services for 33 years before retiring in 1992. He was a member and past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Fairfield and was active in various social work organizations.

A member of Ramapo Kennel Club, Tony was a longtime dog fancier. He and Lorraine were breeders and owners of multiple champion and obedience-titled Great Pyrenees.

Tony was an avid Giants and Yankees fan. He had not missed a Giants home game in decades. He was also a lifelong music lover and owned an extensive collection of music. Tony loved to travel and had hoped to visit all 50 of the United States in his lifetime. He made it to 47.

Tony is survived by Lorraine, his 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren and his cherished dogs, Kernel and Kayleigh.

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)

MONDAY, October 7, 7PM	Board meeting at the Hayes' residence
WEDNESDAY, October 9, 8PM	Membership meeting
SUNDAY & MONDAY, October 13 & 14	RKC Point Show, Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, NJ
FRIDAY, November 1	Growl submission deadline
WEDNESDAY, November 13	Membership meeting There will be a board meeting starting at 7PM

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