RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

GROWL

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AKC Position Statements *continued from the May 2018 Growl*

Purebred Dog Rescue
The American Kennel Club supports and encourages the efforts of clubs, organizations, and individuals to rescue adoptable purebred dogs. These dogs may originate from animal shelters, or from owners who can no longer care for their dogs in a responsible manner. The American Kennel Club encourages all such groups and individuals, after exhausting all possible means to contact the breeder of such animals, to spay or neuter rescue dogs prior to placing them with a responsible owner.

Responsible Breeding Practices
The American Kennel Club believes that breeding programs should be undertaken responsibly for the purpose of preserving breed characteristics and producing healthy, well-socialized purebred puppies. Responsible breeders are expected to give careful consideration to health issues, temperament, and genetic screening, as well as to the individual care and placement of puppies in responsible homes. AKC supports and promotes these and other responsible breeding practices through breeders' education programs, and commends those who offer similar guidance. The AKC strongly opposes the breeding of dogs by those who do so without regard for the dogs' welfare. We support scrupulous enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act, and state and local regulations governing the humane care of animals. We further believe that USDA and other enforcement agencies should be given appropriate resources to ensure that regulations are met. In addition, the AKC Investigations and Inspections department conducts thousands of kennel inspections each year. When AKC inspectors find kennels that do not meet our minimum care and conditions requirements, they educate and encourage those breeders to raise their standards or face suspension of their AKC registration privileges. Proper authorities are also alerted to any cases of animal neglect.

Responsible Dog Ownership
The American Kennel Club believes that owning a dog is a rewarding experience that brings great joy and happiness to any household. With dog ownership comes long-term emotional and financial commitment and a variety of responsibilities. Accordingly, we encourage potential owners to closely evaluate their lifestyle before deciding to obtain a dog and to give careful consideration to what breed will best suit them. They are encouraged to visit the AKC website, www.akc.org, to do their research. AKC strongly urges puppy purchasers to seek responsible, ethical breeders as resources for their dogs. We further encourage owners to provide proper care, training and socialization to ensure that their pets remain happy members of their family, respectable members of the community and well-mannered canine good citizens. AKC and its affiliated clubs offer a wide range of educational programs and materials to teach dog owners how to reach these goals while enjoying their dogs for many years to come.

Spaying and Neutering
The American Kennel Club opposes laws that mandate the spaying/neutering of dogs. Spaying/Neutering are major surgeries and the decision to spay or neuter a dog should be made by the dog's owner in conjunction with their veterinarian. Recent

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Come to the June Awards Dinner to celebrate Ramapo KC's 60th anniversary, Wednesday, June 13 at Amore of Wayne. For more information see page 9.

President's Message

JACK GRASSA

Sharon Fremer

RKC's annual election took place at our May meeting. As always, our Board and Officers will continue to ensure Ramapo Kennel Club's commitment to purebred dogs and their place in our lives. A warm welcome to new board member Rita Marchese. Rita has participated in our Obedience and Rally classes for several years. Additionally, she is the Assistant Obedience Chair to Amy Starost for our October 2018 point shows. Rita always attends our meetings, so she is a familiar face to all. Welcome back to Sue Leonard (Board Member), Cindy McMillen (Board Member), Tilly Grassa (Corresponding Secretary), Ruth Henningsen (Treasurer) and me (President).

All our board members give much of themselves to the club and I am so very grateful for that. I believe Ramapo KC can accomplish a lot, but it means we need the participation of ALL our members. Each of us has unique talents to bring to the club. 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 work to make them reality.

Congratulations to Cindy McMillen and Gerrie Oliver on their successful match show on Saturday! Despite ferocious heat and humidity all attendees had a wonderful day and went home happy. Thank you for making Ramapo KC a club that dog lovers love to support!

Our annual awards dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 13th, at Amore of Wayne, 611 Ratzer Road in Wayne, NJ. This year is Ramapo's 60th Anniversary! To celebrate in style, we have added a cocktail hour from 7 to 8pm, 2 free drinks per person. Anything beyond that is on you! If you would like to join us but have not yet let Lorraine Fennemore know, please contact her right away (973-227-0945 or *lorrfenn1@optonline.net)*. Members fulfilling the published requirements dine for free and guests pay $55. Trophy Chair Elaine Barone puts a ton of effort into this every year, please come to support and 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 12th; same time, same place. We're working on lining up some good presentations. If you know someone you'd like to have speak to us, please contact them to confirm they are available. Then let me know and provide names and contact details. I'll do my best to ensure they are on the fall schedule.

Enjoy the summer!
Sharon

Ramapo Kennel Club Officers

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Sharon Fremer
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Gerrie Oliver

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Ruth Henningsen

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Amy Starost

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2019
Elaine Barone
Lorraine Fennemore
Joan Kuehm
2020
Sue Leonard
Rita Marchese
Cindy McMillen

AKC Delegate
Jeffrey David Ball

Minutes

Call to Order
The Membership meeting of Ramapo Kennel Club was held on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at The American Legion Hall, 11 Oak Street, Pequannock, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 8:45pm and was presided over by President Sharon Fremer.

Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes to the April 11, 2018 minutes was made by Anne Hulsizer and was seconded by Lorraine Fennemore.

Officers' Reports
Treasurer Report – Ruth Henningsen stated that the checking account balance was $18,640.41 and the money market is at $34,897.45. A reminder was made that annual membership dues are due June 1.
Tilly Grassa, the Corresponding Secretary, stated that we can now nominate for the 2018 AKC Lifetime Achievement Award.

Other Reports
Obedience: Elaine Barone stated that the classes are full and rolling along. CGC/Therapy dog testing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6th.
Awards: Lorraine Fennemore stated that the 2018 June Awards Dinner will be held at Amore of Wayne, 611 Ratzer Road, Wayne, NJ on Wednesday, June 13th. This will include a cocktail hour and dinner.
NJFDC: Jeffrey Ball stated that the Federation is waiting for clarification of Purebred Dog Day to make sure it's annually. They are also looking into reversing the Tethering bill and the Groomer's bill. Jeffrey stated that on Wednesday, May 16th free rabies and microchipping at the Graydon Pool in Ridgewood from 5:30pm – 6:30pm and all are welcome.
Membership: Sharon did the second reading of Lucinda Meeker of Wantage, NJ, who owns Papillons and is being sponsored by Cindy McMillen and George Falkner.

Match Show: Cindy McMillen stated that the Match Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are available.
Point Show: Jeffrey Ball will be the 2018 Show Chair.
Sunshine: Lorraine Fennemore stated that a thank you card was received from Vivian Bregman.

New Business
Kim Luikert stated that she needs donations for the Point Show prizes, Conformation classes, which are $40/day for Groups 1-4 (there are 7 groups) plus juniors, puppy and best bred by.

Volunteers for Refreshments for September, October and November are:
- September – Ruth Henningsen & Elaine Barone
- October – Rita Marchese & Amy Starost
- November – Tilly Grassa & Sharon Fremer

Unfinished Business
Due to the uncontested slate, a motion was made by Jeffrey Ball and seconded by Elaine Barone to have the Recording Secretary cast one vote on behalf of the nominated slate.
The Recording Secretary, Amy Starost, cast one vote as follows:
- President - Sharon Fremer
- Treasurer - Ruth Henningsen
- Corresponding Secretary - Tilly Grassa
- Board Position - Sue Leonard
- Board Position - Cindy McMillen
- Board Position - Rita Marchese

Adjournment
Denis Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Kim Luikert, at 9:16pm.

RAMAPO KC MATCH *Sunnybank, Wayne, NJ Saturday, June 2, 2018*

Best Adult in Match (Center): Judge Dwayne Butherus presenting the trophy to Hannah Loonsk and her Irish Water Spaniel. Judge Denise Garber below) selected Border Terrier "Abbey"as Best Puppy in Match. Shown with her owner Sharon Scruggs (left).

PHOTOS BY JACK AND TILLY GRASSA

VIEW FROM THE OTHER END OF THE LEASH

There's an intruder in the house!...she's a 16-pound 9-week-old Mini Me...her name is Rockycreek Glen Wild Breeze, but she prefers to be called "Breezy"...

This interloper has turned my usually orderly world upside down...my naps are disturbed... there's no quiet sofa time... toys are everywhere...she tries to eat from my food bowl instead of her own... sneaks into MY crate...and she has leaky plumbing...my human is constantly reaching for paper towels and Nature's Miracle, and has almost tripped over her several times...

She is one smart cookie...already racing up and down the stone steps outside, explored behind the clothes dryer and backed herself out...managed to rattle the puppy pen until both latches slid loose...and she's totally fearless...into e-v-e-r-y-t-h-i-n-g...busy, busy, busy, crash, snore...

At first I was standoffish, not sure what this bouncing bundle of brown energy was doing in MY house...I'm starting to mellow...after all, she has nice new toys that I can steal...she follows me constantly with adoring eyes and mimics whatever I do...I let her climb on me and chew on my collar...when I've had enough, I give her one big adult bark and walk away...she gets the message...

Oh boy, has she got a lot to learn if she's gonna fit my pawprints...she'll have a second set of vaccines next month and then it's off to puppy kindergarten... leash walking, sit, down, push ups, come, stay, leave it and controlled jumping instead of her current kangaroo antics...she's figuring out to find her human when her name is called... (chicken bits are a great incentive)...

Actually she's kinda cute, starting to grow on me...maybe she's not such an intruder after all...I may let her stay... welcome aboard, "Breezy"...

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

Rockycreek Glen Wild Breeze "Breezy" (in training) and left with her human.

You're Welcome...

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
GEORGE P. SIEK TRI-BORO VFW POST NO. 8096
69 Carey Ave, Butler NJ 07405

April 20, 2018

Ramapo Kennel Club
www.ramapokennelclub.com,

To our Friends and Supporters at Ramapo Kennel Club,

On behalf of the members of Veterans of Foreign War George P Siek Tri-Boro VFW Post 8096, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your donation to our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Your support helps to fund our programs that assist Veterans in need as well as assistance to other local community Veteran related non-profit organizations.

Thank you for your generosity and support,

Sincerely,

Roger Fields
Commander

Photos, Brags etc.

Denis Johnson has some brags to report:

A 5 point major for CH Frabjous E. T. Elizabeth Taylor (GCH Ji-Ros Hotspur -Call Me Nigel, CGC x CH Littlefield Tesoro Prezioso, THD, CGC) at GSATC under judge Lydia Coleman Hutchinson.

Frabjous Filomina got her first two points at Trenton KC and her brother Frabjous Fergus got his fourth point there as well.

Denis' newest CH Frabjous Zsa Zsa (GCH Ji-Ros Hotspur -Call Me Nigel, CGC x CH Littlefield Tesoro Prezioso, THD, CGC) who lives in Finland received her Finnish Championship and Lithuanian Championship.

L-R: Lorraine Fennemore's granddaughter Jennifer, daughter Karen, grandson Anthony, son in law Anthony, and grandson Michael on vacation in the Poconos with Kiwi, Kernel and Kayleigh and their cousins Kyra (middle) and Zara (far right).

New champion for Gerrie Oliver!

A blue merle collie—CH Silhouette Silver Lace, co-owned by Gerrie Oliver & Elena Geldkop. She is the dam of Gerrie's Colliecove Silhouette's A Nickel's Worth and lives in North Carolina.

Sue Leonard and her dog Oz of Brunswick drove out to Logan Utah and joined 11 Entlebuchers in a 4 day show. Oz won 2 majors! She is looking forward to their first Specialty in Lake Elmo, Mn. in mid August.

RKC OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTORS ARE PROUD...

Just a year ago AKC introduced the Rally Master title into competition...exercises are selected from all lower levels and the most challenging Master level...a team is required to qualify in 10 trials under at least 2 different judges...the complicated Master course is performed off leash and the handler may not touch the dog, clap, or tap the leg...and most difficult of all, no sign may be repeated...

RKC obedience instructors are proud to share that rally student Colleen Swierkocki and her adorable Cockapoo, Daisy, recently finished their Rally Master title with two perfect 100 scores!...they also earned High Combined for their scores in Advanced and Excellent, and High Triple Combined for scores in Advanced/Excellent/Masters levels in the same trial!...this little dog works so crisply and has incredible attention to her handler...a true joy to watch on the rally course...

CONGRATULATIONS to Colleen and Daisy...now, on to Obedience trials where we know they will bring home more blue ribbons...

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scientific studies demonstrate that spaying/neutering, particularly before a dog is fully mature, may result in detrimental longterm health impacts. In light of this information, AKC encourages breeders, owners and veterinarians to consult on the appropriateness and timing of spaying or neutering an individual dog.

The Advantages of Purebred Dogs

Responsible breeders breed dogs with desired characteristics, abilities and instincts. The offspring of their breeding programs are predictable in appearance, temperament and instinct. Purebred dogs are true to type when mated. The American Kennel Club currently recognizes and includes more than 160 breeds in its stud book, and various dog registries throughout the world recognize more than 400 breeds. Some of the breeds are of relatively recent origin, while other breeds have existed since civilization began. The choice of a purebred dog permits the prospective dog owner to select the desired size, appearance, disposition and instincts with assurance that a puppy purchased from a responsible breeder will possess those defined characteristics.

The Right to Keep and Enjoy Dogs

The human-canine bond predates history. Since the dawn of civilization, people have enjoyed the companionship and assistance of dogs. Dog ownership has existed in all cultures, races, climates and economic situations - by monarchs, monks, nomads, and peasants. The American Kennel Club strongly endorses the right to own, keep and breed dogs in a responsible and humane manner. We believe that responsible dog ownership is compatible with most living arrangements. The AKC opposes laws that limit the number of dogs a responsible owner may own as well as unreasonable limitations on pet ownership, such as the prohibition of dogs for residents of senior citizen and government subsidized housing facilities. The AKC recognizes the special obligation of dog owners, not only to their pets but also to their neighbors. The AKC supports "curbing" and clean-up ordinances, leash laws, nuisance laws, and other reasonable regulations designed to ensure dogs and their owners remain respected members of their communities.

Use of Dogs in Research

The American Kennel Club recognizes the invaluable contributions to both human and veterinary medical knowledge that have resulted from medical research on animal subjects, including dogs. The AKC believes that all efficacious alternatives to the use of dogs should be explored before using dogs, that the research should clearly necessitate the use of dogs and that standards of humane care and treatment of such dogs should be scrupulously observed. Also, the AKC strongly believes that individuals who utilize dogs in research should bear full responsibility for ascertaining the source of their dogs and for assuring that suppliers comply with federal, state and local regulations.

Use of Dogs in Sporting, Working and Competition Activities

The American Kennel Club encourages and strongly supports the interaction and mutual enjoyment of owners and dogs in sporting activities such as hunting and field trials; in working circumstances such as herding, tracking, and pulling; and in competition events such as dog shows, obedience trials, agility trials, and other performance events and tests. The AKC believes that dogs should be properly cared for, humanely trained, and not pushed beyond reasonable limits for which they were bred.

Use of Working, Assistance and Service Dogs

The American Kennel Club strongly supports the training and use of dogs by humans, whose lives are enriched by dogs' performing essential services. Dogs provide a wide variety of valuable services including: handicapped assistance dogs; drug, bomb, and arson detection dogs; and tracking dogs to locate missing persons and fugitives. The AKC opposes those who seek to define the assistance and service that dogs provide to humans as exploitative. The AKC encourages the continuation and further development of the use of dogs for these and similar purposes. The AKC supports the right of persons who require a dog to perform essential services to be permitted to keep a dog without regard to the dog's size, phenotype or breed.

Working and Detection Dogs

The American Kennel Club values the contribution that working and detection dogs make to national security and the extraordinary role that these dogs play in protecting the peace and security of individuals, communities and nations against extremist threats. The AKC honors the breeders, trainers and handlers of these dogs, and supports expanded scientific research and breeding programs to ensure that sufficient high quality domestically-bred dogs are available to ensure public safety and national security, and that specialized care is provided to assure the wellbeing of these dogs.

60TH ANNIVERSARY
Ramapo Kennel Club Annual Awards Dinner

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Amore of Wayne

611 Ratzer Road Wayne, NJ 07470

Cocktail hour with appetizers from 7- 8 p.m. (two free drinks per member)

Sit-down dinner including a choice of 3 entrees (chicken, veal or fish)

Members - Free* Guests - $55.00

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

973-227-0945 or lorrfenn1@optonline.net

**Dinner is free to members who have fulfilled at least two of the following:*
1. Work the Point Show; 2. Work the Match Show; 3. Attend two (2) Club Meetings; 4. Work at Obedience and/or Show Handling Classes; 5. Work on a Club Committee; 6. Participate in a Public Education Demonstration through the Club; 7. Participate in a Pet Therapy Session through the Club. (Life Members or members living more than 60 miles from show functions are exempt)

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, June 13 — 60th Anniversary Awards Dinner
7PM at Amore of Wayne, 611 Ratzer Rd. Wayne, NJ.

No meetings in July and August

Fri., Sat. and Sun., October 12 thru 14 — The Harvest Cluster Point Shows

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