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Sully, Bush's service dog, lies by his casket before one last journey with the former president

The yellow Labrador Retriever appeared woebegone, his head slack over his front left paw, his muzzle resting on the ground. Yet he was also steadfast, still keeping watch over George H.W. Bush, the 41st president, who died Friday, Nov. 30th at his home in Houston.

After accompanying the statesman and World War II veteran in the final months of his life, Sully, the late president's service dog, lay before his casket.The display of instinctual, animalistic devotion captured the reaction to Bush's death.

Dogs, wrote the poet Emily Dickinson, "know but do not tell."

"Mission complete," said Jim McGrath, the Bush spokesman.

Sully was matched to Bush in June of this year, when he was almost 2. He is named after former commercial airline pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger III, who safely landed a plane on the Hudson River in 2009

Among the services that Sully was able to perform for Bush were retrieving dropped items, opening and closing doors, pushing an emergency button and supporting him when standing.

Although his presidential mission is complete, Sully's work isn't done. America's VetDogs said the Labrador will join the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where he will assist with "physical and occupational therapy to wounded soldiers and active duty personnel during their journey to recovery."

Courtesy VetDogs.org

The December meeting of the RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB will be our Holiday Party, December 12, 7PM at Portobello, 155 Ramapo Valley Rd. Oakland, NJ The party will be in the Banquet Building

Holiday Buffet – $35
Bring $35 checks made out to Ramapo Kennel Club

Don't forget to bring a small item for the Yankee Swap gift exchange

To let her know you are attending, Email Lorraine at *lorrfenn1@optonline.net*

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President's Message

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Sharon Fremer

Is everyone ready for a delicious holiday dinner? I hope so! It's already time to enjoy our holiday dinner on Wednesday night, December 12th. It will be at Portobello (the catering hall, not the restaurant where we had last year's dinner), located at 155 Ramapo Valley Road, Oakland, NJ 07436, starting at 7:00pm. Price is $35/person. There will be a cash bar. If you plan to attend but have not yet let Lorraine know, please get in touch with her NOW!

We will hold our traditional Yankee Gift Swap. Participation is not mandatory, but those that wish to join the fun should contribute a wrapped gift valued at approximately $20 and be prepared for mayhem. Basic rules are as follows:

Each participant supplies one wrapped gift. The gifts are placed in a central location and participants draw numbers to determine the order in which they will select one. The first person opens a wrapped gift, shows it to the participants and his/her turn ends. On subsequent turns, each person has the option of "stealing" any previously chosen, unwrapped item from its new owner or taking a new, wrapped item from the gift pile. When a player's gift is stolen, they must select a replacement gift from the pile of wrapped presents. The game is over when the last person has taken their turn. Ramapo has added a few variations to the basics which we will explain before the swap begins.

THANK YOU ALL for your contributions this year. This club reflects you, our membership, and your hard work. You make us succeed. I encourage each of you be even more involved next year. Take one of our core Obedience, Rally or show handling classes. Maybe we could sponsor a one-off event like a day at Barn Hunt or a Herding Clinic. Put your thinking caps on and share your ideas with us! I look forward to a year filled with exciting new events in addition to our 'regulars'. Let us know your thoughts for 2019, we're eager to hear from you.

I wish all our members and their 2-legged and 4-legged families happy, healthy holidays.

Hope to see you at Portobello next week!

Sharon

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Minutes

Call to Order
The Membership meeting of Ramapo Kennel Club was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at The American Legion Hall, 11 Oak Street, Pequannock, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 8:18pm and was presided over by President Sharon Fremer.

Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes to the October 10, 2018 minutes was made by Anne Hulsizer and was seconded by Tilly Grassa.

Officers' Reports
Treasurer Report – Ruth Henningsen stated that the checking account balance was $30,123.78 and the money market as of 10/1/18 is at $34,906.19.
Corresponding Secretary – Tilly Grassa received a letter from the AKC PAC requesting donations.

Other Reports
Point Show: We received compliments from the judges this year regarding the stewards and the breakfast/lunch food.
Sunshine: A get-well card is being sent around for Rose Radel, who had cataract surgery.
Programs: Input is needed for programs and they must be dog related. Please contact Sharon with your suggestions.

New Business
The RKC Holiday Dinner Party will be held on December 12th from 7pm-10pm and will cost $30 per person. Location is unsure at this moment as we are looking into another venue. There will be a $20 Yankee Swap.

Gerrie Oliver stated there was a news segment about the AKC Disaster Recovery Trailer in Camden, NJ that was recently delivered and that the RKC Logo was clearly displayed on the trailer and in the news.

Announcements
Rick Tomita, a RKC member and breeder of Boxers, has passed away.

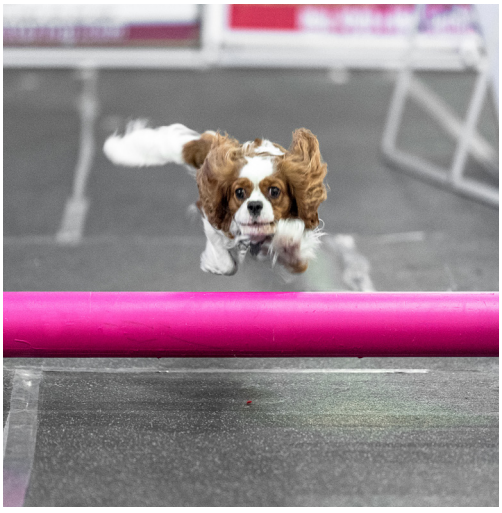
Motions
Gerrie Oliver made a motion to Donate $100 in honor of Veteran's Day, to each facility that Ramapo utilizes (VFW Hall in Butler and the American Legion Hall in Pequannock), which was seconded by Catherine Dewar – so moved.

Adjournment
Elaine Barone moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ruth Henningsen, at 9:10pm.

Recording Secretary – Amy Starost

Gerrie Oliver is happy to announce the arrival on 10/3 of a rough tri male puppy. Chances are he will be registered as Colliecove One for the Money and his call name will be "Cash".

A wonderful action shot of Cate Cremin-Dewar's dog, Jarvis at the World Dog Expo.



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)

Wed., December 12	RKC Holiday Dinner 7pm. Portobello, in the banquet building 155 Ramapo Valley Rd., Oakland, NJ
Wed., January 9	Member Meeting 8pm. Board meeting 7:15pm. Program TBA

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