RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

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## HOW TO KEEP YOUR DOG QUIET DURING ONLINE VIDEO MEETINGS

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During the pandemic, online video meetings have become a common way to communicate.

Whether we're conducting business or chatting with friends and family, virtual get-togethers have made our lives easier. But there's nothing more annoying than interruptions during a meeting. And dogs are a common culprit. Don't let your dog be the one to bark and whine through your boss's presentation. Read on for tips to keep your dog quiet during online video meetings.

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**Provide Attention and Exercise**

A dog who wants food, attention, or a potty break is going to make their needs known with demanding behaviors like barking, whining, or pawing you. And that's incredibly distracting during a meeting. Of course, you can mute your microphone so nobody else is disturbed, but it will be impossible for you to focus. The obvious solution is to meet your dog's needs beforehand.

If your meeting is around your dog's normal mealtime, feed them early rather than expecting them to patiently wait until you're done. You should also take them out for a potty break right before your meeting starts to ensure they're comfortable for the duration of your meeting. And if you can, provide your dog with some exercise and play ahead of time as well. If you give them a chance to burn off excess energy and soak up some attention, they will be far more likely to relax afterward.

**Give Your Dog a Chew Toy**

It's difficult for your dog to watch you on a video call. From their perspective, you're simply ignoring them and that's no fun. Instead, give your dog something to occupy their time. If they're engaged in an exciting activity, they won't care what you're doing on your computer.

An edible chew, like a bully stick, is a great option to keep your dog busy. Look for something long-lasting and safe for your dog's chewing style. For example, rawhide chews could be safe for a light chewer but not if your dog can break off large chunks. That can pose a choking hazard or lead to an intestinal blockage. Remember, you won't be supervising your dog, so only use chews you know from previous experience are appropriate.

You can also provide food releasing chew toys. The classic Kong is ideal. Stuff the Kong with

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# President's Message

*Gerrie Oliver*

**FACES!**

My collie club held its Specialty Show on April 11th. I can't begin to tell you how wonderful it was to see so many familiar faces, albeit hidden behind their masks. Although everyone remained at a safe distance it was clear that the enthusiasm and camaraderie of being together again lifted everyone's spirits and provided a fun foundation for a wonderful show. A whole new crop of pretty dogs were entered which made it all the more fun. I can't wait to be able to see you all in person again in the near future.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the AKC educational webinar "Marketing Tips for Clubs" which was subtitled Marketing:101 with Aurora Greenberg, Senior Brand Marketing Manager, Cody Barr, Social Media Manager and Meghan Prince, Brand Marketing Coordinator. Together they explored the importance of digital marketing.

Digital Marketing is any form of marketing that uses an electronic device or the Internet. Digital channels include search engines, social media, email, and websites to connect with the "audiences" you want to reach. Like it or not, the world is becoming increasingly digital. People are consuming content faster every day.

- 80% of Americans have a social media profile (Statista 2020).
- Only 7% of U.S. adults say they do NOT use the internet (Pew Research 2021).
- Over 5 billion Google searches are made every day (Search Engine Land).

Thanks to Tilly Grassa's dedication and expertise, I think Ramapo Kennel Club's website and Facebook page are a fabulous reflection of the "face" of the club. According to these experts, however, it is critical to keep information fresh and up-to-date. It is important to remove or update outdated information to keep visitors interested. It is also to our benefit to add event info as soon as available. This responsibility falls to all of us to provide Tilly with the information needed to let everyone know about activities and events. And, keep checking the pages yourself. Every time you log in RKC's name gets boosted to the top. The more hits, the higher it goes in the search engine platforms. The benefits are obvious. To learn more, here's the webinar recording link: *https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/4053630405892820239*

On that note, the RKC All Breed Shows are coming up quickly. It is time to "face" the music and let Show Chair, Jeffrey Ball, know what you can do to help. There will be a Show Committee Meeting on Monday, May 17th at 7:30 PM via ZOOM. Please make plans to join us.

May is Ramapo Kennel Club's Annual Meeting for members only when elections will be held. Be sure to congratulate and thank the familiar "faces" continuing to serve our wonderful Club.

The monthly Membership Meeting is on Wednesday, May 12th, at 8:00 PM, via ZOOM. This is a closed meeting for annual voting. There will be a Board Meeting prior to the Membership Meeting starting at 7:15 PM. Please watch your inbox for an invitation to join us.

*Stay well and safe, Gerrie*

## Ramapo Kennel Club Officers

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Jeffrey David Ball

# Minutes

**RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB**
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING (4/14/2021)**

**Call to Order**
The Membership meeting of Ramapo Kennel Club was held on Wednesday, the 14th of April, via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM and was presided over by Gerrie Oliver.

**Attendees**
Members in attendance included, Gerrie Oliver, Rita Marchese, Elaine Barone, Ruth Henningsen, Sharon Fremer, Jeffrey Ball, Tilly Grassa, Kristin Pierson, Cindy Pierson, Karen Stickel, Mary Gallagher, Kim Luikert, Betty McDonnel, Elizabeth Smith and Sue Chandler.

**Approval of Minutes**
Minutes from February approved with changes to the attendance (Lorraine Fennemore), motion made by Elaine and seconded by Tilly.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**
**Corresponding Secretary-** Tilly shared with us that she received and forwarded the notice from the AKC showing that our show is pending due to a conflict with the Maryland shows.

**The Treasurer's Report** was presented by Ruth, the checking balance was $ 14908.71 and the Money Market was $25,933.23. $800 will be paid for our insurance.

**OTHER REPORTS**
**Sunshine:** Rita shared that Amy Starost was hospitalized with Covid and that she will try to contact Lorraine to send flowers from the club.
**Membership:** N/A
**Obedience Classes:** Starting week It was decided upon to hold a 5 week leash manners/good dog class which will be a combination of puppy KPT and beginners obedience. The 5 week class will start on May 4th which is a Tuesday and show handling will follow; moving to 7:15. We will be running a CGC test on June 2nd. We will need volunteers.*
*Karen Stickel Volunteered to assist with CGC

**Awards:** Award deadline has been extended to May 15th. Outdoor event in June being considered for the Annual Awards celebration.

**Show Handling:** We had 8-9 people at the last class and we have a good group of people coming. With shows starting up we hope to have better attendance.

**AKC Report:** Animal rights bill S2868 (animal advocates) is being discussed and the next meeting will be held via Zoom

**NJFDC:** A4533 is an assembly bill that is being discussed.

**Point Show:**
- Sharon stated that most of the contracts are out; working out payment for one judge; and we're missing a terrier judge.
- Jeffrey will call Rau for the contracts
- Will confirm all the specialties and supported clubs interested.
- We will have a general all-breed trophy fund handled by Kim Luikert and a separate fund for Obedience/Rally done by Elaine .

**Old Business:**
The NJFDC representatives are Jeff, Sharon and Kristin as an alternate.

There are no further nominations from the board regarding upcoming elections.

For Ramapo KC jackets and gear please contact Lorraine ASAP.

**New Business:**
Yearly dues for membership renewal are due by June 1st to Ruth.

Adjournment: motion made by Ruth and seconded by Jeff, end time 9:01.

## HOW TO KEEP YOUR DOG QUIET DURING ONLINE VIDEO MEETINGS, *from p. 1*

peanut butter or cream cheese layered with treats so your dog has to work past the sticky filling to get to the other goodies. To make the toy last even longer, freeze it first. There are loads of recipes for Kong stuffers on the web, so try a few out until you find one that keeps your dog busy for as long as possible.

**Occupy Your Dog's Mind**

You can also keep your dog out of your hair with puzzle toys and slow feeders. These challenge your dog's mind as they try to find the hidden food. Look for a puzzle toy that doesn't require reloading every few minutes. Although these toys are fantastic, they are meant to be used with your dog rather than for solitary play. Instead, try food-filled toys that your dog must manipulate like a rocking treat dispenser or a snuffle mat. Set up one or more of these toys right before your meeting and your dog won't even notice you're gone.

Slow feeders are meant to slow down your dog during mealtime. But there's no reason you can't use them at other times to engage your dog. Simply sprinkle in a few treats or bits of kibble and let your dog work out how to remove them. You can even make your own food-releasing puzzle toys from items you have around the house.

**Teach the Quiet Cue**

Even if you've given your dog plenty to do during your video call, they might still bark. Whether they're excited by a squirrel in the yard or want to tell you about the mail delivery, it's helpful if you can ask for quiet. A "quiet" cue tells your dog to stop barking, and it's relatively easy to teach.

Simply hold a tasty treat to your dog's nose while they're barking. As soon as they stop barking to take a sniff, praise them and reward with the treat. Once they begin to catch on, wait for a half second of silence before offering the reward. Then build the length of time until your dog can be quiet for several seconds. Now it's time to fade the lure and add a verbal cue like "quiet."

Because barking is so rewarding in itself, you'll need to practice training "quiet" often and in many situations before your dog masters this behavior. And be sure to add a hand signal like placing a finger over your lips so you can ask for silence during a meeting without even needing to mute your microphone.

**Send Your Dog to Their Bed**

Finally, give your dog somewhere relaxing to spend their time when you're busy online. Send your dog to their place (a bed, crate, or mat) until your video call is over. If you've used positive training techniques to teach this behavior, your dog will have built wonderful associations with their place and will be content to spend time there. However, you should still give them an activity to do while they are there such as chewing a bully stick or playing with a food-stuffed toy.

## FOR SALE

| | |
|---|---|
| Grooming table with arm 24L x 36W x 30H | $35.00 |
| Old suitcase crate 36 x 22 x 24"H | $10.00 |
| Newer folding crate 24w x 30L x 22H | $25.00 |
| Folding soft crate 21w x 30L x 22H with case | $25.00 |
| Metal utility articles misc sized | $10.00/set |
| Full set metal/leather articles 4" bar x 2 1/2" ends original J & J mfg. | $30.00 |

Contact Elaine Barone if interested. *elaineb.bowow@juno.com or 973-626-3966*

# RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD APPLICATION

**CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1, 2020 THROUGH DEC. 31, 2020**

Reg. Name of Dog _____
Dog_____ Bitch _____
AKC#_____Breed/Variety_____

Owner(s)_____

Address_____
_____email_____
Breeder_____

Owned by member(s) _____ Bred by Member(s)_____

Handled by Member(s)_____
*Indicate name of RKC Member who is to receive the award.

## CATEGORY

**HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

BIS (All Breed) Show _____ Date _____
BIS (Specialty) Show _____ Date _____
HIT Obedience Show _____ Date _____
Best in Field Trial Show _____ Date_____
High in Trial Rally RA/RE Combined_____ Date_____

**CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS**

Conformation Champion Show _____ Date _____
Grand Champion Show _____ Date _____
Bronze, Silver, Gold Gr CH Show_____Date _____
Obedience Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____
Field Trial Champion Show _____ Date _____

**OBEDIENCE & RALLY TITLE AWARDS**

AKC, UKC, WCS CDSP will be recognized

**TITLE**

_____ Show _____ Date _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____
_____ Show _____ Date _____

**OTHER AKC TITLES** (Herding, Field, Agility, Barn Hunt etc.).)

_____ Show _____ Date _____Country_____
_____ Show _____ Date _____Country_____
_____ Show _____ Date _____Country_____

Photocopies of all Titles must be sent with entry. No awards will be given without photocopies. NO EXCEPTIONS!! Non-regular Titles will only count towards the breeders' award and certificates of achievement. Temperament testing is a Non-AKC Title.

## RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

**Non-Regular Awards or Achievements and Requirements**

Additional Awards (STAR, CGC, CGCA, THERAPY DOG,CAT, TT, or parent club titles etc. (applicable for Certificate of Achievement only)

_____Show _____ Date _____ Country_____
_____Show _____ Date _____ Country_____
_____Show _____ Date _____ Country_____
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_____Show _____ Date _____ Country_____

**AENNCHEN ANTONELLI / GILMA BLAUVELT - MOSS BREEDERS AWARD**

1. Presented to a club member who is the breeder of record of dogs winning the most titles in each calendar year. Dogs do not need to be owned by the club member. It is the total number of titles won which determines the winner, not the number of individual dogs.
2. Any recognized titles shall be included, ie Champion, Obedience, Field, Working Dog, etc.
3. Titles may be won in any country of the world.

**LEE ABRAHAM AWARD FOR BREEDER OF THE YEAR**

Presented to the owner of the bitch who:

1. Produced the most champions (bred by owner from one bitch only) during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

**MILLIE MC CABE AWARD FOR STUD DOG OF THE YEAR**

Presented to the owner of the Stud Dog who:

1. Produced the most "Champions" during the calendar year.
2. Only American Kennel Club Championships to count.

**WILLIAM AND RUBY KLEINMANNS MEMORIAL AWARD**

This Award is figured from January 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020. This award will be based on the greatest number of dogs defeated in breed competition (up to and including Best in Show) by a single dog **handled by its Owner.** Dogs owned or co-owned by a Professional handler are excluded. If the dog is owned and handled by more than one member (neither of which is a Professional handler), both members will share the award equally.

**LESLEE VALENTE MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN OBEDIENCE**

This award is given to a member who handled the dog with the highest average scores in AKC Novice A or B from January 1, 2020, thru December 31, 2020. Minimum of three scores required. Shows and scores must be provided. Winner is to retain custody of the award for the year.

**RALLY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

This award is presented to the RKC member who has achieved the AKC Rally Advanced/Excellent title. To earn this title, the dog must have completed the requirements for the Rally Excellent title and received qualifying scores in both Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B at 10 separate trials. 1/1/20-12/31/20

**PATRICIA A. SCULLY MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN OPEN OBEDIENCE**

This award is given to a member who handled the dog with the highest average scores to obtain the title of CDX in AKC Open A or B from January 1, 2020, thru December 31, 2020. Minimum of three scores required. Shows and scores must be provided. Winner is to retain custody of the award for the year.

## RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION, continued

### RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The following rules govern the choice of the recipient of this award each year.

1. This award is presented to the RKC member who has provided dedicated service to the club and the sport of purebred dogs.
2. Award is given to a club member who has received the most letters of recommendation by the membership.
3. In the event of a tie the recipient shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from those individuals recommended by letters from the membership.
4. To be presented at the June Awards Dinner. Recipient only may be told to insure their being present.

### AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

1. This award celebrates those individuals who deserve special recognition for having made a difference in the sport of purebred dogs, embody the AKC code of sportsmanship, and have been an active and valued member of an AKC member club. The award is given to a club member who has been nominated and approved by the majority of the board of directors and officers **PRIOR** to the May meeting and shall be presented at the June awards dinner. The awards chair will be notified by April 15th. The recipient only may be notified by the awards chair to insure their being present.

### Eligibility for Ramapo Kennel Club Awards

In order to apply and receive any Achievement Awards MEMBERS must fulfill 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)
**In addition,** to give recognition to a greater number of members, Achievement Awards will be limited to three (3) consecutive wins by a member.

**All award entries must be received by MAY 15th, 2021 with photocopies of Wins and Titles to:**

**ELAINE BARONE**
**10 BIRCH ROAD**
**KINNELON, NJ 07405-2505**
**E-mail elaineb.bowow@juno.com**

YOU MAY E-MAIL YOUR LETTERS FOR THE "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD"
Feel free to e-mail me your awards ONLY if you can scan the forms and certificates required.
Thank you and I look forward to hearing from all of you. *Elaine Barone*

## SHOW YOUR CLUB SPIRIT!!
## ORDER YOUR MONOGRAMMED
## RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB SPORTSWEAR

**Lorraine Fennemore will coordinate all orders.**
**Please contact her at *lorrfenn1@optonline.net***

**8915 UltraClub Adult Fleece-Lined Hooded Jacket**
**Color-ROYAL**
**Sizes S to XL**
**Price $50**

**437 Jerzees Adult 5.6 oz. SpotShield™ Jersey Polo,**
**Color-ROYAL**
**Sizes S to XL,**
**Price $17**
**Available in ladies 437W**

**Also long sleeve version is**
**437ML Jerzees Adult 5.6 oz. SpotShield™ Long-Sleeve Jersey Polo.**
**Price $21**

**4997 Jerzees Adult 9.5 oz.**
**Super Sweats® NuBlend® Fleece Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt**
**Color-ROYAL**
**Sizes S to XL**
**Price $28**

**G500 and G500L Gildan Heavy Cotton™ T-Shirt**
**Color - ROYAL**
**Sizes S to XL**
**Price $12**

**ALSO AVAILABLE:**
**1501 Yupoong Adult Cuffed Knit Beanie, Color-ROYAL, One size, Price $12**

**1500 Yupoong Adult Knit Beanie, Color-ROYAL, One size, Price $12**

**BX001 Big Accessories 6-Panel Brushed Twill Unstructured Cap, Color-Royal, One Size, Price $12**

# MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL 2021-2022

**Dues for the coming year 2021-2022 are now due and payable by June 1, 2021*.**
**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, 2021**

_____ 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.

GROWL 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. You can email any changes to ruthh.sno-dog@optimum.net or mail the form to me.

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

## CONFORMATION HANDLING CLASS

Ramapo Kennel Club show handling classes, at the VFW Post #8096, 69 Carey Ave., Butler, NJ.

Due to the club having to limit class sizes and maintain social distancing please contact Kristin Pierson at *piersonKn@hotmail.com* to register for these classes, as she will be keeping a list of all students attending. Masks must be worn, and there will be a waiver to sign.

**Show Handling dates 2021:**

May 11, 7:15 pm

May 25, 7:15 pm

## OBEDIENCE CLASSES 2021

*Graduates of our latest obedience class.*

BOTH PHTOS KRISTIN PIERSON

*Graduates of our latest KPT class.*

**Class will be limited following Covid guidelines. $125.00 fee.**

**May 4 6:30 Basic obedience**

**May 11 6:30 Basic obedience**

**May 18 6:30 Basic obedience**

**May 25 6:30 Basic obedience**

**June 1 6:30 Basic obedience**
**This is the last class until September**

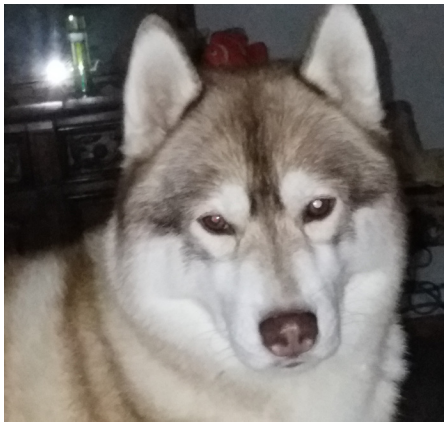
**WEDNESDAY June 2 6:00**
**Canine Good Citizen Test & Therapy Dog Test**

**FOR CLASS INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Ruth Hennigsen 973-697-9456 *ruthh.sno-dog@optimum.net,*
Elaine Barone 973-492-1876 *elaineb.bowow@juno.com*
Rita Marchese 551-404-2545 *rita0360m@live.com*

# Brags. Etc.

*Kristin Pierson's Soft Coated Wheaton, Gunner earned his BCAT title at the Somerset Hills Kennel Club FAST CAT event on April 18th.*

*Betty McDonnell's eleven year old Norwich Terrier, Hazel earned her tracking title at a tracking test held in State College, PA, on April 11. "I started training her when Covid kept us isolated from social gatherings and when all dog shows were canceled. Tracking is a natural behavior, but you cannot force a dog to follow a track. When you and your dog become a team, there is nothing quite as thrilling in my mind." Hazel is now Ch. Kilyka's Witch Hazel UDT NAP NJP RATN ROM. The RATN is a Barn Hunt title which terriers particularly excel in but is also popular with many other breeds.*



*Ruth Henningsen's Siberian Husky, Merlin achieved a Top 20 National Ranking Award for 2020 with Companion Dog Sports Program for Starter Novice C class. This is an award that includes all breeds and mixed breeds nation wide! He also achieved his World Cynosport Rally Level 2 title.*

*Breaking news!! Merlin and Ruth competed in AKC virtual intermediate rally and have just received their scores. Ruth submitted 3 videos and they were judged by 3 different judges. Pending AKC approval Merlin earned his intermediate virtual Rally title with scores of 100, 99,98!*

*Sue Chandler's High Road to Sullivan's Island (Hamish) was best puppy 6-9 mo. at the Potomac Skye Terrier Club specialty held in Timonium, MD on April 23rd. It was his first show.*

*Not to be outdone by his brother at left, Elaine Barone has a brag about Winter, who just got his AKC RIV title. He is now oficially CH, U-CH Sno Sky Winter Magic at Two Rivers RIV SN-C WCS RL2 CGC.*

*Sharon Fremer's Cardigan Welsh Corgi GCHB Shadowalk Houston won Best of Breed and Best Owner-Handled Best of Breed at Penn Treaty KC in Delaware on May 2.*

# Dates to remember:

**All meetings will be on ZOOM until further notice.**

**Wed., May 12** Member Meeting 8pm. Board meeting 7:15pm

**The date of the 2021 Awards Dinner will be discussed at the upcoming May meeting. .**

## Kommander's Korner

Hi Friends,
Kommander here with lots of good memories this past week. My Mom's friend has a horse farm and a large indoor building. She also has Great Pyrenees dogs. We were invited to a play date and conformation class. I met many Pyrenees dogs of various sizes and both sexes. There was Marcus, Passion, Thea, Nokie, Ollie, 2 more whose names I can"t remember, and of course "ME". We were all on leash but of course interacted like crazy lunatics. Finally we settled down and did some show handling. Since my Mom doesn't like too much exercise, one of the ladies that boards a horse there took my leash and ran me around and tried to stack me. (I've got a lot to learn.) The horses in the stalls were very well behaved when we walked past them. (Boy are they big). I slept very well that night since I had lots of exercise that day.

I also met my first bunny rabbit. Somehow it got into our fenced in backyard and Kiwi and I started to chase it. Kiwi is very fast even though she is fat and she had it in her mouth several times. Mom finally grabbed me and pulled me into the house. Kiwi was too fast to catch so Mom finally called for human reinforcements from next door. Finally Kiwi was caught and dropped the rabbit. The stunned rabbit got up, squeezed through the gate opening, and hopped away. No Blood. No Mess. No Dead Rabbit. Boy was Mom glad that she did not have to clean up dead remains. I'm sure to get a good nights sleep again, with all of this activity that I have been having.

*Love,*
*Kommander*

**TROPHY SPONSORS NEEDED!**
**Help support Ramapo KC with a $25 Donation to sponsor trophies for the fall show! Contact Kim Luikert at *kim.luikert@gmail.com*.**

## 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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