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No More Dachshunds?

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No more wiener dogs? A new German draft bill could outlaw breeding Dachshunds in their own home country on the grounds that their long backs and short legs fall under the umbrella of "torture breeding."

JACK GRASSA

Like all breeds, Dachshunds have specific characteristics based on their original jobs, which could become targets for those who would ban all dogs and human-dog associations. Experienced Dachshund breeders are dedicated to preserving their breed's working ability as well as maintaining the many other endearing qualities that Dachshunds possess. Reputable Dachshund breeders aren't thoughtlessly counting dollar signs without regard to quality of life — they are breeding with the goal of improving health and fitness, trying to produce dogs with the singular look and clever, playful personalities this breed is cherished for. The idea that breeding these beloved dogs is inherently immoral, or even a form of "torture" that needs to be banned, is dangerously over the top.

One argument in opposition to this proposed bill says that if you interpret it strictly, any significant deviation from the wolf's skeletal structure can be viewed as abnormal, and subject to ban. In that scenario – boom! No more well-bred Toy Poodles, Great Danes, and numerous other beloved breeds of dog. To someone who hasn't experienced the socio-political aspects of dog breeding, this scenario probably sounds crazy or at least unlikely. But it is important to recognize that anti-breeding/purebred activists work incrementally. A passionate subset of the people who support legislation aimed at banning what they describe as "extreme" breed traits won't be satisfied by eliminating Bulldogs, Pugs, and Dachshunds. Be wary. They'll inevitably be back targeting more breeds, because the entire concept of deliberately breeding dogs – especially "purebred" dogs – is abhorrent to them. Whether it's the head of PETA labeling purebred dogs as nothing but sheer "vanity" or HSUS's disgraced former CEO saying he's fine with the extinction of deliberately bred animals, their end game is clear.

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Minutes

Ramapo Kennel Club
Member Meeting (3/13/2024)

Call to Order
The general meeting of Ramapo Kennel Club was held on Wednesday, the 13th of March at the American Legion Hall in Pequannock. The meeting was called to order at 9:20 PM after an interesting program on tick-borne diseases by Sarah Bombino, MPH, Public Health Planner at Mid Bergen Regional Health commission. The meeting was presided over by the President.

Attendees
Gerrie Oliver, Elaine Barone, Tilly Grassa, Ruth Henningsen, Jeffrey Ball, Tim Dewar, Patricia Swaney, John Swaney, Karen Stickel, Mary Gallagher, Tammy Deller, Lisa Brooks.

Ramapo Kennel Club Officers

President - 2022-2024
Gerrie Oliver
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Vice President - 2023-2025
Jeffrey David Ball

Treasurer - 2022-2024
Ruth Henningsen

Recording Secretary - 2023-2025
Sue Chandler

Corresponding Secretary - 2022-2024
Tilly Grassa
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Board of Directors 2022-2024
Elaine Barone
Tim Dewar

2023-2025
Cindy Pierson
Krisitin Pierson

AKC Delegate - 2023-2026
Jeffrey David Ball

Approval of Minutes
Minutes of last Board meeting were read and accepted. Motion to accept by Jeffrey Ball, seconded by Ruth Henningsen.

Officers' Reports
Corresponding Secretary: From AKC- NOHS Only Event pilot program; 4-6 mo. Beginner Puppy Competition; NH Extremist Bill to criminalize breeders was thankfully voted down.
Treasurer: Checking account $13,354.23, Money Market $11,924.40.

Committee Reports
Membership: No new applications.
Show handling class: Ruth reported in Kristin's absence that there were 5 dogs.
Obedience/KPT classes: Obedience classes are going well with a good turn-out. Beginner Puppy is filled.
Awards Committee: Very few awards applications received so far. Deadline is March 31.
Program Committee: The Longevity Veterinary Center will be giving a presentation at the April 10, 2024 meeting.
Sunshine Committee: Nothing to report.
Point Show Committee: Gerrie got permission from Newton KC to hold the show at Sussex County Fairgrounds this year.

Old Business
RKC Tri-Fold Brochure has been revised and ready for printing.
PAWS N CLAWS 911 seminar scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at the American Legion Hall in Pequannock.

Adjournment
Motion made by Jeffrey Ball, seconded by Patricia Swaney. End time 9:46 PM.

Submitted by Tilly Grassa, filling in for Sue Chandler

Annual Eye Clinic
Friday, May 31, 2024
Sponsored by the North Jersey Siberian Husky Club

Location: Somerset County 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807-3587

Time: 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Vet: Dr. Brad Holmberg board certified ophthalmologist

Cost: - $45.00/dog

EYE EXAM WILL BE VALID FOR ECR (OFA). IF YOU PLAN TO REGISTER YOUR DOG WITH ECR (OFA), PLEASE BRING YOUR AKC REGISTRATION NUMBER AND MICROCHIP/TATTOO NUMBER

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE SUBMITS SLATE

The 2024 Nomination and Election Committee consisting of Chairman Jeffrey Ball, Tammy Deller, John Swaney and Alternate Shelly Manley respectfully submitted the following individuals for the 2024 nominating slate for Ramapo Kennel Club. All terms are for 2 years.

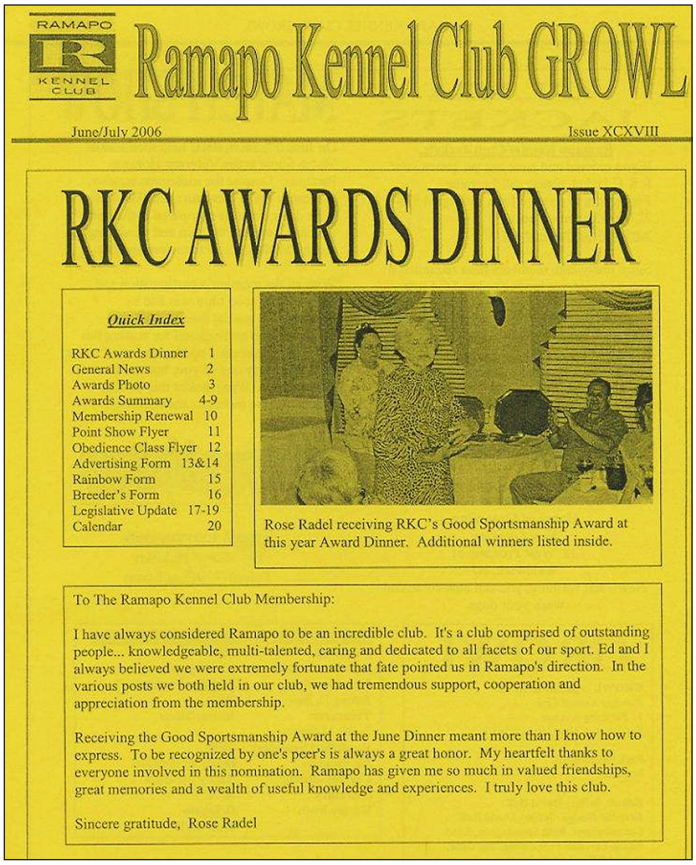
Position	Candidate	Term
President	Gerrie Oliver	2024-2026
Treasurer	Ruth Henningsen	2024-2026
Corresponding Secretary	Tilly Grassa	2024-2026
Board Member	Elaine Barone	2024-2026
Board Member	Timothy Dewar	2024-2026

Additional nominations may be made at the April meeting by any member in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline when their name is proposed. If the proposed candidate is not in attendance at the meeting, the proposer shall present to the Recording Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. The additional nominations which are provided for may be made only from among those members who were not nominated by the Nominating Committee or who declined such nomination. No person may be a candidate for more than one position.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Ball, Nomination and Election Committee Chairman

THE WAY WE WERE

CIRCA 2006



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Rose Radel receiving RKC's Good Sportsmanship Award at this year Award Dinner. Additional winners listed inside.

To The Ramapo Kennel Club Membership:

I have always considered Ramapo to be an incredible club. It's a club comprised of outstanding people... knowledgeable, multi-talented, caring and dedicated to all facets of our sport. Ed and I always believed we were extremely fortunate that fate pointed us in Ramapo's direction. In the various posts we both held in our club, we had tremendous support, cooperation and appreciation from the membership.

Receiving the Good Sportsmanship Award at the June Dinner meant more than I know how to express. To be recognized by one's peer's is always a great honor. My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this nomination. Ramapo has given me so much in valued friendships, great memories and a wealth of useful knowledge and experiences. I truly love this club.

Sincere gratitude, Rose Radel

CONFORMATION HANDLING CLASS

Ramapo Kennel Club show handling classes,
VFW Post #8096,
69 Carey Ave., Butler, NJ.
$17 per dog
RKC members are $15
6 Class package is $88 (saving of $14)

FMI:
Kristin Pierson piersonkn@hotmail.com

Show handling classes on Tuesdays at 7PM at the VFW, 69 Carey Ave., Butler, NJ

Session 2, 2024
Apr 2nd, 16th & 30th
May 14th & 28th
June 4th.

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OBEDIENCE CLASSES

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

KPT/Beginner - $165.00
Shelter adoption/rescue - $150.00
RKC members $130.00
Drop ins $30.00 ($25.00 members)

WEDNESDAYS
PUPPY KINDERGARTEN - 6:30
BEGINNER OBEDIENCE - 7:30

Session 3 Dates
Feb. 28
May 6,20,27
April 3, 17

Session 4 dates
Apr. 24
May 1, 15, 22, 29
June 5

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Do YOU know how to help your pet in an emergency?

Learn the life saving skills needed to help pets in an emergency while supporting Ramapo Kennel Club in their mission!

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Pet CPR & First Aid

Wednesday, July 10th, 2024 - 7-9:30 PM
American Legion Post 450
11 Oak Avenue, Pequannock, NJ 07440

This class is designed for anyone with an interest in "pawtecting" the safety and wellness of animals. Training is geared towards Pet Parents, Pet Care Professionals (Groomer, Sitter/Walker, Kennel Staff, Vet Tech) and Animal Rescue Volunteers (NO prior training/experience required). Taught by a 30+ year seasoned pre-hospital emergency medical care provider and educator, this highly interactive training (no slides or video) features an emphasis on hands-on skills practice to ensure proficiency in the life saving skills taught.

Hands-On Skills Practice

Emergency Muzzling & Restraint ~ Vital Signs Assessment

CPR (Canine & Feline) ~ Choking Management (Conscious & Unconscious)

Bleeding Control/Shock Management

Lecture

Medical Emergencies (Seizures, Poisoning, "Bloat")

Environmental Emergencies - Pet Safety & Wellness

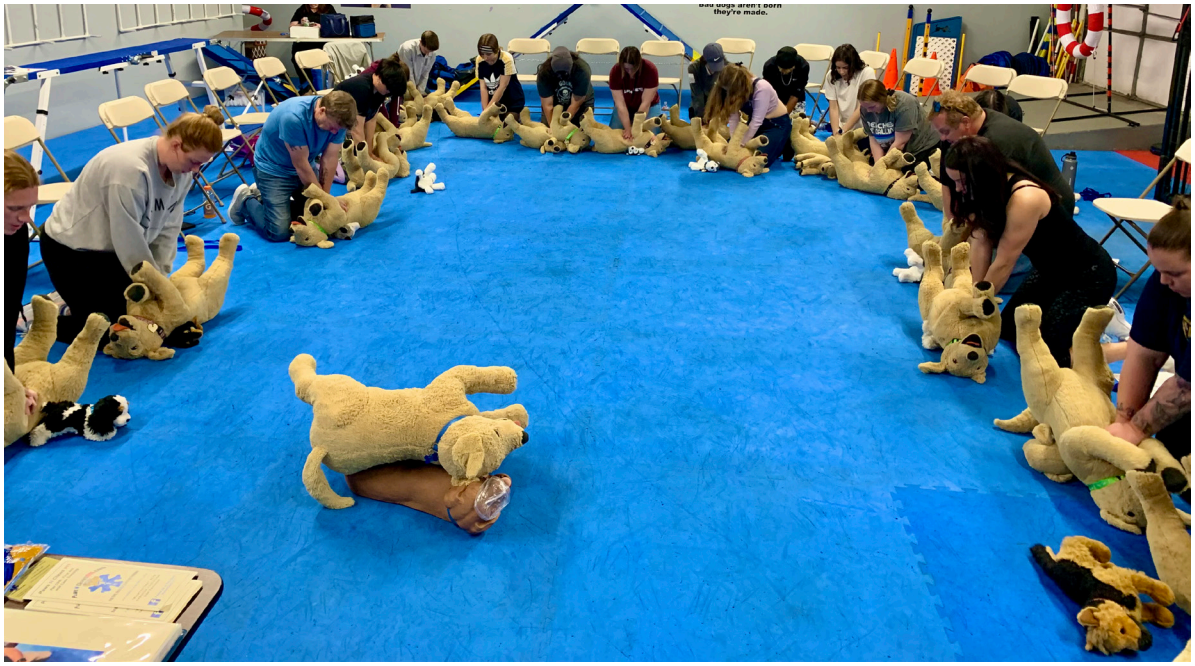
$60.00 per person (includes handbook, certificate & emergency muzzle)
To register, visit www.pawsnclaws911.com & click "Register Online"

You save $10 off the regular $70 registration fee with no further out-of-pocket expense on your part for this fundraiser class!

Questions? Tom Rinelli, Paws N Claws 911 - (631) 721-8129 (daily until 10 PM)

*****PRE-REGISTRATION/PAYMENT REQUIRED*****

PET CPR & FIRST AID SEMINAR



Pre-registration/payment is required (no on-site registration/payment), students can either use Paypal (they do not need to have a Paypal account & there is no fee to use this service) or mail a check. The confirmation email provides the info where to mail the check.

RKC MEMBERS DON'T BE LEFT OUT: register now at www.pawsnclaws911.com and click "Register online."

With the exception of bonafide service dogs, no live pets are permitted in class. Demo animals/training props are provided for maximum skills practice time.

Brags, etc.

From Ruth Henningsen: Merlin qualified for his 6th RAE leg. (That's qualifying in both Advanced B and Excellent B rally at the same show).
Four more "legs" to go for a title. Also, Merlin and Lacey earned 2 more qualifying runs each at Fast Cat.

Also from Ruth: I came across this photo (right) from many years ago. I bet many members did not know that there used to be a "Team" competition at shows. I co-owned 3 of these dogs who were shown to several Best In Show wins handled by their co-owner. This was taken in 1980 at a Siberian Husky specialty, but all-breed clubs also offered the class. I remember this team competing against Rose Radel with her MinPins.

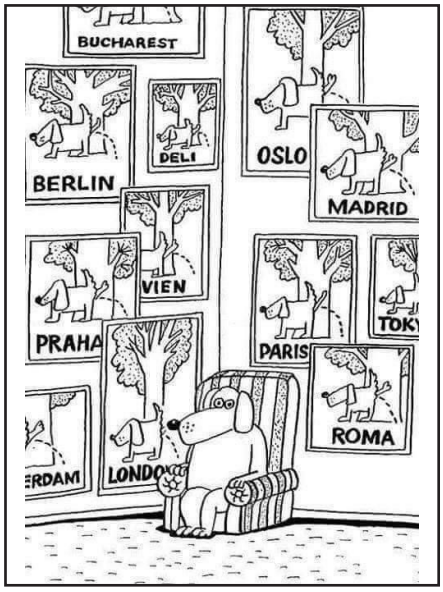
New member Starrla Armwood reports her wins with her Shar Pei "Gaia" - Terra Dos Celtas Silver Spoon. On March 14 she earned her first major going Winners and Best Opposite at Lancaster Kennel Club in Harrisburg PA, and on March 21 earned two more points going Best of Winners at the Non Sporting Group Club of the Garden State in Edison NJ. This puts her at 7 points with a major! "Extremely grateful to the handling class teachers at Ramapo KC!"

Kristin Pierson reports: One of our handling class students, Elizabeth Rogacki got her first win on her Standard Schnauzer," Astro' at Bronx County Kennel Club.

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)

April 10	RKC Member Meeting, 8PM. Board meeting at 7:15PM. PROGRAM: Longevity Veterinary Center.
May 8	RKC Member Meeting and Annual Election, 8PM. Board meeting will be held after the election. Members only.
June 12	RKC Annual Awards Dinner, 8PM. TBD
July 10	PAWS N' CLAWS 911, 7- 9:30PM



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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