

NO PROGRAM FOR 12 MARCH

Come for the meeting and refreshments and camaraderie

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a long, cold winter and we all must be looking forward to spring! I hope we can see the ground before the end of March. In the meantime, many Ramapo members have been competing in the local indoor shows. It's always a pleasure to see a fellow club member, to share and celebrate each other's individual successes.

I am sorry that I missed the February meeting. From all reports the program was most interesting. I was out of the country, but no matter how far from home, I can't get past daydreaming dogs---thinking future litters, setting goals, wondering how friends are doing at Westminster.

We were in Hong Kong for the Chinese New Year. The celebration throughout the Far East lasts from one day to two weeks. This is a period when lives are examined and all are looking forward to "Good Luck" in the coming year, which is balanced with a correlated warding off of "Bad Luck". I just could not help relating this to our lives. I think most of us feel that we make our own "Good Luck". In the dog world, it is those who put in the hours studying animal husbandry, those who strive to breed to the standard, those who make time to condition and train their dogs that will succeed and enjoy "good luck". For me there is always great satisfaction in creating "luck".

The Board of Directors has appointed a Nominating Committee for filling the slate for the 2003-2004 RKC officers and Board. Candy Wisnieski is Chairman of the committee. If you would like to be considered for any position or if you know someone you feel would be especially qualified to serve, please contact Candy in the near future.

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All contributions must be in by the 20th of the month

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

February 12, 2003
General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Vice President, Joanne Silver.

Recording Secretary: Pat Paladino advised minutes for January, 2003 were printed in the GROWL. Minutes approved as published, Jack Berlet and Joyce Wilson.

Treasurer: Jackie Makoujy advised that the checking account balance is \$14,836.11:
Money Market Account balance is \$18,975.29.

Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Irwin received a letter from the Raritan River Akita Club donating 8 Ranapo Kennel Club patches to the Club. They appreciate the support of Ramapo at our show each year.

A letter from the AKC was received regarding the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever and the breed has been approved for competition effective July 1, 2003. The breed will be part of the Sporting Group.

AKC correspondence was also received regarding the changing of a judging panel.

AKC Representative Rose Radel reported that the transfer fee has been reduced from \$15.00 to \$5.00.

A six class program is available to community programs, schools and 4H clubs from the AKC about the responsibility of dog/pet ownership.

Sunshine: Lorraine Fennemore advised that Ruby Kleinmann's had surgery recently and the club sent her a card and fruit basket.

Vivian Bregman has hip replacement surgery about one month ago and she is doing well. The club also sent her a fruit basket.

Cyril Bernfield passed away approximately 3 weeks ago and Harry Hackoun is ill with heart problems.

Point Show: Ruth Henningsen reported that application has been made for Sunday and Monday, making Ramapo a 2 day show in conjunction with Palisade Kennel Club on Saturday. Palisade did not receive approval for a Friday show. Ruth is now awaiting AKC approval.

Diane Ammerman questioned whether we will be raising our entry fees. Ruth stated that the entry fee last year was \$23.00 and it will be raised to \$24.00 for 2003.

Also asked was whether there would be a reduced puppy entry fee (?) Ruth advised that it will be discussed at the Working Board meeting.

At the meeting with Palisade Kennel Club, the class for Veterans was discussed. We are losing money and entries for this class are down. We would like to constitute a "puppy class", Puppy Group and Best Puppy for the Sunday show.

Also brought up was charging at least \$1.00 or \$2.00 per car for parking. Could the club charge more than \$2.00? Ruth stated she will also discuss this at the next Executive Board meeting.

Match Show: Christine Haycock stated that she sent the ~application to AKC and has not heard anything to date, She will wait to the end of the month and if she still has not heard anything she will contact the AKC.

Awards: Elaine Barone reminded the members that forms for the yearly awards are available on the back table. Also letters should be submitted for the Ramapo Good Sportsmanship Award.

Candy Wisnieski stated that the Beginner Puppy Classes are filled. The gross amount received is approximately \$3,700.00 from the Obedience classes.

Also discussed was the admission age for Puppy Kindergarten, immunizations required?

Joy Messinger advised that show handling classes are picking up and new beginners class is starting this week. Joy also had a problem with the setting up of tables at the training hall. Candy will speak with the hall people.

Refreshments for next month's meeting will be graciously provided by Shirley Irwin, Joanne Silver, Karen Kinnane and Joan Murko. THANK YOU!!!

Jackie Makoujy touched on the subject of immunization protocol. She stated that the 5 in 1 and 7 in 1 shots have been creating reaction problems. She urged everyone present to look into this matter either with their own vet or to go to website "critterfixer.com" for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Paladino
Recording Secretary

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB LIBRARY

BOOKS - General

Title	Author	Publisher
The International Encyclopedia of Dogs	Dangerfield & Howell	Rainbow Ref Boone Ltd
The Dog in Action	Lyon	Howell
Our Dogs	Harbison	Orange Judd
Genetics	White	Vantage
Visualizations of Dog Standards	Wagner	Popular Dogs 1968
Quick Guide to Standards for Show Dogs	Riddle	Doubleday 1972
Pleasures of Dog Ownership	Unkelbach	Prentice Hall
All About Small Dogs in the Big City	Seranne	Coward, McCann
The Complete AKC Dog Book	AKC	Howell 1972
Dog Problems	Benjamin	Doubleday
Why Does Your Dog Do That	Bergman	Howell
Civilized City Canines	Evans	Howell
Dogs of the world	Fletcher	Ridge Press
Understanding Your Dog	Fox	Bantam
Your Pet Isn't Sick	Tanzer	Ajove
Dog Psychology - The Basis of Dog Training	Whitney	Howell

Obedience

Nosework for Dogs	Cret	Pelham
Koehler Method of Dog Training	Koehler	Howell
Pearsall Guide To Successful Dog Training	Peareall	Howell
Dog Obedience Training	Pearsall—Leedham	Scribners
Complete Book of Dog Obedience	Saunders	Howell
Blanche Saunders Obedience Training Courses	Saunders	Howell
Training You to Train Your Dog	Saunders	Doubleday

Breed

The Complete Akita	Linderman	Howell
Chesapeake Bay Retrievers	Rice	Barrons
This is the Afghan Hound	Brearily	TFH
Book of the Doberman Pinscher	Brearily	TFH
Book of the Chow Chow	Brearily & Draper	TFH
An Owner's Guide to The Miniature Pinscher	Radel	Howell

Videos – AKC Series

The 7 Groups	AKC Series	7 separate topics
American Water Spaniel	AKC Judging Seminar	
Cocker Spaniel	AKC Judging Seminar	
Clumber & Sussex Spaniel.	AKC Judging Seminar	
Fox Terrier	AKC Judging Seminar	

Videos – AKC Series

Title	Author	Publisher
Newfoundland	AKC Judging Seminar	
Pembroke Welsh Corgi		
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever		
Day in the Life of a Ring Steward		
Canine Legislation		
The Right Dog for You		
Reaching Out — About the AKC		
Beginner’s Guide to Dog Care		
Tips on Training — Basic		
2000 AKC National Obedience Invitational		
AKC on TV		
AKC Canine Health Foundation — Canine Genome Project		
AKC How To Run a Microchip Clinic		
ARC Pet Recovery Project		

Non AKC Tapes

- Kontoki Siberian Huskies
- Teach Me Please — Field Training. Sporting Dogs
- Ramapo KC Show 1985
- Ramapo KC — Purebred Champs 1997
- Pet Partners (Home Study version) Delta~ also manuals
- Eyewitness Dog — BBC
- ABC’s of Retriever Training
- Puppy Puzzle.— Hastings Approach to Evaluating Puppies — Pat Hastings
- Choosing The Best Puppy -. Carmelo Battaglia
- The Seeing Eye – Morristown NJ
- Thu Seeing Eye — With A Dog’s Eyes
- A Key to Movement - Karen Armistead
- Vietnam War Dogs — America’s Forgotten Heroes

Joy Graeme Messinger is the librarian. If you want to take out a selection, contact her at (273)239-1131. Tell her what you want and she will bring it in to a meeting or to Show Handling class at the American Legion Hall in Little Falls. Make that arrangement with her at the time.

Hi All,

My name is Dot Sweeney, I have the Black Russian Terriers you may have seen in the show ring. I am trying to get this to as many people as possible so if you would all be kind enough to send it on we may be able to have something done if enough people are concerned about the problem.

Two weeks ago I had my six week old litter of pups vaccinated with the new modified version of PROTECH DURAMUNE C4 and nearly lost all of them, one little boy died. I have since been talking to people in Victoria who have had problems with this new version of the vaccine. I believe there have been quite a few litters in Victoria that have experienced the same problems. The only thing the company will say is "there has been a problem with a small number of pups" but they are saying the other problems are not connected to the vaccine. The company says that reaction to the vaccine is over in a couple of days and anything after that is not connected. I have been told of a couple of people losing half of their litters after vaccination with this new version. What seems to be happening is that the reaction is so severe that the pups immune systems are depressed to the stage that they can not cope with anything else that would normally not bother them and that leaves them open to severe depression, bowel bacteria or pneumonia or Coccidiosis parasites which cause massive dysentery and dehydration and then death. This can hit 5-10 days after vaccination so most vets are not connecting it and only now are some realizing that the connection is there as it is happening too often. This vaccine is pretty new and a lot of vets are still using up supplies of the older version and have not used the new one so far. Believe me after the last two weeks it is not something I would wish anyone else to go through, I fought like hell to pull mine through, 2 on the drip at the vets and no sleep for 3 days to keep the others rehydrated, not to mention the vet bills at the end of it all. Please talk to your vets about this as a lot of them have not started to use this new version yet and pass this on to everyone you can think of in the dog world. If enough people refuse to use this vaccine they may pull it off the market and save a lot of suffering for our pets and ourselves. It would be good to get a list of people who have had a problem after using this vaccine to present to the company that makes it.

Dot Sweeney

Ten Things You Need to know to Prepare Your Dog for a Disaster

For pet owners faced with a flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, or other crisis, disaster experts are all of one mind on what to do:

Take your pets with you.

While animals are not allowed in disaster-relief shelters, an increasing number of animal shelters and veterinarians are better prepared now than ever before to take in animals during an emergency.

In fact, a model program started by the California Veterinary Medical Association has a veterinarian in place in each county to help coordinate animal-relief efforts. Other states are starting to see the light, too, with veterinarians, shelter groups, and specially trained disaster teams from the Sacramento, Calif., based United Animal Nations are prepared to do for animals what the Red Cross does for people.

Why all the changes? A growing realization that animals need help, too, and that some people choose to put their lives in danger rather than abandon their pets.

So take your pets. Also take their food, leashes, medicines, blankets, and carriers if told to evacuate.

You do can do better, still, if you plan ahead. Here are some tips from disaster-planning experts.

1. Have a Plan

Prepare for all possibilities, including the possibility that you may be away from home when disaster strikes. Make sure that everyone in your family, children, too, is prepared in the event of an emergency. Make a plan and go over it until every one knows what to do.

People need to rely on each other during emergencies, and this is just as true when it comes to your pets. Get to know your neighbors, and put a plan in place to help each other out. Find out from local shelters and veterinary organizations what their emergency response plans are and how you fit into them in case of a disaster.

2. Know What Your Veterinarian's Plans Are

Ask your veterinarian if he has a disaster plan, and how he plans to fit in with other veterinarians in an emergency. If he has never thought of it, pushing him a little on the subject wont hurt. If he has no interest, consider changing vets or exploring back-up care for your dog from someone who is more tapped in.

3. Maintain Your Pet's Permanent and Temporary ID

Most animals will survive a disaster. But too many will never see their families again without a way to determine which pet belongs to which family. That's why pets should always wear a collar and identification tags. Better still is permanent identification that can't slip off, such as a tattoo or imbedded microchip.

Keep temporary ID tags at hand, too, to put on your pet if you're forced to evacuate. (Your pet's permanent ID isn't of much use if you can't be home to answer the phone.) One of the easiest: Key tags on which you can jot a current number, slip into a plastic housing, and then attach to your pet's collar.

4. Keep Vaccinations - and Records – Current

Infectious diseases can be spread from dog to dog through floodwaters, which is why keeping pets vaccinations up-to-date is essential. Kennel cough, although not serious, is common in sheltering situations and also preventable through vaccinations.

Prepare a file with up-to-date medical and vaccination records, your Pets' microchip or tattoo numbers, your veterinarian's phone number and address feeding and medication instructions, and recent pictures of your animals. Trade copies of emergency files with another pet-loving friend - it's a good idea for someone else to know about your pet should anything happen to you.

5. Have Restraints Ready

Even normally obedient dogs can behave rather strangely when stressed by an emergency. Consequently, you should be prepared to restrain your pet - for his safety and the safety of others.

Keep leashes and camera ready for emergencies. Ready means at hand - the means to transport your pet shouldn't be something you have to find and pull from the rafters, harnesses work better than collars at keeping panicky pets safe.

Shipping crates are probably the least-thought-of pieces of emergency equipment for pet owners - but are among the most important. Sturdy crates keep pets safe and give rescuers more options in housing pets. They give you more options, too, in the homes of friends or relatives, or in shelters outside of the area.

Depending on weather conditions, crated pets may also be safely left overnight in vehicles.

Another item to keep on hand is a muzzle, because frightened and injured dogs are more likely to bite.

6. Rotate a Supply of Food, Water, and Medications

Keep several days' worth of food and safe drinking water as well as any necessary medicines packed and ready to go in the event of a disaster. Rotate your supplies so they do not get stale. If your pet eats canned food, be sure to keep an extra can opener and spoon tucked in among the emergency supplies.

SAMPLE WILL CLAUSES

EIGHTH, If my wife shall predecease me or if we should die in a common accident, I hereby direct my Executor to immediately notify the Hudson Valley Humane Society, 150 McNamara Road, Spring Valley, New York 10977 who shall provide for the care of my animals until my executor shall have implemented and funded the Trust for my animals contained in Paragraph NINTH hereof. I direct my Executor to pay, as an administration expense, all expenses associated with the feeding and care, including veterinary costs, of my animals until they have been placed in accordance with the Trust created herein to care for my animals for the duration of their lives, whether or not these expenses are deductible for estate tax purposes.

NINTH, I hereby give, devise and bequeath the sum of Thousand Dollars (\$-,000.00) to my Trustee hereinafter named, *IN TRUST, NEVERTHELESS*, for the following uses and purposes:

- a. To hold, invest and reinvest the same, to collect the income there from, and to pay or apply the net income there from and as much of the principal of the Trust as the person caring for such pets shall, in [his, her, its] sole discretion, request, to the support, maintenance, care and feeding of all of my animals that shall be alive upon my death in accordance with the instructions contained herein.
- b. Upon the earlier of (i) twenty-one (21) years from the date of my death or (ii) the date of the last of my animals to die, my Trustee shall transfer, assign, or pay over the then remaining principal, if any, of this Trust to or for the benefit of the Hudson Valley Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- c. I nominate, constitute, and appoint to be the Trustee of this Trust. I direct that no bond or other security shall be required for any Trustee to qualify or act as Trustee of this Trust As soon as practicable after my death, my animals shall be delivered to _____ currently residing at _____ for maintenance and care in accordance herewith.
If _____ shall be unable or unwilling to care for my animals,
 - d. then my Trustee shall deliver my animals to _____ currently residing at _____
 - e. if neither _____ nor _____ is able or willing to maintain and care for my animals, then I direct my Trustee to deliver my animals to the Hudson Valley Humane Society for maintenance and care of my animals in accordance herewith.
- f. It is my desire and wish that my animals live out their natural lives in a safe and caring environment. I wish them to continue on a raw and natural diet. I further wish my animals to receive veterinary treatment as they now receive. I direct my Trustee to insure that whoever may be caring for my animals shall abide by these wishes.

Alternate Clause:

[I nominate, constitute, and appoint the Hudson Valley Humane Society to be the Trustee of this Trust. I direct that no bond or other security shall be required for any Trustee to qualify' or act as Trustee of this Trust. {For Paragraph c.}]

[Upon my death, my executor shall deliver all of my animals to the Hudson Valley Humane Society. I direct my Trustee to find suitable and caring homes to adopt my pets. If any of my pets shall prove not to be adoptable, then my Trustee shall care for such pets for the remainder of their natural lives in accordance with my instructions herein. {For Paragraph d and e.}]

These were provided by Ray Mundy, Rockland County Attorney, AKC Delegate for Rockland County and President, Hudson Valley Humane Society. He gave an interesting talk on what happens to your animals should you disappear from the scene. Without specific items like these in your will, it may not be pretty.

Your GROWL collator requests, nay, begs, that those of you with email address books change my address to eberlet@optonline.net

**RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION
CALENDAR YEAR JAN. 1,2002 THROUGH DEC. 31,2002**

Reg. Name of Dog _____
Dog _____ **Bitch** _____
AKC# _____ **Breed/Variety** _____

Owner(s) _____

Address _____

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** _____ **Country** _____

BIS (Specialty) Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

High in Trial Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

Best in Field Trial Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Bench Show Champion Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

Obedience Trial Champion Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

Field Trial Champion Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

OBEDIENCE DEGREE AWARDS

CD Degree Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

CDX Degree Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

UD Degree Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

TD Degree Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

TDX Degree Show _____ **Date** _____ **Country** _____

OTHER AKC TITLES (Herding, Field, etc.)

_____ **Show** _____ **Date** _____ **Country**

_____	Show	_____	Date	_____	Country
_____	Show	_____	Date	_____	Country

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

Non-Regular Awards and Requirements

Additional Non-AKC Awards (CGC, TT, etc., applicable for Certificate of Achievement only)

_____	Show	_____	Date	_____	Country
_____	Show	_____	Date	_____	Country
_____	Show	_____	Date	_____	Country
_____	Show	_____	Date	_____	Country
_____	Show	_____	Date	_____	Country

AENNCHEN ANTONELLI / GILMA BLAUVELT MOSS BREEDERS AWARD

1. Award to be won by a club member who is the breeder of record of the 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, i.e. 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 KLEINMANN'S MEMORIAL AWARD

This Award is figured from January 1, 2000 thru December 31, 2002 for the June 2003 Award. 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 banded by more than one member (neither of which is a Professional handler), both members will share the award equally.

RAMAPO KENNEL CLUB

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

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

1. This Award is presented to the Ramapo Kennel Club member who has Provided dedicated service to the club and the sport of pure bred dogs.
2. Award is given to a club member who has been nominated by the membership and approved by the board of Directors and Officers.
3. To be presented at June Awards Dinner. Recipient only may be told 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 tow 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 winds by a member.

All award entries must be received by APRIL 15Th, 2003 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 ME 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 look forward to hearing from all of you.