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## AKC LAUNCHES NEW BREEDER OF MERIT PROGRAM

— Recognition Program Celebrates & Rewards Dedicated Breeders —

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) announced today the launch of the Breeder of Merit program, a new initiative designed to recognize AKC’s core breeders.

“The Breeder of Merit program allows the

American Kennel Club to celebrate our dedicated, passionate breeders who truly are the backbone of the sport and the foundation of our organization,” said AKC’s Chief Operating Officer John Lyons. “Our Breeders of Merit are committed to both improving their breed through health testing

and selective breeding programs, and proving their breed through achievements in the show ring. They are special and will be emulated by new breeders entering the sport. Being a successful breeder in the Fancy does not come easy. Years of hard work, vision, and a willingness to do the right thing are required to be successful. Our Breeders of Merit have these qualities and deserve to be recognized.”

To achieve the Breeder of Merit designation, breeders should:

- Certify that applicable health screens are

performed on the sire and dam as recommended by the Parent Club.

- Hold membership in an AKC club.
- Have a history of at least 5 years involvement with AKC events.
- Earn Conformation, Companion and/or Performance titles on at least 4 dogs they have bred/co-bred.
- Demonstrate their commitment to ensuring 100% of the puppies they produce are AKC registered.

As part of the Breeder of Merit program, breeders will receive:

- Complimentary access to \$20.00 value per month for free online reports in the AKC online store.
- Access to the AKC Direct toll free number.
- Online Record support to ensure that their records are accurate, complete and easily accessible.
- A frameable certificate of distinction.
- Free Online Breeder Classified listings along with a special Breeder of Merit designation.
- Acknowledgement on a special page of the AKC website and in the AKC Gazette.
- Free or discounted fees on all secondary transactions such as duplicate registration applications, revoke limited status applications, etc.
- Breeder of Merit web banner for display on their website.

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# President's Message



*Jeffrey David Ball*

It's the time of the year when everyone is extremely busy with a multitude of things going on. I just want to touch on a few items real quickly.

As you all know, our point shows are scheduled October 17th and 18th, with Palisades Kennel Club having shows the two days before us. This is the same weekend as the American Kennel Club "Meet the Breeds" in New York, which we were a part of last year. For obvious

reasons, we will not be participating in that event this year. The conflicting date has caused our club a few problems as many

people are torn between the two events. Many Specialty Clubs have pressured would be exhibitors at our shows to represent their breed in New York since if they don't do it, their breed will not have a presence at such an important event. Understandable, it's a difficult situation to be in: attend local shows or represent your breed at a large event. The New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs has notified the AKC that the Federation will not be a presence at the AKC Meet the Breeds event in New York this year nor any year in which that event is held on the same dates as one of NJFDC member club's major events (all-breed shows). I would like to

thank them for that support.

Speaking about NJFDC, their Legislative Day has become a reality and is scheduled for January 22, 2011 at the Rutgers Labor Education Center in New Brunswick. I will have further details shortly and will share that with you. If you are interested in attending, please let me know. NJFDC is also taking applications for the new Directory of Breeders and Rescue Services. An application can be found on page five of this newsletter. Listings in the Directory are for AKC-recognized breeds. The listing is automatically printed in the hard-copy Directory which is distributed to those who are listed as well as libraries and Vets' offices. Optionally at no additional cost it can be included in the on-line Directory on the NJFDC website. One of the benefits of this on-line Directory is that the NJFDC Breeder Referral ads direct people to this on-line Directory. Plus, on the on-line Directory, NJFDC will change the contact information as people notify them that they have a new address, phone number, or email address.

The NJFDC is also bringing back their Dog Show calendars. They should be ready for distribution this month. The calendars will be for 15-months starting with October and the cost will be \$5 each.

Legislatively, there is always something going on, but on a state level, things have generally been quiet right now. That may be because of all the other major issues going on in the state, but you can be assured items will arise soon enough.

Our next membership meeting is October 13th; I hope to see you all there. If not, please remember that we need all hands on deck at our show. Even if you are exhibiting, a couple hours of your time volunteering is greatly appreciated. This club is only as good as its members!

*Jeffrey*

## Ramapo Kennel Club Officers

### President

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Rose Radel

# Minutes

## RKC Member Meeting

September 8th 2010

VFW Hall

45 Plymouth Ave

Fairfield, NJ 07004

A program was presented about "Pets and Babies". This program is offered through the Valley Hospital for expectant parents.

Jeffery Ball called the meeting to order at 9:10 pm.

Recording Secretary- Jeffery Ball read the June minutes, Sharon Fremer made a motion to accept the June minutes, seconded by Gerrie Oliver. Voted upon and approved.

Corresponding Secretary- Elaine Barone read a thank you note received from Shirley Erwin thanking the club of the gift card. An accepting letter was received from the AKC in regards to the approval of the Point Show in October. A flyer with an opportunity to cruise with your K9 was read, anyone interested can see Elaine for more information. There is a NAIA 2010 Conference on October 2-3 2010 in Denver Colorado. There was also a flyer for Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs Inc "Symposium on rational Animal Control" to be held September 15, 2010 from 5:30-10:00 pm at the Inn at Towamencin, 1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville PA. Located right off exit 31 on the Northeast extension. Admission is 15.00. The AKC will be holding a judging seminar in Westfield Mass January 29-30 2011. A letter was read from a disgruntled (lifetime) member about the increase in dues and subscription fee for the Growl. A discussion ensued and the Board felt the increase is justified and will not change. A letter will be sent to the member outlining the reasoning of the increase.

Treasurer's Report- Diane Ammerman reported the checking account has \$12,117.27 the money market \$25,549.79. A discussion on having an itemized checking account report available to the board was made.

Show Handling class with Linda and Fred Hachtel will begin on Tuesday September 14th. Jeffery Ball and Elizabeth will assist.

Obedience classes will start on Wednesday September 15. That schedule is on the web site and in the Growl.

Hospitality- Thank you to Gerrie Oliver, Dianne Ammerman, Jeffery Ball who helped with this evenings refreshments. Janis Hayes, Sharon Fremer and Mary Gallagher will bring refreshments for October's meeting.

Sunshine- Shirley Irwin was sent a "JB gift card" and a card has been sent to Beverly Lynn who is undergoing Chemo Therapy.

Match Show- Date has been set for Saturday June 4th 2011. Please mark your calendars.

Federation of Dog Shows- is having a legislative seminar on a Saturday in January (date not set yet). It will be held in Easy Windsor NJ and RKC will sponsor the trip to any member interested. Please let Jeffery Ball know if you would like to participate.

Point Show 2010- Diane Ammerman has taken responsibility of the trophy's. The caterer will be contracted by RKC this year. Premium list is out, vendor's are few, Arlene Scardo will be handling "meet the breeds". Parking passes will be distributed at next month's meeting. Judges are being lined up for 2011, please make recommendations to Diane Ammerman.

AKC Delegate- Rose Radel reported there are still some questions on how the ribbons are being handed out for the Grand Champion Awards. Are the superintendent's responsible for getting Grand Champion ribbons for the shows and how the judges decide to whom they go. The AKC is looking to compile an All Breed Lending Library from any all breed clubs having the "books" to contribute. There is talk about making a new puppy class, 3-6 months. The AKC wants any clubs having events for both pure bred and mix breeds to seek media coverage

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## **BREEDER OF MERIT PROGRAM** *Continued from page 1*

- Breeder of Merit lapel pin.
- Breeder of Merit designation and gold border on registration applications and certificates for dogs bred by the Breeder of Merit.

There are many easy registration options available to the Breeder of Merit, including Full Litter, Full Litter Offspring, Full Litter

PLUS and Full Litter Offspring PLUS. Learn more at <http://www.akc.org/sixeasyways/>.

To learn more or apply for the Breeder of Merit program, visit <http://www.akc.org/breederofmerit> or contact Tina Yuhl at 919-816-3932 or [txy@akc.org](mailto:txy@akc.org).

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## **SEPTEMBER MINUTES** *Continued from page 3*

to promote and revitalize the sport and seek spectators. In September the AKC will vote on the elimination of term limits. New Titles will be as follows, Beginner, Novice, Grand Champion and Earth Dog. A re-evaluation of judging fees is being done. Rose distributed a flyer intended to be given to local veterinarians outlining what sets the AKC apart from other dog registries. A letter was also distributed with the intent of sending to local veterinarians about making known the huge differences between Animal Welfare and Animal Rights, and what they and their customers (pet owners) can do to support the right to own an animal.

The Growl- Thank you to Tilly Grassa and Sharon Fremer for the well received first edition of the Growl.

New Member- Second reading of new member Linda Ladner. Linda has Border Terriers and a mixed breed. Diane Ammerman made a motion to vote Linda into Membership, Sharon Fremer seconded motion, voted upon and approved.

Holiday Dinner- has been set for December 8th 2010 @ 7:00pm at Ruppert's Restaurant in Butler. The cost is \$25 per person. Please let Lorraine Fennemore know you are coming.

Diane Ammerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 9:50 pm. Seconded by Sharon Fremer, voted upon and approved.

*Respectfully submitted by:  
Kim Luikert  
September 12, 2010*

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## **Program Committee**

For the October meeting, Alyson Halpin will speak on Holistic Medicine and Traditional Chinese Medicine—what it is and how it can assist our canine family. She will answer questions on an array of matters.

As new Chair of the Programs Committee, I'd like to invite all of you to please e-mail or call me with new ideas and suggestions you might have for programs at our club meetings. Any and all will be considered and appreciated.

Thanks so much for your help and look forward to hearing from you!

You can get in touch with me through my e-mail address, [cantails@optonline.net](mailto:cantails@optonline.net), or phone which is 201-529-2714.

*Phyllis Rosinsky,  
Programs Chair*



**NJ FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS**  
**GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE BREEDERS**  
**(ADOPTED JUNE 2, 1992)**

*The following "Guidelines for Responsible Breeders" were adopted by the delegates to the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs on June 2, 1992. Breeders who wish to be included in the Breeders' Directory indicate by signing the application that they are in agreement with the Guidelines and will abide by them.*

1. All dogs shall be kept under sanitary conditions and shall be given maximum health protection through regular inoculations and proper nutrition. Dogs shall be restrained within safe restrictions when the breeder/owner cannot personally supervise their safety.
2. All breeders shall keep accurate and complete personal records of breedings, litters, pedigrees and puppy owners' names as required by the American Kennel Club.
3. All puppies leaving the breeder's possession shall be a minimum of seven (7) weeks of age, except in those breeds where a twelve (12) week age is generally accepted.
4. All breeders of purebred dogs shall breed to conform to the American Kennel Club's Standard of Excellence for their breed, and only from quality, healthy stock. Breeders will screen for inherited diseases as known in their breed.
5. Breeders shall provide the puppy buyer with written details of feeding, general care, dates and types of inoculations and wormings, grooming instruction, etc., and be available to offer future advice as needed.
6. Breeders will not sell or consign puppies or adult dogs to pet stores, puppy brokers or other commercial dealers.
7. All puppies will be sold with written contracts appropriate for show/breeding quality or pet quality specifications, guarantees and restrictions. The contract will ensure that the breeder will be contacted whenever an owner can no longer keep a dog at any time in the dog's life, and it will be the obligation of the breeder to assist in the placement or disposition of the dog. Puppy purchasers should be urged to spay or neuter all pet quality puppies.
8. Dogs and bitches will not be bred before or after such age as is customary for their breed as outlined by the Parent Club and/or AKC guidelines. The breeder will allow proper, healthful spacings between litters.
9. Breeders will permit stud service only to quality, healthy bitches, appropriately screened for inherited diseases/disorders, owned by the individuals who give satisfactory evidence that they will give these puppies proper care and attention and who are in agreement with these and the Parent Club guidelines for responsible breeders.
10. Prospective buyers should be screened as thoroughly as possible to determine their desire and ultimate intent for each puppy or dog, and also for their interest and ability to provide a safe, adequate and loving home for each puppy or dog acquired.
11. Breeders will not dispose of any puppy or adult dog bred or owned by them in shelters or pounds.

## **ATTENTION MEMBERS**

### **NJFDC DIRECTORY OF BREEDER & RESCUE SERVICES 2011-2012**

#### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

- Each application must be approved by Ramapo Kennel Club and signed by an RKC officer.
- Applications must be typed or printed legibly, with all information included and the appropriate boxes for inclusion checked off. Please proofread each application as they will be published as received.
- Ensure that your members read the Guidelines for Responsible Breeders and agree to abide by them.
- Breeder listings are restricted to those breeds either fully recognized by AKC or eligible to compete in the Miscellaneous Class. Those still in the FSS listing program **are not eligible**.
- The \$35 breeder listing fee, payable to Ramapo Kennel Club, along with completed application must be sent to:

Diane Ammerman  
598 Pulis Avenue  
Mahwah, New Jersey 07430

- All applications with appropriate fees must be received by **Wednesday, December 1, 2010**. None will be accepted after the deadline.

# Meet our Members

This is the first of a new series that will highlight our members. If you would like to be interviewed for this column please contact Sharon Fremer at [teneo@mac.com](mailto:teneo@mac.com).

## Phyllis Rosinsky

It was almost forty years ago that one might say I went to the dogs! For most of those years, I bred and showed miniature longhair dachshunds and overall, it was very rewarding, occasionally tearful, but never dull. Many top champions were produced under the Canterbury and Canterbury v. Elysium prefixes. Outstanding, in my mind, was Ch. Canterbury's Little Joshua. He was in the top ten while being shown but more importantly, he is behind many of the top mini longhairs in this country. As far as I know, he still has the distinction of being the top miniature longhair stud dog, having sired 31 champions.

Along with breeding and showing, I judged many, many sweeps, gave conformation seminars, and handled dachshunds professionally. I was president of the Dachshund Fanciers' Association of Berks County for eight years, during which time the club hosted its first DCA national specialty. I was also on the National Miniature Dachshund Club Board for five years. Presently, I am on the DCA Judges' Education Committee and also Chair the *DCA Visualization of the Dachshund Standard* committee. At this time, besides being a member of the Ramapo KC, I am also a member of Palisades KC and the Dachshund Club of New Jersey. In addition, I am an AKC approved judge for part of the Hound Group and am concentrating on attaining approval

for the rest of the hound breeds, as well.

Dogs aside, I am first and foremost, mom to two terrific guys, each having two wonderful children. Professionally, I am a graphic designer and as such, was very honored when asked to design and layout the award-winning *DCA Visualization of the Dachshund Standard*. I am extremely proud of this accomplishment. For relaxation, I enjoy travel, golf, and the arts.



Phyllis Rosinsky



Todd and Lily Rosinsky

# AKC Chairman's Report

*- Board Planning Session Nurtures Ideas And Reviews Initiatives to Grow AKC's Future --*

September 14, 2010, New York, NY – In August the Board added a special “planning session” to the regular Board meeting to discuss a variety of topics including registrations, events, and brand imaging. On Sunday, Sept.12, AKC Vice Chairman Tom Davies, President and CEO Dennis Sprung, COO John Lyons, and I met with the Delegates’ Coordinating Committee to further discuss the “state of the sport” and how the Board, management, staff and Delegates can work together to overcome our many challenges in today’s economic atmosphere.

With more than 5,000 AKC-affiliated clubs, we know the health of our clubs is paramount to growing the sport. We discussed reasons why some clubs are thriving while others are struggling. We explored ways to help clubs create more well-attended events that would drive up exhibitor entries, increase spectator gate and bring them potential new members.

We are continuing to explore many possibilities for dog show enhancements such as: a Reserve Best-in Show, expanding the number of group placements, adding a 4-6 month-old puppy class, and a separate Amateur-Owner Handler competition.

We have begun discussions with the Coordinating Committee and the respective Delegate Committees but no decisions have been made. We also discussed registrations at length, including the current marketplace and the poor economy.

We talked about how a shift in society’s attitude regarding animal rights groups and the shelter adoption movement has affected the overall number of AKC registrations. Our data also shows us that our “core” breeders have been breeding less over the last decade.

The loss in registered litters continues to

have the single largest impact on the loss in registered dogs. We continue to study the reasons for the declining “blue slip” return rate in order to find solutions. During our planning session we also reviewed several staff-developed initiatives to promote registrations including a new registration application and upcoming advertising slicks for clubs.

Further enhancement of the AKC brand to the dog-loving public was another topic of discussion. For example, we have just launched the new Breeder of Merit program. Not only is this a way for AKC to recognize our responsible breeders but it gives breeders a way of distinguishing themselves above the pack and communicating their dedication to the puppy-buying public.

We must continue to highlight all the helpful ways that AKC - and its clubs – bring the responsible dog ownership message to life. For example there are more than 550 clubs and groups holding AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days this month. We know that our tireless volunteer work in purebred rescue, our club-sponsored training classes and the AKC Canine Good Citizen® program, among many other initiatives, are what set us apart.

As dedicated breeders, club members, and passionate dog owners, we also know the value of educating the new puppy buyer and the lasting impact it has on the dogs, their owners and the community. What better way to ensure AKC’s future than to continue the public conversation about the important role AKC registration plays in the good deeds, educational programs, and volunteer outreach we do for all dogs.

Sincerely,  
Ron Menaker  
*Chairman*

## PETS & BABIES



Expecting a baby? Don't forget about your four-legged first baby, your cat or dog. There WILL be adjustments to make.

- Learn leash etiquette
- How to bring the baby into the home for the first time
- How to sleep with your pet
- How to say no to your pet
- Where to feed your pet

This Class will teach expectant parents tried and true methods to a happy home for all family members. A little preparation and training can ensure a smooth transition for your pet and baby.

The number one reason an animal is sent to the pound is because it has not been properly trained for the new baby. Pets & Babies offers pet owners the answers to their crucial concerns.

A professional dog trainer and handler will instruct the class, along with the assistance of a pet therapy dog.

Classes are held on various evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Dorothy B. Kraft Center, 15 Essex Road, Paramus, NJ 07652.

To register call the Family Education Department, 201-291-6151.

The fee is \$50.

Dates are as follows:

November 30, January 27, March 31, May 19, July 28, September 15, November 10.



## GOT STUFF?

Send your news, suggestions, comments and photos to either Sharon Fremer, [teneo@mac.com](mailto:teneo@mac.com) or Tilly Grassa, [tgcreative@aol.com](mailto:tgcreative@aol.com). Remember the *Growl* comes out about a week before each monthly meeting. Check the calendar on the last page for submission deadlines. The *Growl* is by and for the members so we need your help.



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# Dates to remember:

All membership meetings are held at

**VFH HALL  
45 PLYMOUTH STREET  
FAIRFIELD, NJ AT 8:00 PM**

<b>October 13</b>	Membership Meeting — Speaker, Alyson Halpin
<b>October 16-19</b>	Harvest Cluster
<b>October 18-19</b>	Ramapo Kennel Club Point Shows
<b>October 29</b>	Deadline for November <i>Growl</i> submissions
<b>November 10</b>	Membership Meeting — Speaker to be announced
<b>November 26</b>	Deadline for December <i>Growl</i> submissions
<b>December 8</b>	Holiday Dinner Meeting



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