

Ramapo Kennel Club GROWL

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Letter from Nina Schaefer, Chairman AKC PAC Board

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Our right to own and breed dogs is under attack. Throughout the country last year we experienced an unprecedented increase in legislation that infringes on the rights of responsible owners and breeders. Already, many similar bills have already been introduced for 2010.

Some of the 2009 bills included:

- *New York A. 7218*, which would have criminalized tail docking and make it a misdemeanor for anyone to exhibit a dog with a docked tail. The bill also allowed for any New York animal rights organization to directly sue violators of this law.
- *Texas HB 4277 & Florida HB 451*, as written, would have required that all dogs in the state be spayed or neutered, with very few exceptions.

* *Montana HB 191 & Hawaii SB 79* would have banned the ownership of "pit bulls", including American Staffordshire Terriers and Staffordshire Bull Terriers.

* *26 different states introduced legislation that sought to regulate dog breeding.* Many of these bills followed a formula that included caps on animal ownership, allowed for unreasonable inspections and seizures, and arbitrary care and kennel engineering standards.

Fortunately, few of these provisions became law, but the consistency and similarity of these measures seen in state after state, demonstrates the effect of a national agenda determined to take away our rights to own and breed dogs in a manner consistent with our expertise.

The need for a united, resolute dog fancy committed to protecting our dogs and our rights has never been greater. This election year, through contributions to the AKC Political Action Committee (AKC PAC), we have the opportunity to support lawmakers and candidates who will fight for our right to own, breed, and exhibit our beloved dogs. **Please ask all club members to consider a donation to the AKC PAC.** One hundred percent of these donations will go directly to support the campaigns of candidates who will help protect our rights. (Continued on page 2)

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I've enclosed materials that provide more information about this program. Although the AKC PAC can only accept donations from individuals, clubs can help by conducting fundraisers and encourage their members to donate to the PAC.

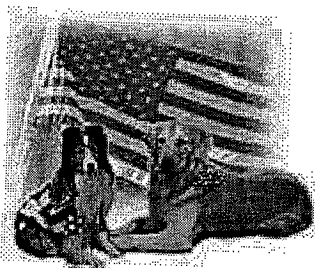
Please join me in taking a stand and making the voice of the dog fancy heard in Congress and in our state legislatures. Please contribute to this important program and distribute the enclosed materials to your members, colleagues and club newsletters.

Together we can ensure that the right to own, breed and exhibit dogs is protected for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Nina Schaefer
Chairman, AKC PAC Board



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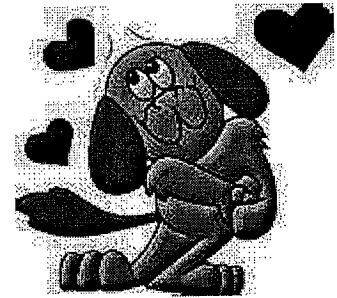
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RKC General Meeting

January 13, 2010
VFW Hall
45 Plymouth Road
Fairfield, NJ 07004



Meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Ball at 8:20 pm

Minutes from the November meeting were printed in the December Growl, motion was made by Joanne Silver to except the minutes as printed, seconded by Lorraine Fennemore, all in favor, no opposed. So moved.

President's report – Jeffrey Ball reported looking back at his past year and a half of being President. The first 6 months were extremely busy with the club's anniversary celebration and seemed to fly by, but was a wonderful learning experience for him, getting to learn more about the club and its great members. The 2nd 6 months were a bit of a struggle dealing with the AKC to maintain our point shows and the 3rd 6 months was a bit of a catch up due to the AKC issues, but let to great point shows – with new things, Meet the Breed and new active members. He looked forward to the final months and hoped that he could continue to help the club move forward. He thanked all the members for all their hard work and assistance.

Corresponding Secretary – Elaine Barone reported on the NJ Dog Federation the Slate that will be voted on in April and reviewed the candidates.

Treasurer's report - Diane Ammerman reported the checking account has \$26,285.71 and the money market has \$15,523.53 - The 2009 point show is showing a profit of \$2,866.31.

AKC Delegate – Rose Radel discussed the upcoming elections for as AKC board members. The candidates are Dr. Charles Scarley, William Newman, Pat Scully, Steve Flagstone, and Schafer. Also Rose Radel reported that Meet the Breed will be repeated in 2010.

Point Show 2010 – Diane Ammerman gave a brief report that there will be a point show in 2010. Palisades will have their show on Friday and Saturday, Ramapo's will be Sunday and Monday. Diane is hoping to get the new members involved.

Match Show – will be scheduled for June again.

Show Handling Class–Jeffrey Ball reported that the average is 12, a lot of puppies. There will be no show handling class the 2nd day of Westminster.

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Sunshine – Lorraine Fennemore reported that Pat Scully was sent a gift certificate.

Obedience Classes - Elaine Barone reported that the classes are going well. New classes will start February 3.

Programs – February is postponed from January (Alyson Halpin). Diane is speaking to someone for March, Jeffrey is talking to Shear Farms for April, May is the closed meeting, and June is the awards dinner.

Report on the NJ Federation of Dog Clubs, elections are coming up. The Federation is trying to organize a Lobby/Education Day. Saturday or Sunday in April.

Hospitality – Mary and Joanne volunteer for February's meeting.

Membership – Jeffrey Ball talked about the roster. Ruth Henningsen was asking if anyone knew the people who have not sent in their notices to maintain active membership if any member know them if they could reach out to them.

Volunteers: President Jeffrey Ball made a list of committees that he needs volunteers for, they are Show Handling, Match Show, Material and Properties, Hospitality, Publicity and Advertising, Programs, Obedience Class, By-Laws, the jobs are simple.

Pet Therapy - Joanne Silver asked if anyone was available to assist during the day for Valley Hospital.

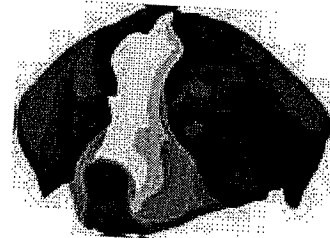
New Member – Motion was made by Joanne Silver to except Melissa Ayers application for membership, seconded by Elaine Barone. No Objections, all in favor, so moved.

New Application – An application for membership will be sent to Pat Paladino by Amy Starost. Amy Starost did introduce herself. This will be her first reading.

There was no unfinished business.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:31pm.

Respectfully submitted
Janis Hayes



Emergency Canine Information

Provided by Camp Bow Wow and Vivian Bregman

American Red Cross of Northern New Jersey

209 Fairfield Road

Fairfield, NJ 07004

Telephone: (973) 797-3300 | 1-800-507-6058

Fax: (973) 575-8462

email; info@redcrossnj.org

<http://www.redcrossnj.org/index.asp?IDCapitulo=KQO9J7H3L2>

Animal Poison Control Center

We are your best resource for any animal poison-related emergency, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you think that your pet may have ingested a potentially poisonous substance, call (888) 426-4435. A \$65 consultation fee may be applied to your card.

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/poison-control/>

Oradell Animal Hospital Inc.

580 Winters Ave. Paramus, NJ 07652

Phone:(201) 262-0010, (800) 624-1883

Fax:(201) 262-4275

<http://www.oradell.com/index.html>

Animal Emergency & Referral Associates

1237 Bloomfield Avenue

Fairfield, NJ 07004

(973) 226-3282

www.animalerc.com

Animal Eye Center of NJ

48 Notch Road

Little Falls, NJ 07424

(973) 890-4430

Find Emergency Vets Near You

<http://www.inyourarea.net/local/pet-emergency/?gclid=ClrJiIWf0Z8CFRE55QodmjUO3A>

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1-800-213-6680

Pet Poison Helpline" is a 24-hour service available throughout North America for pet owners and



veterinary professionals who require assistance with treating a potentially poisoned pet. We have the ability to help every pet, with all types of poisonings, 24 hours a day. Our knowledge and expertise will put your mind at ease when dealing with a potential emergency.

In order to provide this critical service, please be advised that there is a \$35 per incident fee, payable by credit card. This fee covers the initial consultation as well as all follow up calls associated with the management of the case.

<http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/>

Bergen County Animal Shelter

100 United Lane, Teterboro, NJ 07608

201-229-4600 · Fax: 201-440-4358 ·

Email: shelter@co.bergen.nj.us

<http://www.teterboro-online.com/boro/shelter/shelter1.shtml>



Create a First Aid Kit for your Pets Before an Emergency Strikes

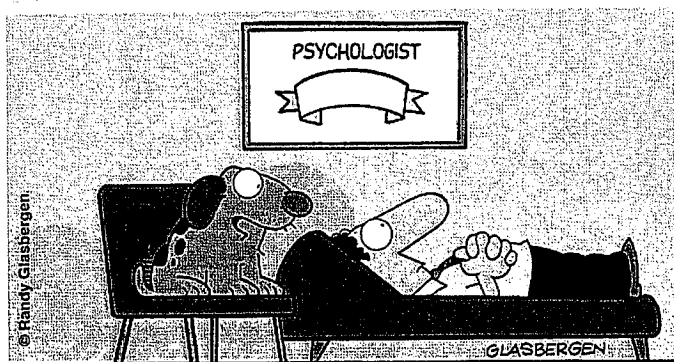
No one ever knows when an emergency will happen. The best thing is to always be prepared. Therefore, putting together a water-proof first-aid kit for your pets prior to an emergency is one of the best things that you can do as a pet owner. Many situations require fast action and prevention of further injury, infection or death. So assemble a first aid kit now, so that you'll be ready when your pet needs immediate help. Below is a listing of some items that you should include in your kit:

- * An index card with emergency numbers such as:
- * Animal Poison Control contact information
- * Your pets regular veterinarian and local Veterinary Emergency Animal Hospital information
- * Your own phone number
- * Photos of your pets (to help identify them)
- * Pet's health records
- * Pet CPR instructions
- * Your pets microchip number
- * Flashlight & rubber gloves
- * Scissors & tweezers (flat slant tip)
- * Sterile needle (to remove splinters and tick heads)
- * Turkey baster (for flushing wounds or force feeding)
- * Eyedropper

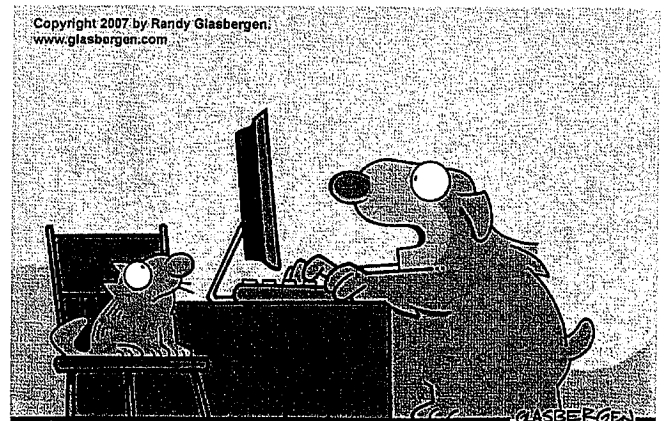
- * Tongue depressor to examine mouth
- * Disposable safety razor (to shave fur around a wound)
- * Towels (at least 2)
- * Blanket (to keep an injured pet from going into shock)
- * 3x3 sterile gauze pads & rolled gauze (for bandaging, stabilizing joints, making a muzzle)
- * Anti-bacterial wipes or pads & Q-tips
- * Ice pack
- * Cotton balls and vet wrap bandages
- * Hydrogen peroxide 3% USP (to use on infected wounds)
- * Activated charcoal tablets (can absorb many toxics)
- * Antibiotic ointment (such a Neosporin)
- * Sterile saline eye solution (to flush out eyes and wounds)
- * Milk of magnesia (for stomach upset and some types of poison ingestion)
- * Pepto Bismol (for stomach upset and some types of poison ingestion; do not give to cats)
- * Plain Benadryl (for bug bites and stings and other allergic reactions)
- * Can of soft pet food (can reduce the effect of poisoning)
- * Mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid such as Dawn (to clean contaminated skin or sticky substances)
- * Plastic baggies
- * Muzzle and a nylon leash
- * Bottled water & water bowl or container
- * Adhesive first aid tape (in narrow and wide widths)

There are many more items that you can include. Please consult your vet for some additional ideas.

Immediate and proper first-aid is only the first step in the treatment of your pet. Please contact your veterinarian immediately and follow their instructions to ensure that your pet is well-cared for when a trauma has taken place. (Please consult your vet immediately before administering first aid.)



"My therapy is quite simple: I wag my tail and lick your face until you feel good about yourself again."



"I'm setting up a MySpace page, but I can't figure out how to let my friends sniff me over the Internet!"

Health News

FDA NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: January 14, 2010

FDA Health Alert for Merrick Beef Filet Squares Dog Treats Packaged and Distributed by Merrick Pet Care

Products may be contaminated with Salmonella

The U. S. Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers not to use Merrick Beef Filet Squares for dogs distributed by Merrick Pet Care with a package date of "Best By 111911" because the product may be contaminated with Salmonella.

The product was distributed nationwide through retail stores and Internet sales.

Although no illnesses associated with these products have been reported, the FDA is advising consumers in possession of these products not to handle or feed them to their pets. In December 2009, the FDA conducted routine testing of Merrick Beef Filet Squares and detected a positive finding for Salmonella. A follow-up inspection found deficiencies in the packaging and manufacturing processes. Salmonella can affect both humans and animals. People handling dry pet treats can become infected with Salmonella, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the treats or any surfaces exposed to these products. Consumers should dispose of these products in a safe manner by securing them in a covered trash receptacle. Healthy people infected with Salmonella may experience some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Although rare, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments including arterial infections, endocarditis (inflammation of the lining of the heart), arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their health care provider immediately. Pets with Salmonella infections may become lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever and vomiting. Some pets may experience only a decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected, but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or humans. If your pet has consumed any of the affected product or is experiencing any of these symptoms, contact your veterinarian immediately.

The affected Merrick Beef Filet Squares were packaged in a 10-ounce green, red and tan re-sealable plastic bag. The "best by" date is imprinted on the top portion of the bag, which is torn off when the bag is opened. The FDA recommends that consumers who are unable to determine the "best by" date discontinue use of the product. Consumers can report complaints about FDA-regulated pet food and pet treat products by calling the consumer complaint coordinator in their area. Please see <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm> for additional information.

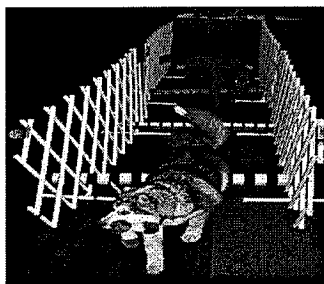
EYE CLINIC

Hi all,

I am organizing the clinic for the North Jersey Siberian Husky Club. Our Club Eye Clinic will be held on March 26, 2010 at the Somerset 4-H from 4 PM to 8 PM. Please distribute and share this information to your dog friends, Vet offices, pet shops, dog training facilities and members of other clubs.

Forms are available on the website at www.njshc.com. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at 973-663-2164.

Kathy Murarik
Eye Clinic Chairperson.



General News

Northern Breed Seminar

Alaskan Malamute, Siberian Husky, Samoyed.

An Educational Seminar presented by Kathleen and Patricia Kanzler
Of Chateaugay, New York

Sponsored by: The Chateaugay Valley K.C.

Saturday, March 6, 2010 - 11 am to 4 pm

The CVKC invites Breeders, Judges, and Enthusiasts of the three Northern Breeds to attend this Seminar. The day will consist of a PowerPoint presentation, comparison and contrast of the 3 breeds, discussion and live hands-on with over 15 dogs.

For more information contact Barb Collins at 450-829-3323 or
astablak@securenet.net <<mailto:astablak@securenet.net>>

NBKC Match and Canine Good Citizen Test

Friday Evening, March 26, 2010

COLLIE CLUB OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY INDEPENDENT SPECILATY

Sunday, March 28, 2010 Franklin, NJ

DATES to REMEMBER

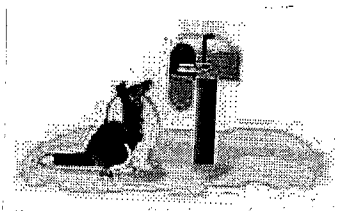
All membership meetings are held at the

VFH Hall

45 Plymouth Street

Fairfield, New Jersey

8:00 p.m.



February 10th

Membership Meeting – Speaker - Alyson Halpin, who is a Animal Acupressure Practitioner and incorporates aromatherapy, massage, Bach Flower, Crystal & Color Therapy, along with Reiki.

March 10th

Membership Meeting

April 14th

Membership Meeting

May 12th

Membership Meeting – Officer Elections

IMPORTANT NOTE: We are always looking for Guest speakers. If you have any ideas or better yet know of someone, please speak to Joanne Silver at the next meeting or call her at (201) 891-5090.

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