Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club

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Every village has its day: Ridgewood receives American Kennel Club award

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THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS

Tails were wagging and pups were pouncing at <u>Saddle River</u> County Park last Saturday, when the American Kennel Club bestowed its first-ever Dog Friendly Community Award to the Village of <u>Ridgewood</u>.

The prize, presented in the form of a traditional Best in Show ribbon, recognized <u>Ridgewood</u>'s dedication to providing canine ownership education and resources to its residents over the past 12 months. The AKC specifically cited the creation of the Responsible Pet Ownership Committee, formed last February as a result of a then-controversial dangerous dogs licensing fee, as a proactive action in promoting the well-being of dogs.

Spearheaded by resident Jeffrey Ball and Dawn Cetrulo, head of the <u>Ridgewood</u> health department, the committee last summer hosted a dog microchipping event, implanting free identification chips for 75 pooches in the village. The committee procured the chips through donations from the New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs and the Ramapo Kennel Club.

At the same time, the committee donated two microchip scanners to the village, giving <u>Ridgewood</u> police and other officials the tools to identify and reunite lost pets with owners in a timely manner. Through Ball, an AKC delegate and president of the NJFDC, the committee also held dog body language seminars and other educational events last year.

"Ridgewood is certainly a template and also a role model for all other cities and towns in the country for responsible dog ownership," said Lee Arnold, a <u>Saddle River</u> resident and member of the AKC Board of Directors. "At the AKC, we always say: We are not only champion dogs, but we are the dogs' champions. We know how much they mean to all of us, in every area of our lives, as companions, working dogs and all other needs."

Arnold was joined by fellow AKC board member Charles Garvin and AKC's chief operating officer, Daryl Hendricks, in presenting the award. State and county officials also congratulated the village for the honor. With playful barking behind him, Assemblyman David Russo read aloud a state Legislature resolution signed by him, Assemblyman Scott Rumana and state Sen. Kevin O'Toole, while County Executive Kathleen Donovan offered words of praise to Ridgewood.

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"We're so happy that <u>Ridgewood</u> is receiving the award," Donovan said, noting to several dozen ceremony attendees that the county dog park in <u>Ridgewood</u> was recently renovated. "We put it in a place that's better for the animals and much more friendly for them."

Mayor Paul Aronsohn, a Scottish terrier owner, credited Ball, Cetrulo and other committee members for their efforts over the past year.

"I'm very proud and excited for this award. I'm proud because I'm the mayor of a community that has demonstrated its commitment toward dog ownership and being pet friendly. I'm excited because this award will serve as an incentive to us and other communities to do even more and become even more pet friendly," Aronsohn said.

After the presentation, the mayor joined other delegates and attendees at the <u>Ridgewood</u> Community Center, where several Westminister Dog Show contestants, therapy dogs and other canines were the guests of honor.

"Woof!" bellowed a Chesapeake Bay retriever, who serves as a full-time therapy dog at The Valley Hospital.

The dog's welcoming call didn't break the concentration of the Rhodesian Ridgeback who was practicing Westminster poses, nor did it distract the family of Leonbergers from playing with a group of children. Also unfazed was the region's top-ranked Great Dane, Seamus, who sat in the corner of the room with his co-owners.

Teddy the Brittany, meanwhile, cuddled up to visitors who hoped to learn more about the Ramapo Kennel Club, whose members were on hand to distribute pet ownership literature. Founded in 1958, the RKC hopes to "protect and advance the interest of all breeds of purebred dogs and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and other dog events. To conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows and obedience trails under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club," according to its website.

"We support a lot of local groups and events, whenever someone needs a helping hand," said Teddy's owner, <u>Dumont</u> resident and RKC officer Kim Luikert. Last year, the RKC stepped in to back Ball and other <u>Ridgewood</u> residents who argued against the village's ordinance that established a \$700 licensing fee for court-determined "potentially dangerous" dogs. The collective efforts helped jumpstart <u>Ridgewood</u>'s educational outreach initiative as well as the new committee.

"People who are educated, know a dog's behavior and know what to expect, they know what to do and what not to do if they meet a dog on the street. They'll know what to do if they find a [lost] dog. It prevents things from happening that you don't want to happen," Luikert said. "Today's event tells people that the clubs around here, Ramapo [Kennel Club], the Responsible Pet Ownership Committee, are there to help everyone."

Last Saturday's reception also featured a congratulatory cake from Carlo's Bakery as well as a complimentary lunch - for humans - from the Daily Treat.

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Membership Renewal

Dear NNJGDC Member,

Dues for the coming year, 2014, are now due and payable by **December 31, 2013.** Please make checks payable to the **Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club** and *mailed to*:

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Junior Membership - \$10.00	(10-18 years old)	
Family Membership - \$40.00		
Regular Membership - \$25.0	00	
Please help us update our records. If there are any corrections or additions to your current listing in the roster, please make the changes below. Please print:		
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Address:		
City/State/Zip:		
Home Phone:	_Work Phone:	
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Please return this entire form with your payment, thank you.

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club Minutes from the January 15, 2014 Membership Meeting

Franklin Steakhouse Tavern 318 Passaic Avenue Fairfield, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm By Jeffrey Ball.

Members in attendance (11):Jeffrey Ball, Betsy Ball, Cathy Dlugosz, Mary Fran Cini, Gay Wayne, Rose Ann Tucker, Vernest Kaiser, Diane Huser, Carol Farro, David Litke, Jack Keenan

Guests in attendance (0):

- I. Minutes- The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion made by Betsy and seconded by Gay and unanimously approved with the following correction, Augie not Angie, 2-3 years old, not 7-8 and that Jack Keenan attended meeting and it is Ed, not Edd.
- II. Corresponding Secretary- Mary Fran is working with Zuzanna to transfer records over.
- III. Recording Secretary- No Report
- IV. Treasurer- Not Available. Diane could not attend meeting do to family illness.
- V. Committee Reports-

Memberships- Justin Ball application was read for the second time. Board will review application next month and then the membership will vote on application.

Health & Welfare/Program - Discussion with membership, if the club would be interested in traveling to other medical facilities if they would give tours and or do lectures at their facility. Such as Oradell Animal Hospital. Club unanimously agreed that they would be interested.

Sun Shine- Kira had knee surgery and a basket was sent to her on behalf of the club.

Rescue-. Augie doing well. Event in Suffern February 22 and 23rd. One Dane in Kennel and two girls to be taken in. MAGDL dues needs to be paid.

Fund Raising- Nothing new currently. Reminder about iGive.

Therapy- No Report

Website – Zuzzana is working on updating.

VI. Unfinished Business:

Jeffry reminded everyone that Membership Dues are past due and if you have not yet paid, they need to do so as soon as possible. The dues form was on the front page of the last newsletter as a reminder.

Diane Husar asked about remaining glasses from National. Cathy did not have final count with her. Discussion on what to do with remaining glasses. Possibility of discounting glasses to cost and selling them on GDCA website.

VII. New Business:

Jeffrey reviewed the Email authorization form that was in the last newsletter. The reason for this is that as per the constitution and by-laws, for the club to communicate via email, the member must give written authorization for the club to do so. This would include emails and distribution of newsletter via email. By doing so, it will save the club money and allow for prompt update. This is different than the yahoo group. Any member can participate in the yahoo group without signing authorization since they can become part of the group or leave at any time.

Jeffrey explained that the Board is reviewing and establishing policies and procedures for the club. Two policies and procedures the Board established are being brought back to the membership for review and approval. The first is gifts for speakers and judges. The policy was discussed; a motion was made by Rose Ann and second by Carol to accept the policy. It was unanimously approved.

The second policy and procedure reviewed was the Sunshine. After discussion, Diane Husar made a motion to increase the amount from \$50 to \$75. A motion to accept the policy and procedure with the increase was made by Diane, seconded by Gay and unanimously approved.

The Tentative NNJGDC Calendar for 2014 was reviewed

Cathy supplied calendars to everyone. A motion was made by Cathy and seconded to accept events calendar which included the garage sale on April 12, Meet the Breeds September 27-28, Supported Entry October 12, Santa Party November 22and Holiday Celebration on December 17th at the VFW Hall in Farfield. Carol seconded motion and it was unanimously approved. The one date and event that needed to be further discussed was the Match Show.

Next month the AKC will be announcing a dog friendly community award. People can nominate their towns for the award to the AKC. The first award will be handed out next month to Ridgewood, NJ on February 8th, 2014. All are welcome to attend.. Westminster is February 10-11, 2014,

There being no further business, Carol moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dawn and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Ball

Betsy Ball

Filling in for Kira Wright, Recording Secretary

NNJGDC POLICY and PROCEDURES

Policy Title – Sunshine Fund

Policy Number -

Effective Date – January 14, 2014

Board Approved – January 14, 2014

Summary - Provides Policy and Guidelines on Expression of Sympathy

Purpose

To provide guidelines to the Sunshine Committee to express sympathy or condolences toward a member who has experienced person illness or family loss.

Background

Provide the club's expression of sympathy or goodwill toward members who experience personal illness or family loss.

Policy

The Sunshine committee has the authority to determine an appropriate gift to send to any member if that member has experienced personal illness or family loss.

That gift shall be valued up to \$75, which includes taxes and shipping if needed. The Committee may make a donation to a charitable organization in place of a gift if that is appropriate.

The Committee is responsible for reporting at the next general membership the details and reason for the gift. The committee shall not violate any HIPPA or any other laws in reporting illness. They may make a general statement of illness if that is what the member requests.

NNJGDC POLICY and PROCEDURES

Policy Title – Thank you gifts for Speakers and Judges

Policy Number -

Effective Date – January 14, 2014

Board Approved –January 14, 2014

Summary – Provides guidelines for club gratitude to speakers and judges.

Purpose

To address guidelines for the club to show gratitude to non-club members for assisting the club.

Background

Provides Committee Chairpersons the authority to purchase thank you gifts for non-member individual who assist the club such as speakers or judges.

Policy

The Committee Chairperson is authorized to purchase the following gifts without Board or Membership approval.

If a non-member Judges for the NNJGDC, a gift valued up to \$50.00 If a non-member participates as a guest speaker for the NNJGDC, a gift valued up to \$25.00.

This amount may be increased with the NNJGDC Board of Directors approval. Any other gifts, for any other reason, must first be approved by the NNJGDC Board of Directors.

Any gifts given must be reported at the next general membership meeting.

NNJGDC Email Authorization Form

In order to cut the ongoing costs of running the Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club, as well as communicate faster and offer reminders, the club can utilize email rather than the USPS. Our Constitution and By-Laws mandates that we can only communicate via email if you have given us your authority to do so. If you wish to take advantage of this service please complete the fields below and return this form to us by one of these methods:

Send to current NNJGDC Corresponding Secretary

Email to:

zzajdel@gmail.com

USPS to:

Zuzanna Kounin

42 Eastern Avenue Somerville, NJ 08876

I hereby authorize the NNJGDC to communicate with me using the email address below for the purposes including, but not limited to, club notices, reminders and or newsletters. This authorization form does not pertain to the NNJGDC Yahoo Group, as I have the opportunity to join or be removed from that group at will. I will make every effort to update NNJGDC, in writing, of any changes to my email address. I also agree not to forward NNJGDC material sent to me to non NNJGDC members unless I receive permission from the original sender.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name:
Email Address:
Please indicate by signing below if you consent to receiving emails for the following:
General Mailings:Signature
Newsletters:Signature
Date
Date received by NNJGDC

Northern New Jersey Great Dane Club Membership Application

NAME:	TELEPHONE:(home)	
	(work)	
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and the Rules and Regulations of the Great Dane Club of Ar	onstitution and By-Laws of the Great Dane Club of Northern New Jersey merica and American Kennel Club.	
Signature of Applicant		
Annual Dues, check application box	ONE time Application Fee: \$10.00 \text{Individual Membership} \$25.00 \text{Your Members of Immediate Family} \$40.00 \text{Individual Membership}	
Note: 1) Application fee must be included with members! 2) Annual Dues should not be paid until membersh	hip application and is not refundable. nip is accepted.	
Sponsorship Name of Sponsor Signature of Sponsor	Length of time known	
There must be two sponsors from different families for each Letters of Recommendation from each Sponsor must accomplease forward completed application along with application	npany this application.	
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DATES TO BEMEMBER

Membership meeting

FEBRUARY 19th, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Same Location as last month

Franklin Steakhouse Tavern 318 Passaic Ave Fairfield, NJ 07004

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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