



THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Registered Handlers Newsletter

2nd Quarter 2018



New Regional Rep for the Ohio Valley Region – Nina Fetter

Nina Fetter of Lima, OH has accepted the role of RHP Regional Representative for the Ohio Valley Region, replacing longtime RHP Reg Rep Gretchen Conradt who has decided to step down. Gretchen had served the RHP well for the past 7 1/2 years.

Please join us in congratulating Nina in her new role as RHP Regional Representative for the duration of the 2018-2020 term, which ends December 31, 2020.

Remember that any Regional Rep is your resource whether or not they are located in your actual area. They are:

Nina Fetter – Ohio Valley – 419-221-0046
Shane Hooper – West – 909-268-8745
Laura King – Upper Midwest – 309-787-7416
Angie Lloyd – Mid-Atlantic – 703-662-5808
Frank Murphy – Southeast – 352-497-6472
Debbie Struff – Northeast – 860-573-6218
Linda Williams – Midwest – 417-466-0459

Their email addresses are listed on the back page of every quarter's RHP newsletter.

Membership Applications Received

The Professional Handler listed below has applied for RHP membership. We are seeking your input, either positive or negative, concerning any firsthand knowledge you may have of her, i.e. experience in the sport, and business practices as a professional handler. Please send your feedback by June 15 to Susan Judge, smj@akc.org.

Ms. Lydia Hovanski - Saratoga Springs, UT

NOHS ELIGIBILITY CHANGE

At the April 2018 Board Meeting the Board of Directors revised the NOHS Eligibility.

As published on the NOHS page of the AKC Website:

“You may compete in the AKC National Owner-Handled Series as long as you are not a professional handler*. Professional handlers, household members and current assistants to professional handlers in conformation are not eligible to exhibit in this competition. Current assistants that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may participate in NOHS. Eligible class dogs that are selected Winners Dog or Winners Bitch are included in the AKC National Owner-Handled Series judging.”

Please feel free to contact eventnews@akc.org for any clarification needed.

** Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay within the last five years.*



RHP REGIONAL REP CONFERENCE CALL

Tues., May 1, 2018 - 3:30 – 4:13pm EDT

Reg. Rep. Attendees: Shane Hooper, Laura King, Frank Murphy, Debbie Struff, Linda Williams

Absent: Angie Lloyd

Staff Attendees: Tim Thomas, Mary Dukes, Pattie Proctor, Gina Wieser, Susan Judge

STATUS OF RENEWALS

Susan Judge reported that dues are still required from two members. Vehicle Inspections are still needed from nine members. Tests are still needed from two members. **Debbie Struff** said she will get vehicles inspected of two of the members in her region.

NEW APPLICANT STATUS

Susan reported that Lydia Hovanski's name will be listed in the Gazette and if no complaints are received, she will be notified on June 15 of her acceptance as a member of the RHP. (She was an Invite).

We are still awaiting documentation from Jody & Leo Garcini, Adam & Katie Bernardin and Lauren Hay-Lavitt (INITIATE).

ACTION ITEM: **Susan** will send the full list of Invites to the Regional Reps, asking for their comments.

Tim told the Regional Reps that if they have any recommendations for good candidates in their areas, please send those names to the RHP Team.

REGIONAL REP POSITION: OHIO VALLEY

Tim reported that since Gretchen Conradt stepped down as Ohio Valley Regional Representative, the Team will ask the members of that region if any are interested in taking over that position.

RHP NEWSLETTER

Susan said if anyone has an article for the upcoming newsletter to please send it to her.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Susan expressed concerns about having material to offer the members at 2019 renewal time and to create a test. Jimmy Mitchell had said he would send notes from the Timonium educational seminar. **Susan** asked if anyone can send in notes after the educational seminar that that would help create materials for the test, come the end of the year.

Debbie Struff reported that the Timonium Educational Seminar went very well, and that Angie Lloyd did a good job. All the attendees were RHP members or Apprentices.

ACTION ITEM: **Mary Dukes** will contact Angie Lloyd about getting the video of the educational seminar posted on the RHP Facebook page.

FACEBOOK

Mary reported that the RHP page currently has 9,100 followers, and that almost every post gets lots of hits. The recent two back-to-back Care, Custody, and Control insurance posts were well received.

HANDLING CLINICS

Susan reported that there are 7 more Junior and 6 more Adult Clinics scheduled between now and the end of the year. 6 Junior and 4 Adult Clinics have been held already this year.

KENNEL INSPECTIONS

Tim reported that the kennel inspections conducted by I&I Inspectors are still going well. Except for one incident there have been no other complaints from members and that it has been very positive. If anyone encounters problems, please let the Team know.

CATALOG ADS

Tim reported the shows that Royal Canin/RHP ads will appear in the catalogs: Pomona, Waukesha, Greeley, Montgomery, W. Springfield, Orlando, Portland, and a freebie: Canfield. If the Regional Reps know of any other events sponsored by Royal Canin let the Team know.

ROYAL CANIN

Tim asked the Regional Reps that if anyone has ideas that would be helpful to our members at the National Championship in Orlando, to share your thoughts with the Team. We plan on having the RHP booth and hospitality for our members again this year.

MOE MIYAGAWA

Shane Hooper reported that Moe Miyagawa had an abdominal aneurysm about 2 weeks ago and is still in the hospital. Moe is conscious and very aware.

ACTION ITEM: **Pattie** will send a card to Moe on behalf of the RHP to Shane's address.

GROOMING SETUP

Frank Murphy inquired about the expectations of clubs when the RHP is getting paid to help with grooming setup – i.e. how late should they stay, etc.

Tim responded that it should be worked out with the club at the time of the agreement.

ACTION ITEM: *Susan will report how many the RHP does per year.*

ACTION ITEM: *Susan will email Dennis McCoy informing him that we have not received the \$100 check from the Cary Kennel Club for grooming setup at the March Tarheel Circuit.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:13pm.

Care, Custody and Control Insurance Carriers

Although Mourer-Foster is an insurance agency that many of the RHP member use for Care, Custody, and Control insurance coverage, there are other agents and insurance carriers that offer this type of liability coverage as well.

Here is a list of some of them that we are aware of:

American Family Insurance

Craig Sengle Agency – 1-800-692-6326

State Farm Fire & Casualty

Becky Jordan Ins. Agency – 520-863-3644

Travelers Property Casualty

Kennel Pak, Inc. – York, PA - 888-661-3938

Sentinal Insurance Co.

Metlife Auto & Home – 888-443-6112

Twin City Fire Insurance Co.

Nutmeg Ins. Agency – 866-467-8730

Peerless Insurance Company

Avon-Dixon Agency, LLC - 410-822-0506

Note that once the insurance agent understands exactly what type of insurance that you need as a dog handler in possession of others' dogs, different companies refer to it as different terms. Some examples are: "Inland Marine", "Animal Bailee Coverage", "Animal Floater", "Animal Care Services Policy", "Dog Coverage". Speaking the language can sometimes help the agent or insurance carrier understand exactly what type of insurance you are seeking.

Tuning in to your Inner Animal

By RHP Member Kelly Marquis

I have come to realize that one of the true underlying talents of dog show handlers is our ability to manage energy. We are like skillful surgeons entering the emergency room. When we are on the top of our game, our senses are heightened and we manage one drama after another. Something about the dog show feels like life and death. Everyone takes it very seriously.

If you are good at showing dogs, you are a master of sensing and managing energy. We can the dog needs. We know exactly what kind of and how much orrection an unruly dog needs; we know when a scared dog needs soothing and we know how to build its confidence and help it feel safe; and we know how to absorb the energy of a hyper dog to help them settle and focus. To the outside world, this is magic! To us, it's just normal... it's how we roll. It's instinctual for us. I would argue that we all have a very strong connection to our inner animal. It's why we thrive in competition.

How might we in the dog show community use these animal instincts to serve us in a higher capacity? We can learn to tune into it in a deeper way. Tune into your energy or your client's energy when you or they are gossiping. Does it feel good? If it doesn't feel good then don't do it. If a client is complaining, perhaps you can say, "I understand you are frustrated," but don't feed into it. Tune in to what feels good and what doesn't. If it doesn't feel good consider, "What are my other choices?" In this way, we can use the instincts within us to help create an environment that we love to work in.

REGISTERED HANDLER PROGRAM STATISTICS:

NUMBER OF CURRENT MEMBERS: 73

NUMBER OF CURRENT APPRENTICES: 5

RHP WELCOMES THIS NEW RHP MEMBER:

NONE THIS QUARTER

RHP WELCOMES THESE NEW APPRENTICES OF THESE RHP MEMBERS:

NONE THIS QUARTER

Be like Randy Tincher..... (stand up and step up)

By Jamey Witmer Lambert

Editor's Note:

We shared this post recently on the AKC RHP Facebook page, but it warrants repeating here. We ALL need to behave like breeder/exhibitor/judge Randy Tincher did when faced with this situation. WE need to be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem and everyone needs to step up.

Randy Tincher did something today that deserves recognition. There were two exhibitors at the Decatur, IL show that were very obviously brand new and had dogs in different classes. Someone standing ringside as one of them was showing snapped at the other one because, basically, they didn't know what they were doing. I was horrified but was too far away to intervene quickly as I was holding a dog for someone. All of the sudden, Randy strides up to the newcomer with a big smile and began calmly talking to her. This immediately stopped the snide remarks, and he stood ringside the entire time they showed and quietly cheered them on and talked them through things. He turned an ugly situation around completely. The rest of us literally cheered and clapped for these people. I will add that judge Richard Miller was amazing also.

Guys, we all need to be willing to do what Randy Tincher did. We NEED new people in this sport. We cannot drive people away.

Randy, you are a class act and I am proud to know you. I hope you are ok with me posting this story - I thought you deserve a huge shout out. THANK YOU.



THE WAG PATROL

By AKC Field Representative Jane Myers

Once a week Jackie shakes off sleep, grabs a snack and heads to San Francisco International Airport. Jackie is COD (Chief Operating Dog) on the Wag Patrol. The stress of flying is never fun and for some it is even scary. This is where Jackie comes in. For the past several years, Jan Hepper, Jackie's owner, has been bringing her to SFO to comfort the flying public. So often all it takes is a little snuggle from an understanding soul to calm the nerves, and Jackie, AKA GCH CH Riverotter's Little Jackie Paper RA THD CGC TKN, is more than willing to accommodate.

In accordance with TSA, her allotted time planeside is limited to 90 minutes per day. This 90 minutes is well spent not only calming the nerves of the flying public, but also introducing people to the Wonderful World of Dogs. Jackie is quite famous and was the 2015 recipient of the AKC Ace Award. She has promoted the importance of emotional support dogs for handicapped and autistic children, as well as being an official greeter for United Airline's Fantasy Flight for the terminally ill and the Make A Wish Foundation. All in all, it's a hard day's work, but it is truly a job that Jackie loves.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

If you are not already aware, the RHP has been ramping up its postings on Facebook to include at least one posting EVERY DAY. These include features on RHP members, BIS wins by our members, helpful and inspiring "MEMEs", results from handling clinics and general information helpful to the RHP and the fancy at large. Mary Dukes has been spearheading the postings from the field and would welcome any photos of members' BIS wins. You can forward Mary a text at 951-283-4770 or to her email at mnd@akc.org.

So if you are not already following us on Facebook – check it out! Our page is entitled simply:

AKC Registered Handlers Program

UPCOMING RHP CLINICS

FOR JUNIORS:

W. SPRINGFIELD, MA – SAT., JULY 7

LONGVIEW, TX – SAT., JULY 28

CANFIELD, OH – SAT., AUGUST 4

HARRISBURG, PA – THURS., AUGUST 9

ENUMCLAW, WA – SAT., AUGUST 18

RALEIGH, NC – SAT., SEPTEMBER 1

LEBANON, TN – SAT., OCTOBER 13

FOR ADULTS:

NORWALK, CT – SAT., JUNE 9

HENRIETTA, NY – SAT., JUNE 23

CAMBRIDGE, MN – SAT., JUNE 23

LONGVIEW, TX – SAT., JULY 28

BALLSTON SPA, NY – SAT., AUGUST 11

TOPEKA, KS – FRI., AUGUST 17

APALACHIN, NY – SAT., AUGUST 18

JUDGING JUNIORS SEMINARS

Cambridge, MN – Saturday, June 23

Houston, TX – Saturday, July 21

Canfield, OH – Saturday, August 4

Topeka, KS – Saturday, August 18

Reno, NV – Saturday, August 18

Lexington, KY – Saturday, September 1

Raleigh, NC – Sunday, September 2

Roseburg, OR – Saturday, Sept. 8

Hamburg, NY – Saturday, October 13

Contact AKC Judging Operations:

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



Andrew Green

Readington Township, New Jersey
RHP member since 2002

How did you get your start in purebred dogs?

My father is a professional handler, Peter Green. I grew up participating in dog shows.

What made you decide to pursue a career as a professional handler?

Love of the dogs.

Which Royal Canin Brand formula do you feed your show string and why?

Starter Mousse – the ingredients, nutrition, and digestibility for pups. Mini Starter Kibble – size, nutrition – pups love it!

What is the best and worst part of your job as a handler?

The Best part is working with the dogs and breeding Samoyeds with my wife.

The Worst part is too many dog shows with too much travel.

Why did you choose to join the RHP?

RHP accreditation and reputation.

Do you have any hobbies or activities that you participate in outside of dogs?

Golf, which I wish I had more time to do.

How has Social Media Affected Our Sport?

This will be our RHP Educational Program topic for 2018. Give it some thought...

Has it affected you, your business, or perhaps your personal life? Have you been a target for negative posts? What is the best way to respond to an attack on SM? Do you think AKC should have SM guidelines, ethics, or best practices for Registered Handlers, AKC Judges, and exhibitors? What impact, positive and negative has SM had on the sport?

These are just a few example questions that can be brought to the round table discussion. As in the past, the seminars are open to all and are held following a show. RHP members will be responsible for coordinating, organizing, and conduct the seminars.

If you are interested in conducting a seminar for 2018, please contact Susan Judge at smj@akc.org.

2018 Educational Seminar Topic:

How Social Media has Affected the Sport

Open forum discussion, to be hosted by
an RHP Member or
RHP Field Coordinator

W. Springfield, MA – Friday, July 6

Topeka, KS – Friday, August 24

Kalamazoo, MI – Saturday, Nov. 10

If you would like to coordinate an
RHP Educational Seminar
at a show of your choice
contact Susan Judge at smj@akc.org

THE 15+ CLUB

THESE CURRENT RHP MEMBERS HAVE
VOLUNTEERED AT 15 OR MORE RHP
JUNIORS/ADULT CLINICS OVER THE YEARS:

TUNI CONTI – 39
TARA HARTMAN – 36
KAREN MAMMANO – 32
CLIFF STEELE – 32
DEBBIE STRUFF – 32
SARA GREGWARE – 29
PHIL BOOTH – 25
KIM CALVACCA – 25
NINA FETTER – 25
KATHY MINES – 23
LISA GALLIZZO – 22
ANGIE LLOYD – 22
RC CARUSI – 21
ERNESTO LARA – 21
GWEN DEMILTA – 20
GREG STRONG – 20
CYNTHIA HUCKFELDT – 19
LINDA WILLIAMS – 18
FRANK MURPHY – 17
MARY NORTON-AUGUSTUS – 17
LORI SARGENT – 17
CARISSA SHIMPENO – 16
GRETCHEN CONRADT – 15
ROSLYN MINTZ – 15

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20 Questions...

Name: Diego Garcia

LOCATION: Lillington, North Carolina

RHP Member since 2016

Full Name: **Diego Garcia**

of yrs. professionally handling dogs: **28**

Favorite judge: **Frank Sabella**

Favorite outfit to wear in ring: **Suit, tie,
and, of course, handkerchief**

Favorite bait: **Chicken**

Favorite breed to handle: **All Breeds**

Favorite circuit: **Westminster KC**

Favorite restaurant: **Maremonte - NY**

Favorite way to spend days off - **Washing the
car and playing with the dogs**

Interests other than dogs: **Soccer**

Favorite movie: **"Scent of a Woman"**

Favorite actor or actress: **Gene Hackman**

Favorite musical artist: **Frank Sinatra**

Favorite subject in school: **History**

Favorite food: **Argentino Asado**

Favorite holiday: **Christmas**

Favorite state: **North Carolina**

Who do you most admire?:

Pope Saint John Paul II

Little-known facts about you: **I give 150%
when I show my dogs**

Beach or Mountains? **Beach**

NOTICE

In each Newsletter, the RHP lists the number of complaints received and/or closed during the last quarter and if disciplinary action was needed.

There are no outstanding complaints at this time.

RHP Adult Handling Clinics

Wichita, KS – Sat., April 7, 2018

Sponsored by the Wichita KC

Attendance: 18

Coordinator: **Linda Williams**

Members: **Tiffany Knox**

Non-Members: **Matt Hawley**

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Lumberton, NC - Sat., April 28, 2018

Sponsored by the Myrtle Beach KC

Attendance: 20

Coordinator: **Frank Murphy**

Non-Members: **Harry Bennett
Michelle Jones
Adam Peterson
Maddie Peterson**

Latest RHP Juniors Clinics

Edison, NJ – Sat., March 24, 2018

Sponsored by the New Brunswick KC

Attendance: 20

Coordinator: **Tara Hartman**

Members: **Kim Calvacca
Tuni Conti
Ernesto Lara
Kathy Mines**

Apprentice: **Morgan Miller**

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Timonium, MD – Sun., April 22, 2018

Sponsored by the Baltimore County KC

Attendance: 17

Coordinator: **Angie Lloyd**

Members: **Lisa Gallizzo
Ernesto Lara
Carissa Shimpeno**

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Birch Run, MI – Sat., April 28, 2018

Sponsored by the Progressive DC of Wayne County
Attendance: 8

Coordinator: Sandy D’Andrea

Members: Doug Belter
Amy Booth
Phil Booth
Patricia Murray

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Marshall, TX – Sat., May 5, 2018

Sponsored by the Caddo KC of Texas
Attendance: 12

Coordinator: Field Rep Sue Vroom

Non-Members: Sue Cassel
Robert Chaffin
Samantha Stroude
Chase Waddel

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New Castle, PA – Sat., May 26, 2018

Sponsored by the New Castle KC
Attendance: 20

Coordinator: Karen Mammano

Members: Nina Fetter
Sam Mammano

Apprentice: Vesta Rash

Non-Members: Rebecca Cross
Kathy Schwabe
Tim Zeitz
Tracy Zeitz

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Freehold, NJ – Mon., May 28, 2018

Sponsored by the Plainfield KC
Attendance: 10

Coordinator: Lisa Gallizzo

Member: Kathy Mines

Apprentice: Morgan Miller

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