



THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Registered Handlers Newsletter

3rd Quarter 2018



NEW RHP DUES DISCOUNT OPPORTUNITIES

In order to encourage more participation in the sport by our RHP members, new opportunities for discounts have been added to the annual dues.

Are you a member of an All-Breed club?

Are you an AKC JR Showmanship Judge?

If so, you could receive a \$25 reduction for each!

So join a local club that you have been meaning to join! And/or submit an application to become an AKC JS Judge! Give back to the sport and see a reduction in your RHP dues for 2019.

SEARCH FOR A LOCAL CLUB ON THE AKC WEBSITE

www.akc.org

CLICK ON "CLUBS & DELEGATES"
CLICK ON "SEARCH ALL AKC CLUB"
OR...

[click here](#)

JUDGING JUNIORS SEMINARS

Hamburg, NY – Saturday, October 13

Greeley, CO – Saturday, October 27

Fort Wayne, IN – Saturday, November 3

Tucson, Saturday, November 17

Philadelphia, PA – November 17

Dallas, TX – Saturday, December 8

Orlando, FL – Saturday, December 15

Contact AKC Judging Operations:

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RHP Member of the Year - 2018

The RHP will once again recognize one of its own as the Member of the Year (MOTY). This award is designed to recognize the member who best embodies the character and professionalism desired in our membership. Nominations should be submitted by October 15th to Susan Judge and should include a short synopsis outlining your nominees based on the MOTY guidelines. Previous MOTYs are Bryan Martin, Angie Lloyd, Greg Strong, CJ Favre, Tuni Conti, Sharon Svoboda and Laura King. Qualifications to consider when selecting a member for nomination:

- Embodies the ideal "professional" handler.
- Represents the AKC / RHP in a professional manner.
- Maintains good relationship with the dog community
- Conducts their business professionally.
- Care and welfare of their dogs is of upmost priority.
- Participates in RHP activities (clinics, seminars).
- Active with all-breed or specialty club.
- Is approachable by the public, novices, owner-handlers.
- Has good sportsmanship – gracious and humble
- Is supportive of fellow exhibitors.
- Wins are of no significance.

THE MARK OF EXCELLENCE

By AKC Executive Field Representative Sandy D'Andrea

RHP members set the standard of excellence at our shows. This was certainly seen at the "Nango Circuit" in Bainbridge, New York in June where extreme heat prevailed. During group judging an English Setter went down because of the heat.

RHP Member Karen Mammano came up immediately and offered to let the dog be taken to her air-conditioned truck, so he could be cooled down. The dog remained there until his owner could get his vehicle packed up. The dog recovered fully, and the owner took him home. Karen's quick thinking and act of kindness is applauded by the AKC, the owner and myself. This is what sets the RHP members apart.

Karen, we Thank You for your quick response and professionalism!



RHP REGIONAL REP CONFERENCE CALL

Tues., August 21, 2018 - 3:30 – 4:21pm EDT

Attendees: Nina Fetter, Shane Hooper, Laura King, Frank Murphy, Debbie Struff, Linda Williams
Staff: Tim Thomas, Mary Dukes, Pattie Proctor, Gina Wieser, Susan Judge
Absent: Angie Lloyd

STATUS OF RENEWALS

Susan Judge reported: Vehicle inspections are still needed for: Lisa Gallizzo, Bryan Briley, Kathy Mines. The Ed Seminar Test is still needed from Kathy Mines.

NEW APPLICANT STATUS

Susan reported that Peter Kubacz' name is in the August Gazette. If no complaints are received he will be accepted after 9/15/18 and balance of dues is paid.

DUES FOR 2019

Tim reminded the TEAM of the added discount opportunities for the upcoming dues year: \$25 discount if an RH is a member of a Club; \$25 discount if an RH is a JS Judge.

OUTSTANDING CURRENT COMPLAINTS

Susan reported that there are no outstanding complaints.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Susan asked the Reg. Reps to submit any request for an education seminar. **Tim** asked the Regional Reps if they can ask the club if they have a food sponsor. The ad does NOT have to include the Royal Canin logo is there is another sponsor of the show or cluster.

CATALOG ADS

Susan reported that the next RHP RC catalog ad will appear in Montgomery KC's.

NEW JUNIOR CLINIC GIVEAWAYS

Tim reported new items coming within the next 2 months from Royal Canin for JR Clinic giveaways.

MOTY

Susan reported that nominations for MOTY will soon be open. **Tim** reported that there will be an article in the upcoming newsletter about a presentation in Orlando by Royal Canin to the MOTY in Orlando. He reminded the Regional Reps that MOTY nominations should be based on how they represent

the Program, not how many wins they earn. Please send in a nomination for any member that you feel has gone above and beyond.

ORLANDO

Tim announced that for those going to Orlando we will have RHP grooming space again this year. We will have the Booth again but it will not be in vendor row, rather given high profile in the Royal Canin booth, where RC will offer hospitality during the whole week for RHP members, as a nice perk. **Tim** was very encouraged by the level of engagement that Royal Canin has demonstrated.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR TOPIC FOR 2019

Tim reported there is a young man in Missouri, an exhibitor and recent law school graduate, who offered to set up an RHP Edu. Seminar. He has had good experiences with professional handlers, who have helped him and he would like to give back. We are pursuing the possibility of creating a webinar, available to members, possibly provided several times a year, or a recorded version. Positive response was received from the Regional Reps.

EMERGENCY STICKERS

Shane Hooper inquired about "Emergency" stickers he has seen. He requested 40 to distribute, which **Susan** will send him. **Tim** suggested a similar sticker with the RHP logo.

FACEBOOK PAGE – BIS WINNERS

Debbie Struff said that a member complained that only BIS winners appear, saying that it diminishes those who aren't as high of a profile. **Tim** responded that the reason it was decided we post BIS and group wins of limited breeds is to highlight that our members win big prizes, not to publicize the individuals. **Mary** asked the Regional Reps to post on FB if you have a win, as they have ability to post.

STROLLERS AT DOG SHOWS

Debbie Struff brought up the issue of Clubs asking RHP members to remove strollers from the dog show. **Pattie** said there is now a change in the show manual asking clubs to be kinder, to not discourage families. Each club will be different and they are encouraged to determine areas where strollers are not safe rather than ban them completely. The Superintendents were sent a letter reminding them that this is a family sport.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21pm.



GWSF Apprentice Applications

The RHP is proud to announce the 13th year of the George Ward Scholarship Fund program! Awarded to qualifying RHP Apprentices, these scholarships are made available through the generous donations of many clubs and individuals who want to encourage the youth in our sport through education.

Applications will be mailed to our current Apprentices and recipients will be announced by the end of the year. If your Apprentices are currently enrolled in post-secondary studies, encourage them to apply. But make sure that your Apprentice is current on his or her annual Maintenance Fee and have submitted their annual Verification form. Questions? Contact Susan Judge at smj@akc.org.

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

REGISTERED HANDLER PROGRAM STATISTICS:

NUMBER OF CURRENT MEMBERS: 74
NUMBER OF CURRENT APPRENTICES: 7

RHP WELCOMES THIS NEW RHP MEMBER:
NONE THIS QUARTER

RHP WELCOMES THESE NEW APPRENTICES OF THESE RHP MEMBERS:

TAYLOR SCOTT – RHP MEMBER TIFFANY KNOX
JULIANNA RUDZIK – RHP MEMBERS STACY &
EVAN THRELFALL

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

Kalamazoo, MI – Saturday, Nov. 10

Springfield, MO – Saturday, Nov. 10

Tucson, AZ – Friday, Nov. 16

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



Setting Healthy Boundaries

By RHP Member Kelly Marquis

My focus lately is on making my workday as happy, peaceful, and productive as possible. I have always taken everything very seriously. I want to lighten up and enjoy life! In order to lighten up, I am learning how to **set boundaries** that honor who I am. I used to have to “tune out” when I stepped onto the dog show grounds. For me, there was just too much stimulus - demanding people, dogs, and my own high inner drive to win.

At the end of a dog show, I was often exhausted, depleted, frustrated, and sometimes angry. The clients and dogs had sucked the life out of me. And so, I’ve been working on changing some of the things that aren’t working for me. One of the things that I have learned to do is to state what my boundaries and needs are without feeling guilty. I have been pleasantly surprised by how often I stated a need to a client and found they were happy to honor my request.

Last summer I had six shows in four days. On back-to-back shows, during the all-breed shows I also had independent specialties running. On the second day, I had a very talkative client that put her crate in my set-up. I went back to my set up to have lunch, relax and prepare myself for the next specialty. At the set-up, this one client continued to talk non-stop. I took a deep breath and said, “Excuse me. Would you mind giving me a bit of space? I really need some clear, quiet space so I can center myself and get myself and my dogs prepared for the specialty.” To be honest, I did feel a bit guilty, and hoped that I didn’t offend her, yet I knew I had to accept who I was... and if she just keep talking I was going to be really frustrated going into the next specialty. The funny thing is... my client wasn’t offended at all. In fact, she seemed to respect the fact that I wanted to be at my best for my clients and dogs! And so I invite you to join me in, let’s honor our boundaries and ask for we need in a loving way to create a more enjoyable dog show environment.

Increase in DCM in dogs may be linked to diet

FDA investigating connection between canine heart disease and pet food ingredients

Submitted by Mary Dukes



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Instances of canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) may be correlated to specific ingredients in pet foods, says the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The agency is warning veterinary professionals about occurrences of the disease in dogs consuming foods containing peas, lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes as main ingredients. The FDA’s [Center for Veterinary Medicine](#) (CVM) and the [Veterinary Laboratory Investigation and Response Network](#) (Vet-LIRN), a collaboration of government and veterinary diagnostic laboratories, are investigating this potential association.

While the cause of DCM is unknown, the disease is thought to have a genetic component. Large and giant breed dogs (*e.g.* Great Danes, boxers, Newfoundlands, etc.) tend to be more affected, while instances are less common in small and medium breeds (with the exception of American and English cocker spaniels); however, cases reported to the FDA include breeds not typically generally prone to DCM (*e.g.* golden and Labrador retrievers, whippets, and miniature schnauzers.)

Diets in cases reported to the FDA frequently consist of foods listing potatoes or multiple legumes (e.g. peas, lentils) and their protein, starch, and fiber derivatives early in the ingredient list, suggesting these are main ingredients. Early reports indicate affected dogs consistently ate these foods as their primary source of nutrition for periods ranging from months to years.

In the cases reported to the FDA, some of the dogs demonstrated signs of heart disease, such as decreased energy, cough, difficulty breathing, and episodes of collapse. Medical records for four atypical DCM cases (i.e. three golden retrievers and one Labrador retriever) showed low whole blood levels of taurine, a deficiency that potentially leads to DCM, while four other atypical breeds (a miniature schnauzer, Shih Tzu, and two Labrador retrievers) had normal blood taurine levels.

The FDA says it will continue to work with veterinary cardiologists and veterinary nutritionists to better understand the clinical presentation of these dogs. The agency has also been in contact with pet food manufacturers to discuss these reports and to help further the investigation.

UPCOMING RHP CLINICS

FOR JUNIORS:

LEBANON, TN – SAT., OCTOBER 13
FORT WAYNE, IN - SUN., NOVEMBER 4
W. SPRINGFIELD, MA – SAT., NOVEMBER 24
DENVER, CO – SAT., FEBRUARY 17, 2019

FOR ADULTS:

HAMBURG, NY – SAT., OCTOBER 13
KALAMAZOO, MI – SAT., NOVEMBER 10
TUCSON, AZ – SAT., NOVEMBER 17
ST. PAUL, MN – SAT., JANUARY 5, 2019
KANSAS CITY, MO – FRI., MARCH 8, 2019

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Erin Karst

Menifee, California
RHP member
since 2012



How did you get started in purebred dogs?

My dad shows GSPs and I traveled with him to shows and when I was 6 I showed my first GSP, and was hooked....I also grew up across the street from Val Nunez Atkinson (which is where my GSP were bred and purchased from).

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

I worked for several handlers thru the years and enjoy learning from them. Nothing makes me happier than conditioning, grooming, showing and winning with my client's dogs.

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

Most of my dogs are one breed specific. Dachshund, Goldens and Chihuahua. I love the shine in my coats, and the quality of my coats.

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

The Best part is the love I have for dogs and presenting them to the best of my ability. I also enjoy working and training the juniors that work for me. I get a lot of pleasure working with the kids. I don't think there is a worst part other than when my client dogs go home.

Why did you choose to join the RHP?

I am proud of my accomplishments and wanted to learn more, and be more active in AKC. I wanted to be part of an organization and hopefully be able to help.

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

No, my life revolves around dogs. I am a RVT and love working in the Veterinarian field.

THE 15+ CLUB

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

TUNI CONTI – 42
TARA HARTMAN – 38
KAREN MAMMANO – 36
DEBBIE STRUFF – 34
CLIFF STEELE – 33
SARA GREGWARE – 30
KIM CALVACCA – 28
NINA FETTER – 26
PHIL BOOTH – 25
ERNESTO LARA – 24
LISA GALLIZZO – 23
ANGIE LLOYD – 23
KATHY MINES – 23
GWEN DEMILTA – 22
RC CARUSI – 21
CYNTHIA HUCKFELDT – 20
GREG STRONG – 20
LINDA WILLIAMS – 19
FRANK MURPHY – 18
LORI SARGENT – 18
MARY NORTON-AUGUSTUS – 17
CARISSA SHIMPENO - 16
GRETCHEN CONRADT – 15
ROSLYN MINTZ – 15

WE EXTEND OUR SINCEREST
APPRECIATION
FOR THE TIME AND EFFORT GIVEN
TO BENEFIT THE JUNIORS
AND OUR OVERALL SPORT !

20 Questions...

Name: Andrew Green

LOCATION: Readington Township, NJ
RHP Member since 2002

Full Name: David Andrew Green

of yrs. professionally handling dogs: 35

Favorite judge: Peter Green

Favorite outfit to wear in ring: Suit

Favorite bait: We used cooked London Broil

Favorite breed to handle: Samoyed

Favorite circuit: The Welsh KC

**Favorite restaurant: B.Napoli in West
Springfield**

**Favorite way to spend days off - Golfing or
the Beach**

Interests other than dogs: Gardening, Politics

Favorite movie: "The Godfather"

Favorite actor or actress: Leonardo DiCaprio

Favorite musical artist: George Harrison

Favorite subject in school: Geography

Favorite food: My Grandfather's

Roast Leg of Welsh Lamb dinner

Favorite holiday: Christmas

Favorite state: The New England States

**Who do you most admire? My Mother,
Gaynor Green**

Little-known facts about you:

I'm a pretty good cook

Beach or Mountains? Beach, Bermuda

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

Norwalk, CT – Sat., June 9, 2018

Sponsored by the Greenwich KC
Attendance: 9

Coordinator: Debbie Struff
Members: Kim Calvacca
Tuni Conti
Kelly Marquis

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Henrietta, NY – Sat., June 23, 2018

Sponsored by the Genesee Valley KC
Attendance: 32

Coordinator: Karen Mammano
Members: Tara Hartman
Ernesto Lara
Sam Mammano

RHP Apprentice: Vesta Rash

Non-Members: Meg D'Allesandro
Rachel Weider

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Cambridge, MN – Sat., June 23, 2018

Sponsored by the Cambridge MN KC
Attendance: 13

Coordinator: Laura King
Members: Doug Carlson
Tiffany Knox
Sarah Perchick

Non-Members: Robin Novack
Adam Peterson

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Longview, TX – Sat., July 28, 2018

Sponsored by the Longview KC
Attendance: 28

Coordinator: AKC Field Rep Sue Vroom
Non-Members: Robert Chaffin
Susan Katzenstein
Tommy Katzenstein
David Williams

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Ballston Spa, NY – Sat., August 11, 2018

Sponsored by the Glens Falls KC
Attendance: 24

Coordinator: Karen Mammano
Members: Kim Calvacca
Kelly Marquis
Sam Mammano

RHP Apprentice: Vesta Rash

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Topeka, KS – Fri., August 17, 2018

Sponsored by the Greater Emporia KC
Attendance: 20

Coordinator: Linda Williams
Members: Cindi Huckfeldt
Gabriel Rangel

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RHP Juniors Clinics

W. Springfield, MA – Sat., July 7, 2018

Sponsored by the Farmington Valley KC
Attendance: 39

Coordinator: Sara Gregware
Members: Kerry Boyd
Tuni Conti
Gwen DeMilla
Lisa Gallizzo
Tara Hartman
Kelly Marquis
Karen Mammano
Cliff Steele
Debbie Struff
Stacy Threlfall

RHP Apprentice: Vesta Rash

Non-Members: Hope Anzalone
Eliza Lindsay
Ruth Phillips

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Canfield, OH – Sat., August 4, 2018

Sponsored by the Beaver County KC
Attendance: 22

Coordinator: Karen Mammano

Members: Nina Fetter
Kim Calvacca
Lori Sargent
Carissa Shimpeno

RHP Apprentice: Vesta Rash

Non-Members: Joe Caton
Carolina Clegg
Sophie Rogers
Kelly Shupp
Tim Terrella

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Harrisburg, PA – Thurs., Aug. 9, 2018

Sponsored by the Penn Ridge KC
Attendance: 3

Coordinator: Angie Lloyd

Members: Tuni Conti
Diego Garcia
Ernesto Lara

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Enumclaw, WA – Sat., August 18, 2018

Sponsored by the Olympic KC
Attendance: 25

Coordinator: Field Rep Bryan Martin

Member: Lydia Hovanski

Non-Members: Anthony Cantor
Kerry Edinger

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Raleigh, NC – Sat., September 1, 2018

Sponsored by the Durham KC
Attendance: 18

Coordinator: Frank Murphy

Members: Diego Garcia
Ernesto Lara

Non-Member: Amy Tourond

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