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RMKC Newsletter

Meet the Kennel Club in March

The March meeting/program will be a Meet the Kennel Club night. The purpose of this meeting/program is to encourage interested persons to come & check out what the RMKC is all about & possibly become new members. Current members should invite those who are interested in any aspect of dogs & dog sports to attend. If you have a scrapbook or favorite picture of you &/or your dog participating in an activity, please bring it with you to the meeting to help illustrate some of the things our members do. We will also have the displays that we used at the fall show that give some of the history of the club.

We would also like members attending the meeting to please bring a snack/treat to share.



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There will be no Board meeting in March

Letter from the Editor:

Don't you just hate February sometimes - not only is it usually cold, but it just seems too short. So, of course, this newsletter is right down to the wire - sorry about that - again.

This year's February Westminster meeting/party was the first one I have attended since joining the RMKC. I think I can speak for all who attended when I say what a great time it was. A hardy THANK YOU to Carole Sorenson for opening up her home & letting us enjoy the first day's action on the BIG screen. Thanks also to Julie Prentice for picking up door prizes for the "Guess the Group Winners" contest. And finally, thanks to those who attended for the GREAT snacks.

As you will see on page 3, the Trophy committee is in need of sponsors for the many awards given out at our all-breed show. There are many categories & dollar amounts available - every sponsorship helps, no matter the amount donated. I think we put on an outstanding show every year, one that draws exhibitors from all over the country. Offering a great slate of prizes is one of the many ways we can thank them for choosing to enter our show. Please contact Diane or Pat & sponsor an award (or 2...or 3...)

Diana Mann
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The Deadline for the April issue is March 20, 2006



RMKC General Membership meeting – Monday, February 13, 2006

Members present: Julie Prentice, Diana Mann, Marie Christianson, Nancy Klenke, Pat Campbell, Carole Sorenson, Linda Cornick, Kris & Paul Henning, Beth Haas, Vicki O'Neill. Guests present: Mary Ferreter, Barbara Hartman.

Meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm by President Julie Prentice. Guest Barb Hartman was introduced.

Recording Secretary: Motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by Marie C., seconded by Pat C.; motion passed

Show Committee: Kris H. gave a report of current progress towards the 2006 All-Breed show. Pat C. talked about some of the ideas the Trophy committee had for awards. Julie will contact last year's Hospitality chairs to see if they are planning on chairing again this year.

Old Business: *Seminars* – The conformation seminar will be moved to Fall 2006, due to shows in the area on the May dates. Julie will contact the Lamm's to see what fall dates they have available. *New Members* – Carole Sorenson placed an ad in a couple of area newsletters in hopes of attracting new members. The March meeting program will be an opportunity for interested persons to see what the kennel club is about. Other ideas for making the club more visible were discussed, including being at the opening of the new PetSmart & possibly at the Olmsted Co. Fair.

New Business: Beth H. brought up seeking donations of dog food, etc., for the 2006 All-Breed show, to possibly be used as prizes or donated to animal-related charity as part of Responsible Pet Ownership Day. A motion was made by Linda C., seconded by Vicki O., to let Beth Haas seek donations for Responsible Pet Ownership Day for the 2006 show; motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda C., seconded Kris H.; motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Mann



MEMBER BRAGS

Kris & Paul Henning - Destiny's Shez Alla That N More "Macy"

Central Iowa Kennel Club - Des Moines, IA - January 22 - WB/BW/BOB - 3 pt major

Keomah Kennel Club - Des Moines, IA - February 19 - WB/OS - 3 pt major

Beth Haas - Embark's Ragtym Crescendo "Peiton"

Land O' Lakes KC, St. Paul, MN - January 2006 - WB/BW/BOB over 2 specials,
1 ranked in the top 3

Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years. Canine or feline attendance is not mandatory.

The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!





It's Trophy Time!



The Trophy Committee is looking for trophy sponsors for the 2006 RMKC All-Breed shows. Listed below are the prizes selected by the committee, along with the donation amount needed to sponsor each award. Members are encouraged to offer prizes for their breeds, whether it be in Conformation or Obedience. These may be the items that the Trophy Committee has selected or you may donate 'breed specific' items. Deadline for donations will be March 25.

Please contact Pat Campbell (patron@rconnect.com) or Diane Whipple (whipster@smig.net) to let them know which trophies you wish to sponsor.

Saturday- Trophies sponsored by RMKC:

Best in Show, High in Trial

Best Puppy in Show - Canvas Weekender Pet Travel Bag

Trophies needing sponsors:

Group One, Best Jr Handler - Canvas Gear Bag (\$30.00)

Best of Breed - Bath Towel w/embroidered club logo (\$10.00)

Winners dog or bitch - Hand Towel w/embroidered club logo (\$7.00)

Obedience High Combined - Canvas Gear Bag (\$30.00)

Obedience Class First - Hand Towel w/embroidered club logo (\$7.00)

Obedience class placings 2-4 - (\$5.00 each placing)

Sunday- Trophies sponsored by RMKC:

Best in Show, High in Trial - Stoneware Pottery Vase

Trophies needing sponsors:

Group One - Stoneware Pottery Server (\$30.00)

Best Jr. Handler- (\$25.00)

Best of Breed - Stoneware Pottery mug (\$10.00)

Winners dog or bitch - 1 Quart flat side Stainless Steel pail (\$7.00)

Obedience High Combined - Stoneware Pottery Server (\$30.00)

Obedience Class First - Stoneware Pottery mug (\$10.00)

Obedience class placings 2-4 - (\$5.00 each placing)

If they wish to, members can also sponsor awards for things like "Highest Scoring {breed of choice} in Obedience Classes" or "Highest Scoring Junior handling a dog in Obedience Classes - things like that. These would be items selected/provided by the individual member. Also, if people wish to offer prizes other than what Diane & Pat have selected, they should provide a description of the item & have it to them by the June meeting. We have deadlines that have to be met with Onofrio as far as the premium list, etc, so please do not wait until the last minute.

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Monthly Meeting Information

Date: 2nd Monday **Time:** 7:00 pm **Location:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ~ 559 20th St SW
Directions from downtown Rochester: South on Broadway to 20th St SW (Kwik Trip) - turn right (W) - go approx 5 blocks to top of hill - Church is on the right, set back from the street