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RMKC Newsletter



RMKC to present program on *Buying a Puppy for Prospective Owners*

Members of the RMKC will present an informational session on Puppy Buying for prospective owners on Monday, November 13th, starting at 7:00 p.m. This program will precede the November General Membership meeting. The general public is encouraged to attend.



A panel of RMKC members will present topics including choosing the right breed, working with breeders, & health issues. The session will also include time for a question & answer session along with a chance for future owners to visit with RMKC members. Refreshments will be served.

Flyers will be posted at local pet stores, the public library, etc. & an ad will appear in the Post-Bulletin to notify the public. If members know of anyone they feel would benefit from this event, please take the time to inform & invite them.

Member Contact Information changes:

Patti Wiebe new email address: tobandals@wdemail.com
Paul Howe update email address: phowe@venturecs.net

If any member contact info changes during the year (email address, home address, etc), please notify Membership chair Patti Wiebe. It would also be helpful to notify the Newsletter Editor (Diana Mann) so a notice can be placed in the next newsletter & the webmaster (John Limpert) if you are listed on our website as a breed contact person.



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Letter from the Editor:

Hey all you members out there - I could use a few more member profiles. I don't know about the rest of you, but I have enjoyed learning about those members who have been presented in past newsletters, & I'm glad I'm not the only one who had a hard time coming up with other hobbies besides dogs :) I know there are many more members out there, so get those profiles in - if you need me to send out a blank, just email & I will be happy to send one.

Diana Mann
Email me at: murphyman88@yahoo.com

RMKC General Membership Meeting – Monday, October 9, 2006

Members Present: Diana Mann, Paul Henning, Kris Henning, Julie Mulloy, Vicki O'Neill, Sandy Woodruff, Caroline Baihly, Carole Sorensen, Barb Hartman, Pat Campbell, Marie Christiansen, Renee McGovern, Ruth Upchurch, Diane Whipple, Duane Pulford. **Guests Present:** None

Call to Order: President Diana Mann called the meeting to order @ 7:03 p.m.

Approval of the August Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Marie Christiansen and seconded by Paul Henning to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

President's Report: President Diana Mann thanked the membership for their hard work on all of the dog events in the past month, including the RMKC Agility trial & All-Breed show, along with their being willing to step in & help the Australian Cattle Dog Club of America's National Specialty held in Rochester.

Corresponding Secretary: Correspondence reviewed and circulated among members present.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Caroline Baihly, reported on income and expenses. Final accounting is in for the Agility trial.

Committee Reports:

Agility Trial: Caroline Baihly gave a final report on the 2006 trial. Entries were up, as were expenses, but the club was still able to make a profit & the event received many positive comments.

Show Committee: Preliminary accounting was discussed, but we need to wait for Onofrio before final numbers can be reported. Kris Henning reported that she & Ruth Upchurch have reserved the same buildings for next year, & plans currently are to add 1 more ring to the configuration.

Judges Selection: The committee will meet soon so that a list of potential judges can be submitted to the show chairs.

Old Business:

- November Meeting Program: The November program will be a presentation on buying a puppy intended for the general public. The PR committee will place an ad in the Post-Bulletin classified section & prepare flyers to place in pet stores, the library, & any other place where potential owners might see them. Diana will try to reserve the larger room at the church. Diane Whipple will get some information brochures from the AKC. Caroline Baihly, Vicki O'Neill, & Ruth Upchurch volunteered to be the presentation panel – Caroline will also ask Denise Wedel if she is available. Refreshments will be provided – Renee McGovern, Pat Campbell, Diane Whipple, & Carole Sorenson will bring refreshments.
- Other Unfinished Business – None

New Business:

- Holiday Party: The December meeting/Holiday party will be held at Julie Prentice's home. Awards will be the same as last year & Diana will check with Denise to see if she is willing to coordinate the awards ordering again this year.
- Signs: Paul Henning & Sandy Woodruff brought up the possibility of have more sturdy/permanent signs made for the use at the shows. These would look more professional & stand up to the elements. They will get some quotes on cost & present them to the membership at a future meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Duane Pulford and Seconded by Caroline Baihly; Motion carried, Meeting was adjourned @ 7:53.

Following the meeting, there was a program involving member discussion & comparison of puppy questionnaires & contracts & the various issues involved in finding & working with prospective owners.

Respectfully submitted

Diana Mann
President, Rochester MN Kennel Club

MEMBER BRAGS

Kris & Paul Henning - **Destiny's Shez One To B Proud Of "Jorja"** (Chinese Shar-pei) 3 mos old

LaCrosse Kennel Club - All Breed B Match - Aug 5th - Best in Match

Elk River MN Training Club - All Breed B Match - Aug 19th - Best in Match

Margem's Justa Kiss O'Destiny "Hanna" (Chinese Shar-pei)

St. Croix KC - Sat, Aug 26 - WB/BOS; Sun, Aug 27 - WB/BOB

CH Destiny's Shez Alla That N' More "Macy" (Chinese Shar-pei)

Chinese Shar-Pei Specialty - 2nd in Futurity class - 15 mos. & older

Mackenzie & Diana Mann - **CH Cardiridge Cassanova RN "Handsome"** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi)

Key City Agility Trial - St. Peter, MN - Oct 7 - 3rd leg Novice Jumpers Preferred & 1st place

NEW TITLE! (& retirement from the world of Agility :)

CH Toshay Elenor Rigby NJP "Berry" (Cardigan Welsh Corgi)

Key City Agility Trial - St. Peter, MN - Oct 8 - 3rd leg Novice Jumpers w/ a clean run & 1st place - **NEW TITLE!**

Barb Hartman - **Mikumar Mission Control "NASA"** (Chinese Shar-pei)

Rochester MN KC - Sun, Sept 17 - 3 pt major

Barcy Jones - **Barcy's Buttermilk Angelcakes "Angel"** (Pomeranian)

TCOTC Tracking Test - Oct 8 - **TD (Tracking Dog) title!**

Ruth Upchurch - **Karamar L Woods Legally Brn** (Labrador Retriever) - **New Champion!**

Karamar Third Watch "Bosco" (Labrador Retriever)

Rochester MN KC - Saturday - WD/BOS

Diane Whipple - **CH Brylin's Eye Luv Lucy RN CGC CD "Lucy"** (Welsh Springer Spaniel)

Wausau - 3 pt major - **New Champion!**

Rochester MN KC - **CD title!**

Marie Christianson - **Wildfire's Will He or Won't He "Woodie"** (Golden Retriever)

VMFCRC - **WC title!**

Caroline Baihly - **CH Ravenswood's Classic Edition JH WC** (Flat Coat Retriever)

Rochester MN KC - Sept 16 - **RN Title!**

Rochester MN KC - Sept 17 - **CD Title!**

UMFCRC - Sept 24 - **WCX title!**

Julie Mulloy - **CH Derby Cyclone Kentucky Dream** (Greater Swiss Mountain Dog)

Earned **Canadian Champion & UKC Champion** titles!

Patti Wiebe - **Toban's Jazzy Jasmine CD RA CGC OC CC "Jasmine"** (Vizsla)

St. Paul Dog Training Club Rally Trial, Oct. 6 - 3rd Rally Excellent leg - **New RE Title!**

The Dangers of Sugar Substitutes

(submitted by Renee McGovern)

What is Xylitol?

Xylitol are sugar alcohols or polyols. They occur naturally in fruits and are produced commercially from such sources as dextrose. Xylitol is a sugar alcohol made from a part of birch trees. This naturally occurring product is found in many sugar-free chewing gums, candies, baked goods and toothpastes. In other words, it is used as a sugar-substitute.

According to the National Cancer Institute, sugar substitutes, also called artificial sweeteners, are substances that are used instead of sucrose (table sugar) to sweeten foods and beverages. Sugar substitutes are many times sweeter than table sugar, and therefore, smaller amounts are needed to create the same level of sweetness.

Common Brand names are Nutra-Sweet and Equal.

The Rise of Xylitol Poisoning in Dogs

The red flag is up for animal owners that xylitol, a sweetener found in certain sugar-free chewing gums, candies, baked goods and other products can potentially cause serious and even life-threatening problems for pets. According to the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, the number of 2005 Xylitol-Related Cases Up More Than 150% Over Previous Year.

Researchers Sharon Gwaltney-Brant and Eric Dunayer with staff at the poison unit of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Urbana, Illinois, did a study on eight dogs treated for eating products containing xylitol between 2003 and 2005. The study has shown that each dog became ill and five died or had to be put down due to liver failure, possibly from ingesting xylitol.

According to Dr. Dunayer, dogs ingesting substantial amounts of items sweetened with xylitol could develop a sudden drop in blood sugar, resulting in depression, loss of coordination, and seizures. "These signs can develop quite rapidly, at times less than 30 minutes after ingestion of the product. Therefore, it is crucial that pet owners seek veterinary treatment immediately," Dr. Dunayer said. He also said that there appears to be a strong link between xylitol ingestions and the development of liver failure in dogs. "With smaller concentrations of xylitol, the onset of clinical signs could be delayed as much as 12 hours after ingestion. Therefore, it is important to keep in mind that even if your pet does not develop signs right away, it does not mean that problems won't develop later on."

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center strongly urges pet owners to be especially diligent in keeping candy, gum or other foods containing xylitol out of the reach of pets. As with any potentially toxic substance, should accidental exposures occur, it is important to contact your local veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center for immediate assistance.

NADAC Agility Trial in Rochester January 13 & 14

FKPS K9 Training, owned by club members Natalie Faas Gerber & Jason Faas, will be hosting a NADAC Agility Trial in Rochester on January 13th & 14th. The trial will be held at Soccerworld, the indoor soccer facility.

If anyone is interested in information on the trial, you can email Natalie at NADAC@fkps.com or go to the website www.fkps.com/shows.htm.



"Hey, I know you! You're that trouble-making dog who failed out of my obedience class."

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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