



MKCC Newsletter

October 2006



Member Forum on Puppy Questionnaires/Contracts

The program for the October meeting will be a member forum & discussion on the questionnaires we use to screen potential owners & the contracts used when placing puppies or adult dogs. This is a chance for members to share ideas with each other, & hopefully get some new ideas to put to use.

We will hold the business meeting first, at 7:00 pm, then follow with the program - hopefully this will allow plenty of time for discussion & make it possible for people to leave when they need to.

Please bring examples of your questionnaires & contracts, & examples of those from other breeders you know that have elements you either like or dislike.



Just a little something for those of you looking for Halloween costume ideas... (& no, that is not one of Julie P's whippets - although Mackenzie is a cheerleader...for Grace maybe?...)



There will not be a Board meeting prior to the General Membership meeting in October.

Letter from the Editor:

I would like to use my little space here this month to applaud the membership of the RMKC! We are not a terribly large club, but in the span of just a few weeks, we have managed to put on an awesome agility trial, a great all-breed show & help a breed club put on their national specialty. It was great to see everyone who worked on the agility trial & all-breed show roll up their sleeves & give their all, regardless of whether the task at hand was big or small. (Hey, that rhymes - maybe I should have done the whole thing as poetry :)

Then, even though our dog event patience was probably wearing pretty thin, several members jumped in & provided invaluable help in stewarding for the Australian Cattle Dog National, giving up another weekend. As Chief Ring Steward, I heard many remarks of praise, from both days' judges, on the quality of help that we had & how nice it was to have things run so efficiently - & I know that the RMKC members who were there were instrumental to that end. Not to mention the RMKC members who gave of their time to host the Hospitality area & serve as Show Chair.

I think we should be proud to prove the cliché: It's not the quantity, but the quality, that counts.

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RMKC Member Profile: Carrie Jones

City of Residence: Eyota

Dog's names, Ages, & Breeds:

1. Ch. Istari's Scarlet Letter, "Hannah", 12 y.o., Basenji; Ch. Istari-Ankhu Simple Pleasure, "Ringo", 8 ½ y.o., Basenji; Ch. Ankhu Fashionably Late, JC, "Jasmine", 8 ½ y.o., Basenji; BISS Ch. Jerlin-Ankhu Patton Leather, JC, "Whitney", 6 y.o. Basenji; Ch. Ankhu Steel Magnolia, "Shelby", 2 y.o. Basenji; SugerShaq-Ankhu No Holds Barred, "Conan", 6 month-old, Basenji

Non-canine family members: Mike, husband of 18 years. My husband actually grew-up with Basenjis and he introduced me to them shortly after we got married. He created a monster!

Joined RMKC in what year? 2001

Held any offices/committee assignments? Corresponding secretary, newsletter editor, and have helped to ring steward at two RMKC conformation shows.

Lately, I have become quite non-participatory with RMKC activities because I have gotten busier with Basenji-related work. I am a board member for the Basenji Club of America and am also on a couple of committees for our parent club. At the moment, my time is pretty consumed with Basenji-related business.

Activities you & your dogs are involved in: I can primarily be found competing as an owner-handler with my Basenjis in the conformation ring. However, I do enjoy the performance events and can occasionally be found straight line racing or lure coursing my Basenjis.

Titles earned: AKC Bench Champions; AKC Junior Coursers

Best thing about being involved in dogs: Enjoying time with my dogs and spending fun-filled hours with friends who are as dog crazy as I am. I have a job that can sometimes be stressful so the dogs help me keep "things" in perspective. They help me to not take work so seriously and work keeps me from taking dog shows too seriously.

Please share a memorable moment/story/accomplishment: My most memorable accomplishment is winning best of breed with "Whitney" at a regional Basenji Specialty Show. As an owner-handler, I won best of breed at a specialty show with Whitney and I cannot explain how wonderful that felt! Whitney is the one and only black and white bitch to ever win best of breed at a specialty show.

What are some of your non-dog hobbies/interests? GASP! You mean there is life outside of dogs?! ☺ Actually, I enjoy photography, jogging, and reading.

RMKC Board Meeting – Monday, September 11, 2006

Members Present: Diana Mann, Caroline Baihly, Linda Cornick, Pat Campbell, Marie Christianson

President Diana Mann called the meeting to order @ 6:08 p.m.

Approval of the July 2006 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Caroline Baihly and seconded by Marie Christianson to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Old Business:

- Non Profit Status: – Amended Returns have been filed for 2002 through 2005.
- Agility Trial: Trial was a success, Many positive comments were received on the site. Caroline has booked the site for next year.
- Show Committee: Discussion tabled until general membership meeting.
- Programs for 2006- Current programs planned include: October – Member forum on prospective owner questionnaires & new owner contracts., November – Buying a Puppy, December – Holiday Party, February – Westminster, March – First Aid.
- RMKC Brochure: Discussion tabled
- Poop Stations: Discussion tabled
- Other Unfinished Business: - None

New Business:

- None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Cornick and Seconded by Caroline, Motion carried, Meeting was adjourned @ 6:45.

Respectfully submitted

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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