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RMKC Newsletter

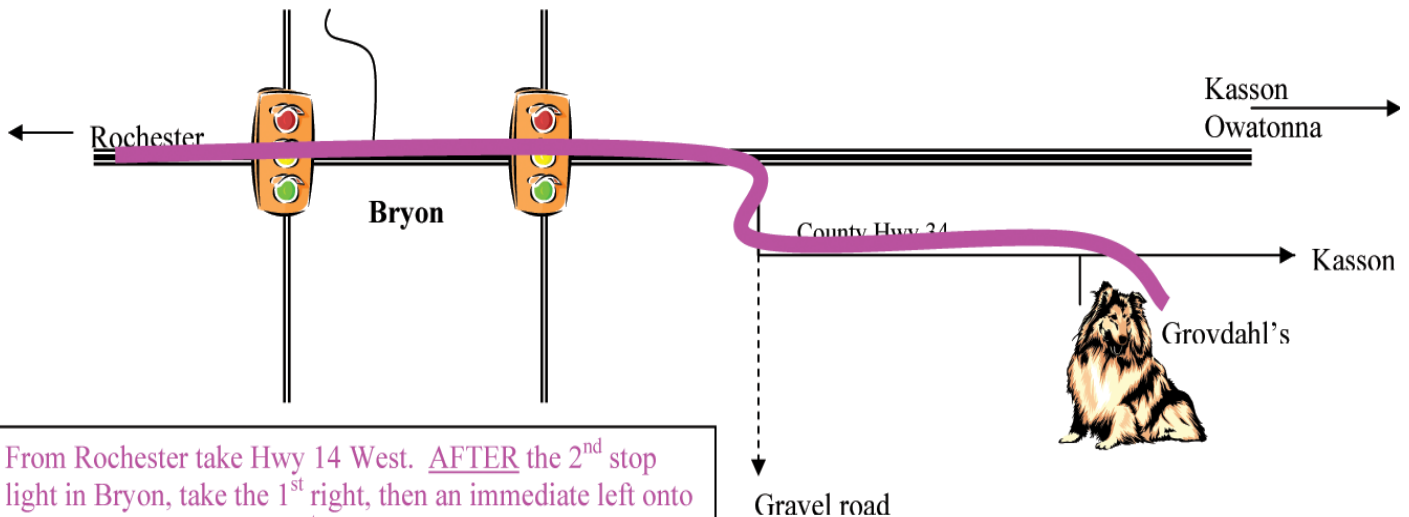
Annual RMKC Picnic

Date: Monday, August 13th

Time: 5:30 pm to ?

Place: Grovdahl acreage - 27634 Cty Hwy 34, Kasson (see map/directions below)

The club will provide the main dish (chicken) - please bring a dish to share. The Grovdahl's will be providing paper plates, silverware & cups. Members should bring their own beverages & a chair. Dogs are welcome - Julie Prentice is planning some fun & games for dogs of all breeds & ability levels :) These will start after dinner & a short business meeting. Because the club is providing the main dish, members who will be attending need to RSVP to Diana Mann (mann.diana@yahoo.com or 507-252-9018) by Sunday the 12th so that we have a head count.



From Rochester take Hwy 14 West. AFTER the 2nd stop light in Bryon, take the 1st right, then an immediate left onto Co Hwy 34. We are the 1st place on the right.

There will not be a Board meeting in August

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It's Volunteer Time!

It's that time of year again, when we really need our members to help make our 2 biggest events of the year a success.

If you are able to help with the **Agility trial**, being held Labor Day weekend, contact **Denise Wedel** (amstaffs@amstaffs.com or 282-8822)

Those who can help as ring stewards at the **All-Breed show** Sept 15-16, please contact Chief Ring Steward **Pat Campbell** (patron@rconnect.com or 932-3319/251-4038)

Companionship is the No. 1 reason people get a dog

By Laurie Denger

Staff Writer

Sunday, August 05, 2007

The American Kennel Club says the reason most people get a dog is for companionship. And most of us consider our dog a beloved member of the family.

The AKC has announced results of its 21st Century Dog Owners Study, which focuses on behavior, attitude and buying habits of American dog owners.

Of the 750 people responding to the study, 99 percent said they got a dog for companionship. And 88 percent consider the dog a family member.

For the women who replied, 42 percent said they own a dog to enhance their personal health and reduce stress. "The study reveals that dog ownership heavily influences both lifestyle and purchasing habits. We found that owners consider their best friends 47 percent of the time when buying a car," said AKC spokeswoman Lisa Peterson. "And when it comes to toys, two out of three owners purchased an average of 9.3 balls for their dogs to play with in the past 12 months."

There is more information on purebred dog ownership in the 21st Century with detailed statistical information, graphical charts, and summary analyses.

For more information, visit www.akc.org/survey21.

RMKC Board Meeting – Monday, July 9, 2007

Members Present: Diana Mann, Caroline Baihly, Julie Prentice, Carole Sorenson

President Diana Mann called the meeting to order @ 6:38 p.m.

Old Business: Discussion, started by Diana, centered around any items from the past year that had not been completed or that needed some follow up:

- **Member packets:** Member packets were completed by Patti Wiebe; we will check with the new Member Chair Renee McGovern to make sure she has packets & whatever else she needs.
- **Seminars:** We will not be able to get one in for 2007. Julie is not sure that we can get the Lamm's as was originally planned. She will work on coming up with a seminar for 2008.
- **RMKC display boards-** As previous attempt did not work out, we will try again. We will check with Sandy Woodruff, who had offered the Woodruff building as a location, to see if that was still available & then come up with a weeknight to try again.
- **RMKC Brochure:** Brochures are done, just had been waiting for a night when Steph was available to present, given she did most of the work on them. Diana has some copies she made for the Zumbrota Dog Expo. She will get those, plus the "original" she has to Julie, who will make copies & start distributing them to vet offices.
- **Poop Stations:** We need information from Paul Howe & Steph Meyer, who were working on this, particularly where we are exactly with the city. Carole Sorenson will look in a catalog she has that might have this item.
- **Canine Carnival:** It is too late for 2007. We will get a committee set up to plan for 2008.

New Business:

- Julie will check with Elisha Anderson as to any help she can offer towards advertising & press releases for the upcoming agility trial & all-breed show. Julie will also connect with Lori Odegaard about promotion of the shows.
- Kris Henning will be working with the MN State Fair dog booth/area. We will check in with her as to what that involves & any help she may want/need from the kennel club & its members.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Caroline Baihly and Seconded by Julie Prentice. Motion carried, meeting was adjourned @ 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Monthly Meeting Information - the August mtg will not be at this location - see pg 1 for 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