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RMKC Newsletter



Thank you to RMKC members Renee McGovern & Marie Christianson for presenting our May program, **“An Introduction to Tracking.”** Renee & Marie shared information on ways to get started in tracking with your dog, including training methods & equipment used, along with what a Tracking trial involves.



There will be a short **Board Meeting** at **6:30 pm**, prior to the General Membership meeting.

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Letter from the Editor:

It seems like every time I turn around lately, there's a new piece of "dog news", most often either a new piece of restrictive legislation for dog owners somewhere or another pet food found to have toxic ingredients.



















Currently there is another bill in the Minnesota House & Senate aimed at dog/cat breeders - as of the release of this newsletter, it was still sitting in committee, but I encourage everyone to read through the bill & write their local representatives with your concerns. While this bill is not as restrictive as those in California & other areas, it just takes a little push to get a ball rolling & gathering momentum.

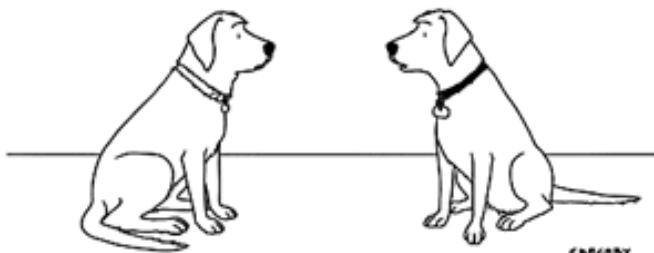
Hopefully none of you have been affected by the food recalls, but I have to admit I'm getting pretty tired of getting new notices almost every day of another company making a recall or being "outed" for using bad ingredients - I just got one today that names several fish foods - apparently no species is safe. Hopefully this will get dog owners everywhere thinking about what they feed to their canine companions - & food manufacturers will get the hint that consumers are not likely to be as gullible the next time they try to convince us some ingredient is perfectly safe. I know...dream on.

Diana Mann

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 We are losing our current Membership Chair, Patti Wiebe, as she & her husband, Denis, 
 embark on a great adventure ~ the building of their dream home on their property in North 
 Carolina. While this is a very unfortunate event for us, we want to extend heartfelt wishes of 
 Good Luck to the Wiebe's on this exciting endeavor. 
 Currently negotiations are in the works for having Rum Balls shipped here each December in 
 time for the Christmas party; otherwise another club member is going to have to talk Denis out 
 of his recipe & take over the responsibility of providing them. 
 Renee McGovern has volunteered to take over as Membership Chair ~ Thank you, Renee! 
 *Good Luck Patti & Denis!* 



"I had my own blog for a while, but I decided to go back to just pointless, incessant barking."



MEMBER BRAGS

- Patti Wiebe - Toban's Jazzy Jasmine CD RE CGC OG CC "Jasmine" (Viszla)**
 Cambridge Rally Trial, Cambridge, MN - Score of 100 & 1st place Rally Advanced B
 Twin Cities Vizsla Club Specialty, St. Peter MN, May 25 - 1st Place Rally Excellent B,
 1st Place Rally Advanced B, 10th RAE leg - NEW RAE TITLE!
- Caroline Baihly - Webshire's Tri-Athalon CD SH NA OAJ WCX "Cricket" (Golden Retriever)**
 Wisconsin Rapids KC - April 14 - Open Obedience - 3rd leg & 2nd place - CDX Title!
 Fond du Lac KC - April 21 & 22 - Open - 3rd place each day
 Fox Valley Retriever Club - May 12 & 13 - 3rd Master Hunter leg
- CH Ravenswood's Classic Edition "Ella" (Flat-Coated Retriever)**
 Fox Valley Retriever Club - May 12 - 4th Senior Hunter leg - New SH Title!
- Renee McGovern - Drumlins Believe It or Not "Ripley" (Shetland Sheepdog)**
 Tracking Club of Wisconsin - May 13 - Tracking Dog Title!
- Marie Christianson - Wildfire's Will He or Won't He "Woodie" (Golden Retriever)**
 So MN Hunting Retriever Club - April 28 - 1st Jr Hunter leg
 Black Hawk - May 6 - 2nd Jr Hunter leg
 Fox Valley Retriever Club - May 13 - 3rd Jr Hunter leg

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!



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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