



RMKC Newsletter

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Come to the Picnic!

It's August again & that means time for the annual RMKC picnic.

Date: Monday, August 11

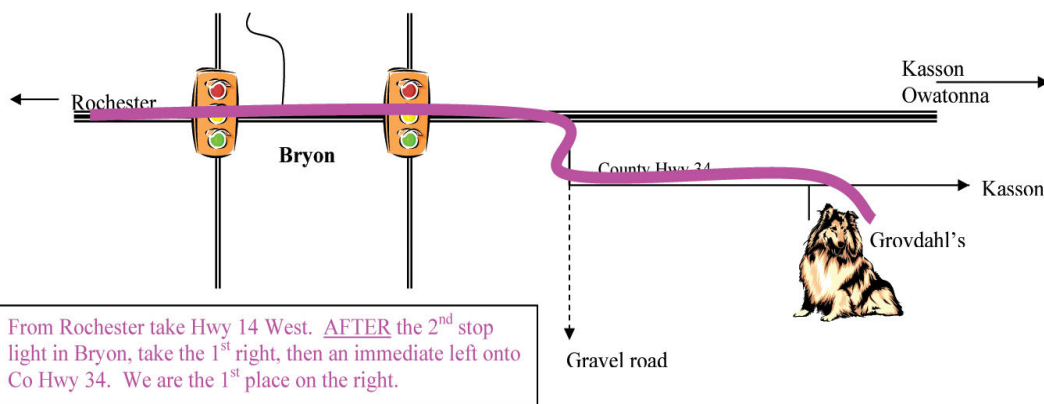
Place: the Grovdahl acreage - 27634 Cty Hwy 34, Kasson
(see map & directions below)

Time: 5:30 pm (we will likely eat around 6:00)

The club will once again provide the main dish (fried chicken); also plates, cups & silverware. Members should bring a dish to share & their own beverages. Dogs are welcome to attend - there will be fun & games, although not sure we will be able to accommodate the Shar Pei's request for a contest that best suits their skills - a couch-sitting competition :)

There will be a short business meeting following dinner & prior to the festivities. In order to get an idea of how much chicken to get, club members are asked to RSVP to Diana Mann (mann.diana@yahoo.com) by Sunday, August 10th.

Come & Join in the Fun!!



Monthly Meeting Information:

Date: 2nd Monday of each month

Time: 7 pm

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ~ 559 20th St SW, Rochester, MN

Directions from downtown Rochester: South on Broadway to 20th St SW (Kwik Trip on the corner) - turn right (W) - go approximately 5 blocks to top of hill - church is on the right, set back from the street.

(During the months of February, August, & December meetings are typically held "off-site" due to special club events - watch the newsletter for location changes.)

A Final Report from Cedar Rapids

Good Morning (7/28),

On 6/10, I sent out the first 'flood' email asking for help. At that time, the flood waters were coming towards Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, and there was nothing that could be done, except evacuate and prepare. Over the course of the next several weeks, many more emails went out, and the response was amazing .

Volunteers streamed in from all over the country, putting in tens of thousands of hours of work to help take care of the animals that were in need. Hundreds of phone calls came in, asking questions, offering advice, lessons learned, words of encouragement, and support. Supplies flowed into both the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids shelters, carried by semis, vans, baskets, and hand.

During our time of need, the outpouring of support was as monumental as the flood waters were devastating. If it were not for the generosity of the animal world, the efforts to help all of those beloved pets would have been in vain. I can type no words that would come close to expressing the gratitude all of us in this area have.

I believe this will be my last email about the flood, as the vast majority of animals have left the Cedar Rapids Shelter, the Iowa City Shelter has found a temporary home, and both are now eyeing the tremendous rebuilding effort ahead of them.

Now onto the Questions and Answers:

Question – How many animals are left at the Cedar Rapids Shelter?

Answer – Each email I have sent, the number has decreased. At one point, there were over 1000...then it went to 685...then 375....then 70....as of early last week there were 30 cats, and NO dogs. ALL of the animals have been reunited with their families, adopted locally, or gone to breed/all-breed rescue groups to find forever homes. There were 5 Pit Bulls remaining on Saturday

(7/19) , but those Pit Bulls went to a Pit Bull Rescue group from Illinois who specializes in finding wonderful homes for this often misunderstood breed.

Question – What if the owners were unable to pick their animals up by the last day?

Answer – There was a Foster Board available at Kirkwood that helped owners and potential foster homes connect. (Think of it as an eHarmony, without the internet.) It is estimated that there were over 100 foster homes available. However, in an effort to ensure the best possible match, owners and foster homes were encouraged to connect directly to each other, without animal control acting as a middle man. This was done so that there would be as little outside interference as possible.

Question – Now what?

Answer – Simply put...go forward. Both counties are in the process of searching for a new permanent location for each of their shelters. It's unclear as to whether they will build from scratch, or remodel an existing facility.

Question – What did you do on Saturday, July 19th, Scot? Any AKC News?

Answer – It was a surreal experience to walk the Kirkwood buildings that, just a month earlier, held so many hundreds of animals. Gone were the kennels that lined the hallways, the stalls in the equine center were empty, there were no shavings on the floor, no pooper scoopers lining the isles, and the barking, meowing, and chirping had gone silent. The hustle and bustle that had once frantically energized the air was replaced with a deafening silence, as one lone woman came in quietly asking if she could adopt the last 3 birds to her sanctuary.

As I talked with Misha Goodman and Sgt Kent Choate about the past month, I was honored to be able to offer them some help towards their future, from the Ameri-

can Kennel Club.

During the course of this tragedy, the AKC has contributed an endless supply of dog crates, cat crates, cat havens, kitty litter, food, you name it...they've sent it. Lisa Peterson, of the AKC, has also made it a point to check in with me several times a week to see what more could be done, and how efforts were progressing. Just when I thought, they had gone above and beyond....the AKC goes even further.

On behalf of the AKC CAR Canine Support & Relief Fund, I had the privilege of presenting \$10,000 checks to BOTH the Cedar Rapids Animal Shelter and the Iowa City Animal Shelter. That money will go so far in helping these inspirational organizations put back together everything they have lost.

You can read the AKC article at: http://www.akc.org/news/index.cfm?article_id=3554

John F. Kennedy said "When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters - one represents danger and the other represents opportunity." In Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, we faced our flood danger, but we would not have been able to rise to the opportunity presented if it were not for YOU.

As another famous John(Lennon) once sang, "I get by with a little help from my friends." To everyone reading this, we did MORE than JUST get by, because YOU gave MORE than just a little help!

Thank you...
...for everything.

Hugs to your hounds,
Scot Northern
President – Cedar Rapids Kennel Association

Bits & Pieces...

A few reminders of upcoming events....

- *August 15th thru 24th - the Leashes & Leads Grand Opening - RMKC members will be holding Meet the Breed sessions on Sat & Sun, Aug. 16 & 17, as well as being available for questions, etc at the RMKC information booth; the booth will remain set up for the whole opening. There will be demonstrations on agility & obedience by the staff, many of whom are RMKC members.*
- *August 30th thru September 1st - the RMKC Agility Trial at the Olmsted County Fairgrounds. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Betsy Hadac at Jerry_Betsy@Bouvagility.com*
- *September 12th thru 14th - the RMKC All-Breed show, starting with the Chinese*

Shar Pei specialty on Friday afternoon. If anyone is available to volunteer as a ring steward, contact Pat Campbell at patron@rconnect.com; we can also always use volunteers to help with set-up on Friday morning.

During break-time at obedience school, 2 dogs were talking. One said to the other..."The thing I hate about school is you learn all of this stuff you will NEVER use in the real world."

Member Brags

Legs & Titles Earned:

- Marie Christianson & Wildfires Will He or Won't He "Woodie" (Golden Retriever) earned a WCX title.

Points Earned:

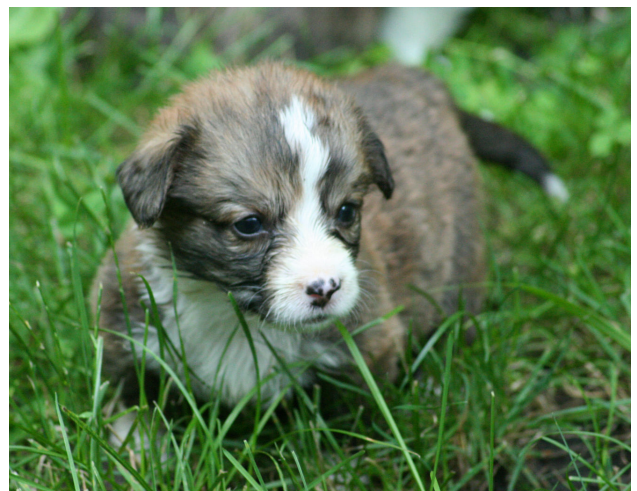
- Carole Sorenson's 6 month old puppy dog "Freedom" (Chinese Shar Pei) earned a 4 pt major on Thurs, June 19 at the Cambridge shows & then again on Sat.
- Carole Sorenson's 6 month old puppy dog "Rocket" (Chinese Shar Pei) was Winner's Dog on Sunday at Cambridge; Rocket also earned a 3 pt major & went BOB in West Bend, WI
- Pat Campbell & Ropaws Sweet

New Champions:

- Diana & Mackenzie Mann are proud to announce Fernbriar Cardigans' first bred-by champion. At the Cambridge shows June 19-22, Fernbriar One More Time "Ditto" (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) went Winner's Dog all 4 days for a total of 10 pts, including two 3-pt majors, finishing his CH with a total of 16 pts & 3 majors. He was also BOW 3 of the days & was Best Bred-by Cardigan on Saturday.

New Additions:

- From Diane Whipple: "Wynayr Kennels is pleased to announce the arrival of 7 Welsh Springer puppies born July 21st. 5 girls & 2 boys. Mom (CH Brylins Eye Luv Lucy CGC CD RN) & babies are doing fine. Theme for the litter yet to be decided, but may be something Olympic".
- Diana & Mackenzie Mann, Fernbriar Cardigans, announce the arrival of 7 puppies born June 25th. There were 3 boys & 4 girls, all brindles. Mom is Berry (CH Toshay Elenor Rigby RN NAJ OJP).



RMKC General Membership Meeting July 14, 2008

Members Present: Diana Mann, Pat Campbell, Marie Christianson, Sandy Woodruff, Carole Sorenson, Linda Limpert, Vicki O'Neill, Barb Hartman, Julie Prentice, Fran Kornblum. No guest present.

President Diana Mann called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Diana and Julie Prentice gave update on Rick Miller's condition. You can visit Rick at St. Mary's hospital or on-line at Caring Bridge website for his progress. Please keep Rick in your thoughts!

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Sandy Woodruff to approve June's monthly minutes. Motion was seconded by Julie Prentice. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Marie presented some information from Oregon State University and a flyer for Pet Expo in Minneapolis February, 2009.

Treasurer's Report: Diana Mann read treasurer's report of current income and expenses for the month that was prepared by Treasurer Caroline Baihly.

Committee Reports:

All Breed Show: Amy Gau reported that judge's contracts are finalized. GSP and Vizsla clubs are considering our show for their specialties in 2009. Trophies are ordered. Diana Mann reported that Midwest Supply will be our general supply vendor. Leashes and Leads will be having a booth. Vendor count is up this year. Pat Campbell reported that we are still in need of volunteers for ring stewarding. Premium list should be mailed soon. Hospitality committee reported that Regal Catering has been contracted for our meals. Winona County 4-Her's will be helping with the hospitality at the show. Signage and insurance coverage has been completed also.

Agility Trial: Signage, insurance and fairground contracts for the agility trial are complete. Shar Pei Club will be running the concession stand. The Pepsi Wagon has been contracted for the weekend. Beth Haas is the contact person for the Shar Pei club. Volunteers needed for show day.

Seminar: Julie Prentice reported on the Free-Style Obedience seminar held at Family Dog Center. Julie reported the seminar was a success. She stated it was an awesome bonding experience with her dog, as well as learning the different graceful movements that were possible. It was very informative with about 20 working spots filled. RMKC recorded a profit from the seminar.

Membership: Proper procedure was discussed for voting on new members. Julie Prentice made a motion to approve membership for Johannes Bang. Motion seconded by Sandy Woodruff. Motion carried.

Judges Selection: No report.

Canine Carnival: Because of planning and scheduling the next canine carnival will be held in 2009. Leashes and Leads were voted down because of publicity concerns. The carnival will be held at a local park, with drop-in's hopeful. Date to be scheduled during the week if possible because of dog shows.

Disaster Preparedness: RMKC is working with the Red Cross on the disaster kits. We presently have several members going through training with the Red Cross and FEMA. The club is looking for minimal storage space for the disaster kits. Club members are asked to access possible supplies available to offer if the need arises. Kits to be assembled in near future. We are in need of names of club members and non-club members available to help in the event of a disaster. Julie Prentice made motion to use profits from Free-Style Obedience seminar profits for our disaster kit budget. Motion seconded by Sandy Woodruff. Motion passed.

Purina DVD: Marie Christianson watched the Purina DVD which consisted of cardiac, reproduction and other varied dog topics. Club to have sign out for this DVD. Barb Hartman presently has the DVD.

New Business:

- Leashes and Leads to have Grand Opening August 15 -24th. "Meet the Breed" will be offered Saturday and Sunday August 16 & 17 by RMKC. RMKC to have a booth with information on RMKC as well as the American Kennel Club. Please contact Diana Mann if you are willing to present your dog for "Meet the Breed". Diana is in need of Toy breeds. Please call her with any contacts. Paul and Alice Howe will be giving obedience and agility demos. Diana and Mackenzie Mann will offer a presentation on dog safety for children. Training tips to be offered by Alice Howe and Teckla Vickers. Leashes and Lead to remove the usage of term "Kennel Club" from their website and advertising to avoid confusion with RMKC. Leashes and Leads will offer mat time when no classes are going on.
- Membership discussed ordering shirts with club logo. Membership was advised to go to Adler's Sporting and purchase their own shirts at this time.

Marie Christianson made motion to adjourn meeting. Vicki O'Neill seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Campbell, Recording Secretary