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# RMKC Newsletter



## Westminster Watch

Our February meeting will once again center around watching the first group competitions of the Westminster Kennel Club show. We will have a short business meeting, then watch the competition. There will be door prizes for correctly picking the group winners.

Carole Sorenson has once again offered her home and their big screen TV. Each member should bring their own beverage, along with an hors d' oeuvres to share. We will get started at 6:00 pm with the meeting & food so that we can be ready for the 7:00 show time.

Sorenson's address is: 2515 50th Ave SE

Directions: *from the north* - take Hwy 52 S to the Marion Rd exit - turn left - turn right onto Cty 11 (50th Ave), which then curves to the left - continue up the hill (approx. 1.3 miles) - Sorenson's is the first place on the left after Countrywood Dr - they have a long driveway with brick columns at the entrance; if you are coming *from the south*, you would take Hwy 52 N to the Marion Rd exit & turn right - then follow directions as above.

Those coming *from the east* (Eyota, St. Charles, etc) can take Hwy 14 W - turn left at the stoplight at 50th Ave (Cty 11) - go to the top of the hill (approx 1.6 miles) - Sorenson's will be on your right just after the white horse fence - again, they have a long driveway beginning with brick columns.

### We need a nominating committee for 2008-2009 Officer & Board positions.

The nominating committee slate needs to be published in the March newsletter, to allow for any nominations from the floor to be published in April. Elections will be at the May meeting.

If you are interested in serving on the committee, contact Diana Mann.

### 2007 RMKC Annual Member Awards

One member/dog new title was inadvertently left off of the list printed in the January newsletter:

**Patti Wiebe** - Toban's Jazzy Jasmine CD RAE  
CGC OC CC  
"Jasmine" - AKC Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE)

*Apologies to Patti & Jasmine for this oversight*

#### Letter from the Editor

With the new legislative session starting on Feb 12th, rumor has it that another dog bill will be introduced, this time in the form of Breed Specific Legislation intending to ban certain breeds of dogs, including such AKC breeds as Akitas, Chows, & Rottweilers. I have received mailings from both the AKC & the MN BSL group, which I scanned & sent out in a mass email to the membership. For those of you who did not receive the email & information, please feel free to contact me & I can try sending it again (those with Mayo addresses all got kicked back & I re-sent it if I had an alternate email address). We, as dog breeders & owners, cannot just leave it up to the AKC & other groups to fight this - this type of legislation affects us all, so it is up to us to take part in the battle as well.

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**Be Nice to Others...  
One Day You Might not be the  
Big Dog Anymore.**



If anyone would like to print/copy some RMKC brochures & help place them in area vet clinics, please contact Diana.

## **AKC Launches Purebred Alternative Listing Program**

The American Kennel Club® today launched the Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) program - formerly known as the Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) program.

The new name more accurately describes the purpose of the program: allowing dogs that are ineligible for registration but are distinguishable as a member of an AKC-recognizable breed, to participate in AKC Companion Events, AKC Performance Events and AKC Juniors competition.

The PAL program is designed to address the various reasons a purebred dog might not be eligible for registration: the dog may be from an unregistered litter or have unregistered parents; papers may have been withheld or lost by its owner; or the dog may have been surrendered, lost or abandoned, then adopted by a new owner.

PAL enrollees will receive a copy of *Family Dog Magazine*, a subscription to AKC's e-newsletter "Your AKC," a flier from the breed's Parent Club and an attractive certificate denoting their dog's place in the PAL program. Also included will be information on AKC Pet Healthcare and AKC Companion Animal Recovery enrollment.

"We currently enroll over 3,000 dogs per year in the program. It is our hope that we can expand this number and the overall appeal of the program by offering added benefits and renaming the program with this more creative and friendly acronym," said Assistant Vice President of Customer Service, Mari Beth O'Neill. "Welcoming more PAL dogs to the world of AKC events and privileges can only benefit both dogs and owners by providing educational resources and also exposing them to the joys of competing with your dog."

Dogs which currently have ILP numbers will retain their original numbers and continue to enter events under that number. PAL numbers will be issued beginning today.

### ***How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?***

- Golden Retriever:--**"The sun is out, the day is young and you're worrying about a stupid light bulb?"
- Border collie:** "Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code."
- Lab:** "Oh, me! Please let me change the bulb! Can I?"
- Rottweiler:** "Make me."
- Old English sheepdog:** "Light bulb? I don't see a light bulb."
- Cat:** " Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So the question is, how long will it be before I can expect light?"

*Found in Readers Digest contributed by Richard Wright - submitted by Sandy Woodruff*

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**Monthly Meeting Information - Special February meeting location - see page 1**

**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