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MKC Newsletter



Canine Legislation - Looking Ahead to 2008

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2007 can rightly be characterized as one of the busiest years in recent memory for canine legislation activity. Every member of the purebred dog community knows of the months long battle against AB 1634, the California mandatory spay/neuter bill. While AB 1634 was the most of visible of negative canine legislative initiatives in 2007, the Canine Legislation Department and our constituents in numerous states and localities contested bills and ordinances that threaten the right to own and breed dogs responsibly.

2008 promises to be an even more active year on the canine legislation front with the anticipated return of CA AB 1634, the introduction of statewide breed specific legislation in Minnesota banning the ownership of five AKC registered breeds, the continued consideration of breeder's bills in multiple states and renewed battles against breed specific legislation in scores of jurisdictions across the United States.

The staff of the Canine Legislation Department wishes all of you a healthy and prosperous new year.

Walt Bebout, Director
Sarah Sprouse, Manager
Phil Guidry, Legislative Analyst
Melissa Allcox Ferrell, Research Coordinator

Other articles in this publication:

2007 Year End Review; 2007's Major Moments in State & Local Legislation, & an article on the AKC's new "I Own a Dog & I Vote" products. The MN Senate Bill is mentioned in the article on state & local legislation.

Member Survey

Thank you to everyone who filled out & submitted a club survey!! The Board will be looking them over in January. We appreciate your taking the time to share information & offer suggestions for ways we can make the club better!

Letter from the Editor

Phew! I have no idea where all of these pages came from! I guess if you're short on time & can only read a couple of pages, please check out our member's accomplishments in 2007 on pg 4 & the info on the January program on pg 2. Both highlight some of the vast & diverse possibilities available to us as we live & grow with our dogs.

Also please go out & visit the RMKC website if you haven't in a while - you're going to be there anyway to get the newsletter. Webmaster John has done a great job at adding some new pages & links & enhanced the pages with pictures of members & their dogs (if you have a breed that isn't represented yet, please send a picture or 2 to John). John also asks that you go to the "Breed Contacts" page & make sure you're included, if you want to be, & that your info is correct.

Lastly, I guess I haven't reminded you in a while, but if you come across interesting articles on dogs, info on upcoming events, "funnies", or whatever, please send them - I'm not going to be able to keep cranking out 5 or 6 pages all on my own :)

Diana Mann
RMKC Newsletter editor

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Do I Have to Dance??

Our January meeting program will be a presentation by Kristin Sicotte. Kristin is a judge & level IV (the highest level) competitor in Canine Freestyle as a member of the Canine Freestyle Foundation & will be offering classes in Rochester beginning in January. Canine Freestyle is a choreographed performance organized with music, illustrating the training & relationship of a dog & handler team; it is also a way to illustrate the conformation & movement of the dog showcasing the reach, drive, & beauty of an athletic, trained dog. In Kristin's case, her "partner" is her rare breed Azawakh, an African sighthound.

The program will begin around 7:30, following the general membership meeting. Come & check out this unique sport that offers a way to expands on the concepts of traditional obedience.

Obedience Advisory Committee

To the members of the obedience community: [We're pleased to present to you the 2007 Obedience Advisory Committee \(2007 OAC\), recommendations for the sport of Obedience](#). The 2007 OAC and AKC Staff have literally devoted 100's of hours of time toward the review and development of the ideas submitted by the fancy during our solicitation period in 2006. Our task is not over and we now need your assistance again.

We ask that you take the time to review the recommendations and give us your input, thoughts and suggestions. You will have until March 15, 2008 to submit your comments. Comments need to be submitted electronically to: OBEDadv@akc.org

The committee will meet again after March 15, 2008 date, to review the comments, suggestions and ideas, received. This will lead us toward the final development of the recommendations to go before the AKC Board of Directors. Please help me in thanking each and every 2007 OAC member for their time and work on this project. Bobbie Anderson, Terri Clingerman, Sue Cox, Greg Feathers, Shirlee Jacobson, John Landis, Debby Quigley, Patricia Sample, Bobby Self, Jr., Adele Yunck, and Patricia Scully

As you read through the document you will find the recommendations by the fancy and the 2007 OAC in the **bolded, underlined text**. (Only the chapters and sections affected by the changes are listed.)

Again, my thanks to the 2007 OAC Committee and AKC Staff Members who have given of their knowledge and time to work on this project. Our thanks to the members of the fancy who took the time to forward suggestions and ideas in 2006 for the betterment of our sport. We look forward to the comments from the fancy in our efforts toward the growth of obedience and what is believed to be very positive recommendations of change to our sport.

Sincerely,

Curt A. Curtis
Assistant VP
American Kennel Club, Companion Events

MEMBER BRAGS

I know that there were several members who had brags at the December meeting, but either the sheet somehow "escaped" or they didn't get written down. For those of you who had brags, please email them to me (mann.diana@yahoo.com) & I will get them into the next newsletter. I'll get mine out of the way to leave more room for all of the others next month :)

Diana & Mackenzie Mann - Fernbriar One More Time "Ditto" (Cardigan Welsh Corgi)

Minneapolis KC - Sun - WD/BOW - 4 pt major

Granite City KC, St Cloud - Sun - WD/BOW - 1 pt

Cardiridge Fernbriar Puff of Smoke "Marnie" (Cardigan Welsh Corgi)

Granite City KC, St Cloud - Sun - WB - 1 pt

RMKC GENERAL MEETING, Monday November 12, 2007

Members Present: Diana Mann, Pat Campbell, Vicki O'Neill, Sandy Woodruff, Carole Sorensen, Barb Hartmann, Renee McGovern, Linda Cornick.

Guests: Jim & Deb Nelson, Amy Lawson.

President Diana Mann called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome to our guests for joining our meeting.

Approval of the October monthly meeting: Motion was made by Linda Cornick to approve the October monthly minutes. Carole Sorensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Report: None

Corresponding Secretary's Report: RMKC received a thank you letter from the American Red Cross for our contribution to their Flood Relief Fund.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was read by Diana Mann in the absence of Treasurer Caroline Baihly. All Breed Show is now closed showing a profit.

Committees:

2008 All Breed Show. Ruth Upchurch and Amy Gau have volunteered to be show chairs for 2008. OES have requested a supported entry for the 2008 show. The Shar Pei club will soon finalize their plans and are still interested in a Specialty on Friday at our show.

2008 Agility trial plans are underway.

Seminars are being planned at this time. October 11th and 12th, 2008 are the dates selected for an Agility seminar by Stacy Peardot-Goudy. The seminar will be held in the Twin Cities with 12 working teams. There will be an indefinite number of audit spots open. A 2009 Agility seminar with Karen Hollik is being worked on at the present time.

Budget Committee: None.

Public Relations: Diana shared an article from the Post Bulletin. Diana to contact John Limpert to see if our Public Relations flyer can be added to our website. Discussion by general membership that RMKC need to advertise our club with KTTC community calendar, the Post Bulletin Calendar of Events, Rochester Visitor and possibility the Agri News. Sandy Woodruff will check with the Post Bulletin, KTTC calendar and report back to us. What does our club have to offer the public and the average dog owner? We need to make our newsletters more appealing to the public. Membership encouraged to send pictures, articles, jokes etc. to Diana for the newsletter.

Old Business:

Poop Stations are now approved to be placed at Silver Lake. Other details to be worked out in the near future.

Awards. Please send information to Denise Wedel regarding year end titles. Some members posed concern of obtaining small plaques like in the past. Those particular plaques are no longer available.

Christmas Party. Party will be at the Prentice residence. Motion to rent chairs, tables, plates, silverware was made by Barb Hartmann and seconded by Renee McGovern. Motion carried. RMKC will provide the meat as in the past. The party will be held December 10th at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and beverage. We will have a gift exchange of a dog related item, with a \$15.00 maximum.

New Business:

Member survey was suggested by the Board of Directors. Suggestions like why or why not attend RMKC monthly meetings?

What events do members participate in? What does our club might have to offer new members? How may we improve our club and obtain new members? These were a few questions that were suggested. Diana to send out survey to club members.

The need for a training facility since the retirement of Paul and Alice Howe was open for discussion. Where would there be a building large enough other than the 4-H building? How would we pay the rent and all other expenses? Would there be assigned mat time? Would anyone else be able to rent the space to give classes? Carole Sorensen mentioned they might have a building available for rent. Topic was tabled for discussion at future meeting. Amy Lawson to get details from Electric Union on the availability of renting their building. She will report back to the club.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Carole Sorensen and seconded by Barb Hartmann to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Campbell
Recording Secretary

2007 RMKC Annual Member Awards

The following is the listing of new titles earned by member's dogs during 2007 & recognized at the December meeting/party. *Congratulations to all of our members!!*

- Denise Wedel** - CH Dauntless Diamonds Are Forever CD OA OAJ RN CGC ROM "Bond" - AKC CD, OA, & OAJ
CH Dauntless Diamond Lil CDX AX AXJ RA CGC ROM "Lil" - AKC AX, AXJ
- Lynn Grovdahl** - Kandisweet My Dawn Lady C "Charlotte" - AKC RA, RE
MyDawn's She's a Lady "Sari" - AKC RA, RE, & CDX
- Marie Christianson** - Wildfire's Will He or Won't He "Woody" - AKC JH
- Caroline Baihly** - Webshire's Tri-Athalon "Cricket" - AKC CDX, MH; UKC U-CD; NADAC TN-N, TN-O, NJC
CH Ravenswood's Classic Edition "Ella" - AKC SH, RA
- Diana & Mackenzie Mann** - CH Toshay Elenor Rigby "Berry" - AKC RN, OJP
- Renee McGovern** - Drumlins Believe It Or Not VCD2 CDX TD AX AXJ RE "Ripley" - AKC VCD1, VCD2, TD, AX, AXJ, MX, MXJ, CD, CDX, RD; NADAC EDD, WV-E, Outstanding-EAC, Outstanding-TG E, Outstanding-TN-E
- John & Linda Limpert** - CH Von Limpert Believe In Me CDX RN MX AXJ VX "Believe" - AKC RN, MX
CH Schmidthausen Ariel CDX RE "Ariel" - AKC RA, RE
CH Von Limpert Challenge Within Me "Challenge" - AKC CH
CH Von Limpert Count On Me "C-Boo" - AKC CH
- Jerry Simon** - De Bonne Foi's Yukon Pete "Pete" - AKC NF; USDAA S-J, SR
Comebye Ballroom Blitz "Tango" - AKC NA, NAJ, NF, OA, OAJ, OF, AX, AXJ, MX
- Betsy Hadac** - Briarlea Common Virtue "Stryker" - AKC NA, NAJ, NF, OA, OAJ, AX; USDAA SSA, SG, SR
- Amy Gau** (& Sylvia & Don Schultz) - CH Rosepoint Rave Reviews TD HIC "Toby" - AKC CD, CDX, TDX
- Paul Howe** - Westmarch Good Vibrations UD NA "Buzz" - 2006 AKC NA; 2007 AKC UDX
- Alice Howe** - Brighteye's Short Circuit AX AXJ SJ SG SS SR "Zap" - AKC NA, NAJ, NF, OA, OAJ, AX, AXJ; USDAA SJ, SG, SS, SR
- Chris & Steph Meyer** - CH Jewel's East of Eden JH NSD "Edie" - AKC JH
BIF BISS CH Jewel's Devine Secrets JH RN NSD NRD V "Sidda" - AKC RN; WCA NRD, V
CH Jewel's Common Knowledge "Gyan" - AKC CH
CH Windwalker's Heartland Jewel JH NAJ NSD V BROM "Halley" - AKC NAJ; WCA V; SCA BROM
- Lu Miller** - Jewel's Classic Button Fly NSD "Levi" - 2005 WCA NSD; 2007 AKC CH
- Carole Sorenson** - CH Success' All American Girl "Hope" - AKC CH
- Kris & Paul Henning** - CH Destiny's Sheez All That N'More "Macy" - AKC CH
CH Margem's Justa Kiss "Hanna" - AKC CH
- Nancy & Clarence Klenke** - CH Rabbit Run Richardson "Richard" - AKC CH
CH Rabbit Run Johnson City "Johnson" - AKC CH
Am Can Mex CH Rabbit Run Cooperstown ROM "Cooper" - ROM
CH Rabbit Run Cascade "Cassie" - AKC CH
- Mary Ferreter** - CH Gemstones Peridot "Peri" - AKC CH
- Sandy Woodruff** - Coelio St. Catherine Laboure RN - AKC RN
- Pat Campbell** - CH Ropaws Shall Tell No Tale "Tye" - AKC CH

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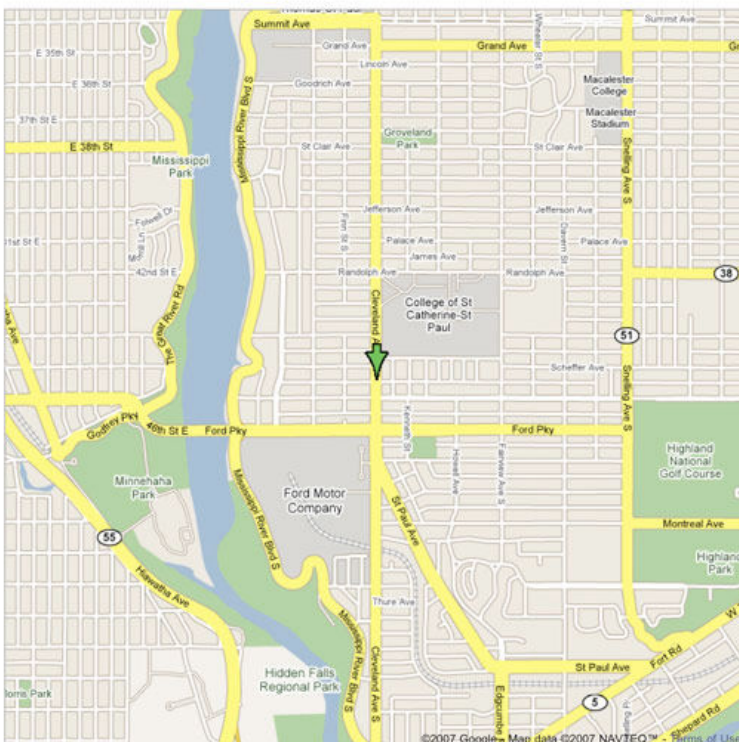
EVERY OTHER SATURDAY CERF CLINIC

Dr. Schoster is pleased to announce the opening of a regular CERF clinic!

The clinic will be from 8 am to 12:00 pm every other Saturday starting February 9, 2008.

To make an appointment simply go to <http://www.schostercerf.com>

 Address **Highland Animal Hospital**
687 Cleveland Ave S
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Dr. Schoster is available for doing Canine Eye Registry Foundation examinations by appointment only. He is not available for medical or surgical problems or consultations in Minnesota because he is currently a visiting scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Ryan Hospital for Animals every other week.

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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