



# RMKC Newsletter

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## AKC/CHF Educational Podcasts

*The Canine Health Foundation offers educational audio & videos that address current research topics and summarize the most recent information regarding a specific disease or research area. Audio and videos can include information helpful to dog owners as they adjust their homes to accommodate affected dogs with specific diseases, or they may include interviews with CHF funded researchers who are on the cutting edge of investigations that will help our dogs live longer & stronger. Podcasts can be accessed either from the AKC website's link to the CHF ([www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)) or by going directly to the CHF website ([www.akcCHF.org](http://www.akcCHF.org)) & clicking on the "Video & Podcasts" link. Just recently the AKC/CHF announced their newest podcast, which may be of interest to breeders who are planning litters in the future.*

### **American Kennel Club and AKC Canine Health Foundation Release Podcast on Canine Reproduction**

[Thursday, June 19, 2008]

The American Kennel Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation are pleased to release the next podcast in the series. In this podcast, Dr. Lin Kauffman, BS, DVM, a reproductive specialist at Iowa State University, discusses the reasons for using artificial insemination when breeding, and also some of the pitfalls of performing Caesarean sections.

Recorded at the Iowa State University Breeders' Symposium, a program sponsored by both the American Kennel Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation, this podcast can be accessed from either the American Kennel Club website at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) or the AKC Canine Health Foundation website at [www.akcCHF.org](http://www.akcCHF.org) - click on "Podcasts." It is also available on Apple's iTunes® or directly at [www.akc-akcCHF.libsyn.com](http://www.akc-akcCHF.libsyn.com). Individuals who access the podcast through iTunes® are encouraged to submit reviews.

#### **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).*

## Cedar Rapids Update

*This is from a post on June 30th by Scot Northern, President of the Cedar Rapids Kennel Club. Scot has done a great job of keeping "the rest of the world" updated on current conditions as far as the animal rescue efforts in the region.*

Good Morning (6/30),

Thursday will mark the third week since the flooding began in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Iowa. At the peak of the animal relief, the Kirkwood Shelter was close to 1000 animals, and the Johnson County Shelter was around 100.

Over the course of these past three weeks, numerous organizations have stepped forward to help by donating manpower, supplies, and monetary assistance. I don't think anyone can thank these folks enough: HSUS, PAWS, UAN, EARS, Petsmart Charities, Science Diet and the AKC CAR Canine Support & Relief Fund, just to name a few.

This week, I've received notes back from the Tri City Kennel Club, Plainfield Kennel Club, Kachina Kennel Club, and the Richland Kennel Club (who's entire training facility was lost to a fire just a couple months ago), each of these Kennel Clubs is donating at least \$500 to either The Friends of The Animal Shelter up at Kirkwood, or the AKC CAR Canine Support & Relief. WOW! That's incredible!

Last night I spoke to Sgt Kent Choate again, and was able to ask him a couple of the questions that have been coming in the past week.

Question - What's the long term plan in case something like this was to happen again?

Answer - Ideally, a special Disaster Evacuation Center will be identified that would specifically fit the needs of sheltering animals in times of crisis. In the past 15 years there have been 2 floods which have broken past the 100 year plain, so a center like this would be ideal.

Question - With so many supplies, crates, kennels, etc. what will happen to those when Cedar Rapids and Johnson County get back to normal?

Answer - Both Misha Goodwin (Johnson County) and Sgt Choate have plans to store such excess for future emergencies that may need them in Eastern Iowa area.

Question - I saw a news report stating that July 11th was the date that animals had to be out by. Is this true?

Answer - This stemmed from calls that were made from Kirkwood, to owners who had been identified, to ask them their current situation and the possibility of claiming their animals in the near future. This date was approx 2 weeks out from when the calls were made, and was simply used to try to get an idea for future planning. Sgt Choate was NEVER contacted by the news organization which ran the story, or the organization which sent their press release with that date in it. This was a case of a well-meaning animal rescue organization, trying to help the animals, but not quite having all the correct information. As of now, there is NO date set for when animals need to be out of Kirkwood.

Question - What does it take to run Kirkwood, as a shelter, in terms of manpower?

Answer - From June 12th through June 27th, 25000 volunteer hours have been recorded. This equates to 130 people working 12 hour shifts every day. That's a small army, and one which will unfortunately only see its numbers decrease over the next several weeks. Thus, making it very helpful for owners which have animals at Kirkwood to work with them as to when they may be able to be reunited with them, for the good of that animal and the others at the facility.

Question - How many animals are out at Kirkwood now?

Answer - As of 6/29: 660 total animals ~190 dogs (80%+ of dogs have identified owners) ~470 cats and other animals. (75% of cats and others have identified owners) Of the unidentified animals some are pre-flood.

Question - Is Cedar Rapids still planning on working with Rescue Groups for those animals that need to find homes?

Answer - Currently the Cedar Rapids shelter is working with the HSUS (Diane Webber), PAWS of Chicago, Nebraska Humane Society for the animals that can be released. This is only a few of the rescue organizations that are being worked with. The animals being made available to various groups are the animals that they have had prior to June 19th with no identified owner at this time. Follow up is being done on animals that have addresses, but no owner identified. The most important thing to

understand is that every organization being worked with wants what is best for the animals. If you have a licensed rescue group or shelter, and feel you can help, let me know, and I can put you in contact with Diane Webber.

Question - I really want to foster an animal which has an identified owner, but that owner can't take the animal right away, how can I help?

Answer - There are plans to have a "Foster Board" available of homes looking to foster, and animals that have owners which need to be fostered. However, Foster Care is a decision which the Kirkwood facility believes should be made between the animal owner and the foster home, the names in the Foster Board will be a list of resources available, that the owners may use on their own, to identify the home that would best fit their needs.

In the coming weeks, animals will slowly start to leave Kirkwood. Many will be reunited with their owners, some will not, but those animals will undoubtedly find wonderful homes where they will be loved and cherished.

As rescue groups come from all over the area looking to help, it's important to realize that we are all working towards the same goal. That goal is to reunite animals with the owners, and help those others furry, scaly, and feathery ones find new homes.

Scot Northern  
President - Cedar Rapids Kennel Association

*As a follow-up to this story:*

*The RMKC board made the decision on June 18 to donate \$500 to the Kirkwood Foundation to help with the relief efforts.*

*The RMKC currently has a committee that is working on a disaster plan for our own area. They have been working closely with the local Red Cross. This committee started its work before the flooding in Iowa, but the need for it certainly became apparent as the events in Iowa unfolded.*

*If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Renee McGovern.*

## Editor's Wishlist

While I enjoy producing the RMKC newsletter for the members every month, sometimes my brain is, well, empty, & sometimes I have one odd space looking for something to fill it. So if I could have a "wishlist" of items that members could provide for the newsletter, it would include:

- **Pictures** - do you have a cool candid of something your dog(s) did? Send it to me & I can use it to fill in a space. Do you have a great photo of a win? I can put it along with your brag & then we have faces to put with the names.
- **Articles** - I try to check the

AKC site for their latest news, but I can always use a good news story that involves dogs &/or their owners, trends, etc.

- **Cartoons & Funnies** - I search for them periodically, but often run into the same old ones. If you find a good one, pass it along - we can all use a good smile once in awhile.
- **Upcoming Events** - Sometimes we are only "in tune" with the events we participate in the most. If you know of an upcoming trial, not only agility or obedience, but tracking, herding, etc, it would be helpful for those of us

who are newer to the club or to that type of event. Informational seminars & dog-friendly happenings in the area would also be good.

- I would LOVE to have members write an **article** on their "areas of expertise", like tracking, search & rescue, etc.

Some items I will try to put in right away, especially events & articles that are "time sensitive" - others I will file away for that empty space. I look forward to the many submissions that will come flying in :)

**Thanks!**

**Diana (mann.diana@yahoo.com)**

## Member Brags

### *New Additions:*

- Duane Pulford has a new Wire-haired Dachshund puppy.

### *Legs & Titles Earned:*

- Marie Christianson & Wildfire's Will He or Won't He JH "Woodie" (Golden Retriever) - Key City KC - RN & 1st place Golden Specialty at Lake Minnetonka - 1st CD leg & 3rd place
- Renee McGovern & Drumlin's Believe It or Not VCD2 UD MX MXT RE NA "Ripley" (Shetland Sheepdog) - Lochland Shetland Sheepdog Specialty on June 6th - 1st UDX leg

- Amy Lawson & Good Reason Jasmine "Jazzy" - BOTC Agility trial, Bloomington, MN - Amy & Jazzy earned Amy's first Q ever in a dog sport. Congratulations!

### *Points Earned:*

- Fernbriar First Class "Dandy" (Cardigan Welsh Corgi), bred by Diana & Mackenzie Mann/owned by Krystal Himmler & Diana Mann - Lake Minnetonka - WD for 2 pts
- Yardican Cardiridge Weli Welho "Webster" (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) who is visiting Fernbriar from Finland - Key City KC - WD both Sat & Sun for two 4-pt majors

The RMKC Picnic will once again be held in conjunction with the August meeting at the Grovdahl's. Complete details, including time, directions, etc. will appear in the August newsletter.



"It's no coincidence that man's best friend can't talk."

- Anonymous



RMKC Board Meeting – Monday, June 9, 2008

Members present: Caroline Baihly, Diana Mann, Marie Christianson, Linda Cornick  
Meeting was called to order by President Diana Mann.

First topic for discussion involved the actual rules for processing & approving new member applications. Diana read the section of the by-laws that pertains to new members. It was agreed that we need to follow the procedure as specified in the by-laws. We will ask John if he can put information on the website so that people interested in becoming members know the process involved ahead of time.

New member application for Johannes Bang & his parents, Mikael & Joy, was reviewed by the Board. It was decided that the application is in order & can be presented to the general membership.

Sparked by the recent events surrounding a breeder in Viola, the board also discussed what rules & processes were in place as far as disciplinary actions. Diana read Section VI in the by-laws, which pertains to member discipline, as do some of the Standing Rules. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

### RMKC General Meeting – June 9, 2008

**Members Present:** Diana Mann, Sandy Woodruff, Vicki O'Neill, Barb Hartman, Renee McGovern, Marie Christianson, Carole Sorenson, Linda Cornick, Amy Lawson, & Duane Pulford. Guests present: Mikael & Johannes Bang.

President Diana Mann called meeting to order at 7:07 pm. A motion to approve the May meeting minutes was made by Renee M. & seconded by Sandy W.; motion carried.

**President's Report:** none

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Marie presented correspondence received. One item was a set of DVD's covering a variety of canine topics – Marie will watch it & review & then we will possibly loan it out to members. Also presented was a petition from a dog owner & obedience competitor who will be petitioning the AKC to either eliminate the long sits & downs in obedience competition or modify the exercise to help insure the safety of the dogs participating.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diana read Caroline's reports on current income & expenses, as well as current balances in all accounts.

#### Committee Reports:

- **2008 All-Breed Show Committee.** Diana reported what information she could as to the progress of the show committee. We still have a couple of judge issues to be resolved, mainly caused by the small number of judges approved to judge some of the newer breeds like Plott hounds & Beaucerons.
- **2008 Agility Trial.** No report
- **Agility Seminar.** There are still plenty of auditing spots available.
- **Canine Free-Style Seminar.** No report
- **Public Relations.** No report
- **Membership.** Renee reported that 8 members have not yet renewed. New member application for Johannes Bang & his parents, Mikael & Joy, was presented to the membership.
- **Judges Selection.** No report

#### Old Business:

- **Canine Carnival.** Carole reported that Leashes & Leads would be happy to serve as the site for a carnival. Diana requested that Carole & the rest of the committee meet & present a report at the July meeting.
- **Disaster Preparedness.** Renee reported that the committee met with the Emergency Coordinator at the Red Cross & they are very enthusiastic about having the RMKC involved. Discussion continued surrounding some of the logistics of coordinating a disaster relief effort, supplies needed, etc.
- **Take the Lead.** Linda reported on the mission of Take the Lead. The charity sent the RMKC a letter in May concerning their membership program for individuals & clubs.

**New Business:** no new business presented

Duane P. made a motion to adjourn meeting. Marie C. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Diana Mann, RMKC President