



# RMKC Newsletter

June 2008

**Rochester MN  
Kennel Club  
www.rmkc.8m.com**

## New Pet Facility Opening in Area

Leashes & Leads, owned by Jerry & Ruth Fischer, is a new facility opening in Byron that many members of the dog community have been talking about. It is slated to be a one-stop pet supply store, including supplies for dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, & small animals, as well as a pet resort complete with grooming & boarding, & training classes. Some areas of the business have already opened & will start boarding dogs on June 2; the feed store is scheduled to open June 16th. One of the “vendors” at Leashes & Leads will be the Bone Appetit Canine Bakery & Gift Shoppe from Austin. The business will also offer outdoor, off-leash pet areas & an outdoor sports park with ponds as part of its 180 acres. There is an obedience center, including an agility training area. RMKC members Paul & Alice Howe will be working with the business, as will Amy Gau, who will be running conformation classes.

The Leashes & Leads website is up & running, so more information on events, etc can be found at: [www.leashesandleads.com](http://www.leashesandleads.com).

### Board & Officers:

- President.....Diana Mann  
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There will be a Board meeting in June. We will meet at 6:00 pm before the General Membership meeting.

“If you are a host to your guest,  
be a host to his dog also.”  
- Russian Proverb

### Committee Chairs & other VIP's:

- Membership.....Renee McGovern  
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- All-Breed Show 2008.....  
.....Ruth Upchurch & Amy Gau  
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- Newsletter Editor.....Diana Mann  
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- Assistant Editor..Mackenzie Mann

**Letter from the Editor**

This may be shocking, but I have been putting out the newsletter now for 3 years - wow, seems longer :) Anyway, as I was working on the last one, I realized that I have been using the same format for the past 3 years, & while it was a pretty good format, it wasn't mine - it was the one that had just always been used up until then. So, I've decided it's time to “shake things up” a bit. Hopefully you already noticed that. I'm trying out this “design” - & I may try out others. I have also looked at some other kennel club newsletters & may be “borrowing” a few ideas from them. I would love to have some feedback from the members - anything you particularly like or dislike, things you'd like to see included or added, etc. I would like to not only include show brags, but litter announcements & special achievements. I would like to be able to provide info about upcoming seminars, classes, & events throughout the area & would appreciate it if members could/would give me a heads up. Also to that end, I am “hiring” an assistant editor, namely Mackenzie, to help with searching out articles & information - & maybe someday she will take over as Editor (or run screaming in the other direction). Enjoy!

Diana Mann - RMKC Newsletter Editor

PS: If I have forgotten a VIP from the box to the left, please let me know.

## AKC Mentoring Program

The American Kennel Club and the Dog Show Superintendents Assoc. are working together to develop a club-based mentoring program to help increase participation & retention of new exhibitors in the sport of dogs. Mentors will share their experience with others who are new to the ring & guide novices as they learn the sport. Specifically, new exhibitors might need help navigating grooming space at shows, choosing the correct equipment, & discovering local resources.

The AKC is looking for breed club members with sufficient interest, enthusiasm, experience, knowledge, & ability to mentor and encourage new exhibitors. New exhibitors are more likely to join clubs, become involved in club activities, & remain in the sport if they experience positive, welcoming & instructive guidance. Clubs who participate in this mentoring program will benefit by helping to advance the sport of dogs, enriching the membership of the club, & satisfying one of the *Eligibility*

*Requirements to Hold Future Dog Shows.* Mentors may enjoy the opportunity to give something back to the sport with just an investment of some of their time & knowledge.

RMKC members who have an interest in participating in this program &/or who want more information should contact club president Diana Mann (mann.diana@yahoo.com or 252-9018)

## Member Brags

### *Legs Earned:*

CH Ravenswood's Classic Edition CD RE SH  
"Ella" - owned by Caroline & Art Baihly -  
Backwater Retriever Club, April 12 -  
1st Master Hunter Leg

Webshire's Tri-Athalon CD RE NA OAJ MH  
"Cricket" - owned by Caroline & Art Baihly -  
Golden Retriever Club of Illinois, May 3 -  
Earned a Master Pass

Wildfire's Will He or Won't He JH "Woody" -  
owned by Marie Christianson - earned his 1st  
RN leg & 3rd place at Wright Co & his 2nd leg  
& 2nd place at Upper Iowa

### *New Titles:*

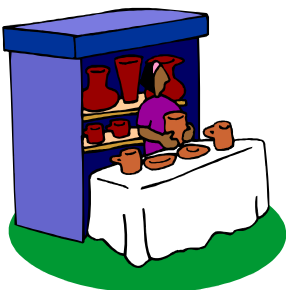
Drumlins Believe It or Not UD VCD2 MX MXJ  
RE FN "Ripley" - owned by Renee McGovern  
- Utility Dog Title!

### *Special Achievements:*

At the CWCCA National Specialty, Apr 12-19,  
CH Cardiridge Cassanova RN NJP "Handsome",  
owned & handled by Mackenzie Mann, was  
named Best Veteran in Sweepstakes; the team of  
Mackenzie & Handsome also won Best Junior  
Handler, along with a 1st & 3rd placing in Pre-  
Novice Obedience. The conformation brace of  
Handsome & Fernbriar One More Time "Ditto"  
was 2nd out of 9 entries.

## Looking for Vendors

If you know of any vendors, or run across any good ones at upcoming dog shows, please direct them to Lynn Grovdahl for the Agility Trial &/or Diana Mann for the All-Breed show. Or pick up one of their business cards or brochures & pass it along. Thanks!



"I'll count to three and we'll jump off!"

RMKC Board Meeting – Monday, May 12, 2008

Members present: Julie Prentice, Caroline Baihly, Diana Mann, Marie Christenson, Beth Haas

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Diana Mann.

Diana started off the meeting by thanking the board for their work in the past year & for being willing to stay on another year.

General discussion centered around things that we need to try to address in the upcoming year, including seminars & public relations. Diana brought up that she would like to make some changes to the newsletter, including updating the look & making additions, like including the names of committee heads along with the board. Beth talked about the Covered Bridge Festival in Zumbrota & what sorts of help RMKC members could offer. It was also decided that we need to try to get the representative from Royal Canin who spoke to the Shar-Pei club to come & do a presentation for the RMKC – Beth will try to book him for either November '08 or January '09. Beth also brought up the fundraising efforts by the Goodhue 4-H kids, who are trying to purchase agility equipment. It was decided that perhaps they could be invited to help with some of the RMKC events in return for a donation towards their efforts.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

### RMKC General Meeting - May 12, 2008

**Members Present:** Diana Mann, Beth Haas, Fran Kornblum, Sandy Woodruff, Julie Prentice, Vicki O'Neill, Barcy Jones, Barb Hartman, Renee McGovern, Marie Christianson, Caroline Baihly, Linda Cornick, & Amy Lawson. Guests present: Mikael & Johannes Bang.

President Diana Mann called meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Guests were welcomed & members introduced themselves. A motion to approve the April meeting minutes was made by Julie P. & seconded by Linda C.; motion carried.

**President's Report:** Diana thanked the board members for their work over the past year & thanked them for being willing to continue on for another year in service to the club.

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Marie presented correspondence received, including a letter from the AKC regarding a new club-based mentoring program & a letter from the Take the Lead foundation. Linda will be researching Take the Lead & will report on exactly what their purpose is & what, if any, ways the club can/should be involved.

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

**Election of Officers & Board Members:** A motion was made by Linda C., seconded by Barb H. to elect the board officer & member slate as presented; motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

- **2008 All-Breed Show Committee.** Diana reported what information she could as to the progress of the show committee. Most trophy sponsorships are paid – Diana will contact those who still owe money.
- **2008 Agility Trial.** Nothing new to report. Still working on the food vending via the Shar-Pei club.
- **Agility Seminar.** There are still plenty of auditing spots available.
- **Canine Free-Style Seminar.** Still in need of 1 or 2 workers for the seminar – contact Julie P.
- **Public Relations.** Julie passed out flyers & holders for members to take to area vet offices.
- **Membership.** Most dues have come in.
- **Judges Selection.** No report

#### Old Business:

- **2007 Show Profit.** Fran reported that she checked with Paws & Claws & funds donated would be used for needs like leashes & food. A motion was made by Fran, seconded by Vicki, to donate the 10% show profit donation to Paws & Claws; motion carried.
- **Canine Carnival.** No report
- **Disaster Preparedness.** The committee has a meeting scheduled with the Red Cross & should have more to report at the next meeting.

#### New Business:

**RMKC Picnic.** Diana mentioned that Lynn Grovdahl had contacted her to say they would be happy to host the picnic, but if the club would rather try to hold it at Leashes & Leads, that would be fine also. Members agreed unanimously that they would prefer to hold it at the Grovdahl's. Picnic will be the August meeting.

**CGC Microchip clinic.** In the past the club has sponsored CGC testing & a microchip clinic at the end of the Canine Obedience spring session. It was discussed that we should try to include it as part of the K9 Carnival, & also contact Leashes & Leads & see if we could get on a similar schedule with the ending of one session of their classes.

**Rabies Ordinances.** Renee McGovern reported that there were variations in the limits on rabies vaccinations between the city & the county, & that, due to newer research on vaccination protocols, the club should get involved in trying to affect some sort of "consistency" in the regulations. A committee made up of Renee, Vicki, & Barb will work on researching this & report at a future meeting.

**Tom & Kay Lamm DVD.** Julie reported that she had received a flyer offering the Tom & Kay Lamm seminar, which we had been hoping to get here, on DVD. Julie will look into purchasing the DVD & we will plan on holding a session to have a "DVD seminar" for those interested.

Caroline B. made motion to adjourn meeting. Marie C. seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.  
Respectfully Submitted, Diana Mann - RMKC President