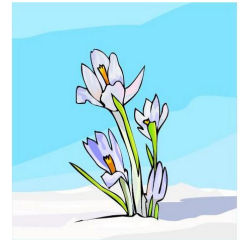




March 2008



MKC Newsletter



Canine Freestyle in Rochester

From the smiles on the faces of the crowd & the many questions that were asked, it would seem safe to say that anyone who came to the January RMKC meeting with preconceptions about someone “dancing with their dog” learned quite a bit.

Canine freestyle competitor & judge Kristin Sicotte, along with her intriguing partner, one of her Azawakh hounds, shared both her talent & a wealth of knowledge about this canine event. Spectators first got to experience a performance first-hand, then watched videos of competition performances of varying styles. Kristin answered questions about the sport, along with questions about her rare breed.

Kristin has agreed to present a working seminar on Canine Freestyle in conjunction with the RMKC, most likely in June. We want to thank Kristin for her wonderful presentation!



We will not be having a program by the Royal Canin representative as part of our March meeting. The representative that the Shar Pei club was working with left the company & the new representative had a scheduling conflict for the night of our meeting.

However, there may be some spots available on Sunday, March 9th, which is the date set up for the Shar Pei club. They are meeting at the Black Stallion Supper Club & the meal is provided for.

If you would like more info on the possibility of a spot, please contact Beth Haas (haas.elizabeth@mayo.edu or 507-732-5201). Thank you to Beth for your work in trying to coordinate this event.

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Letter from the Editor

I'm sure most of you feel you have heard enough from me in the past few weeks, with the constant emails with the latest happenings in the House & Senate, so I will keep it as short as I can.

Maybe these bills don't seem “dangerous”...yet. & I know it's hard to keep track of them all. But as an RMKC member once said to me, it can start small, maybe with a city changing it's dog limit or a seemingly mild bill meant to “protect” animals in puppy mills - & before we know it, due to the bad practices of some breeders or owners, the rest of us pay. How often lately have I been watching TV & happened upon a show where someone is spouting off about purebred dogs or their breeders or the need for such bills.

California may seem a long way away, but is it...really?

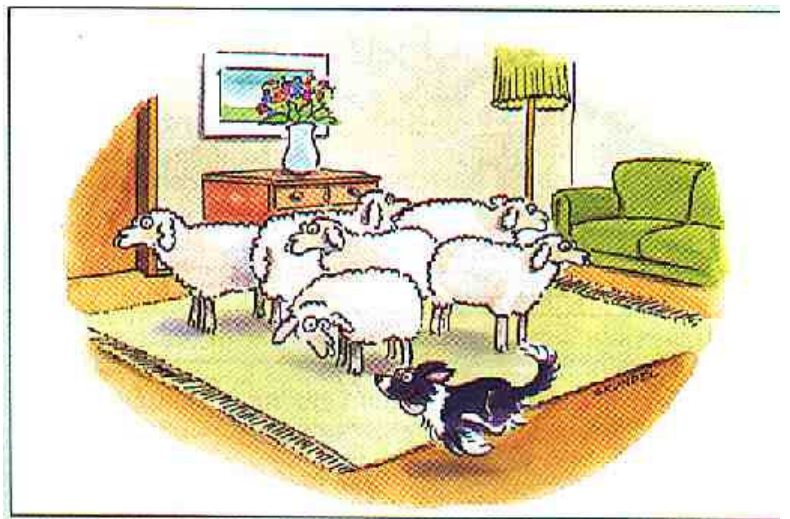
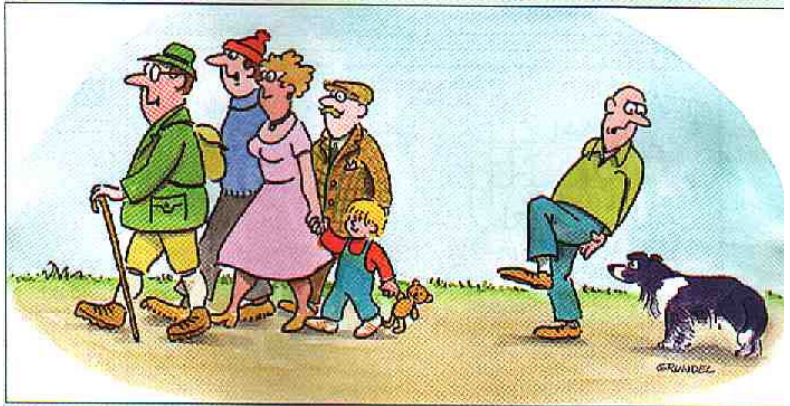
Diana Mann
RMKC Newsletter editor

Best for Pets discount:

Natalie & Jason Faas, owners of Best for Pets & fellow RMKC members, have a great deal for kennel club members. They are offering a 10% discount on all grooming products that they sell, including Chris Christensen, as well as anything they order in special - this would be 10% off of list price.

They also do have some mat time available for rent, on weekends & some weeknights.

You can contact them at sales@fkps.com &/or visit their website www.fkps.com



RMKC Board Meeting, Monday January 14, 2008

Members present: Caroline Baihly, Diana Mann, Pat Campbell and Beth Haas.

President Diana Mann called board meeting to order.

No old business at present time.

New Business: Due to the closure of Canine Obedience by Paul and Alice Howe, RMKC is now dealing with the dilemma of where to train in the Rochester area. Caroline Baihly presented information she had collected from the Oshkosh area, Key City – Mankato area, and Badger – Madison, WI area. Many of these facilities offer obedience and conformation classes to the public as well as reduced rates to their club members.

We recognize that we need to advertise to the show people and the public what RMKC has to offer. Board members want to know if we have available teachers and volunteers to assist to teach classes. Are our club members willing to commit themselves? We would also need to address the issue of a Training Director willing to organize training sessions and schedule mat time available to practice. Mats and equipment will be of substantial cost to the club.

During the general club meeting we will need to discuss our member survey. What is our club's mission? Why do people want to belong to RMKC and what do we have to offer them.

Board members will continue to obtain information from area clubs on lease agreements, insurance, training charges, etc.

Adjournment: Pat Campbell made motion to adjourn. Beth Haas seconded motion. Board meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Campbell
Recording Secretary

RMKC General Meeting, Monday January 14, 2008

Members present: Diana Mann, Pat Campbell, Beth Haas, Caroline Baihly, Marie Christianson, Mary Fetterer, Barb Hartman, Vicki O'Neill, Nancy Klenke, Chuck Kuhl, Sandy Woodruff, Linda Limpert, John Limpert, Paul Howe, Renee McGovern.

Guest: Marie Sinex, Amy Lawson

President Diana Mann called the January RMKC meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Due to the fact that Beth Haas has to leave the meeting early, she shared the information of an upcoming seminar being sponsored by the Shar Pei club. Beth has been in contact with the Representative of the Royale Canine dog food company presenting the seminar, "How Nutrition Affects Reproduction". There will be a power point presentation, and literature available. The seminar will be held March 16th at the Black Stallion. RMKC members will be able to attend for a nominal fee that will go to Rescue. Dinner will be also served. All interested members are asked to contact Beth Haas or Diana Mann.

President's Report: Rochester Post Bulletin featured a local gentleman who attended the Disc Dog National Championship in St. Louis. Diana will contact him for a questionable demonstration in the future.

The printed member's survey was available to all. It appeared that about 1/3 of our membership sent back the survey. The survey was discussed by the general membership. The board members also vented their feelings in regards to a possible training building. Items such as rent and/or lease, insurance, utilities, parking, training fees, mat time charges, and the availability of members to staff the facility were brought up. There is a need for further discussion on benefits versus cost. Pro's and con's to all aspects of this project.

Corresponding Secretary Report: None.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the secretary's minutes for December were made by Marie Christianson and seconded by Mary Fetterer. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Diana Mann read report. There was discussion to purchase several 6 foot banquet tables as there is a definite need for them. Motion was made by Renee Mc Govern and seconded by Barb Hartman to purchase tables for RMKC use. Motion was carried. Renee McGovern to check on purchasing the tables.

Committee Reports:

- All Breed show: No report.
- Agility: Seminar by Stacy Peardot-Goudy will be October 11 & 12 at Family Dog Center in LaCrosse, WI. The fee will be \$300.00 for working teams. Help is needed for set-up and serving of breaks and lunch. All is going well with the planning.
- Public Relations: Sandy Woodruff got rates of advertising in the Post Bulletin, Rochester Women's Magazine, and the Rochester's Buyers Guide.
- Website: Please send any information updates for our website to John Limpert. John is also requesting any breed picture, agility pictures etc. to be added to our website. John is presently working on links to other clubs and important sites.

Disaster Preparedness: Details on Disaster Preparedness were brought forward to club members in recent months. The AKC has list of items community needs to get ready for Disaster Preparedness. RMKC will acquire list and start plan for the Rochester area. Please contact Renee McGovern if you would like to assist with this project.

New Business: Westminster 2008 will be viewed at the Carole Sorenson residence Monday, February 11. Appetizers will be served at 6:00 with a short meeting. Please bring an appetizer and your beverage of choice. Julie Prentice will bring prizes for Group contest winners.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Marie Christianson, seconded by Julie Prentice. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

A demonstration on Free-Style Canine Obedience was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Campbell
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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