



# RMKC Newsletter

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**Rochester MN  
Kennel Club  
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## RMKC Agility Trial

Another RMKC Agility Trial has come & gone & once again Trial Chair Caroline Baihly & a bevy of RMKC members executed an outstanding event. The weather, while a little warm, was sunny & breezy, & things flowed smoothly from start to finish. There were plenty of spectators, & it's always nice to see the group of agility competitors cheer each other on & share in the fun.

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Walking the course



The able table crew



Snazzy new umbrellas



No luck at the raffle :(



Good eats at the Pepsi wagon



**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.)*

## More Fun at the RMKC...

Part of the fun of the August 11th meeting was the annual RMKC picnic. RMKC members enjoyed good food, good company (both human & canine), & good fun, including great games like the hot dog toss, t-shirt relay, & musical plates.

Thank you to Lynn & Paul Grovdahl for once again allowing us to invade their wonderful acreage for the festivities.



## Member Brags

### *Legs & Titles Earned:*

- Webshire's Tri-Athalon "Cricket" (Golden Retriever), owned by Caroline & Art Baihly, passed her CCA (Certificate of Conformation Assessment) - GRCA title - on 7-6-08; also earned her 2nd UD leg & 1st place at the Duluth Kennel Club show on 7-13-08
- Wildfire's Will He or Won't He "Woodie" (Golden Retriever), owned by Marie Christianson, finished his RA title with a 1st place at LaCrosse.
- CH Ebonysand's Brimstone "Zeke" (Schipperke), owned by Pat Campbell, at the LaCrosse shows, earned his 1st Rally leg & 3rd place with a score of 98 on Sat, & his 2nd Rally leg & 2nd place with a 100 on Sunday.
- Ropaws Sweet Tresemme W "K-Lee" (Schipperke), owned by Pat Campbell went WB & BOS at the Oshkosh Kennel Club show for a 4-point major

## *It's Time for the Big Show!*

Here we go again...that time of year when hundreds of dogs of all shapes & sizes descend on Rochester for the annual RMKC All-Breed Conformation & Obedience shows. For those of you who can help out, please do so - this is probably our biggest event of the year & it takes many hands & bodies to make it all work. If you can help as a ring steward, please contact Pat Campbell - she still has a few holes to fill in her schedule & it's always nice to have some back-ups. Friday, Sept. 12th will be a busy day & there is plenty of work for anyone who wants to help with set-up - we will be setting up rings, judge's hospitality, vendor areas, etc, etc - we usually start around 9 am & keep busy until at least early afternoon.

Let's once again make these shows an event we can be proud of.

Diana Mann  
RMKC President & Newsletter Editor

## Breeder's prayer...

I love my little puppy; she makes my house a home.  
 She is my very sweetest little friend; I never feel alone.  
 She makes me smile; She makes me laugh; She fills my heart with love...  
 Did some person breed her, or did she fall from above?

I've never been a breeder, never seen life through their eyes;  
 I hold my little puppy and just sit and criticize.  
 I've never known their anguish; I've never felt their pain,  
 the caring of their charges, through snow or wind or rain.

I've never waited the whole night through for babies to be born,  
 The stress and trepidation when they're still not there by morn.  
 The weight of responsibility for this body in my hands,  
 This darling little baby, who weighs but 60 grams.

Should you do that instead of this . . . or maybe that was wrong?  
 Alone you fight and hope, one day, he'll grow up proud and strong.  
 You pray he'll live to bring great joy to someone else's home.  
 You know it's all just up to you; you'll fight this fight alone.

Formula, bottles, heating pads, you've got to get this right,  
 two-hour feedings for this tiny guy, throughout the day and night.  
 Within your heart you dread that you will surely lose this fight,  
 To save this little baby, but God willing . . . you just MIGHT.

Day one; he's in there fighting; you say a silent prayer.  
 Day two & three, he's doing well, with lots of love and care.  
 Day four & five . . . he's still alive; your hopes soar to the heavens.  
 Day six he slips away again, dies in your hands, day seven.

You take this little angel, and bury him alone.  
 With aching heart and burning tears, and an exhausted groan,  
 You ask yourself, "Why do this? . . . Why suffer through this pain?"  
 Yet watch the joy your puppies bring, and everything's explained.

So, when you think of breeders and label them with "Greed,"  
 Think of all that they endure to fill another's need.  
 For when you buy your puppy, with your precious dollars part,  
 You only pay with money . . . while they pay with all their heart.

.... Author Unknown....



**Northstar Rottweiler Club presents an  
 All Breed Seminar on  
 "Puppy Intensive Care" and  
 "Canine Reproduction and Whelping"  
 By Myra Savant-Harris R.N.  
 September 27 & 28, 2008 8AM – 4PM  
 at Country Inn by Carlson 6003 Hudson Rd  
 Woodbury, MN**

Myra Savant-Harris combines her years of experience as a Neonatal intensive care nurse with her years as a dog breeder along with her interest in genetic research and studies to bring invaluable information and techniques to improve the success of your breeding program. The seminar will help breeders to recognize and assess puppies in distress quickly. Acting with proper equipment and knowledge **CAN** make a difference in a successful whelping and breeding program.

**Who should attend ?** Every dog breeder, veterinarian & vet tech, whether 1st litter or 20th. If you have ever lost a puppy or a bitch or had a breeding that did not take, this seminar is a worthwhile investment.

Cost: \$125 for both days before August 29, 2008 / \$150 after Aug. 29, 2008 or \$75 for either one day seminar.

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