



RMKC Newsletter

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**Rochester MN
Kennel Club
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RMKC boasts some Top Agility dogs & handlers

RMKC member Jerry Simon and his Border Collie, Tango, recently traveled to Concord, NC for the AKC Agility Nationals. Over 900 teams participated in the weekend of competition. In the 16" height division there were about 200 teams competing. Jerry and Tango were fast enough to make it as one of the 14 teams in the finals and finished in second place. This was their first time attending nationals.



Way to go Jerry & Tango!!



Also, in January, Renee McGovern & her Shetland Sheepdog, Ripley, earned Ripley's MACH title. His new, longer name now reads MACH Drumlins Believe It Or Not VCD2 UD RE OF. Ripley is also qualified for the Agility World Team tryouts.

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There will not be a Board meeting in April

"To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring – it was peace."
– Milan Kundera

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).

Member Brags

- **Webshire's Tri-Athalon UD MH RE NA OAJ CCA "Cricket"** (Golden Retriever) - Caroline & Art Baihly - finished her Open Std agility trial at TCOTC
- **CH Ebony Sands Brimstone "Zeke"** - Pat Campbell - received his TDI title.
- **MACH Drumlins Believe It Or Not VCD2 UD RE OF "Ripley"** (Shetland Sheepdog) - Renee McGovern - won High in Trial with a score of 199 in Open B at the Herding Group Club's Obedience Trial on January 24.

2008-2009 Officer & Board Member Nominations

The following is the slate of officers & board members being presented by this year's nominating committee. Additional nominations from the floor can be made at the April meeting. Please be sure the person you are nominating is willing to take on the position. Voting will take place at the May meeting - if no new nominations are made, then the slate as a whole will be voted on.

President: Diana Mann

Vice President: Julie Prentice

Recording Secretary: Amy Lawson

Treasurer: Caroline Baihly

Board Members: Rick Miller & Sandy Woodruff (2 year terms)

Linda Cornick still has 1 year left on her term as a board member.

Dog-Friendly Honda Element Concept Heads for Production

NEW YORK — The Dog-Friendly Honda Element debuted here at the 2009 New York Auto Show on Wednesday, with the Japanese automaker dubbing it "the ultimate dog car." A production version of the concept is due out this fall, said Honda.

The production version is expected to feature such canine-friendly features as a cushioned pet bed in the cargo area, a cargo load-in ramp, a 12-volt ventilation fan, rubber floor mats with a toy bone pattern and paw-print exterior badging. "In an interesting turn of events, cars are now chasing dogs," quipped John Mendel, executive vice president of American Honda, in one of the auto show's more lighthearted moments.

"Factory integration of a cushioned pet bed, restraint systems and other components are intended to transform the Element into the ultimate dog car."

Honda execs are clearly "dog people." At the 2005 Tokyo Auto Show, Honda introduced another dog-friendly offering, the Wow — short for Wonderful Open-hearted Wagon. Last year, the company launched the Honda Dog Web site for the Japan market. It offers dog lovers information about pet-friendly hotels and the dimensions of cargo space in vehicles to help with dog cages and other paraphernalia.

Other auto companies have ventured into the dog-

lover demographic with limited success. They include Saab, which at one time offered dog leashes and collars, but has since discontinued them.— *Anita Lienert, Correspondent*

