



RMKC Newsletter

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February = Westminster Time

In the dog show world, February means time for Westminster. In conjunction with our club meeting, will once again gather to watch the first group competitions of the Westminster Kennel Club show on Monday, February 9th. We will conduct a short business meeting, then watch the competition.



RMKC member Carole Sorenson will again be opening up her home and letting us gather around their big screen TV. Each member should bring their own beverage, along with an hors d'oeuvres or snack to share.

We will get started at 6:00 pm with the meeting & food so that we can be ready for the 7:00 show time.

Sorenson's address is: 2515 50th Ave SE

Directions: *from the north* - take Hwy 52 S to the Marion Rd exit - turn left - turn right onto Cty 11 (50th Ave), which then curves to the left - continue up the hill (approx. 1.3 miles) - Sorenson's is the first place on the left after Countrywood Dr - they have a long driveway with brick columns at the entrance; if you are coming *from the south*, you would take Hwy 52 N to the Marion Rd exit & turn right - then follow directions as above.



Those coming *from the east* (Eyota, St. Charles, etc) can take Hwy 14 W - turn left at the stoplight at 50th Ave (Cty 11) - go to the top of the hill (approx 1.6 miles) - Sorenson's will be on your right just after the white horse fence - again, they have a long driveway beginning with brick columns.

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).

2009 All-Breed Show

Planning for the 2009 show is progressing, including final details of contracts & judging assignments. All committee head positions have been filled, but committee chairs are always happy to "share the fun" & there are plenty of jobs when putting on an event of this size, so if anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Diana (mann.diana@yahoo.com).

Committee chairs for 2009 are:

Chief Ring Steward - Julie Prentice

Hospitality - Amy Lawson

PR/Publicity - Beth Haas

Outdoor Grounds/Camping - Sandy Woodruff & Linda Cornick

Obedience/Rally - Paul Howe/Caroline Baihly

Trophies - Caroline Baihly & Renee McGovern

Vendors - Mackenzie Mann

Indoor Grounds - Kris Henning

January Program Sheds Insight Into the World of Canine Nutrition

It seems that during this winter the 2nd Monday of the month not only means the RMKC meeting date, but also snow, as once again there was a healthy dose of it just in time for our January meeting & special program. Even so, there was a group of RMKC members gathered at the Holiday Inn South in Rochester to attend a seminar on Canine Nutrition presented by Joe Grissom of Royal Canin.

Joe gave some in-depth information on the ingredients that go into dog foods, including the differences in the qualities of various ingredients, the uses & benefits of each category of ingredients, & how to read all of that information we see on dog food labels. He also touched on how to feed for performance, whether agility or conformation, & reproduction. Throughout the presentation, many good questions were asked by those attending, & hopefully everyone went away with some new insight into the world of dog foods.

Thank you to Beth Haas for coordinating this program for the members.



Three Breeds Added Brings List to 161

The American Kennel Club® is pleased to welcome the Irish Red and White Setter, the Pyrenean Shepherd and the Norwegian Buhund as the 159th, 160th, and the 161st AKC® registered breeds. The Irish Red and White Setter will join the Sporting Group while both the Pyrenean Shepherd and the Norwegian Buhund will join the Herding Group. They will be eligible for full AKC registration and competition in their respective groups at conformation shows held on and after January 1, 2009.



Pyrenean Shepherd



Norwegian Buhund



Irish Red & White Setter

AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 2009

The AKC has announced its judging panel for the ninth annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship to be held in Long Beach, CA on Dec. 12 & 13, 2009. In recognition of the AKC's 125th anniversary, the 2009 show will waive the invitational format, with classes offered at the breed level & championship points being awarded.

The event will again have the popular Best Bred-by-Exhibitor competition, Meet the Breeds, & the third Eukanuba World Challenge. The AKC National Obedience Invitational & AKC Agility Invitational will be held in conjunction with the 2009 event.

Go to the following link to see the complete story & list of 2009 judges:

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/national_championship/2009/judging_panel.pdf

