



# RMKC Newsletter

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## Let's Watch Westminster

The RMKC's February meeting has historically revolved around the first day of the Westminster dog show. This year, due to the way the calendar plays out, most dog shows are a week later than they typically have been - Westminster is no exception. Not to worry - we Minnesotans know how to adapt.

The annual Westminster party will still take place, on February 15th, which is the first day of showing. Monday night's telecast will include judging of the Hound, Toy, Non-sporting, & Herding Groups.

Carole Sorenson has once again agreed to let us invade her home & gather around her big-screen TV. Members are asked to bring a snack/appetizer to pass - they should also bring their own beverages. We will once again have prizes based on members ability to pick the group placers. Come & join us for the fun!

Start time: The show starts at 7 pm sharp, so we should start gathering at 6:30 in order to allow time to get food organized, etc. There will not be a business meeting on the 15th (see meeting info below).

### 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.

The **RMKC Board** will hold a meeting on **Monday, February 8th at 6:30 pm** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. This is the usual date for our general meeting, but because of the Westminster schedule change, that event has been moved. However, the Board will still meet on the 8th, with the main topic of discussion being the AKC's new Canine Partners (mixed breed) program. The Board hopes that any & all members, especially those who have thoughts &/or opinions on this new program & how it affects the RMKC & our events, will attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, but would still like to voice your thoughts, please feel free to send an email to Diana at mann.diana@yahoo.com.

### 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).*

### Show Committee Meeting:

When - Friday, February 12th at 6:30 pm

Where - Perkins South (on S Broadway)

Who - Sub-committee chairs & anyone interested in helping with our 2010 All-Breed show.

#### 2010 RMKC Show Committee members:

Show Chair - Julie Prentice

Asst Show Chair - Diana Mann

Obedience Chair - Paul Howe

Rally Chair - Caroline Baihly

Hospitality - Katie Bruesewitz

Trophies - Caroline Baihly

Vendors - Mackenzie Mann

Outdoor Grounds - Sandy Woodruff & Linda  
Cornick

We still need an Indoor Grounds person & a Chief Ring Steward. If you are interested, contact Julie or Diana.

The RMKC Public Education committee is hoping to do some presentations on basic dog care for pet owners throughout the year. Amy Lawson has set up the first of these sessions - information is below. If anyone can help out on that day, please contact Amy at aranzemberger@hotmail.com.

### **Nail Trimming, Ear Cleaning & Tooth Brushing**

Bring your dog!

A brief overview of the importance & proper procedure for each topic will be covered followed by a demonstration & assistance performing procedures on your own dog.

Join us on  
Saturday, February 27  
Rochester Feed & Pet  
11:00 - 1:00

## Member Brags

- **O-Na-Pei When Pigs Fly at Xingfu "Meishan"** (Chinese Shar Pei) - Barb Hartman - Land O Lakes KC, St Paul, MN - WB/BOW/BOB on Saturday & Sunday
- **CH Cardridge Cassanova "Handsome"** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Mackenzie & Diana Mann - North Star Herding Group Club Specialty on Friday, Jan 8, St Paul, MN - Group 3 in the Veteran Exhibition competition
- **Mackenzie Mann & CH Fernbriar Be There Or Be Square "Boogie"** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Diana & Mackenzie Mann - North Star Herding Group Club Specialty on Friday, Jan 8, St Paul, MN - Best Junior Handler - Land O Lakes KC, St Paul, MN - Sunday - Best Junior Handler



Yes, members, it is a shameless example of a mom using her "power" as newsletter editor to include a brag photo of her daughter's big win :) However, it can also serve as a reminder that if any of you that have a big brag also have a picture from that event, you are always welcome to email the picture to me & I can include it in a newsletter.

## RMKC General Membership Meeting - Monday January 11, 2010

Called to order: 7:02

Members present: Diana Mann, Pat Campbell, Lori Hutchinson, Rick Miller, Katie Bruesewitz, Carole Sorenson, Barb Hartman, Vivki O'Neill, Linda Cornick, Renee McGovern, Ron Elshaug, Sandy Woodruff, Amy Lawson

Guests present: Don and Stephanie Vaughan, Julie Hauman, Dallas NeVille, Larry Oliver, Jesica Foster, Angela Hanson, Susan Powers

Introductions were given of members and guests due to large number of guests.

No minutes from December due to Christmas party.

### ***Committee reports:***

2010 All-Breed Show: A walk-through at the college is pending to determine set-up and preparation.

Public Education: Volunteers needed for upcoming Mixed Breed Seminars. Future topics will be Therapy Dogs and Disaster Response Team.

Membership: Updated list requested.

### ***Unfinished Business:***

Carnival: The contracts will be signed Tuesday, January 11, requiring deposit. The Carnival will be held Saturday, June 19.

### ***New business:***

February's meeting will include watching Westminster at Carole Sorenson's house. Please bring a snack to pass. Carole's address & directions to her house will appear in the newsletter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Renee. Seconded by Pat. Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

The meeting was followed by a presentation by Marcia Fritzmeier about therapy dogs. Marcia enlightened us with her experiences both as a therapy dog team member and as the TDI evaluator. Insights into what to look for in a therapy dog, the testing required, and what to expect on a visit were shared along with demonstrations. A very special thank-you to Marcia for her time and knowledge.

Amy Lawson  
RMKC Secretary

