



RMKC Newsletter

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RMKC Meeting Hot Topics

Due to weather, the RMKC Board was not able to hold its meeting on Monday, February 8th. Therefore, no discussion took place on the AKC's new mixed-breed program & it was tabled until the March meeting.

The AKC Canine Partners program is slated to be one of the main topics of discussion at the meeting on March 8th. It is the hope of the RMKC Board that we can get enough opinions from the general membership to formulate a plan as to how much or how little we, as a club, will participate in this program, including whether or not to offer the mixed-breed classes at both our agility trial & the obedience/rally trial that is part of our all-breed show.

Originally the AKC Canine Partners program allowed the listing of spayed/neutered mixed-breed dogs with the AKC & their participation in stand-alone Agility, Obedience, & Rally events, only if mixed-breed classes were being offered by the host club, & in separate classes. Some of you may or may not know that on January 11, 2010, the AKC Board decided to "enhance" the program. In a letter to club officers, they state: "While each club's participation in the AKC Canine Partners program will remain voluntary, clubs may now choose to allow mixed breed participation at any AKC Agility, Obedience, or Rally event. Mixed breeds will compete in the same classes and earn the same titles as their purebred counterparts. This decision was made following a lengthy discussion and review of feedback from enrollees, delegates, clubs, show and trial chairpersons, current purebred exhibitors and potential mixed-breed exhibitors, prompting reevaluation of the current 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. If you would like to read more in depth about the AKC Canine Partners program, you can visit the AKC website page: www.akc.org/mixedbreeds/index.cfm. Diana will have information at the meeting, including registration forms, the new brochures, the original & current FAQ's, etc. as reference for those who wish to review them.

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).



On Saturday, January 30th, several RMKC members set up educational boards on agility, rally, & obedience, & were on hand with their various breeds of dogs to meet & greet the public & provide information on AKC events & programs.

Upcoming Education Events by the RMKC

There are 2 events scheduled in the next few months to provide information to the public.

On March 27th, Amy has organized a group of fellow therapy dogs & their owners to tell people about the work that therapy dogs do, and the training & testing that is involved in becoming a certified therapy team.

In May, as we lead into storm season, the Disaster Relief/ARF team will be available with disaster kits & information from all of their time & training on disaster preparedness for pet owners & the partnership between the RMKC & the Red Cross in the event of a disaster in the area.

Both events will be at Rochester Feed & Pet in Rochester. If anyone has any questions about the events, or would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Amy Lawson (aranzemberger@hotmail.com) or Diana (mann.diana@yahoo.com)

Sharp Seminar on Dog Genetics

The Upper Midwest Australian Shepherd Club Presents a Seminar on Canine Genetics by C.A. Sharp

Saturday, April 10, 2010

9 am to 5 pm

St. Louis Park Rec Center Banquet Room

3700 Monterey Drive

St Louis Park, MN 55416

Cost is FREE to current members of UMASC -

\$30 donation to ASHGI for non-members

The seminar will include the following:

Morning session

- * Origins of a Species- evolutionary genetics of the dog
- * Shapes, Sizes & Colors- why we have everything from Aussies to Affenpinschers
- * The Nitty Gritty- different aspects of genetic science
- * Q & A if time allows

Afternoon Session

- * Getting to Work- using genetics in the kennel
- * The Dark Side- roadblocks to breed health
- * The Light in the Tunnel- how breeders can improve health
- * Q & A

Questions? Call 952-920-4196 or jqubes@q.com

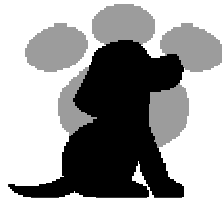
Rochester Minnesota Kennel Club is offering the AKC

Canine Good Citizen Test

Monday, April 5th, 2010

Leashes & Leads

6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.



Cost is \$10.00.

Bring proof of rabies vaccination!

Prong collars and flexi leashes are not allowed during the CGC test.

Also, SAME night, SAME location, SAME time:

Dr. Caroline Baihly

is also holding a

Microchip Clinic

Cost is \$40.00 per pet

(Includes registration)

Bring the following information:

Owner & pet information, emergency contact, name and address of your pet's regular veterinarian.