



RMKC Newsletter

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2010-2011 Officer & Board Member Nominations

The following is the slate of officers & board members was presented at the April General Membership meeting. No additional nominations from the floor were made; therefore, the slate will be voted on as a whole at the May meeting.

President: Julie Prentice
Vice President: Vicki O'Neill
Secretary: Pat Campbell
Treasurer: Caroline Baihly
Board Members: Linda Cornick (2 year term)
Rick Miller & Sandy Woodruff (still have 1 year left on their term)

Remember that in order to cast a vote, you must have paid your 2010-2011 dues to Membership Chair Renee McGovern.

Landscaping Product Highly Toxic

Cocoa mulch is a popular landscaping product sold by retailers like Target & Home Depot, as well as garden supply stores. Even though there are no warnings printed on the label, cocoa mulch contains a lethal ingredient called Theobromine, which is lethal to dogs & cats. Theobromine smells like chocolate, making it really attractive to dogs, who then ingest the mulch and die.



Cocoa mulch is manufactured by Hershey's, who claim that "It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat cocoa mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees. However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it."

Theobromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate, which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions & died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents & the ingested cacao bean shells revealed the presence of lethal amounts of theobromine.

There will not be a Board meeting in May.

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).

LABRADOODLE PIONEER REGRETS FASHIONING 'DESIGNER DOG'

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(NewsCore) - The man who bred the first labradoodle -- and in the process made the mutt a desirable accessory -- says it's the great regret of his life, The Australian reported Saturday. Wally Conran, 81, coined the term labradoodle in 1988, when he was the manager of the puppy program at the Royal Institute of the Blind in Melbourne. He received a letter from a woman in Hawaii who needed a seeing eye dog, but her husband had allergies. She wanted a dog that would not shed hair.

Conran crossed two popular pedigree dogs: a labrador from breeding stock at the institute and a poodle owned by his boss to create the labradoodle. The puppies were supposed to have the best traits of both dogs: the affable, controllable nature of the labrador, and the curly, non-shedding coat of the poodle. "But now when people ask me, 'Did you breed the first one', I have to say, 'Yes, I did, but it's not something I'm proud of,'" Conran said. "I wish I could turn the clock back."

The labradoodle is now recognized as the first of the so-called "designer dogs," selling for more than AU\$1000 (US\$927) a puppy. In essence, it is a mutt, or mongrel, yet it has raced ahead of pedigrees in terms of price and desirability. Some pet shops report mongrels outselling pure-breeds three to one, despite the high price of both. As a result, labradoodles and their cutely named cousins -- spoodles, schnoodles, cavoodles, moodles, goodles and roodles -- are being pumped out across the nation, to meet demand. "I'm not at all proud of my involvement in it," Conran said. "But the genie's out of the bottle, and you can't put it back."

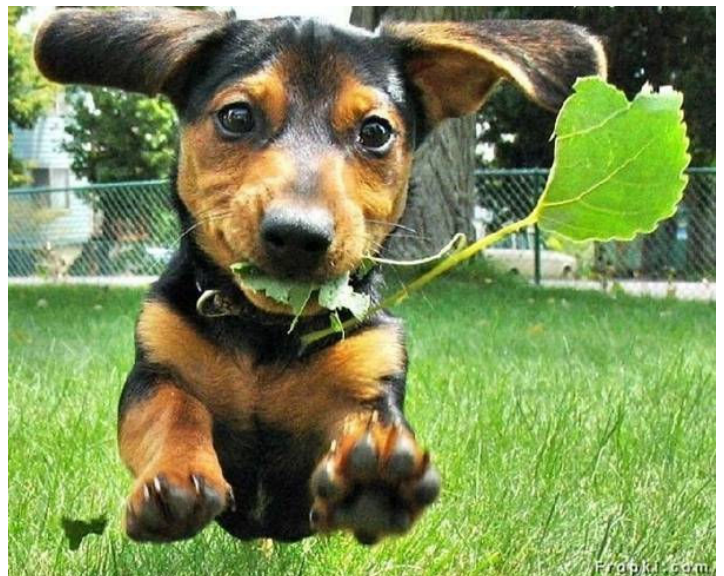
The rise in popularity of the mutts angers pedigree breeders, who complain that cross-breeders are exploiting the fad for money, and forcing pedigree bitches to give birth to dozens of cross-bred pups every year.

Member Brags

- **On-A-Pei When Pigs Fly at Xingfu "Meishan"** (Chinese Shar Pei) - Barb Hartman - Louisville, KC cluster - Reserve WB on Saturday
- **Webshire's Tri-Athlon UD MH RE NA OAJ CCA "Cricket"** (Golden Retriever) - Caroline & Art Baihly - Iowa City Dog Training Club - earned her 2nd UD leg
- RMKC member **Mackenzie Mann** (Fernbriar Cardigans), recently learned that she was the recipient of the 2010 CWCCA (Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America) Juniors Scholarship. The contest is open to all junior members of the CWCCA who are graduating seniors with plans to continue their education after high school. Applicants must be active in the sport of dogs & must submit their application along with an essay & letters of recommendation.

Thorns may hurt you, men desert you,
 sunlight turn to fog...but you're never
 friendless ever, if you have a dog.

-Douglas Mallock



RMKC General Meeting, April 12, 2010

Called to order: 7:03

Members present: Diana Mann, Linda Cornick, Vicki O'Neill, Marie Christianson, Carole Sorensen, Sandy Woodruff, Barb Hartman, Caroline Baihly, Renee McGovern, Rick Miller, Julie Prentice, Amy Lawson

President's Report was read.

Motion to approve minutes made by Marie Christianson, seconded by Caroline Baihly.

No Secretary's Report. Correspondence regarding AKC Legislative Liason.

Treasurers Report was read.

Committee Reports:

2010 All-breed show: Options for host hotel & block room prices were discussed. Premium has been reviewed & is ready to go in to Onofrio.

2010 Agility Trial: trial preparations are on track.

K9 Karnival:

Seminars: Agility - no new information at this time.

Membership: New members were voted in.

ARF: To present later in the meeting.

Public Education: Diana and Mackenzie Mann presented at 4-H Orientation Day educating many kids on how to get involved with both their purebred and mixed-breed dogs.

Nominating Committee: Slate of nominated officers read. No nominations from the floor.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Barb Hartman made a motion to adjourn. Caroline Baihly seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Following the meeting the RMKC Animal Disaster Response Team explained their responsibilities and the procedure for dealing with a large-scale emergency or natural disaster.

There are some upcoming agility events being held in the area - contact Natalie Faas Gerber at either Nadac@fkps.com or sales@fkps.com for more information.

NADAC

May. 29-30 2009

Zumbro Falls, MN

Club: FKPS K-9 Training

Judge(s): Ilize Rukis

Classes: Sat: CC, 2 Reg, J, TG, Wv

Sun: CC, 2 Reg, J, Tg, Tn

Ring Size: 120x120

Trial Secretary: Natalie Faas Gerber

TDAA

Jun 05-Jun 06, 2010 - Trial T10050

FKPS K9 Training - Best for Pets

Zumbro Falls, MN

Judge: Lindsay Decker

Outdoor on Grass in Fenced Area

CPE

July 24-25, 2010

FKPS K-9 Training

Zumbro Falls, MN

JUDGES: Lee Ann Zerbian

CLASSES: Saturday Sunday

Standard (2 rounds) Standard

Colors Wildcard

Wildcard Snooker

Jackpot FullHouse

Jumpers

ENTRY LIMITS: Limited to 375 Runs per Day - NO

Day of Show Entries

CLOSING DATE: July 14, 2010