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Meet the Breed: Tosa Inu



The program for the October meeting was given by RMKC members Don & Stephanie Vaughan & their girl Majo. Majo is a Tosa Inu, also know as a Tosa Ken, Japanese Mastiff, or Japanese Fighting Dog.

The Tosa Inu is a relatively new breed, developed by combining Japan's native Shikoku Inu with Saint Bernard, Old English Bulldog, English Mastiff, Great Dane & German

Pointer; there is also possibly Bloodhound & Bull Terrier in there. The name comes from the Japanese island on which it originated.

The impetus behind the creation of the Tosa Inu is Japan's long history of dog fighting, which dates back to the 14th century. A powerful breed known for its stamina & fighting instinct, the Tosa Inu is revered as the canine equivalent of a sumo wrestler, treated with great honor & ceremony.

The Tosa Inu is a larger, short-haired dog with a robust, powerful, & agile body. Its body is slightly longer than it is tall, & the head is large & broad with a boxy muzzle & pendulous flews, & medium-size drop ears. They may be solid colored, brindle, black w/ markings, or pied. Mature males are at least 23 1/2 inches tall - females are 21 3/4 inches; weight can range anywhere from 83 to 200 pounds.



Tosa's are typically a tranquil, quiet, obedient dog, with a calm but vigilant demeanor. Patience, composure, boldness, & courage are hallmarks of its temperament. They are quietly affectionate with their own family, but may be somewhat aloof with strangers. Overtly aggressive behavior toward humans is uncharacteristic of the breed & highly undesirable.

The Tosa Inu is a rare breed in the U.S.. It is recognized by the UKC & by the American Rare Breed Association.

Thank you to Don & Stephanie, & Majo, for teaching us about this interesting breed.

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 coner) - 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).

RMKC Board Meeting October 11, 2011

Members Attending: Caroline Baihly, Sandy Woodruff, Julie Prentice, Linda Cornick, and Pat Campbell.

Awards:

Discussion was brought forward whether to recognize the OTCH, MACH, High in Trial, Hunt Test titles, etc. All were in agreement that recognition of these titles can be given at our banquet. However, rules need to be set in place. Suggestions were made to start an awards program to recognize such members for their accomplishments starting the beginning of the year. A committee needed to compile the rules for such awards. Recognition can be given at the banquet, the newsletter and also an ad in our show catalog.

Had discussion on show superintendent. Board decided to stay with Onofrio as they met our needs for the 2010 All Breed show

Show site for the 2011 All Breed show was discussed. Committee is needed to look at possible show sites. La Crosse Kennel Club contacted RMKC in regards to combining shows with possibility of using the Minnesota Equestrian Center by Winona. Different sites such as the Event Center, St. Charles fairgrounds, Kasson fairgrounds, were talked about. Will check with the Rochester Park and Rec regarding the usage of Graham and East Graham as they were not used this past year for the Gold Rush event

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Campbell

Recording Secretary

Member Brags

- **Rone's Theodore Bjorn of Lenette "Teddy"** (Pomeranian) - Ron Elshaug -RMKC shows - Saturday WD/BOW/BOB (over a special) & a **Toy Group 4** - Sunday WD/BOW/BOS - Wright Co KC, Hutchinson, MN - Saturday WD/BOW/BOS - Sunday WD/BOW/BOS
- **Ravenswood's Two Minute Warning "Dallas"** - Caroline Baihly – Midwest Illinois Field Trial Club - earned 2 Junior Hunter legs & new JH title - Upper Midwest FCR WC/WCX test - earned WC
- **Webshire's Hoke Hey SH WCX "Charge"** - Art Baihly – Upper Midwest FCR WC/WCX test - earned WCX
- **CH Vijam Sharper Image NA OAJ NAP NJP "Bowtie"** (Beagle) - Linda Cornick - RMKC Rally Trial - earned his 3rd Rally Novice leg to finish his RN title at the young age of 12 1/2 yrs old
- **"Joey"** (Rough Collie) - Sandy Woodruff - passed his Therapy Dog test
- **Wynayrs Annie Oakley "Annie"** (Welsh Springer Spaniel) - Diane Whipple - RMKC - 2nd place both days in the BBE class - Sun also RWB; Mason City - 2nd in BBE class
- **CH Brylins Eye Luv Lucy CD RN "Lucy"** (Welsh Springer Spaniel - Diane Whipple - RMKC - BOS both days, earning 2 pts towards her GCH; Mason City - BOS both days for 4 pts towards her GCH
- **Fernbriar Monkey Be Monkey Do "Monkey"** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Diana & Mackenzie Mann - RMKC shows - handled in the Novice Jr class by new Jr Handler Madison Tuma - Saturday they placed 1st in their class; Sunday they were 2nd - this was Madison's very first time in the Jr's ring.
- **CH Fernbriar One More Time "Ditto"** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Diana & Mackenzie Mann - RMKC agility trials - earned his first agility leg on Saturday in Novice Preferred JWW

RMKC General Membership Meeting, Monday October 11, 2010

Members Present: Sandy Woodruff, Julie Prentice, Linda Cornick, Diana Mann, Amy Lawson, Renee McGovern, Marie Christianson, Don & Stephanie Vaughan, Ron Elshaug, and Pat Campbell.

Guest Present: Chuck Barclay

President Julie Prentice called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Treasurer's report was read by President Julie Prentice in the absence of treasurer. Detailed reports were given on agility trial and All-Breed show.

Secretary's minutes to be e-mailed from last month meeting to be approved by membership.

Committee Reports:

2010 All Breed Show. The show lost money as entries were down by about 100 entries and we had the increased expense of the show site. Gate numbers were also down. Conformation can consider hiring one less judge next year. Obedience and Rally could consider a third ring. Final report to be given when all bills are in.

Programs:

We request that RMKC members volunteer to give presentation on their breed, agility, obedience, rally, hunt test, etc. Calendar will be made out for the coming year. Suggestion was made to have presentation from the Program Coordinator of the Vet Tech program.

Seminars:

Any suggestions are appreciated for seminars in the future.

Old Business:

Christmas party. Suggestion to have a different location for the Christmas party was made. Sandy Woodruff and Diana Mann will check into meeting rooms at hotels, church, etc.

New Business:

2011 All Breed Show. RMKC will be looking into show sites for the 2011 show. Committee needed for follow up on new location of the 2011 show. Kasson fairgrounds, St. Charles fairgrounds, the Event Center, Mayo Civic-Taylor Arena, etc. to be exploited. La Crosse Kennel Club has asked about combining shows. Club and Board members to meet with them to discuss the possibility of a merger. Any volunteers please call Julie.

Awards:

Discussion on awards to acknowledge RMKC members for the titles received in all dog venues were had. Committee to set criteria and how to track these accomplishments is needed. Volunteers for this committee are Linda Cornick, Renee McGovern, Caroline Baihly.

RMKC members would like a program on the many titles out there that many club members do not know much about such as the hunt titles.

Motion was made by Renee McGovern to adjourn the meeting. Marie Christianson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The club enjoyed a presentation on the "Tosa Inu Breed".

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Campbell

Recording Secretary