



RMKC Newsletter

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Stewarding 101

Ring stewards play an important part in the success of a dog show. Anyone who's been in the show ring has seen the ring stewards in action, but they may not feel comfortable taking on the role themselves.

Well now some help is on it's way. The August meeting program will be a quick course on ring stewarding, presented by RMKC members Julie Prentice & Pat Campbell. They will cover everything you need to know about both inside & outside stewarding.

Good stewards are always in high demand. And remember that there's no easier way to get a free lunch at a dog show then by volunteering to serve as a steward :)

RMKC at the Fair

Huge Thank you's to all of the RMKC members who helped out with the RMKC event as part of Family Day at the Olmsted County Fair!! RMKC members provided a variety of breeds for people to meet, along with games for kids & information on dog safety & responsible dog ownership. The winner of the Guess How Many Treats in the Jar activity received a large bag of treats & a Free Family Admission pass to our shows in Sept. Each child who participated in the Treat Toss received a dog toy (Frisbee or tennis ball) - based on how many toys were distributed, we had at least 95 kids in attendance. People also enjoyed watching dogs do some agility, along with 4-Hers from Winona County demonstrating team & individual obedience skills.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make this a very successful event.

(Turn to page 4 to see some pictures from this event)

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).

Member Brags

- **OTCH MACH2 Drumlins Believe It Or Not “Ripley”** (Shetland Sheepdog) - Renee McGovern - BOTC Agility Trial - finished his MACH2 - way to go Ripley!!!! Congratulations Renee!!!
- **Webshire’s Politically Incorrect CD SH OA AXJ “Cree”** - Caroline Baihly - North Star Herding Group Club Agility Trial - July 3 - 2nd Exc Std leg
- **CH Fernbriar One More Time “Ditto”** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Diana & Mackenzie Mann - North Star Herding Group Club Agility Trial - July 3 - 2nd Nov P Std leg
- **All Trade Easy On The Eyes “Stella”** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Mackenzie & Diana Mann - Cambridge KC - Cambridge, MN - Sat WB/BOW; Sun WB
- **Mockingbird Cardiridge UCanDo Magic “Alli”** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Madison Tuma & Mackenzie Mann - Anoka KC - Cambridge, MN - Thur RWB, Best Puppy, & Puppy Group 2; Fri WB/BOW for 2 pts
- **Cardiridge Box O’ Lucky Charms “Charli”** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Mackenzie & Diana Mann - Anoka KC - Cambridge, MN - Thur WB/OS; Sat RWB, Best BBE, & a BBE Herding Group 1

Are Hypoallergenic Dogs Just a Myth?

Yahoo News/PRWeb - Detroit, MI - July 9, 2011

Contrary to popular belief, so-called hypoallergenic dogs do not have lower household allergen levels than other dogs.

That’s the conclusion of a study by Henry Ford Hospital researchers who sought to evaluate whether hypoallergenic dogs have a lower dog allergen in the home than other dogs. Hypoallergenic dogs are believed to produce less dander and saliva and shed less fur.

The findings are to be published online this month in the American Journal of Rhinology and Allergy. The study will be available at <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/ocean/ajra>

“We found no scientific basis to the claim hypoallergenic dogs have less allergen,” says Christine Cole Johnson, Ph.D., MPH, chair of Henry Ford’s Department of Public Health Sciences and senior author of the study.

“Based on previous allergy studies conducted here at Henry Ford, exposure to a dog early in life provides protection against dog allergy development. But the idea that you can buy a certain breed of dog and think it will cause less allergy problems for a person already dog-allergic is not borne out by our study.”

This is believed to be the first time researchers measured environmental allergen associated with hypoallergenic dogs. Previous studies analyzed hair samples from only a handful of dogs in a small number of breeds.

Henry Ford researchers analyzed dust samples collected from 173 homes one month after a newborn was brought home. The dust samples were collected from the carpet or floor in the baby’s bedroom and analyzed for the dog allergen Can f 1. Only homes with one dog were involved in the study. Sixty dog breeds were involved in the study, 11 of which are considered hypoallergenic dogs.

Based on public web site claims of hypoallergenic breeds, dogs were classified as hypoallergenic using one of four “schemes” based on their breed for comparing allergen levels. Scheme A compared purebred hypoallergenic dogs to purebred non-hypoallergenic dogs; Scheme B compared purebred and mixed breed dogs with at least one hypoallergenic parent to purebred non-hypoallergenic dogs; Scheme C compared purebred and mixed breed dogs with at least one hypoallergenic parent to purebred and mixed breed dogs with no known hypoallergenic component; Scheme D compared only purebred dogs identified as hypoallergenic by the American Kennel Club to all other dogs.

Researchers found that the four schemes yielded no significant differences in allergen levels between hypoallergenic dogs and non-hypoallergenic dogs. In homes where the dog was not allowed in the baby’s bedroom, the allergen level for hypoallergenic dogs was slightly higher compared to allergen levels of non-hypoallergenic dogs.

While researchers acknowledged limitations in their study – the amount of time the dog spent in the baby’s bedroom was not recorded and the size of its sample did not allow looking at specific breeds – they say parents should not rely on dog breeds classified as hypoallergenic.

The study was funded by National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Rochester MN Kennel Club – General Membership meeting – July 11, 2011

Members present: Vicki O'Neill, Diana Mann, Pat Campbell, Linda Cornick, Carole Sorensen, Sandy Woodruff, Barb Hartmann, Ron Elshaug, Renee McGovern, Caroline Baihly, Julie Prentice, Greg Goodnow

Guests present: Ron Campbell, Jim Woodruff, Deb Goodnow

Meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm by President Vicki O'Neill. The meeting agenda was presented for approval – motion to approve was made by Diana & seconded by Barb; motion carried. Minutes of the June meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Julie, seconded by Pat to approve the minutes; motion carried.

President's report: Vicki thanked everyone for their help with the K9 Karnival

Secretary's report: none

Treasurer's report: Caroline presented the treasurer's report; there were more expenses than income in June, mainly to the start of expenses connected with the upcoming agility trial & all-breed shows.

Committee reports:

Public Education: Diana provided more details on the upcoming event as part of the Olmsted County Fair. The club will provide Meet the Breeds & other educational opportunities for families on Saturday, July 30 as part of Family Day at the fair. It was decided to go with the timeframe of 12-4 pm.

Membership: Barb reported that we currently have 42 paid memberships.

ARF (Disaster): Barb Hartman will be the chairperson/contact person for the ARF group.

2011 Agility Trial: Caroline reported that the tent & sign is reserved for the agility trial.

2011 All-Breed Show: There was a show committee meeting where the premium list was reviewed.

Old Business:

K9 Karnival 2011: Carole reported. Setting specific times for the agility demonstrations worked well; next year we will possibly make some adjustments to the times, & will be able to have them submitted in time to get into the Rochesterfest information/advertising. The flyball group enjoyed participating & would like to come back next year.

Agility Trial 2011: Everything is under control.

All-Breed Show 2011: There will be a show committee meeting sometime in June to go over the premium list & discuss show details.

RMKC Books: Sandy Woodruff & Vicki O'Neill reviewed the RMKC books on June 27, 2011 & determined that everything was in order, & thanked Caroline for keeping such excellent records.

New Business:

Program for August: Volunteers to present a program in August were solicited. Diana said she & Mackenzie would present a program on Cardigans, but would prefer to do so in October. Julie suggested a seminar on stewarding at a dog show, in an effort to help those who haven't done it before feel more comfortable with it & more willing/able to volunteer for the Sept shows. Pat volunteered to help Julie with the program.

RMKC Christmas Party: The 2011 Christmas party will once again take place at the church. Diana volunteered to do the decorating again.

Treats for Meetings: Barb has volunteered to bring treats to the August meeting.

Westminster Watch 2012: Carole has hosted the Westminster party for the past several years, & has requested a "break". Barb Hartman volunteered to host the 2012 Westminster watch at her house.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Renee, & seconded by Julie; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Mann

Olmsted County Fair 2011 - Family Day (cont'd)

