



RMKC Newsletter

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February means Garden Time

The global universe is back in sync - this year the Westminster KC shows & the RMKC meeting are back together again.

And that means it's time for a Westminster party, which will still take place on February 14th, which is the first day of showing. Monday night's telecast will include judging of the Hound, Toy, Non-sporting, & Herding Groups.

Now yes, that is also Valentine's Day, but think about it - a night watching a great dog show & critiquing handler's skills & outfits while enjoying really great snacks or an overpriced dinner in a really crowded restaurant - it's a no brainer :)

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.

Start time: The show starts at 7 pm sharp, so we should start gathering at 6:00 in order to allow time to get food organized, etc. There will be a short business meeting before the broadcast starts.

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.

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).

Website Updates

The RMKC website includes a page of members who are willing to be contacts for people who are looking for information on dog breeds. Members who are listed should go to the website & make sure that their breeds & contact information are current & correct. Any changes should be sent to our webmaster, John Limpert, at standardschnauzer@hotmail.com. Also contact John if you wish to either be added to, or removed from, this list.

John also says he can always use new pictures to add to the website.

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Donation Suggestions

Historically the RMKC donates a portion of the profits from our all-breed show to a charity/group voted on by the general membership.

Even though our 2010 show did not make a profit, it was decided at the November meeting that we still make a donation.

We are looking for a local group or cause if possible. Suggestions should be brought to the March meeting, including information about the group/cause & how they might use the money. If you can't attend the March meeting, send your suggestion & information to President Julie Prentice (japren@aol.com).

Member Brags

- **CH Von Limpert Believe In Me CDX MX MXJ RA "Believe"** (Standard Schnauzer) - Linda & John Limpert – got her RA title
- **Rusalka Vintage True To His Word "Fletcher"** (Whippet) - Julie Prentice & Jennifer Beach-Budha – Land O' Lakes KC, St. Paul, MN - WD on Sunday for his 2nd major
- **Cardiridge Box O' Lucky Charms "Charli"** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Mackenzie Mann & Marla Gardner - North Star Herding Group Club Specialty - Friday, Jan 7 - Best in Sweeps (over a finished CH) & also WB for 1 pt from the 6-9 puppy class.
-Land O' Lakes KC - Sunday, Jan 9 - WB/BOW/BOS for another pt.
- **Mandylay's Mae West "Mae"** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Diana & Mackenzie Mann & Marla Gardner - Land O' Lakes KC - Saturday, Jan 8th - WB/BOW for a 3 pt major; Sunday - RWB
- **Rockabilly Rebel Rouser "Cochran"** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Mackenzie Mann & Patti Mortensen - Northstar Herding Group Club Specialty - Friday - RWD to the major; - Land O' Lakes KC - Saturday - WD for 3 pt major; Sunday - WD for 1 pt
- **GCH Cardiridge Regent Forget Me Not "Jenna"** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi), owned by D & M Mann & M Gardner & M Tuma, & **Jr Handler Madison Tuma** earned Madison's 3rd Novice win at the North Star Herding Group Club Specialty on Friday, Jan 7th - this means Madison has earned her way into the Open classes.
- "Angel" (Pomeranian) - Barcy Jones - got 2 legs towards her Novice JWW, & 2 First places, at her first trial ever in November.



RMKC Meeting January 10, 2011

The meeting commenced with a presentation and demonstration by Officers Wallace and Darren members of the Rochester Police K9 Unit. Information was shared on the initial acquisition, training, and certification of K9 Unit dogs. All the dogs selected for K9 Units have completed obedience training along with training in search. They are also trained in narcotic and /or explosive detection. After initial training, all dogs must pass certification requirements and must test yearly to maintain their certification to work with their human officer/handler. Members of the K9 Unit, both human and canines, train constantly to maintain their skills and keep a strong working bond and relationship. Officer Darren's dog, Rocket, gave us an opportunity to see one of these special dogs in action in a controlled environment. It was a privilege and pleasure to have Officers Wallace, Darren, and Rocket spend time with RMKC members and guests.

General Meeting called to order at 8:20 pm

Members present: Diana Mann, Carole Sorensen, John Limpert, Linda Limpert, Amy Lawson, Marie Christianson, Nancy Klenke, Chuck Kuhl, Stephanie Vaughn, Don Vaughn, Vicki O'Neill, Julie Prentice, Caroline Baihly

Guests present; Chris LaPlante, Greg Goodnow

Motion made and seconded to approve last months minutes

President's Report – none

Secretary's Report – none

Treasurer's Report – given by Caroline Baihly

Election of New Members-none

Committee Reports

- A. PR-Thanks to Carole Sorensen for contacting Community Calendar
- B. Programs- Amy Lawson stated that monthly program filled through June. No program scheduled for February as that will be the annual Westminster Gathering at Carole Sorensen's
- C. Agility Trial- everything on track for 9/3-9/5/11
- D. 2011 Show and Obedience Trial- Amy Gau has graciously agreed to be show chair for the All-Breed. Carolyn Baihly and Paul Howe will co-chair the Obedience Trial.

Old Business

Special Awards-tabled

Facebook-Amy-tabled until March

Membership Folders- tabled

Other Old Business-Carnival (Rochester Fest) Saturday, June 18, 2011

New Business

By-Laws- Review for update and/or amend new member requirements

Website-Breeds-review and update information

PR-Brochures- need to keep brochures in local veterinarian office

Other New Business-John Limpert requests pictures and ideas be sent for the website

Adjournment- 9:15 pm motion made and seconded

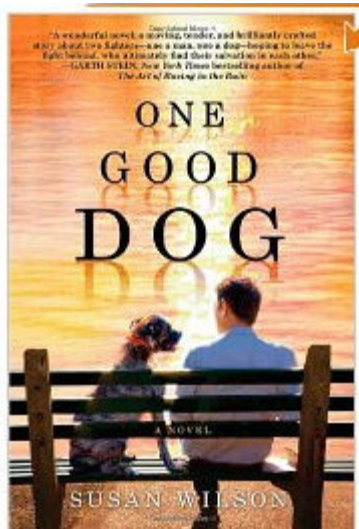
Respectfully Submitted: Vicki O'Neill

A Good Book & A Warm Puppy...what more could anyone want?

Some suggested reading from RMKC member Caroline Baihly. If anyone else would like to suggest/recommend a good book, please send the info to Diana (mann.diana@yahoo.com)

One Good Dog by Susan Wilson (published by St. Martin's Press - March 2010)

Adam March is a married father and successful businessman poised to become a CEO—that is, until the day his troubled past catches up with him. Soon Adam has lost his job, his family, and his house and is living in a lonely apartment working off his community-service sentence in a local men's shelter. Adam's story alternates with that of Chance, a former fighting pit bull who has escaped, lived on the streets, and is now back at the animal shelter. When circumstances require Adam to adopt and care for Chance, he comes to realize the joy and comfort of animal companionship. Adam's and Chance's tale is one of love, loyalty, and determination, as both fight to begin new lives and relationships. The novel is a good bet for readers of mainstream melodramatic fiction as well as fans of *Marley & Me* (2005) and other similar dog memoirs, but it will also interest those who enjoy the doggy point of view in Spencer Quinn's *Chet and Bernie* mysteries (*Thereby Hangs a Tail*, 2009). -- Jessica Moyer



A Dog's Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron (published by Forge Books - July 2010)

Like cats, dogs have multiple lives. At least, Bailey, the canine narrator of this first novel, has more than one. Bailey's first life is spent as a feral puppy who learns to trust humans after living with a loving but slightly dotty woman who owns too many dogs to suit the county. Bailey is removed by animal control, and his next life brings him to young Ethan, the human Bailey will love and search for through all his subsequent lives, first as part of K-9 Search and Rescue and then as a dumped and mistreated mutt. Through all these lives, Bailey contemplates his purpose in a voice full of curiosity and humor. He ruminates on the usefulness of cats ("none") and the strange natures of humans ("Am I a good dog or a bad dog? They can't decide"). This quickly paced, touching novel will charm all animal fans, especially those who loved Garth Stein's *The Art of Racing in the Rain* (2009) and Vicki Myron's *Dewey* (2008), the best-selling saga of a library cat. --Kaite Mediatore Stover

