



RMKC Newsletter

ROCHESTER MN KENNEL CLUB

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Patriot Assistance Dogs

<http://www.patriotassistedogs.org/>

At the January meeting, the club voted on an organization that would receive a donation from the profits of the Agility trial and all-breed show. There were three candidates and the choice this year is the Patriot Assistance Dogs. A short description from their website is included for more information.



**It costs about \$5,000
to raise, train and
place a Service Dog**

A Friend and Companion...

Patriot Assistance Dogs fill a specific demonstrated need created by the veteran's disabilities. The goal of Patriot Assistance Dogs is to place these much needed assets with the veteran and at no charge to the veteran. The dogs used in this program may be donated, rescued or bred for the program.

Each Patriot Assistance Dog will be trained to meet individual veteran's needs by:

- *Reminding veteran to take medication*
- *Interrupting harmful behavior*
- *Leading away from stressful situations*
- *Getting help when necessary*
- *Waking from night terrors*
- *Interrupting panic attacks*
- *"Clearing" a room or apartment*
- *Maintaining a veteran's personal space*

Next Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2011
Barbara Hartmann's home
5362 Logan St. SE
Rochester, MN 55904
(507) 281-2679 / (507) 269-9593

Membership Meeting 6p.m.

Directions: From Highway 14, head south on 50th Ave SE. Continue to Logan Street SE (second left) and turn left. 5362 Logan St. SE is on the right.

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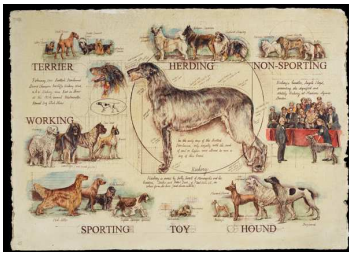
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*Deadline for Newsletter submission for
March is February 20, 2012!*

Westminster Kennel Club Viewing



2012 WKC Poster

Just a friendly reminder that the next RMKC meeting will begin at 6p.m. at Barb Hartmann's house. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. The viewing of the Hound, Toy, Non-sporting, and Herding groups will begin at 7p.m.! Oh, and Barb said to just **"Come on in!"** There's no need to ring the door bell.

Braggs and Wags

Rabbit Run McKenzie (Basset Hound)

McKenzie went BOS/WB for 2 points on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at the Land O' Lakes Kennel Club.

Owner: Nancy Klenke

Handler: Nancy Klenke

CH Jakra's Poised for Mischief RN (Vizsla)

Rowan went Select Dog for a 4 point major on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the Land O' Lakes Kennel Club.

Owner: Jesi Foster

Handler: Jesi Foster

Panacea's Essence of Mayhem (Vizsla)

Riot went RWD to the 4 point major on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the Land O' Lakes Kennel Club.

Owners: Jesi Foster and Melissa Lembke

Handler: Jesi Foster

Ladybug's Enchanted JD (Pomeranian)

Pip went RWD on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at the Land O' Lakes Kennel Club.

Owner: Ron Elshaug

Handler: Ron Elshaug

Amy Gau has been offered and accepted the honor of judging the Canadian Collie Club National Specialty in April!

Please email your accomplishments to the newsletter editor for publication!



DRAFT RMKC Board Meeting Minutes

RMKC Board Meeting January 9, 2011

Members Attending: Vicki O'Neill, Caroline Baihly, Diana Mann, Linda Cornick, Ron Elshaug, Barb Hartman, and Pat Campbell.

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by President Vicki O'Neill.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Caroline & seconded by Pat to approve the agenda; motion passed. One item was added to the agenda by Barb.

New Member Applications:

The application for Bonnie Hunt (formerly King) was read. Approval to present her application to the general membership for a vote.

2012 All-Breed Show Prep:

Discussion on the Onofrio issue & their response to the letter sent by Vicki voicing our concerns. As they seem to have satisfactorily addressed our concerns, & have assured us that they will strive to improve their "customer service", it was decided that we will go ahead & sign a contract with Onofrio to be the show superintendent for the 2012 shows. The show committee & Board will re-visit this topic after the 2012 shows, making a report back to Onofrio.

By-Laws Revisions:

Diana is going to try to get this finished up before the 2012 membership renewals go out.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Mann
Recording Secretary

DRAFT RMKC General Meeting Minutes

Rochester MN Kennel Club – General Membership meeting – January 9, 2012

Members present: Vicki O'Neill, Diana Mann, Mackenzie Mann, Pat Campbell, Linda Cornick, Carole Sorensen, Sandy Woodruff, Barb Hartmann, Ron Elshaug, Renee McGovern, Amy Gau, Mary Ferreter, Nancy Klenke, Jesica Foster, . Guests present: Shannon Wilson, Shaina Carney, Jesica Foster, Brenda Holmen, Fred Holmen.

Prior to the meeting, club members Amy Gau, Renee McGovern & Sandy Woodruff gave a presentation on the Collies & Shetland Sheepdogs, offering information on their structure & temperament, as well as ways in which the breeds are similar & different.

Meeting was called to order by President Vicki O'Neill at 8:05 pm. The meeting agenda was presented for approval – motion to approve was made by Diana & seconded by Pat; motion carried.

President's report: Vicki expressed thanks on behalf of the club to outgoing newsletter editor Diana Mann, & welcomed incoming editor Jesica Foster.

Secretary's report: none

Treasurer's report: given by Vicki on behalf of Caroline.

Committee reports:

Membership: Membership application for Bonnie Burt (formerly King) was read & approved.

Public Relations: Vicki read a note from Julie about distributing RMKC brochures.

Newsletter: Editor Jesi is looking forward to her new role in the club, & asks that members be patient as she learns all that the position entails.

DRAFT RMKC General Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

RMKC Annual Donation: The 2011 shows earned a profit of \$3542.62. Typically the club donates 10% of the show profit to a "dog" charity/organization – it was decided to "round up" the amount to an even \$400. Vicki received 3 nominations for this year's donation recipient: the Patriot Assistance Program (provides assistance dogs to U.S. soldiers returning from the war), the Sit-Stay-Read program at the Rochester Public Library, & the Hiawatha Homes Resident Therapy Dog. Members voted on secret ballot – the recipient of this year's donation will be the Patriot Assistance program.

New Business:

Treats: Thank you to Ron for providing treats for tonight's meeting. February is the Westminster party, so we won't need a treats volunteer until the March meeting.

Westminster Party/meeting: February meeting will be our Westminster gathering. Barb Hartman has offered to host this event. We will have a brief meeting, & then watch the first night of Westminster judging. Details & directions will be in the February newsletter.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Marie, & seconded by Mary; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Mann

Tug a What?

While the weather has been almost spring-like, winter is sure to make her presence known. If you are looking for a suggestion on a “puzzle” toy that is available for your dogs, I would recommend the Tug-A-Jug. When the weather prevents me from getting outside to exercise my dogs, I find mentally stimulating them with the right toys is just as exhausting.

The Tug-a-Jug by Busy Buddy provides a multi-sensory appeal to keep dogs engaged and motivated to play. The Tug-a-Jug can be used for dispensing treats, obedience training and feeding meals.

In our opinion, the Tug-a-Jug is one of the most difficult meal-time puzzle toys we offer. We suggest this toy only for dogs who are already skilled at using puzzle toys and need a bigger challenge.

Because this puzzle toy is so difficult, dogs often try to chew through the rope to make the puzzle easier (and they are correct - it then does become easier!), and some even will chew through the plastic bottle, so you won't want to turn your back for too long when starting out with this one.

If your dog gives up on this toy, we recommend removing the rope (or just letting him chew through it). Once your dog masters the Tug-a-Jug without the rope, you can add a new rope or you can put a tennis ball inside of the bottle with the kibble to make it more difficult.

Toy review by www.firecrackerdog.com

Once my dogs figured out the “trick” (each dog has a different method) they were enamored with the toy. If you do try this toy and you haven't had your dog on many puzzle toys, I would try the suggestion of using a ball inside the jug and removing the rope toy temporarily. Rowan did chew through the original tug in his zeal to get the kibble!



Calendar of Events

A seminar listing does NOT guarantee there are openings. Please contact the people listed in the description of the event.

When Pigs Fly! Training Success with Impossible Dogs

Speaker: Jane Killion

Date: February 18-19, 2012

Location: TCOTC

Description: Whether your dog is a tough-to-train breed, an "easy"-to-train breed with a specific issue, or just a great dog that you want to reach his full potential, get the skills and tools needed to succeed with your dog, in dog sports or the real world!

Free shaping can engage your dog like no other training method. Transform your dog from "couldn't care less" to a Team Player!

Something for everyone from beginning handlers to advanced, performance dogs or "just pets".

Special discounts for TCOTC members.

For more info, download the flyer & registration form, or call or email Julie Humiston at 612-827-4111- jehumiston@gmail.com



Clicker Gun Dogs with the UK's Helen Phillips

Speaker: Helen Phillips

Date: April 27th-29th, 2012

Location: Marine on St. Croix & Blaine, Minnesota

Description: Join Positive Gun Dogs of Minnesota in welcoming Helen Phillips for her first Positive Gun Dog Workshop in the United States. She will be giving two separate workshops based on your dog's breed or natural talents.

Workshop 1: Clicker Training Day for HPRs & Pointers (all levels):

This workshop will look at using the clicker effectively and efficiently in teaching the specific skills for HPR's & pointers in field work. The day will include a variety of exercises incorporating hunting, retrieving and self control. The focus will be on teaching the dogs through choices, good clicker timing, what to click for, how to recognize when the dog is in the right emotional state for working, managing arousal, and how to set up training for success. This workshop is located in an outdoor field setting so please prepare for the weather. Gunfire, game and water work may be used depending on your dogs ability More information on this will be provided to those who register. This workshop is geared for both beginners to advanced gun dogs.

Workshop 2: Clicker Training Two Day Workshop for All Levels & All Gundogs:

This two day workshop will focus on building the clicker into training with gundogs. How to use it effectively and efficiently and putting to rest some of the myths behind its use. What to click for and when to click, how to set up the training for success, using exercises to build skills and looking for choices, how to recognize when the dog is in the right emotional state for working, managing arousal, and building a solid relationship key to the working partnership.

The workshops will include a variety of exercises that will meet the specific needs of the handlers and dogs and will include hunting, retrieving and self control.

This two day workshop has both an indoor and outdoor location. Sunday will be outdoors in a real field setting so please prepare for the weather. Gunfire, game and water work may be used depending on your dogs ability.

More information on this will be provided to those who register. This workshop is geared for both beginners to advanced gun dogs. Please contact Ingra From at PositiveGunDogsMN@gmail.com or call 612-701-7217

Free Canine Body Language Seminar

Have you ever wondered what your dog is saying or why he does certain things? Now you can find out! This interesting interactive presentation will include lots of photo and video examples, and plenty of opportunities to practice the art of "reading" dogs. You will learn:

- Common stress signals that every dog uses.
- When is it play, and when is it something more serious?
- How to calm a nervous dog using his own language.
- Why not all wagging tails are friendly.
- When is growling a good thing?
- Why dogs jump up, bark, dig, and nip... and how to stop them from doing it!

Join us at Rochester Feed and Country Store on Saturday, February 25th from 10-11am. This event is free to attend. While this is a lecture intended just for people, quiet and well-behaved dogs are always welcome.



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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).

