



# RMKC Newsletter

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## Welcome Your New RMKC Newsletter Editor

Hello! My name is Jesica Foster, the newest editor for the RMKC Newsletter, but you can call me Jesi. I am pretty new to the kennel club and many of you may not know who I am. So I thought I would introduce myself.



I am originally from La Crosse, WI. Most of my family still resides in Wisconsin, but I am the black sheep who crossed the river into Purple People land. And yes, I am a Packer fan, in case you needed to know. I work at Mayo Clinic in one of the labs in the

blood bank. I am happy to answer questions about the work that I do. But be forewarned, I can get a bit carried away about the subject. It's just because I am passionate about the work I do.

I currently own two vizslas. I brought home Rowan (Ch. Jakra's Poised for Mischief RN) from Jakra Vizslas in March 2009. I had only wanted a pet, but I think my breeder saw "sucker" written all over my face. At that time, I didn't know it, but I left for home with the 2nd pick boy of the litter. Four months later Rowan was entered in his first show in La Crosse, WI and was awarded Best of Opposite Sex for his first two points! I didn't handle Rowan to his Championship title, but I took him to practice every week for about a year. Eventually I got the bug and now I am showing Rowan occasionally in the ring as a special. My focus now is to work on agility and hunt tests. I did handle Rowan to his Rally Novice title and maybe I'll make some time for rally and obedience in the future.

My newest addition is Riot (Panacea's Essence of Mayhem). He came from Panacea Vizslas this summer. I asked for a puppy who had confidence and a spunky personality. If you've met him, you know I got exactly what I asked for. He is quite the character, but I'm hoping to have fun handling him in the conformation ring.

I also have two cats at home, Baby (19 years old) and Squeak (16 years old) who are the queen bees. They simply allow the dogs and me to live there. I'm looking forward to contributing to the RMKC and getting to know you. I have a couple of ideas of what I'd like to add to the newsletter, but that will come in good time.

Please feel free to email me at [jesifoster@gmail.com](mailto:jesifoster@gmail.com) if there is anything you would like to see. Finally, I would like to thank Diana for taking the time to be my mentor and answer my future questions that I am sure to have. So, to end, I hope you have a Happy New Year and good luck to all of you in 2012 with all of your endeavors  
~Jesi

## There will be a Board meeting this month - 6 pm

### 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).*

## Farewell from your outgoing Newsletter Editor

After almost 7 yrs as newsletter editor, it is time for me to say “So Long...Farewell”. I want to thank all of you who have passed along articles & funnies to help me fill up spaces; I also want to say thanks to our webmaster John for getting each month’s newsletter up on the website in such a timely fashion, especially when I am getting it out at the last minute.

Since I don’t really want the job back, I have a few things I want everyone to remember/consider in order to make the job not such a job for Jesi:

- 1) As a brand new member, Jesi does not know everyone’s name yet, & she definitely doesn’t know all of your dogs by name & breed, so...please make sure that when you submit a brag, whether at the meeting or via email, that you give her all of the details she will need: dog’s registered name, including titles, call name, owner’s name(s), breed, show name & dates, & what your brag is.
- 2) Jesi is a brand new member (do you see a theme here :), so don’t assume that she will know right away when certain things should go in the newsletter or all of the details of such, like a call for event volunteers, or all of the “traditional” aspects of an event, like the Christmas party, etc. Also, while she is very bright & energetic, that doesn’t mean that she should have to create every item in/for the newsletter by herself - write an article, contribute, point out a link to a great story, or send her a funny picture/cartoon.

Thank you to everyone who has been supportive & encouraging during my years as editor; I would expect that everyone will do the same for Jesi. I look forward to seeing how she puts her own “stamp” on the newsletter; I have every confidence that it will be just great!

~ Diana

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## November’s Presentation - Whippets *written/contributed by Vicki O’Neill*

RMKC’s breed presentation in November was given by Julie Prentice on whippets. The history and breed standard using both PowerPoint and 3 of Julie’s dogs provided very nice visual examples. Whippets vary so widely in color that even AKC officially considers it “immaterial” when judging show dogs. That said, the placement of spots, patches, and blazes does impact the visual package to the point of enhancing or detracting from the appearance of the actual structure on some dogs. This fact is something a “show person” considers in choosing a pup.

The whippet is a medium sized sight hound epitomizing the balance of muscular power and strength combined with elegance and grace. This is an intelligent, quiet, loyal, and laid back breed. Adults are generally considered couch potatoes while whippet puppies are another story. Whippet puppies are full of energy, highly inquisitive, and mischievous – they will be going full throttle one minute or curled up asleep the next!

Whippets bond tightly to their person and suffer from a condition lovingly called “Excessive Greeting Disorder” which they will display to their owner after an absence of about 10 minutes. Whippets are house dogs. They do not tolerate cold temperatures due to their lack of body insulation and they also need soft cushy places to sleep or rest since they do not have much cushioning on their bodies. Given the whippet’s penchant to be with people, their owner’s bed is the ultimate place to sleep!

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## Member Brags

- **Avalor Zumbros Mr Incredible “Dash”** (Golden Retriever) - Kristi Judisch - St Cloud - Sunday - WD/BOW/BOB over specials on his 1st birthday
- **Ropaws Witzful Klassic Jyve “Jersey”** (Schipperke) - Pat Campbell - Minneapolis KC - Sunday - WB/BOB for a 3 pt major
- **Webshire’s Politically Incorrect CD SH AX AXJ** - Caroline & Art Baihly - Rottweiler Obed Trial - Dec 4 - earned 3rd leg to finish CDX
- **Malarky Flying Dutchmen’s Delight “Keegan”** (Beagle) - Julie Treutel - Minneapolis KC - BOB over a special
- **Tracersown Kiss of Malarky “Joy”** (Beagle) - Julie Treutel - Minneapolis KC - BOB
- **Ladybug’s Enchanted JD “Pip”** (Pomeranian) - Ron Elshaug - Minneapolis KC - Sunday - WD
- **Cardridge Box O’ Lucky Charms “Charli”** (Cardigan Welsh Corgi) - Diana & Mackenzie Mann - Minneapolis KC - Sunday - WB for a 3 pt major; Granite City KC (St. Cloud) - Saturday - WB for a 3 pt major to finish CH
- **Vintage N Fanfares Designated Driver “Tonic”** (Whippet) - Mackenzie Mann & Julie Prentice - Granite City KC (St. Cloud) - Saturday - WD/BOW for a 3 pt major; Sunday - WD/BOW for 2 pts - his first weekend out

## Upcoming Seminars:

Thanks to Carrie Jones for passing along the flyers on these upcoming seminars. If anyone would like "full-sized" flyers complete with the registration panel, just contact Diana & she can forward them.

**Dogue Spot**

**VACCINE INFORMATION SEMINAR**

**January 24**  
6:30 to 8:30

- Does my pet really need all those vaccines?
- Does he/she need them every year?
- Are they really safe and effective?
- What if my pet has had a vaccine reaction?
- What is a titer? What do the results mean?

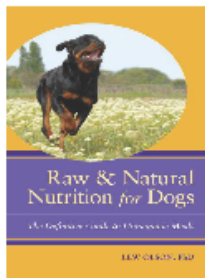
**Lyme    Bordetella    DHPP    Rabies**

When: January 24th  
Where: Dogue Spot, 5600 Queens Avenue NE, Otsego, MN 55330  
From: 6:30-8:30  
Cost: \$45

\*\*There are no refunds for this seminar. In case of cancellation due to weather, etc. there will

## You Feed Your Dog WHAT???

Ever think about what's "really" in your dog food?



*Enroll Today For the Lew Olson Seminar coming to Dogue Spot March 2012!*

Lew Olson is an AKC Judge who has shown and raised dogs for over thirty years. She has a PhD in Natural Nutrition, with a specialization in canine digestion. She has been feeding raw since 1992. Lew has designed several nutrition supplements for dog under the name of Barbe's Naturals. Lew has written articles for several canine publications including a monthly newsletter for B-Naturals.

Lew will be sharing her insight in to natural nutrition for dogs. She will discuss nutrition basics, feeding dogs the easy way, remedial diets including diets for dogs with joint problems, skin problems, dogs with cancer and many more interesting topics.

Here are just some of myths you'll learn about at the Lew Olson Seminar:

- I thought dogs aren't supposed to have people food.
- Bones are BAD for dogs. They can choke.
- My vet says raw diets are dangerous.
- I don't have time for that diet, and it's TOO expensive!

**The time is NOW to learn for yourself about dog nutrition. You won't be sorry!**

### RAW & NATURAL NUTRITION FOR DOGS: The Definitive Guide to Homemade Meals

When: March 3, 2012  
Where: Dogue Spot, 5600 Queens Avenue NE, Otsego, MN 55330  
From: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Cost: \$79.00 (includes beverages & snacks with a light lunch)

*Lew will have a book signing during lunch.*

\*\*There are no refunds for this seminar. In case of cancellation due to weather, etc. there will be a new date for the seminar scheduled.

**Reservations due by: February 15th, 2012**  
(This seminar is limited to 125 people)



## RMKC Christmas Party 2011

Cheers to everyone who attended the RMKC Christmas party!! A great time was had by all, including great food & fun games. Thanks to RMKC member Greg Goodnow for donating "party favors" for everyone. Thanks also to Vicki O'Neill & Barb Hartman for helping with the decorating. Thank you to Sandy Woodruff for providing Christmas music & a game.



**John, what big ears you have....**

**All the better to hear you with....**



**Barcy Jones' Angel volunteered to be our chief gift evaluator**

**Everyone went home with some great dog gifts**

