

# KEY CITY KENNEL CLUB

## Puppy Puddles



Monthly Meeting

March 17, 2009

Benco Building Basement

**BOARD MEETING AT 6:00PM**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 6:30PM**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT 7:30PM**

Refreshments: Connie Timmerman and Linda Mellen



**MARCH 2009**

President: Jim Olson

Vice President: Pete Otterness

Secretary: Melissa Lembke

Treasurer: Lynn Davey



Thanks to Pete and Jenny Otterness and Bruce and Lynn Davey for providing refreshments at the February Meeting.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, March 15th—AKC Sanctioned B All Breed Obedience Only Match, C&E Dog Training Center, New Hope MN. 9:00AM to 2:00PM

March 17, 2009—KCKC Monthly Meeting - and Dog Food presentation by Bob Bomier

### MARCH MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE!

Have you ever wondered which foods were made in MN; what company really makes your dog's food; what should we pay attention to on the ingredient label of a dog food bag; how/why did the company change the formula of the food that you use? Plan on attending the March club meeting which will feature a program on "What's New With Dog Food" presented by Bob Bomier from Pet Expo. The board will meet early at 6 pm, club meeting at 6:30 pm and program at 7:30 pm.

### YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

There was a lively discussion at our Club's February meeting regarding the need for more volunteers to assist at our May show. A small, dedicated group has worked the show for many years. However, more volunteers would spread the work around and lighten the load for everyone. We especially need people for set up before and clean up after the event, for this a volunteer coordinator is needed. Please contact Jim now. It is not necessary to be a Club member to work at the show, so feel free to ask a friend to join you. The dedicated workers will be eager to assist you. Say YES to the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the success of this show! *(Thanks to Jim Olson for submitting this!)*

### SNACK VOLUNTEERS

March: Connie Timmerman and Linda Mellen

April: Kristin Kunath and Jean Epp

May: Andrea Bales and Roxie Eaton

June: Elaine Carstensen, Sue Erickson and Jan West

August: Joey Heilman and Patty Hooey

September: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

October: Kathy Nelson, Lisa Oslund and Pat Johnson

November: Beverly Cox

We still have one month open for those of you who didn't have a chance to sign up yet, please let me know by emailing me at [copperdogs@live.com](mailto:copperdogs@live.com), or calling at (507) 726-2342 if you would like to take September. We would like to have two volunteers for each meeting, and we generally bring a dessert or appetizer.

### KEY CITY KENNEL CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

Lori Espeland's application for membership was read for the first time at the February meeting. Lori has a rat terrier, and the second reading and vote on her application will be at the March meeting.

JoEllen Peters application for membership was read for the first time at the February meeting. JoEllen has a border collie and a black lab, the second reading and vote on her application will also be at the March meeting.

Amanda Johnson's application for junior membership was read for the first time at the February meeting. Amanda has a black lab, and the second reading and vote on her application will be at the March meeting.

## IN MEMORY OF MIKE RINGEISEN

*Thanks to Connie Timmerman for submitting this wonderful piece on Mike's life.*

Is it what a man does for a career? Is it where he lives? Is it the people he associates with? What truly makes a man a



man? There are many words we can use to describe one person, in this there would not be enough words nor room on this page. For Mike was, and continues to be, a man guided by spirit and action.

Devotion! To his wife his love and companion, family, friends, to his Welsh Springer Spaniels, church, community, local organization, to playing golf, to the hunt and to enjoying life.

We were all blessed by Mike's stewardship to the Welsh Springer Spaniel National club and Key

City Kennel Club. His sportsmanship was always sincere and his service to the clubs great.

Those who knew Mike intimately know he was a man of true service. To his country, he served in the armed services, giving of himself side by side with his other comrades. To friends, as much family as his very own, he served them with the same zest for life.

But his greatest service was that to his family. Amongst many trials and tribulations of health and welfare, Mike was there right beside them, unconditionally. The Ringeisen family has been truly blessed and, also, those of us friends that he considered a part of his extended family

In all the trauma Mike always saw HOPE. In all the heartache Mike saw LOVE. In all of the life challenges Mike saw a FUTURE. In changes Mike saw DREAMS. In the unexpected Mike saw ADVENTURE.

We honor this man of hopes, dreams, success, adventure and life filled with love. For it was his ability to set himself aside that always allowed for the care of someone else.. This great man truly lived his life for those he loved so that they could live.

In ending we begin...so as the breeze flows across your face and the wind whispers in your ears, feel Mike's spirit still here to hold, offer hope, dream and love. Although the body is broken and no longer strong, the spirit watches over. So close your eyes breathe deeply and feel the presence of Mike and all those who have passed to the other realm. Know that they are still with in and a part of this world and our lives.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE AKC

The American Kennel Club would like to correct some misinformation that is circulating within the fancy. We would appreciate your assistance in spreading the word about the facts on this issue.

The AKC is aware that NIGHTLINE, which airs on ABC, is pursuing a story on canine health, including breeding. The AKC welcomes all constructive dialogue about the sport and on ways to improve the health of dogs. However, all indications are that the story will not be a fair and balanced look at the issues. With the guidance of our advisors, the AKC declined to participate but instead provided NIGHTLINE with an official statement:

*"The American Kennel Club is the nation's leading not-for-profit organization devoted to canine health, breeding and responsible dog ownership. The AKC's breeding policies and high ethical standards have made us the most widely respected registry in the world. Each year, the AKC performs approximately 5,000 kennel and breeder inspections to ensure the proper care and conditions of dogs and has led the charge in regards to advancing canine health, including founding the AKC Canine Health Foundation in 1995. Since that time, \$22 million has been given to more than 500 research projects at 74 vet schools and research institutes worldwide to improve the health of all dogs."*

It has also come to our attention that some individual AKC constituents have been approached for interviews or may be approached at dog shows. In this event we recommend politely declining the interview and referring their requests to the AKC's Communications dept at [communications@akc.org](mailto:communications@akc.org) or 212-696-8343.

You may also direct those interested in this topic to [www.akcdoghealth.com](http://www.akcdoghealth.com) for pertinent information.

American Kennel Club Communications  
[communications@akc.org](mailto:communications@akc.org)

### NOTEABLE WEBSITE

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/>

"Do you have questions about animal health, medications, therapies, surgery, behavior, or safety? Did your veterinarian suggest you visit this site to learn more about a health issue concerning your pet?

"VeterinaryPartner.com is here to support your veterinarian and you in the care of your companion animals by providing reliable, up-to-date animal health information from the veterinarians and experts of the Veterinary Information Network (VIN), the world's first and largest online veterinary database and community."

There are two terrific collections by Kathy Diamond Davis, the Canine Behavior Series and Canine Behavior Questions and Answers.

Since most of us dog lovers also have other species, you'll find sections for cats, reptiles, small mammals, and large animals. (Texas Vet News).



## **AGENDA: BOARD MEETING, MARCH 2009**

- I. Approve minutes of February meeting
- II. Report of Secretary
  - A. Correspondence
  - B. Applications for membership
- III. Reports of Committees
  - A. Treasurer
  - B. Training
  - C. Building Committee
- IV. Unfinished Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Recess meeting
- VII. Adjourn meeting

## **AGENDA: GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 2009**

- I. Introduce Guests
- II. Approve minutes of February Meeting
- III. Report of the President
  - A. Board discussion and action
- IV. Report of the Secretary
  - A. Correspondence
  - B. Applications for membership
- V. Good Cheer Fund
- VI. Report of the Treasurer
- VII. Reports of Committees
  - A. AKC Delegate
  - B. Training
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjourn Meeting

BRAG BOX

DESSERT

## **AKC LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT NOMINATIONS**

We will be voting on AKC Lifetime Achievement award recipients at the March meeting. If you have any nominations for the categories of Confirmation, Performance, or Companion Events please bring them to the meeting.

## **GOOD CHEER CORNER**

*Submitted by Elaine Carstensen, thanks Elaine!*

I am sorry to have to inform the Club that we have lost another member. Mike Ringeisen passed away on February 13. A sympathy card was sent and a \$100 donation in Mike's name to the American Heart Association was decided upon at the Club meeting on February 17. The donation was made in accordance with the families wishes for remembrances. Mike was another wonderful Club member and will be missed.

If any club member knows of anyone needing Good Cheer please contact Elaine at any of the following:

Email: flapjack@hickorytech.net

Cell phone: 507-327-5616 or Home phone: 507-546-3629

Address: Elaine M. Carstenson

53001 174 Lane

Garden City, MN 56034

## **DEAR FRIENDS**

We, as members of the KCKC have a lot to be proud of in our recent "Month at the Library". Many people have told me how much they enjoyed our visit, displays, and reading hours. I now realize I had nothing to worry about as I took the job to coordinate the month. You all stepped up to make it a success!

I would like to say a special THANK YOU to Jeanne Epp, Ron and Lee Schulz, Jan West, Sue Erickson, and Jan Richards for their interesting display boxes. THANK YOU also to Jeanne Epp, Patty Hooey, Dr. Seth Nelson, and Sally Burdick for taking time to read to the children for story time. Of course, another big THANK YOU to all of you who took time on a beautiful Saturday to bring your dogs to the library to meet the public.

At the risk of missing someone who was there, I will thank those people and their dogs who I do remember. They are: Golden Retriever- Bobbie Nuytten, Briard- Sue Erickson and Jan West, Vizsla-Pete and Jenny Otterness, Newfoundland-Karin Bock, Chesapeake-Brian and Elaine Carstensen, Shetland Sheepdog- Lynn Davey, English Springer Spaniel- Roxie Eaton, Vizsla-Jeff and Melissa Lembke, Boxer- Rick Miller, Giant Schnauzer-Jim Olson, Labrador Retriever-Joey Heilman, Welsh Terrier -Pat Hooey, Chinese Crested- Kristin Kunath, French Bulldog- Ron and Lee Schulz, Corgi-Elaine Ballman, Vizsla-Lois Almendinger, Golden Retriever- Gladys Berlin, Afghan Hounds- Brad and Kathy Nelson.

As special feature of the day, I would like to thank Brian and Elaine Carstensen for bringing all the equipment for the Obedience/Agility shows. Since I have no experience in this department, I really was relieved to have everyone come to the auditorium, introduce their breeds, and show our guests how it all works -Kathy Nelson