

KEY CITY KENNEL CLUB

Puppy Puddles



Monthly Meeting

August 19, 2008

KCKC Training Center

Board Meeting at 6:30pm

Membership Meeting at 7:30pm

Refreshments: Joey Heilman

Thanks to Carstensen's and Bobbie Nuytten for providing refreshments at the June Meeting.

HOT, HOT, HOT!



AUGUST 2008

President: Sue Erickson

Vice President: Ron Schulz

Secretary: Melissa Lembke

Treasurer: Lynn Davey



UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 19, 2007—KCKC Monthly Meeting, KCKC Training Center, Mankato, MN

August 22, 23, 24 2008—St Croix Valley Kennel Club Combined Specialties, All-Breed Show, Obedience, Rally and Agility Trials, Lake Elmo, MN

August 29, 30, September 1, 2008—Rochester Minnesota Kennel Club Agility Trial, Rochester, MN

September 5, 6, 7, 2008—Des Moines Obedience Training Club Obedience and Rally Trial, Cyclone Country Kennel Club of Ames All Breed Show and Des Moines Kennel Club All-Breed Show, Obedience and Rally Trials, Des Moines, IA

September 6, 2008—PAW Grand Opening, "Meet the Breeds" and weight pull event

September 7, 2008—Annual Weight Pull Event at Gage and Gage, Inc., Shakopee, MN

September 13, 14, 2008—Rochester Minnesota Kennel Club All-Breed Show and Obedience Trial, Rochester, MN

September 13, 14, 2008—Bloomington Obedience Training Club Agility Trial, Bloomington, MN

2008 ANNUAL KCKC PICNIC

The Key City Kennel Club held their annual picnic at the home of Bruce & Lynn Davey on July 15. It was hot and humid outside again this year, and boy were we all glad for Bruce and Lynn's "old shed out back" as Bruce calls it. We had the luxury of being inside their spacious and air-conditioned shop. Thanks Lynn and Bruce! We had so much great food that Kristin Kunath and Patty Hooey had a great idea to share some of the club member's favorite recipes in the newsletter. You can find them on page 5 of this month's Puppy Puddles.

SNACK VOLUNTEERS

August: Joey Heilman

September: Red Dog People (Melissa, Lois, LaDonna)

October: Donnamarie Temple-Burgess and Bev Cox

November: Fred and Karin Bock

December: no meeting

AUGUST MEETING IN THE TRAINING CENTER

This month's meeting will be taking place in the KCKC Training Center. The meeting will be the same time as usual. Please bring your own chairs.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Board met briefly at the summer picnic to discuss the appointment of the nominating committee. The following members have been appointed by the board to choose the slate of nominees for the 2009 election of officers: Connie Timmerman, Joey Heilman Lois Almendinger, alternate Karin Bock and Sandie Schuette.

FALL SCHEDULE FOR CLASSES

The fall schedule for classes at the training center is up on the website. If you are interested in taking a class, please let Lynn know as soon as possible, as the fall schedule tends to fill up quickly!

THE PAW GRAND OPENING AND "MEET THE BREEDS"

KCKC will be participating with "meet the breeds" at the PAW Grand Opening on Sept. 6th. Exact times and details are still to be determined. If you have any questions please contact Elaine Carstensen.

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KCKC ANNUAL AGILITY TRIAL

Our 2008 KCKC AKC All Breed Agility Trial will be held Friday, October 3rd through Sunday, October 5th at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds in St. Peter. We will begin preparing the fairgrounds on Thursday, October 2nd. Just like our May show, we will need plenty of volunteers:

Please RSVP by SEPTEMBER 27TH.

1. In the next column there is a list of the job descriptions that need to be filled. There is also a volunteer worker sign-up form on the back page.

Please return the volunteer sign-up form by September 27th to:

Elaine Carstensen	or	Connie Timmerman
53001 174 Lane		40392 State Hwy 22
Garden City, MN 56034		St. Peter, MN 56082
(507) 546-3629		(507) 931-1520
flapjack@hickorytech.net		timline@iglide.net

2. We will also need your favorite potluck items to add to the meal for all of our hard working volunteers and judges. The club will be providing the main course, but salads, fruits, vegetables, and desserts are needed. Please bring them to the fairgrounds before 10 am on Saturday, October 4th. Please contact Pat Hooey (507-386-7488) or Joey Heilman (507-345-5745) if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer anything additional for hospitality.

3. Last but not least, donations are needed for the worker raffle. This is a dog and non-dog prize table for all workers. The more you work, the more tickets and chances you get. Please bring worker raffle items on any of the show days. The drawing will be on Sunday at the end of the Trial.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!!!
THANK YOU!!!!

We really appreciate the club support and could not do it without your help!

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! CALLING ALL CLUB MEMBERS!!!

We are in the process of recruiting volunteers for the KCKC October 3-5, 2005 Agility Trial. To continue our agility success, we will once again need solid club support. Please check your calendars and "pen" the date in and help out however you can. The following are short descriptions of just a few of the positions that we need to fill. If you are willing to Volunteer to help out in any way please contact Elaine Carstensen or Connie Timmerman by September 27th. They will be taking care of the Volunteer Schedule and any questions you may have about what you will be doing.

Scribe – Responsible for watching the judge for the simple hand signals used to represent course faults. Needs to tally these signs on a scribe sheet.

Assistant Scribe – Responsible for recording the run time from the timer and keeping the scribes sheets in order for the scribe.

Timer – Responsible for starting the dogs when the judge is ready. Uses the electronic timers (stopwatch if they fail) to time the run and quickly gives the run time to the assistant scribe.

Gate Steward – Responsible for making sure that the exhibitors & their dogs are ready at the starting line. Usually tries to keep 3 dogs ahead to move the trial along quickly. Informs the ring stewards when it is time to change the jump height (usually consists of yelling "last dog this height!!") Keeps the dogs in catalog order or notifies the assistant scribe of any change in order.

Course Builder – Responsible for moving equipment into & around the ring according to the judge's course plan. The courses change from Novice to Open to Excellent so equipment will need to be added and/or removed. After a course is set, the builders won't be needed until a new course change, so these people would be excellent as equipment setters also!!

Equipment Setter/Ring Steward – Responsible for adjusting the equipment during the runs. These people will need to bring chairs to sit on the edge of the ring and are just expected to be ready to adjust anything that needs adjusting! Bar heights will change according to dog's jump height. Chutes might need to be straightened after runs and sometimes bars need to be reset also!

Runner – There are 2 different runners needed: leash runners & scorecard runners. The leash runner brings the dog's leash from the starting gate to the finish gate so it is ready for the exhibitor. The scorecard runner takes the finished scorecards from the assistant scribe and brings them to the secretary.

REMEMBER: Our trial is held the first week of October. This means it could rain or snow or be sunny and beautiful!! The trial will be held at the fairgrounds in St. Peter and we will be at the mercy of the weather. We all know that considering our May show! Be prepared with rain gear, gloves, boots, etc. The trial will be held, rain, snow, or shine!!

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WORDS FROM A SPECIAL CLUB MEMBER

In honor of our recently graduated member, Lindsey Beckendorf, making her way into the big wide world, here is the speech that she gave at her high school graduation. I think we can all learn a lot from such an avid dog enthusiast and wonderful kennel club member. Good luck Lindsey!

Welcome school board members, Superintendent Meyer, faculty, families, classmates and honored guests.

My classmates and I have made many fond memories within these walls of Nicollet High School which I'm sure we'll never forget. Tonight it's time to leave those memories in the past and look towards our future. Here at Nicollet we've received the education to help us be successful as we leave the security of these walls and see what tomorrow will bring...

(yawn & stretch... crumple paper & throw paper over shoulder)

...that's what you might call a typical graduation speech! Do you know why commencement speeches were even invented? It's because of the belief that graduating seniors should never be released into the world without being properly sedated! Well, tonight I'm going to be barking up a different tree....

I'm going to share some of the most important lessons I've learned but not those I've learned here at NHS. Instead, Man's Best Friend will be teaching the life lessons tonight. Training and competing with my dogs has been a VERY big part of my life but NO, I won't be telling you how I've learned to eat homework or drink out of the toilet bowl! Instead, here is my list of the top ten things I've learned in life from my dogs.

#1 – Allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

Have you every paid attention to how easily dogs are pleased with a simple pat on the head or a good roll in a dead, stinky animal?

We humans, however, are often guilty of packing our days with so many things, that we forget to take time to stop and enjoy the simple things in life. So, "Carpe Diem!" Seize each day and live in every moment as if it were your last!

#2 - Don't accept your dog's admiration for you as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful!

Every morning I am awakened by slobbery kisses from my dog. I'd like to think he simply adores me, but really he probably just wants breakfast!

When someone gives you a pat on the back for a job well done, your confidence is bound to go up. This is okay, but

don't let your head get as big as a hot air balloon. Yes, we should relish our successes, but consider the reality that we will all stumble and fall on our face from time to time. Being humble will get you much farther than having a big head.

#3 - "Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail."

Free choice food and all the toys you can buy at Pet Expo won't necessarily give you a happy dog. The happiest dog is the one who has his owner's undivided attention!

Don't we all want to be "RICH?" A common assumption is that money can buy happiness. However, there are many necessities in life, such as family and friends, that will give you more pleasure. MONEY does not equal HAPPINESS! By the way, do you know why dogs have no money? No pockets!!!!

#4 - "A dog is the only thing on Earth that loves you more than he loves himself"

I spend many, many hours training my dogs. They could just lay down and quit, proclaiming they've had enough. But that never happens! They always work for me because their primary goal in life is to make me happy.

Putting other people before ourselves is not easy to do. Here's a little for you... I love Sweet Martha's Chocolate Chip cookies from the State Fair! One year I brought home a whole bucket of Sweet Martha's Cookies, but I was determined to save them all for myself, so I hid them under my bed. Several months later I found them...untouched, and hard as rocks! I sure learned a lesson about selfishness and only thinking of myself. When you put someone else's needs above your own, you will make yourself happier too!

#5 - "Some days you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant."

In dog terms, I think this one explains itself!

We all have really good days, but we also have really BAD days...days when your cell phone battery dies, you're late for the most important meeting of your life, or you step in dog "do-do" on your way to school! Well my advice is just learn to suck it up and accept that these days do happen!

#6 - When loved ones come home, always run to greet them. My favorite part of each day is the greeting I receive from my dogs when I get home from school. Their jumping and barking and slurping me all over always makes me feel happy.

We all need to be reminded of our supportive network of family and friends who've helped us become the people we are today. Don't take them for granted! Thank them today, and every chance you get in the future!

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#7 Be loyal.

Dogs are often called “Man’s Best Friend”. Why? Because dogs can always be counted on to be there for you whenever you need them! Whether I’m crabby, depressed, angry, or jubilant, my dogs still want to be with me!

Be there for your friends, just like you hope they will be there for you. Your loyalty will be rewarded when you need it the most.

#8 - Never pretend to be something you’re not.

Sometimes my dogs embarrass me. They may not listen to me in the show ring, or the worst, they might poop in the ring! But, do they care? Of course not! Dogs never worry about other people’s opinions! Have you ever met a dog who’s afraid to scratch in public or who is humiliated when he passes gas??

Many of us wear a “shell” around ourselves to impress other people. We act differently when certain people are around. We wear designer clothing. There’s a saying...”If you’re a dog and your owner wants you to wear a sweater, tell him to wear a tail!” If we pretend to be someone other than who we really are, how will people ever get to know us? It’s very difficult to ignore what others think, but be true to yourself and don’t change who you are.

#9 - If you want what lies buried, dig until you find it.

My dog, Surge, has a serious obsession. He views the kitchen garbage can as a fast food restaurant! Despite our determination, he continually devises new and creative ways to get into that garbage can. Surge is a perfect example of one who keeps trying and trying and trying until he attains his goal...which in his case might be an empty yogurt container, or a 3-week old dried up piece of pizza tossed from the refrigerator!

We all have big dreams! Don’t settle for something less because you don’t want to work for it. Go after what you want! Sure, there will be setbacks. When we put bricks in the bottom of our garbage, Surge just decided to “dine-in”. He jumped inside the garbage can and ate his snack right there. We try setting mousetraps in the can...he tips the can over, the traps are sprung, and he gets lunch! Hard work and persistence are investments that will take you far in life. Don’t risk living with regret because you didn’t chase your dream.

#10 - “He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.”

My dogs are my teammates, my best friends, my family. In fact, my sister doesn’t think I’ll ever get married, because no guy will have a chance against my dogs. They look to me for

sustenance, love, and protection. I don’t want to disappoint them anymore than I’d want to disappoint my human friends and family.

We all have family and friends here who have supported us because they love us and believe we have great potential to succeed. After tonight, it is our job to achieve our goals to the best of our abilities. Let’s be worthy of the trust and faith they’ve put in us by making smart life decisions.

While my Top Ten Life Lessons have been derived from my dogs, I hope you agree that we can all learn from their examples. Then again, maybe I haven’t learned as much as I should have from my dogs. Here I am, nervous and sweaty in this silly looking robe and hat, while my dogs are at home relaxing and probably sleeping. No, wait! As we speak I’d guess Surge is contemplating a new method to break into the garbage in search of his bedtime snack!

Thank you for coming and have a good night!

AKC CAR DONATIONS

Key City Kennel Club has donated \$500 to the AKC CAR fund (Canine Support and Relief Fund) for the IA flooding that happened this spring. Here is more information if you would like to send a personal donation:

AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund
American Kennel Club
260 Madison Avenue - 4th Floor
New York, NY 10016-2401

Or donate online at <http://www.akc.org/donations>.

The AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund is a permanent charitable fund which provides resources, support and other assistance to not-for-profit animal shelters and similar not-for-profit organizations providing care for domestic animals orphaned or displaced as a result of natural or civil disasters.

WEIGHT PULL EVENTS

There are two weight pull events taking place in September. The first is at the PAW grand opening on Saturday September 5th (1741 Premier Drive, Mankato). There is a 9a.m. registration and weigh in, and 10a.m. start.

The second event is on Sunday September 7th at Gage and Gage Inc. (4950 12th Ave. E) in Shakopee. There is also a 9a.m. registration and weigh in, and 10a.m. start. Both of these events are NADSR sanctioned. Please contact Linda Murray with any questions.

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KCKC 2008 PICNIC RECIPES

Thanks again for everyone who came to the picnic and all the great food that was shared! Here are some favorite recipes from club members.

PEANUT BUTTER CORN FLAKE BARS

- 1c. white sugar
- 1c. white corn syrup
- 1c. smooth peanut butter
- 8c. corn flakes cereal

Mix sugar and corn syrup in large kettle or saucepan and heat on low to med-low heat, stirring occasionally. When sugar mixture just starts to bubble add peanut butter and heat and stir over low heat until it is melted and mixed in. Fold cornflakes cereal into sugar and peanut butter mixture – spread and lightly press into a greased or non-stick tinfoil lined 9x13” pan with a greased spatula to prevent sticking.
Frosting: if desired, drizzle with ½ c. chocolate chips and ½ c. peanut butter mixed and melted together.

Bobbie Nuytten

THE MIGHTY CHEESE CAKE

This makes a huge New York style cheesecake which is to die for. Ask Merlin, Annette's BC who ate the pieces I sent down for her and Ken. But should only be attempted by those who are serious connoisseurs of Cheesecake.

Crust:

- 1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine (melted)

Filling:

- 3 packages cream cheese
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

Make Crust:

- Mix: crumbs, sugar, cinnamon, butter
- Press into pan- 9 inch spring formed bottom and sides

Make Filling:

- Soften cream cheese in a large mixing bowl.
- Gradually beat in sugar until fluffy.
- Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each.
- Beat in remaining ingredients. Pour into crust.
- Bake: 350 degrees for 1 hour.
- Turn heat off and leave cake in oven for 1 more hour with door closed.
- Remove from oven. Cool on wire rack. Cake will settle in center when cooling.

Judy Peterson

FANCY PICKLE APPETIZERS

1. Take large dill pickles out of the brine and wrap in paper towels to dry.
2. When pickles are dry, spread room temperature Philadelphia cream cheese about 1/4” thick around the pickle. Put a wooden skewer the long way through the pickle to handle easily.
3. Roll the Philadelphia cream cheese-wrapped-pickle in crushed nuts (pecans are great) or finely chopped chipped beef.
4. Chill.
5. Slice in 1/4” rounds and serve.

Vera Epp (Jeanne Epp)

CHERRIES IN A CLOUD

- 1 21 oz. can Cherry Pie filling
 - 1 8 oz. Cool Whip
 - 1 14 oz. can Sweetened Condensed Milk
 - 1 20 oz. can Crushed Pineapple (NOT drained)
 - 1 small pkg. Cherry Jello
 - 1 cup Chopped Walnuts
- Combine all ingredients, mix well and refrigerate overnight. Frozen is good too. Do not prepare jello, use powder form.

Elaine Carstensen

AGENDA: BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 2008

- I. Approve minutes of June 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, AUGUST 2008

- I. Introduce Guests
 - II. Approve minutes of June 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 DVD's

The Kennel Club received an informational DVD from the AKC this spring. It includes presentations from the 2007 Philadelphia Breeder's Symposium. Copies of this DVD are being made and will be available to borrow from the club's library of resources at the training center for anyone who is interested. Here are the topics included on the DVD:

1. Update on the American Kennel Club
2. Assisted reproduction: insight into current and future techniques for the next generation of puppies
3. Canine Health Information Center (CHIC)
4. Optimizing reproductive performance through nutrition and technology
5. DNA and the AKC
6. Welcome and update on the AKC Canine Health Foundation
7. Canine cardiac disease
8. Vaccinations: Less is More!

ENVIRONMENTAL PET WEBSITE

A great website that was sent to me by Patty Hooey has some interesting tips and information on how to keep your home more environmentally friendly for your pets. The website is: www.petsfortheenvironment.org. Here are some tips:

Eddie's healthy pet tips

Choose pet food without the chemical preservatives BHA, BHT and ethoxyquin, vary cats' diets to limit their exposure to mercury in seafood, and choose organic or free-range ingredients rather than "by-products."

Use a faucet-mounted or pitcher filter to fill your pet's water bowl.

Replace older foam pet bedding, and replace or re-upholster furniture with exposed or crumbling foam.

Vacuum often with a HEPA-filter vacuum, and take off your shoes at the door to minimize your pets' exposure to toxic chemicals in house dust.

If you suspect your deck was made with arsenic-treated wood, treat it with a sealant every six months and don't let pets play or sleep underneath it. Wash with mild soap and water, but never power wash!

Don't get optional stain-proof treatments on couches, carpets and car upholstery – they're loaded with toxic perfluorochemicals.

Care for your lawn without using insecticides, which may cause nervous system damage in pets that walk on the treated lawn, eat the grass, or breathe in the chemicals.

Get biodegradable, compostable doo-bags for when you go on walks with your pooch – or just reuse bags like plastic newspaper wrappers.

Not only are flea collars generally ineffective, they're also a source of constant toxic exposure for your pet and family. Instead, vacuum often and thoroughly, bathe your pet regularly, and ask your vet or local pet store about safer flea treatments and repellents.

Try a mild baby shampoo intended for human use instead of a pet product. Just like human products, pet grooming product manufacturers aren't required to test their grooming products for safety – but unlike human products, they're not even required to list ingredients on labels. Use EWG's Skin Deep at cosmeticsdatabase.com to find one that's right for your pet.