



TAILWAGGER TIMES NEWSLETTER

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MANITOWOC COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

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My first year as newsletter editor comes to a close. I wish to thank everyone for their input and assistance. May the New Year bring you all good health, success and good fortune in these troubled times. Remember love for family, friends and our loyal four legged creatures is so very important and can help us get thru most everything.

May all your ribbons be blue!

Laurie

Wednesday, December 7th, 2011

The meeting was preceded by a pot luck dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Many delicious dishes were enjoyed. Thanks to everyone for all the food they brought to share and their donations to the Lakeshore Humane Society.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. 40 members and 10 guests were in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (June Ashford): Absent. Angela read her report. Thanks to all club members for their great support throughout the year; due to them, all of the club events were a success and the club continues to grow and improve in all areas. She wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Karleen Cole): In June's absence, Karleen called the meeting to order and a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting available on the website was approved.

Karleen discussed some of the topics brought up at the November board meeting. She reminded everyone that at the June 2009 general meeting, members had approved a fee for building use by non-members. This entry had not been added to the Policies and Procedures. Angela made a motion that, "A member in good standing may take a non-member into the building for training purposes only if the building is not otherwise in use such as classes. A \$10.00 fee will be charged to the non-member. The MCKC member will remain in the building for the entire time and turn the money into the club treasurer listing

the name of the non-member and the date.” The motion was approved and will be added to the Policies and Procedures. Karleen reminded everyone that the complete minutes are on the website if you want to review them.

SECRETARY’S REPORT (Angela Chetcuti): Angela reminded everyone to sign in. She asked that all trainers and members destroy any application forms they find that do not have **2012 Membership Application** stated on the top of the form. The new application form is now posted online. 2012 renewal forms will reflect the following increase: from \$30 to \$40 for Individual; \$40 to \$50 for Family; \$10 to \$20 for Junior; and \$35 to \$45 for Field Assessment. Fees for unworked hours will change from \$4 to \$5/hour for non-field members and \$8 to \$9/hour for field Members. Also, in 2012 Obedience classes will increase from \$60 to \$65/session.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Burl Cavanaugh): All bills are currently paid. Most events are now completed. Profit from last weekend’s field trial was not ready to report on. Burl reported on balances in the checking accounts. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the treasurer’s monthly report. A motion was approved to allow the treasurer to pay bills.

FIELD REPORTS: (Jim Van Engen): The December sanctioned field trial was one of the bigger ones they’d had. Although the grounds were very wet, everyone had a good time and gave positive feedback hoping the club will keep the December event going. Purina donated biscuits and dog food for prizes. We saved ducks throughout the year so were able to put on a low cost event.

Jim Powers, Fields Awards Chairperson, reported that the annual field dinner was supported by about 40 people. He mentioned two MCKC Retriever Field Awards/trophies that are awarded annually to the highest scoring retrievers (AKC licensed and sanctioned trials). These awards are the responsibility of the field committee. The Red Allen Memorial trophy is awarded annually to the retriever receiving the most AKC licensed and sanctioned points trained and handled by an AMATEUR and the MCKC High Point All-Age trophy awarded annually to the retriever receiving the highest number of Open and Amateur all-age points in licensed field trial competition. If you feel you may qualify for either or both of these awards, please send a list of the trials and placements to Jim. If you have already submitted this information to him for the field banquet on November 30 and want him to use that, please let Jim know. Trophy information should be submitted to Jim by January 15, 2012. Winners will be acknowledged at the MCKC Annual Awards Banquet on March 7 at Luigi’s Restaurant (see November newsletter for more details).

TRACKING (Laurie Sales): No report until spring.

CORRECTION CLINICS: There will be a class on Sunday, December 11. Check the website calendar for further dates.

MANITOWOC BUILDING/GROUNDS (Burl Cavanaugh): The grounds are in good shape and ready for winter. The light over the front door is repaired.

AGILITY (Burl Cavanaugh): There are still agility classes on Thursday evenings. Liberty All Breed K-9 club will be renting the building for a UKC agility trial in early March 2012. The 2012 AKC trials will be held the second weekend of June and the second weekend of September. Check website calendar for class schedules.

Kay Detampel and Lisa reported on the club's first foundation agility class. They had 10 dog/handler teams participate in the first 8-week class. It was a new concept. The things they worked on were training the dogs and handlers all the commands before the dogs went on the equipment, teaching them how to jump properly, targeting tunnels and jumps, table position, go-outs, crosses, recall to heel, chute, running across board and contact position, small teeter and jump grids, whilst building trust between the dog and handler. They hope to continue throughout the winter. They will be offering another foundation class for the next session. Depending on how many return from the first class, they may have to reduce the number of new dogs and handlers as the class size is limited. Although the first session was supposed to be a one-hour class, they often ran over. Contact Kay 920-536-0091 if you have an interest or questions. They thanked Burl, Carol and Emilie for helping out at classes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OBEDIENCE (Myron Genrich): Absent. Angela read his report. Thanks to Julie, Keith, Annette, Karen, Valerie and Carol for donating their time as trainers for the final session. Apologies to those names he missed, but they knew how valuable they were to bring classes back to the forefront of obedience training in the lakeshore area. The 2012 obedience training schedule has been posted on the website. Charlotte has put together class flyers for our local vet offices and pet shops; they'll be distributed by mid-December. Newspaper ad will start 3 weeks prior to the first class in January. Pre-novice /novice class will graduate December 13 with a total of 11 teams. In 2011, two main goals were to generate funds for the club and increase participation that will go on to the obedience ring and compete. He is confident the club has met these goals. As always, he is looking for experienced qualified head trainers and also looking for new and upcoming assistant trainers for the Obedience classes.

CONFORMATION (Dave Rivest): No report.

NEWSLETTER: (Laurie Sales): Needs more input including articles. Information on the banquet is in the newsletter. Jim said there was no mention of field awards in the trophy application. Laurie will add those in the next newsletter.

FACEBOOK: (Heather Bleier): Encouraged more people to join the group. We now have a MCKC Facebook page; suggested an app on the club website.

SUNSHINE (Shellie Ambrosius): No report.

MEMBERSHIP (Kim Van Drisse): Absent. 2012 renewals should go out sometime late January. Kim will notify the members at the January meeting.

WEBSITE (Kim Van Drisse): The website postings are up to date. Check out volunteer opportunities if you need to complete your 25 hours before year end. Due to a busy work schedule, Kim needs someone else to take over the website responsibility. Please contact her or a board member as soon as possible if you are interested in volunteering for this position.

FALL SHOW (Karleen Cole): We ended up making more money than we anticipated. Our entries were up over last year; Saturday 2011: 624; Saturday 2010: 553. Sunday 2011: 605; Sunday 2010: 523. Our entries in 2009 were in the high 400's. In 2012, the National

Puli Club will hold a stand-alone specialty on Friday at the expo grounds and a supported entry on Saturday and Sunday at our show.

HOSPITALITY: (Mitzi Pilon): Needs volunteers for 2012. Angela volunteered to donate treats for the January 2012 meeting.

DIANA SHELEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY (Kay Baum): No report.

CLEANING (Sharon Bruckschen): Needs someone to sign up to clean in January, February, September, and December plus anytime in-between.

MEMBERSHIP NAMES FOR 1st READING:

Kassie Brunner Chihuahua & Sheltie A,O,Th,H,P
Single membership sponsored by Myron Genrich & Valerie Gengler

Carrie & Andy Eckert Great Danes O
Family membership sponsored by Myron Genrich & Julie Holshbach

Heather Haberland Blue heeler mix A,O
Junior membership sponsored by Valerie Gengler & Stacie Dufek

Ronald & Krissy Hallwachs Labrador Retriever A,O,Tr
Family membership sponsored by Myron Genrich & Julie Holshbach

Steve & Christy Oswald & Family English Cocker,Australian Shepherd Mix
Lab Mix, Schnoodle, White German Shepherd
A,O,P
Family membership sponsored by Heather Bleier & Lisa Cochart

Barbara Panosh Golden Retriever O,Th,P
Single membership sponsored by Myron Genrich & Julie Holshbach

MEMBERSHIP NAMES FOR 2nd READING AND VOTE:

Sionag (Sheena) Black Golden Retriever F,A,O,Tr
Single Field Membership sponsored by Kitty Check & Linda Bunkfeldt-Popp

Bob & Judy Carroll Australian Shepherd, Golden Retrievers F,O,P,Tr
Family Field Membership sponsored by June Ashford & Angela Chetcuti

Kurt Johnson Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Golden Retriever F,A,O
Single Field Membership sponsored by Tim Culligan & Dan Peterson

All three applications were voted into membership. Welcome!

OLD BUSINESS: Mark Pupeter (voted into membership at November meeting) reported his computer has been down for a month. Angela will mail new member information to him. Denise is looking for someone to take over as trophy chairperson just for 2012. A notice will go in the newsletter regarding this position.

Karleen reminded members that we need programs to put on at our general meetings and are still seeking a program coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS: Julie Holshbach has resigned as Calendar coordinator. Please contact a board member or Julie if you're interested in taking on this responsibility.

The meeting then moved to the election of officers. June, Karleen, Burl and Angela have agreed to run again. The Vice President called Mike, Ginny, and Shelly to talk to the members about their interest in joining the board. There were no other nominations for each position from the floor. There being none, Bob Klessig made a motion that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate of officers.

The new officers are:

President	June Ashford
Vice President:	Karleen Cole
Treasurer	Burl Cavanaugh
Secretary	Angela Chetcuti
Board	Mike Brookins
	Ginny Orheim
	Shelly Parizek

Angela reminded the newly elected that the next board meeting will be held at Time Out Sports Bar and Grille at 6:30 p.m. on January 12th, 2012 and she'll be sending out the agenda prior to the meeting.

BRAGS: Congratulations to Dave Rivest whose dog took a Best in Show. Mid-Western Australian Shepherd Show Nov 19 and 20th, Wildfire Hot Topic (DIVA) owned and handled by Emily Paplham took 3 Group 2's and 1 group 3 for her United Kennel Club breed Champion.

Rosie Reds Fly (FLY) owned and handled by Emily Paplham earned 4 Highest Scoring Jr. Handler awards at the UKC Agility Trial in Escanaba Michigan on Oct.29th and 30th.

Snappy Fox on the Run (FOX) owned by Carol Paplham, earned her AKC MXJ at Camp Bandy and at the Winnegamie trial she earned her FAST Novice title.

2XNAFC/FC Candlewoods Ramblin Man owned by Jim and Judy Powers will be inducted into the Retriever Hall of Fame in Grand Junction, Tennessee on February 11, 2012. Only two retrievers from across the United States are selected annually. He was selected primarily on his winning of two consecutive National Amateur Retriever Championship Events in 2001 and 2002.

Congratulations also to all those who shared their outstanding successes. Angela reminded them to notify Laurie so they can be recorded in the December newsletter.

A big round of applause was given when Ginny Orheim recognized Bob Klessig who retired off the board after serving for many of the 44+ years that he's been a member of the club. Bob has always been a big advocate for both field and confirmation. He will certainly be missed on the board.

A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The next general meeting will be held at the club house on 40 Albert Drive, Manitowoc on January 4th 2012.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Respectfully submitted, Angela Chetcuti, Secretary

MCKC CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AWARD APPLICATION

Please use a separate form for each dog.

A certificate will be awarded and a framed picture (picture to be submitted by member) will be hung in the MCKC building for any member of the Manitowoc County Kennel Club in good standing who has earned a title on their dog in the current calendar year, and has met the Annual Awards Requirements. Examples: Titles earned in Conformation, obedience, field, tracking, herding or agility by a recognized club (AKC UKC CKC SKC ASCA, etc). No certificates are awarded for CGC, Therapy or Temperament Titles.

If the dog is eligible for a Top Award as listed in Policies (ie. Conformation Dog, Junior Handler, Top Breeder), Please list on a separate sheet the award you are going for any details of wins.

NAME: _____ Phone _____

ADDRESS _____

Dogs Registered Name with Titles _____

Breed: _____ Call Name: _____ E-Mail _____

Title Earned: Organization: Date

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Comments about dog and/or Achievement:

Please list the 10 hours you donated to the club: _____

Three title chips will be paid for by the club. List the chips you need engraved:

Please send this form with a photocopy of title certificates along with photo to:

Laura Inman, 2170 Ryan Rd. De Pere, WI 54115

Applications must be postmarked by Monday, January 30. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE DEADLINE- NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

NOTE: Framed pictures of all award winners will be displayed at the banquet, so it is very important that you send your picture along with your application. Bring your plaques along for photos also.

Annual Awards Requirements

1. MCKC member in good standing.
2. Must have donated 10 hours in previous calendar year to MCKC for club activities. Junior members are excluded from donating 10 hrs unless their membership is part of a family membership. If part of a family membership, some person or persons from the family must have donated 10 hours.
3. Titles must be earned during the previous calendar year from Jan 1 through Dec 31.
4. A photocopy of the title certificate must be submitted with the application.
5. All award forms must be submitted by the published deadline.
6. If there is a question on any awards merit, the problem will be presented to the Board and voted on.

Questions? Please email Laura @ ruggymok@hotmail.com

CORRECTION The Banquet application in the November Newsletter listed the date of March 2nd by mistake. Please note the date of the banquet is Wednesday, March 7th.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Date: March 7, 2012
Place: Luigi's Restaurant downstairs banquet hall.
Cost: 13.50 per person
Time: Hall reserved at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm
RSVP: by February 15
See you there!!

Names of those attending _____

Cost: ____ X 13.50 = _____

Please send above form with check to: Laura Inman, 2170 Ryan Rd., De Pere, WI 54115 by February 15.

MCKC Trophies and Awards Requirements

At the annual awards banquet, recognition awards shall be given for outstanding achievements in dog events.

There will be plaques for the top AKC dog awards in the following categories:

- Top Conformation Dog
- Top Owner-handled Conformation Dog
- Top Hunt Test Dog
- Top Obedience Dog
- Top Field Trial Dog
- Top Agility Dog
- Top Junior Handler
- Top Breeder
- Others (as approved by Board of Directors)

The point system previously established by AKC will be used to determine the top dog or individual in each category. The Field Group will be responsible for establishing a method of ranking this category and notify the committee for publication.

Recognition will be given to members who finish a title by placing a framed picture with a plate stating the owners' name, name of dog, and award earned for each dog thus awarded at the annual banquet. These framed pictures will be placed on a designated area of the wall of the MCKC building. The frame will be furnished by the club for the sole purpose of displaying the award winners and remain property of the club.

Pictures and plates will be returned to the award winner when the next annual award recipients are displayed.

MCKC will have a high quality certificate with MCKC official seal to be awarded to any member who has won a title in the preceding year to be given at the awards banquet. Junior Show Certificates will be awarded to the top Junior Handler in each class from the previous year. Any member wishing to have their own plaques representing their dog's achievements may do so at their own expense. Any

member may give/donate a special interest award and/or sponsor a plaque with Board approval. The following are for AKC events only.

Top Field Trial Dog: awarded to the dog/owner receiving the most AKC all-age points.

Top Obedience Dog: awarded to the dog receiving the highest average score in AKC events in any level of competition.

Top Show Dog: awarded to the dog receiving the highest number of all-breed points. 1 point is awarded for each dog defeated in AKC events.

Top Show Dog Owner-Handled: same as above except only shows where the dog is owner-handled will be eligible.

Top Junior Handler: awarded to the individual with the most Junior Handler points.

Points are earned as follows: Conformation: 5 points Best Junior in Show, 4 points 1st place, 3 points 2nd place, 2 points 3rd place, and 1 point 4th place. Obedience: 5 points HIT, 4 points 1st place, 3 points 2nd place, 2 points 3rd place, 1 point 4th place in class, 1 point for each qualifying score. Agility: 4 points 1st place, 3 points 2nd place, 2 points 3rd place, 1 point 4th place, 1 point for each qualifying score.

Top Breeder: awarded to the individual earning the most titles on dogs they bred.

Field Awards

The Red Allen Memorial Trophy: awarded annually to the Retriever receiving the most AKC licensed and sanctioned points trained and handled by an amateur

Retriever MCKC High Point All-Age Trophy: awarded annually to the Retriever receiving the highest number of Open and Amateur All-Age points in AKC licensed field trial competition.

The following awards are for any organizations holding events unless otherwise specified.

MCKC OTCH Plaque: any MCKC member awarded an OTCH title on a dog owner-handled is eligible for a plate stating owner's name, dog's name and date title awarded.

Agility Plaque: any MCKC member awarded an agility title on a dog owner-handled is eligible for a plate stating owner's name, dog's name and date title awarded.

Tracking Plaque: any MCKC member awarded a tracking title on a dog owner-handled is eligible for a plate stating owner's name, dog's name and date title awarded.

Utility Plaque: any MCKC member awarded a utility title on a dog owner-handled is eligible for a plate stating owner's name, dog's name and date title awarded.

Puppy Hall of Fame: any member finishing a title on a dog under 1 year of age is eligible for plate stating owner's name, dog's name, date title earned and age of dog.

Woodlands Teddy Bear Jesse UD Memorial Plaque: awarded to the member with the highest combined three scores toward an obedience title through an organization other than AKC.

Walter G. Pitkin Memorial Award: awarded to a German Shepherd Dog finishing a title in any area.

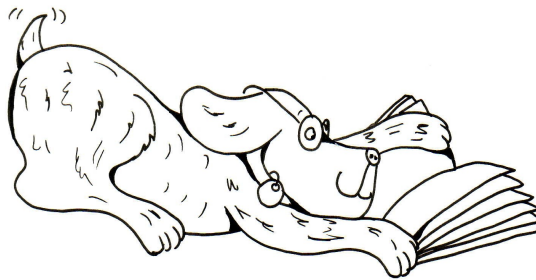
MCKC Appreciation Award

Given annually to the MCKC member who has given extraordinary service to the club over a period of time. The Board of Directors will select the next year's honoree.

WANTED: Someone to take over the position of Trophy Chair for the MCKC Fall Show. Some computer skills are necessary. Please contact Karleen Cole 920-684-5419 or lwckfc@tm.net for more info if you are interested. Denise Cronk is resigning from the position and we thank her for her wonderful work and commitment.

WANTED: Someone to take over the position of the MCKC activities calendar at the grounds and the website. Please contact Julie Holschbach 920-758-2979 or izzyholsch@gmail.com

WANTED: Someone to take over the website duties. Contact Kim VanDrisse 920-657-9275 or vandrissefarm@gmail.com



BOOK BARK
By
Mary Larson

December, 2011 Book Review

As you travel “over the river and through the wood” this holiday season, you might consider popping James Herriot’s Favorite Dog Stories tapes (not CDs) into your car tape deck. This book on tape is read by Christopher Timothy, who played James Herriot in the popular PBS series “All Creatures Great and Small” in the 1970s.

The two tapes are a collection of stories selected from the book James Herriot’s Dog Stories. In it, the listener will chuckle at the antics of a Pekingese named Tricki Woo. Jock and Gyp are Border Collies, each with a story of his own not related to shepherding. There is Roy, a Golden Retriever, rescued from neglect, and Hermann, a Dachshund, who overcomes adversity. Brandy, the Yellow Lab, has a “dustbin” problem that gets him in trouble. Jake, a Lurcher, baffles James with his breathing problems, and what becomes of Prince and the rest of the pack once their mistress dies.

In the beginning of the tape, the listener is introduced to James Herriot, and how his love of animals, especially dogs, leads him to his career as a veterinarian in 1930s, Yorkshire, England. He recalls several dogs of his own from the past and how they impact his life. This reviewer is most touched by the profound statement in the introduction that any dog owner who has loved

and lost a dog can relate to: “It is always said that however many wonderful and happy years a dog lives, you know that one day, the day he dies, your dog will break your heart.”

If, perchance, the tapes are checked out of the kennel club library, you can get the book James Herriot's Favorite Dog Stories at the Manitowoc Public Library. There are two copies available. In that way, someone in the car can read the stories for everyone to enjoy. The book is illustrated with beautiful watercolors by Lesley Holmes. The library also has the book James Herriot's Dog Stories, which is the complete collection. This book is far and above the favorite book of dog stories ever read by this reviewer.

Enjoy either the print or audio of James Herriot's Favorite Dog Stories and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. I will see you in 2012, as I continue my quest to find the perfect book to help me raise and train our most challenging dog to date-Bo, the Airedale puppy.

MCKC'S New Foundation agility class , has completed its first 8 weeks. We had 10 dog/handler teams . We worked on targeting jumps and tunnels, recall to heel, table position , go-outs, crosses, chute, running across board and teaching contact position and jump grids We will be offering the class again next session , so any one interested can come sign up on January 10th or contact Kay @ 920-536-0091 . Class will be limited . Dogs must be 1 yr or older. Must have a Good Sit, Down, Come and stay , Must bring crate to class , as only one dog at a time is loose.

Thanks Kay and Lisa Instructors

We had a successful Correction Clinic on December 11th and made \$95.00. Thank you to Jennifer Beno, Kay Christel, Cathi Kanouse, and Nancy Sawdo for all their help. Also, thank you to Nancy for providing the delicious cookies.

Karen Smith

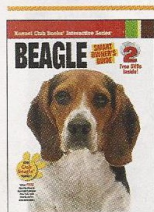
Mom and Rooney

A personable Chihuahua mix stays by his owner's side when she needs it the most.



COURTESY OF MARY LARSON

BY MARY LARSON OF MANITOWOC, WISC.



The author of this month's My Story will receive a book from BowTie Press.

My mother received Rooney, a Dachshund-Chihuahua mix, as a gift from my niece. Mom and Dad had owned both breeds since 1968, and were extremely devoted to them. Rooney especially bonded with my mother, and could usually be found sitting on her lap.

After my mom moved to a nursing home in 2008, my dad brought Rooney to visit her every day. Dad had a walker with a seat on it. Rooney rode into the nursing home and down the halls perched on the seat. He became a favorite among the residents and staff alike, giving barks and licks in return for a great variety of treats. People planned for his visits. Once in Mom's room, Rooney rode with her in the wheelchair or cuddled with her on the bed.

In January 2010, Mom's health started to decline rapidly. By mid-month, we all knew

the end was near. One particular evening, Dad and my brothers stepped out to get a bite to eat while my sister, Jean, and I sat near Mom's bed chatting quietly.

Suddenly, Rooney jumped from Jean's lap and scurried up to Mom's face. He stood there and sniffed for a few seconds, then turned around and came back to us. He was just about to jump off the bed when I told my sister to catch him. She set him on the floor and he started running around in small circles whining continuously. For a moment, I thought he needed to go outside. A nurse who heard him whining came into the room, checked Mom and said she was gone. We did not hear a sound from her.

I am convinced Rooney knew of Mom's impending death and went to say goodbye. Did he sense her spirit leaving? I believe that he did. **DW**

{ What's your story? }

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dog, performance dog or companion dog, please e-mail it (500-word maximum) to letters@dogworld.com.

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