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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY:

What: Monthly Meeting of RRNDOC, Inc.

Where: Red River North Dog Obedience Club

When: September 15, 2008

7:00 PM Board Meeting

8:00 PM General Membership Meeting

Refreshments: Kathy Lehman

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## Happy Birthday!

### September Birthdays:

- 2 Gary Kopperud
- 3 Dick Lingle
- 5 Kris McDonald
- 13 Angelika Riffel
- 24 Helen Hearn
- 27 John Sutter

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# Braggs from our Members! 2

## **FM Kennel Club:**

Becky & Ebony 2 RA legs  
Natalie & Hank 4th place in Rally Novice; **New Title!**  
Mary & Ob 3 1st places, 2 High in Trials  
Kathy & Dotty 2 **New Titles**—Rally Novice & CD  
Kathy & Abbey 1st leg in Open obedience  
Vicki & Emmy RAE legs 8 & 9

## **Springer Specialty:**

Nancy & Dupont 2 RE legs

## **NADAC—Saskatoon, Alberta:**

Ann & Willy Willie earned is NADAC medal (equivalent to the NATCH/MACH/ADCH). Willie jumped a lower jump height for his last 3 runs so he earned the metal instead of the NATCH. I am so proud of him— 13 years young and he pulled it off. He is one of the first, if not the first dog to earn an agility championship in ND!!! So he is Ch Detania Blissful William CDX, OA, OAJ and Medal Willie—Novice, Open, Elite Versatility, 1000 lifetime points.

**New addition:** Angelika has a new red merle Australian Shepherd named Seelie.

## **Congratulations to all!!**

### **Local Event Calendar:**

#### **Red River North Dog Obedience Club:**

Annual Rummage Sale

TBA

#### **Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club:**

Agility Trials

October 18-19, 2008

*Reminder! Deadline for submissions into Paw Prints is September 30.*

## Regional Events List September— December

### **Conformation:**

Wright County Kennel Club	Oct. 4-5	Closes Sept. 17
Mason City Kennel Club	Oct. 11-12	Closes Sept. 24
Rapid City Kennel Club	Oct. 17-19	Closes Oct. 1
Sioux Empire Kennel Club	Oct. 25-26	Closes Oct. 8
Minneapolis Kennel Club (Shakopee)	Nov. 8-9	Closes Oct. 22
Granite City Kennel Club	Dec. 6-7	Closes Nov. 19

### **Agility:**

Arrowhead Agility Assn. of Duluth	Sept. 26-28	Closed Sept. 9
Key City Kennel Club	Oct. 3-5	Closes Sept. 17
Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club	Oct. 18-19	Closes Sept. 30
St. Paul Dog Training Club	Nov. 7-9	Closes Oct. 22

### **Obedience:**

Anoka County Kennel Club	Sept. 20-21	Closed Sept. 3
St. Paul Dog Training Club	Oct. 4-5	Closes Sept. 17
Sioux Empire Kennel Club	Oct. 25-26	Closes Oct. 8
Granite City Kennel Club	Dec. 6-7	Closes Nov. 19

### **Rally O:**

St. Paul Dog Training Club	Oct. 3	Closes Sept. 17
Sioux Empire Kennel Club	Oct. 25-26	Closes Oct. 8

All of the above information is available in the "AKC Events Calendar" or on the AKC website (<http://www.akc.org/events>)

## President's Report

Summer is drawing to a close, and it's back to school time, after a busy summer for our club. The September Board and General meetings are coming up on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and I strongly encourage all club members to attend whenever possible.

Upcoming discussion items will include the lease renewal options on our training center. Please attend and provide your feedback.

I would like to thank Denise Luther for her help as interim Training Director while Lavonne has been out. She has been working tirelessly to keep everything running smoothly, and is doing a great job!

I am also sorry to report that Ian McDonald has tendered his resignation as Vice President. Ian has been instrumental in numerous projects during his tenure, such as setting up a Tracking seminar and class, the Dog Directory project, help with fundraising and trial activities, just to name a few. On behalf of the board I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ian for his outstanding service to our club.

Good luck to all our club members who will be competing in the upcoming Obedience/Rally and Agility trials!

Regards,

Brian Vail, President

## August Treasurer's Report

No Report

## In Loving Memory of Alice Therapy Dog and Companion of Kerry Lauer Died June 24, 2008

Many of you will remember Alice, the faithful companion and colleague of Kerry Lauer, who attended classes at Red River North for many years. Kerry adopted Alice, who had been abused and abandoned while pregnant.

Alice first came to classes with an attitude, but soon blossomed into a loving and gentle dog under Kerry's tender care. Alice went on to become a certified Therapy Dog with the "Love on a Leash" program offered by the Foundation for Pet Provided Therapy. She was a welcome visitor in local nursing homes. She became a partner with Kerry in her counseling work at the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center in Fargo. She worked at the RACC from 1999 until she "retired" a few months ago. Alice died on June 24, 2008.

Fortunately Kerry has Walter, a sprightly Corgi, to assist her at RACC. He has also been a member of the Red River North's classes. He now works with Kerry at the Center, carrying on Alice's mission of service to people and pets in need.

Alice often worked as the Friendly Dog in RRN's Canine Good Citizen tests. She was always calm and reliable regardless of the exuberance of the other dogs. Everyone loved Alice. We shall all miss her.

We extend our sympathy to Kerry and her family in the loss of a loving companion and friend.

# Board & General Membership Meeting

## No August meetings

### **Training Director's Report**

It is always hard to say "Goodbye!" to the lazy days of summer, and this year is no exception. All of us hope that warm weather will continue for just a little longer. But, if you look at the changing colors of the trees, and feel that cool nip in the air, there is no doubt that Fall is here!

Our Fall session of classes began immediately after the Labor Day weekend. We are pleased that classes are filling up, and everyone seems eager to get back to work once again. A late addition to our schedule is a class in Clicker Training which Ann Hopp is teaching for a limited number of our instructors. We hope that we can integrate the techniques of this training method into our classes in the future.

We are always looking for members who are interested in teaching or helping with the classes. It is a great way to Practice what you have been learning, while helping others. If you are interested, please contact Denise Luther or me.

We are happy to host the Healing Paws Therapy Pet (Delta Society) Training class once again. Stevie Mathre is leading this group, which meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:45-6:45 PM. If you are interested in more information about this program contact Stevie at 701 476-1597.

I want to thank Denise Luther for stepping in as Training Director. She has done a marvelous job of keeping things running in the summer, and getting the classes organized for this Fall session. Kathy Lehman and Cyndy Raeshke have gotten our Voice Mail up and running, which we hope will make it easier for us to answer requests for information. All of our instructors have insured that things run smoothly and efficiently at the school. Thanks to all of you!

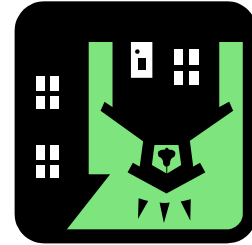
Thanks to all of you for your good wishes during my "medical vacation". I am blessed to have such wonderful, caring friends. You make life very sweet! Thank you!

Lavonne Marubbio

### **September is AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Month!!**

Make sure your special Canines know how much you appreciate them.

Support community efforts to promote the health and welfare of all our animal friends.



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### Training Director

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