



# Paw Prints

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## From the Office of the Secretary:

What: Monthly Meeting of RRNDOC, Inc.  
Where: Red River North Dog Obedience Club  
When: Monday, July 20th, 2009  
8:00 PM General Meeting  
Refreshments: Brian Vail

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## Happy Birthday!

### July Birthdays:

8 Jesse Higdem  
14 Sarah Scherr  
22 Roger Fremo  
26 Kathy Lehman  
27 Luanne Thorsvig

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# Braggs from our Members!

Patti Struchynski and Jake      4 First Places with clean runs in NADAC Agility

Tara Pearson and Dot      Passed Therapy dog evaluations

***Congratulations to all !***

## Local Event Calendar:

### Red River North Dog Obedience Club:

**Obedience Steward Training**

**Monday, July 13th, 7pm**

**Rally Run-throughs**

**Tuesday, July 14th, 7-9pm**

***Obedience & Rally Trials***

***July 17-19, 2009***

**Session IV (Summer) Classes: July 27 - Sept 12, 2009**

## Regional Events List July - August

### **Conformation:**

Bismarck Kennel Club	July 30-31, Aug 1-2	Closes Jul 15
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### **Agility:**

Northstar Working Group Association	July 25-26	Opens June 3
St. Paul Dog Training Club	Aug 1-2	Opens June 10
St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.	Aug 21-23	Opens TBD

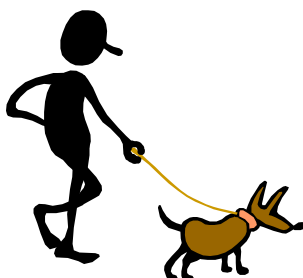
### **Obedience:**

St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.	Aug 21-23	Opens TBD
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### **Rally O:**

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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

A BIG Thank-You goes out to Mary Higdem for presenting the Obedience working seminar on Sunday, June 14th. It was fun and interesting, and was well attended.

An Obedience Steward training class will be held on Monday, July 13th, 7pm with Roger Fremo. This is highly recommended for anyone who is interested in stewarding at our upcoming trials.

Rally run-throughs will be held on Tuesday, July 14th, from 7-9pm. \$5 for 5 minutes each.

Please note that Red River will be holding a 2-day Rummage sale at the club on Friday July 17th and Saturday the 18th. Please bring your donations to the club on the Thursday if possible, otherwise if you need to bring items sooner please contact Kathy Lehman or Lavonne so they can be there to unlock the door.

Please price your items ahead of time, bring your card tables (don't forget to put your name on them), and also let Kathy know if you can volunteer to help prepare the tables on Thursday and/or help work Friday/Saturday.

Good luck at our trials!

Regards,

Brian Vail, President



**RRNDOC**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2009

	Jun 30, 09
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	8,979.45
Checking-State Bank	812.33
Checking-NWSB	7,037.40
Savings-ING	16,829.18
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>80.81</b>
Other Current Assets	80.81
Due from Landlord	80.81
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>16,909.99</b>
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Fixed Assets	7,696.24
Equipment	-3,225.00
Accumulated Depreciation	4,471.24
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>21,381.23</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>21,381.23</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	18,392.00
Net Income	2,989.23
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>21,381.23</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>21,381.23</b>

**RRNDOC**  
**Profit & Loss**  
May through June 2009

	May 09	Jun 09	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Class Income	3,562.50	521.00	4,083.50
Leashes & Collars Income	30.00	101.00	131.00
Pop and Chips Income	122.00	70.50	192.50
Seminar Income	0.00	770.00	770.00
Membership Income	80.00	15.00	95.00
Brag Income	2.00	0.00	2.00
Interest Income	7.94	7.37	15.31
Misc Income	0.00	1.00	1.00
Fundraising Income	30.00	54.69	84.69
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,834.44</b>	<b>1,540.56</b>	<b>5,375.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Advertising Expense	73.25	83.50	156.75
Bank Service Charges	10.00	0.00	10.00
Building Rent	875.00	875.00	1,750.00
Depreciation Expense	77.50	77.50	155.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	52.19	0.00	52.19
Postage and Delivery	40.00	0.00	40.00
Storage Rent	150.00	150.00	300.00
Supplies	120.16	580.97	701.13
Telephone	33.88	34.07	67.95
Utilities	181.59	107.28	288.87
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,613.57</b>	<b>1,908.32</b>	<b>3,521.89</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>2,220.87</b>	<b>-367.76</b>	<b>1,853.11</b>
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**Treasurer's Report**

## Board Meeting



Red River North Dog Obedience Club

Board Meeting June 15, 2009

Call to order: 7:00 PM

Present: Brian Vail, Cyndy Raeshke, Vicki Vail, Kathy Lehman, Nancy Lindblom

Trial Preparations:

The rink will be open for the trial on July 16, 2009 at 12 noon. We can start to set up then.

Painting: Many people have different ideas. Should be done the week of July 3-10 as to not interfere with classes and getting the floor painted. This will go to the membership meeting, we will make a decision then.

Garage Sale: 2 days, Friday July 24 and Saturday July 25, 2009

Unfinished business: Storage unit. Kathy gave 30 day notice to storage unit. We will need to be out by the end of June. Kathy negotiated with the landlord to store things in a truck he has in the other building for 75.00 monthly. This is ½ of what we are paying now. We will need to organize people to help with the move. This will go to the general meeting tonight. Motion-Nancy L., second-Cyndy R. to move storage units.

Adjourned:

Motion-Cyndy R. Second-Vicki V. 7:30 PM

# General Membership Meeting



Present: Nancy Lindblom, Lavonne Marubbio, Kathy Lehman, Cyndy Raeshke, Sandy Sutter, Kris McDonald, Brenda Mcbain, Patti Struchynski, Janine Barnstuble, Tara Pearson, Dave Arnholt, Mary Arnholt, Dick Lingle, Emily Ehalt, Annie Vail, Vicki Vail, Denise Luther, Kathy Wakefield, Shirley Fremo, Roger Fremo, Luanne Thorsvig, Lindsay Stordahl, Mary Higdem.

Minutes of last meeting in Paw Prints. Brenda made a motion to accept these minutes, Janine seconded. Motion passed.

Training Directors report, Denise Luther: Classes seem to be going well and the numbers look good. An obedience Seminar with Mary Higdem was held over the weekend. This had a good turn with the notice given. There will be a Trainers meeting Saturday June 20, 2009 3PM.

Trial Committee report, Kris McDonald: AKC has the schedule correct in the magazine and also on the website. Gift Cards and Stewards are still needed. Gift cards can be given to Kris or placed in the presidents mailbox. Stewards can sign up at the club or talk with Roger Fremo. Building opens at 12 noon. Contact Brian Vail if you can help with set up. There is an option to pack things up during the week. Please read emails about set up for the trial.

New Member reading: Second reading for Emily Ehalt. Voted in unanimously. Welcome to the club Emily!

Old Business: Starting July 1, 2009 the mats will be moved out of the storage locker and stored on a truck next door. This will be ½ price of the storage unit. Moving mats Sat., June 27 in the morning. PLEASE contact Brian to help moving the mats.

Painting: Walls, office, entry, floor (landlord will take care of floor). Kathy has quotes for completing the painting. Main area - \$1500, office - \$5400, entry - \$290, bathroom \$150, trim, etc-\$300.

No motion to hire a professional as of now. Some of the members will get together and start with the entry and office area. The painting will be re-evaluated after these are completed. Would like to save the money if there are people willing to paint. Some concern about spending the extra money without knowing how the trial will turn out financially.

Kathy will get confirmation from the landlord about when he will be completing the floor.

Membership Renewals: Please renew memberships if you have not done so. Brian will be emailing you to remind you that you have not renewed. Thanks

New business: None

## Braggs:

Shirley Fremo and Chase best of breed at Fargo show

Patti Struchynski and Jake: 4 first place ribbons in NADAC trial in St. Cloud. All clean runs. First time Patti and Jake have competed.

Annie Vail and Jedi: 1<sup>st</sup> place Jr. Showmanship Sat. and Sun. at the Fargo show

Tara Pearson and Dot-Dot passed therapy dog evaluation

Congratulations to all!

## **What is a Good Breeder?**

**By Lisa M. Costello, DVM, MS \***

To me, a breeder is a person who has two dogs that unite sperm and ova and produce puppies. It is as simple as that. I do not believe the term "breeder" implies any special qualities to a person with regard to their knowledge about the breed, their ability to evaluate dogs, their ability to pick good dogs or anything else. If you have two dogs of the opposite sex, they breed and you are responsible, then you are lucky enough to be a "Breeder". This is the same definition of all the people who supply pet stores and make puppy mills a daily reality.

What makes a \*Good breeder\*? Now to me, that is the real question. Does it mean you have to keep a puppy from each litter? No. Does it mean you have to use two champions as sire and dam? No. Does it mean you can only breed one litter every 5 years? No. Do you have to be a member of the parent club? No. Do you have to plan and wring your hands over every single litter you produce....no, not even this. Here is what it means to me, as a person who sees hundreds of puppies every year from all kinds of breeders....98% of them not in my category of a "Good Breeder."

I think you need to know your breed (this would rule out all the Puggles, Labradoodles and all the other ridiculous mixes they sell for thousands of dollars that are not breeds but mongrels). This doesn't mean you sit ringside and talk to other people or finish a Champion or go to a lot of shows, trials, etc. It means you are involved in the breed for more than 6 months (or even a few years) before you breed, you get to know people in your breed, you learn about the different familial lines in your breed, you become familiar with the function of your breed and most of all, you learn the health and temperament problems inherent with your breed. This is a tall order but the longer I am in whippets, the less I think I truly know and I have always considered that to be a good thing...it means I keep learning. Good breeders don't actually know it all and they know they don't know it all. They learn with each litter and they WANT to learn with each litter.

Good Breeders health test parents of litters as much as possible and they DO NOT BREED AFFECTED DOGS. Good breeders educate new owners with respect to what might be in their puppies pedigree with regard to disease and are open about breeding healthy dogs. They are interested in full disclosure.

I think being a Good Breeder means you take every puppy you produce seriously and to your heart. You are creating living, thinking beings that deserve the best life they can have on this earth. That does not mean they have to run around a show ring, break out of a box on the track or chase the white plastic bag (that's all icing on the cake). It means they live in homes where they are loved and considered for their individual qualities as a living, thinking, loving dog. Not a single person can tell me 6 litters of puppies produced in less than 3 months time on one property can fulfill that unless you have at least 20 or 30 people raising those puppies on a daily basis. The puppies should have individual attention, they should be handled on a routine basis, have their nails trimmed, be given baths, fed good quality food, dewormed and vaccinated appropriately and started off in their new homes with the best possible chance (ideally knowing what a crate and leash are as well). The owners of the puppies from a Good Breeder should be able to utilize that breeder as a mentor, as a friend and as a resource of knowledge about their breed and what lifelong care requires.

Being a Good Breeder means you will take those puppies back, regardless of circumstance, for the remainder of their lives. It doesn't mean you have to keep all of them (Good Breeders don't) or control the rest of their lives or their owners lives...but you need to be there if they need you. Does it mean you have to find the perfect homes? No one can do this on a 100% basis but having homes on waiting lists before litters are bred sure helps. Being a Good Breeder doesn't mean you won't ever have problems with dogs or owners or have litters that don't turn out or dogs that really should not be bred....it means knowing these things do and will happen and how to navigate them successfully.

I would say the great majority of puppies I see today have only breeders behind them, not Good Breeders. I have seen many pups in the show ring that are no different. I don't think there is one definition you can give with regard to number of litters per year, puppies produced per decade, number of champions finished per year, field titles earned, trials attended, etc. etc. etc. that will successfully define a Good Breeder....it is in how you introduce those puppies to the world and how you introduce your new owners to their huge responsibility.

In closing...consider this statistic, which I learned at a recent lecture on puppy gentling and early training in the vets office: 80% or more puppies today will lose their lives due to behavior than any other single disease entity.

What this means is that the large majority of dogs who die will do so because of behavior problems, not health issues (voluntary euthanasia). Behavior is the main reason dogs are turned into shelters, rescues or abandoned or euthanized in our civilized world today. Man's Best Friend? Not so much anymore. I think Good Whippet Breeders are one of the first lines of defense in keeping this statistic to a minimum in our breed....they choose the owners of their puppies, they help educate them and field problems when they occur. I think anyone seriously considering breeding needs to think about the minds and health of the 1-13 puppies/litter they plan on producing. If you can stomach that and can step up to the plate....you might just be a Good Breeder.

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July



**FIRST CLASS**

**Red River North Dog Obedience Club, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 863  
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## **Red River North Dog Obedience Club, Inc.**

### Board of Directors

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Treasurer	Kathy Lehman
Board	Patti Struchynski
Board	Vicki Vail
Board	Jason Scherr

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Tara Pearson / Mary Brinkman  
Cyndy Raeshke / Kathy Lehman  
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### Training Director

Lavonne Marubbio