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***The Northstar Working Group Association
thanks the clubs and individuals
who have graciously sponsored the following awards:***

GROUP AWARDS

Group 2

Lynai Torabpour – Faith Walk Mastiffs

Group 3

Diane & Sid Levin – Serendipity Danes

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BEST OF BREED AWARDS

Akita

Kita Hoshi Akita Fanciers -

Alaskan Malamute

Coleman Nemerov and Laurie White

Bernese Mountain Dog

Minnesota Malamute Club

Bullmastiff

Catherine Shonka

Doberman Pinscher

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Great Pyrenees

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Greater Swiss Mountain Dog

Asgarth Giant Schnauzers

Kuvasz

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Portuguese Water Dog

Bernese Mountain Dogs

Rottweiler

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Samoyed

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Standard Schnauzer

Portuguese Water Dog Club of the Twin Cities

North Star Rottweiler Club

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis-St. Paul

Siberian Husky Club of the Twin Cities

Heartland Standard Schnauzer

Club of the Greater Twin Cities

NORTHSTAR WORKING GROUP ASSOCIATION

Group Show

Friday, January 8, 2010

Our January show held its entry well this year. We drew 251 dogs representing 23 breeds, plus 7 Junior Showmanship entries. The storm on Thursday prevented some of our entries from making it to the show; we wish them better luck next year. Fortunately all our judges arrived without incident.

Many volunteers were responsible for making this show a success. Chief Ring Steward Jim Olson supervised both rings and made sure everyone had what he or she needed. He was assisted by stewards Diane Levin, Coleman Nemerov, Sharon Olson and Debbie Wuetherich. Debby Wilkins handled hospitality for our judges, and she and Sid Levin provided transportation to and from the River Centre. Ann Porwoll and John Wilkins provided our trophies, and Ann and Sid oversaw the trophy table. Thanks to everyone for a great job.

We were assisted as usual by our friends the in the Land O'Lakes Kennel Club, especially Show Chair Marcia Holdren and Specialties Coordinator Pat Holdren, and we thank them for their help.

As always, we thank our generous trophy sponsors. Unfortunately, the ad acknowledging individual sponsorships was placed in the Land O'Lakes all-breed show catalog rather than in the Combined Specialties catalog, as requested. We will try to insure correct placement next year. A list of individual trophy sponsors follows this report.

Many thanks also to our judges, Ms. Donna Beckman, Mr. Dana P. Cline, Mrs. Beverly A. Eichel, Ms. Lin Jensen, Ms. Patricia Princehouse, and Mr. Gregory C. Szynskie.

In the end, our show's success depends on all our exhibitors and their dogs. We had majors in five breeds—Alaskan Malamutes, Bernese Mountain Dogs, Doberman Pinschers, Portuguese Water Dogs, and Samoyeds—and we thank everyone for supporting this show.

Congratulations to all our winners and especially to the following:

Group 1 Newfoundland # 577, CH
Raincoast Partner In Dreams
Owners Noelia Garcia Valle & Luis Fernandez

Group 2 Kuvasz # 553, CH
Szumeria's Wildwood Silver Six Pence
Owners Lynn Brady & Constance D.
Townsend & Claudia Muir

Group 3 Akita # 284, CH
Buckridge's Positive Energy
Owners David Osborn & Ellen Vanden Avond

Group 4 Neapolitan Mastiff # 567,
CH Bruno Della Vecchia Roma
Owner Janice E. Wolf DVM

A listing of all Best of Breed winners will be posted on the club web site.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Levin
Show Chair

Calendar of Events

January 21

January 30/31

Meeting at Perkins, Lakeville

Working Group/NWGA

Obedience Trial, Total Recall

Minnesota Council of Dog Clubs MCDC

The MCDC (Minnesota Council of Dog Clubs - formerly MRAOA Minnesota Responsible Animal Owners Alliance) is presently forming a coalition with several other animal interested groups. Minnesota Outdoor Heritage Alliance is a group consisting of a million an half membership. Sportsmen for Change is an advocacy group. Two other groups are Minnesota Pork Producers, The Minnesota Farm Bureau.

The main activity of this coalition being formed is to create a phone bank to call voters and explain the pending legislation that is presently in the works. The legislation that's being planned

will regulate breeders. The authors of the bill will argue that it's purpose is to curtail commercial breeding facilities. However, the language is so broad that it will affect hobby/show breeders also. The people who will work the phone banks will be trained to explain the legislation and immediately patch the voter through to their legislators office so they can say, "I don't want you to support this legislation."

For years as people have formed groups to discuss anti-animal legislation in the works, no one has created a working idea that would make a strong impact. This may be the idea that will have some power behind it. In order

for breeders to have a future in breeding in 25 years, something must be done now.

To make the phone bank happen, people who are opposing the legislation will need to contribute funds to make this happen and some dog clubs have already begun making contributions. Organizations, as well as individuals, will need to contribute.

Please send contributions to

**MCDC % Fred Jacobberger
P.O. Box 202093,
Bloomington, MN 55420.**

DOG SHOW TOURS—LAND O'LAKES KENNEL CLUB JANUARY 2010

NWGA conducted dog show tours at the Land O'Lakes Kennel Club all-breed show on Saturday, January 9, 2010. This is an important activity for us, as it satisfies one of the requirements necessary to maintain our eligibility to hold AKC-licensed shows. Many thanks to Kari Hahn for organizing tours this year and setting up the tour schedule. Thanks also to the volunteers who staffed our information table and conducted the tours: Lisa Armstrong, Ginny Hayes, Kari Hahn, Holly Johnson, Diane Levin, Sid Levin, Kirsten Ludwig, Sharon Olson, Connie Timmerman, Debby Wilkins, and Debbie Wuetherich. Thanks too to Land O'Lakes Kennel Club, which provides parking passes and show entry passes to our tour volunteers, and to the folks at the AKC booth who provided informational material and bags for tour handouts.