



**Officers:**

President: Lori Espeland    Vice President: Pete Otterness  
Treasurer: Lynn Davey    Secretary: Megan Hancock

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Bobbie Nuytten, Betsy Norland

Monthly Meeting

**NO MONTHLY MEETING IN DECEMBER**

Updates & Encouragement

Please keep Annie Muske in your thoughts and prayers as she grieves the loss of her mother.

If there is a need for sympathy or encouragement to be extended from the club please contact Mary Schroeder at email: [marys@newulmtel.net](mailto:marys@newulmtel.net)

Newest KCKC members

Welcome to our newest member Theresa, her contact info will be included in our membership list.

Theresa McNamara lives in New Ulm and her breed is miniature dachshund.

Add to the newsletter!

Please e-mail your ideas, stories, pictures, or newsletter corrections to: [puppypuddlesnews@gmail.com](mailto:puppypuddlesnews@gmail.com)

**Annual Dues are Due**

It is that time of year again, and club membership dues are due **by the end of 2021**. The dues are \$15.00/person.

Please send dues to:

Lynn Davey, Treasurer  
47081 Linden Lane  
Kasota, MN 56050

Remember if your dues are not paid within a timely manner, your membership will cease and you will have to go through the whole membership application process again.

**May Show Chief Ring Steward Needed in 2022**

Sharon needs a new Chief Ring Steward for the May show. This person will need to be experienced in ring stewarding and Dawn is willing to help them get acclimated to the May show this year. As Chief Ring Steward they cannot show dogs that weekend. Please contact Sharon or Dawn if you are interested.

Sharon Olson: [bridgest@hickorytech.net](mailto:bridgest@hickorytech.net)  
Dawn Blaine: [showdoggie@gmail.com](mailto:showdoggie@gmail.com)

**Contributions for May Show** *(repeat from October and November)*

Please note that the deadline for contributions to the May show is **DECEMBER 19, 2021 - LAST CALL!**. See pages 3-4 of the newsletter for more contribution information.

Unfortunately, we cannot have any exceptions because of deadlines imposed by Onofrio for printing premium

lists. If your trophy information and payment is not received by the deadline, your name will not be included in the premium list.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori at 507-720-2187 or [ratflatdogs@gmail.com](mailto:ratflatdogs@gmail.com)

## AKC Title Plaques For 2021

As is custom every year, award plaques will be given out to club member's dogs who earned an AKC title that calendar year. If your dog qualifies, please fill out the form and return it to Bruce Davey by January 10th, 2022. The information may be emailed to Bruce at bdavey122@gmail.com, be sure to include all pertinent information. Certificates of accomplishment will be given to those dogs earning working dog titles, Canine Good Citizens, NADAC or USDAA titles, or titles from other venues. Plans on how we will distribute these plaques aren't decided yet, but we still want to celebrate everyone's accomplishments in 2021.

## KCKC TITLES EARNED IN 2021

DEADLINE IS JANUARY 10, 2022

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

New Title(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Special comments about this title, dog, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this form to :

Bruce Davey  
47081 Linden Lane  
Kasota, MN 56050

or by email to:  
bdavey122@gmail.com

## Show Food volunteer opportunity

The Food Service Committee needs to expand its numbers. As some already know we were short staffed this last Agility Show due to a fall. We could also use some new ideas too! Really it is okay if you are not a 'Foodie'.

We need help taking kitchen stuff to the 4H building. We need help with buying pop & water for each show & then getting into the refrigerator @ the 4H building. We need help before each show cleaning refrigerators, stove, flooring, bathrooms & setting up tables. Then there is grocery shopping & prep work that will vary with the menu for each day of the show. The spring Conformation Show we have been feeding the judges breakfast from 6:30 to 6:50 since they leave hotels too early to eat @ hotels. This makes for very long days! Of course there is the packing up at the end of each show, returning kitchen stuff to the training center and making lists of the things we need. Rinse & repeat X3 times each summer.



**MAY SHOW CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 19, 2021**

If you would prefer your donation to go towards a specific breed,  
please indicate it on the line below.

BREED OF DOG \_\_\_\_\_

Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Donation (non-monetary items): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please choose the day/days you would like to donate for:      Saturday      Sunday

**CONFORMATION**

Donation Group: \$20.00\_\_\_\_\_

BOB \$10.00\_\_\_\_\_

BOW \$10.00\_\_\_\_\_

BOS \$10.00\_\_\_\_\_

WD \$5.00\_\_\_\_\_

WB \$5.00\_\_\_\_\_

Best Owner Handler Donated Prize: \_\_\_\_\_ (Saturday Only)

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

There are no specific amounts dedicated to these classes. Classes are as follows:

Novice Junior

Novice Intermediate

Novice Senior

Open Junior

Open Intermediate

Open Senior

Master Class

Best Junior Handler

Reserve Junior Handler

If you wish, please indicate which class/classes you would like to sponsor and how much you would like to donate. Please make checks payable to: Key City Kennel Club. Please send this form along with your payment to:

Lori Espeland  
821 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.  
Truman, MN. 56088  
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**OBEDIENCE**

For First in each Regular class: \$20.00 (Circle those you wish to donate to)

Beginner Novice    A or B                  Novice    A or B                  Graduate Novice                  Graduate Open  
Open    A or B                  Utility    A or B                  Preferred Open                  Preferred Utility

**RALLY**

For First in each Regular class: \$20.00 (Circle those you wish to donate to)

Novice    A or B                                  Intermediate                                  Advanced    A or B  
Excellent    A or B                                  Masters

**OBEDIENCE and/or RALLY PRIZES: \$10.00**

\_\_\_\_ Highest Scoring Dog                  Highest Combined Score: Obedience (Open B & Utility B)  
\_\_\_\_ Highest Combined Score:                  Rally (Advanced B & Excellent B)  
\_\_\_\_ Triple Qualifying Score:                  Rally (Advanced B & Excellent B & Master)

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# Winter Holiday Pet Hazards

Most of us are experienced pet owners, but it never hurts to have a reminder of the dangers of the season related to our furry family members!

## Holiday Hazards

Winter holidays are a wonderful time to enjoy being with family and friends. But with all the extra hustle and bustle, you may forget to abide by the same pet-proofing measures you follow the rest of the year. Here is a list of holiday pet safety hazards that you should be aware of to help keep your pet safe and happy through this holiday season.



## 1. Chocolate

As tasty as chocolate can be for us, it can be plenty dangerous for our pets. Worse yet, there are many seemingly innocuous forms of chocolate that pets can get into during the holidays—chocolate coins, baking chocolate morsels, and even chocolate-covered espresso beans and macadamia nuts can dispense an unhealthy dose of methylxanthines to pets.

Cats, it's important to note, can also be adversely affected if they ingest chocolate. But Dr. Justine Lee, board-certified veterinary specialist in emergency critical care/toxicology, points out that most cats have no interest in it. In fact, over 90 percent of chocolate toxicity calls to the Pet Poison Helpline are for dogs.

## 2. Unbaked Bread Dough

Raw dough is surprisingly appealing to pets, especially if it contains salt. Ingested yeast dough can rise inside a pet's digestive tract, blocking or rupturing internal organs and potentially causing seizures and respiratory failure.

Once ingested, Dr. Lee says, "the stomach acts as an artificial oven that basically metabolizes the yeast [from the unbaked dough] into ethanol and carbon dioxide." This can then cause the animal to bloat from the excess carbon dioxide and suffer from alcohol poisoning from the ethanol.

## 3. Grapes (and Raisins)

Grapes and raisins are also common pet safety hazards for pets during the holidays. Any candied raisins found in fruit cake, yogurt-covered raisins or grapes found on appetizer platters could spell bad news for your pet.

"The other reason we get a lot of [grape and raisin poison] calls, Dr. Lee says, "is because holidays are a time when family [and friends] visit—and they are sometimes unaware that grapes and raisins are poisonous to dogs and cats."

## 4. Medications

You may be a stickler when it comes to pet-proofing your house for holidays with pets, but once the holiday guests arrive, that all goes out the window. Traveling household guests often leave open suitcases on the ground, where pets can easily get into prescription medications.

Suddenly you have a pet that can get into 20 different medications all at once. Over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol can be equally dangerous to pets. If you think your pet ingested any medications or supplements, call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Poison Control (888) 426-4435 right away.

## 5. Anti-freeze and Ice Melt

Anti-freeze and rock salt are some of the cold weather chemicals that cause problems for pets. Be especially careful of using anti-freeze with the chemical ethylene glycol, because it can be deadly to animals. Rock salt can cause a chain reaction of dangers. If a pet walks on it, it can irritate paw pads, causing pets to lick or swallow the rock salt, which can result in agitation and vomiting. Look for ice melts with a propylene glycol base that is a relatively pet-safe way to melt ice.

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## 6. Xylitol

It may sound like some exotic instrument, but xylitol is a sugar substitute found in some sugar-free candies, gum and recipes. Recently, xylitol is being included in more and more sugar-free products, **including peanut butter!** When ingested by pets, xylitol may cause vomiting, loss of coordination, seizures, and in severe cases, liver failure.

## 7. Plants

While mistletoe and holly are mainstays when it comes to winter holiday plants, these are also two of the more toxic holiday plants to pets, causing severe gastrointestinal disorders, breathing difficulty, even heart failure in extreme cases.

The dangers of poinsettias, on the other hand, are overhyped, in Dr. Lee's opinion. Of course, while they are not safe for your pet, often the worse that happens to a dog or cat that ingests a small portion of the poinsettia is a bit of mild indigestion. However, you should still use caution, especially around puppies and kittens.

Additional holiday plants that can be harmful to pets include:

Amaryllis	Ivy
Azaleas	Juniper
Chrysanthemums	Lily
Evergreens	

## 8. Holiday Ornaments and Decor

Although not poisonous, many ornaments have sharp edges that can cause perforations and lacerations to pets that try to chew on the decorations. We wouldn't dare ask you to strip the house of all the joy that holiday ornaments can bring, but please safeguard them for the sake of your pet's safety during holidays with pets. This includes all tinsel or tinsel-like decor that could be ingested and wrap itself around the intestines or ball up in the stomach

## 9. Electrical Cords

Winter holidays bring with them plenty of connected devices—lights, lights, and more lights—along with the electrical cords and outlets needed to power these devices. Curious puppies and kittens are especially intrigued by the exposed wiring, Dr. Lee says, and are therefore most in danger of the burns or fluid accumulation in the lungs associated with electrical shocks. Take care where you place electrical cords and outlets, and when possible, place them out of reach from your pets, tape them down or cover them in protective casing.

## 10. Holiday Guests

Ringing doorbells, increased activity, and visitors during the holiday season can be stressful and upsetting to a pet's routine. It's best to keep pets on a regular schedule for feeding and exercise. Pets should be kept away from doors leading to the outside and under control when visitors arrive and depart.

To help avoid unnecessary stress, consider restricting your pet to a relatively quiet room with access to hiding places until the guests are gone. Be sure to put their food and water in the room too. If your pet is overly stressed by holiday visitors, consult with your family veterinarian about possible solutions. And make certain your pet has proper identification. A microchip and tags on their collar can help quickly identify your pet should they ever be separated from you.

## Be Prepared

While spending holidays with pets can be wonderful and enjoyable, it is always important to be mindful of these pet safety concerns. With a little common sense and a lot of preparation, you can minimize the dangers.

One of the most important aspects of being prepared is knowing what to do if an emergency should occur. Dr. Lee has some advice for that as well. "I always tell people to preprogram the contact numbers for your veterinarian, nearest emergency hospital and the Pet Poison Helpline, (888) 426-4435."

taken from:

"Ten Winter Holiday Pet Hazards." PetMD Editorial. [www.petmd.com/dog/slideshows/emergency/winter-holiday-pet-hazards](http://www.petmd.com/dog/slideshows/emergency/winter-holiday-pet-hazards). December 07, 2012

"12 dangerous holiday pet hazards and how to keep your pet safe this winter" MedVet. <https://www.medvetforpets.com/12-dangerous-holiday-pet-hazards/> December 16, 2019



# NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

## **Opening:**

The general meeting of the Key City Kennel Club was called to order at 7:37pm on November 16th at the Training Center in Mankato MN by Lori Espeland.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

## **Reports**

### **President:**

none

### **Secretary:**

Correspondence -

Applications for membership

First Readings:

- Kelijo Wright
- Carson Wright

Second Reading:

- Theresa McNamara - voted in as a member

### **Treasurer:**

All expenses were normal

Balance: \$56,641.54

### **Training Report**

Megan will not be doing Saturday session for the January classes.

## **Business**

Trial and Show Policies and Procedures

The desire has been expressed to have a policies and procedure document to guide trial and show chairs when making decisions, this will be scheduled in the new year.

## **May Show**

We will need a new chief ring steward, if you are interested and have ring steward experience please let Sharon know.

## **Agility Trial**

We are currently looking for a judge for our trial, if you know of any judge that may be available, please let Lynn know.

## **Holiday Party**

The holiday party planning is in the works to see if it will happen this year. Megan will put out a survey (in January) to determine the following:

- Interest in attending
- Party Format
- Date

## **Asking for volunteers**

An idea was brought up to see if any 4H clubs would have kids willing to help out at shows

## **Elections**

A white ballot was voted and approved.

## **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by person to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by person

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm . The next general meeting will be at 7:30 on Jan 18th at the training center in Mankato MN.

Minutes submitted by: Megan Hancock