

## The Life and Times of a Kennel Club

**The history of the Minneapolis Kennel Club reflects dramatic changes in the dog world.**

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Several notable members should be mentioned. Maurice Baker, a founding member, was the only all-breed AKC judge to be a member of the club. Maurice was show chairman for many years, followed in that position by John Sheehan. In 70 years, this club has had only two show chairmen! Ruth Foster, a lifetime member, received recognition from the Association of Pet Dog Trainers as Outstanding Trainer of the Year 2003. In addition, Ruth and her partner, Dr. R. K. Anderson, invented the popular Gentle Leader collar which is now on display in the Smithsonian's Museum of American History as an important American invention. 2005 marked the 70th anniversary of the Minneapolis Kennel Club. Some great dogs and winners have been bred and shown by the membership, and the club has made major financial contributions to the purebred dog in Minneapolis, in the state of Minnesota and nationally. Friendships have been formed and good times had by all.

May the "average every day" clubs throughout America continue to not only serve the world of purebred dogs, but to educate their communities on the wonderful world of purebred dogs.