

**Washington County
Proclamation
“Dog Days of August”**

WHEREAS: The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club was founded in 1969 by a group of individuals who committed their time and effort to achieve approval from the American Kennel Club (AKC) to conduct All-Breed Dog Shows and Obedience Trials. In 1995, the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club became a member of the American Kennel Club; and

WHEREAS: The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club conducted early shows in gymnasiums, auditoriums, and tented outdoor show sites. The Club formed a long-term relationship with the Washington County Agricultural Society and now conducts its shows at the Washington County Fairgrounds in two pavilion-type structures. The Club’s well-maintained grassy outside show rings are the only dedicated dog show facility in the five-state area; and

WHEREAS: The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club strives to be forward thinking and innovative. In August 1994, the Club offered one of the very first licensed AKC Agility Trials in the United States, as well as demonstrations in Lure Coursing; and

WHEREAS: The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization and is continually expanding its educational efforts. Since 1989, the Club has featured an Information Booth at its shows and has provided a variety of dog education publications at no charge; and

WHEREAS: The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club has actively supported the Washington County 4-H Dog Project for more than 20 years, with many of its members serving as trainers for the students. Each year, approximately 100 boys and girls, ages 9-19, take part in the program, and participants regularly reach the 4-H State Final Competition; and

WHEREAS: The St. Croix Valley Kennel Club invites the public to attend the St. Croix Valley Dog Shows on August 23 and 24, 2003, at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. Nearly 3,000 dogs from the United States and Canada attended last year’s event and competed in conformation, obedience, and agility. Admission and parking are free, and families will have the opportunity to see approximately 150 breeds and talk with the owners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

The Washington County Board of Commissioners heartily congratulates the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club on its accomplishments and declares August 21 through August 24, 2003, as the “Dog Days of August” in Washington County.



Commissioner Dennis C. Hegberg, Board Chair



Commissioner Nile Kriesel, District 3