

**For Immediate Release:  
SCVKC DOG SHOW**

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***Who- Who'll Let the Dogs Out- St. Croix Valley Kennel Club-That's Who***

We would like to invite you to the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club Dog Shows on August 21st and 22nd, 2004. There will be three types of dog competition at these shows:

- ❖ conformation
- ❖ obedience
- ❖ agility

It will be held at the Washington County Fairgrounds, which are located at Highways 5 and 15 in Lake Elmo, Minnesota. The show starts at 8:00 a.m., daily; **admission and parking are free.**

**Conformation competition:** dogs are judged on their bone structure, coat, and movement as described in the standard written by the American Kennel Club. Dogs will be competing for points toward their championship against others of their breed. The final competition in each breed is for best of breed or variety of breed. The best of each breed or variety then go on to compete in one of seven groups to which they are assigned. The winners of each group then compete for Best in Show. Another competition within conformation is the Junior Showmanship for kids from age 10 to 17. In this competition, the kids are judged by how well they train, groom & show their dog.

**Obedience competition:** dogs are judged on how well they perform the commands of their handler, such as sit, heel, come, stand, and down. Advanced obedience competition includes exercises on retrieving and jumping.

**Agility competition:** requires dogs to go through an obstacle course as fast as they can. The handler runs with the dog for encouragement and to guide the dog through the course. Dogs jump hurdles, go through tunnels, walk on a teeter-totter, go over bridges, and other obstacles. It is a fast and furious competition.

In addition to the competition, there will be many vendors selling dog-related items and food for spectators. We will also have an information booth with many free dog education publications. Last year, each day, nearly 2000 dogs attended from 43 states and Canada. The show site is one of the finest outdoor sites in the country. This event is a great family value!

If you are thinking about buying a dog, this is a great opportunity to see about 150 different pure bred breeds and talk to their owners.

Concessions are provided by the Lion's Club which support charitable activities.

Come and enjoy all the fun and festivities our shows have to offer. It is a great place to take the family!

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