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Puppy Sweeps
Judge: Ms. Beth Ann Santure

Best in Sweeps...Donnella's Reflections Of
The Runway/M. Coffman

Regular Classes

Judge: Mrs. Loraine Boutwell

BOB...CH Char N Co She's Electric/C.
Stukey

BOS...CH Blackwitch It's 5 O'Clock Some
Where/C. Beagle/D. Beagle

WB ...Char N Co No Speed Limit/C.
Stukey

RWB...Wards Creek's Alley Cat/G.
Schnetzer

SEL...GCH Attaway Blue Light Special/L.
Drost

MINUTES October 8, 2011

AMSC Board Meeting – Following the Annual Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club October – Special Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine at 9:40 PM, at the Doubletree Suites, Plymouth Meeting, PA.

Officers Present: John Constantine – President, Carole Weinberger – Vice President, Amy Gordon – Secretary, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer

Board Members Present: Susi Atherton, Kathy Colby, Kim Cox-Griffin, Carma Ewer, Patti Henderson, Shawne Imler, Cathi Rohrer, Lisa Sarvas

President John Constantine welcomed the new Board members, Class of 2015: Kathy Colby, Patti Henderson, Lisa Sarvas, Beth Santure

A motion was made by Lisa Sarvas to accept the committee assignments proposed by President John Constantine. The motion was seconded by Kathy Colby. Motion passes unanimously.

President John Constantine recommended the 2012 board meetings. The board meetings will be Saturday, March 23, 2012 7:00pm in Ft Worth, TX and Friday, June 22, 2012 7:00pm in Long Beach, CA. There will be a teleconference on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 9 pm EST. Critical committee members will be invited as well as Local Club Delegates. A motion was made to approve the suggested meeting dates by Carole Weinberger and seconded by Cathi Rohrer.. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve 12-15 month and 15-18 month classes for the Futurity to be held at the 2013 Roving Specialty in Missouri. The motion was made by Kathy Colby and seconded by Carole Weinberger. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:45 pm by Patti Henderson and seconded by Kathy Colby. Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted ,

Amy Gordon, AMSC Secretary

Montgomery 2011

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The Miniature Schnauzer entry at our AMSC National - Montgomery this year was fantastic - our best of our best were there, and truly, there were not enough ribbons for all those who deserved them.

Winners Dog and Best of Winners was Bred By, "Minuteman Metropolis", bred and owned by Catherine McMillan & Karen Prokopetz. This 16 mo old salt & pepper dog was in great condition and well developed, with excellent coat texture, sound moving reach and drive, a classic rectangular head with clean cheeks.

Reserve Winners Dog, "Char N Co Red Dirt Road", bred and owned by Charlotte Stukey, was a lovely 8 mo old boy in a hard black & silver coat, well laid back shoulders, square outline with a short deep body, and still a puppy, will move out better as he matures.

Winners Bitch, "Legacy's Pohl Dancer of ToMar", was 10 mo old , bred by Polly Sleeper and Mary Paisley, owned by Patty Ledgerwood, Michael and Vivian Pohl, and Mary Paisley. She was very pretty, with a balanced, square outline, short deep body, clean rectangular head, hard salt & pepper coat, already a complete package as a puppy.

Reserve Winners Bitch, "Manit's Somebody to Love", from the Bred By class, bred and owned by Manuel Itriago, was a lovely salt & pepper bitch, clean hard coat, short deep body, moves well, a pretty bitch still in the process of filling out.

The Best of Breed class proved the adage that judging the good ones is more difficult. As pleased as I was with the regular classes, the depth of quality among the specials was outstanding. With very minor variations, their virtues are so similar as to defy easy description.

After serious consideration of this highly competitive class of specials, my Best of Breed was "Ch Regency's Playmaker", bred by Beverly Verna, owned by Sonny Wang and Beverly Verna. This is a balanced, square dog with substance, short deep body,

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TROPHY DRIVE...

please don't forget
the trophy drive.

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Here is the link to the page for the Trophy Fund Drive, http://amsc.us/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=131&Itemid=44&mosmsg=Thanks+for+your+submission

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LOOK

Please let me know if you make a change.

*DECALS & PINS. You can get AMSC decals (\$1.00) and Replacement pins (\$7.50) from:

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*LOCAL CLUBS...please be sure to include *all* information when sending Specialty tear sheets for inclusion in AMSCOPE e.g. Judges, dates, entry, obedience.

* LOCAL CLUBS...PLEASE send a copy of your newsletter to the following members of the Local Club Bulletin Committee:

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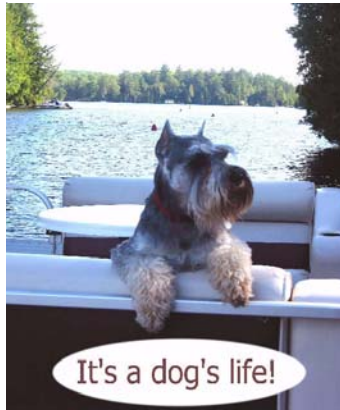
Report all changes to the roster to:

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LOOK AT THIS WEEKEND!

Central Florida MSC

The Specialty will be held in conjunction with the Eukenuba. There will be 3 sets of points for miniature schnauzers (hopefully majors) on the weekend whether or not an exhibitor has an entry at the Invitational.

Wednesday, 12-14-2011

All breed show Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay Mini judge David A. Ojalvo

Thursday, 12-15-2011

All breed show Brevard Kennel Club Mini judge Michelle Billings

Friday, 12-16-2011

CFMSC will hold its **TENTH ANNIVERSARY SHOW** in conjunction with the All breed show of Central Florida Kennel Club. Sweeps judge is Joe Wake Regular judge is Lydia Hutchinson . There will be great trophies

Saturday, Sunday, 12-17 and 12-18 is the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational show

The CFMSC will have great trophies.

The Superintendent for the 3 all breed shows is MB-F.

All shows are at the same location Orange County Convention Center.

On Saturday and Sunday we will be having meet the breeds. Please contact Amy Gordon (aragonms@att.net) for further info on Meet the Breeds.

On the AKC web site is information about the show and how it will work as well as hotel information. AKC.org

2012 Roving Specialty in Texas!

Ya'll come join us!



Lone Star Miniature Schnauzer Club Specialty weekend.

March 23-25, there will be 4 big shows in 3 days!

Friday we will have the AMSC specialty in the morning and the LSMSC specialty in the afternoon. AMSC will sponsor a box lunch for exhibitors that day. Saturday and Sunday will be an all breed show hosted by the Ft Worth KC.

* AMSC judges are:

Sweeps: Janet Taylor-Sweeps
Regular classes: Carol Weinberger

* LSMSC judges are:

Sweeps: Manuel Itriago
Regular classes: Penny Hirstein

* Judge for Saturday : Sally George

* Educational Seminar on Saturday.

* LSMSC dinner TBA

* Judge for Sunday: JoAnn McCann (AUS).

The AMSC has blocked rooms at a discounted rate at the Residence Inn Ft Worth University 1701 South University Drive, Fort Worth, TX, 76107, (817) 870-1011
Event name: American Miniature Schnauzer Club.
Room rates are \$119.00/night for studio, \$139.00/night for double.

There are many hotels in the Ft Worth area to choose from but this one is very close to the show site and very "doggie" friendly with lots of grassy areas for exercising.

NEED a Grooming Table? Let us know!

Kim Cox Griffin (daystar@doglover.com) and Laurie Darman-Owen (minsch2003@yahoo.com) are co-chairing the specialty.

Y'all head SOUTH when you're tired of winter!! Please make plans to join your friends in Fort Worth, TX on March 23, 2012 for the AMSC Obedience Trial being held in conjunction with the Roving Specialty! Our obedience trial will be held in the morning and Joyce Morgan will be judging. We will offer all regular classes plus the titling classes and veterans class! Mark your calendars, and come on down for a FINE TEXAS WELCOME!!!

Winter Pet Safety - 7 Risks to Avoid

by Mary Kearl

"Winter is actually a pretty good time for animals," says Dr. Jacob Cohen of Chicago's Animal Ark Veterinary Clinic. "They're out less — which means less injuries and less illness." But there are still serious incidents of cold-weather-related health problems in pets that can and should be avoided, adds Cohen.

1. Space heaters. As with any electronic appliance, take care where you place these in your home. You want to prevent your pet from chewing cords. And either make sure your cat isn't tempted — or able — to jump on the heater, your cat or dog can't brush up against it, or that the temperature doesn't get too hot. Coming into contact with the heater could cause serious burns, says Cohen.

2. Temperatures below 45 degrees. "Frostbite is rare, but you really want to watch out for too much exposure to cold," says Cohen. "We start to get concerned below 45 degrees when a pet is in the cold for extended periods of time. Below freezing we have to be even more aware." Your pet's feet, ears, nose and tail are likely to be affected. "You may not see the clinical signs for a couple of days, but if the areas are severely affected, the tissue starts to die, it changes to blue-black color, and your pet will get severe infections. You may see limping or pain and licking at the area." Hypothermia is also a risk. Symptoms include weakness, shivering and lack of mental alertness, according to PetMD. Learn about dressing your pet for cold weather from Paw Nation.

3. Leaving pets alone outside, in the car or in the garage. Leaving pets by themselves, even in a vehicle, is "strongly not recommended. Especially if they're not used to cold temperatures," says Cohen. If pets do need to be left alone in cooler temperatures, short periods of time are acceptable. "Longer than 20 minutes," is when it gets to be risky, says Cohen. The ASPCA reminds us that outdoor cats like to sleep under cars, so take caution before starting your engine. The ASPCA also advises against leaving outdoor cats outside all winter long, as doing so increases their risk of freezing, theft, injury and death.

4. Salty sidewalks and driveways. "It's not toxic, but salt on the ground can irritate your pet's paws," says Cohen. Particularly sensitive animals might limp after exposure. Dress feet in booties or consider buying pet-



safe ice melters, suggests Cohen. The ASPCA recommends massaging petroleum jelly into your pet's foot pads before going outside and towel drying the feet and applying moisturizer once everyone's back inside.

5. Antifreeze. It is estimated that 90,000 animals die each year from antifreeze poisoning. As little as 1/2 teaspoon can be toxic to a cat and just 1/4 cup can kill a medium-size dog, according to the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA). "The ethylene glycol in antifreeze is sweet-tasting and appealing to cats and dogs," according to OVMA's website. "Do not leave antifreeze unattended or allow it to spill onto the garage floor or into the street. Consider using nontoxic antifreeze with a bittering agent to discourage pet consumption. If you see your pet drinking any amount of antifreeze, take it to a veterinarian immediately."

6. Bodies of water. "If your dog is a swimmer, keep him on a leash around open water or unstable ice," cautions New York State's Office of Emergency Management. "Hypothermia can set in quickly, and the dog may be unable to get out of the water."

7. Going off-leash in the snow. "Canines often lose their scent in cold weather and can become lost," according to the West Lafayette, Ind., animal control. "Dogs also can panic in snow storms and run away. The decreased daylight does not help either. More dogs are reported lost during the winter than any other season, so always keep dogs on-leash when outside a fully fenced yard and make sure yours always wears proper identification."

Pets And Children: A Lifelong Friendship

Many people are aware of the **health benefits** that come from having a pet, including **lowering high blood pressure, preventing heart disease** and **combating depression**. However, what parents may not realize is that adding a dog to the family can be advantageous to the other bundles of joy "scampering" around the house.

While little children are too young to worry about preventing stress or lowering health care costs, there are numerous benefits they can experience from having a family dog.

Pets help children gain a sense of independence that can set them on the path to becoming mature, responsible adults.

Pets Teach Kids To Be Responsible Children can learn the importance of responsibility at an early age by acting as a caretaker for a pet. A dog, can present an ideal opportunity for parent and child to bond while caring for it together. Showing children what it means to be responsible for another creature's survival can result in teaching important life lessons such as discipline, patience, kindness and attentiveness.

Pets Can Help Kids Develop Discipline Walking and feeding the dog, or talking to the dog can serve as fun study breaks for kids, and a replacement for television programs and video games. These pet-related activities help children remain focused on the task at hand, and are less likely to become distractions that will prevent homework and chores from being completed.

Pets Prepare Kids For Life Situations Bringing a dog into the family can be an effective way to help prepare children for real life scenarios. For example, pets can ease the transition of suddenly having to share mom and dad's attention with a new brother or sister by demonstrating how much fun new playmates can be, as well as what is involved in caring for another.

A dog can also help kids learn to deal with medical issues and illnesses as they are exposed to routine veterinarian check-ups with their pet, and the treatments for various ailments.

**The deadline
for the
January issue is
December 18.**

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rectangular head with clean cheeks, and a hard, hard, salt & pepper coat. He moved with the authority of a mature dog in great condition.

Best of Winners was "Minuteman Metropolis"

Best Opposite Sex was the lovely salt & pepper bitch, "Ch Lonestar's Standing Ovation", bred by Sharon Edwards & Catherine Rohrer, owned by Richard & Sharon Edwards. Square, balanced, short deep body, hard coat, feminine and typey.

Select Dog was "Gr Ch ToMar's Captain Morgan", bred and owned by Mary Paisley Select Bitch was "Ch Minueman Goldikova", bred and owned by Catherine McMillan & Terrie Houck

Award of Merit - in no particular order. Veteran Dog "Ch Mai-Laur Black E-Nam-L", a 7 year old bred and owned by Laurese Byrd Katen

"Ch Minuteman Underworld", bred and owned by Catherine McMillan & Karen Prokopetz

"Ch Ellerker's What's In a Name", bred and owned by Jane Caines and move-up, "Mystiques License to Kill", bred and owned by Catherine Rohrer

It was at this point that I ran out of ribbons, but could have easily and honestly given out another four Awards of Merit. It was a pleasure to see so many top quality Miniature Schnauzers gather at Montgomery this year. As the AMSC judges education chair, I could only wish that all judges approved or applying for our breed could have been there to see them - these are the dogs our judges need to see to understand what a Miniature Schnauzer should be.

Wyoma Clouss, #6301

I was pleased to see that our entry was in such good shape, to see the depth of quality — I will add some personal notes as a breeder/exhibitor/judge, beyond what I wrote for the magazine:

There was a range in coat condition. Some were in beautiful condition, hard, wiry, clean coats of all colors - forget the excuse of only s/p having the best hard coats. As there should be, there were b/s and blacks with the same hard wiry coat described in our breed standard. However, there were a couple in their underwear - undercoat showing where hard body hair should have been, and one literally had more soft than hard hair... they were not ready for show, especially not for Montgomery. What I objected to even more were the several dogs whose body coat and furnishings had been so

heavily hairsprayed that not a hair would have twitched in a tornado. A little hairspray to set the grooming is one thing, these dogs were way, way beyond that. And as a judge going over a series of dogs, let me tell you that no judge feeling all that spray on the body coat will be fooled into thinking that dog's coat is correct hard, wiry texture. Color was good, only one that in a quick exam I questioned whether it was s/p or b/s... faulty, but I suspect we have made progress in that regard.

Heads were generally quite nice, more consistently correct than I have seen in the past. "strong and rectangular" clean cheeks, proper balance of muzzle to top skull. Teeth, bite were good.

Movement down and back were generally clean, more consistent than when I judged M.C. previously. Side movement, reach and drive varied somewhat. Watching video, or speed-shooting stills with a digital camera will show you what your dog is doing. We shouldn't see that lift and breaking at the wrist that the public might term "prancing like a pony". Not a lot of that, but something to keep in mind.

Seriously, we need for more judges to see the wonderful quality that our breeders and exhibitors bring to Montgomery. A couple of suggestions — I think it is vital that the AMSC ring be moved back with the other Terrier rings at Montgomery. Maybe there won't be as much shade, maybe grooming will be a little less convenient. But this is where judges from all over the world come to watch, and I noticed that they didn't hike over to see our lovely entry. So what they see is what they see, an entry of four or five here and there, the average rather than the best. And then we complain about generic judging, that they don't get it like we think they should. Another thought: we need to get these judges to our best dogs. Like inviting them to do our Sweeps. Yes, I know we don't want our big weekends screwed up by an 'outsider'. But how else can potential judges have a serious opportunity to see and 'hands on' the numbers of good dogs that they need to understand our breed? I judged a regional Lhasa Sweeps a number of years ago - I had no intention of applying for them, but after going over 30 Lhasas, I felt like I had learned something. At the very least, let's work harder at bringing the promising candidates to do our Sweeps at our local Specialties. We can coordinate better to share the names of judges who seem serious, attending our judges ed, concentrating ring-side. I don't know how this new judging approval process will work out, but we may gain a chance for some input on who gets to judge our Miniature Schnauzers.

Top Holiday Dangers

1. Trash. Sure, you probably know whether your cat or dog is a garbage forager by now, and are normally very vigilant about keeping it out of your pet's reach, but during this busy time of year when unaware company can throw off family routines, a "pet is more likely to get in the trash," says Dr. Hohenhaus. There they'll find foods and other objects they shouldn't — but will want to — eat.

2. Unusual foods. Overindulging your pet with fatty treats, like gravy or too much turkey or ham, can cause upset stomach and even pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas). Onions, garlic and scallions can damage dogs' red blood cells. Symptoms you can expect include lethargy and red discoloration in the dog's urine. And as you probably know, chocolates are a no-no.

3. Decorations. The worst combinations are cats and tinsel, and cats and wrapping-paper ribbon, says Dr. Hohenhaus. Curious cats are likely to swallow these enticements, "which causes their intestines to bunch up, and cuts into intestinal wall, so cats can't pass food through the intestinal wall normally," says Dr. Hohenhaus. "It requires surgery to cut these out surgically." "Don't have icicle tinsel on tree at all," she cautions.

Holiday lights are also risky temptation to pets, according to the Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine website, which recommends humans, "check cords for any signs of bite marks, loose or frayed wires, proximity to the tree's water supply, or evidence of short circuits." Electrical shock that could result can cause burns, difficulty breathing, abnormal heart rhythm, loss of consciousness, and death, the website warns.

4. Alcohol. 'Tis the season to be jolly, but not that jolly! Letting your pet have sips of your drink intentionally, or leaving cups of holiday cheer where dogs (they're more tempted by food and drink than cats) can reach them, is a "disaster because pets are not accustomed to drinking alcohol," according to Dr. Hohenhaus. An owner who is careless with alcohol may find their dog "in a coma from alcohol intoxication."

5. Plants. "Poinsettias are probably overrated as being toxic to pets, but it's still worth being careful about," says Dr. Hohenhaus. "Mistletoe has some toxins, but it's normally hung up high, so it's not as big an issue." The lesser-known risky seasonal plants include amaryllis lilies, red azaleas

BLACK RIBBONS

Ch. Dimensions Hot Pursuit, UD,
RN, NA

July 1997 - October 17, 2011
"Chase" came home with me from the shows in Belton, TX 14 years ago. Margo had two 4 month old puppies in an ex pen and invited me to come take a look at them. I picked up the salt & pepper girl first and put her on lead. She was OK, but was not my style. THEN I picked up that little black & silver male, and it was all over..... Even though I wasn't in the market for a new show prospect, I took him home the next day! What a puppy! And what a dog and what a legacy he leaves behind.

Chase finished his championship quickly and drew attention of judges and exhibitors alike. He was a Top Producer in our breed. He finished his Utility Dog obedience title, and soon after finished his Rally Novice obedience title.

Not content to let it go at that, we signed up for Agility classes. When Chase was 10 years old, he achieved his Novice Agility title to become what I believe is the most titled top producing Miniature Schnauzer in breed history.

For me, Chase will ALWAYS be "The World's Best Black & Silver". His calm, dependable temperament, and outstanding work ethic made him a joy to train and live with. His ability to get into my own food on dog show trips was legendary! He's proof that a small dog can survive after eating half a large bag of tortilla chips.

To those of you who have Chase offspring, my thanks for taking the time to give those dogs your love and tremendous attention and commitment.

I'd like to thank his breeder, Margo Klingler for entrusting me with one of God's greatest gifts. I am blessed to have had such a unique and amazing little dog in my life.
Sonny Lelle

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **Ch. Cholet's Packin Heat "Ruger"**, (CH. Wards Creek's Extreme Commitment x Shalin Cliffnote) started his show carrier in San Antonio, Tx in July taking 3- 3pt majors. Then next weekend at Houston, Tx he won 2-4pt majors and 2-5 pt majors making him a champion. I entered him at Canton, Tx this past weekend as a special for the first time and he won Best of Breed and a Group 1. He was shown in BBE by Angela Lawrence.

***CH. Belgar's Desert Breeze** finished her AKC title on October 13 at Sangre de Cristo, NM. "Bree" was bred by Bonnie Warrell, is owned by Marilyn Lande, Lyle Harstad and Bonnie Warrell and handled to her title by Jorge and Susie Olivera. She is the 3rd AKC champion for her sire, GCH. Belgar's Desert Sand and the 5th AKC champion for her dam, Belgar's Second Chance.

***Sweeper (Nicknack Makin A Clean Sweep) MX MXJ AXP MJP)** completed her Master Jumpers Preferred Title on Sunday Oct. 30th. She is out of CH Regency's Turncoat X CH Nicknack Ain't Miss Behaving bred by Carla Nickerson. She is owned by Tom and Renae Bagwell and handled by Renae Bagwell

* **GCH. Jebema-Hilgirt-Kingsway Mid-night Rumble** (black) finished his CGH Souhegan K.C. Inc. under judge Mrs. Ann Katona Owners: Janie Seper & Don Seper

The action described below was
unanimously approved by the AKC
Board,

STATEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

AKC Registration, Transfer, and Co- Ownership Restructured Fees

The AKC Board of Directors voted unanimously at its October 2011 meeting to restructure the individual dog registration and co-ownership fees. This new fee structure will allow AKC to continue its good works for all dogs, including canine health research donations, search-and-rescue dog grants, lost dog recovery, kennel inspections, monitoring canine legislation, and promoting responsible dog ownership among other programs. AKC can also continue to provide the same level of quality vital services to clubs, exhibitors and breeders. This is the first registration fee increase since 2007 despite the continuing economic challenges facing the country and as a result the sport of purebred dogs.

As of January 1, 2012, the first-time individual dog registration fee and each basic transfer of ownership fee will increase to \$30 per dog. This new fee structure also includes modifications to co-ownership. With the first-time individual dog registration as well as any subsequent transfer of dog ownership, one (1) primary owner will be listed with the \$30 registration or transfer fee. In addition, a \$10 fee will be added for each additional owner listed on the registration certificate.* The primary owner will receive the official AKC Registration Certificate and each additional owner will receive an e-mail only copy of the registration certificate. The e-mail copy will be clearly marked COPY, will not display the certificate issue date, and will not have the transfer form on the back.

Owners of AKC Registered Dogs will still receive the same benefits as before including:

- AKC Registration Certificate
- Complimentary Trial Pet Health Care Insurance
- Eligibility to Participate in AKC Events
- New Puppy Handbook and Optional discounted Registration Packages

As the nation's only not-for-profit registry, we look forward to the continued support of dog owners through registration with the American Kennel Club. Together we will overcome the current challenges of the economy and continue our good **works on behalf of all dogs.**

***Co-owners of dams registering litter members to the litter owners will be exempt from this additional fee.**

WHO DOES WHAT?

Here's who to contact:

Requests for additions/deletions from
amsc-list:
Wyoma Clouss <clouss@wy-os.net>

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Breeders Referral :
Chris Franck
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Roster Address changes, she will
communicate to Carla B and Wyoma
for updates
Sharon Edwards
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DUES

AMSC FUTURITY 2013!!

We are officially announcing another exciting opportunity for AMSC members.

A futurity stakes competition will be held at the roving national specialty during the week long activities at Purina Farms in St. Louis Missouri in 2013!

Litter nominations have opened and can be received now. Futurity rules and both litter and individual nomination forms can be viewed and down loaded from the AMSC yahoo groups files or the AMSC website.

Any questions regarding the futurity can be directed to me Beth Santure, Futurity Chair. at: bjasanture@peoplepc.com

The larger the participation, the larger the stakes prizes to be won and the more exciting the competition will be.

Please support our clubs first ever National Futurity by nominating that special litter which is in whelp now or planned to whelp between now and November 9, 2012.

WHAT IS A FUTURITY

A futurity is a contest for which the prize consists of stakes contributed by the various competitors. It's a bit like making a bet (nomination fees) that your unborn litter will produce a high quality individual who can win the money. The fun and challenge in a futurity is that the litter is nominated after its bred but before it is born. Or in our case up to 30 days after birth for a higher fee. This then allows all puppies from that litter to be eligible for nomination individually for the competition. The greater the participation the higher the stakes winnings. The winnings will be broken down into classes and placements with the largest portion going to the BREEDER of the futurity winner. Many breeds hold both sweepstakes and futurity shows. Breeds with very large entries have stakes winning in the thousands of dollars sometimes. Ours with good participation could have a stakes winner of several hundred dollars. I like to think of a futurity as a sweepstakes with "ATTITUDE"! Sounds like fun right? I hope you all will consider supporting our first ever futurity by placing litter nominations starting now. For detailed information please read all of the futurity rules and nomination forms provided in the AMSC yahoo group files that were published earlier.

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS For MARCH Board Meeting

Helen Carter

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Helen Carter has owned Miniature Schnauzer for 6 years. She does not breed her dogs. She is active in Conformation and Obedience, attending approximately 12 dog events each year. She belongs to the Central Florida Miniature Schnauzer Club and is the Vice President and to the Obedience Club of Daytona. She is an Office Manager.

Nancy T. Owen

Edwin A. Owen

19411 Conquistador Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375
Phone: 623-521-5649

The **Owens** have had Miniature Schnauzers for 12 years and Std. Schnauzers for 15 years. They do not breed their dogs. They are active in Conformation attending approximately 12 dog events yearly. They are members of the Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club serving as Treasurer and Hospitality and Raffle Chairs. Mrs. Owen is in Real Estate and Mr. Owen is a retired DDS and in Real Estate.

Donna Welborn

9101 Lemona Drive
St. Louis, MO 63123
Phone: 314-544-6863

Donna Welborn has had Miniature Schnauzers for 2 years. She is not a breeder. She has been active in Obedience for 20 years and Agility for 1 year, attending approximately 20 shows each year. She is a member of the Jefferson county Kennel Club and the Gateway Schnauzer Club. She is retired.

Leslie & Paul Menddelsohn

105 Elderberry Court
Lexington, SC 29072
Phone: 803-917-0804

The Mendelsohn's have owned Miniature Schnauzers since 1995. The do not breed their dogs. They have participated in Conformation for 2 years, attending 15-20 shows yearly. They are members of the Columbia Kennel Club, the Schnauzer Club of Great Britain and the UK Miniature Schnauzer Club. Paul is a Nuclear Engineer and Leslie a Compliance Manager, Health Care. Areas of interest in the Club are, Newsletter, Public Awareness, Awards/Trophies, Education, Membership, T-Shirt Designs, etc.

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Dear Members

The lab of Dr Eva Furrow at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center is currently conducting a study to evaluate the heritability of Calcium Oxalate urolithiasis in Miniature Schnauzers and other high-risk breeds. She is seeking both case and control dogs. **The case dogs can be any age (younger than 8 years old is preferable –but not necessarily required – discuss with Dr Furrow) and must have a history of confirmed calcium oxalate uroliths. The control dogs must be 8 years of age or older and have no history of calcium oxalate stones. We will cover the cost of abdominal radiographs and a urinalysis to rule out the presence of urinary stones in control dogs. We need blood and urine samples from all dogs (both cases and controls). All dogs will receive a free electrolyte and kidney panel blood test. In addition to the aforementioned free screening tests, there is a small monetary compensation (\$25) for participating in this study. Pedigrees are not necessary. You may identify familial relationships of submitted samples.**

In a previous study she noticed high incident of diabetes in dogs with Calcium Oxalate stones and is interested in Diabetic dogs as well. If you are

interested in participating in this study and have a dog with diabetes or a dog with Calcium Oxalate stones OR would like to participate as a “control”, please contact Dr. Eva Furrow at (612) 625-6222 (Lab hours: 8am- 5pm CST Monday-Friday) or email at furro004@umn.edu for additional information. Please share this study information with your local veterinarian

GENERAL STUDY INFORMATION

Urinary stones composed of calcium oxalate are common in Miniature Schnauzers. In fact, Miniature Schnauzers have 10-20 times the risk of developing calcium oxalate stones compared to other dog breeds. The predisposition of Miniature Schnauzers to this disease strongly supports an underlying genetic basis. Our project will involve the collection of DNA samples from Miniature Schnauzers and other high-risk breeds (see below) with and without calcium oxalate stones. Our goal is to identify the genetic basis of the disease. An understanding of the pathophysiology of calcium oxalate stones is fundamental to the development therapeutic and preventative strategies in canine breeds.

If veterinarians have further questions about this study or wish to refer patients for enrollment, please contact Dr. Eva Furrow:

612-625-6222 or furro004@umn.edu.

EVA FURROW, VMD

Dr. Furrow is a Small Animal Internist and research fellow in canine genetics at the College of Veterinary Medicine. She first became interested in the genetic basis of canine diseases when she was an undergraduate at Harvard University. She was offered a summer position in the Section of Medical Genetics at the University of Pennsylvania. One of her roles that summer included assistance in a study on the genetic muscular disease myotonia congenita in Miniature Schnauzers. Dr. Furrow later attended the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School where a NIH-Merck grant enabled her to continue research on genetic diseases. Dr. Furrow completed her Internal Medicine residency at the University of Minnesota and is currently a member of the Mickelson/Patterson Canine and Equine Genetics Laboratory. Dr. Furrow's interest in calcium oxalate uroliths was triggered by the striking breed predispositions for this common disease. **She also has a personal attachment to this breed as her parents-in-law are the owners of two Miniature Schnauzers, Oskar and Otto.**

Patti Henderson

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and paper whites. While cats are less likely to be “chowhounds,” they'll “mow down a plant in a second,” cautions Dr. Hohenhaus. The ASPCA has a searchable database of plants that are toxic and non-toxic to pets.

6. Presents. If you have packages filled with treats that tempt your dog's olfactory senses, don't leave them out while your dog is alone at home. Not only could the food items be likely to affect your dogs, the packaging could be a cause of upset too. Surgery may even be required to remove the materials from your dog's body, Dr. Hohenhaus warns.

7. Christmas tree water. If you treat your tree's water bowl with chemicals meant to extend freshness, be sure to read the label to make sure it is safe for pets who might want to drink it, cautions Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine's website. Potpourri is another seasonal staple to keep hidden from pets.

8. Snow globes. Pleasing to look at, easy to break. If ingested, the liquid inside could

pose a risk to cats and dogs, according to Pet Poison Helpline's website. Imported globes, found to contain antifreeze, may be even riskier. “As little as one teaspoon of antifreeze when ingested by a cat or a tablespoon or two for a dog (depending on their size), can be fatal,” adds Pet Poison Helpline's website.

9. Unattended medication. Even the most attentive pet parents are likely to get distracted during this time of year, and Dr. Hohenhaus says the riskiest result of this carelessness is “pets eating the owner's medication” that didn't get picked up or put away as neatly or quickly as it might have otherwise. The ASPCA has a list of human medications that are most toxic to pets. These include ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), naproxen (Aleve, Midol), acetaminophen (Tylenol) and various antidepressants.

10. Being given as a present. “This is really is not a good idea because if people are not expecting a pet they're not prepared,” says Dr. Hohenhaus. “Everything is crazy at this time of year.” The new owners are not likely to be able to pay their full at-

tention to a new arrival, she adds. Last year, Paw Nation reported on the tragic trend of gifted puppies and kittens winding up in animal shelters after the holidays are over.



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