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SPECIALTY WINS

AMSC Specialty

February 25, 2007

Sweepstakes (2-7)

Judge: **Patty Ledgerwood**

Best in Sweeps.. Char N Co My Brown Eyed Girl/Stukey

BOS in Sweeps...Aragon's Start Me Up/ Gordon

Regular Class (15-23-16)

Judge: **Sandra Goose Allen**

WD/BOW ... Ernhart's Tree Top Flyer/ McKinney

RWD..Olde Town's Royal Prince/McKinney

WB ..Backwitch Starwberry Twist/Beagle

RWB...Attaway's Hamptomized'Surma/ Imler

BOS...Ch.Katabalou of Hansenhaus/Baws/ Lewis/Jacobs/Blue

BOB...Ch. Regency's Storm Tracker/Verna B Puppy...Blythewood Dance in the Willows/Huber/Wallack

AM...Ch. Wards Creek's Nightly Bisness/ Schnetzer

AM...Ch.Carmel Race to Kolvercrest/ Potiker

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Ads
California Specialty

New Melanoma Vaccine To Be Available Soon – Probably This Year

On March 15, 2007, the News Hour on the Public Broadcasting System ran a story about a new vaccine for melanoma that was developed in dogs and is also being used experimentally on humans. Among those featured in the report were Dr. Jaime Modiano, of the University of Colorado, who has been working on canine cancer research for a number of years, Dr. Elaine Ostrander, who was one of the central figures in the development of the canine genome, Dr. Susan Lana, a practitioner at the veterinary clinic at Colorado State University, Dr. Philip Bergman of The Animal Center in New York, and a doctor from the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and one of his human melanoma patients.

Canine malignant melanoma (CMM) is the most common oral cancer in dogs and accounts for one out of twenty cancer diagnoses. It is highly aggressive, occurring spontaneously in the mouth, nail bed and foot pad. CMM is most successfully treated in its early stage by surgery. However, the prognosis is not good if there is a late diagnosis or the cancer has spread to another organ. In advanced stages, the median survival is 2 to 3 months. The new vaccine is administered after surgery to help prevent recurrence of the cancer, and has been found to be highly effective.

After seeing the report, John Hoffman followed up with Dr. Modiano. According to Dr. Modiano:

That vaccine will be available as a real, bona fide product that any vet (or vet oncologist at least) can get probably this year. Their data would make me believe that, while not a thing of the past, melanoma will be a less scary diagnosis from here onward.

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Minutes ^{draft} February 23, 2007 AMSC Board Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club February Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine, at 7:11 PM, at the McCormick Center, Chicago IL.

Officers Present: John Constantine – President., Carole Weinberger – Vice President, Amy Gordon – Secretary, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Don Farley – AKC Delegate, Lanny Hirstein – Past President

Board Members: Susie Atherton, Kathy Colby, Linda Drost, Marcia Feld, Wyn Hagmaier, Carla Nickerson, Patricia O'Brien, Bolivia Powell (Lone Star), Beth Santure, Lisa Sarvas, Gale Schnetzer (Cincinnati), Bev Verna. **Committee Members Present (if different than those already listed in attendance):** Patty Ledgerwood, Chris Levy, Joanne Toft

Local Club Delegates Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Marilyn Cooper (Gateway), Marge Moenter (Chicago), Brooke Walker (So Cal)

Members and Guests Present: Mollie Cone, Rich Edwards, Penny Hirstein, Terrie Houck, John Kemper, Carol Ann Smith

President John Constantine welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Amy Gordon to advise the board of the Policy set June 17, 1983, "Voting Procedure at Board Meetings".

Carole Weinberger moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Wyn Hagmaier. Motion passed unanimously.

The board was asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as published in AMSCOPE..

Marcia Feld moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Susie Atherton. Motion Passed unanimously.

Report of the President:

1. Thanks to Sonny Lelle for working with
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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...** send a copy of your newsletter to the following members of the Local Club Bulletin Committee:

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***E-MAIL...** If you would like to send your wins to AMSCOPE via E-MAIL, use the following address:
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**The deadline
for the
May issue
is April 20th.**

Prez Sez....

Congratulations to all of the winners at our Spring Specialty in Chicago! Judge Sandra Goose Allen put Bev Verna's Ch. Regency Storm tracker to Best of Breed.

We had a very productive (and long!) Board meeting in Chicago. The Board was presented by the finance committee recommendations for implementing internal controls over our club funds. Treasurer Sharon Edwards gave a very professional presentation and the Board accepted the committee's recommendations. This will help to insure that the AMSC's funds are protected. We voted to implement a process to help aspiring judges of breed to find qualified breed mentors. We voted 15 new members into the AMSC. We also approved the production of a DVD of our Montgomery County Specialty this year. We are contracting with Pruebred Studios. They do an excellent job and we will have a high quality product.

We appointed the Nominating Committee for this year. The committee is as follows:

Terrie Houck, Chair
Vera Potiker
Susie Atherton
Penny Hirstein
Bev Verna

Alternates:
Carma Ewer
Beth Santure

If you have an interest in serving on the Board please let one of these folks know. Remember serving on the Board takes a commitment of attend the 3 Board meetings annually for 4 years. It is a big commitment, but can be rewarding.

Our Specialty at Great Western Terrier Association will be back at the university this year! So that is good news! So start getting those winners ready!

John

TROPHY DRIVE...

**please don't forget the
trophy drive.**

Joanne Toft/Teresa
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LANGUAGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Patte Klecan, bedrckbouv@aol.com
delegate for the Bouvier des Flandres Club of
America — she gives
permission to reprint if NAlA definitions are
retained.

Animal Welfare vs. Animal Rights. Is there a difference? Many folks use the terms interchangeably. Some use one term when they mean the other. When you throw in animal protection, the waters really get muddied!

Animal Welfare is a Philosophy That

- 1 Promotes stewardship of species and individual animals
- 2 Embraces a human connection to the Earth and animals that recognizes humans as part of nature
- 3 Supports raising and using animals humanely and responsibly for food, fiber, labor and research; managing animal populations by hunting; keeping animals in zoos and other educational venues and enjoying animal sports and animals in movies, circuses and on stage
- 4 Requires humane treatment and responsible use of animals on farms, ranches, circuses, rodeos, homes, kennels, catteries, laboratories, and wherever else animals are maintained
- 5 Endorses a scientific approach to commercial use and management of wild animal populations and a quick death when death is inevitable.
- 6 Celebrates human/animal interactions and works to improve animal well-being
- 7 Rejoices in the bond between animals and humans.

Animal Rights is a Political Movement That

- 1 Opposes all animal use and most traditional relationships with animals, including eating meat, wearing leather or wool, biomedical research, owning pets, breeding dogs and cats, circuses, zoos, hunting, trapping, ranching, fishing, and learning about animals by hands-on experience.
- 2 Manufactures crises about animal care based on distortions about animal husbandry and extreme cases of mismanagement and abuse, then uses these misrepresentations to vilify animal owners and related interests and industries in an attempt to achieve a world in which man and animals are separated
- 3 Raises funds using crises that it has manufactured, distorted or sensationalized
- 4 Manipulates the political process to spin concern for animals into laws and regulations that deprive private citizens of the right to make ethical determinations about their relationships with animals
- 5 Attempts to transfer power and au-

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AKC getting us approval to hold agility trials! Kathy Colby will be our coordinator for our 1st National Agility to be held at our 2008 Roving Specialty in Portland, OR.

2. In November I send out some information about the Rabies Challenge Fund to Board members for their review. Later we will discuss and vote on whether to make a donation.
3. We have been approached by Pure Bred Studios to video our Montgomery specialty. I have included some information on this. We will discuss and vote later. I have an example from the Brussels Griffon National that everyone can view prior to the meeting or during the break.
4. AKC has asked us to supply them with media contacts. We need a person that can be contacted for media interviews and another that lives in the metro NYC area that could supply dogs for television. These folks need to be easily contacted during the day. Carole Weinberger volunteered to be the media contact. Lisa Sarvas volunteered to be available to bring dogs if requested as long as it fits in her work schedule.
5. I was able to get approval from AKC for the Board to hold votes via our AMSC-Board email list. This is great news. We will no longer need to fax/snail mail to the secretary. This will only be used for time sensitive critical votes. The poll feature on the Yahoo board email list will be used to tally votes as it lists the email address of each vote.
6. The Montgomery County show was designated our "National Specialty" for 2008. This is for qualifying dogs for Crufts for 2008 and 2009. The qualifying cards will be presented along with trophies (BOB, BOS, BBE, and AOMs).
7. Unfortunately 2 committee chairs have had to step down. Jan Taylor of Guidelines (thanks for all your efforts!) and Patti Henderson of Legislative Liaison. I propose the following committees and ask your approval.

a. Guidelines – Susanne Short of OK– Chair, Diane Gardner of MI, Lynn Tamms of WI. The board voted unanimously to approve these committee members.

b. Legislative Liaison - John Constantine will ask for volunteers. Guidelines committee has been expanded since we hope to update and standardize the format of all guidelines.

8. Carole Weinberger and Chris Levy will be attending the AKC Parent Club conference near Atlanta, GA on July 20 – 22, 2007. Pat Laurens wants our breed CD to be presented as an example.
9. The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California has agreed to head up the Meet the Breeds booth for us at the 2008 AKC/Eukanuba Invitational in Long Beach. They are already making plans and are excited to be doing this. Thanks! Kathy Colby made a motion setting a budget of \$500 for the Meet the Breeds booth. Seconded by Susie Atherton. This motion passed unanimously. Amy Gordon will send a list of handouts used in Florida to Kathy.
10. I would like to propose that we have at our Annual Banquet at Montgomery County this year a Surprise Tribute to Dan Kiedrowski. I would like to appoint a special committee to work on this. I also would like to propose that we present Dan with a gift. It was decided to have it at Great Western. A motion

was made to have a budget for the gift not to exceed \$1500. Susie Atherton seconded. Motion passed 17-1. John Constantine appointed a special committee of Bev Verna, chair: Marcia Feld, and Susie Atherton. The motion passed unanimously.

11. We have put together a Policy Manual based on our Historian, Richard Isley's research. We should keep this current. As we approve a new policy, it needs to be added to this document. The board discussed and agreed to Richard's recommendations of the ones to be obsolete.
12. Since our Great Western Specialty will now be on Sunday, I would like to change the Board Meeting to be on Saturday June, 23 2007, instead of Friday. This will make it easier and less expensive for people not showing and coming in especially for the meeting. I would like the board's approval for this change. It was decided to keep the board meeting on Friday night as the MSCSC is having a party for the exhibitors on Saturday evening.
13. We are partnering with AKC/CHF and 3 other breeds (Tibetan Terriers, Australian Shepherds, and Polish Lowland Sheepdogs) to fund the research for Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinoses (NCL) a genetic disorder that causes degeneration of the nervous system. The Board has authorized the release of \$8000 from our donor advised funds at CHF for this effort.

14 Unfortunately, we have had to replace our Sweepstakes Judge for Sunday, Errolyn Martin, for health reasons. I hope all goes well for Errolyn. Our 1st alternate from the 2007 balloting, Patty Ledgerwood, accepted the assignment and will be judging on Sunday.

15. A donation of \$3,500 was made to the University of Arizona Foundation. For the effort needed for Nikkomycin Z Development to help battle Valley Fever. This donation was made available as the result of our Schnauzer Bracelet Raffle.

Report of the Secretary: Amy Gordon

1. A printed report of the specialty clubs and shows was provided within the body of the agenda.

2. **Membership** – a) As of February 22, 2007 our membership totaled 498 Regular, 3 Life, 55 Foreign (with voting privileges), 9 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), 0 Junior, and 16 new memberships (regular 14, foreign 2) for a total of 580.

3. **Local Clubs** - Presently there are 21 active local clubs that are licensed to hold specialty shows.

4. Correspondence (Received) –**(1) AKC**

- a) Letter announcing our eligibility to hold Agility trials
- b) Survey of interest in an International Obedience Invitational Trial
- c) Letter announcing requirement of Exercise pens at dog shows
- d) AKC Lifetime Achievement Award nominations
- e) Letter granting permission to hold a sweepstakes on 2/25/07 and listing the new sweeps judge
- f) Letter acknowledging receipt of the application to hold a show on 2/25/07
- g) Solicitation to advertise in the AKC Family Dog magazine
- h) 2007 AKC Judges Directory
- i) Letter granting permission to hold Sweeps at Great Western June 24, 2007

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j) Letter stating application for show at Great Western June 24. 2007 was missing a Club Officer's signature. This was returned with signature as requested by AKC.

- (2) Various Newsletters/Magazines
- (3) Announcements offering a wide variety of professional services
 - a) Purebred Studios soliciting to videotape our national, under new business
 - b) Sherluck Media soliciting to do a breed standard CD
 - c) Doghouse Arts soliciting to be a professional photographer at our national.
- (4) Hotel/Facility advertisements
- (5) Miscellaneous
 - a) Response from one of the sponsors of the Doyle's membership application.
 - b) Doberman Pinscher Club of America asking for samples of membership applications as they are updating theirs.
 - c) Letter from Brazilian journalist asking about health issues in the breed for an article she is writing about the breed
 - d) Letter from MS club of New South Wales with new contact information
 - e) email from Penn Fed of Dog clubs in reference to the proposed PA state legislation on breeders. This was forwarded to the AMSC email list for the information of the members.
 - f) confirmation letters from AMSC specialty judges: Louis Auslander Great Western, June 24, 2007 (Regular Classes) Patty Ledgerwood Chicago, February 25, 2007 (Sweepstakes)
 - g) Letter from the Montgomery County KC Show Chairman containing relevant/important dates for the show processing. Forwarded to show chair

Board Email Votes Since Last Board Meeting

a) A vote via email/mail was conducted on the new committee members. Dated Nov 30, 2007

Voting for: Amy Gordon, Sharon Edwards, Bolivia Powell, Carole Weinberger, Brian Bogart, Marcia Feld, Susie Atherton, Carla Nickerson, Lanny Hirstein, Beth Santure,

Wyn Hagmaier, Patricia O'Brien, Kathy Colby, Don Farley, John Constantine

Abstaining: Bev Verna, Gale Schnetzer, Kurt Garmaker, Linda Drost, Jinx Gunville, Errolyn Martin, Lisa Sarvas. Dated Nov 30, 2006.

b) A motion from Carole Weinberger, seconded by Beth Santure to release \$8,000 from our Donor Advised Fund at the AKC CHF for a research project for the development of a DNA test for NCL. Dated Oct 27, 2006.

Voting for: John Constantine, Amy Gordon, Marcia Feld, Sharon Edwards, Bolivia Powell, Beth Santure, Carole Weinberger, Wyn Hagmaier, Susie Atherton, Kathy Colby, Patricia O'Brien, Don Farley, Kurt Garmaker, Bev Verna, Gale Schnetzer, Errolyn Martin, Lisa Sarvas, Brian Bogart, Carla Nickerson. Abstaining: Linda Drost, Jinx Gunville, Lanny Hirstein.

Correspondence (Sent):

1) letters to sponsors of applicant that was tabled at the Oct board meeting (Doyle) asking for more information on the applicant to help with the decision of approving their membership.

AKC Registration Insert:

The changes have been submitted to the AKC and the new version including a few grammatical changes that the AKC suggested, is

being mailed. I received one a couple of weeks ago.

AMSC Fall Specialty - Was held in conjunction with the Montgomery County Kennel Club on Sunday, October 8, 2006. Mrs. Mary Paisley judged 29 puppy sweepstakes entries. Mr. John Constantine judged 79 regular class entries.

Report of the Treasurer: Sharon Edwards

September 16, 2006 - January 31, 2007

	Balance 9/15/2006	Balance 1/31/2007	Variance	Variance Explanation
Checking	\$6,722.27	\$14,592.44	\$7,870.17	2007 dues, pubs, special projects
Trophy	\$4,011.10	\$2,937.90	-\$1,073.20	trophies/engraving for Chicago show \$1,128.20
Paypal	\$1,441.77	\$6,554.41	\$5,112.64	2007 dues, pubs, special projects
Health	\$3,983.47	\$5,931.69	\$1,948.22	annual dinner raffle/silent auction \$1,371.50; remainder individual donations
Rescue	\$4,735.02	\$4,735.97	\$0.95	interest
Savings	\$34,977.21	\$35,137.31	\$160.10	interest
Total	\$55,870.84	\$69,889.72	\$14,018.88	

During the period September 16, 2006 through January 31,2007 the Club received income of \$26,622.47 and had expenses of \$12,634.87 resulting in a net gain of \$13,987.60.

Notes:

(1) 2007 Dues update: 77 members have not renewed their memberships as of February 20. This compares to 31 members who did not renew in 2006. Final notices were mailed February 10 and have resulted in about 20 payments.

Several complaints have been received from new members, especially those voted in at the October meeting, stating that they did not think it is fair to pay a full year membership for about two months of 2006. The board should give some thought to dues proration for new members.

John stated that the club policy is that members voted in in October will be prorated for the following year.

(2) 2006 federal and Maryland taxes will be prepared and submitted by the tax deadline.

(3) Bank update: The transition from USBank to Bank of America is almost complete. The health, rescue and savings accounts have been moved to BOA with the checking account remaining open at USBank until all checks clear. The checking account remaining open at USBank until all checks clear. Over the next couple of months, the Finance Committee will be looking into alternatives to provide greater interest potential.

Report Of The AKC Delegate: Don Farley

At the March AKC Delegates' meeting, we will be electing new AKC Board members for the class of 2011. from the AKC nominating committee: Cindy Vogels, Judy Hart, Pat Haynes. From petition: Carmen Battaglia, Patty Strand, Ken Marden.

A poll was taken of board members in attendance and Don was instructed to vote for Battaglia, Strand and Marden

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MINUTES...cont'd from p. 4, col 2.**Committee Reports****A. Special Committees**

1. SPRING SPECIALTY: Marcia Feld Marcia expressed her happiness to the exhibitors to have them attend and support the show for public relations purposes since it is a benched show.

Roving Specialty: Tom LaSalle Tom is in the process of soliciting applications for the 2010 roving specialty.

2008 Roving Specialty: Chris Levy Chris passed out flyers advertising the cluster with the judging panel. A discussion was had on the ideas they had to have a banquet cruise. They needed a guarantee of 60 people at \$60 per person. The board voted unanimously against. The AMSC will hold it's second Obedience trial and first agility trial.

2. SUMMER SPECIALTY: Vera Potiker There will be 3 shows back at George Allen Field at UC Long Beach. Beverly Hills All-breed show, Friday. And the GWTA will have 2 shows on Saturday and Sunday. The MSCSC specialty will be held on Saturday and the AMSC specialty will be on Sunday. The board meeting will be at the college on Friday night. A party for Miniature Schnauzer exhibitors is planned by the MSCSC on Saturday evening.

3. FALL SPECIALTY: Brian Bogart, Linda Drost, Vicki Kubic, Bonnie Keyes Applications to hold a show and sweepstakes have been sent to the AKC. Linda Drost will be in charge of catalog ads.

B. STANDING COMMITTEES

1. AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli No Report

2. AWARDS: Susan Atherton, Chris Levy, David Kirkland The committee has come up with recommendations for awards. Top winning dog and top winning bitch, owned by an AMSC member, in a calendar year (Jan-Dec) based on points won at AKC shows. The awards will be presented yearly at the Montgomery County dinner. Susie will consult with Sonnie Lelle about the criterion for the Top Obedience and Top Agility dog. She will have the criterion ready by the October meeting. The motion made by Susie Atherton was seconded by Beth Santure. The board voted unanimously. The board voted unanimously to appoint David Kirkland to the committee.

A. Versatility: Lynn Baitinger In the year 2006, three additional Versatility Awards have been earned by our wonderful Miniature Schnauzers. Since our first award in July 2004, we have awarded 20 Versatility awards, including our first for 2007! Please join me in congratulating the following teams!

CH ALWAYS A SMOKIN GUN, RN MX MXJ Dillon is owned by Linda L. Jacobs and Ronald R. Jacobs and was bred by Patricia Erly.

CH LONEACRE'S SIMPLY SMASHING, CD, AX, MXJ Smash is bred, owned, and trained by Beth Ann Santure.

SOUTHCROSS SENSIBLE SHOES, VCD1, RE (VCD1 = CDX, TD, OAJ) Cindy is owned by Sharon Bloss and was bred by Sonny Lelle and Karen Morse. Cindy is Sharon's 3rd Miniature Schnauzer to earn the VCD1 title and AKC's 4th Miniature Schnauzer to earn the VCD1 title. VCD1 stands for Versatile Companion Dog1.

Our Versatility Award has proven that our Miniature Schnauzers are truly a breed that can "do it all"! And, our breeders are out there training too. In 2006, we have one breeder/owner award, two Champions and

a VCD1 title. Tracking and Rally titles round out our teams this year and are a great addition to the more common performance events of obedience and agility. So far this year we have awarded one Versatility Award.

BRITMOR FLY BOY, RA MX MXJ NAP NJP ME Peter is owned by Karen J. Brittan and Katie M. Brittan. He was bred by Karen J. Brittan.

Congratulations to all!

3. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Carole Weinberger No Report.

4. DINNER/ANNUAL MEETING: Cathi Rohrer Everything is on track for the dinner. We will be having a buffet. Cathi is working with the Holiday Inn on getting us a bigger and better room.

5. EDUCATION, JUDGES: Wyoma Clouss & Chris Levy The committee will write letters to the Dog Show Judges Associations mentioning that the club will suggest approved mentors.

6. ELECTRONIC MEDIA: Hilde Haakenson, Wyoma Clouss Hilde provided the board with an outline of the changes she wished to make. Some committee members will have access and will be able to do their own updates. The board voted for the new format suggested by Hilde. The vote was 17 for and 1 abstention.

7. ETHICS: Gerald Mager, Susan Atherton No Report

8. FINANCE: Sharon Edwards, Carla Borrelli, Gerald Mager, Linda Wahlquist-Soos

Sharon thanked the committee and Mack Ledgerwood for their hard work.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee Regarding Internal Controls

(See Appendix D for Background - Evolution of Internal Controls)

Proper internal controls to protect the assets of the Club can be segregated into several areas:

- Proper authorization (all transactions should be properly authorized)
- Segregation of duties (no one person should be in a position to authorize, process and record transactions)
- Adequate documentation and supporting documentation (should provide an audit trail that allows a transaction to be traced through the system)
- Restricted access (access to assets only by authorized personnel)
- Asset accountability (ensure accounting records describe only real transactions)
- Independent checks on performance (peer reviews)

Each of the recommendations below will serve to strengthen our internal control environment and directly satisfies at least one of the above tenants of internal control.

General

1. The AMSC Treasurer should be bonded against loss of funds through a treasurer's bond.
2. Treasurer will prepare and submit federal and Maryland state tax returns for not-for-profit organizations on an annual basis.
3. All records maintained by the Treasurer shall be available to any Club member upon request so long as there is a need to know.
4. Members of the Finance Committee other than the Treasurer will perform a peer review of the Treasurer's functions on a periodic basis.

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5. A person other than the Treasurer should authorize all disbursements in writing and forward to the Treasurer for payment.
- An invoice received by a member may be authorized (signed) by the member who requested the goods or services authorizing payment, then mailed to the Treasurer for processing.
 - For any invoice received directly by the Treasurer, Treasurer will receive approval from the member who requested the goods/services prior to processing the disbursement.
 - Authorization to pay should always be in writing either on the invoice itself or separately. Approval via email is considered as appropriate substitute for original signature.
 - Original invoices (no copies) should be sent to the Treasurer.
- Treasurer will maintain the original invoice as documentation for the payment and make a copy to submit with the payment if requested by the vendor.
6. Any expense over \$500 or for an item/service not previously purchased by the Club should be approved in advance by the Club President.
7. Member expense reports for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses should be submitted to the Treasurer for payment and accompanied by an expense report form (available on the AMSC Yahoo Board list) detailing the purpose and amount of the reimbursement. Original receipts supporting the purchases should also accompany the expense report. In instances in which an original receipt is not available (on-line purchase), appropriate electronic documentation is required.
8. If expenses are associated with a specific Committee, the member will approve his/her expense report and forward it to the Committee chairperson for approval by email with a copy to the Treasurer. Original receipts and expense report should be sent directly to the Treasurer. Payment will be made upon email approval of the chairperson to the Treasurer. Treasurer will follow-up if Chairperson's approval is not received in a timely manner.
9. Treasurer will review the expenses listed on the expense reports for reasonableness and for mathematical accuracy. Any discrepancy between the amount requested and the total of the receipts will be communicated to the submitter and resolved prior to payment. Treasurer will indicate on the supporting documentation the resolution of the difference.
10. Treasurer's expense reports will be approved by the President. (email approval ok)
11. President's expense reports or vendor invoices will either be pre-approved by the Board or approved by the Board after the fact (email approval ok)
12. Treasurer will maintain complete records of all disbursements, including but not limited to original receipt or invoice and record of check number and check date.
13. Check stock will be pre-numbered and issued sequentially.
14. Any member receiving a draw from which to fund Club expenses must be approved by the Finance Committee. Draw amounts shall not exceed \$1,000. Original receipts must be submitted to the Treasurer to support the draw down when requesting a new draw.
15. Any funds maintained separately from the regular bank accounts (i.e. Trophy fund) must be approved by the Finance Committee. Such funds must be maintained in a banking institution and the bank statement and detailed receipts/disbursements records submitted to the Treasurer quarterly.

Cash Receipts

16. All cash receipts shall be deposited on a timely basis.
17. All deposits shall be supported by detailed documentation supporting the nature and source.
18. All bank accounts shall be reconciled monthly.
19. Any check outstanding for more than four months should be researched. A stop payment should be issued on any original check if a replacement check is subsequently issued.

20. Only authorized Club members will have access to bank account numbers. Authorized members include those who receive cash from special projects (sale of CDs, grooming charts, sweatshirts, etc.)

21. Signing authority for the bank accounts is restricted to the Treasurer and President.
22. Any member making a deposit at their local branch bank should forward the supporting detail to the Treasurer in a timely manner. Appropriate support includes a copy of the deposit slip and a detailed deposit record. Treasurer will follow-up with the member if there are discrepancies or if the deposit amount per the bank does not agree with the member's records.

Planning and Budgeting

23. An annual budget with monthly calendarization shall be prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board.

Reporting

24. Treasurer shall prepare a quarterly balance sheet and income statement supported by the detailed records of all disbursements and cash receipts.
25. Treasurer shall prepare a monthly variance analysis indicating expense and receipts variances to plan with explanations of such variances.

9. FUND RAISING: Carole Weinberger, Flo Bessemer The committee is working on updating the guidelines. The proposed changes will be presented for approval at the Great Western meeting. Carole will be making a schnauzer themed quilt to donate for a raffle at Montgomery County. The committee wants to compile an AMSC Members cookbook for sale as a health fund raiser.

10. GUIDELINES: Jan Taylor

1. No guidelines exist for the following committees and have been referred to the President for tasking – Education, Ethics, Historian, Legislative Liaison, Policy Records, Rescue, Awards, Versatility Awards Committees, Use of MS in Ads and White MS
2. The guideline for the Nominating Committee needs updating, but there is no Chair. Referred to the President for tasking.
3. The guidelines for Health Committee and all subcommittees need extensive updates due to restructuring of the committees. Referred to the President for tasking.
4. Only a draft guideline exists for the Special Projects committee. This was sent to the chairperson with a deadline for the June meeting
5. All other guidelines were sent to committee chairs requesting review, update, or negative reply no later than April 2, 2007.
6. Updates have already been received for the following committees: Amscope, Policy, Performance, and Trophy. Thanks Carla, Jinx, Sonny and Theresa!
7. The Chair of the committee wishes to be replaced John suggested that all committee members update their guidelines and submit. John thanked Jan for the hard work she has done on this committee.

11. HEALTH: Overall Committee Chair, Vera Potiker; Errolyn Martin :Eye Committee, Kurt Garmaker;

Urinary Committee; Patty Ledgerwood (chair), Eunice Revsbech.

The committee will be working with Dr Mary Whiteley to develop a protocol for breeding those dogs that are affected. The test will be \$60 for AMSC members.

CJC Test Breeding List update – Jan Taylor has the disk of any test breedings turned into the committee up to 1991. Any test breeding
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since then have not been updated. John will talk to Vera Potiker about what information she still has on the test breedings. A motion was made by Carole Weinberger and seconded by Carla Nickerson to publish the list on the website and update it when new test breedings are submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

12. HISTORIAN: Richard Isley Richard has recently come across a large amount of old AMSC data and has done a lot of updating to the the AMSC History CD. He hopes to have this completed by the Oct board meeting

13. INSIGNIA: Mary Ann Shandor The Insignia Committee is charged with awarding AMSC 3-Year Pins at our annual dinner at the Montgomery County weekend in October each year. Pins are awarded to members who have been active AMSC members for 3 years with no lapse in their membership status. 44 Pins Awarded in 2006 at a cost of \$24.70 to process. (This does not include the cost of the actual pins) 0 Replacement Pins were sold

0 Decals were sold

44 = Total 3-year pins prepared for presentation at October/2006 Annual Dinner Only 3 pins were awarded at the dinner (only 3 recipients attended). \$19.93 = Total Postage expenses to mail pins to recipients \$ 4.77 = Cost of envelopes and bubble wrap for mailing

Carole Weinberger suggested that the AMSC look into awarding a 25 year membership recognition pin. Lanny Hirstein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John recommended a committee to research the cost and feasibility. The committee will consist of Carole Weinberger, Amy Gordon and Terrie Houck. The board approved the committee members unanimously.

14. JUDGES SELECTION: Eunice Revsbech No Report.

15. LEGISLATIVE LIASON: Patti Henderson See Appendix C: Louisville anti-pet legislation. Amy Gordon made a motion to donate \$500 to the Louisville Kennel Club legislative fund to fight the new Animal Control Ordinance in Louisville. Second by Beth Santure. The motion failed 3-15-1.

16. LOCAL CLUB BULLETIN: Tom LaSalle, Patricia O'Brien, Jack Kashirsky No Report.

17. MEMBERSHIP: Mary Ann Shandor The Membership Committee is charged with processing of new member applications, preparing application data for Board of Governor review both via email and at Board meetings, handling problems with applications and dues, preparation and mailing of new member packets, responding to email requests from the AMSC web site, submission of applicant data to Newsletter Editor on proper schedule for publication, preparing dues checks and copies to submit to AMSC Treasurer, as well as handling any problems that may involve new member applicants as directed by the AMSC Chairman.

15 New Member Applications Processed for February/2007 Board Agenda

\$507.00 Total Membership Dues for February/2007 Applicants Dues
 \$ 330.00 = 11 Single USA Memberships @ \$30
 \$72.00 = 2 Single/Foreign Memberships @ \$36
 \$105.00 = 2 Joint USA Memberships @ \$52.50
 \$ 69.16 = OCTOBER/2006 New Member Packets Prep & Postage
 \$ 21.72 – Cost of Preparation Copies
 \$9.70 – Cost of Envelopes for Packets
 \$25.62 – Postage for U.S. Packets
 \$12.15 – Postage for Foreign Packets

\$ 69.16

\$ 8.38 – Application Notebook for Feb/2007 Board Meeting

\$ 4.91 – Application Copies
 \$3.78 - Binder

Responded to 14 Email Requests from AMSC Web Site

18. PERFORMANCE: Sonny Lelle, Kathy Colby Kathy Colby made a motion, seconded by Carla Nickerson, to donate a medallion for the top Miniature Schnauzer at the AKC Eukanuba Invitational. The motion failed 1-17.

19. POLICY: Jinx Gunville The board approved unanimously to accept the board policy updates. Some where deemed to be obsolete.

20. PUBLIC AWARENESS: June Shanklin A discussion was had pertaining to renewing the AMSC ad in Dog Fancy magazine. The publisher seems to have 'AR lite' leanings due to their support of the new Animal Control legislation in Albuquerque New Mexico. (See Appendix B). A letter of displeasure at their decision to support the legislation will be sent to the magazine.

21. PUBLICATIONS: Patricia O'Brien, Patty Ledgerwood
 November 7, 2006 through February 12, 2007

1. Current Inventory:

Educational CDs	25
Grooming Charts	462
Illustrated Standard	221
So you want a Schnauzer Puppy	379
So you want to Show your Miniature Schnauzer	11

2. Income and Expenses:

Income	
Educational CD (75 sold) -	\$1,540.00
Grooming Charts -	\$312.00
Illustrated Standard -	\$110.00
TOTAL:	\$1,962.00
Expenses	
Grooming Charts (24 @ \$2.00) -	\$48.00
Illustrated Standard (10 @ \$2.40) -	\$24.00
Postage -	\$87.82
Envelopes for CDs -	\$36.45
TOTAL:	\$196.27
PROFIT =	\$1,765.73

3. The committee recommends adding the statement to the website "Please allow 4-6 weeks for shipping". The committee also recommends to change the wording on the website from "\$10.00 plus \$3.00 postage" to '\$13.00, including postage'.

4. Patricia will start using an Excel spreadsheet to track sales and keep inventory.

22. PUBLICITY: Beth Santure Beth has articles to be submitted for all of 2007

23. RESCUE: Michele Smith No report.

24. SPECIAL PROJECTS: Carla Nickerson No report

25. TROPHIES: Teresa Handlen, Joann Toft No report

26. USE OF THE M.S. IN ADVERTISING & WHITE M.S.: Shirley Cole As there is no guideline for this committee, John will ask Shirley to come up with a guideline.

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1. Tabled from October 2006: Breed Mentoring will no longer be allowed inside the ring as of January 1, 2007. Ringside mentoring can take place by a qualified AMSC Breed Mentor, but the member doing the mentoring cannot be showing during that weekend. The education committee proposes to add a form to the website for judges to submit requests for mentoring.. Seconded by Lisa Sarvas. Motion passes unanimously..

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Lanny Hirstein moved to accept the following applicants as new members, Ron Azzanni, Pam Burbank, Julie Cooper, Susan Faber, Jennifer Frutos, Suzanne Gervis-James, Dr Rod and Laura Hartshorn, Taek-Sang Lee, Patricia Milburn, Dawn Orr, Jenna Orr (junior), Kathleen Soares, Steve Sandness, Terry Tomlinson, Diane Woodall, Jenna Wright,. Seconded by Carla Nickerson. Motion passed unanimously.

The membership application for Michael and Barbara Doyle was tabled from the previous meeting. It was voted unanimously to deny their application for membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The nominating committee will consist of the following members: Terrie Houck: Chair, Vera Potiker, Susie Atherton, Penny Hirstein, Bev Verna, Alternates: Carma Ewer, Beth Santure..

2. Sharon Edwards will research audit firms in case of a contested election. Don Farley will pass onto Sharon information from the AKC Delegates list on a discussion of audit firms.

3. Marge Moenter and the Chicago Miniature Schnauzer Club had a discussion and did not approve of the photo on the cover of the AMSC breed CD. They felt it was exaggerated and did not represent ideal breed type. Lanny Hirstein made a motion, seconded by Don Farley, to leave the photo as is. The motion passed 16-2.

4. John Constantine presented a cost study of using Purebred Studios to do DVDs of the Montgomery County show. Lisa Sarvas made a motion to go ahead with this project. Seconded by Patricia O'Brien. John will contact them.

5. John Constantine proposed that the AMSC donate to the 'Rabies Challenge Fund' (see Appendix A). Bolivia Powell made a motion, seconded by Kathy Colby, to donate \$100. The vote was unanimous.

6. Beth Santure will work up a proposal for the

June meeting on the possibility of holding a futurity/maturity.

7. Carole Weinberger will contact the AKC for recommendations for reworking, if necessary, Article 1 (Membership) in the bylaws.

8. A discussion of spending limits for Board meeting refreshments was held. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Carla Nickerson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 PM. Seconded by Lanny Hirstein. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Gordon, AMSC Secretary

Appendix A.**Rabies Challenge**

Some big news for The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust: thanks to graphic designer, Andrea Brin, it now has its own website at <http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/>. If you read the text of the press release below, you'll see the other big news is that Dr. Ronald Schultz of the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine has volunteered his time to conduct the 5 and 7 year canine rabies challenge studies. If you recall, Dr. Schultz's research forms part of the scientific base for the American Animal Hospital Association's 2003 and 2006 Canine Vaccine Guidelines. The December 2006/January 2007 (Vol. 8, Issue 6) Animal Wellness Magazine features an article by Ann Brightman on the RCF entitled, How Often Does He REALLY Need a Rabies Shot?

Since last year, Dr. W. Jean Dodds, of Hemopet and Co-Trustee of The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust, and her staff have donated their time to ensure these vital studies are conducted for the benefit of our canine companions. We hope you'll join us in this effort, too!

Regards, Kris L. Christine
Founder, Co-Trustee
The Rabies Challenge Fund
<http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/>

World-Famous Scientists Donate Services to The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust

Two world-renowned giants of veterinary vaccine research — Dr. W. Jean Dodds of Hemopet and Co-Trustee of The Rabies Challenge Fund and Dr. Ronald Schultz of the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine — have volunteered their time to ensure that critical 5 and 7 year rabies challenge studies are conducted in the United States. The

studies are to be financed by The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust, a tax-exemption organization founded by pet vaccine disclosure advocate Kris L. Christine of Maine in 2005, and will be performed by Dr. Schultz at the University of Wisconsin. The University has waived its usual 48% overhead fee for these studies. The concurrent challenge studies will determine the duration of immunity conveyed by the canine rabies vaccine, with the goal of extending the state-mandated interval for boosters to 5, and then to 7 years. According to Dr.Dodds, "This is one of the most important projects in veterinary medicine. It will benefit all dogs by providing evidence that protection from rabies vaccination lasts at least 5 years, thereby avoiding unnecessary revaccination with its attendant risk of debilitating adverse reactions."

Scientific data indicate that vaccinating dogs against rabies every three years, as most states require, is unnecessary. Studies have shown the duration of protective immunity as measured by serum antibody titers against rabies virus to persist for seven years post-vaccination, and results of a 1992 French challenge study led by Michel Aubert demonstrated dogs were immune to rabies five years after vaccination. Researchers believe the

rabies vaccine causes the most and worst adverse reactions in animals and concur that it should not be given more often than is necessary to maintain immunity. Adverse reactions to rabies vaccination can include autoimmune diseases affecting the thyroid, joints, blood, eyes, skin, kidney, liver, bowel and central nervous system; anaphylactic shock; aggression; seizures; epilepsy; and fibrosarcomas at injection sites. Dr.

Schultz states that "showing that a vaccine for rabies can provide 5 or preferably 7 years of immunity would have great significance not only in controlling rabies but more importantly in reducing the adverse vaccine reactions that can occur in dogs and cats after vaccination." More information on The Rabies Challenge Fund and the concurrent 5 and 7 year challenge studies it will finance can be found at the fund's newly established website designed by volunteer Andrea Brin at: www.rabieschallengefund.org.

To date, the following breed clubs, along with many pet owners, trainers, breeders, and kennel owners have contributed to The Rabies Challenge Fund:
Akita Club of America
American Shih Tzu Club
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Nashoba Valley
Bernese Mountain Club of SE Wisconsin
Capital City Cocker Club
Chesapeake, Virginia Dog Fanciers Association

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- Collie Club of Georgia
- Dog Agility Racing Team of Chino
- Great River Stockdog Club
- Heart of Minnesota Great Dane Club
- Kennel Club of Buffalo
- Kerry Blue Terrier Foundation
- Kishwaukee Kennel Club
- Kuvasz Fanciers of America
- Lehigh Valley Kennel Club
- Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California
- Northern Illinois Schutzhund Club
- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club of Canada
- Pacific NW Jack Russell Terrier Rescue Network
- Soft-Coated Wheaton Terrier Club
- Staffordshire Terrier Club of America
- Standard Schnauzer Club of Southern California
- Wachusett Kennel Club
- Evergreen Empire Manchester Terrier Fanciers

APPENDIX B.

Dog Fancy Magazine and Albuquerque HEART ordinance

I am a member of the Board of the Old English Sheepdog Club of America. We recently voted to advertise our Rescue and Breeder Referral programs in several magazines, one of which was Dog Fancy. After doing this our VP found out that Dog Fancy is supporting the Albuquerque HEART ordinance. (I imagine many of you already know this.) Dog Fancy's stand was pass the imperfect bill first, tweak it later. Everything will be hunky-dory.

My initial knee-jerk reaction was to move to amend our original motion to exclude the Dog Fancy advertising. However, our rescue people immediately and rightly pointed out that not advertising in a magazine with such a large distribution would hurt more than it would help. Dog Fancy would hardly miss our paltry advertising income. In order not to undermine our rescue and breeder referral we are now considering a motion to submit the ad along with a letter stating that if their stance on the bill does not change, this will be the last ad they will get from us.

I am telling you this to ask you to have your breed clubs and any individual breeders who may advertise in Dog Fancy consider doing the same. A letter from one breed club threatening to withdraw its advertising dollars is but a voice crying in the wilderness. A hundred letters from breed clubs and breeder-advertisers may make their ears perk up. I am not so naive as to believe this will be sure to have the desired outcome, but as they say in Brooklyn, "It couldn't hoit!"

So please help us let Dog Fancy know that they have stirred up a nest of hornets.

APPENDIX C.

About the Louisville anti-dog legislation: Some of you may have attempted to approach your own parent clubs and/or chapter clubs

with the suggestion of having them contribute to the Louisville Kennel Club to assist it in its current battle. You may or may not have been successful in convincing them to help.

I am posting this with the hope that, by showing them the decision the DPCA has made it may help you to get your club on board.

In the event that your club wants to know what the organizational structure of the DPCA — it is a 501(c)(3).

Regards,
T. Dante DeAngelis
Florida Legislative Director
Doberman Pinscher Club of America

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Motion 07-24 (Helsdon/Reeves-Hunt)

PREAMBLE: The City of Louisville, Kentucky, passed an egregious set of ordinances that is very hostile to dog ownership, and which could spread, and is spreading, throughout the United States .

The Louisville Cluster Show Chair has implored exhibitors to enter the shows. The show site is not in the area in which the ordinances are effective. Moreover, they have decided to retain counsel to bring a lawsuit challenging the ordinances. They need the revenue to be able to finance the litigation.

The DPCA has shown national leadership on combating anti-dog legislation over the years. In my opinion, we must reach out to help Louisville now. One all breed Kennel Club voted last night to donate funds to Louisville Kennel Club to fight the legislation through litigation.

We must do the same. It is true that we cannot donate funds to fight every anti-dog bill in the country. However, this bill and this location may be viewed as the big, early battleground. We should have a dog in this fight.

MOTION: That the DPCA contribute \$500.00 to the Louisville Kennel Club to assist it financially in its litigation challenging the passage and implementation of the recently-enacted anti-dog ownership and breeding legislation, and that we challenge all other parent clubs to match this contribution.

APPENDIX D.

Background - Evolution of Internal Controls

- First defined in 1949, by the American Institute of Accountants
- In 1972, clarification of controls stating that accounting controls provide reasonable assurance that
 - o transactions are executed as authorized
 - o transactions recorded to permit Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

statements and maintain accountability for assets

- o access to assets only as authorized
- o regularly compare recorded assets with actual assets
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act -Took the language of the 1972 pronouncement and made it law.
- Since 1977, all publicly owned corporations are legally required to:
 - o keep books which accurately and fairly reflect transactions and dispositions of assets and ,
 - o devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that:
 - transactions are authorized by management
 - transactions are recorded so GAAP statements can be prepared and maintain accountability for assets
 - access to assets is authorized by management
 - Sarbanes Oxley legislation effective in fiscal 2005 for all public companies. Section 404 of this law established higher levels of management controls and accountability including annual audit and letter of internal controls in addition to the usual audit and letter regarding financial controls.

Internal Controls Defined

A primary responsibility of directors and officers is to ensure that the organization is accountable for its finances. Accountability requires the organization comply with all the applicable laws and ethical standards, adhere to the organization's mission, protect the rights of members, maintain appropriate financial records and make such records available to all members of the board and any member who requests it.

Internal controls are systems of policies and procedures that protect the assets of an organization, create reliable financial reporting, promote compliance with laws and regulations and achieve effective and efficient operations. They are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the following objectives are met.

- authorization (all transactions are properly authorized)
- recording (all transactions are recorded to permit preparation of financial information in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets)
- access to assets is limited (allow access to assets only for authorized purposes)
- asset accountability (the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing asset periodically and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences)

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A material weakness in internal accounting control is a condition in which the specific control procedures or the degree of compliance with them do not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned tasks. Prudence should be exercised to ensure that no material weaknesses are present in a control environment.

Compliance with internal controls is an ongoing process - controls must be constantly reviewed and updated as the organization and its environment change

Implementation of Control Objectives

Management policies provide reasonable assurance that control objectives are achieved by:

- Proper Authorization
- Segregation of Duties
- Adequate Documentation and Records
- Independent Checks on Performance

Proper Authorization

- involves signature and authorization limits (i.e. person with specific title can approve up to specific amount)

Segregation of duties

- Ensure that no single individual is given too much responsibility — no person should be in a position to both authorize and record transactions
- Three categories of functions must be separated
 - o authorization function
 - o recording function: preparing source documents, maintaining journals, preparing reconciliations, or preparing performance reports
 - o custody of asset

Documents and records

- Source documents designed to facilitate collection of all relevant information
 - o Provide space for proper authorizations
 - o Should be pre-numbered—accounting for all documents, reducing likelihood of fraudulent use
- Audit trail: path that a transaction traces through a system
 - o allows verification
 - o consists of reference numbers, dates, etc.

Safeguarding of assets

- Physical protection of assets
- Requires
 - o Effective segregation of duties
 - o Physical protection measures designed to restrict access
 - o Protect and control access to records and documents
- blank checks, bank account numbers, etc

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thority over animal ownership, husbandry and use to the government and the courts

6 Plays on the sympathies of animal lovers to raise money for campaigns which, if successful, would deprive them of their ability to interact with animals

7 Condone, incites or indulges in criminal activity against those who raise and keep animals

8 Attempts to separate the destiny of man from the destiny of animals

9 Works for the day when people will view animals from afar

Animal welfare groups include: the AKC, NAIA, ADOA, dog/cat clubs, 4-H, zoological societies, sporting groups, hunting groups
 Animal rights groups include: PETA, HSUS, In Defense of Animals, some humane societies, some ASPCAs, . New ones crop up all the time. Animal Protection groups are simply another form of animal rights.

Breeders or Responsible Pet Owners

Generally speaking, breeders can be divided into two general categories: non-commercial and commercial.

Non-commercial breeders fall into two additional categories: 1) breed enthusiasts, also known as breed fanciers or show breeders, including performance dog breeders who select dogs with the ability and temperament to participate in certain sports or to perform particular jobs; and 2) casual breeders who dabble in breeding.

Breed enthusiasts follow breed club guidelines and codes of ethics. Breed enthusiasts are motivated by several factors: Love of a breed; a desire to contribute to the improvement of breed health and performance skills; enjoyment of breed competitions and sports; and pleasure in the company of other breed and dog admirers. Breed enthusiasts who join dog clubs breed for health, temperament and breed type; screen their breeding stock for genetic abnormalities; become knowledgeable about breed history and bloodlines; provide appropriate health care and housing for adult dogs and puppies; raise, train and socialize puppies in their homes; participate in dog shows so their dogs can be evaluated for adherence to specific breed standards of excellence and for performance ability; and help with public education efforts promoted by national and local dog organizations. Breed enthusiasts are sometimes called "responsible dog breeders."

Performance dog breeders are hobbyists, sportsmen or service dog organizations that breed dogs primarily to do a job or participate in a sport. They breed dogs for the temperament and ability to serve as working com-

panions for handicapped owners, or produce hunting dogs, herding dogs, guarding dogs, racing dogs, sled dogs, dogs used in law enforcement and dogs with temperament and stamina to participate in Schutzhund and other sports. These breeders concentrate on health and ability in producing high-energy, high-drive dogs that are good at their jobs, but which may not always be satisfactory as family pets because of their Type A workaholic personalities. Therefore, responsible performance dog breeders take extra care in placing their puppies as pets.

Casual breeders are the other non-commercial breeders who raise dogs in their homes and sell directly to the public. Known pejoratively as "backyard breeders", casual breeders breed litters so children or other family members can witness a birth; because they mistakenly believe that a female dog needs a litter to be 'fulfilled', because they hope to earn a little extra money and haven't yet learned that litters cost more than they bring in; and because they did not neuter their pets or keep them properly confined. These breeders produce both purebred dogs and mixes. They also raise their animals in the home where a puppy purchaser can see the dam and the conditions under which the litter was raised, but they generally lack the knowledge and experience necessary to make prudent breeding decisions. They almost certainly lack in-depth knowledge about breed conformation, temperament, and training and are often uneducated about general health and inherited diseases, normal and abnormal puppy and breed behavior, and training techniques for instilling good manners or correcting unacceptable behaviors. They are extremely unlikely to join clubs, participate in dog sports, attend seminars, help with public education efforts, and contribute to breed rescue efforts, or take back dogs if placements don't work out. For these reasons they usually cannot offer sound advice to their puppy buyers.

These amateur breeders are often disparaged by both anti-breeding activists and show breeders because they can unwittingly contribute to irresponsible dog ownership.

Commercial breeders sell dogs as a business through large kennels, pet stores, national magazine ads, newspaper ads, and over the internet. Commercial breeders may be regulated or non-regulated. They may produce a single breed or multiple breeds, including crossbreeds. They may keep as few as three breeding females or as many as several hundred.

Commercial kennels that sell dogs for resale in pet stores are regulated by the US

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Dept. of Agriculture under the federal Animal Welfare Act. These kennels are inspected annually for compliance with a set of housing and care standards, including a plan for veterinary care. They can be fined or lose their operating licenses if they do not abide by these regulations. Further, puppies sold in pet stores possess AWA kennel license numbers that enable consumers to report problems to USDA if they exist.

Commercial kennels that sell directly to consumers from their facilities or through magazine ads or the Internet are not always required to be federally regulated and may avoid oversight altogether.

Puppy mills are substandard breeding operations run by people with little concern for the welfare of their puppies or their breeding stock. Medical care is scarce; socialization and good nutrition are non-existent. Puppy mill dogs are typically in poor condition and live in kennels that are rundown and filthy. Dogs may be confined to small cages like rabbit hutches; puppies may be raised or displayed in shopping carts. When AKC inspectors find such kennels, they suspend registration privileges of the owners and report the conditions to area authorities. When USDA inspectors come across such kennels that sell puppies to pet stores or to other commercial kennels, they use the federal Animal Welfare Act to suspend or revoke licenses and assess fines.

The entire commercial dog breeding industry and even hobbyists are tainted by the existence of puppy mills. Anti-breeding zealots find kennels with squalid conditions, get the media interested, and paint all commercial breeders and pet stores that buy from commercial kennels with the same brush in press releases, articles, and fund-raising campaigns. Anti puppy mill campaigns target all commercial breeders regardless of their standards. They use the existence of such kennels to promote mandatory spay/neuter bills and other anti-breeder legislation. They also use these campaigns to promote shelter dogs instead of well-bred and well-socialized puppies from breed enthusiasts.

Therefore, when, you walk into the office of a legislator or stand up at a city council meeting and announce that you're a "breeder", which category do you think comes to their mind? It's not the breed enthusiasts or performance dog breeder. Because so many of them have been indoctrinated by the animal rights groups into the mindset that "breeders" only fall into one category, the image that's conjured up is - puppy mill. Breeding is a business and we're only in it for the money. I've heard more than once that these outrageous

fees for intact animals and litter permits are just the "price of doing business".

Now, instead of referring to myself as a "breeder" (2 litters in 13 years hardly qualifies me anyway), I call myself a "responsible pet owner" who participates in AKC events. Responsible pet owner covers a broader spectrum of activities and a much larger voter base. Until we succeed in winning the war on public image regarding "breeders" perhaps you should consider using "responsible pet owner" while you educate the politicians that there is indeed a difference in breeders. We need to re-establish ourselves as the experts on the welfare of dogs. We need to re-claim the time honored integrity of the purebred breeder dedicated to the preservation of the uniqueness of our dogs.

A common word that is widely used to describe our dogs is "companion". This word is visible in every component of dog legislation. It is often used to distinguish between household animals and livestock. However, no matter how much we love our dogs, how much they contribute to our lives, a dog is a "pet" and should remain a "pet" in the eyes of the law. Companions are spouses and friends. PEOPLE! What's the big deal? Companion sounds softer, kinder than pet. Well, how does companion guardian sound? Softer and kinder than pet owner? Sure, and what's the problem with guardian?

Let me ask you a question? Do we own our pets, working animals and livestock? Or are they on loan from the government? Should we make decisions about the housing, care and training of our dogs, or should we be subjected to second-guessing by public officials and activist humane agents who would redefine cruelty and neglect?

In all but a few US jurisdictions, animals are considered personal property and owners are given the right as well as the responsibility to provide for their well-being. In a handful of cities and one state (Rhode Island) where guardianship laws have been passed, animal ownership has become a fuzzy issue that may lead to situations where government can invoke guardianship for violation of an ever-increasing list of forbidden or restricted practices.

The guardianship campaign is run by animal rights activists who believe that animals should not be owned or used by human beings. Publicly, these radicals equate animal ownership with human slavery and claim that a change from "owner" to "guardian" in laws and legal documents will result in better

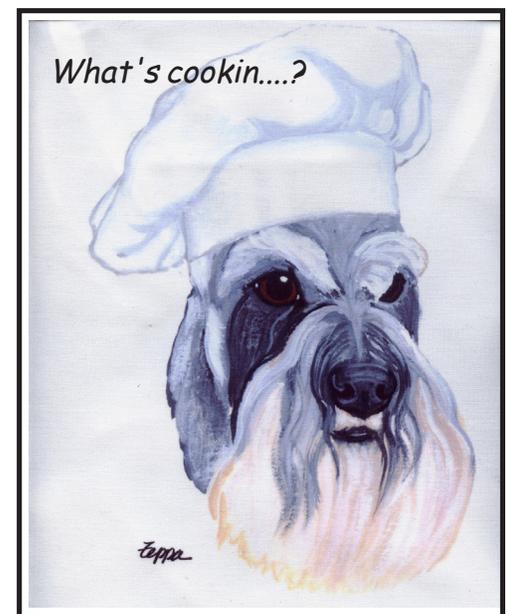
treatment for animals. Privately, they oppose pet breeding, animal sports, animal-based research, animals in entertainment and raising animals for food and fiber and they plan to use guardian laws to tighten restrictions on animal use and ban activities they don't like.

Adoption? Are pets adopted or purchased? Adoption sounds much better than pet sale! And, it's a marketing tool to make going to the shelter a more pleasant experience. However, legally speaking, there is no court proceeding overseeing the acquisition of a pet – at least, not yet. Pets are purchased, children are adopted. But, if companions are adopted by guardians, it makes for easier access by a third party. And, it makes it less easy to perform certain procedures – ear cropping, tail docking, dew claw removable, debarking.... Get the picture?

So – yes, language does matter.

We will explore other terminology in future meetings and articles.

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If you need a Membership Application or if you have changed your email address, mailing address or phone number, please contact

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MEANWHILE AT THE SHOWS

SHOW	DATE	DOG	OWNER	WIN
Ochlockonee KC of FL	24-Feb	Jan-Will's All That Jazz	Flowers	WB/BOW/BOB
Ochlockonee KC of FL	25-Feb	Jan-Will's All That Jazz	Flowers	WB/BOW/BOB
Greater Panama City DFA	28-Feb	Aragon's Black Magic Woman	Gordon	WB/BOS
Okaloosa KC	2-Mar	Aragon's Black Magic Woman	Gordon	WB/BOW/BOS
Pensacola DFA	3-Mar	Jan-Will's All That Jazz	Flowers	WB/BOS
Comal Cty KC	8-Mar	Diamond D's Black Eyed Pea	Darman-Owen	WD/BOW
Everglades Terrier Club	9-Mar	Ch Mystique's Little Deuce Coupe	Gordon/Rohrer	BOB
KC of Greater Victoria	9-Mar	Diamond D's Black Eyed Pea	Darman-Owen	WD/BOW
Palm Beach County DFA	10-Mar	Ch Mystique's Little Deuce Coupe	Gordon/Rohrer	BOB
San Antonio KC	11-Mar	Diamond D's Black Eyed Pea	Darman-Owen	WD
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Bouquets & Biscuits

*** Moondreamer Dazzling Dakota** (Moondreamer's Hole in One x Moondreamer Lucy in the Skye) "Dakota" finished his Special Masters Agility Dog of Canada (SMADC) title this past Sunday at the K9 Thunder Agility Trial in Orangeville. Since finishing his Special Advanced Agility Dog of Canada (SAADC) title in September, he has been running very well and consistently. In December, he got the Special Advanced Games Dog of Canada (SAGDC) title, Special Masters Snooker Dog of Canada (SMSDC) title, and in January, CKC Agility Novice Jumper (AG.N.J) title. Many thanks to the wonderful instructors who have helped me along the way to be a better handler which has enabled my dogs to know where they are going on the agility courses. When not training for agility, or just being a "dog", Dakota is a certified pet therapy dog with Therapeutic Paws of Canada, and visits the veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, Canada. He is owned and trained by Barbara Bell.

***Ch Aragon's Black Magic Woman** (Ch Wards Creek The Dealer's Choice X Ch Liebestraum Cobblestone) Magic finished her championship at the Okaloosa Kennel Club show in Pensacola Florida on March 2. She is co-owned and co-handled by Amy Gordon and Gloria Lewis.

***Carlenas No Fear** "Isabelle" completed the requirements for her AKC CD title. The last two legs were won on one day at the San Francisco Dog Training Club show and the San Mateo Dog Training Club show, February 25th, 2007. Isabelle also won High Scoring Terrier at San Francisco DTC, High Scoring Miniature Schnauzer and High Scoring Terrier again at the San Mateo DTC. Owned and adored by Stephanie Davis-Rae

SPECIALTY WINS

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Chicago MSC
February 24 2007

Sweepstakes Judge: Julie Felton

Best in Sweeps.. Blythewood Dance in the Willows/Huber/Wallack
BOS in Sweeps...Aragon's Start Me Up/Gordon

Regular Class Judge: Michelle Billings

WD ... Ernhart's Tree Top Flyer/McKinney
RWD..Penlan Pensacola/Hirstein
WB/BOW/BOB ...Mystique's All That Jazz/Rohrer/Edwards
RWB...Attaway's Hamptomized'Surma/Imler
BOS...Ch. Regency's Storm Tracker/Verna
B Puppy...Aragon's Start Me Up/Gordon

Gateway MSC
March 2, 2007

Sweepstakes Judge: Paula Steele

Best in Sweeps.. Char N Co My Brown Eyed Girl/ Stukey
BOS in Sweeps...Karlshof King of the Hill/ Blackburn/Barth

Regular Class Judge: Roger Hartinger

WD/BOW ...Wards Creek's Hot Tip/Schnetzer
RWD..Penlan Pensacola/Hirstein
WB ..Jofor's Here For The Party/Forster
RWB...Blackwitch Syella Dora/Beagle
BOB...Ch.Mystique's Fancy Knickers/McBride/Rohrer
BOS...Ch. Wards Creek's Nightly Bisness/ Schnetzer

Obedience Judge: Margery West
High Score...MACH Southcross Rocky Road
UDX2RE/Lincoln

Rally Judge: Jamie Sieveking
First...Pepper Anna Lee Gail Phillips/Phillips



Summer and the great weather is coming....don't let your dog hang out of a car window to catch the breezes!

AMSC MEMBERSHIP

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Prospective members must be sponsored by two AMSC members in good standing with the American Kennel Club.

If you know someone that is interested in becoming a member of AMSC, please direct them to the web site at:

www.amsc.us

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CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME!

PARKING

DAY OF SHOW PARKING - Day of show parking will be provided in the new parking structure located adjacent to the George Allen Field. Oversized vehicles and box vans will park in the parking lot located east of the parking structure and adjacent to Palo Verde Av. **The cost of day of show parking is \$3.25.** Exhibitors must purchase tickets each day from any one of the 11 yellow parking machines located throughout the parking lots. The machines accept cash, Visa and Mastercard. Designated Handicapped parking is available adjacent to the show grounds at the same charge.

NOTE: NO GROOMING ALLOWED IN DAY-OF-SHOW PARKING AREA.

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR JUDGING PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. No vehicles will be allowed on the George Allen Field. Unloading will be allowed only in the area designated for such.

RESERVED OVERNIGHT PARKING - There are a limited number of spaces available for overnight parking. All vehicles must be entirely self-contained and required to use the on-site electrical power provided – No personal generators allowed in the overnight parking area.

Overnight Parking Fees:

• \$75.00 per night (Includes 1 electrical hook up; if additional electrical hook ups are necessary, an additional \$50 charge will be required per night.) Please indicate your AMP requirement below

Reservations must be received by June 6, 2007. The gate closes at 10:00 p.m. If you wish to park next to someone specific, please send your reservations together, or arrive together. Overnight parking is available from Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 2 PM thru Sunday, June 24, 2007. All exhibitors must vacate the grounds by 9:00 AM, Monday, June 25, 2007. Exhibitors requiring Sunday night stay must include overnight parking fee.

RULES -The overnight parking area is a privilege extended by GWTA/LBKC/KCBH. The clubs reserve the right to withdraw this privilege from any person who feels that he or she cannot abide by the rules and instructions given or resorts to abusive language and/or other tactics. Any infractions will be referred to the Bench Committee for appropriate action. Trailers and tow units will be required to be unhitched and parked in a separate parking space. Tickets for these vehicles must be purchased each day from any one of the 11 yellow ticket machines located in the parking lot at the daily rate of \$3.25. All vehicles and pens must be confined to a 20 x 35 foot area. You may purchase additional area if necessary. All vehicles must be self-contained. There will be no water hook-ups. Exhibitors are responsible for clean up of their parking spaces.

Checks for overnight parking are to be made payable to Long Beach Kennel Club and sent to Sergio Brown, 6021 Washington Av., Whittier, CA 90601

PARKING RESERVATIONS

Complete and mail to:

Sergio Brown, Parking Chairman

6021 Washington Av., Whittier, CA 90601

Email: thecrewsb1@aol.com

NAME: _____ **PHONE NO.:(_____)** _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOTAL NO. OF NIGHTS: _____ **ARRIVING:** _____ **DEPARTING:** _____

MAJOR BREED: _____

VEHICLE TYPE & LENGTH: _____ **LICENSE #** _____

If you have a slide out, please indicate the following:

I HAVE A SLIDEOUT: _____ FEET WIDE & ON THE _____ SIDE.

Enclose check made payable to Long Beach Kennel Club, together with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Those reservations without a stamped, self-addressed envelope may not receive a confirmation of their reservation.

Please indicate AMP Required: _____ 30 _____ 50 Additional Required: _____ (\$ _____ fee included.)

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

In order to preserve the grass on the CSULB show grounds, the University has requested that **NO MATS** or other devices that cover the grass be used. We appreciate your cooperation in assisting us in maintaining these outstanding show grounds.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Block rates are available at the following hotels under
Great Western/Long Beach/Beverly Hills Dog Shows:

The Marriott Long Beach Airport

4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA
(562) 425-5210

SPECIAL RATE – Listed under “DOG SHOW” block: \$129 + \$75 non-refundable pet fee per stay
Reservation Deadline: May 30, 2007

Holiday Inn, Long Beach Airport

2640 Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach, CA
(562) 597-4401

SPECIAL RATE: \$119 Per Night + \$10 per night per pet charge
Reservation Deadline: May 31, 2007

The Guesthouse

5325 East Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach, CA
(562) 597-1341 or (800) 990-9991

SPECIAL RATE: \$89 Per Night, No Pet Deposit
Reservation Deadline: June 8, 2007

MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECT WITH HOTELS

The following area motels and hotels also allow dogs. Some require a non-refundable pet cleaning deposit:

Residence Inn By Marriott: 4111 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA (562) 595-0909

Residence Inn By Marriott: 4931 Katella Av., Los Alamitos, CA (714) 484-5700

Motel 6, Long Beach: 5665 E. 7th St., Long Beach, CA (562) 597-1311

Motel 6, Westminster: 6266 Westminster Bl., Westminster, CA (714) 891-5366

La Quinta Inn: 1515 South Coast Dr., Costa Mesa, CA (714) 957-5841

Please Note: Any hotel or motel listed in the premium list is subject to Bench Show Committee Rules. We expect our exhibitors to be responsible guests. A report that an exhibitor at this show has abused hotel or motel property during this weekend may result in disciplinary action. The Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California/Long Beach Kennel Club, Kennel Club of Beverly Hills, Southern California Toy Breeders Association and any specialty breed clubs associated with these show-giving clubs reserve the right to decline future entries from the offending party in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 15 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

ATTENTION ~ INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Join us in the Show Services Hospitality Tent on our show grounds.

INFORMATION ~ COFFEE ~ REST

NEW SHIRT

Ladies V-Neck \$30. plus \$5.00 postage
 Beige with Navy neck and sleeve trim
 SIZES: SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, XL, XXL

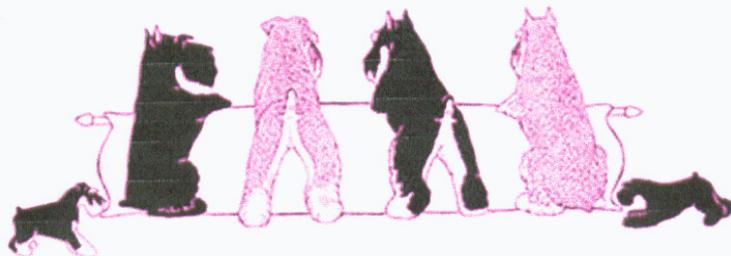
MEN'S 3-BUTTON SPORT SHIRT
 Beige with contrasting collar and sleeve trim \$35 plus \$5.00 postage
 SIZES: Medium, Large, XL, XXL

MEN'S 3-BUTTON SPORT SHIRT NAVY WITH POCKET \$35. plus \$5.00 postage
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FRONT



BACK

Lori Bush



This beautiful colorful woven 100% cotton afghan of Miniature Schnauzers in a garden setting will be a keepsake. Black, Salt/Pepper and Black/Silver Minis are at home on green grass with colorful shrubs, trees and flowers in the background. Lori Bush and Mildred Shultz collaborated with the artist at We Love Country on this very unique design.

\$65. Plus \$5. Shipping

NEW

APRONS red or grey

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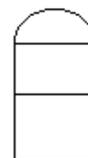
NEW GYM BAGS

water-resistant fabric
 outside and end pockets

bright red color

\$40. plus postage

GARMENT BAGS



BLACK HEAVY DUTY
 POLYESTER
 2 OUTSIDE ZIPPERED POCKETS
 CENTER ZIPPER OPENING
 39 INCHES LONG

\$40. plus postage

NOTE
 ...new address

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Sweeps: Pam Foulk

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Regular Classes: Lydia Coleman Hutchinson
Sweeps: Jan Taylor
Obedience: John D. Landis

Chicago MSC June 16, 2007
Regular Classes: Dale Miller
Sweeps: Sue Okieniewski

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Regular Classes: Carolyn Taylor
Sweepstakes: Mary Paisley

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Great Western Terrier Assoc. June 24, 2007
Regular Classes: Louis Auslander
Sweeps: Gale Schnetzer

Montgomery Co KC October 7, 2007
Regular Classes: Wyoma Clouss
Sweeps: Susan Atherton

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Great Western Terrier Assoc. June 21, 2008
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