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Exposure to Ehrlichia Increased Fourfold in 2012

By Dr. Becker

Last year toward the end of flea/tick season, IDEXX Laboratories (maker of the SNAP 4Dx test for tick-borne diseases) issued a press release to report there were four times as many Ehrlichia exposures in 2012 vs. 2011 in the south central and eastern regions of the U.S. (Ehrlichia is one of several tick-borne diseases.)

And of course the veterinary community is now being prompted by the Companion Animal Parasite Council — which boasts as sponsors no less than 11 veterinary drug manufacturers and laboratories — to respond in the usual way. From dvm360: *In order to keep that [the spreading Ehrlichia exposure] threat to a minimum, [Dr. Susan] Little suggests that veterinarians follow the Companion Animal Parasite Council's recommendations and urge clients to practice year-round tick control and prevention. "We need to be more adamant with clients about year-round tick control for dogs and cats," Little says. "Tick control protects dogs and cats from tick-borne diseases—the ones we know about and the ones we're still finding out about."*

Translation: Veterinarians should increase the pressure on pet owners to give tick preventives year-round, and not only to dogs, but also to cats. It doesn't matter where the pet lives, his lifestyle, or whether he even goes outdoors — just load him up with chemical pesticides and all will be well.

Before you subject your own pet to year-round chemical preventives that may not be necessary or terribly effective, but WILL add significantly to your dog's toxic load, you should read on.

Why Tick-borne Diseases are on the Rise

There are several reasons for the increase in tick-related diseases across the U.S.

As we are discovering, ticks are hardy little suckers able to expand their geography from one region of the country to others.

In addition, we've overused progressively more toxic tick control agents for several decades, with the result that ticks have developed resistance to pesticides. I see dogs in my practice that have received monthly doses of pesticides for years, yet they still test positive for tick-borne illness.

This is because while chemical preventives may reduce the number of ticks that wind up

on your dog, those that do attach can still carry disease. So the pesticides being given at ever-increasing rates to our pets are not completely effective at preventing ticks from attaching or preventing disease.

Another reason tick-borne diseases are on the rise is that insects other than ticks — specifically mosquitoes — have been found to transmit some of these potentially lethal infections.

Human management of wildlife populations, as well as a shift in wildlife population dynamics may also play into rising tick-borne diseases.

Diagnosing Ehrlichiosis

Canine ehrlichiosis is a tick-borne disease caused by two bacteria. Ehrlichia canis is transmitted by the brown dog tick and is commonly found in the southwest and Gulf Coast states. Ehrlichia ewingii is transmitted by the lone star tick and is found from the Midwest to New England.

Like other tick-borne diseases, Ehrlichia can wreak havoc on your dog's body if it's not identified and treated. Symptoms can be vague — loss of appetite, low-grade fever, lethargy, swollen lymph nodes. Sometimes there are more noticeable symptoms such as unexplained bruising, lameness or nosebleeds.

A diagnosis can be confirmed with a blood test called a PCR. If your dog tests positive on the SNAP 4Dx screening test for Ehrlichia, you can request a PCR test to confirm infection.

Keep in mind that just because a dog tests positive on the initial screening test doesn't mean she must immediately be treated. In fact, most dogs successfully clear their own infections without the need for medical intervention. For this reason, I don't recommend automatically giving antibiotics to positive dogs.

If your pet tests positive, ask your vet to do additional testing to find out whether she has just been exposed or is actually dealing with an infection.

Tips for Preventing a Tick-borne Infection

When flea and tick season arrives, check for ticks daily, and don't overlook ar-

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Here's an article with eerie coincidence — a BISS, BIS 2012 top winning dog was poisoned somehow somewhere at or during Westminster and died. Coincidentally, here's an article from the DVM magazine

[New rodenticide without antidote alarms pet toxicology experts](#)

Mon Feb 18, 2013 10:43 am

New rodenticide without antidote alarms pet toxicology experts 2008 EPA regulations may have unintended but dangerous consequences.

By: Julie Scheidegger, DVM NEWSMAGAZINE

Fluffy got into the rat poison in the garage? Get the Vitamin K!

Not so fast, warns Ahna Brutlag, DVM, MS, a diplomate of the American Board of Toxicology and assistant director of veterinary services for Pet Poison Helpline. The ingested substance may be bromethalin, the new toxin of choice for rodenticide manufacturers. There is no test save necropsy to detect its presence—and no antidote.

Why are manufacturers switching to bromethalin? Because in 2008 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a decision prohibiting the use of second-generation or long-acting anticoagulants in residential settings. Manufacturers became compliant with these new regulations in 2011, with many using bromethalin instead of anticoagulants in their products.

Brutlag says the EPA's changes—designed to make rodenticide safer for children, pets and wildlife—may actually make diagnosing and treating rodenticide poisoning more difficult, thereby increasing the risk of harm. "We feel like it was well-intentioned but we've ended up with some really frightening consequences," Brutlag says. "With anticoagulants at least we know there is a very effective test and there's an antidote." Bromethalin is a neurotoxin that affects mitochondria in the brain and liver. According to the Pet Poison Helpline, it results in decreased ATP production, which affects sodium and potassium pumps; as a result, lipid peroxidation occurs, resulting in sodium accumulation within the cell. Edema of the central nervous system (CNS) may result.

The rapid onset of bromethalin poisoning leaves veterinarians little time for error. "The symptoms come on faster and it's harder to treat," Brutlag says. With anticoagulant poisoning, veterinarians had three to five days before bleeding began—maybe a week before death. But with bromethalin, clinical signs associated CNS edema may be seen within two to 24 hours. Once the animal starts showing neurological signs—CNS stimulation or depression, abnormal behavior, ataxia, hyperesthesia, seizures, coma—successful treatment becomes more difficult and more expensive. An animal may have only a couple of days before succumbing. Even in successful cases, Brutlag says treatment requires more emergency care and hospitalization.

"Since there's no antidote, decontamination is the most important intervention," Brutlag says. But she worries that not enough veterinarians are familiar with how to decontaminate bromethalin exposure.

According to the Pet Poison Helpline, the median lethal dose (LD50) of bromethalin for dogs is 2.38-3.65 mg/kg, with a minimum lethal dose of 2.5 mg/kg. Cats are more sensitive, with a significantly lower LD50 of 0.54 mg/kg. Severity is dose-dependent, but if the poisoning is discovered within 10 to 15 minutes of ingestion, it's safe to induce emesis at home, Brutlag says. After that small window, induction of emesis should take place at a veterinary clinic where the animal can be monitored for acute onset of CNS signs and be given multiple doses of activated charcoal—four to six doses over 24 hours.

"Should clinical signs arise, patients are treated with standard measures to reduce cerebral edema including IV fluids, mannitol, etc.," Brutlag wrote in an impact statement for the EPA. Prognosis is poor for patients exhibiting persistent seizures or paralytic syndrome.

The negative impact on pets from bromethalin poisoning has Brutlag and others wishing for preregulation standards. In fact, manufacturers of the rodenticide brand d-Con have refused to comply with the new EPA standards, continuing to use an anticoagulant as its active ingredient. "Even though it's a potent anticoagulant, at least it's an anticoagulant," Brutlag says. The Poison Pet Helpline and d-Con both cite the dangers of using a toxin with no known antidote as reason for the EPA to revisit the 2008 regulation standards.

Brutlag concedes that it may be difficult to return to preregulation standards now that bromethalin products are on the market. For her, the best solution may be to simply educate pet owners and veterinarians. She travels the country giving lectures on the dangers of rodenticide poisonings—most recently at the North American Veterinary Conference in Orlando, Fla. She says most veterinarians don't know about the EPA's regulations and the change in active ingredients. "They're shocked and concerned," she says. "Being able to inform veterinarians that this change has occurred is crucial."

Why You Should Be Concerned About Your Pet's Health By Dr. Becker

Recently I came across the following sentiment in a veterinary industry magazine:

"It's time we give preventive healthcare recognition as a vital part of animal health and maintaining the human-animal bond."

As a proactive and integrative wellness veterinarian, I certainly agree!

As the article's author (also a DVM) points out, the "heroics" part of veterinary medicine – the part where we successfully diagnose and treat illness or save an injured pet's life – is the part that gets us recognition and appreciation. It also plays a big role in keeping our veterinary teams motivated and excited to come to work each day.

The author believes other aspects of a DVM's job, for instance, helping clients with information, services and products they need, are considered the "ugly stepsister" of our roles as veterinarians. I can't go quite that far, but I do concede that performing proactive wellness exams is probably considered less sexy than "fighting fires" and performing heroics to save a sick or injured animal.

Isn't Preventing Disease as Important as Treating It?

The author poses the question, "... isn't it just as important, if not more so, to prevent disease than to treat it?" I certainly think so.

While I'm very gratified each time I'm able to cure a cat's bladder infection or get a lame dog back on her feet, I get much more satisfaction from helping my clients keep their pets disease and disability-free. Just this week I celebrated with the owner of a 14 year-old Golden Retriever the fact that throughout her dog's life, I have only seen her for wellness exams. Through our diligent proactive care, her old dog has never been sick. Through the years we have updated her protocol to address the dynamically changing needs of her body as she ages, and by doing so, we've prevented degeneration and disease.

My goal is always to help prevent pets from suffering at some future time from a preventable disease. That, to me, is the essence of caring for animals. Waiting around until a pet is sick or debilitated and then attempting to fix the problem doesn't feel very caring to me, and is actually stressful for me, as a practitioner. I aspire to keep pets healthy, comfortable and with an excellent quality of life, all the years of their life.

Helping You Be a Proactive Pet Owner

As a pet parent, the health and quality of life of your companion animal is up to you.

No matter how active a role your vet plays in keeping your dog or cat well, ultimately, your pet's health is your responsibility.

That's why I recommend finding a proactive DVM to partner with to create a wellness lifestyle for your pet. I also recommend having several animal healthcare resources you can turn to, for example, a holistic vet, an animal chiropractor, and maybe an expert in species-appropriate nutrition. Sometimes you can find all those skills in a single practitioner, but not often.

In my veterinary practice and with my own pets, I use what I call the Three Pillars of Health as a proactive approach to wellness. These pillars form the foundation for your pet's health, quality of life, and longevity:

Pillar #1: Species-appropriate nutrition.

The diet you feed your pet should be balanced and biologically appropriate for a carnivore (assuming your pet is a cat or dog). Biologically inappropriate foods cause metabolic stress. Foods that generate the least amount of metabolic stress are whole, raw, unprocessed — in their natural form. Foods that have not been dehydrated or processed provide the most nutrition for your pet's body.

Species-appropriate for your dog or cat means food high in protein and low in grain content. Your pet is a carnivore – dogs are scavenging carnivores and cats are obligate carnivores. Carnivores need to eat animal protein and fat in order to be healthy.

I recommend serving your pet food in its natural state to provide needed moisture, and to insure the highest level of biologic assimilation and digestion. Proper nutrition will benefit the two following pillars of health.

Pillar #2: A sound, resilient frame. This aspect of your pet's health involves maintenance of the musculoskeletal system and organs.

There are a number of ways to help your pet keep her body in great condition. Regular, consistent aerobic exercise is a great way to maintain good physical conditioning. Keeping your pet from becoming overweight or obese is also extremely important.

Massage, chiropractic, acupuncture and other forms of physical therapy, depending on the individual requirements of the animal, are also excellent methods for maintaining a sound frame and organs as well as for managing joint pain and healing injuries.

Also, don't overlook the importance of a

healthy mouth. Keeping your pet's teeth and gums in good shape through regular brushing at home and as-needed professional cleanings by your vet is a very important key to good health for a lifetime.

Pillar #3: A balanced, functional immune system. The goal here is to keep your pet's immune system in balance. It should protect against pathogens, but not be over-reactive to the point of creating allergies and other autoimmune conditions.

One of the keys to keeping your dog's or cat's immune system strong is to avoid over-vaccinating. The role of vaccines is to stimulate the immune system to respond. Repeated vaccinations can send your pet's immune system into overdrive, which can result in autoimmune disorders. Animals don't need yearly re-vaccinations any more than humans do, so I encourage you to work with a holistic vet to titer rather than vaccinate.

Other keys to balanced immune system function are to avoid overuse of drugs like antibiotics, steroids, chemical pest repellents and parasite preventives. The more toxins that build up in your pet's body, the less effective the immune system will be.

The Importance of Regular Veterinary Wellness Exams

For healthy pets I suggest preferably two (especially important if your pet is over eight years old), but at least one wellness checkup with your veterinarian per year. These visits shouldn't be about re-vaccinations – they should be a proactive review of the status of your pet's health. The goal of these exams is to keep you and your vet on top of any changes in your pet's health so you can take appropriate action immediately.

Also, regularly reviewing your pet's diet, supplement protocol and exercise habits with a health care practitioner insures you're meeting your pet's dynamic healthcare needs. My patients' wellness and nutritional goals change yearly and over the age of eight can require fine-tuning every four to six months, depending on their vitality. What we want to do is keep your pet in the white zone of good health and out of the black zone of disease. In between those two zones lies the grey zone, which is where dysfunction in the body begins and gradually moves the state of your pet's health in the direction of full-blown disease. In order to reverse or stall dysfunction in the grey zone, we have to deal with it there, which means we must regularly check your pet's health status.

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Sue Tubman has had Miniature Schnauzers from 1969 to the present. She is not a breeder. She has attended a couple of shows this past year. Sue is retired. She grooms her own dogs and is interested in furthering her education in conformation. Sue has advanced skills in computing.

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Linda Maxwell has owned Beagles for 23 years and Miniature Schnauzers for 22 years. She has been doing obedience for 21 years, agility for 16 years, tracking for 2 years and Rally for 5 years. She attends approximately 18 dog events per year. Linda belongs to the Tulsa Dog Training Club where she works as their phone committee chair and assistant chief ring steward. She is a retired teacher. Her areas of interest are obedience, agility, ethics and health. Linda says that she truly enjoys dog sports, especially agility. She states that she is a willing volunteer for her local club and while trialing at other clubs. Linda is also involved in training classes.

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Mikko Samuli and **Niino Rovio** are breeders and have had Miniature Schnauzers for approximately 16 years. They are members of the Finnish Kennel Club, the Finnish Miniature Schnauzer Club, Finnish Dog Breeders Association, Danish Miniature Schnauzer Club and the Swedish Schnauzer-Pinscher Club. The applicants' state their occupations as accounts manager and advertising partner and list their interests as being in Newsletter, Electronic Media, Education, Ethics and Health.

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to Oshkosh Kennel Club, Winnegamie Dog Club and the Tracking Club of Wisconsin. She has worked as an obedience steward at trials and is the editor of the newsletter for the tracking club. Her interests are in obedience. Sandra is a Registered Nurse by occupation. She really enjoys working and training with her dog and is now working toward her Utility title. Sandra enjoys learning and sharing information and is persistent and sticks with an assignment or job until it is finished.

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George has had 9 Miniature Schnauzers and co-owns three Pugs. He is a breeder, listing that he has had 30 litters in the past five years. His interests are breeding, conformation and loving his dogs and he attends approximately four events per year. At this time, he does not belong to any other clubs. George is a retired corporate accountant. He would be interested in helping out with newsletter, membership, ethics and health. George has had Miniature Schnauzers for about 54 years, breeding sporadically. In the past few years, he has bred two Grand Champions and is showing another dog currently.

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

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Ehrlichia...cont from p.1,col3

areas of your pet's body where ticks can hide, like between the toes, the underside of the toes, in the earflaps and around the tail base. If you're ever unsure whether you're looking at a tick or some other bump on your dog, get out a magnifying glass and look for the telltale sign of a tick – legs.

Remember that ticks must be attached to your dog for at least 24 hours in order for the disease-causing bacteria to be transmitted from the tick to your pet. That's why daily tick checks and removing ticks immediately is a huge part of reducing your dog's risk of acquiring a tick-borne disease. This is hands-down the safest and entirely non-toxic method of tick prevention!

If you find a tick on your dog, be sure to remove it correctly. Don't use your bare hands. People can become infected by handling or crushing an infected tick. Wear gloves, or even better, use a tick-removing tool.

Grasp the tick very close to your pet's skin with our Tick Stick, a similar tick removal tool, or a pair of tweezers. Carefully pull the tick's body away from the skin. Once it's off, flush it down the toilet. Then disinfect your dog's skin with soapy water or diluted povidone iodine (Betadine). Disinfect the area really well and monitor it for the next few days. If you notice any irritation or inflammation of the skin, you should contact your veterinarian.

Have your dog tested for tick-borne diseases about three to four weeks after removing a tick. The type of test to ask your vet for is the **SNAP 4Dx test**, which is a screening blood test. If you don't have the 4Dx test done, you'll want to watch your dog closely for several months for any signs of loss of appetite, lethargy, changes in gait, fever, intermittent limping – all the symptoms of potential tick-borne diseases.

Checking your dog externally for ticks and having his blood checked regularly for internal, silent infections is the very best approach to keeping your pet safe from potentially devastating tick-borne diseases.

**Lone Star Miniature
 Schnauzer Club of Dallas
 Annual Specialty**

Dallas Market Hall ...July 4, 2013
 Classes - Mary Jane Carberry
 Sweepstakes - Kim Griffin

(This is a move from the Ft Worth /
 March venue of the past several
 years.)

Vodka? Really?

A naughty Melbourne puppy has survived anti-freeze poisoning thanks to her quick-thinking owners and a bottle of vodka.

Ten-week-old Cleo's owners noticed her staggering and looking "mentally dull" after licking car radiator fluid off car parts at a friend's garage for half an hour.

If left untreated, the tiny American Staffordshire pup would probably have died.

"It was only an 8 pound pup, so it doesn't take much of the anti-freeze for it to become poisoned," veterinarian Scott Hall from Animal Accident and Emergency Point Cook told ninemsn.

"The owners were straight on top of the money.

"They realised straight away that things weren't right and came straight to us."

Dr Hall said ethanol was the best treatment for anti-freeze poisoning, but in its absence vets used vodka from a nurse's car to treat Cleo.

"The alcohol stops a chemical reaction in the liver," he said.

"Stopping that chemical reaction is really important to stop renal failure or kidney failure."

He said she was given a shot of 30ml of vodka through a tube in her nose every few hours.

She drank almost a bottle and a half of the vodka in less than three days.

"She was definitely intoxicated," Dr Hall said.

"I'm sure she would have had a bit of a hangover coming off it."

Cleo stayed at the vet's for about four days before being sent home on New Year's Eve to nurse a sore head.

"As far as we know, she's doing really well," Dr Hall said.

AMSC Board Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2013

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club held a special Board Meeting which was called to order by President John Constantine at 9:07 PM EST via conference call.

Officers Present: John Constantine – President, Beth Santure – Vice President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Jane Nielsen – Secretary, Don Farley – AKC Delegate

Board Members Present: Susan Atherton, Wyoma Clouss, Patti Henderson, Penny Hirstein, Kaye Kirk, Patti Ledgerwood, Luana Nedich, Carla Nickerson, Patricia O'Brien, Brooke Walker

John asked that the agenda be amended to include discussion of adding Martin Marks to the website as a breed mentor.

1. Our first item of business was the discussion of having Martin Marks serve on the AMSC website as Breed Mentor. John felt that he is very capable and would do a great job. Motion of approval was made by Patti Henderson and seconded by Carla Nickerson. Motion passed unanimously 15 – 0.

2. Our meeting was then turned over to Patti Henderson for discussion of approving funding that would, in part, come from our Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Donor Advised Funds for the purpose of trying to fast track grant approval for research on Mycobacterium Avian Tuberculosis (MAC). Patti reported that Dr. Giger has submitted a proposal for his MAC research. Due to the severity of this disease for the Breed and potentially the associated public health concerns, the AMSC would ask the CHF to consider this research out of normal sequence so as to expedite this project. In order to do this we need to assure the Canine Health Foundation that this effort will be funded. This is protocol.

The AMSC has been given a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which is basically an agreement between the AMSC and the Canine Health Foundation. This is the first step in the process of our asking the Canine Health Foundation to fast track this grant approval for research on MAC. The Research Grant is for the purpose of determining the Genetic Predisposition to Mycobacterium Avian Tuberculosis in Miniature Schnauzers. The Research Grant and associated expenses shall be approximately one hundred eighteen thousand eight hundred dollars (\$118,800). This money would come from two sources.

Carol Weinberger has offered an endowment of \$50,000 for this research and the remaining \$68,800 would come from AMSC CHF Donor Advised Funds.

A motion was made by Patti Henderson that we fund this project and approve the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding. This motion was seconded by Patricia O'Brien and this subject was opened up to discussion.

Wyoma Clouss asked that we consider amending the Memorandum of Understanding to refer to this disease in a consistent manner. Many refer to it simply as MAC while others refer to it as Avian Tuberculosis. Wyoma would like to see it consistently referred to as Mycobacterium Avian Tuberculosis (MAC) so as to avoid confusion. We also need to amend the year on this contract to 2013 as it currently has 2012.

Sharon Edwards pointed out that 8 % of the money we donate will go to pay administrative fees to the CHF to cover their expenses. She felt that this expense was justified and fair.

This is a two year grant research study and Sharon suggested that we ask the CHF to agree to report to the AMSC every six months or at least once a year. In other words, set up a reporting schedule that would allow the AMSC to be kept up to date with progress. Sharon also suggested that we ask for permission to pay the \$68,800 in payments that correspond with the reporting schedule rather than the full payment all at once. This would allow the club to continue to earn interest on a portion of this money. Patti agreed to talk with CHF and see if they would allow this. There was also some concern from board members that if we make available this large sum of money for research, what becomes of the money if they are unable to obtain blood samples from affected dogs to study and research. Several members said that once grants are agreed upon, money is not going to be refunded.

After discussion, John called for a vote to approve the AMSC agreeing to move forward with the first step in the Grant process. Motion passed unanimously 15 – 0. Patti will try to get some answers to questions and concerns and report back to the board.

3. Our last item of business was from the

Ways and Means Committee. Carma Ewer sent a report asking for approval to restock our current inventory of AMSC items for sale. We are out of most items and believe there is a need for new and additional items. The Ways and Means committee would like board approval for new inventory that would be available for sale at the Schnauzapalooza and also at our other National Specialties along with online sales. Aprons have been restocked and they would like to add Tee Shirts, Hoodies, V Neck Tees, Polo style shirts, zippered tote bags and umbrellas. Wyoma Clouss made a motion that we approve this item of business and Patti Henderson seconded this motion. It passed unanimously 15 – 0.

Our meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM EST

Respectfully submitted by
Jane Nielsen, Secretary

Black Ribbons

I am sorry to say I had to put
my beloved friend ,
"Nasa"

Ch. Wards Creek's Rocket Man
to sleep February 6th 2013.

He fought a good fight but his health was declining the last year. He was 14 years old.

He was one of our very successful show dogs and a top producer 31 Champion get so far and more to come.

Many wonderful wins and memories with him he will be greatly missed but we will see him in many of his children and grandchildren.

Gale Schnetzer

CH Southcross Rd To Independence, CDX, RAE, MX, MXJ -

CH Classic Midnight Cowboy x Ch Southcross Yellow Brick Road. Bred by Sonny Lelle and owned by Lynn Tamms.

Indee was a beautiful sweet boy. He turned 15 in January and had many wonderful adventures over his long life. On Saturday March 2nd, he got sick and left me sometime on Sunday in the night. I feel privileged to have spent these years with him and to have been with him as he went.

Lynn Tamms

WELCOME/MEET & GREET GATHERING

Sponsored by the Standard, Miniature & Giant National Clubs

Event Center Purina Farms

Wednesday, MAY 8, 2013

Pre-Registration is required.

Deadline: April 17, 2013 Music, Dancing, Food and Cash Bar #

Name: _____ N/C

Kennel Name: _____

Name: _____ N/C

Kennel Name: _____

Name: _____ N/C

Kennel Name: _____

Total Attending _____

Structure In Action Seminar

Seminar: "Structure In Action: The Makings Of A Durable Dog"

- ④📌 The basics of canine structure
- ④📌 How to evaluate the structural quality of your adult dog
- ④📌 What leads to the damage and injuries
- ④📌 How to read and listen to your dog

Speaker: Mrs. Pat Hastings

④★ Popular seminar speaker and well known author of "The Puppy Puzzle"

Where: Founders Room - Purina Event Center

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

I plan to attend the seminar:

Seminar Fee: \$20.00/Person

Deadline: April 17, 2013 Name:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Total Fee _____

PLEASE NOTE:

The Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch in all likelihood will be awarded a 3 point major at our specialty at Schnauzapalooza.

AKC's rule in chapter 16, Section 1 of "Rules Applying to Dog Shows" concerning **Points For Reserve Available.**

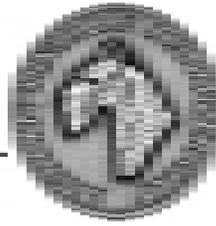
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"At the National Specialty the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch will be awarded a three-point major, provided that the number of dogs competing in the regular classes of the Reserve Winner's sex totals at least twice the number required for a five point major, in the region in which the event is held."

Division 6: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska

Miniature Schnauzers
5 points..... Dog - 9/ Bitch - 14

So as long as we have 18 class dogs shown and 28 class bitches shown, Reserve will get a 3 point major. It is looking like we will easily surpass those numbers!



NOMINATIONS OF JUDGES
for Specialties Regular Judges and Sweepstakes
Spring 2015 Summer 2015 Fall 2015

Please nominate three (3) judges for Regular Classes and three (3) different judges for the sweepstakes classes. The full name of each nominee must be shown. DO NOT use nicknames or professional names. Addresses are not required. It is requested that, where possible addresses for the Sweepstakes nominees be provided on the back of ballot to aid the committee in contacting them.

BALLOTS MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED, SIGNED BY THE AMSC MEMBER, AND RETURNED TO THE CHAIRPERSON BY April 9, 2013. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS AS PROVIDED HEREIN WILL CAUSE YOUR BALLOT TO BE DISCARDED.

DO NOT NOMINATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR EITHER THE REGULAR CLASSES OR THE SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES. THEY WILL HAVE JUDGED THESE CLASSES WITHIN THE PRECEDING THREE (3) YEARS AND ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION AT THIS TIME.

REGULAR CLASSES

SWEEPSTAKE CLASSES

DO NOT NOMINATE THESE PEOPLE

Carole L. Weinberger
Lynda Berar
Ken McDermott
Clay Coady
Michelle Billings
Penny Hirstein

Jan Taylor
Santo Diaz
Linda Drost
Brian Bogart
Amy Gordon
Marie Pletsch

John Constantine
Marcia Feld

Joan Huber
Manuel Itriago

Margo Klinger

Kim Cox Griffin

REGULAR CLASSES

**Carla Nickerson
SWEEPSTAKE CLASSES**

1. _____ (3 pts)

1. _____ (3 pts)

2. _____ (2 pts)

2. _____ (2 pts)

3. _____ (1pt)

3. _____ (1 pt)

MEMBER SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) _____

PRINTED NAME OF MEMBER (REQUIRED) _____

1 _____ (3 pts)

1. _____ (3 pts)

2 _____ (2 pts)

2. _____ (2 pts)

3. _____ (1 pt)

3. _____ (1 pt)

MEMBER SIGNATURE (REQUIRED) _____

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SEND BALLOT TO: EUNICE REVSBECH 24320 RIDGE POINT CIRCLE SHOREWOOD, MN. 55331-8915

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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

- Gateway MSC (Schnauzapalooza) May 10, 2013
Regular Classes: Claudia Seaberg
Sweepstakes: David Owen Williams
Rally and Obedience: Diane Propst.
- Centennial State MSC May 31, 2013
Regular Classes: David Kirkland
Sweepstakes: David Williams
- Chicago MSC (GLTA) June 15, 2013
Regular Classes- Al Ferruggiaro
Sweepstakes - Susan Schnell
- MSC of Southern CA June 21, 2013
Regular Classes: Jon Cole
Sweepstakes: Mary Bradley
- Lone Star MSC July 4, 2013
Regular Classes: Mary Jane Carberry
Sweepstakes: Kim Griffin
- Milshore MSC July 26, 2013
Regular Classes: Richard E. Lashbrook
Sweepstakes: Heidi B. Martin
- MSC of Southern CA June 22, 2014
Regular Classes: David Alexander
Sweepstakes: Ken Allen

AMSC SPECIALTIES

- Roving, Grays Summit, Mo. May 11, 2013
Regular Classes: Clay Coady
Sweeps: Brian Bogart
Futurity: Amy Gordon
- Great Western June 23, 2013
Regular Classes Michelle Billings
Sweeps: Marie Pletsch
- Montgomery Co. October 6, 2013
Regular Classes Penny Hirstein
Sweeps Joan Huber
- Roving, Scottsdale, AZ March 2, 2014
Regular Classes: John Constantine
Sweeps: Manuel Itriago
- Great Western June 22, 2014
Regular Classes Marcia Feld
Sweeps: Kim Cox Griffin
- Montgomery Co. October 5, 2014
Regular Classes Margo Klingler
Sweeps Carla Nickerson

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