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## SPECIALTY WINS

### AMSC Roving Specialty

Denver, CO 2/15/2015

#### Sweepstakes

Judge - Kurt Garmaker

BSS - Laroh's Invincible Warrior, Hartshorn

BOSS - Beauideal I Woke Up This Way,  
Sarvas

#### Regular Classes

Judge - Wyoma Clouss

WD - Destineez Wild Blue Yonder, Houck,  
Shelton, McMillan

WB, BW, - Destineez Jazz Royale, Rohrer,  
Houck, Pendelton

BOS - Beauideal Hurricane, Sarvas

BB, Group 2 - GCH Allaruth Carmel Still

Kidding V Sole Baye, Ewer, Phelps, Zeigler

Sel, BOBOH - Ch Sparx Sun Worshipper

Sel - Ch Minuteman Sweet Justice,  
McMillan

AOM - Ch Kwic Roger That Carmel, Ewer,  
Colby

AOM - Ch Minuteman Safety Last, Mason,  
McMillan

Centennial State MSC 2/12/2015

#### Sweepstakes

Judge - Ms Pamela Wilson

BSS, Puppy Group 1. - Ch Minuteman

Justified, McMillan, Boechlar

BOSS, Laroh's Devilish Delight, Hartshorn,  
Hallock

#### Regular classes

Judge - Ms Kathi Brown

WD - Kwic Roger That Carmel, Ewer,  
Colby

WB, BW, BOS - Beauideal Hurricane

BB, Group 2 - GCH Allaruth Carmel Still

Kidding V Sole Baye, Ewer, Phelps, Zeigler

Sel - Ch Sparx Rich, Dark, N Delicious,  
Krohn

Sel - Ch Minuteman Sweet Justice,  
McMillan, Houck

Best BBY, Group 1 Bred By - Destineez  
Jazz Royale, Rohrer, Houck, Pendelton

**The deadline  
for the May issue is  
April 16.**

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## Minutes – February 14, 2015

### AMSC Board Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 4:05 PM MST.

Officers Present: Wyoma Clouss – President, Carol Hafner – Secretary

Board Members Present: Lisa Sarvas, Carole Weinberger, Patty Ledgerwood, Carla Nickerson, Nita Ainsworth, Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Amy Gordon, Kaye Kirk

Other Club Members Present: Owen Clouss, Terrie Houck, Karen Prokopetz, Kate McMillan, Krystal Mason, Vickie Boechler

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Carla Nickerson made a motion that the agenda be approved and seconded by Carma Ewer. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meeting held on November 19, 2014:** The minutes were approved as read.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** Wyoma Clouss

Projects continue to move forward. Barbara Schulenberg, a long time AMSC member, Past President and AKC delegate, passed away recently.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:** Carol Hafner

AKC  
a. National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has now been opened to local and national Specialty clubs as well as Group clubs notice  
b. Event pending notice for GWTA specialty chairman designation requested  
c. Crufts Qualifying Certificates request to designate specialty  
d. AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award club contact request

Miscellaneous  
e. Various private vendor information received for pet medical insurance, access to vet database by paid membership, buy and sell advertisement space, essential tips on dogs book offer, and Havahart wireless fencing products  
f. Request for membership roster for database marketing was not granted  
- Requests for membership forms (2)

h. Inquiry on how to choose the best puppy  
i. Request for foreign membership information from Australia

**Correspondence (Sent):** Notified AKC that Kathy Colby will be the contact for the AKC National Sportsmanship Award recipient information.

**Membership:** As of 2/14/15 our membership totaled 465 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 31 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) for a total of 537.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Bonnie Keyes See pages 8-9-10

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** *Special Committees:*

**2015 Roving Specialty – Denver, Colorado: Carma Ewer, Carla Nickerson, Margo Klingler** The local club provided box lunches at the show the day of the AMSC specialty. Cocktail party was cancelled due to lack of response. Multiple issues may have kept members away including weather and the potential conflict with the Westminster dog show. Normally, there would not be a conflict between the shows. The hosting hotel was very nice and close to the show site too.

**2015 Fall Specialty – Montgomery County: Brian Bogart** I received an email from Margo Klinger thanking our Club for the "lovely, generous gift" she received for judging regular classes at the 2014 AMSC National Specialty- Montgomery County Kennel Club Show. Contact info for the 2015 AMSC Fall Specialty Coordinator and Advertising Chair was sent to Carol Carlson, show chair of the 2015 Montgomery County Kennel Club (MCKC) Dog Show. The names of our regular class and sweepstakes judges for this event along with their acceptance letters were also sent to Carol. Amy Gordon has kindly volunteered to serve as advertising chair for our 2015 Fall Specialty. My thanks go out to Gloria Lewis performing this task in the past. Details on the 2015 MCKC Advertising Offer cont'd on p.6, col 1. **MINUTES**

# LOOK

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

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

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## Does Leaving Your Pet When You Travel Cause You Inner Turmoil?

If you're a pet owner who travels, arranging for care for your animals while you're away can feel like an overwhelming decision. More than nine in 10 pet owners consider their pet to be a member of the family, 1 which means you're probably looking for caregivers who will not only provide for basic needs like food and water, but also companionship, reassurance and playtime while you're away.

I've lost count of the number of clients I know who haven't left their home in years because they don't have a person or facility they trust to care for their beloved pets. There are many options for pet care in the US, of course, but the key is finding the right option for you (and your pet).

You can take your pet to a boarding facility, leave him with a friend or family member, or even set him up in a doggy vacation home. Each choice has pros and pitfalls. Unless you're fortunate enough to have a kennel like this one nearby, typical boarding facilities are stressful for pets accustomed to living in the comfort of your home. The chance of your pet contracting a contagious disease is something you must consider, and in addition, most traditional boarding kennels require vaccinations you may object to, or with a frequency you object to.

If you have a trusted family member who is already familiar with your pet, that can be a good option – but many people do not, or may feel uncomfortable asking for such a large 'favor.'

### Thinking of Hiring a Pet Sitter? Here's What to Consider

A remaining option, and one I strongly encourage, is hiring a pet sitter to come to your home an agreed upon number of times each day, or in some situations, to move into your home while you're gone. Your pet gets to stay in his familiar surroundings, which is significantly less stressful than taking him to a new location. He also won't be exposed to diseases unnecessarily, but you still have to put your trust in someone you may have met only briefly.

Choosing the right pet sitter is therefore crucial to your pet's well-being and safety (as well as the safety of your home). If hiring a pet sitter is on your radar in the near (or distant) future, here are the top factors to consider.

### Find the Right Sitter

Referrals from friends, neighbors, family, your veterinarian or your dog trainer are often the best sources of pet sitters. You can also check for 'pet sitting services' in your area by searching online or contact the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters or Pet

Sitters International.

### Qualifications and Training

During your interview with your potential pet sitter, ask about past experience, what types of pets she's cared for, and whether she's completed any special training. Additionally, if your pet has any special needs or behavior issues, the sitter must feel comfortable managing them while you're gone.

### Insurance and Bonding

Your pet sitter should be able to provide written proof of commercial liability insurance (in case of accidents) and should be bonded (to protect against theft).

### Communication

How will the pet sitter communicate with you while you're away? Many pet sitters will record daily notes about your pet's activities, eating habits or mood. Others will send you digital photos or daily text messages to put your mind at ease.

### Services and Fees

It's important that you're both on the same page about what's expected, and the fees involved. How many visits will occur each day? At what times and for what duration (some pet sitters will even stay overnight in your home)? Will the sitter provide grooming or walking services? Will she clean up accidents, water plants or do any other vacation care responsibilities (like bringing out your garbage)? Will she bring your pet to a veterinarian in an emergency? Also, if you're delayed can the sitter care for your pet until you're able to get home?

### References and Interactions

Your sitter should provide you with references of past clients (and you should contact each of them). In addition, the sitter should interact with your pet in your home environment prior to your trip.

### Tips to Ensure a Positive Pet-Sitting Experience

Once you've chosen the right sitter, you may want to start out slow. Try having her care for your pet while you're away on a day trip or weekend getaway. If all goes well, you'll feel more comfortable leaving her in charge for a longer trip, and will be able to resolve any problems ahead of time. You can help to make the experience a positive one by:3

### Making reservations early

Leaving clear and detailed instructions re-

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garding feeding, medications, emergency contact information (including your veterinarian's contact information and the closest 24-hour emergency vet), and other important information

Leaving pet supplies in one easy-to-access location, and purchasing more than enough to last for the duration of your trip (in addition to food and treats, other supplies you should leave handy include extra litter if your pet is a cat, brushes, toys, a leash, and a carrier)

Leaving an extra key with a neighbor or family member, and giving them your pet sitter's contact information (and vice versa) in case of emergency

**Showing your pet sitter how to use your home's security system, circuit breaker and any other important features**

One of the best things about using a pet sitter is once you find one you trust and establish a working relationship, your pets should feel comfortable in her care and you'll be able to leave home without worry.

**Should You Take Your Pet With You on the Road?**

Perhaps you've considered taking your pet along with you on your travels. The success of this strategy depends largely on where you'll be going and your pet's personality. There are always exceptions, but most cats find travel stressful and prefer to be on their own turf.

Some dogs love to travel, and will certainly enjoy being with you, but if you'll be travelling by air it's probably best to leave your pet at home. Unless your dog or cat is a seasoned air traveler (which is very rare), I think putting your pet on a plane, especially in the cargo hold, should be an option of last resort.

If you're traveling by car to a pet-friendly destination, and your dog is the type that loves an adventure (and whose health is up for it), then by all means go and have fun! Keep in mind that if you'll be leaving your pet alone in a hotel room while you vacation (or tend to business), he's probably better off left at home with a pet sitter.

But if you want to involve your pet in your vacation and are looking for some ideas, check out National Geographic's The Dog Lover's Guide to Travel, which bills itself as the "ultimate resource for traveling with your furry friend" and features hundreds of dog-friendly locations – even canine cruises. There are some safety factors to consider when traveling by car, including the following from the ASPCA.

Put your dog in a crate or carrier every time you hit the road. You can choose a wire mesh, hard plastic or soft-sided carrier. Just make sure it's a good size -- big enough for your

dog to stand up in, turn around, and lie down. Get your pup used to his carrier at home before you attempt to use it for travel.

Keep your dog restrained in the backseat or rear of the vehicle whenever it is moving. If you don't use a crate or want to give him time out of the crate, make sure he's secured with a harness attached to a seatbelt buckle.

If your dog isn't used to riding in the car, take her for short rides at first, then gradually increase the length of time she's in the car. Make sure her carrier is secure so it doesn't slide around or become a missile if you need to brake suddenly. If you decide to train your pup to a seatbelt harness, do so as soon as possible (8 weeks old, if you can), and take short, frequent car rides several times a week to condition your pup to this lifestyle.

It's best not to feed your dog while you're on the road, unless he's a real road warrior who doesn't ever suffer from motion sickness. Most dogs do better with a light meal a few hours before traveling, and then a second meal when you're back home or have reached your destination for the day.

Never leave your precious pup alone in a parked vehicle. On hot days, your car can become an incinerator in minutes, and your pet can suffer heatstroke. Cold weather can turn your vehicle into a freezer.

If you're planning a long trip, put together a travel kit for your dog. Include food, special treats, food and water bowls, water from home (either bottled or filtered and stored in a travel container) leash, poop bags, brush or comb, medication and/or supplements, a pet first-aid kit, and a favorite toy.

Make sure your dog is wearing a collar with a current ID tag. It's also a good idea to carry a recent picture of your dog with you for identification purposes.

Spread the Word to Friends And Family  
By Sharing this Article.



**WRONG!**

**BARBARA SCHULENBERG**

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We've lost a special AMSC member, breeder and exhibitor, past President and AKC Delegate, Barbara Schulenberg.

Barbara Schulenberg, a long-time resident of Palatine, IL passed away from complications brought on by Alzheimer's on Saturday, the 7th of February 2015 at the age of 84. Born on June 24, 1930 in Chicago, IL. Barbara graduated Austin High School in 1948. Barbara worked for Illinois Bell and AT&T for 38 years before retiring in 1985. Barbara discovered a new passion for breeding and showing Miniature Schnauzers. Barbara was so successful and devoted to the breed, she served as president of the American Miniature Schnauzers Club and also served as an AKC delegate for the club. In 2009, she was awarded Lifetime membership to the American Miniature Schnauzers Club. Beyond her work, Barbara loved international travel and great food.

**SPECIALTY WINS continued**

- Cactus State MSC** Feb 26, 2015
- Sweeps Judge: Carla Nickerson**
- BIS Lewis's Rico Suave Of Regency/  
Lewis
- BOSS Kwic Love Is The Spin I'm In/  
Colby
- Regular Judge: Mrs. Loraine Boutwell**
- WD/BW Tomcy's Keep On Rockin/  
Mathies
- RD Lewis's Rico Suave Of Regency/  
Lewis
- WB Brookehaven's Some Like It Hot/  
Walker
- RB Empire Dreamker Inspiration/Allen &  
Stephens
- BOB GCH Allaruth Carmel Still Kidding V  
Sole Baye/Yhelps & Ziegler & Ewer
- BOS CH Brookehaven's Butterfield 8/  
Walker
- SD GCH Lande's Chairman Of The  
Board Esq/Lande & Harstad
- SB/ GCH KWic Slick Uptown Chick/  
Colby & Valverde

# AMSC Referral Application

The AMSC Board has been discussing the process for updating the Breeder Referral system for the new webpage. There will be a map, that when clicked, will list names for that area. The referral page will have a "due diligence" clause and a link to our AMSC Code of Ethics. New verbiage follows:

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club has a listing of members who have agreed to and signed the AMSC's Code of Ethics. This listing should be used for reference only and due diligence is your responsibility. Note: the AMSC does not guarantee the health or services provided by any member and does not assume any liability regarding agreements provided by the consumer and the AMSC members listed within. Buyers should use utmost care before making a decision to purchase a dog. This listing does not bind the AMSC nor does it guarantee or accept any liability or responsibility for the quality, health, or temperament of any dog. NO warranty is to be assumed or implied by this publication by inclusion or omission as it pertains fitness of merchandise or integrity, by any AMSC member on this list.

### Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct

- Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club strive to:

1. Comply with the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club (AKC), the Constitution and By-laws of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club (AMSC) and the Code of Ethics.
2. Conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on themselves, the breed, and the AMSC.
3. Exhibit good sportsmanship and good will at all dog-related events.
4. Make no false or misleading statements concerning the Miniature Schnauzer breed or other breeds or breeders.
5. Be responsible dog owners, treating their dogs humanely and providing them with adequate food, water, shelter, veterinary care, exercise, grooming and the socialization and training necessary for them to be good family companions.
6. Make every effort to learn about the structure, anatomy, action, inherited traits and behavior of the dog, especially where such learning applies to the Miniature Schnauzer.
7. Use the official standard of the breed when evaluating and breeding their own stock, and encourage its application in judging.
8. Participate in efforts to assess and improve the health of the individual dog and of the Miniature Schnauzer breed, including, but not limited to, participation in valid, reliable and responsible testing for hereditary diseases, providing samples and information for development of hereditary disease tests, and sharing health information with other AMSC members. Be honest, factual and not misleading or fraudulent in any written or oral statement about dogs and breeding programs, whether about their own dogs or those of others.

### BREEDING

Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, as guardians of the breed, strive to breed

conscientiously, taking responsibility for the lives they produce, including responsible placement of all puppies produced by any breeding, to ensure the safety and well-being of the individual dogs and of the breed.

1. Educate themselves to recognize the correct conformation of the Miniature Schnauzer, familiarizing themselves with the AKC breed standard and representative dogs, prior to breeding a stud dog or a brood bitch.
2. At all times breed for the improvement of the breed as exemplified by the AKC standard.
3. Breed only animals that are in good health and who are physically and temperamentally sound.
4. Strive to produce puppies of such quality that they will serve to improve and complement the breed and avoid breeding individual Miniature Schnauzers known to have, or are strongly suspected of having, a serious inherited disease or defect that will likely be passed on to offspring and that, if inherited, would significantly affect the quality of life of any offspring that would be produced.
5. Represent each puppy sold as accurately as possible.
6. Share information gained through breeding with other Miniature Schnauzer owners.
7. Act as a mentor to persons with whom they place puppies and encourage an open dialog for the life of the dog.

### REGISTRATION AND SALES OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

1. Sell each puppy or adult with a written health guarantee, a three-generation pedigree, a record of immunizations, care and feeding instructions, and registration papers where applicable.
2. Inform the buyer of the characteristics of Miniature Schnauzers, and make available to the novice the benefit of his advice and experience.
3. Sell any companion puppy or companion adult having a known hereditary health defect only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract.

If a puppy is sold as a companion animal, it may be sold one of two ways:

1. On a Limited Registration.
2. On a Spay/Neuter Contract between the breeder and the buyer.

The breeder shall remain responsible for the welfare of every dog he breeds, sells or places. This means making himself available to aid the new owner if and when the need presents itself. If in the future the owner is not able to keep the dog, the owner should be instructed to contact the seller and the seller will have the responsibility either to take the dog back or find it a new home.

The breeder will not sell or dispose of any dog through pet shops, wholesalers, commercial dealers or paid agents.

### HERITABLE DISEASES/CONDITIONS

1. Make a determined effort to have all

breeding animals tested for the presence of all heritable diseases or conditions known to afflict Miniature Schnauzers and not breed those discovered to be affected.

2. Send a report of the adverse test results to the AMSC Health Committee.

### APPLICATION FOR REFERRAL LISTING IN AMSC WEBPAGE

As an AMSC Member, you are expected to abide by our AMSC Code of Ethics when dealing with each other and with the public, and you are expected to provide factual information about Miniature Schnauzers. Any Miniature Schnauzer placed or sold is expected to be clean, free of parasites, healthy, well socialized, and honestly represented which includes any relevant health risk. You are expected to be honest and competent in services such as grooming or training that you provide. Any complaints against you or the services that you provide related to this Referral listing will be investigated by the Ethics Committee, and negative findings may result in your listing being revoked.

Please list my name for Puppies/Adults (P), Rescue (R), Information (I), Grooming (G), Training (T)

Circle as many as you like

Please print name, address, phone, email

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CellPhone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the AMSC Code of Ethics, and I agree to the foregoing.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

**Breeder Referral application will be required to be renewed annually.**

To keep the map up to date, we will need to renew each listing every year. You may list as a breeder, as a groomer, as a trainer, or for MS information only if you are willing to help people but aren't active in any other category. If you want to be included, you must copy/print out this application, agree to the Code of Ethics, and snail-mail or email the signed copy to Carole Weinberger.

## STAND FOR EXAM Lynn Tamms

### TRACKING – THE ULTIMATE PUZZLE

Looking outside at the snow makes me think of tracking today. I suppose you could wonder how the ground covered with snow could make me long to go tracking. Here's the deal. When a track is laid in the snow, you can see exactly where it goes. Your dog doesn't need to see the track. She needs to smell it. And she does that regardless of the ground cover. When the handler can see exactly where the track goes, she can observe the dog's indication of turns, off courses and distractions.

I started tracking back in the late 80's. I had one book .TRACKING DOG: THEORY AND METHODS, by Glen R Johnson. It was the definitive book on tracking and had a set schedule for how you were to start a dog and move along until you were ready for a test. This book is still in print and I'm sure many people still refer to it. Times have changed in the tracking world however and starting a dog isn't as rigid as it was back then. A friend and I worked really hard, but we never got anywhere because of all the time it took. Many years later I decided to train Finch to track. I craved a TD on a miniature schnauzer. Wow! That would be so cool.

Tracking is a mystery to me. When I watch Finch track, I'm amazed that she can actually follow the track and find the article at the end of it. She has followed the track on plowed fields, through marshy swamps and sand, through dead dried leaves, over pavement and even across a creek. How does she know??? She has lost the track and worked to find it again. She has encountered critter holes, and even though she's a Master Earthdog, has obeyed my command to "leave it and get to work".

The jury is still out on how dogs track. Experts do know that a dog can smell a gazillion more scents than humans. I once heard someone say that just as people can look around and see a wide variety of colors, dogs can sniff around and smell an incredible variety of scents. When they track, they learn to discriminate among these scents.

In order to teach dogs to track, you have to "explain" to them what you want them to do. I did this by laying a short track, dropping treats every step or two and jackpotting at the glove at the end. Finch quickly figured out that there were treats every step or two and there were lots of treats at the end. After a few short tracks like this, I discontinued the

treats on the track because they were distracting. She got the fact that if she followed the scent of the short track, there was a great reward at the end. Gradually I lengthened the track, added slanting turns, changed the terrain and started to age the track. Because I had marked exactly where the track went and where the turns were, I could observe her behavior when she was on the track and when she wasn't. When Finch is on the track, she has her nose down and is pulling hard on the lead. When she loses the track, her head comes up. She air scents and ranges around looking for it again. When she gets to a turn, she checks out all the directions. When she gets back on track, her head goes down again and she is very sure of where she's going. When she encounters a critter hole, her tail starts going like crazy. When she gets to the dropped article, she stops and sits and waits for me to tell her how wonderful she is. (I taught indication of the article behavior in my kitchen.)

There are many books and articles on tracking these days. There are online lists and Facebook pages. Tracking training is time consuming because ultimately the track has to be aged. (At least a half hour for TD and at least 3 hours for TDX) I like so many things about tracking including spending time with friends and dogs and being outdoors. I love the "puzzle" of dog training and tracking is a really big puzzle. I am hooked on tracking.

Finch got her TD in 2008 and her TDX in 2013. In my mind's eye, I can still see her pulling me down the track on that beautiful Fall day and experience my amazement when she found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.



## Fruits and Vegetables That Are Dangerous for Dogs

### Onions, Garlic, Leeks or Chives

Onions, garlic, leeks and chives, which are all members of the Allium genus, can damage healthy red blood cells, leading to life-threatening anemia. Cooking these household staples won't make them any less toxic, so leave them out of your pet's diet no matter how they're prepared.

### Grapes or Raisins

Grapes and raisins may look harmless, but they can cause illness and kidney damage in dogs. Clinical signs can occur within 24 hours of eating and include, vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy.

### Raw Potatoes

Feeding your pup a raw potato can be risky, especially if it has any green parts or sprouts. Potatoes contain solanine, a toxin that can cause drooling, vomiting, diarrhea and severe stomach upset.

### Rhubarb Leaves

If you're making a rhubarb pie, make sure you carefully dispose of the leaves. The leaves of a rhubarb plant are toxic to pets and can cause kidney failure and tremors.

### Wild Mushrooms

Wild mushrooms can be pretty, but they can also be deadly for dogs. Symptoms of mushroom poisoning can range from vomiting and hallucinating to liver failure and death. There are many different species of mushrooms and toxicity levels differ, so to be safe, keep your animal away from all wild mushrooms.

### Apple Cores With Seeds and Stems

It's fine for your dog to eat an apple slice or two, but don't give him the core. The core can include apple seeds, stems and leaves, which contain cyanide, a toxin that can cause dilated pupils, panting, difficulty breathing and shock. You'll also want to be cautious about other fruits with seeds, such as watermelon — offer only the fruit, not the seeds, stems or leaves.

### Stone Fruits

Stone fruits like peaches, nectarines, plums and cherries are not safe for dogs — their pits can be choking hazards. And choking isn't the only problem with these fruits: The stems, leaves and pits of apricots, plums, peaches and cherries also contain cyanide.

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to National Specialty Clubs were sent to Amy. The AKC Event Application for Confirmation and AKC Events Club Information for Conformation, Obedience and Rally form were submitted to the American Kennel Club with a copy to Carol Carlson of the MCKC. The Montgomery County Kennel Club is offering National Specialty Clubs at their 2015 show:

1. \$5.00 for each dog entered in the **breed only**.
2. Pewter Plate with MCKC medallion for Best of Breed.
3. Rosettes for the seven top placements (BOB, BOS, BOW, Winners and Reserve Winners, in each sex); Best in Sweeps and BOS in Sweeps; and New Titlists in Obedience and Rally. Additional Rosettes will be charged at cost (presently \$4.00 for standard rosette; additional charge for special orders)

Contract for the 2015 MCKC Show was emailed to Bonnie Keyes, AMSC Treasurer. Permission was granted by the AKC to hold the 2015 AMSC Fall Specialty in conjunction with MCKC. Conducting Regular Classes and Sweepstakes Classes were also approved by the AKC. Notification of these approvals was sent to Carol Carlson. The date of both events is Sunday, October 4, 2015. Closing date is Wednesday, September 16, 2015 and MB-F is the Superintendent. Location is Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA.

**NOTE:** Homewood Suites needs to be contacted by the hospitality committee to make sure a block of hotel rooms have been booked.

### 2016 National Roving Specialty - Minipalooza: John Constantine

Planning will begin in earnest this month. Committee is formed. Local clubs have committed; Thursday - Cincinnati, Friday - Gateway (and OB), Sunday - Twin Cities (and OB). We are still working on Agility to be all breed on Thursday and Friday. Saturday would Mini Schnauzer only National Specialty. Saturday will be OB/Rally National Specialty. "Schnauzer of the Year" (top 20 style) competition on Thursday night. Details will be publicized ongoing in the next month or 2 in AMSCope. The events will be held from March 30 to April 3, 2016.

### 2017 Roving Specialty Selection Committee: John Constantine

The committee would like to propose having our specialty in 2017 in Atlanta Terrier Club, Inc. in Perry, GA, Sunday, April 16, 2017. The Central Florida MSC has agreed to be our

host club for this event. However, at the Board meeting, the club graciously agreed to allow the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club to host the Roving Specialty in 2017 to allow their celebration of 50 years as a club. The Atlanta show will be held in 2018 as a part of a five day show circuit. Proposal from Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club for 2017 Roving Specialty consideration in January. Motion was made by Carole Weinberger that Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club take over responsibilities for the 2017 Roving Specialty and the Central Florida Miniature Schnauzer Club will change to April 15, 2018, and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Passed unanimously.

### Standing Committees:

**AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli** - Contact will be made with Carla about putting club business in a separate area to draw attention to the information.

**AMSC -L Yahoo Group: Wyoma Clouss** - AMSC-L Yahoo Group has had 49,331 comments, 340 members, as of 1/7/2015

**Audit: Bonnie Keyes** - Recommendation for person to perform Audit from Bonnie - none received, Board will check with Bonnie.

**Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms** - Recommendation was made to the Board by Carma Ewer for the National Sportsmanship Award nominees, when there is more than one nominee, that their biographical information be shared with the membership. Voting would be done by the general membership rather than the committee. The cutoff for submittal must be early enough for membership to vote and the committee will keep secret who the recipient will be until it is announced at the annual meeting.

### Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger

For the year 2014 we have had two VERSATILITY AWARDS:

Congratulations To:

**Kaye M. Kirk** CH Aristos' The Great Communicator for Okaye, CD, BN, PCD, RE, NA, NAJ, NF, RATN CGC *Bred by Patti Henderson, Deborah Huff & Donna Hills*

**Jeri Muntis** CH Mojave's Miss Congeniality, RN, MXP2, MXPB, MJPB, MJP3, NFP *Bred by Susan McKinney*

**Breeder Referral: Donna Hafen, Gloria Lewis, Marcia Feld, Buzzy Alfano, Carla Nickerson** - The committee does not want to disband even with the website up and running. A different person will be made breeder contact for the website.

**Constitution & By-Laws: Chris Levy** - Chris has been informed that the bylaws are being reworked and her help will be needed soon.

**Education: Wyoma Clouss, John Constantine** - John Constantine presented the Judges Education seminar in Denver. There were 4 judges that went through our seminar, ringside mentoring, and a hands-on workshop on 2/13/15 during our roving specialty weekend. Thanks to Carma Ewer, Lisa Sarvas, Terrie Houck and Kate McMillan for supplying dogs and handling for the workshop.

**Electronic Media: Chris Franck/Wyoma Clouss** - The new website is up and working, with AMSCestry functional. Items will be updated and corrected as needed.

**Guidelines: Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe** - It seems that little, if any, work has been done on the guidelines for several years. Kelly has already put some time and effort into pulling relevant information from the board minutes in order to update the versions of the guidelines that were posted in the Yahoo Groups. Since the hard part is done, Kelly would like to finish updating the files before sending them to the committee chairs. In doing this, we can at least be sure that the current committee chairs are aware of specific things that they should consider as they're making updates.

**Health: Patti Henderson, Vera Potiker, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Sheila Marks, Bill Brown, Patricia O'Brien** - GIGER SEMINAR OCTOBER 2014 - MONTGOMERY COUNTY was published in February 2015 AMSCope. It is permissible to publish this report to other groups and websites. Sharing is fine.

**Historian and Policy Records: Richard Isley** - Owen Clouss printed out a couple of large format photos from Schnauzerpalooza and the Board meeting at GWTA in June 2014 which will be sent to Richard for safekeeping.

**Public Awareness: Vicki Kubic** - Our Facebook page now has almost 11K followers from 45 countries; the majority of them (almost 7K) in the U.S. We engage upwards of 14K people on our most popular posts. Average number of "likes" is over 10K weekly. As always, I continue to need good quality, well composed, candid and professional photographs of your dogs and puppies. As you can tell if you follow our page, I like to caption the photos to engage our **con't on p.7. col.1.... Minutes**

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followers, so photos that allow that helps! Our Facebook page is wonderful, positive exposure for well-bred minis.

Kate McMillan gave a presentation on Twitter and the difference from Facebook. With Twitter you can capture the entire world's attention within minutes. Twitter is immediate, confrontational, media linked, direct and personal. Twitter is limited to 140 words. You cannot cleanse a Twitter feed. Kate recommends that members get an account and get active, start by following friends or events. Kate is available to help others. Twitter is almost the opposite of Facebook. Quick description of Facebook is the 4 F's: Friends, Family, Female and hates Friction. It is not a place to problem solve, especially controversial issues. Karen Prokopetz that works with Minister of Health in Saskatchewan gave her real life experience in Canada on consumer input: Letter writing has no power and emails have no power to influence political representatives.

Personal contact to establish a relation with local legislators can be a very effective way to open communication channels including email as experienced by Wyoma Clouss.

**Publications and Literature: Patricia O'Brien**

**Inventory:**

Grooming charts 72

Illustrated Standards 301

CD 12

So You want to show your MS 3

So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

**Income:**

Grooming Charts \$104

Illustrated Standards \$38

CD \$40

**Total Income = \$182**

**Expenses:**

Postage \$ 28.52

Grooming Charts 8@\$2 = \$16

Illustrated Standards 3@\$2.40 = \$7.20

**Total Expenses = \$51.72**

**PROFIT = \$130.28**

**Trophies: Nita Ainsworth, Kathy Colby, Carma Ewer, Margo Klingler** - Shows will be set by calendar year starting with Montgomery County 2015 through the end of 2016 for the budget for awards. Medallions will be the same type and quality for conformation and performance as follows: 3"

medallion for BOB, 2" medallion for BOS and Select, 1.5" medallion for AOM, 3" medallion for HIT and 2" medallion for High Combined. The Committee would like to get a rosette for each 1<sup>st</sup> place in each class if the budget allows. Motion to accept medallion proposal from the Trophy Committee to be made in brass was made by Patty Ledgerwood and seconded by Carol Hafner. There are several 3" medallions available now. The Trophy Committee has the 3" medallions needed for the next two specialties, but the balance of the medallions is in Barbara Donahue's possession. The 1.5" medallions will be used for AOM until they are gone. Once they are depleted, the AOM will receive a 2" medallion. The motion was amended to order the die and 100 of the 2" antique brass medallions at a cost of \$4,435. This motion was seconded by Lisa Sarvas. Motion passed unanimously. Trophies for WD, WB, RWD and RWB, 1st in each class, Veterans, Best in Sweeps, BOS in Sweeps were discussed. The Committee requested \$3,500 for these trophies plus they will need additional \$1,200 to cover the extra show to get to a calendar year rotation. Nita Ainsworth made a motion for the Committee for \$4,700 for trophies. Motion passed unanimously. The Trophy Committee is open to any suggestions for trophies.

**Ways And Means: Carma Ewer, Luana Nedich, Nita Ainsworth** - There are some new items out including embroidered hats, shirts and glittery items. Ideas for items to sell are welcomed by the committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Set up an audit/auditor** for the Treasurer's books – Wyoma will contact Bonnie Keyes.

**Confirmation of 2014-15 budget** - Balloted voting was completed to confirm the 2014-15 budget in December. The budget was confirmed by 81% vote of 17 - Yes, 0 – No, 4 - Abstentions. An interesting note on the voting using snail mail was that one vote took over 2 weeks to reach me and was feared lost when original results were published to the Board in December.

**Future Criteria for Associate Membership** – The suggested language to change Associate Membership criteria was discussed. Motion to approve the suggested language submitted by John Constantine. No second was submitted. Item dies for lack of a second. Further discussion ensued concerning associate membership with no voting rights. Carole Weinberger will work on language for a newsletter only membership for the next Board meeting. Carole Weinberger, Vicki Kubic and Patti Henderson (?) are working on a rewrite of

the membership application. They will look at developing language for associate membership too.

**By Laws rewrite for reduction in Board members** – The problem of getting a quorum for Board meetings is the reason for looking at the reduction of the number of Board members. If the Board decides to move forward, the process is to decide how the Board would like to make changes and present those changes to the AKC for approval. Once the approval process is completed, the changes to the bylaws will be present to the membership to vote by written ballot on the changes. It takes 2/3s of those responding to change the bylaws. Proposed: Elect three new Board (Board of Governors) members annually for three year terms, then must sit out 1 yr as currently from that position. Elect Officers for two year terms, may be re-elected for second term, and then must sit out a year for that position. President and Treasurer would rotate out of office on the same term and the Secretary and Vice President will rotate out on the next term. (Total voting Board members would be 14, quorum of 8. Total of 15 in the first year of a Past-President serving, quorum of 9). The AKC Delegate would not be an official Board member and will not be counted for the quorum unless he is elected to a Board position. (Total voting Board would be 13, quorum of 7). During the transition to this new structure, any current Board members may continue, or may opt to resign if they wish, or may move to proposed Advisory Group, without being replaced until the number of 9 is reached. Motion of make the changes to the bylaws to be submitted to the AKC was made by Wyoma Clouss and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Motion passed unanimously.

**Advisory Group concept** – With the proposed reduction of Board members, this Advisory Group can be used to preserve the expertise of the club by having a non-voting group that can be called upon by the President as needed for specific topics. There would not be a requirement that the advisory group attend every Board meeting, only when called upon by the President. Several "committees" that currently exist do not have any information to add to meetings on a regular basis. For example, Constitution and Bylaws, Guidelines, Historian & Policy Records, and Policy have not had reports to the Board in quite some time. These members should be added to the Advisory Group. This structure would eliminate the need for "committees" that rarely have anything to report to the Board and for those members to have to submit a "No Report" for the Board agendas. An alternate concept **con't on p.8, col.1.... Minutes**

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to consider would be to have short term working groups for specific projects that disband once a project is completed, and then there would be no need for an advisory group. The Board likes the concept and requested Wyoma Clouss and Carol Hafner work on the concept for reduction of committees.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Carole Weinberger** - No applications processed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Nominating Committee appointments** – By July 1<sup>st</sup>, we need a new slate of officers. Carla Nickerson, Carle Weinberger, Patty Ledgerwood, Stella Van Cleave and Jackie Eversbach served on the Nominating Committee last year and cannot serve this year. This year's committee will be chaired by Amy Gordon and will include Nita Ainsworth, Terrie Houck, Brooke Walker and Julie Cooper. The members at large alternates will be Patti Henderson and Carma Ewer.

**Discussion of Health Information on website** – Trying to let a puppy buyer know what to be looking for and what to ask on the "General Health" page. The information is available through links to inform, but not scare the public. The Health Committee will determine what will be available to the public portion of the website. Extensive and detailed health information will be available to members through the members' only area of the website. A health topics hyperlink will be added to the General Health page. That link will open a new tab with further health information links in alphabetical order. There will be a separate listing of associated organizations links including, but not limited to, American Association of Holistic Vets, American College of Vet Internal Medicine, American College of Vet Nutrition, American Kennel Club, and American Vet Med Association. The Board is supportive of the health links concept with the Health Committee to develop content on the links.

**CLOSED SESSION (Board members only)**

1. Ethics Committee
2. Board Member attendance

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Wyoma called for a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:16 PM MST. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

**Next Board Meeting Friday, June 19, 2015 at Long Beach, California one hour after breed judging or 4:00 p.m. whichever is later.**

**January 2015 Treasurer's Report**

Income	Expenses	Description
\$3,139.50		Dues
\$70.00		Trophy
\$0.29		Interest
	\$25.00	AKC Annual Dues
	\$48.71	PayPal Fees
	\$144.99	Web Maintenance
	\$137.50	AMSCOPE
	\$413.51	Merchandise - Denver
	\$81.16	Health Committee Supplies
	\$75.00	JRD Study
	\$60.00	Spring Roving Grooming
		Space Refund
\$3,209.79	\$985.87	Totals
\$2,223.92		Net Profit for January 2015
<b>Account Beginning Balance</b>		<b>Account Ending Balance</b>
\$102,509.91	\$52,819.70	Checking Account
\$7,435.36	\$7,505.42	Trophy Account
\$4,924.36	\$4,768.24	Health Account
\$7,540.81	\$7,540.87	Rescue Account
\$0.00	\$52,000.13	Holding Savings Account
\$122,410.44	\$124,634.36	
\$2,223.92		Net Change in Accounts
<b>NOTES:</b>		
As you can see \$52,000.00 was transferred from Regular checking to a Savings Account		

**Best Fruits and Vegetables for Dogs**

Broccoli makes a great snack for pups. Just remember to serve human food sparingly — even the best fruits and vegetables, if eaten by your pet in huge amounts, can cause stomach problems.

Some canines love sweet potatoes. Be sure to serve them to your dog in small bites and make sure that they're cooked, never raw.

Zucchini and other squash are healthy treats for your canine. Before you change anything about your dog's diet, though, consult with your veterinarian, because some foods may be incompatible with certain medical conditions or prescribed diets.

If you want to give your canine a few banana slices but don't want to deal with a squishy mess on your floor, here's an easy solution: Freeze the banana slices before you offer them to your dog.

Giving your dog peas instead of cookies can make you feel better about his caloric intake. But keep in mind that treats, even healthy vegetables, should be less than 10 percent of your pet's diet.

Many dogs love juicy apples. Just be sure your dog doesn't get hold of seeds or the core, which can be harmful to him.

Good news for all you green bean fans out there: It's safe to share them with your dog!

Plenty of dogs enjoy carrots, but if yours is hesitant about eating raw vegetables for the first time, you can steam or boil the vegetables for an easier transition.

How about some fresh cucumber slices for your canine? Be sure to wash all fruits and vegetables and remove rinds, skin, seeds or pits before feeding them to your pet.

	2014 2014 Budgeted	Actual Income	2014 2014 Budgeted	Actual Expense
			Expenses	
<b>Contributions</b>				
Other			\$100.00	
Purina Parent Club Program	\$963.09		\$1,200.00	
<b>General Expenses Items</b>				
AKC Delegate		\$889.80		\$1,500.00
AKC Entries/annual dues				\$35.00
AKC Fliers		\$225.66		\$250.00
Advertising				\$250.00
All Other/Miscellaneous Expenses				\$300.00
Bank fees & Interest Income	\$162.52	\$265.29	\$95.00	\$50.00
Donations		\$1,000.00		\$500.00
Insurance, Dir & Off, Liability		\$1,291.58		\$1,469.00
Meet the Breeds NYC		\$110.00	\$300.00	\$750.00
Meet the Breeds - Eukanuba		\$1,401.58		\$750.00
Membership 540	\$17,662.86		\$15,900.00	\$175.00
Conference, Reg & Travel		\$1,621.04		\$2,000.00
PayPal Fees		\$627.72		\$500.00
Secretary Expenses				\$295.00
Treasurer Expenses		\$80.99		\$170.00
President Expenses		\$20.35		
DVD's Prior years	105.00	\$105.49		
Web site maintenance/design		\$7,609.89		\$2,000.00
Web Site hosting		\$119.88		\$120.00
<b>Committee's</b>				
AMSCOPE (annual amount)		\$1,802.79		\$2,955.00
Awards - Local newsletter/website		\$100.00		\$100.00
- President's / Life time memb		\$64.66		\$150.00
- Breeder Awards		\$1,079.33		\$450.00
Health - Programs		\$353.17		\$825.00
- JRD Study - U of GA		\$300.00	\$500.00	\$300.00
- DVD Bell Seminar	\$30.75			
Judges Education		\$147.21		
Judges Selection				\$225.00
Publications & Literature	\$405.00		\$500.00	\$475.00
Trophies	\$4,187.00	\$3,973.68	\$3,000.00	\$4,650.00
Ways & Means - Merchandise	\$9,231.40	\$6,783.95	\$900.00	\$1,350.00
<b>Special Events</b>				
<b>Arizona Roving</b>				
Chair Expenses				
Catalogue adv/entry fee				
Dinner			\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)		\$28.49		
Judge's Fee / Expenses		\$1,045.79		\$600.00
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$105.95		\$200.00
Meet & Great Get Together				
Board Meeting		\$113.28		
Entry %	\$860.40	\$460.38	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Great Western</b>				
Chair Expenses				
Catalogue adv/entry fee				
Hospitality			\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
Judge's Fee / Expenses		\$1,132.00		\$600.00

Board Meeting Room  
Entry %

**Montgomery**

AKC Event Fee		\$15.00		
Chair Expenses		\$6.87		
Catalogue adv/Other Fees			\$550.00	
Cocktail Party	\$1,260.00	\$1,558.21	\$2,527.00	\$2,528.00
Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)		\$233.29		\$1,500.00
Judge's Fee / Expenses		\$1,162.23		\$600.00
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$200.00		\$200.00
Raffle/auction	\$869.00			
Board Meeting Room				
Entry %	\$520.00			

**Denver**

Chair Expenses  
Catalogue adv/entry fee  
Dinner  
Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)  
Judge's Fee / Expenses  
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts  
Meet & Great Get Together  
Grooming Space  
Board Meeting  
Entry %

Totals	\$36,527.02	\$36,885.55	\$31,922.00	\$35,372.00
Net Profit / (Loss)		(\$358.53)		(\$3,450.00)

**Ending Balances 12-31-2014**

Checking \$33,919.23	\$102,509.91	CD closed transferred into account Savings transferred into account \$14,005.58
Rescue	\$7,540.81	Interest for 2014 \$1.29
Health	\$4,924.36	Interest for 2014 \$.97
Trophy	\$7,435.36	Interest for 2014 \$1.26
Savings	\$0.00	Transferred to Regular Account
Interest for 2014 \$2.05		
PayPal	\$0.00	Monies transferred to regular account
at year end. Hence forth transferred monthly		
CD	\$0.00	Transferred to Regular Account
	\$122,410.44	

**Notes:**

I will be transferring \$52,000.00 into a Savings account, until such time as the Finance Committee can meet and make a proposal to the Board in regards to an amount to invest and what type of vehicle we will use for this investment. We have 540 Members as of 12-31-2014. 468 Regular Members, 6 Life Members, 33 Foreign Members w/voting privileges & 33 Foreign Members w/o voting privileges. No new applicants.





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**UPCOMING SPECIALTIES**

G.Cincinnati MSC May 23, 2015  
 Regular Classes Pamela Simmons  
 Sweeps: Catherine Vander Vliet  
 M Cleveland MSC Specialty May 23, 2015  
 Regular Classes Patricia Anne Keenan  
 Sweeps: Vicki Kubic  
 MSCSC Specialty June 19, 2015  
 Regular Classes Margo Klinger  
 Sweeps Carrie Jordan  
 MSCSC Specialty June 20, 2015  
 Regular Classes Connie Clark  
 Sweeps John Killeen  
 Milshore MSC July 24, 2015  
 Regular Classes Carolyn Taylor  
 Sweeps Janice Wavra

**AMSC SPECIALTIES**

Great Western June 21, 2015  
 Regular classes, Judy Smith  
 Sweeps-Shawne Imler  
 Montgomery Co. Oct. 4, 2015  
 Regular classes: Michae Dougherty  
 Sweeps: Sharon Edwards  
 Roving Specialty-Purina Farms Apr. 3 2016,  
 Regular classes, Carol Weinberger  
 Sweeps-Janet Taylor  
 Great Western June 26, 2016  
 Regular classes, Linda More  
 Sweeps-Mary Paisley  
 Montgomery Co. Oct. 9, 2016  
 Regular classes: Jon Cole  
 Sweeps:Linda Drost

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:** The following information is given to help conduct AMSC business more efficiently. Please remember that the Secretary and the AMSCOPE editor should **BOTH** be notified of address changes, club officers and specialty results.

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