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## SPECIALTY WINS

### AMSC Specialty at GWTA

June 21, 2013

**Sweepstakes:** Judge: Mary Bradley

BISweeps: Lion-I Chattanooga ChooChho of Hansenhaus/Jacobs

BOS: Allaruth Carmel Still Kidding V Sole Baye/ Ewer/Ziegler/Phelps

Veteran Sweeps: Ch. Kataballou of Hansenhaus/Hansen-Baws/Williams

BOS Sweeps: CH Kataballou of Hansenhaus/ Baws/Williams

**Regular Classes:** Judge: Jon Cole

BOB: GCH Allaruth Just Kidding V Sole Baye/ Phelps/Ziegler

WD/BOW..Bachi's Amazin' Just the Way U R/ Hafner

RWD...Kilvercrest Vanguard/Potiker

WB..Axcium Summer Love at Carmel/Ewer

RWB...Bachi's Eclipse of the Moon/Hafner

BOS: GCH Legacy's Pohl Dancer of Tomar/ Ledgerwood/Pohl/Paisley

AOM: .GCH Tomar's Captain Kirk/ Mary Paisley

AOM: Yanga's All The Time, Octavio Martinez and Yanga's Kennels

AOM...CH Naibara's I believe/Berar

June 22, 2013

**Sweepstakes:** Judge: Ken Allen

BISweeps: Naibara's Trademark, Lynda Berar

BOS: Bachi's Eclipse of the Moon/Hafner

Veteran Sweeps: CH North Pine Stay in Arizona/Cooper

**Regular Classes:** Judge: David Alexander

WD/BOW...Kwic Never Say Never/Colby

RWD..Naibara's Trademark/Berar

WB..Lion-I Chattanooga ChooChho of Hansenhaus/Jacobs

RWB..Regency's Classical Twist/Verna

BOS: GCH Legacy's Pohl Dancer of Tomar/ Ledgerwood/Pohl/Paisley

BOB...GCH Tomar's Captain Kirk/ Mary Paisley

AOM: CH Minuteman Toxicology/McMillan/ Prokopetz

AOM: CH Naibara's I believe/Berar

AOM.. CH Brookehaven's Solo Dapper Rapper/ Walker

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## AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT - May 2013

AMSC Health Committee report was given with substantive discussion. The content of that discussion follows.

### MAC Research Status (provided by Dr Giger), Sample Retrieval Issues & General Comments

The AMSC has entered into an agreement with AKC CHF to fund Dr Giger's research fully and have released to the foundation \$118,800 which includes a generous \$50,000 donation from Carole Weinberger and Bandsman. Because of the importance of this research for miniature schnauzers around the globe, the AMSC has negotiated a fast-track administrative processing which will allow this research to be formally fully funded by August 2013. While working out the details for the major Grant, other funding was made available through the Gray Lady Foundation so as to not interrupt his research. The following update is provided by Dr Giger:

The sample collection and pedigree information is expanding. Everything still indicates a simple mode of inheritance and a strong association to a particular group of dogs. Most importantly we have been contacted by people in Europe regarding infected dogs over the past months; they are from Finland, Germany and Sweden and seem to be related to some previously identified lines. While the owners, breeders, and veterinary clinicians have been promising to send samples we unfortunately have not yet received them. We have gotten assistance from you and others but so far the samples have just not yet reached us. We really need these samples from affected and all related dogs for our studies as explained below.

We have completed the sequencing of the coding regions of *NRAMP 1* – a major candidate gene for avian tuberculosis - and could not find any disease-causing mutations.

Moreover, the specific polymorphic markers (single nucleotide polymorphism - SNPs) found within the *NRAMP 1* gene did not segregate within the family of affecteds and healthy dogs thus excluding this gene from further considerations.

We have completed a genome wide association study (GWAS) with ten proven affecteds and 40 likely unaffected Miniature

Schnauzers in collaboration with the University of Missouri. Unfortunately we did not reach sufficient power for our analysis to find a clear signal, but we have identified a weak signal in an area which is related to a potential immune-modulating candidate gene. We really like to get some more dogs to improve our analysis (those mentioned above) and get further confidence and strength in our analysis. As mentioned previously it is also possible that this is a polygenic trait and then the analysis is much more complex. However, our pedigree data is still consistent with simple autosomal recessive inheritance. We did this work with the support from the Grey Lady Foundation and are submitting an AKC Canine Health Foundation proposal.

The most significant part of Dr Giger's report is his reference to having extreme difficulty getting samples. We welcome any help and any suggestions to improve or facilitate this process but let it be understood that his need for additional affected samples is CRUCIAL to this research. There has been a fifth case from Europe and a number of European breeders have suggested to AMSC Health Committee Members that many more cases are being swept under the rug and not reported. We have reached out to European clubs, Health Chairman and Club Officers to help us set up a network to exchange information swiftly. His report indicates that with the small number (10) affected samples he has the GWAS has been able to demonstrate a faint (weak) signal or expression that will be the map to distinguish what is different between affected samples and those deemed normal. Although he has been able to rule out one of the most suspicious genes, *NRAMP1*, it is important to get a strong signals for accurate comparative information.

### Miniature Schnauzer Health Consortium

— Partly due to the MAC issue but also as a means to get information out to the people who need to know, the development of a Health Consortium has been a longstanding goal of the AMSC Health Committee. With the help of the AMSC President, John Constantine, we have been actively engaged in establishing an official network to exchange vetted information among miniature schnauzer owners and breeders

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**The deadline for the September issue is August 17.**

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## It's time to begin planning for Montgomery County 2013!

Montgomery County 2013 will be held Thursday through Sunday, October 3-6, 2013.

Our host hotel will again be the Homewood Suites Valley Forge (681 Shannondell Boulevard, Audubon, PA 19403). We received **wonderful** feedback from the AMSC regarding this hotel and we're fortunate that we've been able to secure this facility as our host hotel for 2013.

Rates are as follows:

Studio - \$129 per night (king and double beds available – first come first serve basis) – sofa bed included.

1 Bedroom Suites - \$149 per night (king and double beds available – first come first serve basis) – sofa bed included.

The telephone number for Homewood Suites Valley Forge is **610-539-7300**. When you make your reservation, mention the "American Miniature Schnauzer Club" block. ***This hotel sold out last year so be sure and make your reservations as soon as possible. If you encounter any difficulty in making your reservation, please ask for Barbara Ward, Director of Sales.***

### Some Homewood Suites Valley Forge Features:

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Here is the link to the hotel should you have any additional questions:

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***More details to follow concerning the schedule of events for this year's Montgomery County!!!!***

**HEALTH...con't from p. 1,, col.3**

all over the world. We have a number of official clubs on board already and have made contacts with key representatives to further this mission. In addition, a multilingual International Health Forum page has been established for us to share important information and collaborate where it is mutually beneficial we would like to recognize Hilde Haakensen for spearheading this effort and for making contact with the European breeders to facilitate sample retrieval for Dr. Giger. This multilingual webpage will be developed and expanded as we go forward.

While on the surface it seems like establishing a group of MS clubs would be a pretty straight-forward effort, there are a number of hurdles to being able to quickly accomplish this —language differences, lack of an organized club structure or an ineffective one. We are making headway and after Schnauzerpalooza we have made some fabulous inroads. We remain committed to accomplishing this goal.

**Veterinary Ophthalmology Examinations**

**Information—** There was a recent discussion on the AMSC-L regarding the differences noted in the Eye examinations being more strict. There is no difference in the reporting requirements —it has been procedure under CERF as in OFA now to mark any eye exam abnormal, when even the most minor of findings were noted such as distichia, prominent posterior suture tips. In the past this may not have been done as there was such an outcry from breeders but in actuality these minor observation do indeed constitute an abnormal finding. This has posed some problems for VOs when some breeds have standards that are NOT normal, like ectropian in bloodhounds. Minor eye findings which result in an abnormal eye exam are not reasons to cull based on these findings.

**Reported Health Issues –** We have received recent reports from our ongoing study with UGA Nephrologist, Dr. Cathy Brown. Two (2) schnauzers have been diagnosed with FSGS (focal segmental glomerulosclerosis) - one a 7 month old and the other a 14 year old. The older dog was felt to have a more benign form of the disease but was diagnosed as a more chronic form (with normal serum creatinine)

. The histiologic lesions in the older dog were very similar to the 7month old. In addition, a third necropsy case of an older miniature schnauzer – one of a family of dogs (schnauzers) which had been followed for proteinuria for many years and is part of a separate ongoing study/inquiry at Texas A&M in which Dr. Brown had been asked to

participate – has also been diagnosed with FSGS. Through discussions, Dr Brown went on to say that “FSGS could be an EXPRESSION of juvenile renal disease, either as just general scarring as they start to lose kidney function or as a primary disease process that affects the glomeruli initially and results in chronic kidney disease. For this dog (i.e., the young 7month old dog diagnosed with FSGS) the lesions are consistent with those in other schnauzers which I SUSPECT at least some of which may have a familial form of FSGS. To really investigate this possibility, it would be important to document whether some schnauzers (particularly those with a family history of renal disease) have any proteinuria...which could best be determined by submitting urine...for UPC (urine protein:creatinine – a quantitative test for urine protein; properly a UP:UC). I might mention this family of dogs are being followed closely and have been following a specific protocol under the direction of the breeder's vet and with permission I am including the breeder's comments/

“One of the tough parts of this disease is that the blood work on these animals remains very normal until the end of the process. Therefore, vets are not alerted to look for protein in the urine. For example, DOG1 who died from a blood clot due to renal disease had a BUN of 25 and a Creatinine of 1.1 (both considered to be in the normal range) when she was diagnosed, but at the same time had a UPC of 13.6 - Without the UA we would have missed the problem if using the blood work results only. She was not eating well was the reason I took her in. She lived for one and a 1/2 years after diagnosis and died at 12 years. My guess is that we have a lot of dogs out there spilling protein in the urine. Without a UA it remains undiscovered until the dog shows kidney problems in the blood and a UA is then ordered. My new policy now is that whenever I do a blood panel, for whatever reason, I also do a UA. Our youngest protein spiller was found at the age of 7 and a half and she is doing well three years later but on medication. Just some added info. We start medical treatment with Benazepril when the UPC is >2. Up until that time, supplements are Fish Oil 1000mg x 2 daily, Vitamin E 100IU daily, and CoQ10 30mg daily. Obviously the secret to giving these dogs a long life is knowing early what is going on. I think DOG1 probably could have lived past 12 if we had discovered the problem before her UPC was 13.6. At least these dogs are surviving into old age. I can't ask for anything more. How this relates to the 7 month old puppy I really wonder.”

We plan to have more discussions with Dr Brown to determine how we might best accomplish data collection to gain the best information. We will be advising the membership as soon as we can get clarification from Dr Brown as to how we might proceed but it appears that a urinalysis would be appropriate in the interim.

We recognize that this is not a life threatening disease and that dogs do not seem to die as young pups typically but understanding and collecting this information might be extremely revealing to other renal issues that are more problematic in our breed. So let us not miss a potential to open up yet another whole avenue of investigation for renal disease in our breed and perhaps we have overlooked areas that have broader relevance. Adding a urinalysis looking for proteinuria to an annual screening panel would not constitute a substantial cost and might be revealing since we have cases indicating renal disease and we have a known familial (?) proteinuria in existence and being followed today. If the simple urine test yields positive protein in urine (excluding UTI induced elevation or protein contaminated sample ,ie sperm) THEN a more definitive UPC would be appropriate and could provide some very useful information. The following is provided as information:

**Guidelines from ACVIM consensus statement (Lees *et al* 2005, *J Vet Intern Med*; 19:377):**

In healthy dogs, the urine protein to creatinine ratio (UP:UC) is usually < 0.5. Values e” 0.4 in azotemic dogs are abnormal. Values between 0.5-1.0 in non-azotemic dogs are considered equivocal and continued monitoring for progression is recommended. Values >1.0 in non-azotemic dogs are abnormal and diagnostic evaluation is warranted. Glomerular proteinuria is usually associated with UP:UC e” 2.0. Therapeutic intervention is recommended for azotemic dogs with UP:UC e” 0.5. These figures are only valid for urine samples with inactive sediments.

Dr Brown is looking into possibilities in which we can participate in an affordable way to collect data to facilitate the evaluation of kidney health. Interestingly, Dr Brown's husband is a Veterinary Nephrologist at UGA and these findings in Miniature Schnauzers have generated a great deal of interest at Texas A&M as well as UGA Vet schools. In addition, we will be contacting the University of Mn. Urolithiasis Center to see if there might be some interest there as well. More to come.

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**Silvia and Richard** currently have three Miniature Schnauzers. They are not breeding at this time and have participated in both obedience and conformation shows/trials for about 12 years. Right now they go to about 12 events per year and many more when they are actively showing dogs. In the past, they have belonged to the German Shepard Dog Club of America and the German Sheperd Dog Club of Rochester New York and the Genesee Valley Kennel Club. They also support the Onondaga Kennel Club and hold the positions of Secretary, Show and Trophy Chair and Obedience Training Committee. Silvia is a human resource consultant and Richard is a hospital healthcare administrator. They are not currently showing at dog, but do like to educate the general public about the proper, bred to the standard Miniature Schnauzer. Their interests are with legislative issues, Public Awareness, Rescue, Education, Obedience and Health. Silvia and Richard list their helpful skills to the club to be many years involved with dogs, communicating and sharing with various US and international Miniature Schnauzer groups to continually learn more about our breed, savvy PR skills and as healthcare advocates for dogs.

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**Robyn** has had Miniature Schnauzers for 11 years, she also has Giant Schnauzers. She does not list herself as a breeder and has only co-bred two singleton Giant Schnauzer litters with long time breeder Judi Boston of Sonnenschiem. Robyn is only a breeder in the fact that she co-owned the bitch. The two litters were whelped in 2007 and 2011. She has been involved in Conformation, Obedience and Tracking for 10 years and Agility for 5 years. She attends 10 or more shows/trials per year. Robyn is a member of the South Central Giant Schnauzer Club, where she is a writer for their newsletter and the Giant Schnauzer Club of America. Her occupation is as a teacher. Robyn's areas of interest are

Newsletter, Legislative issues, Obedience, Agility and Health. She had her first Miniature Schnauzer as a child from Bobbie Stout Mills of Windwalker Miniature Schnauzers. Since then, she has lived with her pet Mini, Ranger who raised her first Giant Schnauzer. She has another Mini, Cash and the Giants are crazy about him. Robyn states that she is a hard worker and is willing to learn. She has had show and performance dogs and enjoys both. She believes that it is important for owners to be members of their parent clubs and to be active in their endeavors to promote health and ethics.

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**Stacy** has had Miniature Schnauzers for 17 years. She also has a Giant Schnauzer and a Border Collie. She is interested in Agility and Obedience and attends approximately 24 trials per year. She does not belong to any other clubs at this point in time. Stacy works as an office manager. Her interests are Rescue, Public Awareness, Awards/Trophies, Education, Obedience, Agility, Ethics and Health. Stacy's current agility/obedience Miniature Schnauzer has been in the AKC Agility Invitational and Agility Nationals. She wants to help highlight the wonderful things that this breed can do in any way possible.

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legislative issues, electronic media, public awareness, awards/trophies, Education, membership, ethics and health. Kaileigh has learned a lot from her grandmother, Janice Ramel about Miniature Schnauzers and she has been working for dog handlers for 15 years, eight of those working for Carlos. In doing this, she's been able to campaign her Mini's to top 10 spots in ranking. She is happy to teach others all aspects of our breed but especially enjoys mentoring juniors.

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**Jennifer** has had Pomeranians for 6 years, Keeshond for 5 years and Miniature Schnauzers for 2 years. She does not list herself as a breeder. She has been competing in performance for approximately 7 years and obedience for one year. Jennifer attends 12-15 dog shows per year. She does not belong to any other clubs at this time. Her occupation is that of insurance broker. Until 2011, she did not have a dog for a number of years and decided to get another one. She researched her breeds and found that the Miniature Schnauzer fit the bill. She contacted a show breeder and bought a foundation bitch puppy.

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**Karen** currently owns two Miniature Schnauzers. She has been involved in conformation for less than one year, agility for one year, obedience for 3 years and Rally for 3 years. She attends from 20 to 30 dog events per year. Karen is currently a member of the Northern California Miniature Schnauzer Club. Her occupation is as a motor carrier specialist for the CHP. Her interests lie in Rally, Obedience and Agility. Karen has one dog that has multiple obedience and Rally titles and also works as a service dog. Her other dog is currently competing in conformation and obedience and has already received her RN and BN titles.

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**Sandra** has had Miniature Schnauzers for approximately 20 years. She is a breeder and breeds about 2 litters per year. She has competed in obedience for about 18 year, Conformation for 15 years and Rally for years. Sandra attends 40+ dog events per year. She is a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Northern California and has served as President, Vice President and Secretary. She also belongs to the Napa Dog Training Club and has been an obedience and rally instructor there. Sandra loves her dogs and breeds with the intent to insure health and contentment in all of her puppies. She carefully chooses where her puppies are placed and stays in contact with the new owners. She also enjoys instructing new handlers in obedience and rally.

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**Sherry** has had eight Miniature Schnauzers ranging in age from 6 months to 9 years. She lists herself as a breeder and has had 5 litters over the past 5 years. She has been involved in Conformation for 9 years and breeding for two years. Sherry attends about 3 to 4 dog events each year - she uses a handler that is not in the immediate area. She belongs to the Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club. Sherry is employed as an office manager. She became interested in Miniature Schnauzers nine years ago. She states that good temperament, happiness and health is important to her. Sherry enjoys spending a lot of time with her dogs.

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**Jacob** has had Miniature Schnauzers for over 25 years and Wire Fox Terriers for 6

years. He is not a breeder. He is involved in Conformation and Junior Showmanship. Jacob attends approximately 20 events per year. He belongs to the Milshore Miniature Schnauzer Club and has served as Secretary and Vice President. He is employed as an electrical engineer with his areas of interest being Newsletter, Electronic Media, Public Awareness, Awards and Trophies, Education, Membership, Ethics and Health. Jacob states that he has had Miniature Schnauzers his entire life and has been involved with the Milshore Miniature Schnauzer Club for twenty years.

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**Moira** has had Miniature Schnauzers from 1986 until the present time. She is not a breeder. She has been active in agility for 12 years, Obedience 12 years and Rally for 5 years. Moira attends approximately 8-10 events per year. She belongs to the Tulsa Dog Training Club and Paw Pals therapy dogs where she is a coordinator. Moira is retired and her interests lie in Newsletter, Legislative issues, Electronic Media, Public Awareness, Education, Health, Obedience, Agility and Rally. Her dogs are both involved in performance events and are therapy dogs.

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**Karla** has had Miniature Schnauzers for 20 years. She states that she is a breeder and has had two litters. She has been involved in conformation for 3 years and breeding for 15 years. She attends 16-20 shows per year. Karla is employed as a physical therapist. Her interests lie in Newsletter, Legislative Issues and Rescue. Her dogs live inside and are a part of her family. She is very interested in being a part of AMSC and learning from members who have been a part of the club for a long time.



We would like to remind everyone that Central Florida MSC will be holding their 13th Specialty on Friday December 13th, 2013 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando Florida, in conjunction with the AKC-Eukanuba Spectacular. If thirteen is your lucky number, this could be a good sign for someone!!! As many of you may know, the AKC-Eukanuba Spectacular is now open to class dogs. When CFMSC held their first specialty at the OCCC in 2011 we did not have a big entry. By the following year in dec 2012 the entry increased to 2 pts in bitches. With your support we could have FIVE DAYS OF major COMPETITION in Orlando at the AKC-Eukanuba event.

In addition we will again be featuring a Meet the Breeds booth. This has been a very popular event for the public and our entire membership works on it. We were proud of our Group IV prize in the booth competition!! There is tremendous support from the public at the convention center. See you in the Land of Disney, in Orlando, FL where it never SNOWS!!!!

HEALTH....cont'd from p.3,col.3

**MORE ABOUT FAT**

#Cases	Description	Status	Remarks
1	PRA	Confirmed	
1	Juvenile OS Cataract (4mo)	Confirmed	SL Opacity in other eye
1	Congenital Hereditary Cataract	Confirmed	UK case with strong US lines in the pedigree
2	FSGS	Confirmed	
1	FSGS	Reported	Reported case with elevated UPC
5	MAC	Reported	1 case received by Giger; Others pending

**More bad news** from the fat pet front. Results from the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention's 2012 survey show that U.S. pet obesity rates continue to soar, and the number of overweight cats has reached an all-time high. Over 50 percent of dogs and nearly 60 percent of cats are either overweight or obese. This equates to approximately 80 million dogs and cats in the U.S. destined to become victims of a variety of weight-related diseases unless their owners reverse this dangerous trend. Unfortunately, a shocking number of pet owners don't seem to realize their dog or cat is overweight. Others seem to think a fat pet is amusing. And many pet parents don't realize how quickly a weight-related disease can strike – with devastating results. Overweight and obese pets develop the same conditions too-heavy humans do, including arthritis, diabetes, hypertension, hypothyroidism, and kidney disease. They also suffer a significant drop in both quantity and quality of life. If your dog or cat is overweight, the remedy is simple: feed species-appropriate nutrition in portion-controlled meals, and insure your pet gets daily exercise.

Overweight and obesity in pets is both a primary disease and the root cause of many other diseases that develop as the result of too much weight, including:

- ·                   Arthritis
- ·                   Diabetes
- ·                   Hypertension
- ·                   Hypothyroidism
- ·                   Kidney disease

And you can add to this list a significant reduction in the quantity and quality of your overweight pet's life.

While some pet owners don't realize their dog or cat is overweight, others know their pet is too heavy, but for some reason find it amusing. Still other owners of fat pets don't seem to realize they are compromising the animal's health.

**Health Priorities in Miniature Schnauzers**

- During the Bell Seminar, his research into our breed information, research and statistics yielded a list of diseases that were significant to the miniature schnauzer. The Health Committee will be using this list with results of the survey and other resources to outline a list of priorities on which the AMSC may focus OUR effort, time and resources. The membership will have an opportunity to provide input as well. The difference will be that we intend to place weighted priority based on severity and breadth of affectation. For your information, during the 2012 Canine Health Foundation's Annual call for health priorities for CHF funded research from the AMSC, the Health Committee submitted the following list:

- Hepatic Disorders (Liver)** -Portosystemic Shunt
- Skin Disorders**- Allergic Dermatitis, comedones
- Oral Disorders** -Periodontal Disease
- Ophthalmology** -Cataracts, Retinal Dysplasia, Glaucoma
- Endocrinology**- Hyperadrenocorticism (Cushing's disease), Diabetes Mellitus, Hypothyroidism
- Immune & Blood Disorders** - Hyperlipidemia, Immune-mediated Hemolytic Anemia, MAC
- Gastrointestinal**- Pancreatitis, megaesophagus
- Renal and Urological Disorders**- Urolithiasis, Juvenile Renal Disease

**Health Committee Consortium**

- Establishing a worldwide formal consortium comprised of International Clubs and Organizations, has been a longtime goal for the Health Committee. This is finally beginning to come together. Contacts have been identified and several large organized miniature schnauzer clubs have already pledged participation. Part of this outreach is to provide multilingual translation of important information. This begun and several documents are being translated into Finnish, Swedish, German, Danish and other languages as we expand our collaboration. This is a very exciting time and we are hoping to continue to cultivate this program. Please take a moment to look at the beginnings of the webpage which will house worldwide vetted information and appropriate links.

<http://amsc.us/component/content/article/14-amsc-health-research/174-mac-research-we-need-your-help.html>

**CHIC DNA Blood Collection at Schnauzerpalooza**

- The AMSC in conjunction with CHIC will be absorbing the cost for submission and processing blood for the CHIC DNA Repository. Participants will need only pay \$10 per dog to offset the cost of collection and supplies. A schedule is available. Copies of the CHIC form were handed out to the Board and guests.

**Publication of Health Committee Report**

-The Health Committee Report to the Board published will hereafter be published as a separate report from the Board Minutes.

## *Black Ribbons*

**Am.Can.Ch.Reggae Indulgence**  
12/99 - 6/13

(Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman No Fear ex  
Am.Can.Ch.Reggae's Blue Heaven)

"Brat" was bred by Kim Greenway and myself, and co-owned with Kim and Connie Krohn who showed him throughout a career that included 23 Best in

Shows, and both AMSC and MSCC national specialty wins. He was Joan Huber's choice for Best in Sweeps at AMSC Montgomery County in 2000.

His Canadian record includes: youngest MS to win an all-breed BIS, most group wins (163) and most owner-handled BIS by a Mini Schnauzer. He was #1 MS in Canada in 2002 and 2004 and a top-ten terrier for three years.

Brat lived out his retirement with Kim Greenway in Alberta. He was never at public stud, but his line carries on through his top producing grandson, Am.Can.Ch.ToMar's The Fix Is In.

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### **Nicknack Makin a clean Sweep MX MXJ MXP MJP ( Sweeper)**

**5-20-02 to 6-6-13**

Sweeper was such a wonderful dog! Despite being a real homebody, she would get very excited when she saw the agility bag and was willing to go with me anywhere, except to the office! She was a very smart dog! She was also the SWEETEST dog that we have ever owned and her departure leaves a huge hole in our hearts! Tom and I will miss her forever! Renae Bagwell

## *Bouquets & Biscuits*

\***MACH Mtn Rose Cleared For Landing**  
MXB MJB CGC (North Pine Victorious Pursuit x Arizona Limited Edition) finished his MACH (Master Agility Championship) title on Memorial Day, 27 May 2013, at the Amarillo Obedience Training Club Agility Trail in Amarillo, TX. Dexter was bred by Jeannette Clack and is owned and loved by Steve and Andrea Yost and trained and handled by Steve.

## **Calling All Artists!**

**Come out of hiding!**



The AMSC is looking for a new design for our merchandise this fall. If you have a great idea or design, please send it to me before August 15, 2013. We are looking for ideas for our fall merchandise. Lets stick to no more than 6 colors, remembering that our lovely dogs come in three colors, do a variety of activities, and have both cropped and uncropped ears.

The Winning design artist will be awarded their choice of available merchandise. So come on everyone, I know how talented many of you are.

Carma Ewer  
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Ways and Means Chair

## **Bradley Ryan Child**

**April 5, 1954 ~ July 2, 2013**



I was born April 5, 1954 to Castle and LaRae Child. Would that most could be so fortunate as I. I was twice blessed in finding the great love of my life, and soul mate. I married Karen Mitchell Child on February 7, 1987. My run ended July 2, 2013 due to complications arising during my 4th open heart surgery. But it was a great run. I was told early in life I had a "bum ticker" and decided come what may, to grab life by its throat and let no moss grow beneath me. I so tried to read it all and see it all. I learned of that special love for animals at my father's feet. Karen's arrival in my life drove that love to a passion I relished. I had my best friend and my soul mate by my side. Their constant love and support gave me my passport to travel the world.

I was, maybe I still am, a Master Judge, but more importantly I was a husband and companion, son, brother, uncle, and I tried to be that friend that so many were to me. I hope I remembered to tell each of you how important you were to me and how much I loved each of you.

I was preceded in death by my mother, LaRae. I'm survived by my great love and soul mate, Karen, best friend and father, Cass, loving sister, Vickie (Kurt), adored niece, Adrien (Michael), loved nephew, Tyson (Adrienne), and wondrous grandniece, Madison.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, July 20th, at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Karen or family member for further details.

In lieu of flowers, there has been established a fund at US Bank in the name of Bradley Ryan Child.

## **READ THIS, PLEASE!**



The biopsy report came back and with great sorrow I must share this....Our darling girl died from the toxin in this plant that I have on my deck. It is called heliotrope and is highly toxic, causes total liver destruction. The pathologist said our angel had the worst liver damage he's ever seen. She would nibble at the leaves of this plant every so often and we had no clue it was toxic. (It can come in white or purple.) Please share with any dog owners you know to hopefully prevent their dog from becoming a statistic. We are even more heartbroken now knowing her death was preventable. Please share her story so that something positive may come of it and create awareness of toxic plants. Our own vet had no idea this was a toxic plant!!

## The Seasonal Cancer Danger to Steer Your Dog Clear Of

Last year around this time, I reported on a six-year study conducted at Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine linking lawn pesticides to canine malignant lymphoma (CML). That study found an increased risk for CML of as much as 70 percent in certain dogs exposed to professionally applied pesticides and herbicides, or lawn care products containing insect growth regulators.

This year I have an additional warning for dog owners. According to a study to be published in the July issue of *Science of the Total Environment*<sup>1</sup>, dogs are being exposed to garden and lawn chemicals linked to bladder cancer.

### New Study Links Herbicide Exposure to Bladder Cancer in Dogs

The chemicals in question are common herbicides containing 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D), 4-chloro-2-methylphenoxypropionic acid (MCPP) and/or dicamba.

According to lead study author Deborah Knapp of Purdue University's Department of Veterinary Clinical Services, in an interview with Discovery News:

"The routes of exposure that have been documented in experimental settings include ingestion, inhalation and transdermal exposures. In the case of dogs, they could directly ingest the chemicals from the plant, or they could lick their paws or fur and ingest chemicals that have been picked up on their feet, legs or body."

Breeds with a genetic predisposition for bladder cancer, including Beagles, Scottish Terriers, Shetland Sheepdogs, West Highland White Terriers, and Wire Hair Fox Terriers are at particularly high risk.

### Your Neighbor's Herbicides Can Contaminate Your Property

Knapp and her colleagues sprayed the herbicides on a variety of grass plots, including some that were green, dry brown, wet, and recently mowed. Then they measured how much chemical remained on the plants up to 72 hours after spraying.

Dying and dead plants don't absorb herbicides well, so the chemicals remain longer on the surface. Also, if too much herbicide is applied, the plant can't absorb it all.

The researchers then analyzed urine samples of dogs whose owners used herbicides, as well as dogs whose owners did not. The study showed that most of the dogs from homes using the chemicals had herbicides in their urine. Since some dogs

from homes that did not use the products also had herbicides in their urine, researchers concluded the wind could carry the chemicals up to 50 feet from the site where they were applied.

From the study:

"Chemicals were detected in the urine of dogs in 14 of 25 households before lawn treatment, in 19 of 25 households after lawn treatment, and in 4 of 8 untreated households. Chemicals were commonly detected in grass residues from treated lawns, and from untreated lawns suggesting chemical drift from nearby treated areas. Thus dogs could be exposed to chemicals through contact with their own lawn (treated or contaminated through drift) or through contact with other grassy areas if they travel. The length of time to restrict a dog's access to treated lawns following treatment remains to be defined."

This means that even if you don't use these products, if a neighbor does, your dog could still be at risk. According to Knapp, there are restrictions on lawn chemical application based on wind speed, but many homeowners aren't aware of these guidelines.

Once a dog is exposed, other people and pets can also become contaminated. Dogs get the chemicals on their coats and paws and spread them throughout the house on floors and furniture. Owners can also be exposed by petting or holding their dog.

### Recommendations

The study authors recommend that if you must use herbicides, you should follow manufacturer guidelines, allow sprayed areas to dry before letting pets out, and treat areas of the yard at different times so pets always have an area to roam in with less potential chemical exposure.

Additional recommendations:

- Don't apply chemical herbicides to your yard, and be aware that a neighbor's herbicide can potentially contaminate your property and pose a risk to your pet.

- Don't allow your dog access to any lawn unless you can confirm no herbicides have been used.

- If you think your pet has rolled around on chemically treated grass, bathe him as soon as possible.

- If you've walked your dog in a grassy area that might be contaminated, giving him a foot soak as soon as you get home should flush away any chemical residue that may be clinging to his feet and lower legs.

- If you live in a townhouse or community that applies chemicals to common areas, I recommend "detoxing" a patch of grass in your backyard by watering the chemicals down into the soil to reduce skin contact after application. Keep your pet on a leash (and on the sidewalk) until you've walked to your chemical free destination, and consider a periodic detoxification protocol for your pet.

### Detoxification

As many of you know, I'm a big fan of periodic detoxification. The level of environmental exposure to chemicals will dictate the frequency and type of detox appropriate for your pet. If your dog has constant exposure to toxic chemicals all summer, supplying a daily detox protocol is a wise idea.

If your pet's only source of chemical exposure is heartworm pills, or if you are applying flea and tick chemicals directly on your pet, then offering a detox program the week after each pill or topical treatment makes sense.

There are many detoxifying herbs and supplements to choose from. A detox protocol should not cause any side effects or visible changes in your pet.

### It's That Time Again!

WHAT TIME IS THAT you ask....well, the schnauzerpalooza is over; memorial day is over; 4th of July is on the horizon, followed by labor day and then believe it or not it is Montgomery County Time again. October 6, 2013. This is a personal reminder for you to make up an ad for the M/C Catalogue. Please don't make me nag...it's hard work to be a nag.

Attached is an ad blank for your use. The deadline this year will be August 20, 2013. A lot of you have lots to be proud of this year. New champions; fantastic wins; ..... So let's see if we can have 20 ads for the 2013 catalogue. The ad count for last year's 2012 catalogue was 17 ads. So get your thoughts, ideas and photos assembled; send them to me and I will make sure you have an outstanding page in the catalogue. Be part of Montgomery County by supporting the American Miniature Schnauzer Club with an ad. Please note we are still keeping the cost of a full page ad at \$50.. what a bargain!!!! Any regional clubs having a specialty anytime after October 2013 would be wise to put an ad into the M/C catalogue. People read thru the catalogues at home and if your Regional wants to boost its entries, then advertise, advertise. Gloria Lewis

## REST EASY

A pet trust may be the best way to protect your dog after you're gone. by Lisa M. Curry, Esq

The saying goes, "You can't take it with you," but you can exert some control over how your money is spent if you become incapacitated or die. A trust is one device commonly used for this purpose, and a pet trust refers to a trust set up specifically for the benefit of one or more pets.

A trust is a legal entity which can own property and can take certain legal actions to benefit its beneficiary, which might be a foundation, a charitable cause, one or more people, or, of course, pets. An *inter vivos* trust is created while an individual is still alive—perhaps to take effect in the event the person becomes incapacitated. A trust can also be created upon death, by including the trust provisions in the will. This is called a testamentary trust.

The trustee, who acts on behalf of the trust, can be named by the creator of the trust or may be appointed by the court. Generally speaking, the trustee is obligated by law to follow the instructions in the trust document as to how the assets shall be used.

### 'THE TROUBLE WITH TROUBLE

In about half of the 50 states, it is legal to create a "pet trust" in which an animal is designated as beneficiary of a trust, and this is becoming increasingly popular with pet owners. It is vital that the creator of a pet trust adheres to the specific requirements of state law to make sure that trust provisions will be accepted and enforced by the courts. A recent example illustrates why this is so important. Leona Helmsley left \$12 million in her will to a pet trust she had set up to benefit her 8-year-old Maltese, Trouble. While a pet trust is legal under the laws of New York (where Helmsley lived), the amount of money left by Helmsley for this purpose did not pass muster. The court exercised its ability to reduce the amount of money that went to the trust. The laws of

New York (and other states) permit the court to do so when the amount passing to a trust substantially exceeds the amount needed for the trust's purposes.

According to an article in the *New York Post*, the court's action was taken only after the grandchildren (who received nothing under that will) contested Trouble's trust, and eventually reached a settlement with the estate's executors (which was then approved by the court) whereby Trouble kept \$2 million in her trust and the grandchildren received the other \$10 million.

There's always hope that the wishes set forth in a will are going to be followed, but giving consideration to the likely outcome of a legal challenge is not a bad idea when funding a trust. Had Helmsley anticipated that her will would be successfully challenged as substantially exceeding the amount needed for the dog's care, she might have reduced the amount left to Trouble and designated another recipient for the remaining \$10 million. Of course, she might have anticipated the challenge but nonetheless wanted to make a statement by her bequest. In any case, seeking the counsel of an attorney with experience in the creation of trusts, especially pet trusts, is an important step when setting up a pet trust.

Interestingly, while Helmsley created a trust for Trouble, she left Trouble as "property" to her brother Alvin. The alternative would have been to leave the dog (which the law regards as a piece of property) as an asset of the trust, Deidre Gannon says. She's an attorney who practices dog law in New Jersey. Leaving the dog to her brother did not guarantee that Alvin would serve as the daily caretaker, however. Indeed, Alvin apparently did not want that role (perhaps for the dog's own good, due to numerous threats to kill or kidnap the wealthy little dog), so now, Trouble's caretaker is the general manager of the Helmsley hotel in Florida. Of course, the dog continues to be cared for with the assets from the trust.

(Trouble is reported to be very happy in her present home.) Due to the notoriety of the case, Trouble's round-the-clock security detail comprises the majority of her expenses each year. Her other expenses include a stipend for her caretaker, her veterinary care, grooming, food, and miscellaneous other costs.

In a pet trust, one can specify who the caretaker will be or provide a list of possible caretakers (the trust creator should previously secure the agreement of these people to serve in this role), or the trust can specify that the trustee shall select an appropriate caretaker at the time. The trust can, and should, also include guidelines as to what characteristics would make someone "appropriate" for the role.

Like laws in many other states that permit pet trusts, the New Jersey law states that "the trust shall terminate when no living animal is covered by the trust, or at the end of 21 years, whichever occurs earlier." Thus, the creator of the trust also should consider how any remaining trust assets should be distributed upon the death of the last animal covered by the trust.

Despite the example of Trouble's trust, the court's interference is not always to the detriment of the dog or contrary to the

owner's wishes. Gannon points out that a dog can be the beneficiary of a trust in certain states, but since the dog itself is property, it cannot be named as a beneficiary in a will. If the deceased's will impermissibly left a sum of money directly to a dog, the court might create a trust for the benefit of the dog in order to carry out the deceased's wishes as far as possible. In states that do not permit a pet trust, pet owners have other options: They can create an "honorary trust," which is basically a situation where the trust's beneficiary is an individual who is then on his honor to care for the pets. However, a court will not interfere

if the beneficiary decides not to use the assets of an honorary trust for the intended pet. The other option is a "legal trust" in which the pet is left as property, along with a sum of money, to the person named as the beneficiary. Talk with an experienced estate attorney (ideally one who has previously drafted pet trusts) about what kind of trust is permissible in your state and which one best fits your needs.

Breeders should talk with their co-owners and breeding partners about planning for the dogs' care through a trust or other arrangement, which can avoid the problems and delays of probate, as well as add some peace of mind for all involved. Setting up a trust is not necessarily a complicated or expensive process, and it may be the best arrangement for your assurance that your dogs' welfare is protected as far as legally possible after you are unable to care for them.

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Sweeps Carla Nickerson



## CHEESE, WINE and CANINE FESTIVAL

Once more the Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club headed for the Purina Event Center June 8th, for an International Wine and Cheese Festival hosted by the Missouri Rhineland KC. This was a Meet the Breed Event with 37 different breeds present. The Miniature Schnauzers were well represented along with several of our Mini's who received a lot of attention. There were well over 500 people present. What a lot of fun.

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