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SPECIALTY WINS

MSC of Northern California

Sweeps (2-9)

Judge: Margaret Doty

Best in Sweeps..Sathggate Black Watch Escapade/
Atherton/Heath/Cosby

BOS in Sweeps..Blythewood Here's Johnny/
HuberWards Creek Glendora Gift/Norwood/
Schnetzer

Regular Class (11-25-5)

Judge: Lydia Coleman Hutchinson

WD/BOW ...Rece's Jean LaFitte/Davis-Rae

RWD..Dreamaker Supernatural Twist/Allen

WB ...Ardenwood's Wicked Witch Nesserose/
VanCleave

RWB..Glendora's Vashni Little Dora/Norwood

BOS...Ch.Carmel Race to Kelvercrest/Potiker

BOB..Ch Annfield Turn Key/Nickerson/Donald/Emslie/
Doxtater

Greater Columbus MSC

November 16, 2007

Sweeps (3-2)

Judge: Carol Ann Patterson

Best in Sweeps..Earthsong Remedy for the Blues/
Hoffmann

BOS in Sweeps..Wards Creek's Sweet Talker/
Schnetzer

Regular Class (8-16-1-0)

Judge: Jay Richardson

WD/BOWBOB ...Earthsong Remedy for the Blues/
Hoffmann

RWD..Wards Creek's Sky Rockets in Flight/
Schnetzer

WB/BOS ...Loneacre's Check Yes or No/Santure

RWB...Savannas Dust Busta/Bessemer

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Don't Let Holiday Festivities Harm Your Dog

The upcoming holidays can pose special health dangers for our four-legged friends. Each year, thousands of pets become seriously injured or ill during the holiday season while their owners are busy with shopping, baking and entertaining.

Pets can become very ill from a variety of common holiday meal items, including table butter, meat and candy. These foods can result in gastrointestinal upsets and pancreatitis, a painful and sometimes fatal condition. When **these conditions occur, pets might exhibit depression, vomiting, abdominal pain or lack of appetite.** Eating tinsel, ornaments and garlands, even drinking holiday tree sap water, can lead to serious stomach irritation. In addition, poisoning from xylitol (a sugar-free ingredient found in baking goods, candy, and chewing gum) can cause a severe blood sugar problem leading to weakness, depression, and seizures.

Chocolate is another common cause of holiday accidents for pets. Certain types of concentrated chocolate, particularly baking or dark chocolate, can cause serious health problems depending on the size of the dog. Last year we paid many claims related to the holidays, including a Bernese Mountain Dog that ate a tree ornament and a German Shepherd Dog that chewed and swallowed a battery-operated toy; even more serious claims we paid included \$1,768 for an Airedale Terrier who swallowed a turkey skewer and \$3,738 for a Labrador Retriever who ate a kitchen towel and a potholder during a holiday meal.

During the holidays, prevention is really the key. Place high risk items and holiday foods out of reach. Dogs also like to chew on electrical cords, gift ribbons and strings. Watch for symptoms of restlessness, tremors, seizures, vomiting and diarrhea, then seek immediate veterinary treatment for them.

Of course, our pets' health and well being is a responsibility that goes beyond just the holidays. Recent advances in veterinary diagnostic and treatment procedures have increased the quality of care available to pet owners. Spinal surgery, chemotherapy, CT scans and ultrasound are just some of the advanced techniques used by veterinarians to treat conditions that were often fatal just a few years ago. But a trip to your veterinarian

might cost you hundreds or thousands of dollars for a serious condition.

Unexpected accidents and illnesses can occur at any time, not just during the holidays. A sampling of some recent treatment costs include: \$5,000 for cancer treatment; \$4,686 for pneumonia, \$2,782 for a snake bite; \$5,800 for ingesting rocks; \$3,754 for anemia, \$3,722 for being hit by a motorcycle, and \$5,000 for a strangulated intestine. This is where a pet healthcare plan can serve as a bridge between costly veterinary treatment and the financial costs to owners.

As the word spreads about affordable pet healthcare insurance, more and more pet owners are enrolling in plans that allow you to budget sensibly for the lifelong healthcare needs of your pets. The right pet healthcare continued on p. 10, col. 1...**HOLIDAYS**

Highlights of the Board meetings Montgomery 2007

The new website version is up and running

Plans for the Portland Roving Specialty in January are in the works with seminars!!

Don't forget to submit your recipe to Carole Weinberger for the club cookbook she is putting together as a fundraiser.

Awards were given at the Annual Dinner for top producing dog and bitch, top winning dog and bitch, top obedience dog and top agility dog.

The Sportsmanship award was awarded to Nelson Shiver

Sterling pins were handed out to 91 members who have belonged over 25 years. Please contact Carole Weinberger with the year you joined the club.

We will be awarding the best local club website yearly along with the local club bulletin.

The website will have a version in Spanish to educate those that are more comfortable in that language.

LOOK

Please let me know if you
make a change.

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

Mary Ann Shandor
2302 Cumberland Court, SW
Decatur, AL 35602
256-351-6942
tuckarry@aol.com

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

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

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Miguel Orozco
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miguel@migueltos.com

AND to: Carla Borrelli (cborr@aol.com)
1799 South Creek Road
Derby, NY 14047

***E-MAIL...** If you would like to send your
wins to AMSCOPE via E-MAIL, use the fol-
lowing address:

CBORR@AOL.COM

The deadline
for the first
January issue
is December 20th.

NEW APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Bulley, Eileen M.
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Eileen Bulley is a 911 Police Dispatcher. She had a Miniature Schnauzer pet as a child and currently has a Mini she purchased in March/07 that she is learning to strip and groom which she plans to show. She lists herself as a breeder and attends approximately 40 dog events yearly. She does not belong to any other dog clubs.

Sponsors: Vincent Ryan
Mary Spring

Currier, Robin L.
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Glencoe, OK 74032
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Robin Currier is a groomer, is attending college and has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 25 years. She does list herself as a breeder and has approximately 1 litter each year. She attends 15 dog events yearly and does not belong to any other dog clubs.

Sponsors: Barbara Mazgiel
Judy Richie

Hall, Debra
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Debra Hall is a physician, is a member of the Langley Kennel Club and has owned Schnauzers for 26+ years. She lists herself as a breeder and has had 2 litters in the past 5 years. She has been involved in Conformation, Obedience and Breeding and attends six dog events yearly.

Sponsors: Marcella Beard
Kurt Garmaker

**Hannigan-Franck, Constance
Christopher Franck**
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Constance is a Victim Advocate and Chris is an IT Specialist. They are active in Obedience with their dogs and are not breeders. They attend approximately 15 shows and seminars yearly. They are members of the Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club and are chairs for the Club's Specialty Luncheon. Constance is the Secretary for the Mt. Vernon KC and Chris is a Board member.

Sponsors: Laurese Byrd Katen
Sharon Edwards

Hiromi, Veki
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Veki Hiromi is a member prospect from Japan who is active in Conformation and Obedience and belongs to the Japan Kennel Club. She is a Groomer in Japan. Amy Gordon (a sponsor) met her in person at Great Western 2007. She would like to become a breeder and states she is now studying. A letter outlining her goals is presented with her application as outline in our ByLaws.

Sponsors: Amy Gordon
Personal Letter

Lynch, Samantha
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Samantha Lynch is a Groomer/Student. She owns two Miniature Schnauzers and does not list herself as a breeder. She attends approximately 10 dog events yearly and does not belong to any other dog clubs.

Sponsors: Barbara Mazgiel
Jeanette Wildenberg

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Minutes – October 5, 2007

AMSC Board Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club October Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine, at 7:12 PM, at the Ft Washington Hotel and Conference Center, Ft Washington, PA.

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

Board Members: Susie Atherton, Brian Bogart, Kathy Colby, Errolyn Martin, Kurt Garmaker, Wyn Hagmaier, Carla Nickerson, Bolivia Powell (Lone Star), Lisa Sarvas, Gale Schnetzer (Cincinnati), Beverly Verna.

Committee Members Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Wyoma Clouss, Hilde Haakensen, Vera Potiker, Cathi Rohrer, Tom LaSalle

Local Club Delegates Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Stacy Conrad (Atlanta), Marilyn Cooper (Gateway), Brooke Walker (So Cal)

Members and Guests Present: Karen Brittan, Owen Clouss, Santos Diaz, Jennifer Frutos, Terrie Houck, Bonnie Keyes, Vicki Kubic, Sheila Marks

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

Brian Bogart moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Wyn Hagmaier. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Errolyn Martin moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Susie Atherton. Motion Passed unanimously.

Report of the President:

1. Montco DVD sales are going well. Order forms will be available on Sunday at the specialty.
2. A member Survey was sent out in the last AMSCOPE. Unfortunately only 7 were returned.
3. Our new website is now up and running, thanks to Hilde Haakensen.
4. Our 'Member Retention/Expansion and Local Club Diplomat Committee' will be reaching out to all local clubs to offer individual web pages on our new web site.
5. Chris Levy and VP Carole Weinberger

attended the AKC Parent Club Conference for us in July.

6. Madelyn Carlin represented the AMSC at AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Day in NYC on September 15.

7. In Accordance with our Constitution and By Laws, the Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 2008 and Board for Class of 2011 will assume office at the adjournment of our Annual Meeting tomorrow evening. Congratulations and thanks to those serving:

John Constantine - President
Carole Weinberger - Vice President
Sharon Edwards - Treasurer
Amy Gordon - Secretary
Don Farley - AKC Delegate

Board Members Class of 2011:

Wyoma Clouss
Marilyn Cooper
Terrie Houcke
Tom LaSalle

8. Past President, Lanny Hirstein has had surgery and is recovering.

Report of the Secretary: Amy Gordon

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

2. Membership – a) As of September 30, 2007 our membership totaled 533 Regular, 3 Life, 51 Foreign (with voting privileges), 11 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), 1 Junior, and 15 new membership applications (12 regular, 3 foreign) for a total of 614.

3. Correspondence (Received):

(1) AKC

- a) Show application, Great Western 2008
- b) Letters in reference to the approval for the specialty shows in Portland including obedience and Agility
- c) Ballot for the Annual AKC's Lifetime Achievement Awards
- d) Letter from AKC asking for contact information of new officers after the election.
- e) Notice from AKC asking for application for Feb 24, 2008 corresponding event.

(2) Various Newsletters/Magazines

(3) Announcements offering a wide variety of professional services

(4) Hotel/Facility advertisements

(5) Miscellaneous

a) Letter from MCKC asking for breed literature for the Terrier Breed Information Table and a volunteer to man the booth.

b) Confirmation Letters received from the following AMSC Specialty Judges:
Chicago, Feb 22, 2009 - Landis Hirstein, Regular classes

Chicago, Feb 22, 2009 - Shawne Imler, Sweeps

Great Western, June 20, 2009 - Paige Hirstein, Regular classes

Great Western, June 20, 2009 - Brian Bogart, Sweeps

MCKC, October 4, 2009 - Jim Reynolds, Regular Classes

MCKS, October 4, 2009 - Jean Heath, Sweeps

c) Letter from prospective author of a dog book asking for permission to link to the AMSC website

d) Letter from the Ostrander lab, National human genome research institute asking for DNA sample of Miniature Schnauzer for inclusion in canine health research. This was sent to the AMSC email list.

e) Letter from David Alexander, AKC Terrier judge, asking for measurements of dogs and copies of breed standards. I directed him to purchase the AMSC History.

f) Letter from the Portland MSC asking for a permission letter from the AMSC.

g) Letter from the Chicago MSC informing that Jinx Gunville will be their club delegate at the board meeting

h) Multiple letters in reference to prospective membership applications

5. Board Email Votes Since Last Board Meeting

1. The JRD sub-committee has proposed a simple project with specific goals and a projected time frame, and we request funding in the amount of \$ 1,600.00 to accomplish this project. We will use this funding to purchase up to 25 JRD test kits, either directly or through reimbursement to the breeder, and distribute them to a small number of breeders for testing complete litters produced by two dogs identified through testing as "carriers".

Motion passed:

- 17 - Approve
2 - Do not approve
3 - Abstain

2. I approve granting blanket approval for all local clubs to hold specialties in 2008 and 2009.

Motion passed:

- 21 - Approve
0 - Do not approve
1 - Abstain

6. Correspondence (Sent)

Letter to AKC Event Operations dept. giving permission through 2009 for the local clubs to hold specialties.

Letter to the International Kennel Club informing the club we will no longer automatically cluster with them Biannually.

7. AMSC Summer Specialty - Was held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association on Sunday, June 25, 2007. Mrs. Gale Schnetzer judged 24 puppy and 1 veteran sweepstakes entries. Mr John Constantine judged 55 regular class entries.

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MINUTES...cont'd from p. 3, col. 3**Report of the Treasurer: Sharon Edwards****Cash/Savings Balances**

	Balance 6/1/07	Balance 9/21/07	Variance	Variance Explanation
Checking	\$1,334.72	\$5,044.91	\$3,710.19	\$10,500 transfer from Paypal, \$2,690 deposits (special projects \$2,160, pubs \$110, 2007 new memberships \$400) Offset by expenses (postage \$2,630, special projects \$4,270, travel for AKC Delegates/Parent club \$1,240, AMSCOPE printing \$1,445, remainder all other smaller expenses and \$1,112 transfer to Health for Purina Parent Club.
Trophy	4,590.05	4,269.66	-320.39	\$1,675 trophy funding raising 2007 less expenses (Montco trophies/engraving \$1,515, Portland trophies/engraving \$950)
Paypal	9,444.63	1,305.19	-8,139.44	\$9,000 transferred to checking, \$1,200 payment for JRD test kits offset by incoming payments for special projects,
Pubs and annual dinner				
Health	5,935.14	7,201.20	1,266.06	\$1,112 Purina Parent Club deposit plus interest
Rescue	4,738.74	4,794.85	56.11	interest
Holding	2,502.52	2,537.06	34.54	interest
Savings	47,898.75	45,579.49	-2,319.26	\$3,000 transferred to checking offset by interest
TOTAL	\$76,444.55	\$70,732.36	-\$5,712.19	

Taxes

Federal income taxes were filed to meet the August 15 (extended) deadline.

Insurance

In addition to our existing liability and AD&D policies, fidelity crime coverage and Directors and Officers liability insurance was purchased in August.

2008 Budget

A proposed fiscal 2008 budget will be submitted for Board approval. (Budget hand-out will be available at the October meeting.)

Cost Containment – Postage

Postage is one of our largest expenses. We spent almost \$5,300 last year for postage alone. The AKC has recently accepted notification of dues, newsletters, etc. by electronic media as long as members sign a form authorizing this method vs USPS mail. A draft letter to be included with 2008 dues notification letter will be presented at the October meeting.

Sharon wanted to thank Mack Ledgerwood, the previous Treasurer, for doing a fantastic job. She received the records from Mack and they were in top shape and very organized.

Report Of The AKC Delegate: Don Farley

Highlights from the AKC Delegates meeting:
Most significant items:

1. The amendment allowing a Board member who's no longer a delegate to serve out their term was postponed until the next meeting. The delegate from the Beaumont KC asked that it be postponed. Then David Merriam explained that the Board agreed because they "heard" the amount of uneasiness it caused, plus there are other issues with a Board member losing his club and not being able to find another one in time to be eligible for election at the Annual Meeting. So they want to postpone any vote until they can come up with a comprehensive amendment to deal with non-Delegate Board Members.

2. The other item we voted on which was amended in the meeting was in the standing rule about the 3 minute speeches. They were going to drop them, but it was amended to have them at the December meeting instead. Other than that all the other amendments were adopted as published.

3. And a proposal was read for changing the "Novice" class to the "Amateur Owner/Handler Class." This class would be restricted – judges, professional handlers, people who

worked for professional handlers, or handed out rate cards would not be allowed to participate. The thought was to give new people a way to compete without having to go up against the professionals. There was significant discussion both for and against. There was a significant group that felt it was somewhat disingenuous since getting a 'blue ribbon' does not mean much; you still have to compete against the professionals (e.g. more experienced/competent) to win the points.

4. The fee increases were mentioned, going from \$1.50 to \$3.00. Several clubs felt this would be a hardship for some small clubs

5. The AKC has established a new, separate organization, the "AKC Humane Fund" to promote responsible pet ownership and education. It will be tax exempt and received tax-deductible donations.

6. The AKC stated it is concerned with the direction the CHF is going, and that it wants additional seat on the CHF Board. There were no details provided at the meeting. But subsequent notes from both AKC and CHF point toward potential financial differences, and a lawsuit decision unfavorable to CHF

Committee Reports**A. Special Committees****1. SPRING SPECIALTY (Roving/Portland Jan 2008): Chris Levy**

The plans for the Roving are proceeding well. All show applications have been approved.

We have special events planned for the weekend besides the Specialty Show, second National Obedience Trial, and first National Agility Trial:

- Breeders Seminar – panel discussion on the status of the Miniature Schnauzer
- Educational discussion for newer breeders and exhibitors
- Special shirts with the Roving National logo – pre-orders only
- Welcome hospitality room
- Banquet - Saturday

The web site (www.pmsc2.org/Roving.htm) has been updated with all of the latest information, and will continue to be updated. We've got a full 5-1/2 days of activities planned, with lots of Northwest hospitality.

Wyn Hagmaier has flyers at Montgomery and will be handing them out. They are the same flyers as on the web site.

Kathy Colby needs 5 volunteers for the agility specialty bench show committee in case a bench show committee is needed.

Roving Specialty: Tom LaSalle

Local clubs are asked to submit applications for the 2011 specialty

2. SUMMER SPECIALTY: Vera Potiker

- The specialty will be Sunday, June 22 2008

with the Great Western Terrier Association.

The AKC paperwork will be sent in next week.

3. FALL SPECIALTY: Brian Bogart, Linda Drost, Vicki Kubic, Bonnie Keyes

Lists of trophies, AMSC Officers, Directors and Delegates have been sent to the Montgomery County Kennel Club for publication in their show catalog

B. STANDING COMMITTEES

1. AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli No Report

2. AWARDS: Susan Atherton, Chris Levy, David Kirkland

As approved by the Board, the Top Dog, the Top Dam, the Top Producing Sire and Top Producing

Bitch were selected using the Schnauzer Shorts System. The Top Obedience Dog and Top Agility Dog were selected by the Chairman of the Performance Committee using the previous year's standings. Only AMSC members in good standing are eligible to receive these awards.

The total cost of the six trophies was \$525.28.

The awards will be presented at the Annual Dinner during Montgomery County week-end. The Sportsmanship award will also be presented.

A. Versatility: Lynn Baitinger These will be handed out at the Annual Awards Dinner

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

4. DINNER/ANNUAL MEETING: Cathi Rohrer

100 are expected to attend. There will be a DJ playing 70's music and a costume contest

5. EDUCATION, JUDGES: Wyoma Clouss & Chris Levy

We are using a dual approach for Judges Education - many photos of good dogs during the presentation to help imprint what a good MS looks like, and then giving each judge/potential judge in attendance a copy of the breed standard CD to take home for further study of details. We also need live dogs to show potential judges what we are looking for on coats. People learn in different ways, - some are very visual, some use their hands to 'see', others want to read details - and we're trying provide opportunities for all styles.

Chris Levy will be presenting on MS at the Judge Ed Assoc of Washington seminars, Nov 3, 07 in Seattle. She is looking for MS in coat as 'models'.

Wyoma Clouss will be presenting MS at the Terrier Association of Oregon's Breed Seminars on January 16, 08 with the Rose City Classic show in Portland. She will be looking for MS in coat as 'models'.

Chris is looking for a time slot that will allow time during the Portland shows in January

for a discussion just for MS breeder/exhibitors too.

6. ELECTRONIC MEDIA: Hilde Haakenson, Wyoma Clouss

The new AMSC website Implementation

The new web-look for the AMSC web was released Monday the 17th of September -07. There was no downtime for the site during the redesign implementation phase.

Suggestions for additional changes:

1. Contact forms instead of emails

I recommend that we replace contact emails on the website with contact forms. I see that the email addresses published on the website are receiving a great number of spam e-mail. By creating new email addresses and tie them to contact forms I believe the number of spam emails sent to our board members will be reduced significantly.

2. Webpage for local clubs

Each local club could easily have it's own webpage. The page would be having the same layout as the mother website, but be easy to update for each local club.

3. Photo contest

I would like to announce a photo-contest to get more pictures for the web gallery. The pictures could also be used for the AMSCOpe or other AMSC publications. It is important to establish the look of a well-bred Miniature Schnauzer in the public.

4. Page for performance events

It's been suggested that we have a page for performance events. I think it would be a great idea to show the public that the miniature schnauzer have brains and beauty.

7. ETHICS: Gerald Mager, Susan Atherton

No Report

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

A proposed fiscal 2008 budget will be submitted for Board approval. This was based on actual reports from some committees and historical trends from others

9. FUND RAISING: Carole Weinberger, Flo Bessemer

The committee is working on a cookbook with recipes of members, both human and dog. Please submit your favorite recipe to the committee.

Carole is working on a microchip clinic

Carole is working on an All-Terrier quilt for the 2010 specialty.

10. GUIDELINES: Susanne Short, Diane Gardner, Lynn Tamms No Report

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

Urinary Committee; Eunice Revsbech.

Item 1: Update from CHF on Grant # 732 - Identification of Mutations Responsible for

Hereditary Neurodegenerative Disorders in Dogs, Martin Katz, PhD. The report indicates candidate genes are being evaluated for mutations responsible for NCL (Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis) in seven breeds, including the Miniature Schnauzer.

The AMSC co-sponsored this work with a donation of \$ 8000.00 from the club's CF Donor-Advised Fund. The researcher has DNA from one affected Miniature Schnauzer, diagnosed by a VO. We posted an article on NCL on the webpage with basic information and a link to contact information for the research effort. We've already referred the owner of one potentially affected dog to the project contact.

Item 2: JRD Testing Report/DNA Test/Early Results

Early results reported from Dogenes indicated 27 Miniature Schnauzers have been tested. Of these, 24 were "carriers" and 3 were "clear". Based on submissions of results from owners, the dogs submitted for testing come from various families. The majority of breeders submitting their results to the committee have not encountered this defect in their breeding programs. At this time we are advising breeders they should not make significant decisions based simply on test results until we have more information. We want to caution against breeders flocking to the few "clear" dogs reported to date. If everyone begins breeding to a few select dogs we can create bottlenecks in the gene pool. This could increase the carrier rates for other genetic defects we know (or do not know) these dogs may carry. The JRD sub-committee is evaluating available data and will have a formal report later this fall. We would also like to thank the board and the membership for their support and patience while we work through this information. As of 10/2/0, there have been 99 tests submitted. The results are 87 carriers and 12 clears. This equates to an 88% carrier rate.

Item 3: AMSC Webpage Health Information

We've requested the webmaster add the link to the CHF's Solicitation for Participation for the Oral Melanoma Study to the health pages, and we're working to post the information from the Animal Health Trust's Cataract/Eye Disease brochure on the webpage as well. We will soon be working on updating the health research page to include a number of projects the AMSC has sponsored since the last update.

Item 4: Reduced-Cost AKC DNA Testing

The AMSC is offering reduced cost AKC DNA testing this weekend in conjunction with the National Specialty. Instead of the reg. price of \$40.00, the AKC allows us to offer the testing at \$30.00 per dog. To receive the discounted price the tests must be submitted as a package by the club. Please include payment with the test kit. If interested please see Lisa Sarvas

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12. HISTORIAN: Richard Isley No Report

13. INSIGNIA: Mary Ann Shandor
2 Replacement Pins were sold
0 Decals were sold
20 3-year pins will be presented at the Annual Banquet.
91 25-year pins will be presented at the Annual Banquet.

14. JUDGES SELECTION: Eunice Revsbech
No Report.

15. LEGISLATIVE LIASON: Wyoma Clouss
Through hard work of many groups and individuals, both out in front and behind the scenes, the California bill AB1634 was set aside for the time being; but a modified version could be introduced after the first of the year. The good news is that many dog people have finally 'wakened up' to the need to work together to save their dogs and their passion. In many other areas around the country, Breed Specific Legislation has been introduced. Some of these proposals have been modified into Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous dog laws that target the behavior of individual dogs and hold the owners responsible. Others have passed into law outlawing specific breeds/mixes, beyond pitbull even to include Siberian Huskies and others you wouldn't normally consider. There are excellent alternatives to BSL — It's important to realize how difficult and costly BSL laws are to enforce, and that they kill innocent family pets - instead, enforce leash laws, enforce serious consequences for owners whose dogs have shown bad behavior, whether it is a Mastiff or a Miniature Schnauzer. You should also be aware that there have been instances of turning defeated BSL proposals into total mandatory spay-neuter, breeder licensing laws. We need to stay involved, organize, contact AKC and others at the first hint of animal law proposals.

16. LOCAL CLUB BULLETIN: Tom LaSalle, Patricia O'Brien, Jack Kashirsky The winning club will be presented with a plaque at

the Annual Banquet.

17. MEMBER RETENTION/EXPANSION AND LOCAL CLUB DIPLOMAT: Cathi Rohrer, Karen Brittan, Kathy Colby, Marilyn Cooper No Report

18. MEMBERSHIP: Mary Ann Shandor
Compiled and distributed membership application information to the Board.

Responded to eleven email Requests from the AMSC Web Site

19. PERFORMANCE: Sonny Lelle, Kathy Colby
No Report

20. POLICY: Jinx Gunville No Report

21. PUBLIC AWARENESS: June Shanklin
No Report

22. PUBLICATIONS: Patricia O'Brien
Inventory

Grooming charts:	421
Illustrated Standard:	186
CD:	17
So you want a Schnauzer Puppy:	378
So you want to Show your Miniature Schnauzer:	11

Income

Grooming Charts:	\$210
Illustrated Standard:	\$186
CD:	\$185
Total Income:	\$653

Expenses

Grooming Charts: 15 sold @ \$2.00 =	\$30.00
Illustrated Standard: 23 sold @ \$2.40 =	\$55.20
Postage:	\$76.66
Total Expenses:	\$161.86
Total Profit:	\$491.14

23. PUBLICITY: Beth Santure No Report

24. RESCUE: Michele Smith No Report

25. SPECIAL PROJECTS: Carla Nickerson
Carla introduced the new floor mats and brought some samples of fleece vests that will be available at the Portland shows. There will be shirts with an agility design for the Portland shows.

26. TROPHIES: Teresa Handlen, Joann Toft

The Mont. Co. Trophies have been sent to President John Constantine.

The trophies for the Portland show have been ordered and are at the engravers being readied for the show.

Thanks to all who have donated this year. We had another great year for donations and will continue to give out many nice trophies to award your wonderful dogs.

27. USE OF THE M.S. IN ADVERTISING & WHITE M.S.: Shirley Cole No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Futurity/Maturity – Beth Santure presented a proposal for the AMSC to conduct Futurities and Maturities. Due to no motion made by any board members present, the proposal died. This was due to no time to conduct this show at the Montgomery County weekend of shows.

2. Letter to Breeders in reference to interbreeding colors – Bev Verna and Carole Weinberger have been collaborating on a letter. This will be presented at the next board meeting. There was discussion at the June board meeting that there are some Salt and Peppers without proper banding due to interbreeding with Blacks and Black and Silvers.

3. Report of the AKC Parent Club Conference – Chris Levy and Carole Weinberger attended this conference. There is a detailed synopsis in Appendix A.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Carole Weinberger moved to accept the following applicants as new members, Marcia Dawson, Frederico Dominguez-Zuloagoa, Lillia Celio, Carol Gabriel, Theone Hutchman, Shawne Imler, Ronald & Jo Ann Keller, Deborra & Jeffrey Nestle, Kathleen Pesile, and Traci Preto. Seconded by Wyn Hagmaier. Motion passed unanimously.

The membership application of Debbie Oquendo was tabled from the previous meeting due to lack of 2 sponsors. It was voted 2-14 to deny her application for membership. She will be invited to reapply once she meets more members and acquires 2 sponsors that have knowledge of her.

The board voted also on the membership applications for Carol D'Aoust and George Jacobus. It was unanimously voted to deny their applications for membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review Judge's Selection Process – Don Farley will do a statistical analysis and make a proposal to present at the next board meeting.

2. Discussion of possible review of the breed standard. Don Farley suggested that the standard be open for review. The consensus of the board was no changes where necessary at this time.

3. Discuss a possible change where a new member could not sponsor prospective members until they belonged to the club for 1 year. This would involve a by-laws change. This will be added to the prospective list of By-laws changes.

4. Susi Atherton made a motion, seconded by Gale Schnetzer to invite Dr Jan Bellows to give a seminar on teeth at the 2010 roving specialty.

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5. The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan wrote a letter to the board concerned that the fanciers located in the Midwest portion of the country would have to travel long distances to attend the roving specialty. It was decided to change the guidelines for the Roving Specialty Committee to give priority to applications from the Midwest.

6. AKC Delegate, Don Farley asked to gauge the board's opinion on the AKC board proposal to change the Novice class to the Amateur Owner/Handler class. The board consensus was in favor of the proposal.

7. The board voted unanimously on a new board policy policy allowing the Secretary to annually send approval to AKC for all Local Club specialties for the following year. This approval should go to AKC in January for the following year.

8. The board voted unanimously to present an award annually at the annual meeting for the best local club website. The Local Club Bulletin Committee will also be responsible for deciding which local club wins the award yearly.. The motion was made by Kathy Colby, seconded by Don Farley.

9. After much discussion, with a vote of 13-3, the board decided to have a version of the AMSC website in Spanish so that those that are more comfortable in that language will have information on the breed. The motion was made by Errolyn Martin and seconded by Lisa Sarvas.

ADJOURNMENT:

Brian Bogart made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 PM. Seconded by Susi Atherton. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Gordon
AMSC Secretary

Appendix A:**AKC Parent Club Conference Report**

The AMSC attendees to the AKC Parent Club Conference were Chris Levy and Carole Weinberger. The conference had 3 to 4 tracks going at one time with a few sessions repeated so we attended as many different sessions as possible. A CD of the proceedings will be sent to attendees, but as of yet we have not received it.

Following are notes we took at the sessions we attended. There were a number of handouts which are listed in each session.

AKC Parent Club Communications: The Roles and Functions of AKC

There are Titles of Record report is provided to

each parent club free of charge. There are email addresses for specific event types such as EventPlans@akc.org, AgilityOnlineApp@akc.org, and Performance_Events@akc.org.

There is a club newsletter editor web page with articles that clubs can use in their newsletters.

Public Service Announcements (PSAs) are available.

It is also possible to use AKC's logo on things with their permission. Contact Lisa Peterson at AKC.

We were provided with a form, AKC Parent Club Media Contact Form, to fill out and return to AKC. This would be the name(s) of person(s) willing to act as a representative in speaking to the media for the AMSC. The form also asks for a member from the NYC area who is willing and able to have their dogs available for television interview opportunities.

How to Grow and Sustain Parent Club Membership

It's important for clubs to have an order of authority for the governance of the club:

- Corporate Charter
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Rules of Order
- Standing Rules

AKC has an archivist Normal Rosado Blake, who will take parent club materials and provide a good environment for them. Her contact info is (212) 696-8216 or nrb@akc.org.

It is helpful to have a questionnaire go out with the bill for dues asking members what they would like to volunteer for.

Suggestion to have seminars at nationals discussing the goals of the AMSC, and how to increase participation.

AKC Companion Animal Recovery

Over 3,500,000 pets are enrolled including dogs, cats, horses, birds, and 31 other species. Over 320,000 pets have been recovered. It costs \$12.50 to enroll a pet with any type of microchip for the life of the dog. It's very easy to enroll online.

The AKC, in addition to providing the Companion Animal Recovery service that they have been doing for some years, is now selling their own brand of microchips at a lower price than the other manufacturers – from \$4.95 to \$6.95 per chip depending on the number ordered and with CAR enrollment included, is \$7.95 to \$11.95 per chip. The new chip is slightly smaller than the others and comes with an easier insertion mechanism. Instead of being pushed out of the needle into the tissue, the microchip remains safely inside a sterile lancet as it enters the animal's subcutaneous tissue.

AKC has a Microchip Program where a club can earn free microchips for future clinics. Information is available at www.akccar.org/microchip. We were given information on the details of putting on a microchip clinic.

Order forms and enrollment forms were given to attendees, with a special deal for parent clubs – ability to get microchips at almost half the normal price to be used at a microchip clinic. Also given out was a brochure on how to hold a microchip clinic.

Breed Standards

Several clubs discussed how they revised their breed standards. A summary might be to make changes only when necessary and to be specific.

The Legislative Threat to Responsible Purebred Dog Ownership

Walter Bebout, Larry Sorensen, and Holly Stump spoke. It was emphasized that the clubs must encourage their members to be proactive in dealing with governing bodies, and several handouts were given out:

- Example thank you letter to governing officials after a national or regional specialty. You can mention that you're writing it on behalf of your members who are their constituents. You can also send them a Certificate of Appreciation.
- 16 Rules of Effective Lobbying
- Web addresses concerning legislation (e.g. NAIA, ADOA)
- Canine Legislation Department Materials available from AKC, and can also be downloaded from AKC's web site
 - o Lobbying for Purebred Dogs
 - o Preparing for Action
 - o Make Your Contact Count
 - o Dangerous Dog Legislation Packet
 - o Deed Not Breed Flyer
 - o Preserve Your Rights as a Dog Owner
 - o And others

AKC has no way of finding out about new dog legislation in local communities. They rely on locals to inform them.

Public Education goes a long way:

- Education Booths
- Donations to shelters, libraries, schools, etc.
- Classes – how to show your dog
- Web sites with educational material
- Meet the Breeds
- A Day in the Park with Your Breed
- Breeder Referral

The Health Seminar

Three topics were discussed in the Health Seminar.

- Dr. Thomas Graves, Chief of Small Animal

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Medicine at the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois discussed cases of purported hypothyroidism that are presented to him for treatment. It is his opinion that this disease is misdiagnosed much of the time and that symptoms generally attributed to hypothyroidism are from different causes altogether. He feels that it is impossible to diagnosed hyperthyroidism by using only results from blood tests, such as is commonly done at Laboratories, without examination of the dog at the same time. Dr. Graves showed slides of dogs with "diagnosed" hyperthyroidism and compared their physical symptoms with slides of dogs with "true" hyperthyroidism. There was quite a difference. He also indicated that the old "Lets try a month or two on supplements as see if there is improvement" concept is extremely detrimental to the normal production of thyroid hormone and can cause even more severe problems.

- Eddie Dziuk, CEO of the OFA discussed CHIC and how it has grown and the benefits of a national health database. He passed out a list of the DNA tests that have been developed for purebred dogs. He also talked about OFA's new DNA repository where they are banking samples of normal DNA from purebred dogs. Sample DNA can then be made available to researchers in a prompt manner when it is needed.

- Erica Werne updated information about the Canine Health Foundation and its research status. Information was provided to Clubs interested in participating in CHF research.

Group Realignment

Most of the parent clubs attending who would be affected were very much in favor of creating a Spitz Group. There were concerns from other Non-Sporting breeds about what would be left of that group.

Online Services from the AKC

AKC has almost completely developed a web site to allow breeders to manage their dog records online. The most impressive thing was that when I told it I owned one particular dog, it found all of the dogs that I own and have ever owned and added them to the list, clear back to my first Schnauzer who was born in 1972. Fortunately, you can make a dog "inactive", so you don't have to worry about the ones that have long since gone to the rainbow bridge. The breeding records are already there, win records, litter records – just about everything.

When you go to AKC's web site, log on in the upper right hand corner of the screen, or create a username and password if you don't have one. Then go to "Manage Dogs" and have fun!

Club Education and Mentoring

Claudia Orlandi talked about her "Breed University Template" that helps parent clubs teach

their members about their breed as a home study set of courses. The Breed University Template Toolkit costs \$250 and includes artwork and website templates. A toolkit is available that includes:

- Breed Standard and Terminology
- Judges Education CD
- Survey of Breed Literature
- School of Judging
- World History of the Breed
- Coloring and Activities Book for children
- Owner's Guide
- The ABC's of Dog Breeding (book by Claudia Orlandi)
- Practical Canine Anatomy (book by Claudia Orlandi)

We were given a brochure about the toolkit.

Financial and Tax Aspects and Issues for Parent Club

Mr. Edmund Sledzik tax attorney from the Lhasa Apso Club discussed finances, keeping records and reporting. He suggested financial record keeping procedures for Parent Clubs. Topics covered included dealing with IRS regulations for determining types of clubs, filing tax returns and special rules clubs need to consider. He talked about audit procedures and bonding safeguards, and the formation and control of 501(c) (3) organizations established for special purposes, such as rescue or health research. When the CD is available the Treasurer will have a copy of his discussion.

Minutes – October 6, 2007**AMSC Annual Board Meeting**

The annual meeting was called to order at the Ft Washington Inn and Convention Center in Fort Washington, PA on October 6, 2007, by the AMSC President John Constantine. Each person in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Report of the President, John Constantine

John thanked the health committee for all their hard work throughout the year. They have worked hard on the Juvenile Renal Displasia issue.

The club has made great strides in recognizing the performance events. We will be having the first AMSC agility trial along with the Portland Roving specialty weekend.

Hilde Haakensen has done a fantastic job with the website and made it even better.

The local clubs will be able to have a webpage on our website.

We have created a Membership Retention and Local Club Diplomat Committee. Cathi Rohrer will be the chair. The committee is tasked with working with the local clubs and getting new members involved.

The board decided to have a yearly local club website award. This will be announced at the Annual Dinner. The award will be voted on by the Local Club Bulletin Award committee.

A DVD will be taken of the judging at the Montgomery show. This will be available for sale.

John put a survey on the AMSCOpe to gauge the interest of the membership. There has not been a great response so far. He is hoping for more responses.

The Roving specialty will be roving each year rather than biannually with Chicago. Chicago, will of course, be eligible to submit a bid.

The Roving specialty in Portland in January 2008 will be great with lots of activities.

The Roving will be in Chicago in 2009 and West Palm Beach, FL in 2010.

John thanked the outgoing Board members for their service to the club: Brian Bogart, Beverly Verna, Beth Santure, Bolivia Powell

John thanked Cathi Rohrer for putting together such a wonderful banquet.

John announced that Past President, Lanny Hirstein, is not in the best of health but the Doctors are encouraging about his recovery.

Report of the Treasurer, Sharon Edwards

During the period January 1-September 15, 2007, the club has \$70,000 in the bank account and CD.

Sharon wished to thank the former Treasurer, Mack Ledgerwood for the great job he did. She has received the files from him and she is impressed with the detail and organization.

For the first time, the club will have a budget. This will be a trial run and will make the AMSC a stronger organization.

Report of the Secretary, Amy Gordon

Local clubs were urged to send in specialty results. As of September 30, 2007, our membership totaled 533 Regular, 3 Life, 51 Foreign (w/voting privileges), 11 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), 1 Junior, and new membership applications (12 regular, 3 foreign), for a total of 614. Presently there are 21 active local clubs that are licensed to hold specialty shows. Amy announced the regular class and sweepstakes judges for the 2008 AMSC specialties. We all need to do our part to educate the public on the breed.

Awards Presentations

3 Year Pins, John Constantine – Barbara Bell, Betty Blank, Ara Derzarian, James Discher,

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Fred Fornwalt, Carol Hatner, Beverly Iffland, Teresa Lien, Mike & Laurie Mason, Marty Morgan, Jeri Muntis, Catherine Rohrer, Mr. & Mrs. Russell, Ted & Polly Sleeper, Jennifer Smith, Janet Wallington,

25 Year Membership Pins, Carole Weinberger - These beautiful Sterling Silver Medallion pins were presented to members that have been club members for 25 years or more. This is the first year these are being awarded and 91 pins were presented.

Mary Alford, Susie Atherton, Louis Auslander, Carol Hanson Baws, Dr. Carl & Carol Beiles, Linda Berar, Brian Bogart, Wade Bogart, Jean Buckman, Mrs. K. L. Church, Karen Clausing, Wyoma Clouss, Cheryl Coffman, Shirley Cole, Tommie Cole, Marlene Congdon, Marilyn Cooper, Richard & Gwen Darby, Robert Deimel, George Downs, Carma Ewer, Marcia Feld, Jane Flowers, Jane Gilbert, Homer Graf, Lisa Grames, Carole Green, Dorothy Griggs, Alice Gough, Joan Gulbin, Jinx Gunville, David Hallock, Dorothy Harvey, Jeanette Haskell, USN Ret. Captain Jean Heath, Margo Heiden, Joan Huber, Margaret Hundermark, Laurese Katen, Geraldine Kelly, Minnie Kelly, David Kirkland, Theresa Klemencic, Margo Klingler, Lucille Kocher, Robert Krasniewski, Marilyn Laschinski, Chris Levy, Gloria Lewis, Anne Lockney, Dr. Alyce McBride, DVM, Marge McClung, Catherine McMillan, Barbara Mazgiel, Patricia Mewhinney, Dale Miller, Ted Montgomery, Ilse Morris, Carla Nickerson, Jerry Oldham, Beverly Pfaff, Yvonne Phelps, Marlene Phillips, Vera Potiker, Bolivia Powell, Margaret Pratt, Enid Quick, Barbara Quinn, Shirley Rains, Shirley Reynolds, Mary Roberts Lory Ross, Janice Rue, Barbara Schulenberg, Claudia Seaberg, Beatrice Smith, Dick & Arlene Smith, Judy Sousa, Mary Spring, Paula Steele, DVM, Dean Stewart, Henrietta Tare, Marie Trethaway, Carolyn Van Sickle, Carolyn Urban, Gail Wilford, Bernice Vrablik, Beverly Verna, Carole Luke Weinberger, Ruth Ziegler.

Versatility Award –

Beth Santure presented the 2007 AMSC Versatility Awards. There have been 22 awarded since it's inception and 14 are also Conformation Champions.

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

CH ENJOY'S REMINGTON STEELE, RN, OA, OAJ *Steele* is owned by Jeri Muntis and was bred by Joni Shreves And Diane C. Kirk.

CH DIMENSIONS HOT PURSUIT, UD, RN, NA Chase is owned by Sonny Lelle and was bred by M. Klingler, C. Garmaker and D. Dehmke.

Congratulations all these great trainers and

their breeders!

Local Club Newsletter Award –

The Local Club Newsletter Award was announced by Tom LaSalle. The committee chose the newsletter of the Chicago Miniature Schnauzer Club as the winner.

AKC's Outstanding Sportsmanship Award-

The award was presented by Susi Atherton to a deserving Nelson Shiver

Top Agility Dog 2006

MACH5 Gala First Class Event
Breeder: Gay Oltjenbruns
Owners: Webb & Leslie Anderson

Top Obedience Dog 2006

Southcross Christmas Star, UDX
Breeder: Sonny Lelle
Owner: Louise Botko

Top Producing Sire 2006

CH Regency's Twist of Fate
Breeders: Beverly Verna & Gwen Mulheron
Owner: Beverly Verna & Barbara Baymiller

Top Producing Dam 2006

Sathgate Zinging in the Rain
Breeder: Susan R. Atherton
Owners: Susan R. Atherton & Jean L. Heath

Top Conformation Dog 2006

CH Sterling Ugly From The Front
Breeders: Mr & Mrs D.J. Ferguson, Tom LaSalle, Santos Dias
Owners: Joanne Tuttle

Top Conformation Bitch 2006

CH Regency's Black N' Bling Bling
Breeders: Beverly Verna & Eligio Davini
Owner: Beverly Verna

President's Award-

This year, John chose to honor the hard work of the Health Committee along with consultant Kate McMillan.

The 2008 unopposed slate of officers and Board Members are as follows:

President – John Constantine
Vice President – Carole Luke Weinberger
Treasurer – Sharon Edwards
Secretary – Amy Gordon
AKC Delegate – Don Farley

Class of 2011 Board members:

Wyoma Clouss
Marilyn Cooper
Terrie Houck
Tom LaSalle

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.
Respectfully Submitted By,
Amy Gordon
AMSC Secretary

Minutes - October 7, 2007
AMSC Board Meeting – following the Annual Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club October – Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine at 10:20 PM, at the Fort Washington Hotel and Conference Center in Fort Washington PA.

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

Board Members: Susan Atherton, Wyoma Clouss, Kathy Colby, Marilyn Cooper, Kurt Garmaker, Wyn Hagmaier, Terrie Houck, Tom LaSalle, Errolyn Martin, Carla Nickerson, Lisa Sarvas, Gale Schnetzer

1. President John Constantine presented a list of committee appointments for 2008. A motion was made by Susi Atherton, seconded by Carla Nickerson to approve the committee members. The motion passed unanimously.

2. President John Constantine recommended the 2008 board meetings be held on the Friday prior to each of the three national specialties, January 18., 2008; June 20, 2008; October 3, 2008. Seconded by Wyoma Clouss. Motion passed unanimously.

3. John Constantine made a suggestion to have a Hospitality Room at the hotel next year for the Montgomery County weekend. The budget will be \$600.

4. A motion to adjourn was made at 10:30 PM by Kathy Colby and seconded by Terrie Houck. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Gordon,
AMSC Secretary



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plan can alleviate difficult emotional and financial decisions over whether you can afford treatment. Having to deal with unexpected and serious pet healthcare decisions during the holidays can create an added layer of stress and even larger bills to an already busy and expensive time of year.

Don't let innocent holiday traditions jeopardize the health of *your* pet. Consider enrolling in a pet healthcare plan for the peace of mind you need both during the holidays and all year round. Evaluate the potential risks of your holiday decorations, plants and meals (see chart below). And, in the hustle and bustle of the season, remember your pet's regular feeding and exercise schedule and be certain to give them lots of love as you start off the New Year.

Be Aware of These Holiday Dangers
Protect your pet from these potential health hazards

- Candles and hot wax
- Candies, chocolate and foil wrappers
- Alcoholic beverages
- Electrical cords (uncovered or untaped)
- Ribbons and strings
- Metal ornament hooks
- Fireplace flames and color salts
- Tree tinsel and confetti
- Carving and kitchen knives/blades
- Outdoor fireworks and other loud noises

**TROPHY DRIVE...**

please don't forget the trophy drive.

Joanne Toff/Teresa Handlen
 1304-1411th Ave.
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Platinum Standard \$100 and over
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Donations are used for Conformation and Performance at all 3 National Specialities.

Thank-you for all donations.

Below is a thank you note for our donation to the Joint Miniature Schnauzer Eye Fund in the UK.

If you recall, this donation was the proceeds of the Quilt Raffle (\$675).

The Joint Miniature Schnauzer Eye Fund send their sincere appreciation for your very generous donation.

The fund has grown, far quicker than we ever anticipated when we began in 2002. We have enough money to begin research into one of the eye conditions but the limiting factor is the number of affected samples. Is it possible to encourage any breeder, who may have been unfortunate to discover one of the eye conditions in their breeding stock to supply a cheek swab sample of DNA?

The research is to be undertaken by the Animal Health Trust. As well as the DNA sample they will require a copy of the dog's pedigree, eye certificate and the same for the dog's siblings, parents and grandparents. All information received by the Animal Health Trust is confidential to them. Swab kits can be obtained by email from Dr Cathryn Mellersh at the AHT, her email address is ; cathryn.mellersh@aht.org.uk

Your co-operation and assistance in obtaining any samples would be immensely appreciated. We have 6 samples from affected dogs plus swabs from the associated close relatives for CHC. The AHT need a minimum of 10-12 affected samples plus the associated close relatives before they can commence the preliminary research.

Once again many thanks for the generous donation.

Regards,

Sue

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **Ch. ReCe's Jean Lafitte** (Ruedesheim's Orca of Hylands x Ch. ReCe's Spring Delight Spirit) completed the requirements for his AKC Championship on October 20, 2007. He finished with a 4 point major at the Northern California Miniature Schnauzer Club Fall Specialty. Last year this same specialty was the first conformation show for myself and "Johnny" and he has been owner handled all the way. We both loved every minute of it and now we're on to obedience! Owned by Stephanie Davis-Rae

* **Tejas Cajun Christmas CDX, RE, AX, AXJ** earned his CDX on November 10 in front of a home town crowd in Ruston, LA with a first place finish. He is loved, owned, trained and handled by Natalia Zotov.

* **Ch. Daystar's Diamond D'Licious** (Ch.Caylaway's Cool Hand Luke x Ch. Diamond D's Stevie Nicks) better known as Lyza completed her championship on November 11, 2007. Lyza is the first champion for her sire and the first champion for her dam. She was bred by Laurie Darman & Kim Cox-Griffin and is owner/breeder/handled by Kim.

* **Diamond D's Blackfriar Howie, OA, OAJ** Howie completed his legs to Q for his OA and OAJ on the weekend of 10/07/07. He is the first agility dog for his owner and I am so very proud of them both. Howie was bred by Laurie Darman-Owen and is owner/handled by Cynthia Worley.

* **Diamond D's It's All About Me, CD, NA, NAJ** Dollie is a miracle bitch. Born a 2.7oz singleton, she was tube fed every 2 hours for 3 weeks. Her mother, Ch. Diamond D's Forever Faithphlea, NEVER left her side. I must say that there were a few times I would walk in and she was so still, I thought the worst. Many times my husband said "Just let her go, Babe". I just could not do that. Dollie was bred/owned by Laurie Darman-Owen and co-own/handled by Linda Maxwell. We love you Dollie!

* **Ch. Max Postscript Whole Enchilada, Nacho** (Ch. Destineez Running Brave x Max Mooncake) completed the requirements for his AKC title as Best of Winners at the Kennesaw (GA) KC show on Oct 28. Bred and owned by Elliott Mackle and Paula Steele, DVM, Nacho was shown exclusively in puppy and bred-by classes. He was handled by Dr. Steele.

Gwen Mulheron Daree MS



Gwen Mulheron is gone. Her heritage will live on in the hearts and minds of her family and friends, and in the dogs she bred and shared across the world. She was very proud of her Daree Miniature Schnauzers - and very humble about her success in the breeding box and show ring! She was unique and special. I celebrate her life tonight!

Bon Voyage, dear Friend, until we meet again!

The Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club specialty show in January with the Roving National will be dedicated to Gwen.

BLACK RJBONS

Diamond D's She A Honey

April 21, 1992 to May 25, 2007

Honey Dog was forever the "Good Girl".

Diamond D's I'll Be Back

April 21, 1992 to August 9, 2007

TT Bone was my first male showdog.

Losing my two oldsters this summer has been so hard on us.

I miss you both so much but you will always be in my heart.

Laurie Darman-Owen

NEW APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP cont'd from p. 2

McCallum, Joanne

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Joanne McCallum is a substitute teacher. She belongs to Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan, Tri-Cities Dog Training Club in Saginaw, MI, the Midland MI KC, the United KC, States KC and Canadian KC. She is a breeder and has bred 2 litters in the past 5 years. She is involved in Agility, Rally and Obedience as well as breeding her dogs.

Sponsors: Beth Santure
Debbra Herrell

Shroyer, Rosilyn

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Woodland, WA 98674-8266
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Email: roz@maplecreekminischnauzers.com

Rosilyn Shroyer (Roz) is a homemaker and dog breeder who has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 30 years. She has bred 20 litters in the past 5 years. She is actively involved in Conformation, Breeding and Rescue. She attends approximately 40-50 dog events yearly. She is a member of the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club of Oregon where she is the Treasurer, Membership Chair and Awards Chair. She also belong to the Oregon Trail Havenese Club where she is the Treasurer and Fun Match Chair.

Sponsors: Elizabeth Alfano
Wyn Hagmaier

Surma, Karen A.

Clay, Michael "Doc"

145 Fairfield Drive
Frederick, MD 21702
301-624-0049

Email: derter1kas@aol.com

Karen Surma is owner of Rental Properties/ABC Rentals of Indiana, PA. Michael Clay is Net Data Services owner. They are breeders, having bred 4 litters in the past 5 years. They are members of the Mt. Vernon MC Club where Michael is the webmaster for the Club and Karen is on the nominating committee. They attend 10-20 dog shows yearly.

Sponsors: Sharon & Rich Edwards
Laurese B. Katen

Walden, Karin

11236 Old Annapolis Road
Frederick, MD 21701
301-831-4067

Email: horsencars@comcast.net

Karin Walden is self employed, boarding/grooming/breeding/pet sitting and has had Miniature Schnauzers for 5+ years. She is a breeder and has had 7 litters in the past 5 years. She is a member of the Mt. Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club serving on the Board 1 year as Vice President and on the Show Committee/Awards/Trophies. She attends 5 dog events yearly.

Sponsors: Laurese B. Katen
Sharon Edwards

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If a Natural Disaster Strikes, How Will Your Pet Fare? Have You Planned Ahead?

Two years after the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, progress is being made on many fronts to improve our ability to cope with natural disasters. The Department of Homeland Security has prepared a new National Response Plan with FEMA, to better define the duties of state and local authorities.

As "The Dog's Champion", the American Kennel Club is assisting in initiatives that will better manage animal issues when disaster strikes. The AKC is also educating pet owners on what they can do to **P.R.E.P.A.R.E.** [Here is some useful information to help you, now that we are once again in "Hurricane Season".](#)

Congress has responded to a huge public outcry for better handling of pets during natural disasters by passing the PETS (Pets Evacuation Transportation Standards) Act in 2006. This means that state and local agencies must now plan for managing animal issues (companion and service animals), in the event of a disaster. However, the National Response Plan confirms that the primary responsibility for such animals must rest with the owner.

Your Pet Is Counting On You!

Marcy Zingler, AKC Corporate Project Manager, says "Your pets rely solely on you for their safety. Every pet owner should *plan ahead* for both family *and* pets in case of disaster. Find out what your local, county or state authorities are doing to address animal issues in their disaster planning. Ask them what you can do, perhaps through a local dog club or your local community, to get better prepared, and even help them. AKC, with our clubs all across the

country, is helping local and state authorities with plans to deal with companion animal issues in case of disaster. Pet owners need to take primary responsibility for their pets, with good preparation before that disaster strikes."

Marcy explains, "Preparedness means being proactive. Waiting for relief is reactive and, as we have seen with major disasters, that's usually not going to be nearly as good. Well-planned preparedness can reduce the need for relief. Use our **P.R.E.P.A.R.E.** list of ideas to help you plan better."

A good start is to put together Emergency Provisions, both for when you are forced to evacuate *and* when you are confined to home in an emergency. A box prepared with equipment for pets should include items such as:

- Waterproof containers for food and medications
- Water and Food (non-perishable) for a few days
- Bowls, spare leash and collar
- Collapsible crate or carrier
- First Aid Kit supplies – you can purchase kits suitable for pets or create your own: http://www.akc.org/news/disaster_preparedness/be_proactive_prepare.cfm
- A list of hotels and addresses known to be 'pet friendly' in case of evacuation, especially if you don't have friends or family that you can stay with in those areas
- Contact numbers and web sites for veterinarians in those 'safe haven' areas, in case of medical problems with your pet when you get there

Veterinary and vaccination records in case you and your pets need help from a local shelter, photos of your pet and proof of ownership (remember how thousands of pets were evacuated all over the USA after Katrina).

The [AKC Companion Animal Recovery](#) (AKC CAR) program has successfully reunited over 330,000 pets with their owners since its inception in 1995. This is an amazing number of happy stories! The [Microchip ID Number](#) for your pet helps [AKC CAR](#) connect you with your pet, should you become separated. Microchipping is the best way to help recover your pet if you get split up because tags can fall off collars. The microchip ID number can be linked to your contact information if you enroll your pet in a recovery service such as [AKC CAR](#). Then you can be contacted when someone finds your pet.

[Include in your kit your Pet Healthcare insurance policy](#) records in case you need help from a veterinarian when you reach a safe haven following the disaster. This will also help you file for reimbursement for veterinary treatment if your pet is injured or becomes sick as a result of the disaster.

Check on the **P.R.E.P.A.R.E** list for other excellent recommendations. Next, find out what your local Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is doing, and become familiar with their animal response plans. These steps could mean the difference between a happy ending and a tragic one. As the AKC says, **Plan your Response and Respond to your Plan.**

MEANWHILE AT THE SHOWS

SHOW	DATE	DOG	OWNER	WIN
Burlington KC	22-Sep	Algernon Touch The Sky	Niggli	WB,BOW,BOS
Scarborough KC	23-Sep	Algernon Touch The Sky	Niggli	WB,BOW,BOB
Hatboro KC	5-Oct	Annfield Take Your Turn	Emslie/Doxtater	WD,BOW
Rapid City KC	5-Oct	Ch. Alpine Loft Carmel Gluhwein	Child	BOB,Gr.2
Rapid City KC	6-Oct	Ch. Alpine Loft Carmel Gluhwein	Child	BOB,Gr.3
London KC	12-Oct	Algernon Touch The Sky	Niggli	WB,BOW,BOS
London KC	13-Oct	Algernon Touch The Sky	Niggli	WB,BOW,BOS
BC All Terrier Club	25-Oct	Ch. Annfield Turn Turn Turn	Emslie/Doxtater	BISS
Kennesaw KC	28-Oct	Max Postscript Whole Enchilada.	Mackle/Steele	WD,BOW
Cypress Creek KC	10-Nov	Daystar's Diamond D'Licious	Cox/Griffin	WB,BOW,BOS,BBBE
Cypress Creek KC	11-Nov	Daystar's Diamond D'Licious	Cox/Griffin	WB,BOW,BOS
Orlando Cty KC	11-Nov	Orleans' Fils Noir de Twister	Petche	WD,BOW,BOS
Tampa Bay Terrier Club	12-Nov	Orleans' Fils Noir de Twister	Petche	WD,BOW
Tampa Bay Terrier Club	13-Nov	Orleans' Fils Noir de Twister	Petche	WD,BOS
Sandusky KC	15-Nov	Can. Ch. Carbor Prim and Proper	Borrelli	WB,BOW,BOB
Suwannee VKC of Florida	16-Nov	Orleans' Fils Noir de Twister	Petche	WD,BOS
Greater Ocala DC	17-Nov	Orleans' Fils Noir de Twister	Petche	WD,BOW
Greater Ocala DC	18-Nov	Orleans' Fils Noir de Twister	Petche	WD,BOW

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Obedience Judge - Jill Jones
(pending AKC approval)

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Carol Weinberger (PMSC)
Kate McMillan (PMSC Sweeps)
Peter Green
Michelle Billings (AMSC)
Linda Drost (AMSC Sweeps)
Claudia Seaburg
David Merriam

Agility Judges - Kera Holm

Host hotel for the Cluster

Red Lion Inn on the River
909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland
503-283-4466
Mention Rose City Dog Shows

Wednesday, January 16

Time TBD Judges Seminar on The Miniature Schnauzer (exhibitors welcome)

4:00 PM Educational Discussion for new Breeders and Exhibitors

Time TBD Informal welcome party

Expo Center

Red Lion

Red Lion

Thursday, January 17

8:00 AM AMSC National Obedience Trial

10:00 AM PMSC Sweepstakes Classes

1:00 PM PMSC Regular Classes

3:00 PM AMSC National Agility Trial

Jill Jones, judge
Catherine McMillan, judge
Carole Weinberger, judge
Kera Holm, judge

Friday, January 18

8:00 AM Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon all-breed show

8:00 AM Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon all-breed obedience trial

8:00 AM Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon agility trial

4:00 PM Breeders' Seminar - Panel Discussion

"The Miniature Schnauzer from the Judges' Point of View"

Panel consisting of breeders and judges

6:00 PM "Breed Priorities" seminar by Nikki Riggsby

7:00 PM AMSC Board meeting at Red Lion, All AMSC members welcome

Peter Green, judge

Room TBA

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Saturday, January 19

8:00 AM Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon all-breed dog show

8:00 AM Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon all-breed obedience trial

8:00 AM Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon all-breed agility trial

Time TBD AMSC National Sweepstakes (Puppy & Veteran)

Time TBD AMSC National Specialty Show

6:15 PM - 6:45 PM Rides to restaurant - meet in Red Lion lobby

6:30 PM Cocktails

7:00 PM AMSC Banquet at Restaurant at the Historic Reserve

Linda Drost, judge
Michele Billings, judge

Sunday, January 20

8:00 AM Tualatin Kennel Club all-breed dog show

8:00 AM Tualatin Kennel Club all-breed obedience trial

8:00 AM Tualatin Kennel Club all-breed agility trial

Claudia Seaberg, judge

Monday, January 21

8:00 AM Tualatin Kennel Club all-breed dog show

8:00 AM Tualatin Kennel Club all-breed obedience trial

8:00 AM Tualatin Kennel Club all-breed agility trial

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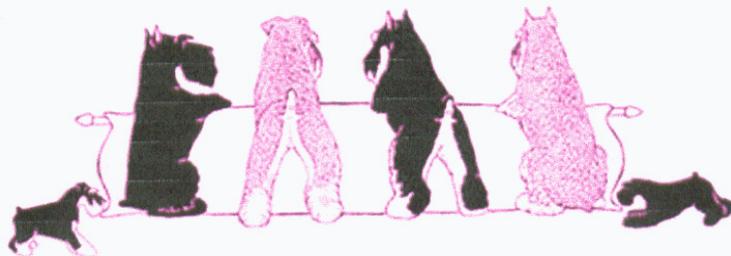
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