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MINUTES AMSC Annual Meeting 10/3/15

Homewood Suites, Valley Forge PA

Meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by President Wyoma Clouss

Specialty Report- This is Brian Bogart's last year as Specialty Chair. He thanked the AMSC for making this the largest show of Miniature Schnauzers in the country. He reminds everyone about the memorial service at the Clock Tower on the Montgomery County Community College campus at 7am.

This will be the 200th specialty of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club. The total entry is 98 dogs.

Wyoma wishes to thank the outgoing class of Board members:
Patti Henderson, Margo Klingler, Lisa Sarvas, Carole Weinberger

The new Officers and Board for 2016:

President: Carole Weinberger
Vice President: Sharon Edwards
Treasurer: Bonnie Keyes
Secretary: Carole Hafner
AKC Delegate: Don Farley

Board Members class of 2019:

Alice Gough
Rob Hartshorn
Donna Hills
Marie Murphy

As of 10/2/15, there is are 432 regular members, 6 life members, 32 foreign members with voting privileges and 30 foreign members without voting privileges for a total of 507 members.

**The deadline
for the January issue
is December 16.**

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The 2015 AMSC Versatility awards were presented by Beth Santure:

For 2015, to date, the AMSC has awarded 2 Versatility awards.

Southcross Double Feature CDX, BN, RN, NA, NAJ, SE, RATO, CGC Owned by Christine Carter and bred by Sonny and Richard Lelle

GCH Abacus Profit Margin RN, OA, AXJ, OF, CGC Owned and bred by Linda Wahlquist-Soos

Brooke Walker presented the 2014 awards

TOP DOG

GCH Regency's Play for Keeps, Breeder: Beverly Verna, Owners: Beverly Verna, Duane Lewis, and Karin Lewis

TOP BITCH:

GCH Lonestar's Which Witch, Breeders/Owners: Rich and Sharon Edwards

TOP PRODUCING SIRE

GCH Repitition's Valedictorian, Breeders/Owners: Kurt Garmaker and Lauri Sicurella

TOP PRODUCING DAM (3)

. GCH KWic Dare Me, Breeder/Owner Kathy Colby

. CH Mystique's Runway To A Legacy, Breeder: Catherine Rohrer, Owners: Catherine Rohrer and Lisa Sarvas

. CH Contrempras Gargolas From Brooklyn New York, Breeder: Barbara Mazgiel, Owner: Julio Parisi

TOP OBEDIENCE DOG

OTCH Southcross Road Rage UDX2 OM3 VER RN NA NAJ, Breeders: Sonny and Rich Lelle, Owner: L. Botko

TOP AGILITY DOG

MACH16 Minihawk Sugar Pop So Sweet MXG5 MJC5 OF, Breeder: Connie Hawk, Owner: L. Gould

Carole Weinberger presented the 5 and 25 year membership pins.

5 Year Pin

Fran Balsis
Brian Beitz
Carl and Carol Benson
Patricia Bond
Douglas Crowe
Sandra Daggert
Ginny Fagan
Donna Giles
Louise Gross
Michael Herschler
Rachael Hoffman
Teresa Janssen
Jose Jasso
Stacy Kaaki
Aramis Lim

Fiona Macken

Rita McDonald
Tatiana Myers

Heather Payne
Lee Pinter
Becky Raines
Kirsty Sanders

Patricia Sheffer
Lauri Sicurella
Rene Wigen
Cathy Williams
David Owen Williams
Daphne Young

25 Year Pins

Nancy Banas
Sharon Bloss
Louise Botko
Norma Carver
Alma Contrino
Janet Corpin
Lois Anne Cruce-Pasley
John Constantine
Paulette Dawson
Margaret Doty
Linda Drost
Patrick Glenn
Kay Grimes
Connie Hawk
Judith Hughes
Linda Jacobs
Leslie Kubik
Nell LaCroix
Sonny Lelle
Suzanne Moenter
Thalia Puncuchar
Shirley Reynolds
Beth Ann Santure
Lisa Sarvas
Gale Schnetzer
Roxanne Snow
Suzanne Steele
Lynn Tamms
Janet Taylor
Judy Wrynsinski

President's Award

President Wyoma Clouss presented the 2015 President's Award to Secretary Carol Hafner for all the work she has done for the club and all the assistance she has been to the President.

Great Western The Great Western dog shows will be back at California State University @ Long Beach. The prospective judges are Clay Coady, Al Ferruggiaro and Linda More.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Gordon

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Please let me know if you make a change

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

Stephanie Davis Rae
148 Dover Way
Vacaville, CA 95687
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***LOCAL CLUBS...** please be sure to include all information when sending Specialty tear sheets for inclusion in AMSCOPE e.g. Judges, dates, entry, obedience.

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

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AMSC Board Meeting October 2, 2015 Homewood Suites, Valley Forge, PA

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm by President Wyoma Clouss

Officers and Board Members present: President, Wyoma Clouss; Treasurer, Bonnie Keyes; Lisa Sarvas, Carole Weinberger, Kaye Kirk, Luana Nedich, Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Brian Bogart, Rich Edwards, Amy Gordon, Gale Schnetzer

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Carole Weinberger, seconded by Bonnie Keyes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published.

Report of the President:

Election Results: Sharon Edwards is elected our new Vice President. All other officers and board members are as published. Rich Edwards will resign tomorrow to have his term filled. There is a standing board rule that spouses will not serve on the board concurrently.

Report of the Secretary:

Correspondence (Received):
1. AKC
a. Agility events approval notices for Minipalooza on April 1-3, 2016
b. Event pending notice for Unbenched Parent Specialty and Obedience Event to be held Sunday, April 3, 2016 – Host club permission required
c. Rally event approval for Minipalooza on April 3, 2016
d. Event approval notice for Unbenched Parent Specialty and Obedience to be held on Sunday, April 3, 2015
e. Event approval notice for Sweepstake competition on Sunday, April 3, 2016
f. Event Not Received notice for Denver on 2/14/16 (Roving will be in Missouri in 2016)
g. Event cancelled notice for Denver on 2/14/16

2. Miscellaneous

a. Requests for puppy referrals (1–New York)
b. Pet safety information links forwarded on to Health Committee for review and recommendation to Board (2 emails)
c. Request for registration of merit for breeding bitch
d. Received information on possible prizes including tote bags, engraved crystal bowls and ribbons
e. Questionnaire from GWTA about 2016 show activities
f. Hotel request for future National show site (Spokane, WA)
g. Jacqueline Adam's Original Bottle Corks donation request for letter of donation acknowledgement
h. Karyn McCoy miscellaneous

schnauzer items donation for Minipalooza

Correspondence (Sent):

- a. Informed AKC no show in Denver in 2016
- b. Parent Club Request for Non-Approved Individual to Judge National or Regional Specialty Show submitted for Joan Huber for Montgomery County 2017. This request will be submitted to the October 2015 Judges Review Committee. The applicant will be notified thereafter regarding the decision.

Membership:

As of 10/2/15 our membership totaled 432 Regular, 6 Life, 32 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 30 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) and seven new member applicants (7 regular) for a total of **507**. (Corrected to match list used for VP ballot mail out in August 2015)

Local MS Clubs:

- 1. There are presently 17 local clubs that are active and licensed to hold specialty shows.
- 2. Reminders to all Local MS Club Delegates to please have their show chairman forward a marked catalog to the AMSC Secretary following their show. Or email, to the AMSC Secretary, a link with your show results from the Superintendent's website. That information allows us to track the data shown below.

AMSC National Specialty in Long Beach, CA
The AMSC Specialty was held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association show in Long Beach, California on Sunday, June 21, 2015. Shawn Imler judged 9 Sweepstakes entries. Judith Smith judged 41 regular class entries. The 2015 AMSC Long Beach Specialty in California compares with 2014 as follows:

REGULAR CLASSES		2015	2014	UP OR DOWN
Total Entry	51	57	-6	
Competing	41	49	-8	
SWEEPSTAKES				
Total Entry	13	14	-1	
Competing	9	12	-3	
VETERANS				
Total Entry	2	6	-4	
Competing	0	6	-6	

Report of the Treasurer: **Bonnie Keyes**

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VII. REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE - Don Farley - No report received.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
A. Special Committees:

1. 2015 Fall Specialty – Montgomery County: Brian Bogart – A phone call was placed to both our regular class and sweepstakes judges offering my help in arraigning hotel reservations or transportation to the show sight for our 2015 event. In addition, an invitation was extended to these judges and their guest to attend our Annual Dinner, complements of the AMSC.

I contacted Nita Ainsworth, AMSC Trophy Committee Chair, for a list of the current Trophy Standard Bearers. These names were sent to Bruce Schwartz for inclusion into the 2015 MCKC Show Catalog.

Proofs for the 2015 AMSC Fall Specialty- Montgomery County Kennel Club show premium and show catalog were received and carefully reviewed by myself. Corrected copies were returned to Bruce Schwartz.

Two current AKC judges have volunteered to ring steward at this event. They are Valerie Dombrowski and Nancy Liebes. Their names were submitted to the MCKC Show Chair for publication in the judging schedule. My thanks go out to John Constantine and Wyoma Clouss for helping secure both of these ladies.

A gift was obtained for our 2015 AMSC Fall Specialty Sweepstakes Judge in the form of a \$100 gift certificate towards artwork by Catherine McMillan.

Requested the MCKC provide 4 tables to be used for trophies, hospitality and AMSC merchandise at the show.

I contacted Amy Gordon, our 2015 AMSC Fall Specialty- Montgomery County Kennel Club Advertising Chair concerning the number of ad request. She indicated that the response was unprecedented.

Well Done Amy!! There will be 17 pages of ads.

Emailed the "Code of Ethics for Specialty Shows and/or Shows which Sweepstakes Classes are Held" to Mrs. Sharon Edwards our 2015 Sweepstakes Judge.

An email was sent to Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine, Memorial Service Committee Chair for the Montgomery County Kennel Club Show requesting that the names of our newly departed members be read at this service. The memories of Laurese Katen, Barbara Mazgail, Jerry Reidy, Barbara Schulenburg, Beverly Verna and Joan Williams will be remembered. I posted an announcement with the details of the service on the AMSC Yahoo List. A notification will also be published in the October 2015 issue of AMSCOPE.

I received an email from future AMSC President Carole Weinberger asking if I would like to chair this committee in 2016. I declined stating that after 12 years chairing the AMSC Specialty- Montgomery County Kennel Club Show Committee, it was time to pass this talisman to someone new.

2. 2016 National Roving Specialty - Minipalooza: John Constantine

Updated information will be available in December 2015.

3. 2016 National Summer Specialty – Long Beach, California - Vera Potiker

There is a GWTA meeting on September 23rd. Updated information will be forthcoming.

4. 2017 Roving Specialty Selection Committee: John Constantine - No report received

B. Standing Committees:

1.AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli - No report.

2.AMSC –L Yahoo Group: Kennelea Pratt, Don Farley, Vicki Kubic

The total count of messages on the list stands at 51,745 and your AMSC-L moderators have little to do these days except occasionally remind people to sign their posts. We actually do very little moderating anymore, as it has not been needed. We prefer it that way!

3. Audit: Bonnie Keyes

The audit committee will have nothing until the end of the year when the audit will be completed. The auditors name is: Squires Tax & Accounting Service, Barbara Squires.

4. Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms

The awards have been ordered and sent to Bonnie Keyes for presentation at the Board meeting by Brooke Walker.

Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger

For 2015, to date, the AMSC has awarded two Versatility Awards. This brings our grand total to 40 since 2004, the year this Award initiated! Congratulations go to these wonderful dogs and their trainers!

SOUTHCROSS DOUBLE FEATURE, CDX BN GN RN NA NAJ SE RATO CGC

Violet is owned by Christine Carter
She was bred by Sonny Shanks Lelle & Richard Lelle

GCH ABACUS PROFIT MARGIN, RN OA AXJ OF CGC

Emmy is owned by Linda Wahlquist-Soos
She was bred by Linda Wahlquist-Soos

5.Breeder Referral: Donna Hafen, Gloria Lewis, Marcia Feld, Buzzy Alfano, Carla Nickerson, Carole Weinberger

No formal report. Inquiries continue to come through the AMSC website.

6. Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms No report received

7.Constitution & By-Laws: Chris Levy:

We had no more than voted to approve going ahead with discussed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws before there were amendments offered on term limits and even objections to reducing the number of Board Members at all. Wyoma has talked to Carole and asked her as our new President to take over the issue to determine whether the next Board wants to proceed or not, and if so, how.

8.Montgomery County Dinner & Annual Meeting: Brooke Walker and Kathy Colby No report received

9.Education: Wyoma Clouss, John Constantine - No report received

10. Electronic Media: Chris Franck/Vicki Kubic

The website continues to expand. We've added a Results section and are expanding the About Miniature Schnauzers to include a History section. . It would be great if our members would send me their show win photos from our Specialties to add to the Results page! Our largest number of hits is on our Referral pages at approximately 46K followed by our Interactive map at about 26K hits. All About Mini Schnauzers 15K, Pet Grooming received 12K hits, Members Log-In page almost 10K, General Health 9K, Photo Gallery of Colors, Activities, Regional Clubs, Breed Standard and Rescue all received about 8K hits.

11. Ethics: Carole Weinberger, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson - No report.

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MiniPalooza Schedule

(As of August 17 2105)!

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Wednesday, March 30!

- AMSC Board Meeting!
- Seminars (Purina Center)!
- Eva Furrow, DVM, 2014 AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellow from the University of Minnesota Presentation on Calcium Oxalate stones and Hyperlipidemia!
- Mini Schnauzer Coat Rolling Demo/ Workshop!
- OB/Rally fun runs!
- Informal Welcome/Meet & Greet Party at Purina (Evening)!

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Thursday, March 31!

- Greater Cincinnati MSC Specialty and Sweepstakes !
- Barnhunt Intro!
- Companion Schnauzer Grooming Demo/ Workshop!

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Friday, April 1!

- Mini Schnauzer only Barnhunt!
- Gateway MSC Specialty and Sweepstakes !
- AMSC National Specialty Agility (Mini Schnauzer only)!
- Gateway MSC Obedience & Rally Trial!
- Schnauzer of the Year Competition (Evening)!

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Saturday, April 2!

- Mini Schnauzer only Barnhunt!
- All-Breed AMSC Agility !
- Twin Cities MSC Specialty and Sweepstakes !
- Twin Cities MSC Obedience & Rally Trial!
- AMSC Cocktail Party @ hotel (Evening)!

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Sunday, April 3!

- AMSC National Specialty and Sweepstakes !
- AMSC National Obedience & Rally Trial!
- Presentation of the "MiniPalooza Total Dog" Award!
- All-Breed AMSC Agility!

JUDGES:

Cincinnati MSC - Lloyd Amodei
Gateway MSC - Margo Klingler
Twin Cities MSC - David Kirkland
AMSC - Carol Weinberger

In addition, health testing will also be included during the week. Timing for that is being finalized. More detailed information on the events and hotel info will be posted soon in AMSCOPE and on the website. We have a full week so plan ahead!

Carole's Corner

Hello from Carole's Corner!

Well our first month is almost done, and we've started clearing up some pressing issues. I'm so pleased that the new Board and I have been able to see eye to eye on most issues and I have a good feeling about business going forward.

A matter of some concern to Club Members has been our not recognizing members who have passed on. A number of things were suggested during the last year with no resolution. I'm pleased that the Board has chosen to memorialize past club members with an annual ad in both Schnauzer Shorts and the AMSCOPE. Since it is nearly impossible to recognize every contribution that every member has made, the memorial will be for all members who have left us during the previous calendar year and will be printed in the first issue of the year in both publications.

We have made some internal changes that will result in the resolution of each and every item that comes before the board in a timely matter. Thanks to Sharon, our VP, we will have an updated list of board actions that can be found on both the Yahoo list, and in a booklet for each Board Member.

We are currently looking into a way for members to update their breeder referral COE agreement at the same time that they renew their membership. Since most members pay by PAYPAL, it is a bit of an issue. Maybe some of you "techies" out there can help us devise a way to do this. Email me at bandsmanms@gmail.com or text me on 407-375-7623. I'm interested in any and all ideas!!

Well that's all for today. Hope everybody had a "spooky" Halloween, and great Thanksgiving planned!!

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12.Guidelines: Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe

The Guidelines Committee has collected what we believe to be the current versions of each of the committee's guidelines that are available. As soon as the committee chairs are named for the upcoming year, we will be sending these documents to the chairs for review and updating. We would like the chairs to share these documents with their committee members, review and update as needed, then return the updates or reviewed approvals to the guidelines committee by January 1, 2016. We will work to develop a standard format and a review schedule. We will work with the committee chairs as needed. We would appreciate the board's support as we work to ensure that all committee guidelines and the process for reviewing and updating them are developed so that an accurate record is maintained for the organization.

The following committee guidelines were reviewed and voted on by the Board

Trophy Committee

Nominating Committee

Membership Committee

13. Health: Patti Henderson, Vera Potiker, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Sheila Marks, Bill Brown, Patricia O'Brien

a. AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE SEMINARS:

-This year the Health Committee started planning Health Seminars for all 3 specialties. The year started off with Dr Urs Giger, Montgomery County weekend and concluded with the Great Western's speaker, Dr Becky Williams, local Reproductive Veterinarian. These events were sponsored by the Health Committee and were open to all members and the general public. The Denver Specialty speaker had a last minute conflict and we could not secure a substitute. The speaker, Dr Cathy Brown, Nephro-pathology Vet, who is doing research in FSGS (Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis) it was decided the Montgomery County Health seminar would be difficult with the changes of scheduling Morris & Essex between the 2 Hatboro shows left no day that would not require relocation for venues.

-We have already secured Dr. Eva Furrow for the upcoming Minipalooza which will be an outstanding health seminar that you will not want to miss. Dr Furrow is the 2014 AKC/CHF Clinician Scientist Fellowship Award winner. Watch for the announcements regarding this seminar.

b. STATUS of CURRENT SUPPORTED RESEARCH and DONOR ADVISED FUNDS:

AKC Canine Health Foundation

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American Miniature Schnauzer Club Donor Advised Fund

Mid-Year 2015 Statement (01/01/2015 – 06/30/2015)

Beginning Balance: \$124621.24

Contribution \$0

Purina Parent Club Partnership Program \$1156.1

Research Support (See below) \$0

Interest/Dividend \$328.69

Realized/Unrealized Gains/Losses \$1816

Transfers/Adjustments \$0

Ending Balance: \$127922.03

During this 6 month period we have not supported any research with DAF pending Dr Giger's plans. We have been advised by the CHF that we would need to transfer monies earmarked for his research back to the Breed Club DAF for income tax purposes. Therefore the \$124,621.24 (~\$3000.00 market loss) balance **DOES NOT** include approximately \$60,000.00 previously earmarked and approved by the Board. So our balance is \$184 621.24. The new Acorn and Oak Grant submissions will be available in the next 2-4 weeks and we will be requesting fund support approval for these or others that we determine may have more applicability for miniature schnauzers that fall within our priority ratings.

Current Research open for funding support for **Miniature Schnauzers** is shown in chart below.

All 3 of these grants have great potential and we will be discussing these among others before the first of the year. The Lindblad-Toh Grant (**Grant 01766**: Identification and Validation of the Genes That Define Abnormal Development of the Kidney in Dogs) has actually been concluded but has been extended by the AKC/CHF as a no-funded support. The AMSC Health Committee has been supporting this grant since its beginning. This research found a large number of differences between sick and healthy dogs and continues to carefully analyze these to determine which variant might be the causative mutation for Juvenile Renal Disease. Their emphasis is miniature schnauzers, SCWT, and Shetland sheep dogs. We will continue to support this project financially as soon as DAF support is requested. We continue to direct samples to this project and strongly support this research.

Information and consent forms can be found at: <http://www.broadinstitute.org/dogsamples>

FSGS in MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS

Principal Investigator: Cathy Brown, DVM

Funding Support thru GLF & Ongoing

Research is ongoing and sample solicitation is ongoing and is funded by the GLF at the request of the AMSC Health Committee. Any AMSC member who has a dog succumb to renal disease or some similar/associated defect may send Renal Wedge biopsy samples to Dr. Brown for analysis. The AMSC Health Committee has born the expense of these examinations for several years to ensure collection and the extra burden to breeders for this procedure. Originally the study was proposed to the Board and approved as a means to determine prevalence of JRD in miniature schnauzers. Findings as a result of this study yielded an important issue which may have a profound effect on renal disease in the miniature schnauzer. To reiterate the details of the study, we include them here to emphasize the importance of reporting. Urine samples have been added to the sample solicitation and UPCs (Urine Protein: Creatinine Ratio). Sample solicitation information will be posted on the AMSC Health pages.

Renal biopsy samples from six proteinuric Miniature Schnauzers submitted through the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory between 2009 and 2013 were evaluated. Lesions were consistent with primary FSGS based on histopathology and transmission electron microscopy, with no evidence of underlying glomerular disease. Serial blood work and urinalyses revealed marked proteinuria, initially without azotemia, at 6 – 10 years of age. All six pedigreed dogs were within three generations of two common ancestors, suggesting a familial basis for primary FSGS in these dogs.

The importance of primary FSGS as a cause of glomerular disease in dogs has only recently been recognized. A familial form of FSGS has been described in Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, in which breed specific, single nucleotide changes in genes encoding for podocyte slit-diaphragm proteins were identified (nephrin and filtrin). In a retrospective study of 501 renal biopsies from dogs with proteinuria, primary FSGS was the most common non-immune complex glomerulopathy, occurring more frequently than amyloidosis. In that study, 5% of the submitted samples were from Miniature Schnauzers dogs, suggesting a predilection for glomerular disease in this breed.

c. CHIC REPORT

As of September 15th, 2015 a total of 185 miniature schnauzers have been registered in the CHIC program. This represents 15 more dogs from last year this same time and more than half of these are from kennels who are already well-represented. This year **Hilde Haakensen** is awarded the AMSC Health Champion CHIC pin. Please join us in congratulating her for participating in the CHIC program. We continue to give special recognition for those Breeders who, through their strong support of the AMSC CHIC Program, have registered more than 5 dogs into the CHIC Program and we would like to acknowledge those members who have met AND SURPASSED this goal!

NOTE: If anyone has obtained a CHIC number on a dog owned/co-owned by AMSC member and you have not received a CHIC Pin, please let Patti Henderson know by email at aristosms@comcast.net.

d. HEALTH COMMITTEE WEBPAGES

The Health Committee views the Public and the Member pages as a dynamic environment and will be making changes routinely as necessary to improve information content and format. The AKC/CHF provides an extremely definitive resource for dog owners and breed-specific disease as well as health injuries complicating the Miniature Schnauzer athlete. We would like to expand our pages for performance members to include those injuries that impact the health of your dog.

e. ANNUAL AKC/CHF NATIONAL PARENT CLUB CANINE HEALTH CONFERENCE

The August 7-9, 2015 Dr Paula Steele attended as the representative of the AMSC Health

Title	Institution	Investigator	Status	Health Category
01986: Profiling the Metabolic and Lipid Imbalances that are Causative of Gallbladder Disease in Dogs	North Carolina State University	Gookin, Jody	Open	Hepatic Disorders (Liver)
01766: Identification and Validation of the Genes That Define Abnormal Development of the Kidney in Dogs	Broad Institute	Lindblad-Toh, Kerstin	Open	Renal and Urological Disorders
01594: Identifying the Genes Associated with Glaucoma	University of Iowa	Kuehn, Markus	Open	Ophthalmology



How to Access the MEMBERS ONLY section of the AMSC website

Click the Members tab in the top right hand section of the website

Username is: AMSC#1

Password is: Schnauzer2015

Type carefully - case sensitive!

Once in you will have access to AMSCestry and many other items of interest to our members!

AMSC HEALTH CHAMPION	2014 CUM	2015 CUM *
KATHY DUGAN	5	
BROOKE WALKER	5	
ROSILYN SHROYER	5	
VERA POTIKER	8	10
TERRIE HOUCK/CATHY PENDLETC	6	
JULIE & DAN COOPER	8	
LINDA WAHLQUIST-SOOS	9	
STELLA VAN CLEAVE	10	14
KATHERINE DOGDGE	11	
KATHY COLBY	10	13
* NOTE: Data as of 2nd Qtr of Year		

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committee. This conference occurs every 2 years and its purpose is to bring together researchers in Canine health with the AKC parent clubs who support their research thru the CHF and to update attendees on their research. This is a powered packed 2 day meeting and permits the opportunity for researchers and professionals to meet and share information. Dr Steele's summary of the meeting follows:

Several of the topics presented were of interest to Miniature Schnauzer breeders and owners— these included:

1-Stem Cell research- as therapy for tendon injuries

2-The discovery that Medium chain triglycerides (MCT) can be used as a glucose source by the brain to improve brain function in older dogs with cognitive dysfunction— Purina has developed a new food— Bright Minds- which incorporates MCT into its formulating and is for older dogs

3-Studies into the Microbiome as related to Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Allergic Dermatitis and Cancer— shifts in the Microbiome (microorganisms living in an ecosystem) has a large impact on Chronic Disease— commensal microbiota and metabolites down regulate the immune response and allergic dogs have a decrease in the diversity of these microorganism and this leads to chronic inflammation and disease.

4-Epilepsy—histamine levels increase with Seizure activity— hypoallergenic diets, fatty acid

supplements (Omega 3), ketogenic diets and MCT will help some dogs with Epilepsy. There is ongoing research into the genetics and bio markers to try to identify dogs at high risk of developing epilepsy and to develop new drugs for those dogs whose epilepsy is refractory to the commonly used drugs.

5-lymphoma, sarcoma— trials to develop an approach to treatment that is less toxic and more effective than current cancer treatments. Studies into DNA methylation which causes silencing of genes that act as brakes on cell division without any mutation to the gene itself— Unlike gene mutations which are permanent methylation can be reversed and the Gene function normally again— research is ongoing into what factors cause DNA methylation and how altering the gene expression can change lymphoma prognosis

f. AFFILIATED CLUB DONATIONS:

The AMSC Health Committee has always had the strong and unrelenting support of the AMSC Board and without that backing our work would be difficult if not impossible and we THANK the Board for their continued belief and support in what we do. However, we would be remiss if we didn't recognize in a very special way the support, financial and otherwise, from the membership's local specialty clubs. Support from individual and group members carries a meaningful nod of approval and encouragement from the individuals that is very special to the committee. We remain grateful for all support but want to recognize and express our deepest appreciation to the following clubs and individuals for their sponsorship and support.

- Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club**
\$550.00 (\$300 received 9/2015)
- Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan**
\$250.00
- Individual TViglietti**
\$ 30.00

g. PENDING AND ONGOING ISSUES:

Dr. Giger's work is still a high priority but we have not lost sight of the fact that we have some significant issues that we need to deal with. There have been 3 PRA cases of great concern and we are waiting on the reports for one other. There have been reports of Myotonia without known pedigree connection and several new cases of renal disease that are being looked at by major research

Chart B

CATEGORY	BUDGET	EXPENSE	REVENUE	BALANCE
SPECIALTY PROGRAMS (AMSC GEN'L FUNDS)	\$ 4,500.00			\$ 4,300.00
Giger Seminar (MC 2014)				
Williams Repro Speaker (GWTA 2015)		\$ (200.00)		
TOTAL CATEGORY EXPENSE		\$ (200.00)		
HEALTH COMMITTEE FUNDS	\$ 5,647.00			\$ 4,587.41
Postage/Printing/Admin	\$ 500.00	\$ (240.65)		
Report Fees/Special Publications	\$ 500.00	\$		
JRD Study (UGA Nephropathology Dept)	\$ 300.00	\$ (75.00)		
Progeny Training /Upgrades/Support	\$ 1,500.00	\$		
UNPLANNED EXPENSE				
GW Rm Rental/Refreshments		\$ (743.94)		
TOTAL CATEGORY EXPENSE		\$ (1,059.59)		
DONATIONS			\$ 830.00	
Portland MS Club			\$ 250.00	
Portland MS Club 9/2015			\$ 300.00	
MSC of Michigan			\$ 250.00	
INDIVIDUAL			\$ 30.00	
TOTAL CATEGORY REVENUE (adds back into Health Committee Funds)			\$ 830.00	

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MINUTES....from p.6

universities. There has been another recent case of MAC in an offspring with recent US ties PLUS a second case outside of the US which has lineage to Newsprint or his Mother on ONLY ONE SIDE of his pedigree. Dr Giger is aware of both cases and has material for analysis.

The Health Committee is collecting diagnostic reports and related information on these troubling cases which includes completing pedigrees which have large blank sections – Owen is kept in the loop to make sure this information does get into AMSCestry. There will be an update to the members on our findings and recommendations before the end of the year while we continue to acquire information and documentation on the cases.

The Health Committee offers assistance to any member breeder who has any issues of Health in dealing with their respective puppy buyers. It has been our experience that this intercession often diffuses issues that could be unpleasant and result in irretrievably bad relationships between a breeder and his/her client. Through this “arbiter” role we have made a difference in putting a positive face on the AMSC and its member breeders. This is available to anyone who requests assistance and utmost confidentiality is maintained.

h.AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES: see Chart B
i. HEALTH COMMITTEE POLICY AND GUIDELINES

The AMSC Health Committee guidelines have been under scrutiny by the committee for several years. Our current policy, mission and guidelines have not been updated since 2000 and are a high priority to complete this year before January 2016. There have been substantive changes in the organization of the committee such that there is no sub-committee hierarchy as was so in the distant past. This and other changes that have been implemented with the Board's knowledge are being collected and used to update our guidelines. So while I have nothing I wish to submit at this time, before the end of this calendar year the Health committee's policy will be sent for your approval.

The board suggested an anonymous AMSC member health survey to determine the most prevalent diseases in the show lines.

14. Historian and Policy Records: Richard Isley - No report.

15. Judges Selection: Eunice Revsbech - No report.

16. Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic

Your Legislative Committee continues to share AKC legislative alerts and other pertinent Legislative issues to the AMSC-L list. As needed, practical and fiscally prudent, your committee is also willing to attend appropriate legislative seminars.

17. Local Club Bulletin/ Websites: Laurie Moore, Kennalea Pratt, Marilyn Oxandale

The Secretary will contact the President of each local club to remind them to send the newsletter to the committee members and alert them to their website if they have one.

18. Membership: Carole Weinberger

Pins are being orders for members that have achieved the 25 year status in the club because our stock has been depleted. The expenditure was approved by the Board online.

19. Nominating Committee: Amy Gordon, Nita Ainsworth, Terrie Houck, Brooke Walker and Julie Cooper

The slate put together by the Nominating Committee and submitted to the Board at the June meeting will be confirmed under Unfinished Business.

20. Public Awareness (Social Media): Vicki Kubic

Facebook continues to grow. I'm adding more photos of our titled dogs and their AMSC owners to perhaps drum up some interest in our sport. Our daily “reach” ranges from 3K to 20K people! Twitter is moving along too, although I could use more AMSC member interaction.

21. Publications and Literature: Patricia O'Brien

	Inventory:	Income:
Grooming charts	62	\$70.00
Illustrated Standards	297	\$48.00
CD	8	\$60.00
So You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer	3	

Total Income = \$178.00

Expenses:

Postage	\$23.48
Grooming Charts 5@\$2	\$10.00
Illustrated Standards 4@\$2.40	\$9.60

Total Expenses \$43.08 PROFIT \$134.92

22. Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe
 Kelly is continuing to respond to

e-mails from individuals who want to adopt a rescued Miniature Schnauzer or who know of a dog in need by referring them to the closest AMSC-recognized rescue group. For individuals who are interested in younger dogs, Kelly is also suggesting that they contact AMSC breeders in their area. The new website has been very helpful in that regard!

Kelly is once again looking at the minimum rescue requirements and considering revisions. Comments from board and AMSC members are welcome and she would especially appreciate hearing from anyone involved with rescue.

No guidelines exist for the rescue committee, so Kelly will be drafting guidelines for board consideration shortly.

Thanks to John Constantine, there will be a rescue parade at Minipalooza as part of the club's specialty on Sunday. We are also adding a get together for anyone involved with or interested in helping with breed rescue.

23. Trophies: Nita Ainsworth, Kathy Colby, Carma Ewer, Margo Klingler

- 1) Medallions for 2015 Montgomery, Minipalooza, and 2016 Montgomery have been engraved by Barbara Donahue. She has the blanks for Great Western but was told to hold off on them until the changes to that show are settled.
- 2) The 2015 conformation ribbons for Montgomery have been ordered and received. The ribbons for the other 3 shows were held off on as the trophy committee was advised by Hodges that they have a big ribbon sale in Dec and it will save the club a large amount of money. The ribbons for Minipalooza, Great Western and 2016 Montgomery will be ordered at that time. Hopefully, the Great Western changes will be settled by then.
- 3) Carma and Galen made a nice display stand for the huge ribbons which displays them beautifully.
- 4) Trophy committee guidelines are under revision and will be presented at the Board meeting.

24. Ways And Means: Carma Ewer, Luana Nedich, Nita Ainsworth

Merchandise will be available for purchase at the AMSC Cocktail Party and on Sunday during the conformation judging. We have also taken pre orders and mailed merchandise to members who will not be attending.

MINUTES...from p.7

Plans and ideas are ongoing for new items coming out for Minipalooza and next year. As always, the committee is open and interested in member ideas and suggestions.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Bylaw and Constitution changes to be submitted to AKC

The Bylaws and Constitution committee will consist of Chris Levy, Wyoma Clouss and John Constantine. They will present their proposed changes to the board.

2. Ethics Committee – Vet check prior to puppy placement language approval

The change will include “ The member agrees that each puppy will have a Veterinary visit prior to sale with documentation of wellness exam after 6 weeks, which states that at the time of sale the puppy is healthy and free of any defects which might prevent it from living a normal life.”

3. Local Club Bulletin/Website Committee – Additional volunteers needed

The board discussed a committee of 3 is appropriate and sufficient.

4. Confirmation of Nominating Committee slate was affirmed.

5. Sweeps and Regular Judge guidelines draft proposals

The new judges letter will carry the changes discussed at the last board meeting.

Carma Ewer made a motion, seconded by Brian Bogart to elect the following new members: Kathleen Rager, Dustin Wyatt, Pam Opanowitz, Joann Ridley, Patricia Milburn, Carol Reid, Lloyd Amodei

The vote was unanimous

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election results for 2016 Vice President Sharon Edwards is the new Vice President.

2. Committee annual reporting requirements – Is “No Report” an acceptable update to the Board? The board decided that yes, a ‘no report’ is sufficient for some committees.

3. Request for club plans for GWTA 2016 from Jack Smith, President, GWTA. There will be 3 shows in the Great Western cluster, which will now be back at CSULB.

4. AKC “Meet The Miniature Schnauzer” book discussion – Problem with photos being Standard Schnauzers. Luana Nedich will write a letter to the AKC in reference to some

of the photos in the AKC Miniature Schnauzer magazine, possibly being of Standard Schnauzers.

5. Committee guideline updates from Trophy and Nominating Committees – Board review and approval

As reported under the guidelines committee, the board reviewed and voted on the following committee guidelines:

- Membership Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Trophy Committee

6. Health survey to determine prevalence disease issues.

As reported under the health committee report, an anonymous, AMSC member survey, will be conducted to determine the prevalence of diseases in the breed.

7. Different terrier breeds take turns sponsoring and running the Montgomery County agility trials. A different breed club runs a day of the trial. Kaye Kirk brought up a proposal for the AMSC to be added to the rotation. The club that runs it is responsible for the expenses but also the resulting profits. The profit is usually approximately \$900. A committee will be formed to run it. The AMSC will have responsibility every few years.

Next Board Meeting will be March 30, 2016 at Minipalooza, Purina Farms, Missouri at 4:00 p.m. EST or following Breed judging whichever is later.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Bogart, seconded by Lisa Sarvas, at 10:20 pm.

**Host Hotel Information:
(10 miles from Purina Farms)
Holiday Inn Six Flags**

4901 Six Flags Road
Eureka, Missouri 63025
Tel: 636-938-6661 (Front Desk)

Reference “AMSC” Block Rate:

Two Queens or One King—\$109.95
plus tax / Family Room—Two Rooms/
One Bath—Two Double Beds and One
King Bed—\$189.95 plus tax

- \$35 one-time non-refundable dog fee
- Maximum of 4 dogs per room
- One month prior to arrival all guests will be required to pay a \$100 deposit that goes towards the balance of their stay
- No penalty for cancellations prior to two weeks before arrival

Contact Person: Cathi Rohrer -
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AMSC Board Meeting 10/2/15

Homewood Suites, Valley Forge PA

Meeting called to order 8:40pm by President Carole Weinberger.

Board Members Present: President Carole Weinberger, Vice President Sharon Edwards, Treasurer Bonnie Keyes, Past President Wyoma Clouss, Kaye Kirk, Luana Nedich, Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubik, Gale Schnetzer, Brian Bogart, Rich Edwards, Amy Gordon, Alice Gough, Donna Hills, Rod Hartshorn, Marie Murphy.

Carole welcomed everyone to the new board and hopes we will move forward in a positive direction.

A motion was made by Gale Schnetzer, seconded by Donna Hills to accept the Committee members as proposed by President Carole Weinberger.

The next Board Meeting will be March 30 at MiniPalooza, Purina Farms, Missouri at 4pm CST or following breed judging whichever is later.

There will be board meetings at Great Western and Montgomery County in 2016.

Carole is exploring phone conferencing services that will be satisfactory and hopes to have one of the board meetings as a conference call in 2017. After that it will be rotated yearly which national specialty meeting is the conference call.

There will be a Member retention committee formed to contact personally members who have not paid dues. This has worked in the past to remind people to pay their dues.

Rich Edwards resigned from the board due to Sharon Edwards being elected Vice President.

Carole Meitzler was elected unanimously to serve Rich Edward’s term. The motion was made by Carma Ewer and seconded by Bonnie Keyes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. Motion made by Gale Schnetzer, seconded by Vicki Kubic.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Gordon

TREASURER'S REPORT from.p.2
Profit and Loss Summary

	1/1/15 /- 8/31/15	2015 Budget
Revenues		
Membership Dues	\$ 5,434.00	\$16,658.00
Ways & Means - Merchandise	970.00	6,000.00
Trophy Income	3,001.00	3,100.00
Publications & Literature	227.00	100.00
Purina Parent Club Program	1,156.10	900.00
Health Income	530.00	500.00
Roving Spring Show	626.00	225.00
Roving Summer Show		270.00
Montgomery Show	315.00	475.00
Montgomery Raffle/Auction		734.00
Barn Hunt - Income	405.00	
Interest Income	4.37	75.00
Miscellaneous Income	7.50	100.00
Total Revenues	12,675.97	29,137.00
Expenses		
AKC Delegate	108.45	1,750.00
AKC Annual Dues	25.00	35.00
AKC Fliers	215.34	225.00
Advertising		250.00
Bank Fees		50.00
Insurance	333.00	1,499.00
Meet the Breeds - NYC		450.00
Meet the Breeds - Eukanuba		700.00
Parent Club Canine Health Conf	654.05	1,738.00
Health Seminars @ Specialties	200.00	4,500.00
PayPal Fees	204.02	480.00
Website Maintenance	1,337.49	1,110.00
AMSCOPE	1,206.78	5,010.00
Awards - Breeder, Newsletter, Presidents		1,175.00
Way & Means Mdse Purchased	2,094.63	3,350.00
Election Audit Fees	900.05	
Secretary Expense		220.00
Treasurer Expense		120.00
President Expense		100.00
Trophies	5,247.90	4,500.00
Postage - General	79.38	
Health - Programs	743.94	
Health - Supples	240.65	2,200.00
Health - JRD Study	150.00	300.00
Judges Education		500.00
Judges Selection		225.00
Legislative - NAIA Conference	175.00	462.00
Legislative - NAIA Dues	250.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses		700.00
Publications & Literature	37.88	
SP Roving - Hospitality	836.81	300.00
SP Roving - Judge's Fee & Exp	526.62	1,150.00
SP Roving - Judge's Gifts	200.00	200.00
Sp Roving - Grooming Space	60.00	
Sp Roving - Meet Greet		1,000.00
Sp Roving - Board Meeting		100.00
Sm Roving - Hospitality	692.65	300.00
Sm Roving - Judge's Fee & Exp	907.64	1,150.00
Sm Roving - Judge's Gifts		200.00
Sm Roving - Steward Fee	100.00	
Sm Roving - Meet Greet		1,000.00
Sm Roving - Board Meeting Exp	743.94	100.00
Mont - Show Fee AKC	15.00	
Mont - Show Catalogue Adv		56.00
Mont - Show Meet Greet		1,000.00
Mont - Show Hospitality		300.00
Mont - Show Judge's Fee & Exp		1,150.00
Mont - Show Judge's Gifts		200.00
Mont - Show Board Meeting Room		471.00
Minipalooza	650.00	1,500.00
Sunshine	126.29	
Total Expenses	19,062.51	41,826.00
Net Income	(\$ 6,385.89)	(\$ 12,689.00)

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman Up With The Birds** finished the requirements for his Canadian title on August 29th with a group first from the classes, and his AKC title with two majors at Hatboro. "Pilot" is the third AKC champion for his dam, GCh. CanCh. Minuteman Goldikova and the 13th for his sire Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman All About Flyfishing. Bred by Catherine McMillan and Terrie Houck, owned by Catherine McMillan.

AMSC MiniPalooza 2016 RV Reservations

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

RV Parking

Fee is \$40/night with electric, water and sewage hookups in Purina's camping area directly adjacent to the Arena Building.
 NOTE: Campers wishing to be together should send in their reservations on separate forms but submit all forms by one person.

Contact person:

Barbara Donahue,
 203 Elmwood Lane
 Coatesville, PA 19320;
 Cell 215-896-9666
 Email: barbamrd_2000@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to AMSC and mail to the above address, or send payment via Paypal to barbamrd_2000@yahoo.com
 Outside USA reservations: All outside US requests will be paid through Paypal.
 Conversion to US Dollars to cover \$40/night is required.

Check if Handicap Parking is required _____

State & License of Unit _____

Type of unit: Class A _____ Class C _____

Fifth Wheel _____ Travel Trailer _____

Pop-Up _____

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Number of Nights __ @ \$40 = \$ _____

Amount enclosed for RV Parking \$ _____

2016 DUES & TROPHY DONATION

By renewing your dues you acknowledge you have read and will abide by the AMSC [Code of Ethics](#).

2016 Membership dues are due by January 1, 2016. Dues will be in arrears after that date

and will lapse if not paid before March 1, 2016.

Members receiving AMSCope by **Email** (soft copy) - **\$30 individual, \$52.50 joint**

Members receiving AMSCope by **regular mail** (hard copy) - **\$55 individual, \$75 joint**

Pay Online by secure credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express) or PayPal. Foreign payments must be paid in US dollars.

Go to the AMSC website (www.AMSC.us)

Click on Members box at top of page, login to the Members Only section.

Click on the "Buy Now" button for the type of Dues you are paying.

Payment by check payable to the AMSC to the address below.

Foreign checks must be a bank draft or certified check in US dollars.

Bonnie Keyes

511 River Terrace

Endicott, NY 13760-5054

email: Treasurer@amsc.us

phone: (607) 742-3828

Review the AMSC roster to confirm the accuracy of your address/phone/email. The roster is available in the Members section of our Website.

Send any changes to your contact information to Treasurer@amsc.us or send a note with your check.

Make your 2016 Trophy Donation now. Send a check or pay via PayPal. PayPal payment is in the Members section of our Website. When paying by Check or PayPal please notate 2016 Trophy Donation.

Regards,

Bonnie Keyes



Bonnie Keyes,

Treasurer

MINIPALOOZA

RV/Trailer Rental

MiniPalooza 2016 attendees may be interested in housing alternatives to local hotels and find that renting an RV or trailer and staying on the Purina Farms grounds is an attractive option. Rental RV's and trailers are delivered to Purina Farms upon your arrival and then picked up upon your departure. Please contact any of the companies below for rental information.

Byerly RV (closest)	M.B. Thomas RV
Eureka, MO	(delivers & picks up)
(636) 938-2000	St. Louis, MO
	(800) 392-5655

St. Louis RV & Bus

O'Fallon, MO

(314) 743-3939

In addition to the rental fee, there is a parking fee of \$40/night for full service that includes water, sewer and electric (30 and 50 amp). This is in addition to the RV rental fee.

All questions about RV/trailer rentals must be directed to the above companies; Barbara Donahue (barbaramd_2000@yahoo.com) is only managing RV parking reservations.



**Get your
dues in
on time!**

10 Human Behaviors That Stress Dogs Out

By Dr. Becker

Your dog can become stressed for a variety of reasons. For example, [dogs on leashes](#) typically feel stress when they encounter other dogs – especially if the other dog is off-leash. This is probably because it's difficult for our canine companions to greet each other in natural doggy fashion while tethered to us.

But what many people don't realize is the extent to which we, as pet guardians, can create stress in our dog. The veterinary publication [dvm360](#) has compiled a list of stress triggers for dogs... and I think some of them may surprise you.

10 Ways to Stress Out Your Dog

- 1. Punish him for behaving like a dog.** Your canine companion is a creature of opportunity, and when you give him opportunities to "misbehave" by leaving tantalizing items within his reach, he'll take advantage. Translation: don't leave food or scraps where he can smell or see them.

Don't leave him in the bedroom alone with your slippers or socks. Insure the only opportunities you provide your dog are ones he can succeed at.

- 2. Tell her "no" over and over.** If your dog is doing something she shouldn't be doing, telling her "no" will probably cause her to stop the behavior temporarily. But saying no to a dog without offering an alternative turns your "no" into merely an interruption, not a request or demand.

Unless you show your dog what you want her to do instead of what she's doing, chances are she'll be right back doing it sooner or later.

- 3. Give her a variety of verbal commands for a single behavior.** Many pet guardians assume their dog or cat knows English, and therefore knows that "drop it" and "leave it" mean the same thing, or that "get it" and "bring it to me" are the same.

Train your dog to respond to simple, preferably single-word commands

(sit, stay, come, down, pee, poop, etc.) and then use those words, and only those words, to communicate. Otherwise, you'll create stress in your dog because she knows you want her to do something, but she doesn't know what based on the words you're using.

- 4. Tell him "it's okay."** Many dog guardians tend to say this phrase to their pet when something decidedly not okay is about to happen. For example, you're [driving your dog to the groomer](#), which is a place he's not fond of. You've driven him there often enough that as always, he starts to whine when the grooming shop comes into view.

And as always, you say, "it's okay" in an effort to comfort him. The second you utter those words he knows without a doubt where he's going, and his stress level shoots through the roof.

"It's okay" becomes a verbal cue to panic. Instead, help your dog learn to relax and cope with anxiety-producing situations.

- 5. Pull his leash.** [A dog that has been properly trained to walk on a leash](#) doesn't typically do a lot of pulling, so if you feel the need to constantly yank the leash to redirect him, it's probably time to refresh your pet's leash manners.

It's also important to anticipate that your dog will naturally stop and sniff as often as possible, and pull in the direction of someone or something interesting. Be kind and understanding – allow your furry friend a reasonable amount of time to smell-inspect his outdoor territory and pick up his pee-mail without yanking him toward your destination.

- 6. Hold him while you hug or kiss him.** Canines really don't get these human expressions of affection and can be confused by them – especially when the hugger or kisser is a relative stranger. Also, since dogs are typi

cally being held (restrained) during the bear hug or smooch-fest, it increases their stress level.

Imagine how you would feel if someone large and in charge grabbed

hold of you and wouldn't let go. It's not a good feeling and does nothing to generate trust, right?

Unless your dog is remaining contentedly still on his own while being hugged or kissed, it's best to stick to stroking and [petting](#), which most dogs can't get enough of.

- 7. Stare at her.** Most people are uncomfortable being stared at by other people, so it's easy to imagine how unsettling it might be for your dog. The canine species views staring as a confrontational sort of a "Let's get ready to rumble" signal, which naturally triggers a stress response. There's no need to stare at your dog unless you're [returning her gaze](#).

- 8. Point or shake your finger at her.** The finger pointing/shaking thing is a universal stress inducer for dogs (and many humans). That's probably because it's usually done while you're standing over your pooch in a menacing posture, or while you're speaking in a tone of voice that signals your displeasure.

Many a [guilty dog look](#) is the result of the finger-pointing thing, but your pet isn't so much feeling guilty as uncomfortable, wary, confused, and yes... stressed.

- 9. Tell him to "get down" when he jumps up.** If like most people you use the verbal cue "down" to ask your dog to go from a sit to a lie-down, it's not going to work in situations where he's jumping up on you or someone else (or a piece of furniture). Train him to stop jumping with the verbal command "off" or "paws on floor" instead. You'll save your dog the confusion and stress that comes from trying to understand your command, and you'll potentially save yourself or a guest from a friendly mauling.

- 10. Wake her up.** Unless there's a pressing reason to awaken your four-legged family member from a nice snooze, try to avoid it. Being shaken or shouted awake is stressful for all of us.



AMSCOPE

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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Greater Columbus MSC Nov. 14, 2015
Regular classes: Robert Stein
Sweeps: Carol Ann Patterson
Cincinnati MSC March 31, 2016
Regular Classes: Lloyd Amodei
Sweepstakes: Richard Isley
Lone Star MSC July 7, 2016
Regular Classes: Sally George
Sweepstakes: Darlene Davis

AMSC SPECIALTIES

Gateway MSC April 1, 2016
Regular Classes: Margo Klinger
Obedience: Virginia Kinion
Sweeps: Brian Bogart
Roving Specialty-Purina Farms Apr.3 2016,
Regular classes, Carol Weinberger
Sweeps-Janet Taylor
Great Western June 26,2016
Regular classes, Linda More
Sweeps-Mary Paisley
Montgomery Co. Oct.9, 2016
Regular classes: Jon Cole
Sweeps:Linda Drost
Roving Specialty-Portland Jan 21,2017
Regular classes: David Alexander
Sweeps: Bonnie Keyes
Great Western June 25, 2017
Regular Classes: Peggy Beisel McIlwaine
Sweeps: Patty Ledgerwood
Montgomery County Oct. 8, 2017
Regular Classes: Joan Huber
Sweeps:Brian Bogart

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have my very own tree
in the house!*



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