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SWEEPSTAKES

JUDGE: Ms Vicki Barker

1/BSS Beauideal the Art of War/Sarvas

REGULAR CLASSES

JUDGE: Mr Roger R Hartinger

RWD Tomar's Get the Party Started / Paisley.

1/W/BW BBY Beauideal the Game of Thrones/Sarvas.

W/OS Beauideal I am Sasha Fierce./ Sarvas.

RWB Rampage's 2 Fast and Furious/ Hudziak/Garmake/Gonzalez/Teets.

BOB GCH CH Beauideal Bombay Sapphire/Sarvas.

Never Use These Dangerous Carcinogens Around Your Pet

By Dr. Becker

This is an important heads-up for all of you who put chemical pest repellent collars on your pets and/or use pesticide sprays in and around your home.

In March of this year, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), which is part of the World Health Organization (WHO), reported that glyphosate, the most widely used herbicide in the world, and four organophosphate pesticides are carcinogenic (they can cause cancer).¹

A summary of the IARC study was published in the journal *The Lancet Oncology* in May 2015.² The 17 experts from 11 countries who prepared the report rated two pesticides, tetrachlorvinphos and parathion, as "possibly carcinogenic to humans." The remaining three, malathion, diazinon and glyphosate, were rated as "probably carcinogenic to humans."

With the exception of diazinon, for which limited evidence exists in studies of animals, there is sufficient evidence the remaining four chemicals are carcinogenic to animals.

5 Pesticides and Herbicides Shown to Cause Cancer

- **Glyphosate** is a widely used herbicide around the world, and usage has increased with the increase in genetically modified crops. The greatest use of this toxin is in agriculture, but it is also used in forestry, urban, and home applications. Glyphosate has been detected in the air, in water, and in food.

There is evidence of carcinogenicity in humans for non-Hodgkin lymphoma based on several years of studies of agricultural exposure to glyphosate in the US, Canada, and Sweden. Studies also show glyphosate causes DNA and chromosomal damage in human cells.

There is also convincing evidence that glyphosate can cause cancer in animals.

The most well-known product containing glyphosate is Roundup by Monsanto. A comprehensive list of products containing this herbicide can be found at the US Department of Health and Human Services [Household Products Database](#). Also check out Dr. Mercola's recent [article on glyphosate](#) for more

information on the dangers of this herbicide and Monsanto's unprecedented efforts to silence the opposition.

- Thanks to regulations restricting the spraying of **diazinon**, this insecticide is in limited use in agriculture and homes in the US and Europe. Studies of this chemical have shown evidence of carcinogenicity in humans for non-Hodgkin lymphoma and lung cancer, as well as DNA and chromosomal damage.

You can find a list of products containing diazinon [here](#). The list includes Ortho Ready Spray Flea & Tick Killer for pets.

- **Malathion** is another insecticide associated with non-Hodgkin lymphoma and also prostate cancer. Like glyphosate and diazinon, this toxin produces DNA and chromosomal damage, as well as disruption of hormone pathways. It also causes tumors in rodents.

Malathion is used for insect control in agriculture, public health, and in homes. It is produced in substantial volumes across the globe. Exposure in the general population occurs primarily from proximity to sprayed areas, use in homes, and in food.

A list of products containing this insecticide can be found [here](#).

- Studies of the pesticide **tetrachlorvinphos** have produced strong evidence of carcinogenicity in animals. This toxin is banned in the European Union, but is still in use in the US on livestock and companion animals, including in flea collars for pets.

According to the Household Products Database, the following pet products contain tetrachlorvinphos:⁴

- Hartz Advanced Care 1 in 1 Reflecting Flea & Tick Collar for Cats
- Hartz InControl Flea & Tick Cat Spray
- Hartz InControl Reflecting Flea & Tick Collars for Dogs
- Hartz Control Flea & Tick Repellent for Dogs

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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

Jacquelyn Ebersbach
424 45th Street

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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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- Hartz Advanced Care 2 in 1 Reflecting Flea & Tick Collar for Dogs
- Hartz Control Ultimate Flea Collar for Cats
- **Parathion**, another pesticide shown to be carcinogenic in animals, has fortunately been banned in both the US and Europe since 2003.

Protecting Four-Legged Family Members from Pest Control Toxins

Don't apply pesticides to your yard, and if you use a lawn care service, don't allow them to use chemicals, either. The same goes for herbicides, and keep in mind that a neighbor's lawn treatment can potentially contaminate your property and pose a risk to you and your pet.

Don't allow your pet access to any outdoor space unless you can confirm no pesticides have been used.

If you think your pet has rolled around on chemically treated grass, bathe him as soon as possible. If you've walked your dog in a chemically treated outdoor space, give him a foot soak as soon as you get home to flush away any chemical residue that may be clinging to his feet and lower legs.

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

When it comes to pest control, remember — keeping your pet's immune system healthy and strong is the best way to help him fight off parasites as well as disease. A balanced, species-appropriate diet made with organic, non-GMO ingredients is the foundation of your pet's good health and long life.

Use a safe, natural pest deterrent. Also consider cedar oil (specifically manufactured for pet health), natural food-grade diatomaceous earth, or fresh garlic. Work with a holistic veterinarian to determine a safe amount for your pet's body weight.

Bathe and brush your pet regularly and perform frequent full-body inspections to check for parasite activity, and insure your indoor and outdoor environments are unfriendly to pests.

Detoxifying Your Pet

Consider periodic detoxification for your pet. The level of environmental exposure to chemicals will dictate the appropriate frequency and type of detox.

For example, if your dog has constant exposure to toxic chemicals all summer, supplying a daily detox protocol is a wise idea. But if your pet's only source of chemical exposure is heartworm pills, or if you are applying flea and tick chemicals directly on your pet, then offering a detox program the week after each pill or topical treatment makes sense.

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

American Miniature Schnauzer Club Minutes.

October 6, 2017 Audubon, PA
Called to Order 6:26 pm.

Officers and Board Members present:

President – Carole Weinberger
Vice President – Sharon Edwards
Treasurer – Bonnie Keyes
AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue

Board Members Present:

Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Gale Schnetzer, Brian Bogart, Carol Meitzler, Amy Gordon, Rod Hartshorn, Donna Hills, Marie Murphey, Patti Henderson, Beth Santure

Guests: Heather Orr, Janet Smith, Silvia Soos-Kazel, Cheryl Dugan, Angela Bransom, Helle Agerskov, Rich Edwards, Jackie Ebersbach, Shawne Imler, Luana Nedlich.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Addition to Agenda – Addition of Galen and Carma Ewer to the AMSC mentors list, Add Mini Palooza Report – Calendar for fundraising
Brian Bogart moved, seconded by Patti H to accept the revised agenda.

Report of the President – Carole Weinberger

It's been an interesting year for our Club. We made some changes in the way we meet that will impact club business in the coming years. We will no longer attempt to have 3 face to face meetings a year. It has become too expensive to travel all over the country at least twice a year and we all have to plan carefully if we are taking dogs because of the expense. Two out of three Board meetings were cancelled this year because we could not get a quorum, so we decided to have 1 face to face meeting, location to be decided at the post annual meeting Board meeting, and 2 or more teleconferences, days to be decided upon by the President and confirmed by the Board as needed. I think this will be a more efficient way to function and we seem to get a lot done at phone meetings.

We lost a number of members this year. As usual, Lydia Hutchinson will be organizing a sunrise service to honor these members of all the Terrier clubs. It will be at 7 at the Bell Tower on the show site and I hope some of you can attend. It seems that we are all getting older and the losses grow larger every year.

I will be recommending a donation to the AKC disaster relief committee for the victims of the most recent weather related disasters. It's important for us to remember the folks who have lost so much and help them with their

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canine friends. We need to decide how much and where to donate.

The major order of business this meeting will be a discussion of and vote on the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws that have been included in this agenda. Please take the time to read and make notes so that we can do this in a reasonable amount of time. We feel that the changes will facilitate both finding Board members who want to serve, reduce the numbers needed for a quorum, and allow the Club to function in a more flexible way,

As usual, Lloyd (and John) have planned for a great show, Barbara and Luana will see that we are fed, have coffee, and are wined and dined tomorrow night. We also have a garage sale of "doggy items" for your perusal.

Here's to a Great Montgomery County Specialty and Good luck to all competitors!!

**Report of the Secretary: Carol Hafner
Board Discussion Action Items:**

1. Motion to allow Judges' Selection Committee Chair to use a person from the 2019 Sweeps Judges nomination list to fill the vacancy for the 2018 Roving Specialty Sweeps Judge because the selected judge has stepped down. Motion on June 19, 2017 passed by email vote of 14 Yea, 7 Board members did not vote.

2. Motion on August 8, 2017 for Patricia O'Brien and Dr. Lisa Sarvas as health information contacts and Vicki Kubic and Barbara Donahue as general breed contacts for the AKC Media/Communications died. President Weinberger requested that the AKC be notified of these parent club contacts.

Correspondence (Received):

1. **AKC**
 - a. AKC Canine Health Foundation reminder for upcoming conference
 - b. Westminster Kennel Club will donate \$5,000 to randomly selected three AKC recognized National Parent Clubs to support rescue activities
 - c. Event Close Out notice for GWTA Sweepstakes and Specialty at Irwindale on June 25, 2017
 - d. Request for media contacts from AMSC
 - e. Event Not Received Notice for January 20, 2018 Specialty
 - f. Notification of upcoming vote on rules change concerning disqualification and reinstatement process for dogs that have been disqualified for aggression
 - g. Event Not Received Notice for January 2018 Specialty cancelled from AKC system
 - h. Request for feedback on a Conformation Education Summit and a

Webinar Series for Parent clubs and All Breed Clubs

i. Email acknowledgement of AMSC media contacts from AKC

2. AMSC

a. Request from the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California for the AMSC to hold a single specialty annually and that the general membership be allowed to vote on the change.

b. Request from the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Northern California for the AMSC to hold a single specialty annually

c. AKC Canine Health Foundation mid-year donor advised statement received

d. Request for Roster from AMSC member

e. Request for AMSCestry correction on champion status of finished dog

3. Miscellaneous

a. PennVet diabetes survey request to participate (3 requests)

b. Advertisement for iFrame to help search for pet friendly apartments

c. Prevue Meetings advertisement for event planning in the Bahamas

d. Announcement for All American Grooming show in Wheeling, IL

e. Animal Rescue Aid grant applications open in July 2017

f. Advertisement for Paw Mat Elite mat for grooming tables, bathtubs and floors

g. Question on maximum sizes for female miniature schnauzers for breeding

h. Advertisement for a full-service search engine optimization agency to improve our website

i. Earthdog event announcement in Maryland in September 2017

j. Inquiry on order purchased from AMSC website

k. Advertisement from Prize Possessions for awards

l. Magnetic dog collar advertisement and funding request

m. Safety information from publichealthcorp.org

n. Request to write article about pet adoption from Ourbestfriends.pet (2 requests)

o. Animal Rescue Aid announcement for grant recipients for October and November 2017

p. Inquiry on breeders available in Ohio

Correspondence (Sent):

1. Emailed AKC to notify them that Patricia O'Brien and Dr. Lisa Sarvas will

be the health contacts and Vicki Kubic and Barbara Donahue will be the breed information contacts for AKC Media/Communications

Membership:

As of 10/6/17 our membership totaled 402 Regular members, 4 Life Members 30 Foreign w/voting privileges and 27 Foreign w/o voting privileges, for a total of 463. We have had 5 deaths in 2017.

Local MS Clubs:

1. There are presently 17 local clubs that are active and licensed to hold specialty shows.

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.

AMSC GWTA Specialty:

The AMSC Specialty was held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association show in Irwindale, California on Sunday, June 25, 2017. Patty Ledgerwood judged 8 Sweepstakes entries. Peggy Beisel-McIlwayne judged 34 regular class entries.

The majority of the archiving process is completed for past files and records. AMSC flash drive will be forwarded to Carma Ewer for future secretarial documents and files for archiving after Montgomery County. On a personal note, I would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to be the club secretary for the past 4 years and give a very special thanks to Carma for taking over the position. Thank you EVERYONE!!!

Vicki K moved, and Patti H seconded to accept the report of the secretary.

VI. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:
Bonnie Keyes

Financial statements were provided at the Board meeting. Bonnie also provided the board with the results of the Audit from Squires Accounting and Tax Services. The report stated that "the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc. as of December 31, 2016." Sincerely, Barbara L. Squire

Patti H moved and Barbara D seconded that the Treasurers report be accepted.

Report of the AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue

Barbara reported on the recent delegates meeting.

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Discussion on the Reassessment Query from AKC about separating Miniature Schnauzers into three separate breeds by color. Brian B moved and Patti H seconded that we instruct the AKC that the AMSC does not want to be separated into three separate breeds.

Crop and Dock Committee – Beth Santure will head up a committee to look into what the AMSC can do to encourage more veterinarians to Crop and Dock. And will report back to the board in January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**A.Special Committees:**

1.2018 Roving Specialty – Perry, Georgia: Amy Gordon – There is a problem with the AKC and having the Florida club hold a specialty with the shows in Atlanta. To solve this problem, the Central Florida Miniature Schnauzer club will hold a concurrent specialty on Saturday with the all breed club. The AMSC specialty will then be on Sunday. This will give exhibitors 5 sets of shows in 4 days. A motion was made by Amy and seconded by Patti to accept this format.

2. 2018 Great Western Specialty: Request from John Constantine to judge additional breeds at Great Western. Marie moved that we allow John to accept additional assignments as long as it does not interfere with the AMSC specialty. Seconded by Patti. Motion passed.

3. 2019 Schnauzerpalooza II: Carole Weinberger – Patti Henderson was added to the committee. Local specialties on Friday and Sunday with the AMSC National on Saturday. The committee is looking into having calendars made up with Photos of important dogs from our history to be available as a fund raiser. Health Committee will pay for initial costs, and the calendar will be available worldwide plus the original photos will be auctioned off at SchnauzaPalooza

Also, there is an ongoing Logo contest open to all AMSC members. The Health committee is looking into seminars. Please contact the Health committee with ideas for the kinds of

seminars that members are interested in.

At this time there are plans for Agility, Barn Hunt, Nose Work and Lure Coursing. The board voted to table the budget until January.

B.Standing Committees:

1. AMSCare: Jana King– Patti Henderson gave a moving Testimonial about how wonderful it was to have this committee available to members and how good Jana King was when working with an older member and her animals. Thank You Jana!!

2. AMSC –L Yahoo Group: Vicki Kubic, Luana Nedich –

The migration of the AMSC-L list from Yahoo Groups to Groups.io was successful and virtually seamless. If you are not on the list and would like to be, or have an email address change please notify Luana - luaned@aol.com or Vicki - VickiKubic@aol.com to be added/changed. The next step is to clean up the old files that migrated from Yahoo that are obsolete and outdated and to update the files with current information.

4. Awards:

Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms– Award recipients will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Audubon, PA.

Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger – The Board discussed the Versatility Award Form and Patti H moved that we change the form to state “AMSC recognized colors” under the section on color. Donna H seconded. This will become affective from October 6 forward.

The AMSC Versatility Award has proved to be a very popular award. Since its inception in 2004, we have awarded 62 Versatility Awards. Only 5 of those have been the illusive Versatility Award Excellent. In 2017 – so far - we have issued 11 Awards. Congratulations to these awardees:

Robin Ohrt & Sway-Z,
CH Gala Dirty Dancer NF NAJ RATN
Bred By: Gay Oltjenbruns & Donna Lynn Hills

Nancy Lincoln & Major
MACH 4 Southcross Majority Vote UDX
OM1 BN GN GO VER MXG2 MJS2 XF

RATN Bred By: Sonny Shanks Lelle

Carol Henning & Jose
GCHB CH Sparx Sun Worshipper OAP
NJP RATO
Bred By: Connie Krohn

Lee Pinter & Jaxon
Southcross Thunderbolt Jaxon CD BN RE
AX MXJ NF JE
Bred By: SonnyLelle & Richard Lelle

Hilde Haakensen, Lisa Miller & Finnegan CH Mach Axcium's Shine
On CDX BN RE MX MXS MXJ MJS NAP
NJP T2B
Bred By: Hilde Haakensen

Mary McArdle & Darby
PACH Eclipse Darby RN MXP4 MXPB
MJP4 MJPB PAX NFP RATO
Bred By: Celeste Abell & Linda Knilans

Karin Kinnan & Seal
CH MACH Garnet Rock's Seal The Deal
MX MXB MXJ OF CA RATN
Bred By: June Glover & Susan McGinnis

Linda Wahlquist –Soos & Rainy
GCH CH T-Lan's Rainy Day Money For
Abacus NAP CGC RATN
Bred By: Linda Wahlquist-Soos

Linda Wahlquist-Soos & Breaker
GCH CH Abacus T-Lan's Break The
Money Mold RN NJP CGC
Bred By: Cynthia Wallace & Robert Riley

Tatiana Myers, Irina McDunnell & Lusha
GCH CH Shazzam of Oz Tactical Solution
RE NJP ACT2
Bred By: Tatiana Myers & John Constantine

Denise Baker & Gabby
MACH Dare to Dream GabriellaRN MXC
MJG MXF MFB TQX T2B2 RATCH
Bred By: Tatiana Myers & James Myers

5. Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms, Robin Ohrt

Proposal to AMSC to host a day at the Montgomery Terrier Agility Cluster in Palmyra, PA

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This was approved last year, and the committee will move forward. Patti moved and Donna seconded that Barbara communicate with the Terrier Trial and report back to the board in January.

6. Constitution & By-Laws: Chris Levy, John Constantine –

The Committee responded to requests from the AMSC Board of Directors for the following changes:

- Change the Board of Governors from 16 to 9, serving 3-year instead of 4-year terms. (The transition mechanism is not a part of the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, so will be dealt with once the Constitution and Bylaws is going through the approval/voting process.)
- Change the AKC Delegate from an officer to an appointed Chair and clarify the role.
- Include AKC-recommended wording so that at some point in the future the club membership may vote electronically (paper ballots still available for those members not wanting electronic means). (This is full club voting and is not the same as the already-included AKC wording that allows the Board members to conduct business, including voting, electronically.)
- Clarify that business of the Board, including voting, may be conducted by any one of the following means: telephone conference call, mail, fax, or email.
- Added wording from AKC's recommended Constitution and Bylaws for parent clubs that clarifies the relationship between the Board and the Committees.

Following is the list of changes. Each change is numbered and described:

I. GENERAL

1. Changed the word "by-laws" to "bylaws" removing the hyphen to agree with commonly-accepted practice.
2. Changed "Board of Governors" (18 locations) in all locations except for the first five to be "Board" (139 locations) for consistency. **Article II, Section 1** says "hereinafter referred to as the Board". (Recommendation by Sharon Edwards for consistency.)
3. Multiple changes to the word "mailed" to indicate notices may be sent via snail mail or email. Used the words "distribution" and "sent".
4. As regards to voting, changed all references to "Regular Members" to "Regular or Life Members" since both membership categories can vote.

II. CONSTITUTION

5. **Article I, Section 3:** Removed the word "mixed". (Recommendation by Sharon Edwards, who says there is no such thing as "mixed property".) There is no paragraph like this in the AKC Sample Constitution and Bylaws, so nothing else to refer to.

III. BYLAWS - ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

6. **Section 2(b):** Added the word "Regular" to membership. (Recommendation by Sharon Edwards.)
7. **Section 3(a):** Reworded the membership application process. (Recommendation by Sharon Edwards.)
8. **Section 4(d):** Added wording for clarification (Recommendation by Sharon Edwards.)

IV. ARTICLE II – BOARD OF GOVERNORS

9. **Section 1:** Changing the makeup of the Board
10. **Section 1(d):** Add section to define the role of the AKC Delegate
11. **Section 1(e):** Clarification of the Local Club Delegate role on the Board.

V. ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

12. Changed **Sections 1 & 2** on the makeup of the Board.
13. Removed the sentence in **Section 1:** "No person may concurrently hold an executive office in the AMSC and in a Local Miniature Schnauzer Specialty Club."
14. **Section 3(c) and 3(d):** moved "keep a roster of club members" from Secretary duties to Treasurer since that is the current practice.
15. **Section 3(d):** Changed "books" to "financial records". (Recommendation by Sharon Edwards.)
16. **Section 3(e):** Moved this section to **Article II** governing the makeup of the Board.

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VI. ARTICLE IV – LOCAL CLUB DELEGATES

17. **Section 1(a):** Removed the ability for Local Club Delegates to vote on matters concerning the Breed Standard. The reasoning is that the majority members of a local club may not be AMSC members and shouldn't have a vote on Breed Standard matters. (Recommendation by Wyoma Clouss.)

VII. ARTICLE V – CLUB YEAR

No changes

VIII. ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Administrative changes to allow for electronic business.

IX. ARTICLE VII – VOTING

18. Restructured this Article to separate by Club business vs. Board business for clarity. (Recommendation by Sharon Edwards.)
19. **Section 2(a):** Removed "Telephone votes shall be confirmed in writing via mail, fax, or email to the Secretary by each Board member." It apparently is not an AKC requirement anymore.
20. **Section 2(b):** Changed the requirement that the minutes show how each Board member voted to be a tally of the ayes and nays rather than how each member voted.
21. Included AKC-recommended wording so that at some point in the future the club membership may vote electronically (paper ballots still available for those members not wanting electronic means).

This wording is in **Article VII, Section 2** and **Article XI, Section 2**. (This is full club voting and is not the same as the already-included AKC wording that allows the Board members to conduct business, including voting, electronically.)

22. **Section 2(a) through (c):** Add "and/or video" to AKC's recommended wording on conducting meetings "by telephone and/or video conference, mail, fax, or email".

X. ARTICLE VIII – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

23. **Sections 1(a) and 1(d)** (Nominating Committee description) moved here from **Article IX – Committees** which is a general description of the types of committees, but does not cover specific committees.
24. **Article VIII, Section 1(c):** Add "areas of competition" to the criteria for selecting candidates for Officers or the Board.
25. **Article VIII, Section 1(f):** Removed "and declinations". There is no reason the Secretary needs to have the declinations, and that is not stated in the current procedures.

26. **Article VIII, Section 1(f):** Reworded this paragraph to reflect current business processes so that the slate is ready for the June Board meeting and the July AMSCOpe.

XI. ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

27. Separated out the types of committees into Standing Committees (**Section 2**) and Special Committees (**Section 3**). It had been all mixed

together and was confusing.

28. Does anyone know what a Committee of the Board is? It is appointed differently (by the Board rather than the President with Board approval). If no one can come up with a reason, recommend removing this type as Robert's Rules does not include this type of committee. Even if we keep it, remove Section 4(b) because all rules applying to committees would apply to this type of committee so it's redundant.

29. Moved Section 4 on Nominating Committee to Article VII – Nominations and Elections. Deleted Section 4(b) since it referred to Article VIII and it had been moved there so no reference was necessary.

30. Added wording from AKC's recommended Constitution and Bylaws for parent clubs to **Article IX, Section 1** that clarifies the relationship between the Board and the Committees. Added **Section 5** in that Article from the same source clarifying committee appointments.

XII. ARTICLE X - DISCIPLINE

31. **Section 1:** changed "the" to "any" – AKC has requested this.
32. At Carole Weinberger's request, rewrote part of this Article to reflect an existing process. Added a **Section 2** to define the Ethics Committee as part of the discipline process. Rewrote **Section 3** to define that process of filing charges. The important take-away is

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that the Board does not have to deal with the complaint until the Ethics Committee determines that the allegations, if proven, constitute “conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed.”, in which they would make a recommendation to the Board to that effect.

XIII. ARTICLE XI – BREED STANDARD AND AMENDMENTS

33. Section 2(b): Added “who return valid ballots” to match Section 2(a).

XIV. ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION

Article XII, Section 1: Removed the last part of the last sentence as it was a duplicate to Section 2.

Bonnie voted that the board approve the changes in the Constitution and By Laws and that the committee move forward to have them approved by AKC and the membership. Seconded by Patti. Motion passed.

8.Montgomery County Hospitality: Barbara Donahue and Luana Nedich – Everything is planned and ready to go for Sunday.

9. Education: John Constantine – Application by Carma and Galen Ewer to become AMSC mentors. Bonnie moved, and Donna seconded that the Board moved to add Carma and Galen Ewer to the list of approved AMSC mentors.

11.Guidelines: Luana Nedich, Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe

Nedich is still waiting for response from many of the Committees to update or write their guidelines. The following are current or updated and should be the only ones on the AMSC-List grGroups.io and the Website. All others should be removed.

- Fall Specialty (Montgomery County) Guidelines Committee
- Health Committee
- Independent Specialty Guide
- Legislative Liason
- Montgomery County Hospitality
- Nominating Committee
- Performance Committee
- Website/Social Media
- The following chart is the status of all the Current Committees. New and old Committee Chairs need to see what is needed for their committee and contact Nedich if help needed.
- AMSCestry GUIDELINE NEED
- AMSCope APPROVED UPDATED AND
- AMSC-List NEED UPDATE
- Awards GUIDELINE NEED
- Versatility Awards NEED UPDATE
- BREEDER REFERRAL GUIDELINE NEED
- CATALOGUE ADVERTISING - MONTGOMERY NEED GUIDELINE
- COMPANION & PERFORMANCE EVENTS PERFORMANCE OK NEED COMPANION UPDATED
- CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS NEED GUIDELINE
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOSPITALITY GUIDELINE APPROVED
- EDUCATION—OVERALL AND JUDGES NEED GUIDELINE
- ETHICS GUIDELINES NEED UPDATE
- WRITTEN AND APPROVED

- HEALTH WRITTEN AND APPROVED
- HISTORIAN AND POLICY RECORDS NEED GUIDELINE
- JUDGES SELECTION NEED UPDATE
- LEGISLATIVE LEAISON WRITTEN AND APPROVED
- LOCAL CLUB BULLETIN/WEBSITE NEED UPDATE
- MEMBERSHIP/INSIGNIA NEED UPDATE
- PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE SUBMITTING FOR BOARD APPROVAL
- RESCUE/AMSCare GUIDELINE NEED
- TROPHIES UPDATE NEED
- WAYS AND MEANS GUIDELINE NEED
- WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA
- WRITTEN & APPROVED
- ROVING SPECIAL COORDINATOR INDEPENDENT SPECIAL GUIDE OK, GENERAL GUIDELINES NEED UPDATING
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY SPECIALTY (FALL SPECIALTY) GUIDELINES APPROVED
- For Board Approval: PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**
- I. Purpose:**
In line with approved policies and procedures and guidance from the AMSC Board, this committee will respond to and disseminate information and/or materials provided (published) by the AMSC, both to club members and to the general public.

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A. The following materials and publications are available:

1. AMSC Grooming Chart
2. Illustrated Discussion of the Standard
3. CD-The Miniature Schnauzer

B. Each inquiry should be listed in a record book noting date received, date answered, items ordered, payment received, and the cost of first class postage. All orders for materials or publications must be prepaid. Records of purchases shall be maintained either on paper or electronically for a period of one year.

C. A physical inventory of all materials and publications must be maintained.

D. A report should be presented at each Board Meeting listing income, expenses, and materials currently in inventory which may be ascertained by subtracting the amount distributed from the amount previously in inventory

E. Checks and money orders for materials ordered should be sent periodically to the Treasurer as well as an itemized list of expenses (postage, envelopes, etc.) with receipts.

F. The Illustrated Standard will be provided free of charge for club members conducting judges education seminars.

G. Board permission is required to change the price of materials and to place orders for additional materials from the printer.

H. The Chairman, as necessary, shall recommend changes in these committee guidelines and shall make revisions as instructed by the Board and provide the Guidelines Committee Chairman with a copy of the revised guidelines.

Written by Patricia O'Brien/September 2017

Patti H moved to accept the Publication guidelines. Seconded by Gale S. Motion passed.

Ethics committee guidelines were reviewed and Vicki moved to accept, Gale seconded.

12. Health: Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Patricia O'Brien, Sheila Marks Anderson
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The AMSC Health Committee has been substantively involved in collecting and preserving MAC data submitted from all over the world. We have established a list of MAC DNA results that are backed by documentation of the result reports. International kennels clubs are providing us or encouraging their members to share comparable data for MAC DNA testing performed by their respective members. Screening continues and is going well. International submissions have picked up recently and Dr Giger has identified yet another severely affected MAC dog. The frequency of carriers is declining from 10% to less which is expected as more general screenings are being done. To date 1500 tests have been performed with 10% carriers many of which are international as the USA seems to be the slower to embrace the test. By far, Argentina has the highest frequency of carriers.

Dr. Giger has given several presentations of the MAC research for veterinary professional organizations and the manuscript will be submitted for publication in late October to early November 2017. This Article will be posted to MAC webpage when published. MAC DNA Testing protocols will be made available to qualified testing laboratories outside the US.

The Health Committee has been engaged in following PRA since receiving 4 reports over the last 2 years. We have been in communication with various European Kennel Club Health groups and sharing of information has been very promising for future collaboration. We have been actively pursuing academic research opportunities in this area for miniature schnauzers and have been able to secure a well-regarded researcher from Helsinki who has applied AND RECEIVED a grant from the AKC/CHF. We will be designating funding for this project in this report.

With the announcement of the new PRA-B test from Optigen it is our intention to establish a list like the MAC list but primarily for archival purposes. The Optigen PRA-B DNA test is equivocal & does not represent the full picture of PRA in our Breed. A clear PRA-B test result is no guarantee that you will not experience PRA. There obviously is more to learn and we continue to be hopeful. We are looking to get more definitive information about the specifics of the Optigen research if possible and have been in communication via 3rd party with Dr. Aguirre who has stated that this form of PRA seems to be the more common form in schnauzers but does not account for all PRA in the Breed

We continue to receive unsolicited donations from Members and Clubs which is an outward recognition of the quality of our work. This year we received several donations and wish to acknowledge this support. of the Ginny Fagar - \$678.00; MS Club of Atlanta- \$1095.71; and Portland MS Club \$300.00. Thank you for continuing support.

Summary:

1. AMSC Health Committee Policy has been reviewed and retention of records remains open. It is recognized that this an important administrative requirement for continuity. This topic will remain on the which agenda until resolved. Jan Taylor has been charged with responsibility for digitizing paper records and is currently working on PRA information. We have accumulated most if not all the CJC and the myotonia data.

2. AKC/CHF National Parent Club Health Conference was attended by Drs Paula Steele and Lisa Sarvas in August. Many seminars were attended and reports are attached to these minutes

It is important to note that it was reported at the conference that "It was reported at the CHF Conference that there is an appreciable rise in Brucellosis canis infection in dogs. In addition, a 2nd strain, Brucellosis suis (swine strain), is

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also emerging in dogs which is a new finding. Brucellosis is a zoonotic bacterial infection and once diagnosed, infected animals are typically euthanized.

<http://www.akc.org/content/dog-breeding/articles/brucellosis-dog-breeders-shouldnt-skip-testing-for-this-dangerous-disease/>

Motion made that The Health Committee publish to the AMSC –L a recommendation that addresses brucellosis testing and that it should be done on all breeding dogs, male and female, prior to mating. Seconded by Vicki. Motion passed.

3. **RESEARCH SUPPORT:** In 2012, the AMSC Health Committee has withheld support for other CHF research proposals awaiting the Giger Study which we pledged to support fully with the assistance of Carole Weinberger. Since that time, we have not pledged funds for any other CHF grant in anticipation of possible additional needs re MAC. The work we were able to get accomplished through the Gray Lady Foundation funding jump started this research and consequently Dr Giger was able to identify the genetic test within 1 year. The AMSC has thoroughly reviewed the 2017 AKC/CHF Research Portfolio and have selected the following 5 grants in priority order to support with partial funding.

The Board also took action on the following Health Committee Funding requests:

a) Clinical and Genetic Background of Progressive Retinal Atrophy in Miniature Schnauzers Principal Investigator: Hannes Lohi, PhD; University of Helsinki and the Folkhälsan Institute of Genetics Total Grant Amount: \$46,224.00; Grant Period: 12/1/2017 - 11/30/2018 Board approved \$2500 fund support.

b) Identifying practical risk factors for the prevention of calcium oxalate uroliths recurrence in dogs. Board approved \$2500 fund support.

c) Efficacy of Cannabidiol (CBD) for the Treatment of Canine Epilepsy Principal Investigator: Stephanie McGrath, DVM, MS; Colorado State University Total Grant Amount: \$356,022; Grant Period: 10/1/2017 - 9/30/2020 Board approved \$2500 fund support.

d) Hyperlipidemia in the Miniature Schnauzer: A Combined Metabolomic and Genomic Approach Principal Investigator: Christopher O'Callaghan, MD, PhD; University of Oxford Total Grant Amount: \$14,958; Grant Period: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2018 Board approved \$2500 fund support.

e) Identification of Mitral Valve Disease DNA variants in Miniature Schnauzers Principal Investigator: Kathryn Meurs, DVM, PhD; North Carolina State University Total Grant Amount: \$56,635; Grant Period: 8/1/2017 - 7/31/2019 Board approved \$2500 fund support.

13. Historian and Policy Records: Richard Isley – Richard Isley has resigned and Tania Kidd will chair this committee.

14. Judges Selection: Carma Ewer, Galen Ewer -

We are finished with our Judges Selection for 2019 and have the following information:

2018 - Roving Specialty: Ken Allen will fill in the spot vacated by Vicki Kubic

2019 – Schnauza Palooza: Regular Classes - David Kirkland, Sweepstakes Classes - Patricia O'Brien

2019 – Great Western: Regular Classes - Steve Hayden, Sweepstakes Classes – Cheryl Coffman

2019 - Montgomery County: Regular Classes - Brian Bogart, Sweepstakes Classes - Carla Nickerson

15. Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic–

AKC legislative alerts are posted to the AMSC-L list as generated in addition to other pertinent information.

16. Local Club Bulletin/ Websites/ Social Media: Laurie Moore, Kennalea Pratt, Marilyn Oxandale

The committee has met and made the selections for awards that will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

17. Membership: Jacque Eversbach – See “ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS” item

18. Publications and Literature: Patricia O'Brien

Board discussed adding the option to have all items available for purchase as a download. **Total Expenses = \$51.70 PROFIT = \$154.30**

23. Website & Social Media: Vicki Kubic, Jana King, Chris Franck

The AMSC website was just upgraded at no charge to a new, more secure back end format. Vicki received a new instruction manual and will work with the website company to learn the new system to make updates, changes and additions, etc. The only visible and noticeable change to the AMSC membership is that the **Members Only Section will no longer require the user name of AMSC#1** that we needed before. All you need today to access the **Members Section is the Password: Schnauzer2015**

Social Media - our Facebook page has almost 35K followers from all over the world. Vicki handles the day to day entries and Helen Carter is

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kind enough to back Vicki up as needed. As usual, please continue to email VickiKubic@aol.com good quality pictures of our dogs in almost any situation!

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Health Discussions on Closed Facebook page
2. Constitution and Bylaws update
3. Discussion on GWTA and number of future AMSC specialties – Carma volunteered to head a committee to research what options are available for our specialties.

X. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Jacquelyn Ebersbach Patti moved and Gale seconded to accept new member applicants.

BRENDA GRASSLEY , JOY WEEKS , MASAMI URYU , LYN FOSTER , SONJA LUND , PAMELA HAIGH , VICKI DAY

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Non-participation of Board members in 2017 (Carol Meitzler and Alice Gough)

2. Two replacements needed for Board of Governors - Marie M moved and Brian seconded to Vicki Kubic as a replacement for Patti H 3 year term and Gale S. to replace Alice Gough. Motion passed.

3. Donation approval for aid to weather ravaged locations - Marie moved, Brain seconded that the AMSC donate \$2500 to the AKC Reunite Rescue Fund.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Carole called for a motion to adjourn this meeting at 10:30 PM EST. Motion to adjourn was made by Patti and seconded by Brian.

Next Board Meeting will be Friday, April 00, 2018 at Perry, GA at 4:00 p.m. EST or following Breed judging whichever is later.

AMSC, Inc. Income Statement**For the Nine Months
Ending September 30, 2017**

| Revenues | Year To Date |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Membership Dues | \$ 4,907.50 |
| Rescue Income | 175.00 |
| Ways & Means – Merchandise | 577.50 |
| Trophy Income | 3,121.00 |
| Publications & Literature | 443.00 |
| Purina Parent Club Program | 812.33 |
| Health Income | 2,103.71 |
| Roving Summer Show | 20.00 |
| Montgomery Show | 90.00 |
| Interest Income | 5.13 |
| Total Revenues | \$ 12,255.17 |
| Expenses | |
| Advertising | \$ 120.00 |
| AKC Delegate | 991.02 |
| AKC Fliers | 225.99 |
| Annual Accounting Audit | 100.00 |
| Insurance | 933.00 |
| Meet the Breeds – NYC & Orlando | 205.00 |
| Membership Committee Expense | 1,456.26 |
| Health Seminars @ Specialties | 5,298.19 |
| MAC Expenses | 143.97 |
| PayPal Fees | 206.51 |
| Treasurer Expenses | 49.49 |
| Website Maintenance | 225.00 |
| AMSCOPE | 1,288.20 |
| Ways & Means Mdse Purchased | 2,302.00 |
| Trophies | 802.16 |
| Publications & Literature | 85.53 |
| SP Roving – Judge's Fee & Exp | 599.27 |
| SP Roving – Meet & Greet / Top | 201,705.82 |
| SM Roving – Judge's Fee & Exp | 693.50 |
| SM Roving – Steward Fee | 100.00 |
| Montgomery – Show Fee AKC | 15.00 |
| Montgomery – Meet & Greet | 480.00 |
| Board Meeting Expense | 180.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$18,205.91 |
| Net Income / (Loss) | (\$ 5,950.74) |

25 Year Pin Recipients 2017

Karen J. Brittan – Oak Grove, MN
 John Brown – Glendora, CA
 Muriel Brown - Glendora, CA
 Owen Clouss – Meridian, ID
 Lorraine Cote – St. Sauveur, Quebec, CANADA
 Kim Griffin – Belton, TX
 Donna Lynn Hills – Kennesaw, GA
 Terrie V. Houck – Mt. Holly, NC
 Cheryl D. Mazzoncini – Dunnigan CA
 Luana L. Nedich – Underhill, VT
 Glendora Norwood – Petaluma, CA
 Donna Ralph – St. Catherines, Ontario, CANADA
 Leanne Tousey – Morrison, CO
 Sandra Wagner – Palmyra, PA

5 Year Pin Recipients 2017

Helen Carter – Deland, FL
 Katerina Cechova – Hojby, DENMARK
 Millicent Conover – Windsor, CA
 Lisa E. Martin – Kimball, MI
 Krystal Mason – Evans, GA
 Leslie Menddelsohn – Lexington, SC
 Paul Menddelsohn – Lexington, SC
 Laurie Moore – Vida, OR
 Kristen Murphy – Sound Beach, NY
 Pia Nissen – Hojby, DENMARK
 Janet C. Smith – Philadelphia, PA
 Nora Ylikyla – Raisio, FINLAND

The ultimate winter hazard checklist for dogs.

Although the weather has been uncommonly warm for this time of year there are still winter hazards to protect your pup from. We've put together a short checklist to help prevent any disasters from happening to your dog this winter.

Frostbite

When the temperature drops below freezing make sure your dog is not outdoors for too long as his ears, tail and paws are vulnerable to frostbite.

Check your heaters

Make sure your heaters are maintained and working properly. If you use a heat lamp in a kennel make sure it is in a place your pup can't get to it. If you're concerned about the temperature during the night you can set up temperature alerts using the LINK AKC smart dog collar that notifies you when your dog is in an environment that may be too cold for them.

Pesky pests

It's that time of year where mice, rats and other rodents like to invade houses and kennels in search of warmth. Dealing with these pests is always a challenge. Live traps are a great way to deal with any invasion.

Antifreeze is anti-dog

Some commonly used antifreeze products contain toxic chemicals that can lead to illness or death. Be vigilant and if you believe your dog has ingested some antifreeze then call the PetPoisonHelpline. Their expert team will be able to help. Calling the Pet Poison Helpline is free if you are have a LINK AKC smart dog collar.

Have you used pet friendly salt?

Rock salt is corrosive and can cause a lot of distress for dogs at this time of year. If you can, use a pet friendly salt as this is much easier on your pup's paws and underbelly. If your dog does come in contact with regular rock salt while out walking, use a warm cloth to wipe down his paws and underbelly when you get home. Make sure you take the time to remove any salt particles that may have lodged in his paws.

Your Dog Is Listening... Does He Understand What You're Saying?

By Dr. Becker

When you speak to your dog, you probably have a sixth sense that he somehow understands what you're saying. Dogs are intelligent creatures, after all, and they've been living with humans for tens of thousands of years.

The average dog understands about 165 different words, although they may learn more if you train them to.¹ It's known that dogs pay attention to the tone of our voices, the pitch and the rhythms in our speech, but whether or not they pay attention to the meaning of the words was less clear – until now.

Researchers from the University of Sussex in England conducted a unique experiment to determine whether dogs listen to our words, with results that may not be too surprising for many dog owners.

Dogs Process Speech in Ways Similar to Humans

When listening to another person speak, humans tend to use the left hemisphere of their brain to process the verbal content and the right hemisphere to process the emotional content and characteristics of speech (such as whether it's familiar or not). According to study author Victoria Ratcliffe:²

"Previous studies have shown that other mammals also have hemispheric biases when processing their own species' vocalizations, but no one had ever looked at whether biases existed in domesticated animals in response to the different components of human speech."

The study, which was published in the journal *Current Biology*,³ involved 250 dogs that heard the "come" command out of speakers on the right or left side of their heads. The command was played with varying inflections, emotional cues, in different languages, and even with gibberish in place of the words.

The researchers then recorded whether the dogs turned their heads toward the left or right speaker. A pattern emerged, with the dogs turning toward the right when they heard meaningful words and to the left when the command included just emotional cues.

The results suggest dogs are able to distinguish between meaningful and meaningless sounds. As reported by NPR:⁴

"The study also suggests that a dog's brain breaks up speech into two parts: the

emotional cues and the meaning of the words. Then it processes these two components on opposite sides of the brain: emotional cues on the right, meaning of words on the left. (Yes, it's opposite to the way the dogs turned.)

That's a bit similar to how we humans process speech. We also break up speech into several parts, such as the meaning of the words, clues about the speaker and emotional cues."

Although it appears dogs do sense a difference between the verbal and emotional components of speech, it's still unclear to what extent they understand each.

Dogs Pay Attention to Your Non-Verbal Communication Too

When you communicate, it's not only your words that matter. Your posture, gestures and eye contact also speak volumes, and your dog pays attention to these cues closely. Dogs will follow your gaze similarly to a 6-month-old infant, but only if you convey the intention of communication, which suggests they're quite in-tune with your communicative signals.⁵

There are many theories as to why and how dogs developed such strong responsiveness to our communicative gestures. It could be that dogs spend more time around humans than other species, or that they quickly learned paying close attention might get them more rewards (like food). As reported in the journal *Behavioral Processes*:⁶

"Dogs are more skillful than a host of other species at tasks which require they respond to human communicative gestures in order to locate hidden food. Four basic interpretations for this proficiency surface from distilling the research findings.

One possibility is that dogs simply have more opportunity than other species to learn to be responsive to human social cues. A different analysis suggests that the domestication process provided an opening for dogs to apply general cognitive problem-solving skills to a novel social niche.

Some researchers go beyond this account and propose that dogs' co-evolution with humans equipped them with a theory of mind for social exchanges.

Finally, a more prudent approach suggests that sensitivity to the behaviors of both humans and conspecifics would be particularly advantageous for a social

scavenger like the dog. A predisposition to attend to human actions allows for rapid early learning of the association between gestures and the availability of food."

How Does Your Dog Communicate with You?

While humans use speech as a primary form of communicating, your dog may "talk" to you using different forms of communication – like tail movements. Dogs display submission by tucking their tails and lying on their backs. They display dominance by staring, raising their fur, and baring their teeth.

Further, dogs tend to wag their tails to the right side when they encounter something pleasant (like their owners). When they see something threatening, for example a strange dog exhibiting dominant behaviors, they wag more to the left side.⁷

Certain species of canines also use their eyes to communicate, and the fact that your dog will make direct eye contact with you may be one important feature that distinguishes him from wild dogs, or wolves. As written in *Current Biology*:⁸

"...we suggest that the key difference between dog and wolf behavior is the dogs' ability to look at the human's face.

Since looking behavior has an important function in initializing and maintaining communicative interaction in human communication systems, we suppose that by positive feedback processes (both evolutionary and ontogenetically) the readiness of dogs to look at the human face has led to complex forms of dog-human communication that cannot be achieved in wolves even after extended socialization."

Dogs are even known to respond in a unique way when a person cries. Many dogs approach crying people while displaying submissive behaviors, both of which suggest (but do not prove) some level of empathy.

It's likely that ongoing research into the emotional lives and capabilities of dogs will continue to reveal their seemingly uncanny ability to understand us. And even if it doesn't... simply looking into your dog's eyes or having him sit loyally by your side after a hard day is proof enough for most dog owners.



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Carla M. Borrelli,
Editor

UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Portland MSC Jan 17, 2018
Regular Classes - Bruce R Schwartz
Sweepstakes - Cynthia Mulheron Klein
Gateway MSC March 2, 2018
Regular Classes: Mrs. Boutwell
No Sweepstake classes offered

Obedience: Ms. Pat Kasten

AMSC SPECIALTIES

Roving specialty-Perry GA. April 15, 2018
Regular Classes: Terry Stacy
Sweeps: Ken Allen
Great Western June 24, 2018
Regular Classes: John Constantine
Sweeps: Kim Griffin
Montgomery County October 7, 2018
Regular Classes: Joan Huber
Sweeps: Susan Atherton

Schnauza Palooza April 6, 2019
Regular Classes - David Kirkland
Sweepstakes Classes - Patricia O'Brien
Great Western 2019
Regular Classes - Steve Hayden
Sweepstakes Classes - Cheryl Coffman
Montgomery County 2019
Regular Classes - Brian Bogart
Sweepstakes Classes - Carla Nickerson



Some of you may know of Potter, after all he does like to ham it up on Facebook.

Potter was to be my first conformation dog. We dipped our toes into the breed ring and even though he was gorgeous, unfortunately he quickly went "over" and our show career ended, almost as soon as it began. "Well what should we try next?" Potter was a year and a half when we took our first obedience lesson. I fell in love but Potter not so much. So we tried Rally, and Lure, and Tracking, and Barn Hunt. We almost did it all! I thought about herding but was pretty sure he'd eat the ducks. Even tried to stuff him thru a 9 inch box for Earth Dog. He got stuck! Up next... was agility. Which... like all the others was new for both of us. Potter is game to try anything as long as he can be with me. He even went along with the crazy idea to dress him up as Harry Potter! I'm thankful to all of you who helped me with his obedience - local and long distance.

Thankful for Flo & Carole for entrusting me with this boy. Thankful that Mr. Self spotted him for the magazine. What an honor to be on the cover! But I'm mostly thankful for Potter. My best friend. He truly is magical!

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

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