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EUKANEUBA INVITATIONAL

MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS
JudgeL Mrs. Chris Levy

Best of Breed

CH ANNFIELD TURN TURN TURN /Emslie/
Doxtater

Best of Opposite Sex

CH KATABALOU OF HANSENHAUS /Baws/
Lewis/Jacobs

Award of Excellence

CH BEAUIDEAL IT'S RAINING MEN /Weidner &
Laurie Darman & Kim Griffin
CH BELGAR'S DESERT SAND /Marilyn Lande &
Lyle Harstad
CH HOWARD'S REX OF THE WHITE HOUSE /
White/Howard

**We all do a little
procrastinating....and it
seems that Club membership
dues get the brunt of the
procrastinations.**

**Don't forget to pay your
DUES!**

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What If Your Dog Outlives You?

Deciding what will become of your dog should you be incapacitated or die is a difficult decision. If you are a breeder with a full kennel, you have a greater burden than the average dog owner when it comes to planning ahead. In planning ahead for your dog(s), there are two primary legal mechanisms to consider: non-trust arrangements and trusts.

Non-Trust

The simplest method of providing for your dog(s) is to designate — in writing — a caretaker to take custody if need arises, before or after your death. Name several backups in case your first choice is unable or unwilling to serve when the time comes. Provide a written "letter of instruction" with specific directions as to which dog is to be placed with which caretaker, and the exact care each dog should receive. If there are multiple dogs, identify them as specifically as possible, and don't forget to add the words "and any other dogs I own at the time I die or am incapacitated."

If you cannot identify an appropriate caregiver, designate someone with good judgment to select one. Provide a copy of the letter of instruction to each person affected, and place a copy with your important papers. If you have a power of attorney, make sure that person has a copy of the letter and has the authority to make expenditures on behalf of your dog while you are incapacitated and before a will is probated. You may want to incorporate your letter of instruction into your will. Although perhaps not fully enforceable, this may influence how your executor disposes of your dog and your money.

The problem with merely designating a caretaker and leaving a letter of instruction is the lack of legal assurance your wishes will be followed. Leaving your estate to your dog directly is not an option: Courts of any state will reject such a provision. The alternative to this quandary is to create a trust.

Creating a Trust

A trust is an arrangement whereby you place assets in the care of a trustee, who has a fiduciary duty to use those assets according

to your wishes on behalf of the beneficiary (or beneficiaries) that you designate. You designate a caregiver for your dog and, as described below, either the dog or the caregiver may be your beneficiary. Include directions (similar to the letter of instruction) in the trust document describing exactly what care the caregiver should provide for your dog on a daily basis, right down to their breeding and showing careers, housing, food, medical needs, veterinarians and which toys they prefer. Designating different people as caregiver and trustee ensures there are checks and balances in place (although a caregiver may be a co-trustee as well). Even though you have a trust, you can leave the dog as property to someone in your will. Naming the caregiver as at least one of the future owners may help avoid future ownership disputes.

Types of Trusts

Pet trusts: A pet trust is a specific arrangement, legally recognized in half the states, in which your dog is the beneficiary. As noted above, the trust document should specifically identify the beneficiary dog, using DNA, microchip numbers, call name, AKC name and number, photos, and so on.

Common law trusts: In other states, a pet trust is not legally enforceable. Residents can designate only human beneficiaries, not dogs. But even in one of these states, you can establish a "common law trust." To make certain the common law trust is effective, (a) ensure the caregiver receives funds on a frequent basis (not all at once or only once a year), and (b) ensure funds are disbursed conditionally, i.e., in order to continue receiving funds, the caregiver must frequently check in with the trustee and demonstrate that proper care is being given to the dog. This provision helps ensure that the "checks and balances" will work properly. A common law trust set up this way is generally legally enforceable.

Choosing a trustee: For both types of trust, you must designate a trustee — someone you know and can rely on, or an attorney, or a bank, or one of the various organizations that are willing to serve as trustee for pet trusts — and also identify backups. You can also appoint

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:

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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.

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The deadline
for the
February issue
is January 20th.

President's message

Recently the American Veterinary Medical Association changed its policy concerning cropping and docking of dogs. Their new policy says:

"The AVMA opposes ear cropping and tail docking of dogs when done solely for cosmetic purposes. The AVMA encourages the elimination of ear cropping and tail docking from breed standards".

The best way to try to combat this is to show that many vets disagree with this policy. The AVMA implemented this policy via their Animal Welfare Committee. They have done no canvassing of their membership and have no statistics to show that their members supported implementation of this policy.

I ask every one of you to take the AVMA Policy above to your vet and ask their opinion of the policy. Discuss with your vet the following facts:

1. When done under Veterinary care their is little risk or pain involved.
2. Calling Cropping/docking cosmetic is a mischaracterization that shows a lack of respect and knowledge for the history and function of Miniature Schnauzers.
3. Cropping and docking is important in preserving breed character.

After discussing this with your Vet, ask their opinion and if they are willing to help. We want to formulate a list of vets that will not support the AVMA position and who will allow their names to be used and/or will do behind the scenes research to provide the data for a formal written response to the AVMA.

We are joining together with other cropped/docked parent clubs to gather the information and try to pressure AVMA. So please talk to your vet and ask them to help us with a statement of their support. Remember the CVMA also has this stance, <http://canadianveterinarians.net/ShowText.aspx?ResourceID=46>. So Canadian members, please do the same. Please send all responses to me.

Our 2009 AMSC Calendar is out. It turned out beautifully. Thanks to all of the great photographers that submitted photos. There are still a few available if you want one. The order form is in this AMSCOPE or on the website.

Our Roving Specialty is fast approaching. The Chicago forecast calls for sunny and mid to low 60s all week. Therefore, it should be great! J Remember it is a five-show weekend now with Great Lakes All Terrier Association on Wednesday and the Chicago MSC on Saturday.

Have a wonderful Holiday season!

John

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*Have I told you lately
that I love you?*

Well darlings I'm telling you now...

It is not very often that a person takes the time to tell his friends exactly how much impact they have made in their life, and there is no time like the present to do just that.

For close to 30 years, you have shown your support to the International Kennel Club of Chicago as well as to Seme, Dori, the Show Committee and myself. At our dog show as I roam around the show site I see many of the same faces year after year.

I wanted to do something significant to show my appreciation for the loyalty that has been displayed by all in the fancy. I finally decided that inasmuch as AKC has initiated an Amateur-Owner-Handler Class starting January 1, 2009, IKC will not charge an entry fee for the Amateur-Owner-Handler class on Saturday & Sunday, February 21 & 22, 2009. The only charge will be the AKC \$3.50 recording/event fees.

We would like to believe that the IKC Owner-Handler BIS initiated in 2005 had some bearing on the AKC's decision to honor this segment of this sport.

In addition, IKC will offer Amateur-Owner-Handler Groups and BIS. The judging procedure will be the same as for a Best Puppy or a Best Bred-by Group and BIS. Dogs must be entered in the A-O-H class to be eligible for Best of Breed A-O-H. The Amateur-Owner-Handler Best In Show will be awarded the Seme Auslander Nambé Crystal Vase on Saturday and the Dori Auslander Nambé Crystal Vase on Sunday. Puppy Groups and BIS will be held on Saturday, February 21st only. Entry fee for puppy classes will be \$20. Full priced entries will be \$35.00 for the first entry and \$25 for the second entry of the same dog. If you have any questions, contact Susan Olsen at the IKC office by phone 773-237-5100 or email ikcdogshow@ameritech.net. I hope that many of you take advantage of entering into this class and look forward to seeing you in February.

Very truly yours,

Lu
Louis Auslander
President

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co-trustees. A caretaker should be appointed co-trustee only if there is at least one independent trustee. Whoever you choose as trustees, talk to them now to ensure they agree to serve.

Choosing a caregiver: As with trustees, contact potential caregivers now about your plans. For a professional breeder, the caretaker almost certainly must be a "dog person," willing to take your dogs into their home or kennel and continue your breeding and showing program. If your loved ones cannot do this, consider reputable fellow breeders. If a caretaker is not available for dogs that will not be shown, consider naming a reputable animal sanctuary or rescue agency to select appropriate adoptive homes.

How long can a trust last? State laws differ as to whether your trust can benefit only those of your dogs that are alive when your trust takes effect, or only those you own when the trust is created, or whether the trust can endure for 21 years after your death, regardless of how many dogs are alive at that time. (If you are a breeder a trust that provides for breeding of offspring of your dog, perpetuating the kennel name ad infinitum, to be financially supported by the trust, would probably be disfavored by the courts, though preferred by many breeders). Consult an attorney in your state to ensure your trust meets your state's criteria.

Co-ownership and estate planning. If you co-own a dog or dogs, talk with the co-owners about your estate plans. Consider establishing a trust that you and the co-owner(s) fund to benefit your co-owned dog. This helps protect your assets: Not only may you be able to share legal fees, but if you establish a trust without regard for a co-owner's rights, that co-owner may challenge the trust in court. Even if your trust prevails, legal fees from such a fight may deplete the trust.

When your dog dies. Your trust should include instructions for disbursing any assets that remain when your dog(s) dies or the trust ends. Do not leave these assets to the caretaker: That gives a disincentive to provide a long and lavish life for your dog(s). Rather, ensure your caretaker receives adequate money only while the dog(s) is alive and well cared for. When a dog(s) dies or the trust ends, leave the residual money to a loved one or charity.

**This article by Lisa Curry, Esq. originally appeared in the June 2008 issue of the [AKC GAZETTE](#) and is reprinted with permission. It is only an overview and does not constitute legal advice, yet it might provide some insights into the kinds of issues to consider when planning for your dog(s)' future. You should consult an attorney in your state that is knowledgeable about estate planning to establish your dog(s)' trust.*

NEW PRINCIPLES OF IMMUNOLOGY

Jean Dodds

"Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus (MLV) vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces an immunity which is good for the life of the pet (i.e: canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not "boosted" nor are more memory cells induced." Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia. "There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines." Puppies receive antibodies through their mother's milk. This natural protection can last 8-14 weeks. Puppies & kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 months) will provide lifetime immunity.

CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOGS

Distemper & Parvo **According to Dr. Schultz, AVMA, 8-15-95, when a vaccinations series given at 2, 3 & 4 months and again at 1 year with MLV, puppies and kitten program memory cells that survive for life, providing lifelong immunity." Dr. Carmichael at Cornell and Dr. Schultz has studies showing immunity against challenge at 2-10 years for canine distemper & 4 years for parvovirus. Studies for longer duration are pending. "There are no new strains of parvovirus as one manufacturer would like to suggest. Parvovirus vaccination provides cross immunity for all types." Hepatitis (Adenovirus) is one of the agents known to be a cause of kennel cough. Only vaccines with CAV-2 should be used as CAV 1 vaccines carry the risk of "hepatitis blue-eye" reactions & kidney damage.

Bordetella Parainfluenza: Commonly called "Kennel cough". Recommended only for those dogs boarded, groomed, taken to dog shows, or for any reason housed where exposed to a lot of dogs. The intranasal vaccine provides more complete and more rapid onset of immunity with less chance of reaction. Immunity requires 72 hours and does not protect from every cause of kennel cough. Immunity is of short duration (4 to 6 months).

***RABIES**

There have been few reported cases of rabid dogs or cats in most areas of the Country but there have been rabid skunks and bats so the potential exists. It is a killed vaccine and must be given regularly.

***LYME DISEASE**

Lyme disease is a tick born disease which can cause lameness, kidney failure and heart disease in dogs. Ticks can also transmit the disease to humans. The original Ft. Dodge killed bacteria has proven to be the most effective vaccine. Lyme disease prevention should emphasize early removal of ticks. Amitraz collars are more effective than Top Spot, as amitraz paralyzes the tick's mouthparts preventing transmission of disease.

****VACCINATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED* *****GOOD TO KNOW!****Skunk odor remedy (from *Dog Fancy*)**

Mix two pints hydrogen peroxide
1/4 cup baking soda
1 to 2 tspns of dish soap in a bucket
1 qt water.

Immediately sponge solution onto dog (avoid eyes and mouth).
leave on for five minutes and then rinse.

DO NOT PRE-MIX

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**How to remove a tick from your dog by making it dizzy?**

I thought it sounded insane, but I thought...hmmm what do I have to lose. I'll try this. And, what do you know. It really works. The tick fell right off into my hand. It was amazing. You might want to share this method with others in your articles. It really does work, and I was completely amazed.

This is the video that shows you how to do it. WOW!

<http://dailydiy.com/2007/02/03/how-to-remove-a-tick/>

## APPLICANTS FOR FEBRUARY 2009 - CHICAGO BOARD AGENDA

### Benson Carol & Carl

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**Carol & Carl Benson** have had schnauzers for 40 years. They list themselves as breeders, stating their stud dog has produced 2 litters (7 puppies) and their female has not been bred yet. They are now involved in Conformation and attend approximately 12-15 dog events each year. They are members of the Lone Star Miniature Schnauzer Club of Dallas, currently acting as recording Secretary, in charge of membership, minutes and the monthly newsletter. Carol is an Executive Admin and Carl is an Engineer.

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Evelyn Hoover

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**Catherine DiFranco** has 2 Miniature Schnauzers and 2 West Highland White Terriers. She is not a breeder. She attends 15+ dog events each year and is a member of the Greater Cincinnati Miniature Schnauzer Club. She has been showing in Conformation since May, 2008 and wants to become more active in the breed. Her occupation is in Aerospace sales.

### Cheguis, Judy

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**Judy Chequis** has had a neutered male Miniature Schnauzer for 5 years. She also has a Great Dane and Portuguese Water Dog. She is not a breeder. She is active in Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Rally & Waterwork. She attends dog events monthly and is involved in performance and handling classes weekly. She belongs to CKC, AIM (Agility in Man. Agility Assoc. of Canada, Portuguese Water Dog of Canada, Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Portuguese Water Dog Club of twin cities. Her areas of interest in AMSC are Obedience, Agility and Health.

Sponsors: L. Gail Wilford  
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**Carol Kalkman** has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 10 years. She does list herself as a breeder and was expecting her first litter in November. She is involved in Conformation, Breeding, Agility, Obedience and Therapy Dog. She attends 8-10 shows and 1-2 seminars yearly. She is a member of the Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club and the Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club. She is retired and her interest in Club activities lies in Public Awareness, Education and Health.

Sponsors: Shirley Cole  
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**Douglas Crowe and Jose Jasso** have had Miniature Schnauzers for 9 years. They also enjoy Labrador Retrievers and German Shepherds. They do list themselves as breeders, having had one Schnauzer litter. They are active in Conformation and the sport of Schutzhund and attend 36 dog events each year. They are not members of any other dog clubs. Their occupations are as Claims Adjuster and Purchasing Agent.

Sponsors: Bev Verna  
Kathy Colby

### Mathis, Gwyn & Terry

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**Gwen and Terry** have had Miniature Schnauzers for 44 years. Their first Tag M Champion in 1967 and still competing in conformation in 2008. They list themselves as breeders and have produced 8 litters in the past five years. They attend 20-30 dog events yearly and are members of the Piedmont Kennel Club, acting as V. President, Secretary, Program Chairman and Match Chairman. They own a Boarding/Grooming Kennel. Their Club interests are Newsletter, Legislative Issues, Rescue, Education, Ethics, and Health.

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**Lee Pinter** has had Miniature Schnauzers for 9 years. She is not a breeder. She participates in Agility, Obedience and Rally, attending approximately 20 dog events yearly. She is a member of Alamo Dog Obedience Club, Bexar Regional Agility Team where she has served as Treasurer, Past President, Secretary, Chief Steward, Hospitality and Awards Committees. Her occupation is of Risk Manager and her areas of Club interests are Newsletter, Obedience and Agility.

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**Sandra Daggett** has had Miniature Schnauzers since 1968. She is not a breeder. She participates in Agility, Obedience and Therapy Dogs, attending approximately 40 dog events yearly. She is a member of the Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club having helped plan the Annual Awards Banquet, as well as participating each year in Schnauzer Day at the AKC Museum of the Dog. She is an Accountant.

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**The Sanders** have owned Miniature Schnauzers & Giant Schnauzers for 16 years and have had Dobermans for 13 years. They are breeders having produced 6 litters from their bitches in 5 years and approximately 15 litters from their stud dogs. They have been involved in Conformation for 26 years, Breeding for 24 years and Judging for 8 years. They are members of The Miniature Schnauzer Club, The Schnauzer Club of Great Britain, the Northern Schnauzer Club and The Giant Schnauzer Club. Their occupations are, Legal Secretary and Pharmaceutical Representative.

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**Carol Anne Daniels** has had Miniature Schnauzers for 36 years. She also has Giant and Standard Schnauzers. She does list herself as a breeder, producing 15 litters in the past 5 years. She is involved in Conformation, Breeding, and Judging, attending 25 dog events each year. She served on the Miniature Schnauzer Club committee in her country for 20 years until 2005 and belongs to all three clubs in England. She is a dog groomer and her areas of interest in Club activities would be the Newsletter, Electronic Media and Health.

Sponsors: John Constantine  
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**Lauri Sicurella** has owned Miniature Schnauzers for almost 27 years. She is a breeder and has produced 6 litters in the past 5 years from her own dogs. She occasionally whelps litters for her handler, Kurt Garmaker. She is a homemaker and the mother of 6 children and one grandchild. She attends about 3 weekends of shows each year. Her dogs are all shown to their Championships by her Handler. She belongs to the Chicago Miniature Schnauzer Club. Areas of interest in the Club are: Newsletter, Rescue, Membership, Agility, Obedience, Ethics and Health.

Sponsors: Marge Moenter  
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## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CLUBS

### Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club

### 50th and 51st Specialty Shows and Obedience Trials

Friday, February 27, 2009  
Belle-Claire Fairgrounds  
Exposition building  
200 South East  
Belleville, Illinois

#### 2 SHOWS - ONE DAY

#### 50th Specialty

Sweeps Judge — Ms. Hilde Haakensen  
Regular Class Judge — Mrs. Mildred Bryant  
Obedience Judge — Mr. William Oxandale

#### 51st Specialty

Regular Class Judge — Mrs. Carol Beattie  
Obedience Judge — Ms. Ginger Kinion

#### Join us for our delicious luncheon between shows.

A raffle will be held throughout the day

February 28 and 29  
Belle City KC All Breed Shows  
Onofrio Superintendent for All 4 Shows

## WHATEVER

## YOU DO...

## GET YOUR DUES

## IN!

## AMSC 2009 DUES

Your 2009 membership dues for the American Miniature Schnauzer Club are due **by January 1, 2009**. Anyone that pays prior to December 1st will be helping the club save postage.

Dues for North America (US, Canada, Mexico) members - \$30 individual, \$52.50 joint

Dues for Foreign members - \$36 individual, \$63 joint

Payment may be made either online or by check.

• **Online** payment is made by secure credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express) by using the following link. Note this link is only available directly, and cannot be accessed through the AMSC web site or through PayPal. Foreign members can pay with currency conversion from most countries – be sure to pay in US dollars.

Online dues payment: <http://amsc.us/dues.html> (access directly)

• Payment by **check** may be made by sending a check **payable to the AMSC** to the address below. Foreign checks must be a bank draft or certified check in US dollars.

Sharon Edwards  
AMSC Treasurer  
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**Finally, please review the AMSC roster to confirm the accuracy of your address/phone/email.**

You may check the online roster at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AMSC-L/>. You must be a member of the AMSC-L email list and have a Yahoo ID to access the online roster.

Send any changes or corrections to [treasurer@amsc.us](mailto:treasurer@amsc.us) or enclose a note with your check if your contact information has changed within the last year.

Please disregard this notice if you are a lifetime member or new member as of October, 2008.

## Did you know?

In the blink of a dog's eye.

**FACT:** Dogs have a third eyelid.

Like many creatures in the animal kingdom, from fish to frogs to kangaroos, canines possess the peculiar feature of a nictitating membrane, basically a third eyelid, also known as a haw. In dogs in particular it is a transparent membrane situated in the corner of the eye that sweeps horizontally across the cornea to clear it of dust and debris and keep the eye moist. As natural predators this adaptation comes in handy by allowing canines to follow every lightening fast movement of their prey without blinking to clear their eyes.

In other animal species nictitating membranes serve a variety of purposes; polar bears use them to shield against snow blindness, water dwelling mammals such as beavers and seals use them for underwater vision and sharks use theirs to protect their eyes when striking at prey.

For the most part the haw is not visible in canines, with the exception of St. Bernards and Basset Hounds. The haw may appear noticeable because it is red and inflamed due to infection or displacement. This is more common in the first year of a canine's life and more prone to certain breeds including beagles, cocker spaniels and boxers. If you do notice discoloration and swelling in the corner of your pet's eye be sure to contact your vet. A protruding haw is a problem that can usually be corrected with very minor surgery.



"Help....I can't see!"

# MEANWHILE AT THE SHOWS

| SHOW                        | DATE   | DOG                                       | OWNER        | WIN                 |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Agathoin KC                 | 23-Nov | Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House       | Howard/White | BOB                 |
| Agathoin KC                 | 24-Nov | Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House       | Howard/White | BOB                 |
| Ingham Cty KC               | 29-Nov | Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House       | Howard/White | BOB                 |
| Ingham Cty KC               | 30-Nov | Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House       | Howard/White | BOB                 |
| Gateway Terrier Assoc       | 5-Dec  | Southcross Stop The Press RN CD NA NAJ JE | Carter       | Nov B 1st place HIT |
| Gateway Terrier Association | 5-Dec  | Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House       | Howard/White | BOB                 |
| Lorain Cty KC               | 11-Dec | Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House       | Howard/White | BOB                 |

## Bouquets & Biscuits

**CH Gala Tribute** (CH Tomar's The Fix is In x CH Gala Cosmic Event) finished his championship by going WD, BOW at Hatboro 2 on the Montgomery County show weekend, Oct. 3, 2008, under judge John Constantine. "Phineas" earned all of his points from the Bred By Exhibitor class, handled by Gay Oltjenbruns. He is co-owned by Webb and Leslie Anderson.

**CH MACH2 Gala Sophisticated Event** (CH Rampage's Representative x CH Bomax's Gala Event) completed the requirements for her second MACH title on November 23, 2008. On the same day, she qualified for the AKC Agility Nationals for the third year in a row. Sophie is 10 1/2 years old and still earning placements for speed in the highly competitive southeastern region. She is a phenomenal athlete and makes her breeder-owner-handler, Gay Oltjenbruns, extremely proud!

\*Our Terra completed her AKC Master Agility Championship title on 12/6/08, so she is now **MACH, Versatility-NATCH, C-ATCH2 Britmor Let the Dirt Fly, RN OF; S-EAC, O-ECC, S-EJC, S-TN-E, S-TG-E, O-WV-E, O-HP-N**, Novice Superior Versatility, Open Superior Versatility, Elite Versatility, 2500 Point Award; ChFH, ChST. Terra was sired by Peter, one of Britmor's most special dogs, Britmor Fly Boy, ME RA MX MXJ NA-P NAJ-P, Novice Versatility, 1000 Point Award, S-NJC, NGC, NGC-v, O-OAC, S-OJC, WV-O, O-TG-O, EAC, O-EAC-v, EJC-v, O-TN-E, CGC, AMSC-VA, out of Britmor Molly Molasses. Peter and his extraordinary mother Witch, MACH BRITMOR BEWITCHED, CD JE, Triple Superior Novice, Novice Versatility, 1000 Point Award, O-NJC-v, S-TN-N, O-WV-N, TG-N, OGC-v, S-TN-O, WV-O, EAC-v, O-EJC-v, CGC, AMSC-VA still live on here in a handful of their descendents. Their legacy continues. Karen Brittan

\* **Ch. Fran Lins Dance to The Piper** (Ch. Repitition's Busta Rhymes x Fran Lins One and Only) completed the requirements for her AKC title at Missouri Rhineland KC on September 13. Piper was bred and is owned by Frank and Linda Salas. Piper is a full sister to Fran Lins Rhymes in Time.

\* **Ch. Fran Lins Rhymes in Time** (Ch. Repitition's Busta Rhymes x Fran Lins One and Only) completed the requirements for her AKC championship title at Anniston KC Montgomery AL on November 21. Moxie was bred and is owned by Frank and Linda Salas.

\* **Penlan Storm Warning Twister UDX-2** completed the requirements for his AKC Obedience UDX-2 qualifying in both Open B and Utility B, same day in 20 shows on November 1, 2008 at the Glenbard All Obedience Dor Training show. I am so proud of my boy. This title is very difficult to achieve and Twister came through. Twister was bred by Penny Hirstein and is owned, loved and trained by Thalia Puncochar.

\***R-Jo's Trendsetter Bootsie** earned her AKC CDX,NAP,NAJP,RE Companion KC, Michigan. She is owned by Joanne McCallum.

\***R-Jo's U-R My SUNshine Shasta** earned her AKC CDX title in Lansing KC; her AKC RA at the Tri-Cities Dog Training Club and AKC Agility At the Companion KC. She is owned by Joanne McCallum.



## BLACK RIBBONS

### Ch. NickNack Love On The Run

10/26/1995-11/21/2008

Diva was lovingly owned by Margo and Marty Dettlebach "M & M" and bred by Carla Nickerson "NickNack". Diva gave Margo and Marty and family an amazing 13 years of love and lots of Hi 5's. She was one very special girl who be missed by her family and friends.

Diva was that once in a lifetime show dog. Out of Top Producing parents, Ch. Adamis Fronrunner and Ch. NickNack Partner In Crime, she had a remarkable career, which included being the Top Bitch in 1997, BOB-Hatboro 1996, BOB-Westminster 1997 and also a BIS and BISS and many AOMs. She was also part of a Brace Team, who won BIS Brace at Great Western in 1998. I was very proud to have been her breeder and handler and I especially want to thank the Dettlebachs for the wonderful home and extra special care they provided for her. Rest in Peace, Deeves..

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R-Jo's Diamond in the Ruff

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Joanne McCallum

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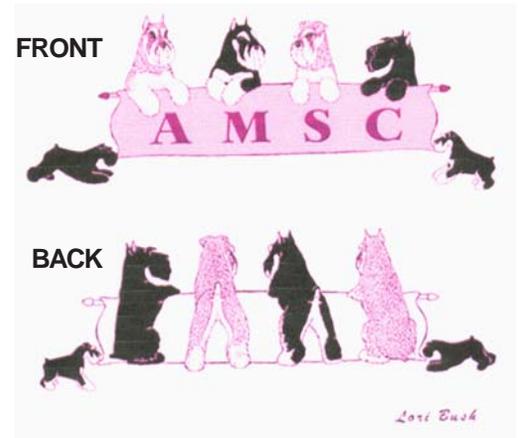
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Regular Classes: Mildred Bryant
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Guest Veterinarian Q & A: Understanding and Managing Canine Ear Infections

Inflammation of the external ear canal — otitis externa — is one of the most common types of conditions veterinarians see in pets. The external ear canal is the area from the external ear (exterior opening of the canal) to the tympanic membrane (ear drum). Some dogs, particularly those with large or hairy ears, are more prone to ear infections than others, but all dogs are susceptible to ear infections.

Here at PetPartners, Inc., the exclusive pet healthcare provider for the [AKC Pet Healthcare Plan](#), we've recently seen a growing number of claims for otitis externa. We asked Ms. DeWana Anderson, DVM at The Animal Hospital of Carrboro, Inc. to address the causes, symptoms and treatment of this condition for the benefit of our *Barking Bulletin* readers.

Q. What are the clinical signs of otitis externa?

A. Dogs may have one or more of the following clinical signs:

- *Pain*
- *Shaking of the head*
- *Scratching of the ears*
- *Abnormal odor from the ears*
- *Redness and swelling of the inside of the ears*

Q. What causes otitis externa? Can there be complicating factors?

A. Otitis externa is often the result of a bacterial, yeast or mite infection. Sometimes there are underlying diseases and causes and, when not treated, this can delay or prevent healing. Causes and diseases of otitis externa can include:

- **Allergies:** Allergies to the environment or food may predispose pets to recurrent or chronic ear infections. A hypoallergenic diet trial or skin testing for environmental allergens can help identify causative allergens.
- **Hormonal disease:** Hormonal diseases may suppress the immune system and can increase the chance of developing an ear infection. Blood testing or other screening is often necessary to identify these underlying diseases.
- **Middle ear infection:** A condition called otitis media can occur when otitis externa becomes chronic and penetrates through the eardrum into the middle ear. Detailed examination of the ears with the pet under sedation can help diagnose otitis media. Computed tomography (CT) or radiography is sometimes necessary to establish a diagnosis.
- **Abnormal ear conformation/hair:** Pets with narrow ear canals, long ear flaps, or hair growing in the canals may have moisture and wax build-up. This increases their chances of developing an ear infection and is often diagnosed with a thorough physical examination.
- **Tumors/polyps:** Masses in the ear canal, such as tumors or polyps, can obstruct the canal. This can prevent medication from penetrating the canal easily. Masses are typically identified during a physical examination by your veterinarian or through an ear radiograph or CT scan. Surgery may be needed to remove these masses.
- **Foreign objects in the ear:** Dried clumps of wax, grass, or other objects may irritate the ear canal and act as a focus of infection. These objects are often identified during a physical examination and can sometimes be removed without sedation.

Q. How is otitis externa diagnosed?

A. Your veterinarian will first perform an external examination of the ear and canal. Some pets experience too much pain to allow an otoscope (a special instrument to view deeper regions of your pet's ear) to examine the ear canal and tympanic membrane. Sedation is often necessary to manage the discomfort that can be associated with an inflamed ear canal.

Your veterinarian may also look at the appearance of substance build-up in the canal. Yeast infections commonly produce a yellow-tan, thick substance and bacterial infections commonly produce a brownish-black, thin substance. Unfortunately appearance does not always result in an accurate diagnosis — a microscopic examination of substances is the single most important tool in diagnosing otitis externa. Repeat microscopic examination is necessary in chronic cases to monitor treatment success over time.

Chronic cases or those that do not respond to initial therapy may require further testing. These tests may include culture of the substance, skin biopsy, food trials, allergy tests, blood screening or imaging studies (e.g., skull radiograph or a CT scan). Chronic or complicated otitis cases are often referred to a veterinary dermatologist for further diagnostic testing.

Q. How is external ear disease treated?

A. Therapy is based on the character of the disease (bacteria, yeast or mites) and suspicion of the underlying disease. Uncomplicated cases are usually treated with antibiotic, anti-fungal, anti-inflammatory or anti-parasitic medications that are applied directly to the ear canal. Many cases require a combination of medications. Long term (four to six weeks) therapy may be necessary if severe otitis externa or media is present.

Your veterinarian will likely suggest an ear cleaner or drying agent and recommend a cleaning schedule to help prevent substance build up and disease recurrence.

Canine ear infections can be frustrating for owners and painful for their pets. If you suspect that your dog might have an ear infection it's important to contact your veterinarian right away. In most cases the correct diagnosis and treatment of ear infections means they can be resolved quickly — by working closely with your veterinarian and following their recommendations.

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