



# AMSCOPE

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## Minutes – November 13, 2013

### AMSC Board Meeting



*.....my glass in hand,  
is my cue to say...  
Happy New Year to all!*

**Terrier Club of Michigan  
September 28, 2013**

**Sweeps Judge: Lindsay N. Santure-Green**

BSW...Maneau's Tribute to Jacqueminot/  
M.Coffman  
1/BOSSW ...CharN Co High Heels/Stuckey

**Regular Judge: Ms. Judy A. Smith**  
1/BP/PG1 ...Kaydee's Kryptonite/ McMillan/  
Deveyrac

RWD ...Loneacre's Grand Slam /Quinn,  
WD/BOW ...Beauideal Live From the Red  
Carpet/Sarvas/ Rohrer

RWB...Wards Creek's Fashion Star Schnetzer  
WB/BOS...Empire's Private Dancer/Stephens  
BOB... GCH Yanga's All the Time/Martinez  
SEL...CH Mlinuteman Toxicology/McMillan,  
SEL... CH Loneacre's Tinkering With Chance/  
Harmon

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The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 9:03 PM EST via conference call.

**Officers Present:** Wyoma Clouss – President, Kathy Colby – Vice President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Carol Hafner – Secretary, Don Farley – AKC Delegate

**Board Members Present:** Nita Ainsworth, Carma Ewer, Kaye Kirk, Margo Klinger, Vicki Kubic, Patty Ledgerwood, Cindy Molieri, Luana Nedich, Carla Nickerson, Patricia O'Brien, Beth Santure, Lisa Sarvas, Brooke Walker, Carole Weinberger

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Margo Klinger made a motion that the agenda be approved. This was seconded by Brooke Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meetings:** Minutes of the October 5, 2013 Annual Dinner Meeting, were approved as corrected. Minutes for September 18, 2013, were approved as printed in AMSCOPE. Motion of approval was made by Vicki Kubic and seconded by Kathy Colby. Both motions passed unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** Wyoma Clouss

1. Approval of the list of Committee Chairs: The only change to the committees is that Public Awareness to be an outreach type of committee that will work on Facebook and all other electronic media. With the current AMSC website issues, we've expanded the referral responsibilities to five members, designated by region. Motion for approval of the Committee Chairs was made by Kathy Colby and seconded by Carma Ewer and approved by consensus.

2. Schedule of Board Meetings: Some will be teleconferences and a method to stay in touch on current issues. Committee reports and full agenda will be at in person meetings.

Other committee reports will only be needed The schedule is as follows:

- a. Nov 13, 2013, Wednesday – Phone
- b. Feb 28, 2014, Friday – w/Arizona Specialty
- c. April 16, 2014, Wednesday – Phone
- d. June 19, 2014, Thursday – w/ Great Western
- e. August 13, 2014, Wednesday – Phone
- f. September 17, 2014, Wednesday – prior to Montgomery County

Motion for approval of the AMSC Board Meeting schedule was made by Kathy Colby and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood and approved by consensus.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:** Carol Hafner

**Correspondence (Received):**

**(1) AKC**

a.. Request that up-to-date information be provided to AKC with the names and contact information of the duly elected officers following elections which will be held next month. Also requested is our club's most recent membership list. Failure to provide this information will significantly delay event applications. TO BE SUBMITTED BY 11/16/13 DEADLINE.

b. Approval of Agility trial for Roving Specialty in Scottsdale, AZ

c. Electronic Submission of Annual Club Membership Listing to AKC

**(2)Miscellaneous**

a. U.S. Military Working Dog Teams National Monument

**Correspondence (Sent):**

**1. AKC**

a. Transmitted

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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

Stephanie Davis Rae  
148 Dover Way  
Vacaville, CA 95687  
luvwaltDisney@att.net

\* **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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**The deadline  
for the February issue is  
January 17.**

Report all changes to the Roster to  
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Sharon Edwards  
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membership electronically on 11/11/13  
b. FedEx'd AMSC officer list on 11/11/13

### Membership:

As of 11/11/13 our membership totaled 470 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), 26 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) for a total of 537.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Sharon Edwards (SEE PAGE 5)

**REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE:** Don Farley

Next delegate meeting is on December 13, 2013, in Orlando, Florida. They will be voting on adding the Bred By Exhibitor to the Miscellaneous Class judging. There was no discussion on this item and we will support the change. Other items for discussion will be nominations for the Board of Directors which will be voted on in March 2014. This Board sent out info to delegates on the AKC Canine College which will be used to educate judges on breeds using online education tools. Parent clubs will be included in the development of the information to be used. There is a proposal to remove restrictions on who can be an AKC delegate including professional judges, professional dog handlers and trainers, employees of dog supply companies and publishers soliciting kennel ads. This would be a by-law change and would require delegates to vote on. Another topic for discussion will be the territoriality of show dates. Once a club loses a date, it is very difficult to get it back. Suggestions from the All-Breed clubs were solicited and submitted, but not given to the delegates for review yet. Group approval for American and visiting judges will be discussed at the next meeting. Judges laid out the criteria of what must be met and want to have equivalent standards.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ordering of AMSC Logo Decals: Sharon Edwards will look for a vendor name in old invoices. The current decal has a vendor name of Myercourt Company of Illinois. Motion to produce more decals up to \$500 in cost was made by Patty Ledgerwood and seconded by Carla Nickerson.

2. Revision of proposed budget:  
a. Reorganization of the budget report for 2011-12 by Committee, Project or Officer has been completed by Sharon Edwards. For future budgets, it will be reorganized in this manner.

b. For the NAIA conference budget, it

will have equivalent funding as the Health conference and Parent Club conference. Current budgeted amount is \$500; the new amount will be \$750. Motion to approve the funding change was made by Margo Klinger and seconded by John Constantine. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Montgomery County had \$1,500 budgeted for hospitality. There were complaints received about serving champagne because it was alcohol being served. We will be moving back to the area where the other breeds are. There will not be a dedicated hospitality tent next year for our breed. Having the breakfast was really nice and we will continue this practice. Volunteers for coordinating this breakfast hospitality will be sought. Kathy Colby and Brooke Walker will check with current hospitality coordinators about next year's hospitality. Brooke Walker will follow up with the new coordinator.

d. For the future, when members are sent to conferences for the AMSC, there will be a report submitted on the conference for inclusion into AMSCOPE for all members to benefit from the conference information.

e. We will be reinforcing the use of the expense voucher for future reimbursements of payments. It helps with record keeping and financial tracking.

3. Montgomery Video – Patty Ledgerwood will continue to work on this issue. Information will be forthcoming from John Constantine.

4. Point for future discussion will be the location of the National Specialty as to whether or not to keep it at Montgomery County.

5. Funds for AKC for trailer for disaster relief will be supported with \$1,000. Motion to approve the funding was made by John Constantine and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood.

6. Website overhaul process will move forward with GMR. Website design is \$5,000 or responsive website design is \$7,500. The responsive website design enables the website to be viewed on smartphones and tablets. Search engine marketing is also available and has the potential of providing a funding source for the AMSC. There will be the ability for specified members to change areas of the website. Options include combined hosting and 3 hours of maintenance per month subscription at \$135/month, or just on a project basis. Sharon Edwards will review contract and suggest language changes to clarify what will be covered by the contract. There will be a public area of

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## How Long Will Your Pet's Rabies Shot Last? You Might Be Surprised...

By Dr. Becker

Dr. Jean Dodds is an incredibly busy woman, and among her many undertakings is her involvement, along with Dr. Ron Schultz, in the Rabies Challenge Fund. The purpose of the fund is to determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines, with the goal of extending the required interval for rabies boosters to five and then to seven years.

Dr. Dodds has agreed to spend some time discussing antibody titers. It's a confusing topic. Not only are there different types of titers and different methods of titrating, but the "when," "how" and "why" of titrating confuses not only pet owners, but veterinarians as well. So I asked Dr. Dodds to start by explaining what a titer actually is.

### What, Exactly, Is an Antibody Titer?

Dr. Dodds replied that a titer is a blood sample from which the serum is analyzed to determine the level of antibodies present to an infectious agent like the distemper virus, parvo, hepatitis, and other diseases. When the blood serum antibody level is measured quantitatively, we are measuring a combination of the animal's natural exposure to the infectious agent as well as vaccinations against it.

Next, Dr. Dodds explains why some diseases are only acquired once (and thereafter, the animal has lifetime immunity), whereas other diseases pose an ongoing threat throughout an animal's life.

### "Sterile" (Lifetime) Immunity versus Short-lived Immunity

Dr. Dodds explained that certain diseases produce what we call "sterile immunity." Those diseases include distemper, parvo, and hepatitis in dogs, and panleukopenia in cats. When an animal is exposed to these diseases and recovers, or is vaccinated properly against them, the animal becomes immunized. And we must keep in mind that immunization is the outcome of proper vaccination. The act of administering a vaccine doesn't necessarily mean the animal has been immunized against the disease.

When an animal is properly vaccinated and becomes immunized, he receives sterile immunity, which is long lasting — a minimum of seven to nine years, to a maximum of lifetime immunity — as measured by titer tests. This means the pet cannot become infected, nor will he shed the virus should he be exposed. (Since the diseases of distemper, parvo, hepatitis and panleukopenia are everywhere, the risk of

exposure is constant.)

But as Dr. Dodds goes on to explain, there are other vaccines that do not produce sterile immunity. Those are vaccines against [Lyme disease](#), leptospirosis, [bordetella](#), and other upper respiratory/kennel cough-type viruses, and even [canine influenza](#). The vaccines against these diseases don't last very long — typically seven months to a year. The antibody levels against these diseases, as measured by titer tests, fall off with each successive year.

But ... does that mean the animal is not protected against the disease? According to Dr. Dodds, the answer to that question is unclear. There are antibody titer levels, and there are things called immune memory cells, which remain for a lifetime. Even with low titer values following vaccination, pets may still be protected for up to a year or even longer by immune memory cells if exposed to one of these diseases.

Dr. Dodds frames the question this way: "The problem, I guess, is how do you know when you do a titer against one of the shorter-lived agents in terms of duration of immunity ... how do you know that the animal is really protected or not? You're not going to challenge them [by deliberately exposing them to the virus or bacterium] to make that determination." Dr. Dodds says that it would seem, for those shorter-lived vaccines, if they're needed at all — and that's a very big IF — animals may need to be vaccinated more often, like every 18 months to two years. This is in contrast to the sterile immunity core vaccines for distemper, parvo, hepatitis and panleukopenia, which we should not have to administer after pets reach midlife, as long as they have measurable titer values.

In human terms, we could compare veterinary core vaccines to polio vaccines, and perhaps measles, mumps and rubella vaccines. These vaccines provide lifetime immunity, whereas a tetanus vaccine, which is a bacterin, may not last for a lifetime.

### Why Intranasal Bordetella Vaccines Are Better Than the Injectable Form

Next, Dr. Dodds talks about kennel cough ([bordetella](#)) vaccines. There is the injectable form and the intranasal form. An animal can receive one of these vaccines and immediately be infected with kennel cough.

Dr. Dodds answered that

upper respiratory virus vaccines are not 100 percent effective, and in fact, she just received some information stating they are only about 70 percent effective. But there are home and commercial boarding facilities run by people who are really concerned about their own liability, even when the risk is minimal. Some insist on [bordetella](#) vaccines every six months. In those cases, the vaccine used should be intranasal.

I asked Dr. Dodds her opinion of the injectable [bordetella](#) vaccine. Does she ever recommend it? She replied that she would not, because the intranasal form contains interferon, which provides partial cross-protection against other upper respiratory viruses.

On a side note, the intranasal [bordetella](#) vaccine should never be given as an injectable, and the injectable form should never be administered as an intranasal vaccine. Dr. Dodds said recently a Rottweiler received a [bordetella](#) vaccine administered incorrectly and acquired acute [hemolytic anemia](#).

### Different Types of Titer Tests and the Potential for Conflicting Results

Back on the confusing topic of titers, I asked Dr. Dodds to discuss hemagglutination inhibition, or HAI, because it is a common method some labs use to run titer tests.

Dr. Dodds explained that HAI is the gold standard for measuring immunity to, for example, parvo. It's the original technique that has been mostly replaced in today's clinical labs with the more efficient enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISA) on serum. ELISA tests are quicker and there are very good ones available.

She goes on to say that the parallel to HAI is serum neutralization, SN. It's considered the gold standard for the canine distemper virus. But again, ELISA tests have replaced SN in most labs because the process is cumbersome, and it is also more costly. The ELISA assays have recently been shown in a refereed paper to give equivalent results to HAI and SN.

I asked Dr. Dodds to discuss another technique called IFA, or immunofluorescence antibody technology. How does it fit into the titrating picture? She answered that IFA is something she's actually quite proud of because back in the late 1990s, she helped develop a similar test and published her findings. In 2000, Dr. Dodds and Dr. Lisa Twark published a very large study of about 1,500 animals, comparing HAI and SN with the new IFA test.

The IFA test measures immunity in much

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the same way tests detect presence of disease. But as Dr. Dodds explains, vaccine titer levels are typically much lower than disease levels. She likes the IFA test because it simulates what happens with a natural infection – determining how well an animal is protected using the same methodology.

At the major diagnostics lab that runs IFA tests, a “yes” answer to the question of whether an animal is protected actually means the animal is well protected. If a pet isn’t protected according to an IFA test, no question about it, you need to revaccinate except in the case of dogs that have experienced prior adverse vaccine reactions or non-responders – animals that are genetically non- or low-responders to vaccinations, as they simply will not acquire effective immunity to a certain disease no matter how many times they are vaccinated.

Regarding ELISA tests, in my own practice I’ve used them, and noted that some animals show no notable protection against distemper. But when I recheck them with the IFA test, they are protected. This is confusing, and I asked Dr. Dodds about it.

She responded that at her lab, Hemopet, they do their own in-house laboratory titer testing. And they use ELISA technology. If they get a negative on a test – and it’s almost always for distemper – they send it out for an IFA confirmation test. They then provide both sets of results to the animal’s veterinarian so he or she can use professional judgment and case history to decide whether or not to re-vaccinate.

Dr. Dodds explains that she’s not overly worried about a low distemper titer unless the pet is around wildlife. She does worry about parvo. If a parvo titer comes back negative on an ELISA and positive on an IFA, again, the results go to the animal’s vet so he or she can make the judgment call. But Dr. Dodds does discourage vets from delivering combination vaccines and recommends instead a single parvovirus vaccine booster. Single-agent vaccines are significantly less stressful to the body immunologically.

**Maternal Immunity: What Is It? Why Is It Important? How Long Does it Last?**

I asked Dr. Dodds to talk about situations in which there is potentially some lingering maternal antibody in a young pet, meaning the puppy or kitten is still protected, or partially so, by its mother’s antibodies.

Dr. Dodds first explains that maternal antibodies are what the mother imparts to her litter via the placenta during fetal

development – this accounts for up to 10 to 15 percent – and the rest comes from the colostrum in her milk. When the pups or kittens nurse, they receive maternal antibodies. How long those will last depends on how high the mother’s antibody titer was while she was pregnant. Maternal antibodies are usually gone by the time a puppy or kitten is 16 weeks of age, but they start to drop off around 8 to 10 weeks. So there is a “window of vulnerability” between, say, 10 and 16 weeks when young animals are not completely protected.

Our solution for that is to vaccinate earlier, which temporarily suppresses the maternal immunity that is present. But, the animals become more vulnerable for those few days – from about 3 to 7 days – after a vaccination at 7 or 10 weeks, for example. At the same time, the maternal antibodies are waning. It’s not ideal to suppress the maternal antibodies via vaccination, but it’s also not prudent to wait until they’ve dropped off entirely. So it’s a bit of a catch-22.

That’s why it’s important that young pets not be out at dog parks or other locations where potentially infected animals could be. Puppies and kittens should be well immunized before they are allowed to venture out into the world. Titering from three to four weeks after the last puppy or kitten shot is a good opportunity to determine if the vaccinations actually worked to immunize the animal. Dr. Dodds agrees but says titers shouldn’t be done before 16 weeks, because if you titer earlier, you can pick up some of that waning maternal immunity which will eventually be gone.

**Rabies Vaccines and the Exciting Work of the Rabies Challenge Fund**

Moving on to the rabies vaccine, depending on what state you live in, it may be approved for dogs as young as three or four months old. This particular vaccine is risky in terms of its reactivity, because it contains a potent amount of inactivated (killed) rabies virus plus strong adjuvants to help stimulate the immune response. Veterinarians often postpone the rabies vaccine until a pet is six months old to give the body more time to develop. I asked Dr. Dodds to talk about the duration of immunity of rabies vaccines, which are made from killed rabies virus.

Dr. Dodds explained that some people believe modified-live rabies vaccines are still in use, but they are not. Years ago, there was a modified-live rabies formula for cats, and it did occasionally mutate and produce rabies. But today there are no modified-

live rabies vaccines in use.

However, the killed-virus rabies vaccine is extremely potent and should not be administered earlier than necessary. Even though rabies vaccine package labels say it can be given at 12 weeks, Dr. Dodds believes it should not be given before 16 weeks. Recently, California passed [legislation](#) to allow rabies vaccines at 12 weeks vs. 16 weeks, which caused a lot of controversy and will continue to do so.

As to the question of how long rabies vaccines last, according to titer tests, antibodies can remain in an animal’s blood for seven to nine years, and perhaps longer. But again, the question is: are those pets truly protected against the disease?

The Rabies Challenge Fund recently completed year five of its five and seven-year trials to determine how long the rabies vaccine lasts. They are into year six now. The animals used in the study are living in a kennel breeding facility environment.

According to antibody titers on the study animals, at year three after vaccination they all showed good immunity. At year four they showed measurable immunity, but by year 5, some of the animals no longer had measurable rabies titers. Dr. Dodds and Dr. Ron Schultz conducted something called a vaccinal challenge (rabies revaccination) that showed the animals all had immune memory cells that responded by producing good rabies antibody titers, even though some of the animals had titers below the 0.1 international units per milliliter level deemed by the CDC to be adequate to protect a person against rabies. So Dr. Dodds and Dr. Schultz believe that even five years post-vaccination, the animals in the study have maintained good immune memory to protect them against rabies should they be exposed.

What’s lovely about all this is that the animal body is still capable of mounting a response, from immune memory, to the virus. The body innately knows what to do.

Dr. Dodds wants to clarify that even though we know immune memory response was boosted in the animals in the study, it doesn’t mean the USDA or individual states will accept extending the length between rabies booster vaccinations. The Rabies Challenge Fund hasn’t reached that stage in the process yet. They are still developing data that, quite frankly, many people might not want to see published, and that data is being gathered from canine titers rather than trying to extrapolate data from human titer studies to canines.

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the website to represent information for the general public as well as members only information. Motion to move forward with GMR to develop a responsive website for \$7,500, including initial maintenance, was made by Vicki Kubic and seconded by Margo Klinger. Kathy Colby, Vicki Kubic, Luana Nedich, and Patty Ledgerwood will oversee the process of website reconstruction.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ways and Means projects currently being worked on include new items with new designs to be sold at the Roving which will not be show specific so that they can be sold all year. As these items are sold out, a new design for the next year will be sought. A collegiate type design t-shirt and new aprons with the AMSC logo is being worked on. We are currently completely out of afghans and nearly sold out of other items. Carma Ewer will look into new afghan options. Send ideas for items as well as new designs to Carma Ewer for consideration.

2. Associated Dog Clubs of New York State injunction against the Retail Pet Store final rule from USDA has requested funding to support their legal action. The rule applies to breeders who have more than 4 breedable bitches and sell/ship their puppies sight unseen. Allowances were made during the regulation development process to accommodate hobby breeders. The law takes effect November 18, 2014. There is the potential of exposing our breeders to scrutiny. Implementation of these regulations law will be watched to see what ramifications may come.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Wyoma called for a motion to adjourn this meeting at 10:42 PM EST. Motion to adjourn was made by Carla Nickerson and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS FEBRUARY 28, 2014 AT SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

Respectfully submitted by Carol Hafner, AMSC Secretary

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Sharon Edwards November, 2013**

**Financials**

<u>Explanation *</u>	<u>Balance</u>		<u>Balance</u>	
	<u>9/1/2013</u>	<u>10/31/2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Checking	\$22,878.09	\$43,221.25	\$20,343.16	Roving account closed and transferred to checking \$26,947; offset by expenses detailed below and account transfers
Rescue	\$7,539.02	\$7,539.27	\$.25	interest
Health	\$6,355.22	\$5,648.52	-\$706.70	Travel expenses (P. Steele) to Canine Health Conference
Holding	\$14,002.59	\$14,003.06	\$.47	interest
Savings	\$33,912.12	\$33,914.96	\$2.84	interest
PayPal	\$3,039.40	\$4,482.09	\$1,442.69	PayPal receipts (mdse. sales, Montgomery Dinner/lunch)
Trophy	\$7,253.80	\$7,160.84	-\$92.96	Montgomery trophy expense \$1,026, "garage sale" at Montgomery revenue of \$908 and \$25 donation to Trophy Fund
2013 Roving	\$26,947.25	\$0	-\$26,947.25	Account closed Sept. 9, 2013. Balance transferred to checking
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$121,927.49</b>	<b>\$115,969.99</b>	<b>-\$5,957.50</b>	

\* Material variances are explained; all other small variances account for change in balance, including interest.

Note that the AMSC uses the cash basis of accounting and all reports reflect this methodology.

**Income/Expense Recap**

Significant transactions since the September report include the following.

**Income:**

New member dues	\$493	(new members approved in July & Sept. Board meetings)
Sales Special Projects	\$787	
Meet the Breeds stipend	\$300	
Montgomery catalogue ads	\$300	
Montgomery dinner receipts	\$945	
Montgomery lunch receipts	\$438	

**Expenses:**

Purina facility deposit for 2016	\$500
AMSCope printing (2 months)	\$305
Insurance: annual premiums	
D&O	\$569
Liability	\$600
Meet the Breeds - NYC	\$198
Draw (C. Borrelli) stamps fir AMSCope	\$2,000

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** cont'd from p. 5, col 3

Great Western: Note – No invoice received for AMSC share of show expenses (tenting, power, etc.)

Judge's travel	\$2,189	(expense high due to last minute judge change)
AKC application fee	\$15	
Dinners for judges	\$95	
Lunches (judges/steward)	\$30	
Ring steward gift	\$100	

Montgomery: Note - Invoice from MCKC not received at report date

Awards	\$481	(4 crystal awards engraved and shipped)
Dinner	\$2,045	(net loss of \$25 excl. Paypal fees of approx. \$47)
Lunch	\$438	(excl. Paypal fees approx. \$14. Check still outstanding at report date)
Golf cart rental	\$150	
Trophies	\$1,026	
Hospitality	\$147	(Check for breakfast of \$842 still outstanding at cut-off date; deposit of \$400 paid in prior period)

*The regional contacts for Breeder Referral are:*

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## Black Ribbons

At 10a.m. this morning, I lost **Ch. Alpine Loft Carmel Tell Me Lies** "Stevie".

Stevie was one of Brad's favorites.  
Brad Child 4-5-1954/7-2-2013

GCH. Hi Line's Carmel With a Twist "Cooper" and Stevie had 2 litters together and produced both; Ch. Alpine Loft Carmel Gluhwein "Nick" and Ch. Carmel Alpine Loft Say You Will "Martha".

It was time to let her go.  
Sleep my Sweet Stevie Sue.

Karen Child

## Bouquets & Biscuits

**\*Jofor's No Rules CHANCE.** Bred by Joanne Forster Owner Trainer loved by Joanne McCallum. He completed requirements for Rally Advance B on 6-18-13 at Tri-Cities-Dog-training Club of Saginaw, Michigan Novice Agility Std Pref on 5-24-13 at High Hopes in Grand Blank, Michigan Novice Agility Jww Pref on 5-23-13 at High Hopes in Grand Blank, Michigan Open Agility Jww Pre on 5-15-13 at Midland Michigan Kennel Club @ TNT Center. Joanne McCallum ANC Jofor s No Rules CHANCE GC;BN;RN;RA;NAP;NAJ;

**\* Am. Ch. Lakeside's Status Quo** by Ch Orleans's Fils Gris de Twister X Ch Lakeside's Hello It's Me finished his requirements for AKC championship title last month at 11 months of age. He was bred by and is owned by Patricia Bond. He is the SIXTH champion for his sire and the first champion for his dam.

**\* GCh. Orleans Viennese Sachertorte** by Ch Orleans's Fils Gris de Twister X Ch Schnaucam's Queen Elpnoria vd Lksd finished her requirements for AKC Grand Championship title. "Sugar" is owned by Paula Steele, Elliott Mackle and Darlene Petche; shown exclusively by Paula Steel and Elliott Mackle; and was bred by Darlene Petche and Patricia Bond.

## Looking ahead to February 27th 2014 through March 3rd 2014

Mark your **2014** show calendars now and plan to attend the Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Specialty in Scottsdale Arizona. We will also be hosting the AMSC National Roving Specialty this coming spring.

**Featuring 6 shows in 5 days** part of the **Fiesta Cluster** at WestWorld in Scottsdale Arizona

**2/27 Thursday am, Sun Country Terrier Club — terrier group show**

**Breed: Judy Smith \_ Sweepstakes: Shirley Cole**

Jack Bradshaw Superintendent

**\*2/27 Thursday approx 12~noon, Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club Specialty**

**Breed: Lynda Berar Sweepstakes: Carma Ewer**  
CSMSC Show Chair, Kathy Thom - [schnrgab@aol.com](mailto:schnrgab@aol.com)  
CSMSC Show Secretary, Linda Jacobs - [lindajaz@q.com](mailto:lindajaz@q.com)  
Details will be posted on the club web site - **including on-line entry**  
<http://www.cactusstatemsc.org/>

**2/28 Friday, Scottsdale Dog Fanciers — all breed show**

Jack Bradshaw Superintendent

**3/1 Saturday, Scottsdale Dog Fanciers — all breed show**

**Breed: Mrs K. J. Ferris**

Jack Bradshaw Superintendent

**3/1 Saturday, Scottsdale Dog Fanciers — all breed show**

**Breed: Mr. R.E. Hutton**

Jack Bradshaw Superintendent

**3/2 Sunday, AMSC National Roving Specialty**

**Breed: Mr. John Constantine Sweepstakes: Manuel Itriago**

AMSC Roving Specialty Coordinator, Cindy Molieri - [cmolieri@wbhsi.net](mailto:cmolieri@wbhsi.net)  
**Jack Bradshaw Superintendent**

**3/3 Monday, Superstition Kennel Club — all breed show**

**Breed: Betty-Anne Stenmark**

Jack Bradshaw Superintendent

**Fiesta Cluster Information Link**

**Performance Events include**

5 days of Obedience and Rally Trials

3 days of Agility Trials

Refer to club web site for more information - including on-line entry form

<http://www.cactusstatemsc.org/>

CSMSC Show Chair, Kathy Thom - [schnrgab@aol.com](mailto:schnrgab@aol.com)

AMSC Liaison, Cindy Molieri - [cmolieri@wbhsi.net](mailto:cmolieri@wbhsi.net)

## 2014 Membership Dues

Your 2014 membership dues for the American Miniature Schnauzer Club are due **by January 1, 2014**. Dues will be in arrears after that date and you will be ineligible to vote. Membership will lapse if dues are not paid before March 1, 2014.

**There is no change in the amount of dues this year** - dues will continue to be based on the method by which you receive the newsletter. All members who wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter sent through regular mail will continue to pay an increased amount to offset the additional costs for printing and postage.

\*Members receiving AMSCOpe by **Email - \$30 individual, \$52.50 joint**

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

**\*New members (voted into membership Oct. 2012) and Life members do not need to pay\***

A few important notes to remember:

- By your selection of the "Email membership" and corresponding dues payment you authorize future notification of Club Member and Board meetings, dues notices, minutes, and newsletters by Email.

- The amount of your dues payment will serve as notification of your preferred newsletter delivery method. If you do not currently have an email address on file and you are switching from hard copy to soft copy delivery for 2014, please include your email address with your payment. Once you have paid your 2014 dues, you cannot change your AMSCOpe delivery method during 2014. This can be changed once per year when dues are paid.

Payment may be made either online or by check.

- **Online payment** is made by secure credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express) or PayPal transaction by using the following link. Note this link is only available directly, and cannot be accessed through the AMSC web site or through PayPal. You must have a PayPal account in order to pay via 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> (click here to access)

- **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. Please do **NOT** include the word "Treasurer" in the address for security reasons.

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Finally, please review the AMSC roster to confirm the accuracy of your address/ phone/email. The roster is available 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 this online roster. If you are not currently on the AMSC-L list and wish to be, contact Vicki Kubic at [vickikubic@aol.com](mailto:vickikubic@aol.com)

Send any changes to your contact information to

[Treasurer@amsc.us](mailto:Treasurer@amsc.us) or send a note with your payment.

## FROM the HEALTH COMMITTEE

I have included below a recent communication with Dr Eva Furrow from University of Minnesota and a well-known friend to the AMSC and researcher of miniature schnauzer disease. She is requesting samples (cheek swabs) from miniature schnauzers known to have Calcium Oxalate stone. We would like to support this research and the AMSC Health Committee is asking any AMSC member (or international breeder) who meet this criteria to please contact Dr Furrow by phone or via email. Her lab will get your address and send a collection kit to you. The submission instructions are attached. Her contact information is as follows:

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### Dr EVA FURROW EMAIL EXCERPT BELOW

The initial funding that we received via the Acorn grant was extremely helpful for getting our research off the ground. I am very grateful for the AMSC financial support. We are now getting close to having a test for a genetic variant that increases the risk that a dog will develop CaOx stones. However, we want to be careful and make sure that we have the right mutation and not just a marker for disease before we start testing outside of a research setting. I would hate for people to make breeding decisions based on incomplete data. The validation process can unfortunately be very slow. I expect that it might take until next summer before we have everything we need. We're also looking into a couple unusual environmental risk factors that could have implications for dietary recommendations for stone formers. CaOx stones are definitely a complex disease. Genetic factors increase risk for disease, but they are not a perfect predictor of which dogs will form stones. It would be great if we can figure out what combination of genetic and environmental risk factors contribute to disease and then be able to make more sophisticated recommendations to prevent the stones from developing.

Thank you again for your current and past support and work to help this wonderful breed.

Eva Furrow, VMD, Dip ACVIM

## AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT — Advancing Our Sport —

New York, NY - This year we celebrate the 129th anniversary of the American Kennel Club. Today, as it has been throughout those years, our beliefs and traditions continue to guide us in our sport, while innovation continues to advance us. We began the year with the spirit of relentless positive action in search of new ideas to advance our sport - a spirit shared by the Board, Staff, Delegate Committees, and the Delegate Body. Working together, we have evaluated scores of new programs and implemented dozens across Conformation, Companion, and Performance events in our quest to continuously increase participation and assist clubs. The following is a sampling of those innovations impacting our sport - some already in place, some coming before the end of the year, some starting next year :

- \* Scheduled the inaugural AKC National Owner-Handled Series Finals in Orlando in December
- \* Expanded the AKC National Owner-Handled Series to specialty and group shows
- \* Evaluating testing all-breed and group clubs meeting certain criteria to hold two shows in one day
- \* Added to both the number of Executive Field Representatives as well as staff in the Event Department to better serve exhibitors, clubs and judges
- \* Offered the option for clubs to award a three-point major to the Reserve Winners at National Specialties
- \* Created levels of the Certificate of Merit to encourage dogs to continue to compete
- \* Evaluating adding the Bred-by-Exhibitor Class to Miscellaneous
- \* Added CGC as a title program
- \* Launched advanced CGC Community Canine program
- \* Added new "Pre" classes for Obedience (Pre-Novice, Pre-Open, and Pre-Utility)
- \* Approved AKC Rally National Championship launching in Pennsylvania in April 2014
- \* Removed restrictions on Rally to allow any club to hold Rally whenever they desired
- \* Permitted clubs to hold Rally events without also having to offer Obedience
- \* Approved the offering of two Agility Trials in a day by Specialty clubs
- \* Modified mileage restrictions to allow Agility events within 100 miles of each other with the agreement of both clubs
- \* Upgraded Online Entries system to better serve Agility competitors and Trial Secretaries

- \* Held Agility Advisory Committee - first recommendations for administrative improvements will be effective 1/1/14 with others to follow
- \* Approved allowing Canine Partners to participate in Tracking at the club's option effective 1/1/14
- \* Added new Tracking test (Tracking Dog Urban) to Tracking program effective 1/1/14
- \* Implemented Online Plans and Results tool for clubs offering Coursing Ability Tests
- \* Added Retriever Hunting Test Lifetime Achievement title effective 1/1/14
- \* Added new Grand Field Champion titles earned in Pointing Breed field trials starting 1/1/14
- \* Added three new breeds participating in Performance events
- \* Increased the number of titles AKC displays on a dog's record and on printed documents (extended Dog Title Name)
- \* Recognized Barn Hunt titles
- \* Implemented program to recognize Wilderness Search & Rescue dogs
- \* Expanded number of clubs holding My Dog Can Do That
- \* Changed all sport Rules/Regulations to allow clubs to offer lower entry fees for Junior Handlers at the club's discretion
- \* Approved allowing premium lists and judging programs to be delivered solely by email
- \* Modified policy on combined catalogs to support national specialties and clusters
- \* Implemented Standing Board approval of common special attractions
- \* Added asterisk to designate Delegate Judges in the Online Judges Directory
- \* Expanded the type of clubs eligible to participate in the Club Outreach program
- \* Welcomed Agility clubs to apply to become member clubs.

Of all the innovations we have reviewed and implemented, the one that has the greatest potential for the future of our events is marketing. The issues impacting our events today have been clearly identified and discussed. They can be collected into three categories - societal, economic, and legislative. While the apparent reasons are simple to discover, the solutions are significantly more complex. It will take very sophisticated marketing to achieve our goal of bringing more participants to our events and more members to our clubs. We are not only up for addressing it, we are capable of delivering it.

Our headroom for growth is significantly larger than anyone might have imagined.

Currently, there are about 350,000 people living in households with some active involvement with the AKC. What is our headroom for growth? Amazingly, there are about 100 million people with at least one dog in their home, roughly half with a purebred dog. Our research indicates the majority shares our beliefs and know and respect our brand - but really do not know we have something for them and their dog to participate in, learn from, or just enjoy together

The AKC Board and Staff are taking a number of steps to address this opportunity. We continue to grow our communications web with almost one million fans on Facebook and two million unique visitors per month to our website. Obviously, we are already reaching significantly beyond our 350,000 constituents to people who share our beliefs. Since people read, share, and engage more with information when it is presented by people they know and trust, we have the opportunity to introduce them to our sport. Staff is currently creating marketing programs to stimulate event participation utilizing a variety of communication assets. Although we already possess significant consumer research, we continue to conduct studies to learn from participants and potential participants. In addition, the Board is developing a new strategic plan to specifically address the next three years.

Peter Drucker, the father of modern management once wrote, "The purpose of a business is to generate new customers, and only two functions do that - innovation and marketing. All other business functions are expenses." I believe strongly in that thought. I also believe that innovation and marketing are too important to be the province of a few. The McDonald's Happy Meal, invented by a franchisee, is just one famous example of brilliant innovation and marketing coming from outside the corporate office. I encourage all of you to share your thoughts about ways to improve our events. Please send your comments to me at [atk@akc.org](mailto:atk@akc.org), Doug Ljungren at [dvl@akc.org](mailto:dvl@akc.org), and Chris Walker at [cwx2@akc.org](mailto:cwx2@akc.org).

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Alan Kalter, Chairman

## NEW APPLICANTS

### Andy Deer

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Andy has had Miniature Schnauzers for 18 years, Standard Schnauzers for 5 years and Giant Schnauzers for 6 years. Randy has had all three sizes for 2 1/2 years. They are breeders. They have been involved in conformation for 5 years and breeding for 18 years. They attend approximately 10-15 events per year. They are also members of the Standard Schnauzer Club of America. Andy is a Registered Nurse and Randy is a Licensed Practical Nurse. Their interest lie in Rescue, Ethics and Health. Andy started in 1994 with his first Mini and had his first litter in 1995 with champion bloodline pets. In 2008, he got his first Standard Schnauzer and went to his first dog show and owner handled her to her Grand Championship. He bought his first show Mini in 2010, which was handled to his Grand Championship by Terrie Houck. He then bought another Mini and is excited about the future. They state that they are team players, hard workers, both are in the medical field and Randy is very organized.

### Judy Rowley

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Sponsors: Carol Hafner, Patricia O'Brien

**Judith** has owned German Shorthair Pointers, German Wirehair Pointers, a Doberman and now a Miniature Schnauzer. She is not a breeder. Judith has been active in agility and obedience for 14 years and tracking for one year. She attends approximately 10 events per year. She belongs to GWPCNC, GWPCA and Therapy Dogs International. Judith is a retired English teacher. Her areas of interest are Newsletter, Rescue, Public Awareness, Obedience, Agility, Ethics and Health. She became interested in performance, especially agility in 1998 and made 4 trips to the Agility Invitational with her German Wirehaired Pointer and received a fifth invite when her dog was 12 1/2 years old. Her current GWP has a CD and a few agility titles. He is also a welcome therapy dog. Judith is now training her Miniature Schnauzer in agility and obedience and still working with her GWP.

### Bernardo Buechner Regazzoni

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**Bernardo** has had Miniature Schnauzers since 1986. He had Standard Schnauzers from 1984-95, and has had Smooth and Wirehaired Dachshunds from 1984-98. He is a breeder and has had six litters under the kennel name Zelebritat, which is FCI registered. Bernardo has been involved in Conformation, breeding, obedience and judging and attends approximately 30-40 events per year. He belongs to the Pinscher Schnauzer Klub (PSK) Germany and the Kennel Club Uruguayo (KCU) Uruguay. Bernardo is employed as an International Civil Servant (United Nations). His interests are in Newsletter, Legislative Issues, Rescue, Judges Education, Education, Ethics and Health. He has been involved in breeding for a long time as his family breeds cattle, horses and sheep. Bernardo started his breeding program in 1985 with Standard Schnauzers to which Dachshunds and Miniature Schnauzers followed. Zelebritat has produced over the past 28 years several national and international champions and provided foundation top dogs to various kennels worldwide. Bernardo is a specialized judge for all three Schnauzer breeds, as well as for the nine Dachshund breeds and their Group 4 under FCI. He has extensive knowledge in dogs anatomy, functionality and behavior and experience in breeding and evaluating stock at international level. He also has deep knowledge of the breed origins in Germany, its development and current status worldwide.

### Becky Nagel

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Denise Valverde, Kathy Colby **Becky** has had three Miniature Schnauzers. She states that she is not a breeder anymore. She has been involved in conformation, breeding, obedience and therapy dog activities. Becky attends approximately 10 dog related events per year. She belongs to the Southern California Miniature Schnauzer Club and the Pet Prescription Team, a Therapy Dog organization. Becky is employed as a pet groomer. She is interested in Obedience, Health and Therapy Dog. She has had two therapy dogs and has done obedience with one dog. Her dogs are a part of her family. Skills helpful to our organization are her work with therapy dogs.

### Barbara Fraile

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Barbara has owned Giant Schnauzers since 1998. She's had two blacks and a salt and pepper who became a champion in 2005 and bred a litter in 2007. She has had Miniature Schnauzers since 1999 and has been breeding them since 2002 and in that time produced or owned over 20 champions in over a dozen countries. Barbara, along with her sister have also had Standard Schnauzers since 2003. She has co-owned and bred them and produced some champions. She lists herself as a breeder, having had a total of 28 litters since 2008. Barbara has been active in conformation for 12 years, obedience for 5 years and breeding for 11. She is a member of Schnauzer Club Argentino and Federacion Cinologica Argentina, both located in Buenos Aires. Barbara has been involved with Schnauzers since 1998 when she got her first Giant Schnauzer at the age of 11. When she was 15, she started attending dog shows with a professional handler traveling around her country, Brazil and Uruguay learning about dogs. She has learned to groom and handle her own dogs. In 2002, she had her first litter of Miniature Schnauzers. Barbara states that, "the dogs are a part of my life" "breeding dogs for me has many meanings but the biggest joy is to see the new owners happy". Barbara states that she lives to far away to be a direct help to the AMSC, however she does have artistic skills that may be helpful to the club. She does sculptures and does figurines in resin and bronze. Her work can be seen at <http://www.applerain.com/>.

### Vera Van Wassenhove

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**Vera** has had Miniature Schnauzers for the past 25+ years. She has been breeding for five years. She is involved in conformation and breeding. Vera attends approximately 10-15 events per year. She works as a medical assistant. Vera is interested in Newsletter, Education, Membership and Health. She got her first dog around 1977 and her first show dog in the early 80's. She likes to exchange information with responsible breeders in Europe and other continents.



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#### UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Gateway MSC Feb 28, 2014  
Regular Classes: Steve Hayden  
Sweeps: Richard Isley  
Obedience: Virginia Kinion

MSC of Southern CA June 20, 2014  
Regular Classes: Robert Black  
Sweepstakes: Tammy Colbert

MSC of Southern CA June 21, 2014  
Regular Classes: Claudia Seaberg  
Sweepstakes: Janet Allen

#### AMSC SPECIALTIES

Roving, Scottsdale, AZ March 2, 2014  
Regular Classes: John Constantine  
Sweeps: Manuel Itriago

Great Western June 22, 2014  
Regular Classes Marcia Feld  
Sweeps: Kim Cox Griffin

Montgomery Co. October 5, 2014  
Regular Classes Margo Klingler  
Sweeps Carla Nickerson

Roving Specialty- Denver Feb.15, 2015  
Regular classes, Wyoma Clouss  
Sweeps-Kurt Garmaker

Great Western June 21,2015  
Regular classes, Judy Smith  
Sweeps-Shawne Imler

**The host hotel for the 2014 Roving Specialty** is the Country Inn & Suites By Carlson Scottsdale at 10801 North 89th Place | Scottsdale, Arizona 85260. They can be reached at 480-314-1200. Their website is: <http://www.countryinns.com/hotels/azphosco>

The room rates are as follows:

Standard Guest Room: \$129.00 Single/  
Double Occupancy

Suite: \$139.00 Single/Double Occupancy

A \$30 pet free will apply and No pets are allowed on the first floor.

The rooms will be held until January 28th, 2014. At that time rooms not spoken for will be released for general sale.



*Happy Holidays*  
*from your Editor,*  
*Carla*