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SPECIALTY WINS

Greater Columbus MSC
Nov. 15, 2014
Judge: Dr. Michael D. Buckley
WD...Keepsake Ebonheir Tribute to
Beauideal/Jacobus & Deer
RWD...Myla's On The Lookout At Wards
Creek/Schnetzer
WB/BW...Black Starz Asia/Moreau
RWB...Dimensions Cam-Ron High
Bidder/Reeves, Woodruff & Klinger
BOB...GCH Loneacre's Grand Slam/Quinn
BOS...CH Markworth Shining Hour/Marks
SEL... CH Wards Creek's Cool Cat/
Schnetzer
SEL...CH Maneau's America's Next Top
Model/M. Coffman

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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

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Cancer and Your Pet: Two Things to Avoid

By Dr. Becker

I recently ran across an article about the link between nutrition and cancer in dogs and cats. According to PetfoodIndustry.com:

"Despite significant advancements in companion animal cancer treatment over the last decade, the relationships between nutrition and veterinary cancer control and prevention remain in their infancy. Developing dietary strategies for reducing companion animal cancer incidence and mortality—overall and for specific cancers—will be an exciting and challenging endeavor that will take extensive research coordination using evidence-based designs." Since this article — though written by a professor at the Animal Cancer Center at Colorado State University — was published in a trade journal for the pet food industry, I think we can assume there will be pet food companies heavily involved in *developing dietary strategies* to address the growing problem of cancer in pets.

And I doubt very seriously those pet food manufacturers will develop strategies that encourage pet owners to feed real, whole, fresh food and not the processed stuff they sell.

Expect to see "cancer prevention" processed pet diets coming soon to a store and/or veterinary office near you. It's just a matter of time.

Obesity Increases Cancer Risk

The PetfoodIndustry.com article also points out that, "Caloric restriction has demonstrated the most consistent delay in the progression and prevention of tumor development across species." Fewer calories, it has been shown, cause the cells of the body to block tumor growth. Too many calories, on the other hand, lead to obesity — and obesity is strongly linked to increased cancer risk in humans. There is a connection between too much glucose, increased insulin sensitivity, inflammation and oxidative stress — all factors in obesity — and cancer. And while there's been no direct link made yet to obesity and cancer in dogs and cats, it is assumed a link exists.

So in addition to the clearly established connections between obesity and other health problems like diabetes, arthritis, high

blood pressure, kidney disease, reduced quality of life and shortened lifespan, there is also increased risk that an overweight pet will develop cancer.

And what is the biggest health problem for pets today? Overweight and obesity. Certainly the increase in cancer rates among dogs and cats is in part attributable to the obesity epidemic.

Overfeeding your pet is not a loving thing to do. Food is no substitute for quality time spent with your dog or cat. And keep in mind that fat doesn't just sit on your pet's body harmlessly. It produces inflammation that can promote tumor development.

In order to be the best guardian you can be for your pet, you must insure she stays at a healthy weight. Parents of too-heavy and obese pets need to understand the tremendous harm they are doing to their companion animal's health and quality of life before it's too late.

Inflammation Leads to Cancer

Anything that creates or promotes inflammation in the body increases the risk for serious diseases, including cancer.

Recent research points to cancer as a chronic inflammatory disease. Inflammation kills the cells of the body. It also surrounds cells with toxic inflammatory by-products that inhibit the flow of oxygen, nutrients and waste products between cells and blood. This creates an environment in which abnormal cells proliferate.

Preventing inflammation is crucial to the prevention of cancer.

One major contributor to inflammatory conditions is a diet too high in omega-6 fatty acids and too low in omega-3s. Omega-6s increase inflammation, cell proliferation and blood clotting, while the omega-3s do the reverse.

Unfortunately, the typical processed western diet — for both humans and their pets — is loaded down with omega-6 fatty acids and deficient in omega-3s.

Nutrition for Cancer Prevention

The best diet for cancer prevention is a

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Please let me know if you make a change

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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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CANCER...con'ton p.9, diet that provides the nutritional components required to maintain healthy cells and repair unhealthy ones.

Cancer cells need the glucose in carbohydrates to grow and proliferate. If you limit or eliminate that energy source, you do the same with the cancer's growth. That's one of the reasons I always discourage feeding diets high in carbohydrates. Carbs are pro-inflammatory nutrients that also feed cancer cells.

Carbs you want to keep out of your pet's diet include processed grains, fruits with fructose, and starchy veggies like potatoes. All dry pet food contains some form of starch (it's not possible to create kibble without it), which is one of the reasons I'm not a fan of dry pet food.

Cancer cells generally can't use dietary fats for energy, so appropriate amounts of good quality fats are nutritionally healthy for dogs and cats.

A healthy, species-appropriate diet for dogs and cats – one that is anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer consists of real, whole foods, preferably served raw. It looks something like this:

High in high-quality protein, including muscle meat, organs and bone (protein should make up 75 percent of a healthy dog's diet, and 88 percent of a cat's diet)
A few beneficial additions like probiotics, digestive enzymes and super green foods
Moderate levels of animal fat
A vitamin/mineral supplement
High levels of EPA and DHA (omega-3 fatty acids)
High moisture content
A few fresh cut veggies and a bit of fruit, pureed
No grains; no starches

Immune System Support for Cancer Prevention

The health of your pet's immune system is vital to her ability to defend against disease. Balanced, species-appropriate nutrition is the foundation for a healthy immune system. You can also help keep your dog's or cat's immune system balanced and resilient by:

- Insuring regular and adequate exercise
- Brushing your pet's teeth every day or several times a week
- Eliminating exposure to chemical toxins, including
 - tobacco smoke
- Reducing the number of unnecessary vaccines
- Taking a proactive approach to your pet's health with regular at-home

wellness exams and twice yearly wellness visits to your vet to insure your dog's or cat's organs are functioning well and he's not harboring any silent infections or other illness

The Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club wishes to announce our Spring Specialty to be held on February 12th, 2015 in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club. Kathi Brown will judge the regular classes and Pamela Wilson will be judging the sweepstakes. The specialty will be held at the National Western Complex in Denver, Colorado.



**So long, farewell,
auf wiedersehen,
adieu...adieu...adieu...
to you and you ...
who have not paid your
dues.....
DUES ARE DUE....**

**Make checks payable to
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Bonnie Keyes**

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**Minutes – November 19, 2014
AMSC Board Meeting**

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 8:05 PM EST via conference call.

Officers Present: Wyoma Clouss – President, Kathy Colby – Vice President, Bonnie Keyes – Treasurer, Carol Hafner – Secretary

Board Members Present: Patti Henderson, Margo Klingler, Lisa Sarvas, Carole Weinberger, Patty Ledgerwood, Luana Nedich, Carla Nickerson, Nita Ainsworth, Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Brian Bogart, Rich Edwards, Amy Gordon, Laurie Moore

Other Club Members Present: Brooke Walker

Adoption of the Agenda: Carla Nickerson made a motion that the agenda be approved and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meeting held on September 17, 2014: The minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Wyoma Clouss

The Minutes for the Annual Meeting on October 4, 2014 will be forthcoming.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: Carol Hafner

Correspondence (Received):

- 1.AKC
 - a.Event operations notice for Roving Specialty
 - b.Event Operations notice for event pending requesting host kennel club support letter

- c. Approval of Denver Roving Specialty and Sweepstakes
- d.L etter requesting parent club officer changes/updates
- e. Request for club membership list update
- f. Chance to comment on Confirmation judging approval process
- g. Health screening parent club recommendations to be listed on the AKC Online Breeder Classified ads

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Question on AKC registration color of "liver" instead of chocolate
- b. Question on oldest miniature schnauzer ever (Answer: 20+ years)
- c. Request for breeders in Arizona that provide stud service
- d. Question on club balloting process
- e. Dog News request for performance dog information
- f. Request for review of a new book, I Want A Dog: My Opinion Essay
- g. ShowSight magazine request for club information and show statistics
- h. Requests for puppies (3, Florida, China and Texas)

Correspondence (Sent):

- 1.Emailed AKC to cancel AMSC specialty date of 2/27/15 in Scottsdale, AZ and changed to 2/14/15 in Denver, CO
- 2.Emailed AKC 2015 Life Time Achievement Awards selections of Edd E. Bivin and David Nauer

Membership:

As of 11/19/14 our membership totaled 465 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 31 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), for a total of 537.

AMSC Montgomery County Specialty:

The AMSC Specialty was held in conjunction with the Montgomery County Kennel Club show in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania on Sunday, October 5, 2014. Carla Nickerson judged 18

Sweepstakes entries. Margo Klingler judged 82 regular class entries. The 2014 AMSC Specialty in Blue Bell, PA compares with 2013 as follows:

REGULAR CLASSES			
	2014	2013	UP OR DOWN
Total Entry	91	92	-1
Competing	82	85	-3
SWEEPSTAKES			
Total Entry	20	22	-2
Competing	18	20	-2
VETERANS			
Total Entry	2	2	0
Competing	2	2	0

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:
Bonnie Keyes

AMSC BUDGET 2015 (SEE pages 5,6)

Board discussed charging a nominal fee for requested reprints of AMSCOPE and Membership Rosters done by Carla Borelli. The fee will be determined at a future Board meeting. A reminder was given to all specialty show chairs to consider giving the Judges a welcome basket with refreshments and critical club contact information for the judge. The National specialty will be Great Western in 2015 and Minipalooza in 2016. The rotation of the National specialty was voted on by the Board previously.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE: Don Farley

At the December AKC Delegates' Meeting, the "Delegate Forum" which takes place prior to the meeting, will have a Q&A session with

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MINUTES....con't from p. 3, col.3

the current nominees for the AKC Board Class of 2019. Nominations by petition closed on Nov. 15, so the current slate of nominees is:

Robert A. Amen, Port Chester Obedience Training Club
Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America
Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Springfield Kennel Club
Steven D. Gladstone, Waterloo Kennel Club
Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club

There are four Board positions to be filled. And Jim Crowley, AKC General Secretary, is requesting any questions for these candidates be submitted to him in writing by December 1. So if anyone has questions you'd like any or all of these nominees to answer, please send them to me and I'll send them to Jim in his required format. The only item we're voting on at the December meeting is a change in the rules for Retriever Trials, allowing an All-Age only trial in place of their Open/All-Age trial once every three years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trophy Committee Proposal for 2016:

3" medallion for BOB
2" medallion for BOS and Select
1 1/2" medallion for AOM
Trophies (not medallions) for WD, WB, RWD, RWB, 1st in each class, Veterans, Best in Sweeps, BOS in Sweeps
3" medallion for High In Trial
2" medallion for High Combined
Appropriate sized rosettes for 1st each class on up

Cost of Medallions:

\$49/large antique brass or antique copper
\$35/antique silver plate
\$19.45/small antique brass or antique copper
\$15/small antique silver plate

Estimated annual budget needed is \$3,500 does not include cost of medallions. Committee will post cost of making more medallions to the Board list. If a die needs to be made, the cost is \$800 for just the 2" medallion that we do not currently have. Bonnie Keyes requested that budgeting be done based on a calendar year. This discussion will continue at the Denver Board meeting. Committee will continue to organize 2015 trophies up until Montgomery.

Confirmation of dues amount for 2014-15

Constitution & By Laws, Article 1, Section 4.

Dues

(a) The amount of the annual dues, maximum \$75, shall be set by action of the Board prior to the mailing of the dues notices

(b) Annual dues shall be payable on or before the first day of January of each year.

(a) Statement of dues payable for the ensuing year shall be mailed to each member at least one month prior to due date.

No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year

Patti Henderson made a motion to keep the dues level the same as last year. It was seconded by Carole Weinberger. Motion passed unanimously.

Set up an audit/auditor for the Treasurer's books

Constitution & By Laws, Article 3, Section 3:

(d) **Duties of the Treasurer.** The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the Club and is in charge of all Club monies and financial records. In this capacity, he shall collect, receive and disburse all monies due or belonging to the Club and receipt therefore; deposit all monies in a bank approved by the Board, in the name of the Club; report at every Board meeting the financial condition of the Club and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; report to the Board any and all members whose dues or other indebtedness remain unpaid; render an account at the Annual Meeting of all monies received and expended during the previous fiscal year; and shall support the development of a budget and other aids or procedures for establishing and monitoring the financial policies of the Club. The books will be audited at least annually and at any other time specified by the Board. A new Auditor needs to be found. Extra funds may be needed to hire an independent auditor. Bonnie will check with a local person with accounting background and get back to the Board.

Recognition of stud dog owner for Bred By class - CSMSC request; They want to enter the Bred By class with their stud dogs. AKC will not allow it.

Contracts for Specialties – It is formalized for the Denver Specialty. We should get it a written contract for all specialties in the future, especially when there are rebates involved. Brian Bogart has info for Montgomery County. Wyoma will check with Vera Potiker for GWTA.

ADJOURNMENT at 10:37 p.m. EST: Next Face-to-Face Board Meeting will be on **Saturday, February 14, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. or one hour after judging is completed at the Roving Specialty in Denver.**

TROPHIES!



January 1, 2015

Dear AMSC Member,

RE: Trophy Fund

The annual AMSC trophy fundraiser is soliciting your help. In order to ensure the success of this very important fundraiser, we are asking that you take a few moments to read this and consider making a contribution to help defray the costs associated with procuring trophies for our three national specialties and our supported companion trials.

Generous donors like you are the key to our success and make it possible for the AMSC to provide the earned recognition these awards furnish to deserving individuals and their canine companions/athletes. We hope that we can count on your support to help us in 2015.

Your donation will be listed in the appropriate show catalog to recognize your generosity to this worthy cause.

Please mail your donation to the AMSC Treasurer Bonnie Keyes, PO Box 35, Wellsburg, NY 14894-0035 and designate it for the trophy fund to pledge your support. You may also donate online using PayPal. (You can use a credit card without having a PayPal account.) Please send to treasurer@amsc.us and indicate in the notes field that it is for the trophy fund.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Your Trophy Committee

AMSC BUDGET 2015

A line item detail review was completed with the Board.

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Notes</u>
Contributions			
Memorials			
Other	\$100.00		
Purina Parent Club	\$900.00		
Rescue			
General Expenses Item			
AKC Delegate		\$1,750.00	
AKC Entries/Dues		\$35.00	
AKC Fliers		\$225.00	
Advertising		\$250.00	
All Other/Misc.Expenses		\$200.00	
Bank fees and Int Income	\$75.00	\$50.00	
Donations		\$500.00	
Insur, Dir & Off, Liability		\$1,499.00	Directors/Officers, Liability, Crime
Meet the Breeds NYC	\$300.00	\$750.00	
Meet the Breeds Eukanuba		\$700.00	
Membership 540 (used 2014 Actual)	\$16,983.00	\$175.00	Postage & Supplies
Parent Club Canine Health Conference		\$1,200.00	
Health Semi @ Spec		\$4,500.00	3 Educational Seminars \$4,500
PayPal Fees	\$20.00	\$500.00	
Secretary Expenses		\$220.00	Postage & Supplies
Treasurer Expenses		\$120.00	Postage & Supplies
President Expenses		\$100.00	
Web site maintenance		\$1,110.00	\$135x6 mo then \$25x6 mo +\$150 maint
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Notes</u>
Committee's			
AMSCOPE (ann amount)		\$5,010.00	Printing, postage, supplies
Awards – Local newsletter/website		\$100.00	
- President's / Life time members		\$75.00	
- Breeder Awards		\$1,000.00	
Health – Programs	\$500.00	\$2,200.00	Report fees/spec pubs \$500, Postage/Print/ Adm \$200, Progeny software upgrade/training \$1,500
- JRD Study – U of GA		\$300.00	
Judges Education		\$500.00	
Judges Selection		\$225.00	Letter printing & postage
Legislative – NAIA Conference & Travel		\$1,000.00	
Membership		\$150.00	
Publications & Literature	\$500.00	\$400.00	
Trophies (see discussion under New Business)	\$3,100.00	\$4,500.00	Expense covers Denver Roving, Great Western & Montgomery all shows in 2015 Afghans, sweat shirts etc.
Ways & Means – Merchandise	\$6,000.00	\$3,350.00	
Special Events			
Denver Roving			
Chair expenses			
Catalogue adv/entry fee			
Dinner			
Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)		\$300.00	
Judge's Fee		\$1,150.00	Fee, Travel etc
Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts		\$200.00	
Meet & Greet Get Together		\$1,000.00	
Board Meeting Room		\$100.00	
Entry %	\$225.00		Based on \$3.00 per dog @ 75 Entries

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<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Notes</u>
Great Western		
	Chair Expenses	
	Catalogue adv/entry fee	
	Hospitality	\$300.00
	Judge's Fee	\$1,150.00
	Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts	\$200.00
	Meet & Greet Get Together	\$1,000.00
	Board Meeting Room	\$100.00
	Entry %	\$270.00
Montgomery		
	Chair Expenses	
	Catalogue adv/Other Fees	\$56.00
	Meet & Greet Get Together	\$1,000.00
	Hospitality (coffee, donuts etc)	\$300.00
	Judge's Fee	\$1,150.00
	Judge & Sweeps Judge Gifts	\$200.00
	Raffle/auction	\$734.00
	Board Meeting Room	\$471.00
	Entry %	\$475.00
2016 Minipalooza – (3/30/16 -4/3/16)		
	Merchandise	
	Logo	\$500.00
	Hospitality Deposit	\$500.00
	Special Attraction Trophies	\$300.00
	Miscellaneous	\$200.00
TOTALS		\$30,182.00
	Net Profit / (Loss)	\$42,871.00 (\$12,689.00)

No information received from 2014 show re:Income/expense or any budget information.

Based on \$5.00 per dog @ 96 entries John has requested \$5,000 to set up bank account. All monies will be recouped during 2016. **Board decided that NO separate account or Treasurer would be set up.**

Ending Balance 11/14/2014	
Checking	\$67,117.64
Rescue	\$7,540.68
Health	\$5,224.69
Trophy	\$7,143.75
Savings	\$0.00
PayPal	\$562.29
CD	\$33,919.23



Note: Going forward from this point, all transfers of income & expenses will be done on a monthly basis. Thus reflecting a true profit or loss for the period.

AMSC Committee Chairs 2014-15

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SPECIALTIES			
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2015 Roving – Denver	Carma Ewer	Co-Chair	carmelms@comcast.net
- Denver	Carla Nickerson	Co-Chair	nicknack2@cableone.net
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2015 Montgomery	Brian Bogart	Chair	sumerwyndb@aol.com

NEW BOARD 2015

Laurie Moore
Amy Gordon
Rich Edwards

AMSC 2015 DUES

November 1, 2014

ROVING SPECIALTY in DENVER

5 shows, including two specialties and Sweepstakes. The judges are online at Onofrio. Dates for the specialty are 2/12 - 2/16. It is a wonderful venue. Located in downtown Denver. The Colorado club has offered to lend grooming tables and equipment to those people flying in to Denver.

The AMSC has a block of 25 grooming spaces reserved. These are 6X8 in size at the rate of 30.00 per site. Please send reserved grooming info to Carma Ewer, including your check made out to AMSC. At. 8882 Easthills Drive, Sandy, UT. 84093.

The show is contained in one large building, with grooming, rings all inside. Weather is usually quite pleasant, but it is in the Rocky Mountains, so no guarantees.:)). Agility and Obedience, Rally are also offered and indoors.

The AMSC has a block of rooms at the hotel :
Drury Inn & Suites, Stapleton
4550 North Central Park Blvd,
Stapleton, CO. phone: 303-373-1983

Individual reservations may be made by calling direct or online at www.druryhotels.com and entering group number 2213752 or by calling 1-800-325-0720 and referring to the group number. Cut off date is January 11

There is a nominal dog fee.

We are planning lots of fun events. CGC certification, a seminar on pet First Aide, a Get Together on Friday, and the AMSC Board Meeting on Saturday, and much more.

Any questions, please contact Carma at carmelms@comcast.net or Carla at nicknack2@cableone.net

Your 2015 membership dues for the American Miniature Schnauzer Club are due **by January 1, 2015**. Dues will be in arrears after that date and you will be ineligible to vote should any decisions requiring a vote of the members require action. Membership will lapse if dues are not paid before March 1, 2015.

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.

As a reminder, below are the dues amounts:

Members receiving AMSCope by **Email** (soft copy) - **\$30 individual, \$52.50 joint**
Members receiving AMSCope by **regular mail** (hard copy) - **\$55 individual, \$75 joint**

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, judges' elections, 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 2015, please include your email address with your payment.

- Once you have paid your 2015 dues, you cannot change your AMSCope delivery method during calendar year 2015. This change may be made once per year when dues are paid.

Payment may be made either online or by check.

- **Online payment** may be 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 may 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.

AMSC

c/o Bonnie Keyes

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Ear cleaner, flea repellent and itch relief in your own kitchen cupboard

NOTE: This is the time of year that fleas like to have the warmth of a house...so, even though some of this article refers to Spring....all is applicable!

When you have a dog suffering from itchy skin or ears, you'll do just about anything to help. I know I have. And the more things we try, the more we buy and things start getting expensive.

So it's nice when finding an itch-reliever is as easy as walking to your kitchen cupboard and grabbing some vinegar.

Organic, raw, unfiltered apple cider vinegar, to be exact.

While apple cider vinegar has been touted to help with everything from boosting the immune system and detoxifying kidneys to helping lower cholesterol, here are three popular ways it can help your dog.

Itchy Skin

ACV can help relieve itchy skin and rashes caused by yeast and poison ivy. The best way to apply is by making a 50/50 solution of apple cider vinegar and water in a spray bottle and applying directly onto itchy spots, but NOT open wounds – the vinegar will sting if the wound is raw. If you can't apply topically and yeast is the main concern, you can feed ACV in your pet's food or water. According to Donna Starita Mehan, DVM, in *The Veterinarians' Guide to Natural Remedies for Dogs* by Martin Zucker, yeast does not do well in the acid environment ACV creates, so she suggests feeding 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon twice daily.

Ear Cleaner

Itchy skin is often accompanied by itchy ears – and nobody wants that. [Holistic veterinarian Dr. Karen Becker recommends](#) a proactive cleaning regimen using half ACV and half purified water to prevent ear infection. Check your dog's ears daily for wax and gunk. Clean dirty ears using individual cotton balls soaked in the solution. Swab out the ears until no gunk appears on the cotton ball.

Flea and Tick Repellent

Even the healthiest, cleanest dog may at some point face the pesky problem of playing host to one or both of these critters. Fortunately, ACV can once again come to the rescue. Before your dog goes out, spray him with that 50/50 solution of ACV and water. And for some added oomph, give 2 tablespoons of ACV in your dog's food or water during flea and tick season. The same acidity in ACV that repels yeast

also repels ticks and fleas.

NOTE: When using apple cider vinegar internally or topically, remember to monitor your dog for any adverse reactions. Some dogs may need a lesser dose and some dogs may be too acidic already, in which case, apple cider vinegar might not be the answer.

If you haven't had your fill of ACV uses, here's an Apple Cider Vinegar Tea Body Rinse by Dogs Naturally Magazine contributor Kelly Holland Azzaro, a Registered Aromatherapist, Certified Clinical Aromatherapy Practitioner, Certified Bach Flower Practitioner, Licensed Massage Therapist, Reiki Practitioner and President of NAHA (National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy).

Apple Cider Vinegar Tea Body Rinse

This body rinse can be useful to restore skin pH, soothe itchy skin, calm rashes and welts, and has some added benefits for keeping biting flies, fleas and gnats at bay.

Mix the following ingredients together in an aroma-safe bottle/jar with cap and shake well before use:

**Apple Cider Vinegar: 1/2 cup
Brewed Green Tea (cooled): 1/2 cup
Distilled Water: 1 cup**

After bathing, apply this warm water/apple cider vinegar rinse to your animal friend's coat/skin and massage in. Rinse well and pat dry, or allow the apple cider vinegar mix to air dry for the added benefit of bug relief.

This blended mixture can also be pre-made and kept in a glass jar in the refrigerator (for approximately one or two weeks – discard if moldy), and used for spot treatments for bug bites and stings.

Want more ideas for naturally repelling ticks and fleas?

For most people, spring is a time for breaking free from the cold winter weather and cabin fever of being inside too long without a daily dose of fresh air and sunshine. But for many people and pets, spring and summer also bring seasonal allergies.

Seasonal allergies are often instigated from a "sniff and scratch" response. Just a simple walk outside, a hike in the woods or a stint in your garden can lead to an instant bombardment by pollens and

airborne particles. You may find yourself scratching or rubbing your face, nose, scalp and arms and legs (if exposed), or you may start to cough and sneeze or your eyes begin to itch. The same holds true for our animal friends, and if outside for longer periods of time, their exposure to pollens and other allergens is extended, and pollens cling to their skin and fur.

We've all seen a cat, dog or even a horse roll in the grass. They can't wait to take that first post-winter roll in the grass to scratch their body and then shake off any excess tension. When watching this natural activity of rolling back and forth, back and forth, you can see the sheer pleasure it brings them. Yet, if your animal friend also suffers from seasonal allergies, the simple joy of rolling and walking in the grass can agitate their body systems, followed by an allergic response.

Like clockwork each year; springtime also brings out all the biting bugs. With these creatures about, we have to be aware of bee and wasp stings, fly and spider bites, and of course any type of allergy that may occur from stings and bites. Biting midges (very annoying little gnats) can be a nightmare. The dog will get an allergic response to the actual midge bite and from there, it's a domino effect of itching, scratching and even obsessive biting of the itchy area, followed by hair loss and damaged skin tissue that resembles elephant skin. Hot spots can also bring similar results.

Helping Allergy Symptoms Naturally

There are many different options available to help those who suffer from seasonal allergies and who are in need of some immune system support. For fast relief of acute allergic reactions, I like to create an allergy relief care kit. My kit is an insulated lunch carrier, but you could use a toolbox or plastic container. My container is labeled as are the contents. It also includes a list of emergency numbers and information: veterinarian, animal poison control and my contact phone numbers.

My Allergy Care Kit includes the following items:

- Witch hazel (skin wipes, bug bites/stings, rashes)
- Dr Bronner's Liquid Baby Soap
- Saline eye wash (for itchy allergy eyes)

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- Aloe vera gel
- Essential oils: eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus radiata*), lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*), helichrysum (*Helichrysum italicum*)
- Bach Rescue Remedy
- Herbal tinctures of calendula and yarrow root
- Dry green clay in a jar or plastic baggie
- Epsom Salts in a jar or plastic baggie
- Ichthammol salve or ointment
- Calamine lotion (clear or pink)
- Tweezers (for removing bee stingers/ticks)
- Instant ice pack, or ice pack holder with access to ice cubes
- Bottle of distilled water
- Clean cotton wash cloths
- Organic cotton wipes

You might also consider keeping a few hydrosols on hand in the fridge: (lavender, witch hazel and helichrysum), as well as ice packs and ice cubes.

Gentle Aromatherapy Tips for Allergies

Hydrosols are a gentle way to incorporate aromatherapy for use with your animal friends. Hydrosols have similar properties to essential oils but are much less concentrated. Hydrosols offer an alternative to the more potent aromas of essential oils; for those who suffer with seasonal allergies and who may become hypersensitive to smells in general, especially during an allergy attack, hydrosols are a very useful aromatic tool to keep on hand. You can also make hydrosol ice cubes to apply to the skin to help decrease inflammation, or soothe a bug bite or rash welts. The recipe blends below are for use with dogs and horses. Avoid use with cats. Blends are for topical use only. If irritation occurs, discontinue their use. Do not get in or near eyes, ears or nose.

Water...the Great Healer

Make sure that your animal always has access to fresh clean water for internal consumption; you can also use water topically to help cleanse the outer body and give some relief from allergens.

Bath time (oh boy!)

Dogs who suffer from allergies often feel such relief after a bath. Allergens and pollens are washed away, leaving their skin and coat clean and less greasy from all the

scratching. They'll be thanking you for bath time! Bathing is a must once a week during seasonal allergy time. Some animals may require additional bathing during high pollen count times. Depending on your dog's situation, try one of the soothing bath recipes below.

Foot bath

This is great for dogs who suffer from red, itchy, irritated paws due to grass pollens). Set up a mini plastic tub and jug of clean water near the door where your pets come in and out from the outdoors. Immerse your dog's paws in the water to wash off any dirt, pollens and particles that can work their way up in between the paw pads and toes. Dry with a clean cotton cloth.

Dry Bath

In between bath times, use a wet cotton cloth to wipe off pollens from your animal friend's coat, skin, paws and facial areas. I keep a set of cotton washcloths for each animal and wash those separately in a natural non-scented laundry detergent and dry in the dryer (avoid air drying the cloths outside due to pollens, or use an indoor wash rack to air dry). Having one face washcloth per dog is a wonderful way to remove pollens from their facial and itchy skin areas.

Natural Allergy Health Tips

A healthy diet is one of the best places to start in order to maintain and strengthen the immune system. A diet of natural and whole foods can go a long way in preventing some seasonal allergy responses. Adding some fresh veggies and fruits, such as apples which contain Quercetin (a bioflavonoid also known as the "anti allergy supplement" which offers natural antihistamine properties) can also be useful for allergy symptoms.

Soothing Bath Recipes

Bath Time Blend

To create a soothing wash for use with your animal friends:

Dilute hydrosols with distilled water and mix with a non-scented liquid soap (such as Dr. Bronner's baby soap brand).

In an aroma-safe jar or bottle, mix the following ingredients together:

- Lavender Hydrosol: 1/4 cup
- Distilled Water: 1 cup
- Liquid Soap: approximately 1

capful

Stir gently to mix all the liquids together.

Saturate the animal's coat and skin with warm water, apply the above mixture to the animal's coat and skin with gentle massage, and rinse with warm water. Follow with an apple cider vinegar/water rinse (see next recipe) if the skin is greasy.

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Apply to clean skin and coat, massage, rinse, pat dry.

This blend mixture can also be pre-made and kept in a glass jar in the refrigerator (for approximately one or two weeks – discard if moldy), and used for spot treatments for bug bites and stings.

Bug Bite Relief

The following items can be placed in your natural allergy relief kit and used for bug bites and stings:

Witch Hazel (soothes, cools and cleanses).

Mix 1 drop of helichrysum and 1 drop of lavender essential oils with one teaspoon of aloe vera gel and 1/2 teaspoon of green clay. Mix with enough witch hazel to create a topical paste to apply to bee and wasp sting welts. If you don't have any natural clay on hand, opt for calamine lotion (pink calamine works better for bug bites).

Ichthammol salve or ointment This is useful to draw out toxins, stingers, splinters and foreign materials from the skin, paw or hoof area.

And don't forget about a simple ice pack to help with swelling and inflammation.

The Choice of Last Resort When Travelling with Your Pet

If you've ever shipped a pet by air in the cargo hold of a commercial airliner, hopefully the worst that happened was that you couldn't know how your furry family member was doing while en route. Sadly, too many people have had bad experiences flying a pet on a commercial carrier.

Airlines are legally required to report pets in their care that have been lost, injured, or died. However, the requirement has historically applied only to animals classified as pets – not animals shipped by a breeder, and not research animals.

But a [tragic event](#) in 2010 prompted the Animal Legal Defense Fund to file a petition with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The seven puppies that died on an American Airlines flight from Tulsa to Chicago were shipped by a breeder, so the airline was not required to report the deaths to federal authorities.

New Federal Law Goes Into Effect

January 1, 2015

Thanks in large part to the ALDF petition, this past July, DOT announced that starting January 1, 2015, airlines must file reports for lost or injured animals that are shipped commercially, which includes by breeders.

"This rule will provide consumers with a fuller picture of an airline's safety record when it comes to transporting animals," said DOT spokeswoman Caitlin Harvey. For example, airlines will be required to report if an animal becomes ill while in their care. This enhanced reporting requirement should make it easier for pet owners and shippers to decide which airlines to choose.

The new law will apply to any airline with aircraft that carries more than 60 passengers, which will almost double the number of airlines currently required to file reports with DOT. The reports must be completed monthly and include each lost, injured, or deceased animal. An annual report is also required.

Since 2010, the 15 airlines required to report have filed an average of 53 incidents a year that covered such problems as animals escaping their kennels, injuries to paws, and deaths. (When a pet dies in transit, often the carrier refunds the cost of the flight. The owner also has the option of ordering a necropsy at the airline's expense.)

Under the new rules, airlines must also track the number of animals they fly each year, which should shed more light on who is and is not complying with animal welfare laws. Unfortunately, the new law does not extend to zoo animals, or to research animals other than dogs and cats.

On Most Flights, Cargo Hold Temps Shift by 50+ Degrees

K.C. Theisen, director of pet care issues for the Humane Society of the United States, makes the point that an airplane's cargo hold is not "a passenger cabin one level down." Temperatures vary widely depending on the time of year, where the plane is flying to and from, and any stops in between.

A study by the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science showed that cargo hold temperatures shift by 50 degrees or more during most flights. On half the flights studied, the cargo area reached 85 degrees, which is quite a bit warmer than the temperature in the passenger cabin. And 15 percent of the time, the cargo hold dropped to a chilly 45 degrees.

Tips for Flying Your Pet Safely

Flying a pet carries inherent risks and stressors, so my first recommendation is to leave your precious companion safely at home with a trusted caretaker if possible. Unless your dog or cat is a seasoned air traveler (which is very rare), I think putting your pet on a plane, especially in the cargo hold, should be an option

of last resort.

If you have no choice but to bring your pet on a flight, here are some tips you should find helpful:

- **Make sure your pet is fit to fly.** Very young animals, elderly pets, ill pets, pets with a chronic health condition, pregnant animals, and [brachycephalic breeds](#) are among the types of pets for whom air travel is in my opinion an unacceptable risk.

- **Bring your pet in the main passenger cabin with you if possible.** Whether or not your pet can fly in the passenger cabin will depend on his size and the airline you use. Most if not all airlines only allow pets in passenger cabins that can fit in a carrier small enough to slide under the seat. This is the only way cats should ever travel by air.

- **Avoid flying in very hot or cold weather and book non-stop flights whenever possible.** In warmer months, book morning or evening flights so you're traveling during the coolest part of the day. In cold weather, try to fly during the warmest part of the day. Non-stop flights are highly preferable to connections, especially if your pet is flying in the baggage compartment or cargo hold.

- **Make sure your pet is wearing a secure collar and a current ID tag.** Also keep a photo of your pet on your person to help with identification in case he is lost.

- **Make sure your pet is very comfortable in her carrier before heading to the airport.** Long before your scheduled flight, your pet should view her carrier as a safe place. Purchase it well ahead of time and get her used to hanging out in it at home.

- **If your pet will be traveling in the baggage compartment or cargo hold, invest in a good-quality carrier.** Defective or inappropriate carriers are behind most of the problems with escaped or injured pets during air travel. A suitable carrier will be TSA approved, have secure construction (for example, locking bolts), metal doors (not plastic), metal rods that fasten the door to the container, a strong and effective lock mechanism, and no wheels.



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