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May 29, 2009

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Kelly/Steele

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Steele

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Beauchamp/Huber

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THE WAY WE WERE

This month's column comes to us from **Homer Graf**. I will just copy his letter directly, as I found it most interesting.

This is in response to your letter of 9/18/08. Your suggestion of researching "old" breeders should be interesting.

I don't know how well I can answer your questionnaire, for after about eight moves - from the east coast to the west coast and now in between, downsizing each time, and no longer breeding Miniature Schnauzers, most of our dog records are long gone. Additionally, I can't trust much to my 93 year old memory nor to Isabelle's.

But here goes:

Our kennel name was REFLECTIONS. It came from a sketch that our daughter made of a schnauzer looking into a mirror, and later became a part of our logo.

I believe that we first began showing about Oct. 1964. At that time I co—owned Ch. Blythewood Maid Marion (Ch. Mankit's Adam x Ch. Blythewood Pageantry) with Dr. Robert Huber, and Reflections started from this outstanding base. Made Marion produced our first two Reflections Champions - Ch. Reflections Marionette and Ch. Reflections Bit O Blythewood.

Our first MS was Padlei's Dancing Dandy (Ch. Padlei's Ixion x Dorem Fancy, purchased from Irma Rozynski in Sept. 1956. This male dog was purchased as and was our pet. At that time we had no interest in showing or breeding; that was to come later when our interest was aroused from going to dog shows.

Joan and Bob Huber were very instrumental in our education and training in the breed. We did not show our own dogs. That was a talent that we did not have. Joan Huber did our handling. Joan also taught Isabelle to do a reasonable job of grooming, not to Joan's standards, but good.

I guess that our first important dog was Ch. Blythewood Maid Marion, for reasons stated above. However another dog that we did not breed, really excited us. from the moment that Joan took TROOPER aka Ch. Skyrocket's Bound to Win (Ch. Skyrocket's Uproar x Wendy of Kringle) out of his crate in our driveway in Tewksbury Twp., N.J., we recognized his quality and showmanship. We had to have him. He did not disappoint, and started winning from the puppy class, culminating in being the top winning Miniature Schnauzer in 1973. That same year a Reflections bitch was the top winning bitch.

We are no longer involved in any way showing or breeding and keep an interest through information in the AMSC monthly news letter AMSCOPE.

I trust that this is close to what your are looking for.

Homer Graf

You betch, Homer, this is just what I was looking for!! Thanks a lot for this month's look "down memory lane". Next month we will be hearing from Jean Heath of BlackWatch Kennels and has some words for us!!!

Carole Weinberger

*** MOVING? Be sure to send your change of address and new phone number to us so that AMSCOPE can follow you...you wouldn't want to miss one issue!**

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The deadline
for the
August issue
is July 20th.

— Legislative Successes Depend on Active Club Members and Breeders —

New York, NY – The AKC's long-standing reputation and credibility as the authority for all matters relating to dogs are among the reasons why policymakers regularly seek our input when developing dog-related legislation. The AKC's grassroots organization of nearly 5,000 local dog clubs, thousands of responsible dog owners and breeders, and the number of dogs and litters registered each year means that AKC support or opposition can help make or break the success of legislation.

Whenever state residents are threatened with unreasonable laws impacting responsible breeders and owners— and this year has seen more than 800 such bills across the country – the AKC Government Relations department works closely with AKC state federations, local clubs and breeders groups to address the problematic language. We provide these groups with significant resources, assistance, information and direct communications with lawmakers. This model works because, unlike for-profit competitors, the AKC puts its resources back into benefitting the dogs it registers and this includes legislation.

Policy officials throughout the nation recognize the AKC and its state federations as supporting reasonable laws that protect the rights of dog owners and breeders while ensuring integrity of the purebred dog and the welfare of all dogs. The AKC's position statements are accessible and well-publicized. Legislators also know that the AKC is self-regulating; the AKC inspects its own breeders; has zero tolerance for neglect and abuse; and recognizes the obligations of dog owners to abide by clean-up ordinances, leash laws, nuisance laws and other reasonable regulations.

AKC staff continues to develop successful legislative strategies based on mutually respectful interaction with policymakers. In Nebraska a bill that would have heavily regulated breeders and capped dog ownership at 75 dogs was recently postponed indefinitely because AKC worked closely with breeders in that state. AKC constituents from Florida to Minnesota to West Virginia have worked with our talented staff and taken advantage of our useful

resources and, as a result, have seen legislative successes in defeating bad bills.

In our ongoing efforts to provide these resources to our constituents, we are pleased to now offer a nationwide legislative tracking service. Updated daily this handy database gives fanciers access to pending canine legislation, including bill text, official legislative summaries, the latest legislative developments, the progress of specific bills, as well as the most up-to-date AKC legislative alerts and messages. We recognize that numerous bills are constantly being introduced nationwide and that is why we still rely on local club members to notify us of new legislation. If you hear of a bill we should add to the list, please alert us at doglaw@akc.org or call the Government Relations Department at 919-816-3720.

I encourage you to utilize our new tracking service and sign-up for our complimentary e-newsletter Taking Command, for up-to-date information on protecting your rights as responsible dog owners and breeders. AKC is here to help you prepare to engage in the legislative process with your state lawmakers. For more information visit: http://www.akc.org/canine_legislation/

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker, Chairman

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HUNTING AND HIKING TIPS FOR PETS

Newsletter of the Community Practice Service Fall 08
College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University

Hunting or hiking with your dog requires some planning for yourself and your pet. First, consider some pre-season walks or other forms of conditioning to get you both ready for the physical activity and to prevent discomfort or injury. If you can't condition or if the animal is mostly sedentary, limit the length and duration of time afield.

When packing for a hike, must-have items to bring along include a first aid kit with sterile bandages, gauze, disinfectant, and surgical tape. Also bring insect repellent for fleas and ticks.



Another important item to carry is your own water. Be sure to bring enough water for both you and your dog as streams and standing water may contain bacteria that can make a dog sick, including blue-green algae. You may also want to carry pet snacks, as well as an extra leash and collar.

Dogs can get lost in unfamiliar surroundings, so make sure your pet has adequate identification, such as an ID tag on the collar or an identification microchip, or ideally, both.

If a pet gets hurt on the trail and is bleeding, place a clean cloth over the wound and apply pressure for several minutes. Do not remove the cloth to see if the bleeding has stopped. Doing so only disrupts any clotting. If the bandage soaks through, simply add more bandage material over the top and continue to apply pressure. If practical, try to elevate the wound. Next, do your best to get your pet to a veterinarian as quickly as possible.

During hunting season, make sure pets are in safe areas and cannot be mistaken for game. Also apply a tick control product and make sure your dogs are vaccinated for leptospirosis, a serious bacterial disease that can potentially spread to people. Infection

sources include pond water or puddles contaminated with the bacteria from wildlife urine, so hunting dogs are in greater need of vaccination. Always carry along an adequate, fresh, water supply for yourself and your dog.

Even if no trauma occurs after a hike or hunt check paws and ears for thorns and other material that may have been picked up. Check daily too, for sporting injuries and foreign objects such as grass awns that may become lodged in the feet, ears, eyes, and nose.

Early season hunts can cause heat stress in unconditioned animals. Pre-season walks will help, but be aware of signs of heat stress. If overheating occurs, cool your pet first and then seek veterinary attention soon. Signs of overheating include heavy, rapid panting, a body temperature of 104 degrees F. or more, weakness, diarrhea or vomiting, seizures, and potentially coma or death. To get an overheated dog's body temperature down, soak the animal in cool water or use wet towels to wet the skin, place the pet in front of a fan if possible, and call a veterinarian. If out on the hunt, use the car air conditioner to help cool the dog. But also remember that pets, like children, should never be left unattended in a car during warm weather.

BLACK RIBBONS

"SMASH" MY VERSATILITY DOG
Ch. Loneacre's Simply Smashing CD AX
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When you are a breeder you have the opportunity that others don't have. You have the ability of being able to replace dogs that are irreplaceable in a more tangible way than those of us that don't breed dogs can. I have had the fortune over the years to love and be loved by some very special Miniature Schnauzers and sadly they all have to pass on. When I think that there will never be "another", there is that special pup that catches your eye and heart. When you're a breeder that pup can not only fill the hole in your heart but it even has some of the traits genetically from past dogs that you have had. Physical traits yes but even personality traits and glimpses of past dogs in a look, woo or bark, warming the heart. When I look into those eyes I see her still.....
Beth Santure

Join us for our 2nd Annual Miniature Schnauzer Photo Contest Show off your beautiful dogs and your talents!!!

---ENTRY DETAILS---

- Four categories
1. Portrait 2. Puppy 3. Comedy 4. General
- Put entry information on back of photo (include: name of photographer, address, telephone #, e-mail address and category)
- \$5.00 entry fee per photo.
- Make checks payable to AMSC
- Entries must be received September 20, 2009

---ENTRY RULES---

- Photo size .8x10 matted in black or white
- All photos must in a mat or they will not be accepted
(be sure to mount to allow for safe removal of photo from mat for publication!)
- Photo must include a Miniature Schnauzer(s)
- Color or black & white photos accepted
- Open to amateur photographers only
- The person submitting the photo, must also be the photographer
- No show pictures...please
- No identifying items can be on the front of photo (i.e. name, initials)

---JUDGING---

- Judging to be held at the annual dinner/meeting in October
- Everyone at the annual dinner will get to cast one vote for his or her "Best in Show" pick.
- Ribbons & prizes awarded for top three winners in each category at specialty dinner and to be judged by a panel of 3 judges
- Best in Show rosette/prize and other winners awarded at the Annual Meeting

Best in show and first place winners from each category will be published in the AMSCOPE and on the website!

Best in Show and the 3 placements from each category will be used to produce our AMSC Calendar to be ready for Christmas.

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*Winning photos will be retained and used by AMSC for use with various projects or publications.

An Underground Activity

"Earthdog" is for small dogs with a strong prey drive.

by Terry Long

"Get the rat! Get the rat! Get the rat!"

"Yap, yap, yap, yap!"

These are the sounds of a successful earthdog team. As the human team member encourages her dog to sniff out and pursue the scent of an underground rat, her canine partner indicates a find by barking, barking, barking. The Adrenalin level is high in both human and canine as they revel in this unique canine sport called earthdog. One of several dog sports that tap into our dogs' hard-wired instincts, earthdog is a great outlet for dogs with tenacity, a high predatory drive, and the flexible physical structure to squeeze into -and out of-tight, narrow spaces.

History

As long as there have been farmers and hunters, there have been "earth dogs." Hardy, scrappy little dogs helped hunters tree squirrels, run rabbits to ground, corner foxes in their dens, and clear vermin from dwellings. As often happens, humans found a way to create competitive games from dogs' natural abilities. For terriers and Dachshunds, a sport is born. Earthdog! Get that rat!

As early as 211 B.C., mention was made of tiny rough-coated dogs used to follow animals into their burrows. Later, in the 1576 book *De Canibus Anglicis*, by Johannes Caius, the use of terriers was described in detail.

In 1935, after many years of friends gathering together to test their dogs' capabilities against those of their friends' dogs, the Dachshund Club started offering trials modeled after German training for fox and badger hunting. This included building underground tunnels up to 50 feet long, with twists and turns along the way that required dogs to make decisions about which way to go to find their quarry. And it's dark down there!

In 1941 the Sealyham Terrier Club issued the first "working certificate," which outlined requirements for dogs to search out woodchucks. In 1971 the American Working Terrier Association (AWTA) started artificial den trials in the U.S. By 1994, the American Kennel Club had launched its Earthdog program. Diane Amendola of Huntington Beach, California, has been participating in the sport for 27 years, primarily with Welsh Terriers. Also a competitor in conformation, obedience, tracking, and agility, Amendola has judged earthdog tests for AWTA since 1986 and for AKC since the start of that program. Each organization plays a vital role in promoting the sport.

"The AWTA, from which the AKC drew its sport, focuses on hunting and getting people into the field. Their members provide actual

hunts for other members," she says. "The AKC does not encourage people and their dogs into actual hunting. Each one has its place in our world. Not everyone has the time or inclination for hunting, but AKC is a place where they can get an idea of what kind of instincts or not that their dog has."

As with all of its approved sports, the AKC's Earthdog competitions are for AKC registered terrier breeds only. The AWTA also recognizes certain breeds (listed on its website, dirt-dog.com), but also permits mixed-breeds "of the correct size and character to enter a nine-inch artificial earth (burrow)" in its competitions.

Earthdog attributes

Farmers and hunters bred dogs for both structure and temperament, using individuals

best suited for the job they would do. Too broad a chest could interfere with a dog's ability to squeeze in and out of small spaces. The best "go to ground" dogs were compact and strong, and had rough coats that would protect them from injury when they followed their quarry underground.

Courage and tenacity were just as important as the aforementioned physical traits, ensuring these dogs would pursue their quarry despite obstructions to passage and solve the problems they face in underground tunnels with false tunnels (no rat down that one!). These attributes, combined with a keen sense of smell, made for the perfect earthdog since the earliest days.

Amendola, who has attained a variety of titles from both AWTA and AKC, has developed preferences for a working earthdog. Real-life hunts can be dangerous. Gophers, rats, woodchucks, and raccoons, can all inflict serious wounds. Amendola says, "I like a calm, sensible dog that takes care of itself and usually doesn't get too chewed up in the hunt field. I think the trait of caution is inherent and comes with a smart dog, and a small amount does come with experience. However, there are those dogs that never quite learn to take care of themselves and in my opinion should not be taken into the field."

Self-preservation is only part of it. The intense predatory behavior of a successful earthdog results in a very high arousal level in the working earthdog.

Some people are reluctant to encourage behavior that looks for all intents and purposes like a dog gone mad. Yet, like many sports, the best earthdogs are always under the control of their owner/handler. Amendola has clear preferences on this subject as well. "Having prey drive, to me, means a dog that has the determination to go after and stay with

the job at hand, is not sound-sensitive, and responds to cues (not as in an obedience ring, but as at home). He hunts when there is quarry and is alert and ready to work and will respond to his owner. Prey is what turns the dog on and not everyday situations like seeing another dog. An intelligent, calm, self-confident dog makes the best field dog."

Breeds commonly seen in today's earthdog trials include Dachshunds and a variety of terriers: Australian, Bedlington, Border, Cairn, Dandie Dinmont, Fox, Jack Russell or Parsons, Lakeland, Manchester, Norfolk, Norwich, Scottish, Sealyham, Silky, Skye, Welsh, West Highland, Miniature Schnauzers, and even Miniature Bull Terriers. Some of the less common earthdog terriers include the Cesky, Patterdale, Glen of Imall, and Rat.

Equipment and supplies

Many people are encouraged to try the sport due to the very inexpensive, small amount of gear needed to get started.

.. A rat (real or fake) is placed in a locked box. The first stage of training is to simply encourage the dog's interest in the box. This Australian Terrier is showing good interest and is ready for the next step in training. get started.

- **Rat cage.** This is a small wooden or wire box that closes securely, and has a wire front panel. A real or fake rat is placed in the box.

- **Rat.** Many of the rats used in earthdog training have been bred and raised to tolerate barking dogs. Alternatively, a fake rat that has been scented with real rat odor can be used in training. (Go to your local pet store and ask for used rat bedding from their cages.) In competition, live rats are used.

The tunnel through which dogs burrow underground is a simple box with wood sides and an opening at either end. Short tunnels are used initially in The dog is encouraged (10 feet long) are used to explore the tunnel. during initial training.

- **Tunnels.** Short tunnels training (10 feet long) are used during initial training. Later, longer tunnels (up to 50 feet) are used.

- **Harness, leash, and longline.** A standard, back-clip harness helps take the pressure off the neck and trachea of dogs pulling toward the box. A leather, cloth, or nylon six-foot leash is used in between training sessions, while a light-weight longline is used while working the dogs in practice sessions.

Training

Training your first earthdog will be easiest if you hook up with an experienced earthdog trainer and handler through a variety of clubs that focus on this sport. An experienced han-

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andler can quickly get you started and point out things to avoid during initial training, especially if you think you will want to compete with your dog.

Amendola recommends starting with basic obedience, socialization, and confidence-building. "Besides taking the dog everywhere to acquaint it with different situations, I often suggest that a dog owner bring home a paper shopping bag, put a treat inside, and encourage the dog to get it. Sticking his head into, and then venturing inside, a dark bag that is moving, flapping, and making noise is a great confidence builder for a dog."

Here is a brief overview of the major components in training.



• **Introduction to the quarry (the rat).** Put your rat in the cage. Your initial goal is to spark interest in the cage and to encourage your dog to bark at the rat in the cage.

With your dog on-leash, encourage your dog to investigate the cage by tapping on the cage and saying, "Get the rat!" Praise any interest in the cage, letting your excitement level build as your dog's interest increases. As he becomes more interested, you can "tease" him a bit by moving the cage slightly out of his reach and then repeating "Get the rat" and letting him run to it.

Once you are sure he is very excited about the cage, don't praise unless he paws or barks at the cage. If your dog seems uninterested, don't push it. Start over at another time. Training sessions should be kept very short (2-3 minutes).

When your dog consistently barks at the

cage with the rat in it, you will switch to a fake rat (you are going to be moving the cage around and don't want to jostle the rat). Put your fake rat, scented with rat scent, in the cage. Restrain your dog on-leash and drag the rat cage along the ground while encouraging your dog to "Get the rat!"

When he barks at it, let go and let him race to the rat cage. Do not allow him to bite at the cage. Again, train in short sessions and quit before he wants to quit. Train your dog to settle down between training sessions so that he learns to maintain control when not actively working.

• **Introduction to the tunnel.** Once your dog is very interested in the rat cage, place the cage at one end of a 10-foot tunnel. Take your

dog off the harness (you don't want the harness to get caught in the tunnel) and hold your dog near the other end of the tunnel and encourage him to "Get the rat."

Don't try to force him into the tunnel. Just let his desire to get to the rat motivate him to enter the tunnel. This is why it is important to build a strong desire, as described above, to get to the rat cage. (Alternatively, you could train your dog separately to crawl through the tunnel so he already has this skill before this stage.)

If necessary, you can place the cage inside the tunnel and encourage your dog to poke his head in to find the rat. Praise him for any effort at entering the tunnel.

• **Increasing the difficulty.** As your dog succeeds with a short tunnel above ground, you can increase the distance between your dog and the entrance of the tunnel, bury the tunnel, and later introduce longer tunnels and tun-

nels with right and left turns.

Levels of competition

There are four levels of competition under AKC standards of competition. More specific details are available from a variety of books and from the AKC and AWTA websites, but here is a brief description of the AKC standards.

• **Introduction to quarry.** This is AKC's initial "test" or trial level and a great place to start your dog. The judge is allowed to give tips to the handler, and the handler is allowed to cue and encourage her dog. The tunnel is 10 feet long with only one turn, with the rat behind bars at the end of a scented trail.

• **Junior Earthdog.** The handler must stand quietly where she releases her dog; no verbal or physical cues are allowed. The release point is 10 feet from the entry of a clearly visible den entrance. The dog has 30 seconds to enter the tunnel and follow the scent of the rat through at least three right-angle turns along a 30-foot length of tunnel and "work" (i.e., bark at the rat for 60 seconds. The dog must then allow the handler to remove him without injury to the dog or handler. To earn the Junior Earthdog title, your dog must perform these requirements in two separate trials, each with a different judge.

• **Senior Earthdog.** The handler releases the dog 15 to 20 feet from the den entrance, which is steeper and less visible to the dog than it was in the Junior level.

Again, the dog must navigate a 30-foot length of tunnel with three right angle turns, but now he must also overcome a false, unscented exit an an unscented bedding area and choose, instead, the route with the scented rat bedding.

The tunnel is aligned with the rat box so the dog can readily see the box through the tunnel. The dog is restrained for a few moments, to build his keen interest in running toward the rat in the box. When he's released, he enters and runs through the tunnel to the rat box.

This Silky Terrier has successfully followed the rat scent (well, and the sight) through the tunnel to the rat box and is barking to alert his owner to his find.

This time, due to the increased distractions, the dog has 90 seconds to get to the scented bedding, and 15 seconds to start barking. He must "work" the rat for 90 seconds at the Senior level.

At the end of the 90 seconds, the rat is removed and the dog must come back to the handler when called. The dog has 90 seconds to come when called. The dog must perform these requirements in three trials with at

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least two different judges.

• **Master Earthdog.** This gets really interesting. At the Master level, two dogs (a "brace") are randomly selected to work together, each with his own handler. The den entrance is 100 to 300 yards away, with the entrance obscured. Along the way, the dog must investigate a visible, empty, unscented entrance when the handler asks him to. Barking at the false entrance disqualifies the dog.

The dog that gets to the real den entrance gets to work it first, while the second dog must "honor" the first dog and wait. A tethering spot is provided, and the dog and handler must wait their turn. Once the first dog is called out of the den, the second dog is released to work it.

Each dog must navigate through 30 feet of tunnel with three right turns, which is the same as the Senior level; however, there are two additional obstacles at the Master Level. One is a 6-inch-diameter PVC pipe placed crossways in the den (simulating a root), and the second is a narrowing of the width of the tunnel to 6 inches for a distance of 18 inches. The dog has 90 seconds to get to the rat, must start barking at the rat within 15 seconds of finding it, and must work it for 90 seconds. The dog must allow his handler to remove him from the den within 15 seconds.

To earn his Master Earthdog title, your dog must fulfill these requirements four different times under three different judges.

Is this sport for you?

Clearly, earthdog is a blast for the dog whose predatory nature and tenacity make this sport a great outlet for these innate characteristics. People who choose to live with these terrier-like personalities love these smart little problem solvers, and channeling their dog's abilities into a sport so well suited to them brings them great joy. Yet, the sport is dirty, it can be noisy, and it's definitely not for you if you don't want to see rats barked at by dogs. And, depending on where you live, you may have to travel quite a distance to find people of like mind.

Yet, as with many of the other sports, there's a spark -a bond, a connection -that happens when people and dogs play together that make these minor challenges. Perhaps Amendola says it best. "I love all the dog sports and the wonderful people I have met through the years and learned so much from and continue to learn from. I cherish the many memories my friends have made possible for me to have by participating in these sports."

• **Terry Long, CPDT**, is a writer, agility instructor, and behavior counselor in Long Beach, CA. She lives with four dogs and a cat and is addicted to agility and animal behavior.

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **Ch. Nites's Sin Wagon, NAJ** (Ch Sterling' Ugly From The Front x Ch Adamis Cock-A-Doodle-Do, CD, RN, NA, NAJ, AXP, AJP) earned her Novice Jumpers title on May 16, 2009 at the Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester, NY with a clean first place. Sin was bred by T. LaSalle, S. Diaz, and R. Dorn and is owned by Rebecca Dorn.

* **Nite's Naturally Like This, OA, OAJ** (Ch Sterling' Nite's Like This NAJ, NAP, OJP x Ch Adamis Nite's Btwn The Sheets) earned her Open Jumpers title on May 16, 2009 at the Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester, NY. Natalie is bred and owned by Rebecca Dorn.

* **Ch. P.S. Chubby Checker Sings The Blues** (Ch. P.S. Karysma's Speaker Of The House X Ch. Bowers PS I'm A Wild Thing) completed the requirements for his Championship on May 1, 2009 at the Badger Kennel Club Dog Show. He is the 2nd champion for his sire and the 1st for his dam. Bred, owned and handled by Sally Dahlke.

Ch. P.S. Siren's Moon Shadow (Ch. P.S. Moonraker's Pride x Ch. P.S. Luv's Secret Siren) completed the requirements for his Championship on May 24, 2009 at Key City Kennel Club Dog Show. He is the 1st champion for both his sire and dam. Bred, owned and handled by Sally Dahlke.

* **ATChC Moondreamer Dazzling Dakota**, "Dakota", and **ATChC Meinkismah's Bell of the Ball** The Regionals were held May 29-31 at the Nepean National Equestrian Centre in Ottawa, Ontario, with 6 rings going at the same time to handle the 400+ dogs and their handlers. Mother Nature added an extra challenge to the weekend as the weather was awful with rain, wind, sleet, cold temperatures and lots of mud. Ever seen a soaking wet Miniature Schnauzer? Friday started with 2 Steeplechase runs for each dog. The times were combined and the top 25% of dogs in each class were invited to compete in the Steeplechase Final for prize money. To my surprise, ATChC Moondreamer Dazzling Dakota, "Dakota", and ATChC Meinkismah's Bell of the Ball, "Sasha", both qualified for the Final, with 2 clean runs each, which were held Sunday afternoon after the regular Regionals events. In the Finals both had clean fast runs so Sasha placed 2nd,

and Dakota 3rd in their respective classes. In the regular classes of Standard, Jumpers, and Gamblers each dog had to run one of each on Saturday and Sunday. Points were awarded for each run minus faults, or bonus points added for clean runs below standard course time. Both dogs placed in the individual events, and at the end of the 6 runs, the scores were added to reveal an aggregate score. Dakota finished 8th out of 17 dogs in his class, and Sasha finished 6th in a class of 27. They were the highest placing Miniature Schnauzers in the competition. I was very pleased with their performances, despite a few bobbles, canine and human, and we now look forward to competing at the National Agility Championships to be held in Ottawa July 30 - Aug. 2. Barbara Bell

2009 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present our report for publishing in the AMSCOPE and inclusion in the agenda for the Board Meeting in Long Beach, CA on Saturday, June 20th, 2009. The slate of nominees is the following:

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I wish to again thank all the nominees for agreeing to serve the club. I also want to thank the other members of the Nominating Committee for their support and service in this very important process.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,
Rich Edwards – Chair
Linda Drost
Penny Hirstein
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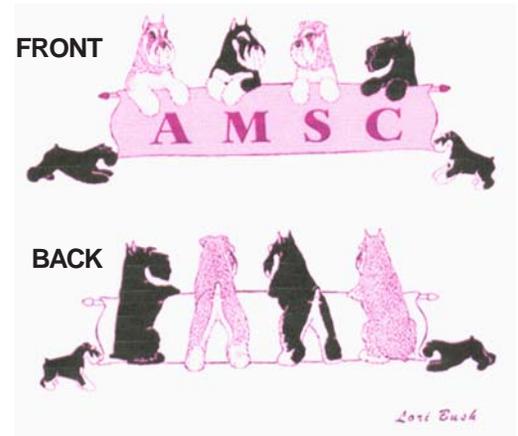
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