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SPECIALTY WINS

Lone Star MSC

March 26 2010

Puppy Sweeps

Judge: Judi Hartell

Best In Sweeps...VF Oliver's Cowboy/Stacy

BOS In Sweeps...Chat R Box I'm No Fool/Sanders

Regular Classes

Judge: Peggy Beisel Mcllwaine

WD/BOW...Creeksong's Shine A Light/Merz

RWD... Lion-L Marki's Clock Tower/Jacobs

WB/BOS ...Jacqueminot J'Escarlet Pour Donnella/

Giles/Coffman

RWB...Daystar's Sophia Loren/Griffin

BOB...CH Rockwell Icees Raisin' The Bar/Fry

MSC of Northern California

April 16, 2010

Puppy Sweeps

Judge: Geri Muntis

Best In Sweeps...Augusta's Raisin a Twister/

Arendt/Davis-Rae

BOS In Sweeps...Ardenwood Witches Brew/Van

Cleave

Regular Classes

Judge: Peggy Beisel Mcllwaine

WD/BOW...Repetition's Reflection/Krost

RWD...Rece's Like Father Like Son/Galloway

WB ...Ardenwood's Summer Rain/VanCleave

RWB...Augusta's Raisin a Twister/Arendt/Davis-

Rae

BOS... CH. Allaruth Solebay Chipothgoldblok/

Phelps/Ziegler

BOB...CH Regency's I Believe in Miracles/Verna/

Colby

BBBE...Regency's Flashback/Verna

MSC of Atlanta

April 18, 2010

Puppy Sweeps (3-5)

Judge: Donna Hills

Best In Sweeps...RMK Streetkar Named Desire/

Rodrick/Bond/Petche

BOS In Sweeps...Postscript's Remy Martin/Steele

Regular Classes (11-23-6-3-1)

Judge: Edd Embry Bivin

WD...VF Oliver's Cowboy/Sanders

RWD...Repetition's Rhythm & Blues/Garmaker

WB/BOW ... Hardinhaus Million Dollar Baby/Harding

RWB...RMK Streetkar Named Desire/Rodrick/Bond/

Petche

BOS... CH Gangway's Mission Accomplished/

Brown/Larsen

BOB...CH Sterling' Ugly From The Front/Tuttle

BBE...Destineez Hot Off The Press/Houck/

Pendleton/Ream

AOM... CH Awesome's Kiss My Gritz/Smith

AOM... CH Kelly's Steele's The Spotlight/Kelly/

Steele

AOM...CH Attaway Blue Light Special/Drost

AOM...CH Lonestar's Wicked Good/Edwards

OptiGen research study: PRA in the Miniature Schnauzer

The Health Committee has received correspondence from Optigen announcing a "call for samples" for DNA on Miniature Schnauzers who have been DIAGNOSED by an Ophthalmologist with PRA. It is their intent to try to identify the 2nd type of mutation for PRA that is unique to the Miniature Schnauzer breed. Please see the Instructions from The President/Manager Optigen, Sue Pearce-Kelling. The Health Committee encourages our full support and cooperation. Please share this email with anyone who might meet the criteria

Submitting samples for OptiGen research study: PRA in the Miniature Schnauzer

OptiGen offers Free PRA testing for all pedigreed dogs that have been diagnosed with definitive PRA (Progressive Retinal Atrophy) by a veterinary ophthalmologist. Information on this program is available on the OptiGen webpage: http://www.optigen.com/opt9_research.html

We are currently focusing on identifying the non-Type A form of PRA that occurs in the Miniature Schnauzer (MS). This study would benefit from additional samples from PRA-Affected MS. If you know of any PRA-Affected MS, please encourage the owner to contact OptiGen if they would like to assist with this research. Here are the steps involved in submitting research samples:

1. Dog is diagnosed by veterinary ophthalmologist with definitive PRA (i.e. not "suspicious for PRA").

2. Owner sends an email to me (suepk@optigen.com) to provide a few details of the case and to request a PRA Research Form.

3. If the clinical diagnosis is compatible with our study (i.e. definitively PRA) I will email the PRA Research Form and start a file on the dog.

4. Owner has blood sample (3-5 ml whole unclotted blood in EDTA) collected from dog. (Unfortunately, cheek swabs are not optimal for use in this research; a blood sample is required.)

5. Owner completes Research Form (basic identification of dog, parents and clinical history) and ships that to OptiGen, along with the dog's pedigree (5-6 generation) and copies of the eye exams showing definitive PRA diagnosis, and blood sample. For shipping instructions, see http://www.optigen.com/opt9_shipsubpg3pkg.html

6. OptiGen tests the sample for Type A PRA at no charge and reports these results back to the owner on a Research Report form (not the standard OptiGen Test Report form).

7. If the Type A PRA test result is not AFFECTED, the sample will be included in the research study.

Some additional points:

· OptiGen adheres to a strict Confidentiality policy and will not release any information on samples submitted or their test results without written consent of the owner.

· If the sire, dam or offspring of the PRA-affected dog are also available and have current eye exams, these samples can also be useful in the research. This is something we consider on a case-by-case basis.

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The deadline
for the
July issue
is June 20th.

Could Your Dog Become a Therapy Dog?

by Stacey Sachs

You don't need to refer to the countless research studies that have proven the mental and physical benefits that animal companionship can give. You live it. So why not consider sharing your pup's friendly charm and companionship with those who would appreciate it? Consider getting your dog certified to become a Therapy Dog. Opportunities for certification are offered year-round across the country, and once certified, you and your dog can volunteer for rewarding work that helps others. Here's what you need to know:

What do Therapy Dogs Do?

Therapy Dogs and their owners work to help children feel comfortable reading aloud, to assist veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, to simply help brighten the day for those in nursing homes and hospitals, and more. Once your dog is certified as a Therapy Dog, you'll volunteer together at hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, and other places to provide comfort and companionship.

What kinds of dogs can become Therapy Dogs?

Dogs of any breed, size and shape can become Therapy Dogs as long as they have one important characteristic: An excellent temperament. They must be patient, gentle, calm and well mannered, and like all kinds of people. Since they'll be petted and handled, they also must enjoy human contact. Dogs must also be healthy and at least one year old.

What's involved in Therapy Dog certification and training?

Certification and training varies by organization, but typically requires behavioral and obedience tests. Therapy Dogs International (TDI), the oldest and largest therapy dog organization in the U.S., requires a therapy-dog evaluation for suitability, which includes the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Test, among other tests that assess the dog's behavior around people.

What are the kinds of programs that my dog may participate in?

Here are a few examples of animal activity and therapy dog opportunities found in DogPlay.com's state-by-state guide to local therapy organizations :

Alabama: Hand-in-Paw in Birmingham has many programs including "Sit, Stay, Read!" which helps reluctant young readers who are performing below grade level to overcome embarrassment and improve skills by reading aloud to a non-judgmental therapy animal."

Minnesota: Bark Avenue On Parade in Minneapolis focuses on pet-assisted therapy with people who may be isolated due to age, illness or disability. Bark Avenue's regular visit schedule includes four monthly visits at three area hospitals.

Oklahoma: Creatures and Kids in Edmond, used pets and their handlers to teach "kindness and compassion toward all living things." They offer 37 programs including a "Kind Kids" class for kindergarten and elementary students, "The Power of Empathy" for high school students and an array of adult classes.

How do I find a local Therapy Dog certification program?

In addition to visiting DogPlay.com you can also contact one of the national organizations, such as such as Therapy Dogs International or the Delta Society, both of which list upcoming test dates by state.

WANT TO SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER?

Our AMSC Board of Governors has approved a revision to the AMSC By Laws regarding who is eligible to sponsor new members as follows:

Effective March 6, 2009 Eligible Sponsors are defined as:

1. Any member in good standing approved into membership prior to June 20, 2008

OR

2. A Regular or Life Member in good standing having been a member for at least 3 years.

You can obtain the new application at the www.amsc.us under the membership tab or by emailing tuckarry@aol.com or at 256-351-6942.

The AMSC and MIT research information release:

Written by Dr. Lisa G. Sarvas and the AMSC Health Committee.

The AMSC Health Committee is pleased to release the following information about new research on familial renal disease in the Miniature Schnauzers. The details of the research and submission information are included in this release.

In the past 2 years the AMSC HC has continued to receive case submissions of Miniature Schnauzers diagnosed with early renal disease. The continued submissions and concern by AMSC members indicates the need for additional research on this disease. We are also pleased that this project allows us to collect samples prior to committing to any funding request from the researcher.

Please submit case information and sample submission questions directly to the researchers through Michelle in their department. All contact information is listed in the article summary. Please restrict communication with MIT to information directly related to sample submission. Submit any questions about the disease or the research in general directly to the AMSC HC. The AMSC HC will communicate as needed with the researcher, Noriko Tonomura. The committee members will continue to answer individual AMSC member questions where we are able to help facilitate member education and understanding of this complex disease.

The AMSC HC asks that members continue to submit biopsy samples from non-symptomatic dogs to Dr. Brown at the University of Georgia as we have previously recommended. The following MIT work is in addition to the biopsy submissions to Dr. Brown.

INFORMATION FROM MIT: BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISEASE, AND OUR PROJECT:

Juvenile Renal Dysplasia (JRD) affects developmental maturation of the kidney. All dogs are born with developmentally immature kidneys, and then the maturation process is completed within 6-8 weeks after birth. The kidneys of JRD-affected dogs do not go through this process, retaining immature glomeruli and/or tubules, and persistent mesenchyme. Dysplastic kidneys are incapable of efficient water re-absorption and elimination of metabolic waste products, leading to chronic renal failure. How much of the kidneys are affected by JRD varies greatly among affected individuals, and the clinical signs of JRD may not be present unless over 75% of the kidney is affected. When a dog is affected mildly, the first clinical signs are usually elevated BUN and creatinine levels. Other symptoms that may be present are: increased amount of urination (unconcentrated urine), increased intake of water, vomiting, lethargy, and weight loss or delayed growth. This condition even-

tually leads to kidney failure between age of 6 weeks and 4 years, and currently there is no curative treatment.

Though most commonly reported in Lhasa Apso and Shih Tzu dogs, an elevated disease prevalence is also reported for other breeds, such as Standard Poodles, Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier, Golden Retrievers, and Boxers. We have initiated a research project to find the mutation(s) associated with JRD in the Boxer dog by comparing the DNA of affected and healthy Boxer dogs using the new single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) array tool that we have developed at the Broad Institute.

The preliminary genome-wide association has been performed in 17 JRD-affected and 15 healthy boxers, and the result led us to believe that this disease is caused by more than one gene/mutation. In order for us to have the statistical power to find those multiple mutations, we need more individuals (both cases and controls) to participate in the project. Therefore, we are continuing to collect blood samples from JRD-affected and healthy Boxer dogs. For healthy controls, we are recruiting the dam, sire, and healthy sibs of an affected dog. In the second stage of mutation discovery, called "fine mapping" stage (see Figure 1), we will analyze DNA samples from additional breeds that are affected by JRD, which will allow for further pinpointing the regions of DNA where the mutations are to be found. This is where Miniature Schnauzers can help us with this project.

It is possible that Miniature Schnauzers have a slightly different set of risk factors than Boxers. The fine-mapping will show us if Miniature Schnauzer have the same risk factors as Boxers. Since fine mapping is a much cheaper technology, this would be the first step to take. If it turns out that Miniature Schnauzers have different set of risk factors than Boxers we would want to do a complete search of the Miniature Schnauzer genome at a later date.

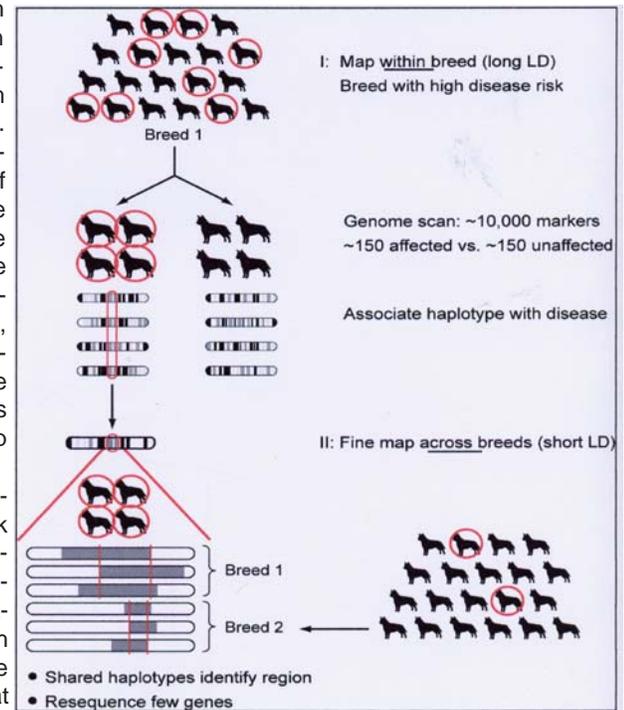
Our goal of this project is to identify the causative mutations for JRD, which will allow us to develop a genetic test to identify JRD-affected dogs early and accurately. The testing allows providing early interventions for the affected dogs, and implementing better breeding program.

GENOME-WIDE ASSOCIATION MAPPING IN TWO STAGES

Briefly, the process of finding JRD-causing mutations is as follows (Figure 1): The genome-wide association mapping is performed using SNP markers, using the SNP array. The SNP markers are compared be-

tween groups of affected and unaffected (healthy) dogs to locate a region where the genomic profile of affected dogs is different from that of unaffected dogs. For the JRD project, we are performing the initial genome-wide association mapping within a single breed, Boxers. When we find a region that is associated with JRD in the initial screening, we then compare the region by SNP markers across several related breeds. This is where the Miniature Schnauzer breed can help us. We do suspect that at least some of the risk factors (= mutations) are shared between breeds. Since each breed has its own characteristics at any given location of the genome, searching for a smaller region that is shared among JRD-affected dogs across breeds will allow us to rapidly narrow down the region and identify disease-associated mutations.

Figure 1: Mutation discovery (mapping) strategy



In order for us to successfully identify a gene (or genes) that is associated with any given disease, it is very important to recruit a sufficient number of participants. We are encouraging Miniature Schnauzers that fall into any of the following categories to participate in this project:

- 1) Has elevated kidney values at young age (birth to ~4 years)
Other clinical signs may include to, but not limited to:
excess drinking/urination, dilute urine, vomiting, lethargy, irregular and/or abnormally small kidneys by ultrasound

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- 2) Dam, sire and healthy siblings of the affected individual
- 3) Over 5 years old and without any kidney problems

To obtain a DNA sample, we only need ~10 ml (= 2 teaspoon) of blood in a purple top tube (EDTA tube) from each individual. When mailing in the sample, please make sure the tube is well protected against potential breakage, especially since the tube is made of glass. If it is during the hot summer season, please pack the tube with ice packs in an insulated container. We need a consent form signed by the owner to be sent in with the sample. For the participant, we are asking for health information and pedigree information if available. You can provide the pedigree info as a printout of the pedigree (if available), and if your dog is registered with any organization (ie, AKC), please make sure to provide us the registration number and organization. If the participating dog is not registered but any of his/her parents/siblings are, then you can provide the pedigree info of a closely related dog and tell us how they are related. The consent form can be found at www.DogDNA.org by clicking on the link "Printable brochure (PDF)". We are asking for pedigree information only because we are looking at genes that are all inherited from the parents, and we would like to analyze the mode of inheritance of JRD. All the information regarding your dog is kept strictly confidential, and the genetic disposition of any dog is never to be made public. The details of "how to" can be found at www.DogDNA.org, but please feel free to contact us by e-mail at dog-info@broad.mit.edu. We are looking forward to your participation.

We would also like to characterize the type of JRD the Miniature Schnauzers have to evaluate the similarity of the disease to that of Boxers. In order to do so, we would like to ask you to consider donating either a wedge biopsy of affected kidney, or the whole kidneys to the research. The wedge biopsy option is not always doable, since a dog with compromised kidney cannot tolerate anesthesia. The whole kidneys can be donated at the time of necropsy. The details/arrangements for sample submission are available by contacting Michele Perloski at Broad Institute. Any questions intended for the researchers can be submitted through Michele.

Sample should be sent to:

c/o Michele Perloski
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Cambridge, MA 02142

It would be great to let Michele that the sample is coming by email (preferred), or phone

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Tatiana Myers & Irina McDunnell own Miniature Schnauzers, Wire Fox Terriers and Black Russian Terriers. They have also had Standard Schnauzers. They are breeders, having bred 30-50 litters from their stud dog(s) or bitch(es) in the past 5 years. They attend approximately 20 to 30 dog events each year. They are members of the Wire Fox Terrier Association of Great Britain. They started working with Schnauzers in Europe in 1988 and from 1999 in the United States. Ms. Myers is an artist and Ms. McDonnell is a CNA

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Margo Klingler

David Williams has owned Miniature Schnauzers since 1962. He lists himself as a breeder but has not bred any litters in the past 5 years. He is active in Conformation and has judged Sweepstakes 1976-1989. He attends 10 or more dog events each year. He does not belong to any dog clubs at the present time. He states he has bred, owned, co-owned well over 75 Miniature Schnauzer Champions since 1975, 3 Best In Show dogs, multiple Group winners, top producing dogs and bitches over the years. He is a groomer at Petco.

Anyone who has changed address, email, phone information lately, please let us know so we can update the AMSC roster. Also, if you are listed on the AMSC website (<http://amsc.us>) in our Breeders List, Rescue pages or Local Clubs section, you should check those listings to make sure they are current.

Be sure to also send new information to:
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The AMSC website has a list of breeder judges in the Judges' Page.

<http://amsc.us/mentors.html>

DON'T YOU DARE STEAL MY JOY

by Connie Cleveland

Ed's Note: *This has been around, but I think it's worth sharing with those that have not seen it on various lists.*

On the occasion of my tenth anniversary, my husband asked me how I wanted to celebrate. I asked that we take a very dear friend, my adopted grandmother and one of the greatest of all the great southern ladies, out to dinner with us.

At dinner, my husband, Brian, presented me with a diamond ring. It was gorgeous and I was speechless, but even as I thanked him, I worried about the expense and extravagance of such a gift. As if he knew that the next line belonged to my grandmother, my husband excused himself from the table. He was barely out of sight when she reached across the table and grabbed me by the shoulder, "I know what you're thinking, I know you think he couldn't afford it and it's too extravagant. I don't care if he had to put a second mortgage on the house to buy it, don't you steal his joy! It's beautiful. Accept it as the token of his love that it is and say nothing about how he shouldn't have bought it for you." Then she repeated, "Don't you dare steal his joy!" That was the end of the conversation. She sat back in her seat, smiled at my returning husband, and we had a lovely dinner.

I took her advice and put my reservations out of my mind. The ring has never come off my finger, but most importantly, I learned a wonderfully important lesson, never to steal another man's joy.

Are you a joy stealer??? "You know if my dog hadn't gone down on the sit, I would have won the class", said, unfeelingly, to the winner. "I sure didn't think your dog worked that high a score." "I can't believe you placed, I thought Jane Oneup and her dog would beat you." "I thought I had that class won! My dog had a great performance," said to the winner. "Isn't that judge an idiot? I can't believe the dogs he put up!" said to the winner. "Boy, aren't you glad Mrs Winallthetime wasn't here today or you might not have won." "You passed that Master test because the water blind was so easy." "That was the stupidest set of water marks I've ever seen. No trial should end that easily," said to the winner.

Do you discourage or encourage fellow competitors? Do you tell them their goals are too lofty and their dreams too big? Are you trying to be helpful or trying to keep them from

accomplishing something that you never had the ability or perseverance to do yourself? It is equally as harmful to steal joy by destroying the dream.

"No Basset Hounds get UD's," said to the owner of the Bassett in Utility class. "I've never seen a Rottweiler that could do fronts and finishes", said to the owner of the Rottweiler practicing fronts and finishes. "Do you have any idea how hard it is to get a UD and a Master Hunter? Do you know how few people have ever done it?" said to the first time dog owner setting out to do both.

When FC AFC OTCH Law Abiding Ezra had both his field championships and 65 OTCH points including all the necessary first places, someone had the guts to come up to me, his owner, trainer and handler and say, "No dog will ever be a field champion and an obedience champion." My jaw drops when I think about it. Isn't it unfortunate that I remember this attempt at stealing my joy much more than I remember all the cards and letters and congratulations I received when those last 35 points were earned?

If you are willing to destroy someone's dream, perhaps you don't realize that it is the JOY of pursuing the dream that keeps the dreamer motivated, not just reaching the accomplishment.

My husband and I travel and compete together. I remember an event, early in our relationship when I watched his Doberman fail articles. "Darn it," I said, as he came out of the ring, "she didn't even try to find the right one!" "Oh", he replied, "but, weren't her heeling and signals wonderful?" Unknowingly, I had almost stolen his joy. He was celebrating the improvement on the exercise that had been giving him trouble, and I was focused on the failure. Since that experience, Brian and I have learned that the best response to a questionable performance, "What did you think?" That way, if the handler is excited about some aspect of the performance, you can share that excitement. If the handler is disappointed in another aspect, you can share the disappointment. You are safely removed from being a joy stealer.

I hope you have a lot of dreams and goals for your dogs in (the coming year). Undoubtedly there will be moments of disappointment as you venture through the land mines of injury, failures and other set-

backs. Remember that the joy of the journey is worth the difficulties along the way and don't let anyone steal that joy. Guard it well and at the end of the road you can own it and revel in it with all the other memories of the trip.



Please update your bookmarks and links on your web pages.

AMSC address: <http://amsc.us>

In addition, there are some new generic email addresses:
president@amsc.us
secretary@amsc.us
rescue@amsc.us
webmaster@amsc.us

These email addresses will automatically forward email to the current office holder.

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes!

The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada...

will be holding its annual national specialty show on Friday, August 6th, 2010 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

It will be held in conjunction with a 4 day all-breed show put on by the Manitoba Canine Association (MCA). On Saturday, the Red River Terrier Association will be holding its 45th annual specialty.

At this show, the schnauzer and terrier specialties will be held in addition to the 4 all breed shows, meaning that there are 6 sets of points for Miniature Schnauzers over the weekend.

Judges for the specialties for Gloria Geringer for schnauzers and Ken McDermott for the terriers.

The all-breed judges are as follows:

Thursday, Aug 5th - Sylvia Barkey from Ontario for all terriers and the group

Friday, August 6th - Glen Stark for schnauzers and Sharon Derrick for the group

Saturday, August 7th - Allan Pepper for all terriers and the group, and

Sunday, August 8th - Chie Yamakodo for all terriers and the group.

Winnipeg is about 7 hours away from Minneapolis by car and 3.5 hours north of Fargo, North Dakota.

If you need more information, please contact Louise Gordon at lgordon2@shaw.ca

...and....in Ontario...

Miniature Schnauzer Speciality sponsored by Rideau Terrier Club. It will be held on Sunday August 29th at the Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry KC Show in Long Sault, On. Mr. Al Ferruggiaro judging. It is in conjunction with the 4 day show

(Aug. 28th - 30th) 6 sets of points for the Mini's.

It is a beautiful venue on the St. Lawrence River. For camping you can contact 1-800-437-2233, or Jodie O'Meara at 613-443-2262. For show info contact Colmar Show Services. If further info is required I can be contacted at this email, or at 613-258-6378.

UGA Wedge Biopsy Study Submission Form

Dr Brown has revised and simplified the Wedge Biopsy Submission form for the AMSC study project and this should now replace the previous form. This form should be used when submitting wedge biopsies to Dr. Cathy Brown at UGA . Dr Brown's contact numbers are

Tel: (706) 542-5568
Fax: (706) 542-5977

I have included a brief description of the study and the requirements for your convenience We ask that if members have an adult dog that either passes away or is euthanized, they consider submitting bilateral kidney wedge biopsies for this study. Below are some basic instructions regarding sample submission.

Samples submitted for this study will be examined by Dr. Cathy Brown and she will report to the committee with statistical information only. The submitting veterinarian or owner will need to contact her for a report on their dog's specimens. Pedigree submission is encouraged but not required.

NOTES:

1. *Tissues should be removed from the dog as soon as possible after death to reduce tissue degradation. If it will be a few hours before the dog can be taken to the vet, the body can be refrigerated – DO NOT FREEZE – this destroys the tissues.*
2. *If a necropsy will be performed, the wedges should still be removed as soon as possible after death to reduce tissue degradation*
3. *One wedge from each kidney is desired. Specimens should be placed in separate formalin containers so they can be identified as left and right side renal tissue.*
4. *Specimens can be shipped using a cost-efficient method since they are preserved in formalin. UGA will not pay for shipping. The shipping address is on the top of the submission form.*

Please contact a committee member if there are questions or concerns. Once again thank you for your participation.

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MINIATURE SCHNAUZER RENAL STUDY
SUBMISSION FORM

All specimens submitted by AMSC Members will be paid by the AMSC as part of this special study
Sample: Wedge biopsy of one or both kidneys in formalin.

Veterinarian: _____ AMSC Member Owner: _____

Clinic Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____

Telephone _____

Animal Information:
Sex: _____ Age: _____

History:
1. Was there any evidence of renal disease in this animal? If yes, provide history including length of illness, clinical signs, and laboratory data. _____

2. Any history of bladder or renal stones? Results of stone analysis? _____

Bouquets & Biscuits

***Champion Blythewood Dazzling Perfection** won her second major completing her championship on March 27, 2010 at the Raleigh Kennel Club under Judge Karen C. Wilson. Our girl, Dazzle, was lovingly handled by her owner, Malcolm Beauchamp, with support and encouragement from co-owner Joan Huber who was her breeder (CH. Blythewood Texas Cowboy and Blythewood Tricking Stream).

***Am Can Ch Barbucha Astronaut.** (ICh Juliette Ernst Astronaut by NI Ch Zeb-Dutch V. D'n Oppasser). Barbie finished her AKC title on April 3, 2010 under Judge Mrs. Elaine Mathis. Bred by Sucha Miroslava of the Czech Republic she was imported and is owned by Vicki & Greg Stephens (Empire MS). Barbie is a great grand-daughter of our first export to Europe, the great Empire's Distant Thunder.

***Can Ch. Carbor Good Better Bet V Froherz** completed the requirements for his Canadian title at the Seaway shows. "Bookie" was bred by Jim and Vicki Wygant, Geri Kelly and Joe Wake. He is co-owned by Carla Borrelli and Vicki Wygant.

P.S. Crimson and Clover, RN UD (Ch. Bowser's Hard Drive x Ch. P.S. Luv's Great Sensation) earned her UD title May 15, 2010. That same day she received a 198.5 High Trial. On the next day she got two more first places in Open B 199 and 198 and received two more high trials. She was bred by Sally Dahlke and owned by Barb Koscielski

***Am/Can Ch. DREAMAKER FIREPOWER "Taser"** (Am/Can. Ch. Envoy Foxy II Chasing Twister x Am/Can. Ch. Dreamaker Firepower) completed his US Championship with his 4th major at the Nashville KC show on March 14th, 2010 under respected judge Mrs. Patricia Trotter. He was awarded WD at the AMS Specialty in Chicago under Ms. Peggy Beissel McIlwaine. Taser went BB and Grp 4 under Mr. Robert D. Black over specials at North Texas Terrier Club Specialty. He is the second US Champion for his sire and dam. A big thanks to Brenda Combs for her excellent handling and grooming. Taser was bred and is owned by Ken and Elaine Allen.

***Eden Fly's Bravo Rulebreaker RN MX AXJ XF JE** (CH Bravo's Cosmic Charm X CH Bravo's Steel Magnolia) earned his last leg towards his RN (Rally Novice) on 5/15 in Columbia, SC. All legs were earned with placements & he moved up into Rally Advance on Sunday earning a leg towards his RA w/a second placement! We will be sending in his AMSC VA application asap! Deegan was bred by Donna Hills & is handled/trained/loved by Rachel Mills. I am so proud of this special boy!

***CH. Bravo's On The News** (Carter) earned his CPE agility titles CL 1-H, CL 1-F, and CL 1-R at C2P2's trial held in Chapel Hill, NC on 14/15 November 2009 . He earned all his titles with all first places. Carter is loved, owned and handled by Abigail C. Miller and was bred by Donna Hills.

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Bred by Sharon Piette

Owned by Lynn Tamms

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Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman Snakes 'N Ladders

Dec.20, 1994 - May 5, 2010

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Roxanne Snow

Can.Ch.Minuteman Ten Dead Cats

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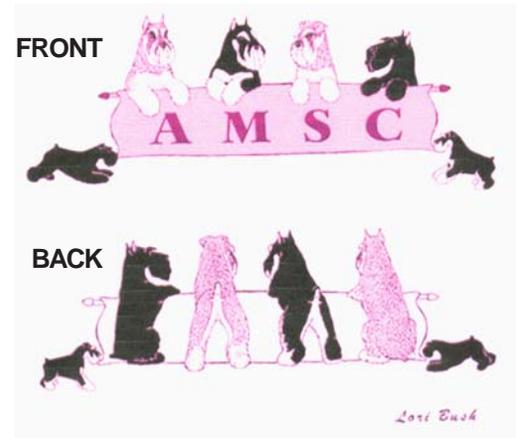
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