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A Natural Approach to the War on Fleas

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Editor's Note: For 20 years I have used nematodes on my lawn to keep flea eggs out of my grass and runs. I have had great luck with them. I spray my areas every 10 weeks and also spray into the woods and into my neighbor's areas. A side benefit is that the nematodes also eat grubs.

As flea season is in full swing in many areas around the country, we are realizing that some of you may need a bit of guidance with the war you are waging in your households. There are so many products available for fighting the battle against fleas that a trip to the pet store can leave you a bit overwhelmed and bewildered. You may have noticed if you checked our site for flea control, that the selection is limited. That's because we carry only what works and only what is safe for your companions as well as everyone else in your household. We also do not carry anything damaging to the environment.

The Pre-emptive Strike: Don't wait until you see fleas on your companion to treat your environment! If you live in an area with a predictable flea season – treat a month before it starts. If you live in the south where flea season is every season, start now and plan to treat your home regularly. Using natural methods is a bit more work than dropping a spot of pesticides on their back, but in the long run your companion and your environment will be healthier for your efforts.

The (almost) Invincible Flea: There are three stages, or areas to address, in the flea eviction process; the companion animal – internally and externally, the household environment, and the great outdoors, (or at least "securing the perimeter").

But before we wage war, it is best to "know thine enemy".

First let's talk about the population statistics of our foe. The adult fleas hopping around on your companion are only about 1% of the entire flea population in your home environment. So this means that for every flea you see, there are actually at least 99 more in one or another stage of development lurking around the house or yard. About 10% of the population is in the

pupae (cocoon) stage, 35% is in the larval stage and 50% of the population consists of flea eggs. The adult female flea can lay from 10 to 50 eggs a day in appropriate weather. Fleas tend to prefer warm, somewhat humid weather: 75-95 degrees with 60-85% humidity. Considering an adult flea can live up to 60-100 days, a single flea could lay upwards of 2000 eggs in her lifetime. And even if only half of those go on to reproduce...well; you get the picture – lots and lots of fleas! The eggs are laid on the "host" – your companion animal, and most will fall off into the carpet or in the yard. A majority of those eggs and the resulting larvae and pupae remain within fifty feet of their host's favorite resting spot, (keep that in mind when we get to the part about treating the environment). Flea larvae emerge from the eggs within 1 to 10 days, although if conditions are not ideal, the egg can remain in the environment much longer waiting for the right "moment" to hatch. While in a pre-adult state within the cocoon they can hatch in days or wait for more than 6 months. Now you can understand why "bug bombs" just don't work. They only kill the fleas in the adult and larval stage at best.



So all those thousands of eggs and little cocoons are still lurking and waiting for the proper conditions in order to emerge and start the whole population explosion all over again.

One more detail about our foe the flea: they can spread disease and tapeworms. The way the flea feeds is by sticking its

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for the
July issue is
June 20.**

Five Steps to Take if Your Dog's Food Has Been Recalled

Nancy Kerns is Editor of WDJ.

Over the past few years, owners have become uncomfortably aware that their pets' food can be suddenly declared dangerous, due to contamination of the product or its ingredients or some sort of processing malfunction. What should you do if you learn about a recall of your dog's food?

-First, check the brand, variety, package size, and lot numbers: If you hear about a recall of food involving a company whose products you recently fed your dog, you need to do some further (and fast) research. The best source of information is the Food and Drug Administration's website where recalls are announced (fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/default.htm). That's unfortunate for those of you who don't use a computer. You can call the FDA at (888) 463-6332, but it might be difficult to get through, especially if the recall was extensive. The goal is to determine whether the product you have in your possession is truly involved in the recall. You'll need to compare the variety, package size, and lot numbers of the recalled food.

This is why we recommend that owners always keep their pets' dry food in its original bag. There are a number of problems that can arise from dumping dry dog food into another container; not having the package (and lot numbers) in case of a recall is a big one.

Not long ago, a brand of food I was currently feeding my dog was recalled. It turned out that I had the same brand and variety as one that was recalled, but the bag size and lot numbers were different. I put that food aside for another few weeks until I was certain that the recall didn't expand to include the lot I had.

-Stop feeding the recalled food: If you determine that you do have possession of the product being recalled, don't feed any more of it to your dog! You may even do as I did and hold off feeding a product that is the same brand and variety, but a different size or lot number, until the involved parties (pet food company, FDA) are certain they have identified all the affected product. Buy another product to feed your dog for now.

Also, don't throw the recalled food away, but keep it in a place where it can't be eaten or accidentally fed to your dog.

-Check your dog: Your urgency on this point should be congruent with the reason for the recall. If the recall was caused by the discovery of Salmonella on your

dog's food, and he hasn't had diarrhea since eating the food, there is little cause for concern; most dogs can handle a little brush with Salmonella.

However, if the recall was due to a more serious threat, such as such as aflatoxin (a toxin produced by fungus) or a dangerous excess of a potentially toxic nutrient, such as vitamin D or copper, you might want to schedule a veterinary examination. If your dog's health has been sketchy, or you've noticed any change in his well-being or activity since feeding the food, ask your vet for an immediate appointment.

-Contact the food's maker: It may be difficult to get through to the pet food company's toll-free number, but persevere. If given the opportunity to leave a message, speak slowly and clearly, and give your name, phone number/s, mailing address, and e-mail address. Keep the dog food package near the phone, so you can confirm the brand, variety, size, and lot number to the representative. Inform the company how much recalled food you have, how much you have left, and what condition your dog is in (seemingly fine? not quite right? seriously ill?). Ask what they will do next, and what you should do with the product that you have left over. They may ask you to send some of the food to them for testing; don't send all of it.

-Follow through: If your dog becomes ill after eating a recalled food, follow through. The manufacturer has a legal obligation to report adverse affects caused by their products, but it might not be easily convinced of its culpability. Go ahead and file a report with the FDA; there is a simple (but long) form for this purpose at safetyreporting.hhs.gov. Keep assiduous records of your dog's ongoing health issues and save your veterinary receipts. Keep the pet food bag and the receipt for the food (if you have it). Send copies of these things if requested, but don't lose the originals. Stay in constant contact with the pet food company until you have been reimbursed for the food and for any vet bills you've had to pay.

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pointy little nose into the host and injecting a bit of "saliva" to thin the blood before sucking it. This is why so many pets are allergic to flea bites and end up with severe rashes and hot spots.

Stage 1 – Armoring Your Companions Protection from the Inside Out:

An important fact about fleas is that they prefer weaker, less healthy hosts and very young puppies and kittens with undeveloped immune systems. Knowing this, we can arm our pets for flea resistance by boosting their health and immunity. If you have a flea problem, this is the first place to start.

Diet: Nothing you give your dog or cat can do as much good for their health and immunity as a proper diet. At the minimum this means top quality processed foods that do not contain fillers, chemical preservatives, or food colorings. No "by-products" or "digests". Meat should be the first ingredient, not grains. Dogs can be fed a mix of canned and dry foods, but cats should be fed mostly canned foods, dehydrated or freeze dried if they are to be fed processed diets - grains should be avoided as much as possible for cats. For more information see "[How to Choose the Right Pet Food](#)." **Supplements:** Supplementing your companion's diet can also help. [Essential Fatty Acids](#) will help build the immune system and boost the health of the skin and coat. [Digestive Enzymes](#) and [Probiotics](#) will help him get the most nutrition from his food and aid the digestive process. Garlic and B vitamins tend to make the animal less tasty to fleas, so many guardians supplement with [garlic & brewers yeast](#), (a good source of vitamin B1), during flea season to help their companions ward off attacks. Some animals are allergic to brewers yeast, so Earth Animal has developed an [herbal powder](#) without brewers yeast for allergic pets.

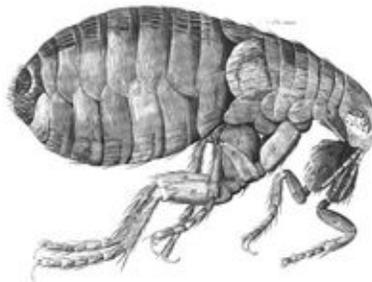
Vaccination: Over-vaccination is taxing on the immune system of dogs and cats. Educate yourself about the risks of too many vaccinations before succumbing to the usual pressure to vaccinate annually for a variety of diseases. See our blog [To Vaccinate or Not to Vaccinate](#).

External Protection: The ultimate weapon in the battle with fleas is the Flea Comb. It is the best way to investigate whether the scratching your dog or cat is doing is due to fleas or is just a little itch.

FLEA TEST: Run the flea comb through your pet's hair and gather a bit of hair & "dirt". Then put this between two damp white pa-

per towels and press them together – if the "dirt" creates rusty looking spots on the paper towel, then there is a flea somewhere – most likely a family of fleas – on your companion. If you persist, you will likely trap some of them in the comb. Drown them in SOAPY water – fleas have been known to jump out of plain water. Flea combing daily may sound tedious, but it is very helpful while you are working on the environmental control measures necessary to rid your world of fleas.

Just remember that for every adult flea you drown in that soapy water you are preventing generations of future parasites from searching for food in your home. There are many topical sprays & shampoos out there touting their effectiveness at killing or deterring fleas. Many of them contain chemicals and pesticides however, that are not conducive to building your companion's immune system. Cats, in particular, are susceptible to the toxic nature of many of these products because they are constantly grooming themselves and ingesting whatever they have been sprayed with. For repelling fleas from dogs, we recommend Neem Oil or Citronella based products.



Neem oil [spray](#), [shampoo](#), and conditioner not only help repel fleas, they also help soothe and heal irritated skin. Other essential oils that seem to be "flea repellent" are cedar, tea tree, citronella, eucalyptus and pennyroyal, (the last two are toxic to cats). You can put a drop on their collar and dilute it into a spray to mist your dog. Combining a little neem spray with your flea combing is a great way to both spread the neem oil throughout the animal's coat as well as giving you extra help with catching the fleas. Pay particular attention to the neck and chest on cats and the top of the hips/base of the tail and under the legs and belly on dogs. When using any product like these with a strong odor, just keep in mind that your dog or cat has a much stronger sense of smell than you do, (as do the fleas), so don't overdo it. Cats especially seem to be sensitive, so use sparingly. For cats spray a small amount onto a cloth and wipe it on lightly. We do not recommend the use of

full-strength essential oils of any kind on cats. Bathing your companion is an excellent way to kill fleas. Use a neem shampoo like [Ark Naturals Neem Protect](#) or a [soothing shampoo](#) such as oatmeal from Pet Naturals or Doc Ackerman's if your companion has irritated skin. You can add a drop or two of essential oils to the oatmeal shampoo to make it more "flea unfriendly". Leave the lather on your pet for a few minutes to help smother any persistent fleas, and then RINSE WELL. Soap residue can dry the skin and make the itchiness worse. You can follow with [Conditioner](#) to help prevent dry skin as well.

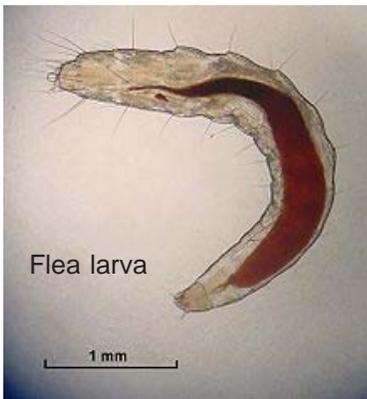
Why not use flea collars? Good question! The answer is: flea collars only repel fleas around the animal's neck and do very little for the rest of the body. Fleas are very resourceful; they will find a good spot far enough away from that collar to hang out. Also, most flea collars, especially anything non-toxic, are only effective for a short time.

What about "spot-on" flea products? A pesticide is a pesticide no matter what you call it. We only recommend spot-on flea products as a last resort for animals with severe flea allergies. The most thorough investigation we have seen of these products was done by Whole Dog Journal as reported in the article "Are 'Spot-On' Flea Killers Safe?" in the February, 2002 issue, (available from their website for a fee: www.whole-dog-journal.com). Here is an excerpt from that article: "All pesticides pose some degree of health risk to humans and animals. Despite advertising claims to the contrary, both over-the-counter and veterinarian-prescribed flea-killing topical treatments are pesticides that enter our companions' internal organs (livers, kidneys), move into their intestinal tracts, and are eventually eliminated in their feces and urine." Systemic pesticides are NOT a good way to build an animal's immune system; on the contrary, they can only weaken it. Some guardians report that their companions appear more lethargic and depressed for a day or more after applying spot-on flea products. More severe reactions that have been reported include excessive salivation, skin rashes, convulsions, tremors, hyperactivity, stiffened limbs and lameness. Consider that to be deemed safe for use on our companions, these products only need be tested for 3, 13 or 52-week intervals. Higher doses are used to compensate for the shorter testing periods. One more reason not to use pesticides – they end up in our environment – including on your lawn.

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Fleas will develop immunity to any pesticide over time. This is already being seen with some of the spot-on products. They cannot, however, develop immunity to dehydration – which is how the diatomaceous earth and boric acid products kill fleas.



Stage 2 – The Household Environment
You cannot rid your companion of fleas by treating him or her alone, (unless you are willing to resort to pesticides). Most of the population lives and develops in your house and yard, not on your pet. Treating the environment is essential if you want to win this war.

Carpets, Flooring & Furniture: Vacuuming carpets and washing the hard floors often – daily during the height of flea season – is the least toxic way to control fleas. This will remove most of the adults, and some eggs and larvae. Keep in mind the larvae don't like light, so vacuum under furniture and around baseboards anywhere near your pet's favorite places to hang out. Remember to either vacuum some Fleago or Flea Busters into the vacuum bag to kill any fleas in the bag, or remove the bag and discard it in a sealed plastic bag after use.

Some infestations, however, are just too much to be controlled by vacuuming alone, and not everyone has the time to clean all the floors daily. That's when we recommend using one or more of the natural "powders" available for ridding your home of fleas. The least toxic substances available for this are diatomaceous earth and boric acid products. Diatomaceous Earth can be used on carpeting, on the pet's bedding, on furniture and on hard floors. It is a very fine powder similar in consistency to talcum powder, so it gets into cracks and crevices on hardwood and linoleum floors easily. It acts more quickly than boric acid products – a difference in the flea population can be noticeable in 24 – 48 hours. Diatomaceous earth, however, does not last as long as the boric acid products. Monthly applications are recommended in areas with heavy flea populations, especially during the

height of flea season. Boric acid products, such as Fleabusters and Fleago, work in a similar fashion to the diatomaceous earth by dehydrating the fleas. When applied correctly, they offer protection for up to a year or more as they remain deep in the carpet fibers. Fleabusters may also be used on hard floors as the powder is fine enough to reach into cracks and crevices well. Both products may be used on furniture. All visible powder must be worked into the carpet, floor or furniture well with a broom or rake, and any remaining visible powder should be vacuumed up. Boric acid kills flea larvae, but is not as effective at killing the adults, so you may not see the results for 2-6 weeks while the adult population dies off.

During the initial weeks after application, it is helpful to vacuum frequently to kill the adult fleas. Boric acid products are for use on floors and furniture only, do not use them directly on your pet. With all of the flea powder products, common sense caution must be used. Follow package directions carefully. They are drying agents, and therefore irritate nasal passages and lungs if inhaled directly. Avoid overzealous shaking of the container while spreading it onto the floor so you don't create clouds of dust. If you have any questions about the application process with any of our products, please call or email and we will be happy to help.

Bedding: Don't forget the sleeping quarters! Wash your pet's bedding in hot, soapy water at least weekly. You can even add some essential oils to the water for extra flea-zapping power. Sprinkle a little Fleago or Flea Busters onto DRY bedding and work it in to help kill the little pests while your companion sleeps.

Stage 3 – Securing the Perimeter (Your Yard) Last, but certainly not least, treat the yard. Remember that the larvae don't like light – so rake up any leaves and keep the grass cut. Watering can help drown the larvae as well. A majority of the fleas and larvae will be within 50 feet of your companion's favorite spot to rest, so focus on those areas. Beneficial Nematodes are a great way to control fleas in the yard. Beneficial nematodes are a flea parasite, (mother nature always has a balancing mechanism). They are tiny little bugs that prey on both adult fleas and larvae. They can be applied with a hose sprayer or, on a smaller yard, with a watering can. Some garden centers and nurseries carry them or can order them for you, as well as some of the "natural" pet stores. An Internet search will provide many sources as well.

Study Shows Dog's May Be Smarter Than We Thought

By Ben Williams

Think your pet has a lot of toys? Chances are they don't compare to Chaser's, a female border collie with more than 1,000 toys... and she can remember the names of all of them!

A recent study from South Carolina's Wofford College details an extraordinary experiment in language comprehension and cognition in dogs. The researchers, John Pilley, PhD, a retired psychology professor, and Alliston Reid, PhD, a psychology professor, attempted to see if they could teach a dog (Chaser) not only to identify over a thousand objects but to learn in a way similar to how human children learn. The study "Border collie comprehends object names as verbal referents," was published in the journal *Behavioural Processes*.

The study consisted of four experiments.

Experiment 1

Over a three-year period with intensive training, Chaser was able to learn the names of 1,022 individual objects. The objects were a variety of toys, balls and Frisbees, and each was given a name (which was written on the object), such as lips, lamb, Uncle Fuzz and Santa Claus.

The first photo to the left is Chaser...can you find her in the second photo?



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CHECK THIS OUT: this was a letter to the Editor in *Whole Dog Journal*:

Bad news for dog owners looking for single-antigen vaccines

I have always run titers on my dogs before vaccinating and my vet provided individual doses when required. This year was different. The office manager called and said their practice could no longer provide individual vaccines, as in the past. I vaccinate only for parvo, distemper when titers are low, and rabies. I was quite upset because one of my dogs needed only distemper and my other dog's titers were good. I posed the question, "Why offer titers, if you are not able to provide individual vaccines? Big silence! Well, I know the answer. The titers are extremely expensive, \$200 for parvo and distemper, times two (for two dogs!). It's great income for the vets!

I have called all the holistic veterinarians in my area; all of them have only bundled vaccinations. I have surfed the web to find individual vaccines to purchase without luck. This is a huge dilemma and an issue I have been frustrated by for years.

Vet students are not taught in school that too many vaccinations assault the dog's immune system time and time again. Veterinarians turn the other cheek. What is most disturbing and unethical is the vets will happily accept the fee for the titers, but as in my case, don't provide individual vaccinations when indicated.

I would surely appreciate any resources

where I may acquire individual parvo and distemper vaccines.

Thank you for your thoughtful concern regarding this frustrating topic. I have been subscribing to WDJ for years and can't thank you enough for being the "pioneers" of healthy dog care. I hope you have the resources to help me and my dogs. Until I can find individual vaccinations, I will forgo the vaccines. One of my dogs is 9 and the other 3 years.

(Name withheld by request)

We [Whole Dog Journal] asked Dr. Jean Dodds for help on this one. A respected expert on veterinary immunology, she also is the founder of Hemopet a nonprofit blood bank and laboratory. She wrote:

"There is only one source available: The Schering-Plough Galaxy-0 (the old Fromm-0 vaccine), available from many online veterinary supply stores. By the way, vaccine titers actually cost between \$40-60, not \$200. Those clinics quoting the much higher price typically do so because they aren't familiar with the "going rate" and assume that they're costly - as a sort of dissuasion. Here at Hemopet (hemopet.org) we charge \$42 for the paired distemper + parvo vaccine titers. See our "Test Request Form" and price list on the website."

We sent this information to our reader, and she responded:

I contacted a few online vet supply catalogs, and all of them offer parvo as an individual vaccine, but the distemper is paired with adenovirus vaccine, which I think is unnecessary.

We asked Dr. Dodds to weigh in on the distemper adenovirus vaccine. She responded:

"I wouldn't prefer this combo, especially when there have been no clinical cases of infectious canine hepatitis in North America for at least 12 years."

Now we were really curious. We called Schering-Plough and asked about the Galaxy-0 - and was told that the company had discontinued its production in January. So dog owners seemed to have lost their only option for giving the distemper vaccine alone. (And ferret owners have lost their only source of distemper vaccine for ferrets; the Galaxy-0 was reportedly the only effective distemper vaccine for that species.) Or. Dodds' final comment and advice?

"Darn it! I'd give a distemper/adenovirus Recombitek vaccine - provided that the distemper titer result really is low. This industry sure isn't helpful for consumers needs - but, of course, sales volume is what determines what we can get."

AKC GRAND CHAMPION PROGRAM ADDS ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS

New York, NY— The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce a new enhancement to the Grand Champion program – Achievement Levels. Beginning May 11th, in conjunction with the implementation of the 2011-2012 [AKC Point Schedule](#), Grand Champions will have the ability to earn the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designations at AKC all-breed, group and specialty shows.

The Bronze Grand Championship will require 100 points, the Silver Grand Championship will require 200 points, the Gold Grand Championship will require 400 points and the Platinum Grand Championship will require 800 Grand Championship points.

Upon reaching each level, owners will receive a special recognition medallion and certificate, and the AKC website will be updated monthly with the names and breeds of all Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum dogs.

"We are happy to highlight the highest achievers in the Conformation ring with the creation of the Grand Championship Achievement Levels," said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. "Many exhibitors brought their Champions back into the rings to complete the Grand Championship or continued showing when they normally would have stopped after obtaining a Championship title. The Achievement Levels give them an opportunity for continued recognition and achievement."

The online GCH Breed Lists will be expanded from the top 25 to 100 dogs including Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level designations. To keep up-to-date with the competition, a new Top 100 All-Breed Grand Champions list will be featured at www.akc.org/grandchampionship/ Grand Championship judging will remain the same: all Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed/Variety competition will be eligible to compete for Grand Champi-

onship points at no additional entry fee, and points will be awarded, at the judge's discretion, to Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Points are calculated using the same AKC Point Schedule as is used for Championship points. Once a dog completes the Grand Championship title, points will continue to accrue as it reaches the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum levels; there is no reset. If a dog has already accrued 100 or more Grand Championship points since the beginning of the Grand Championship program, the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum designation will be awarded retroactively. For assistance with determining point totals, view our Grand Championship Point Counting Document: http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/counting_grand_championship_points.cfm For more information about the new AKC Grand Champion Achievement Levels, visit www.akc.org/grandchampionship or contact eventplans@akc.org.

BLACK RIBBONS

R-Jos Firecracker

Born on July 4

Our "Uncle Sam" 21 months old, was our pick of the litter. "Uncle Sam was struck down within 24 hours, Uncle Sam lost the use of all four legs and his famous yodel bark! Six Specialist at the Animal Neurology & MRI Center in Commerce Michigan assessed Uncle Sam with a Neuromuscular disease of the muscle, peripheral nerves. They could not determine the underlying cause. Uncle Sam was put on steroids for suspected muscle inflammation. Uncle Sam took his 20 mg of Prednisone for two weeks with no improvement. We received a phone call from Dr. Wolf the head doctor who said this is no life for that puppy. He told us to take Uncle Sam back to Dr. Englehardt our vet here and have him put to sleep. After much tears and prayers Dick and I agreed It was for Uncle Sam's best to do this. We buried Uncle Sam between the twin pine trees in our back yard. Sadly missed by Dick and Joanne McCallum

Ch Daystar By Design

"Joey"

(Ch Blackheath's Send in the Clown X Ch Daystar's Mint Julep)

died March 2011. Joey finished her championship quickly and was also a champion producer. Joey spent her golden years with Lauren Melton who misses her dearly. Joey was a special girl in many ways. Kim Cox

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **Ch Daystar's Going Rogue** (Ch Beauideal It's Raining Men (9) X Ch Minuteman Special Talent). Palin finished her championship on April 9th. Palin finished quickly on one coat, achieving her majors at the Lone Star Specialty in Ft Worth and again on Sunday with a supported entry. Palin went BOB several times over specials as well. Palin is bred/owned and handled by Kim Cox Griffin

***Am. Ch. Orleans' Un Peu De Poivre Noir** by Ch Orleans's Fils Noir de Twister X Ch Lakeside's Here Comes Trouble finished her requirements for AKC championship title with all points obtained in the Bred-by class. "Little Bit" is owned by Darlene Petcher; and was bred by Darlene Petcher and Patricia Bond. She is the fourth champion (all bitches) for her sire and the second for her dam.

***"RAJA", Mythago's Moonlight Mirage is the 1st CH.OTCH,MACH Miniature Schnauzer.**

Raja earned her OTCH and HIT on Friday, April 29 at Magic Valley KC in Lewisburg, WV under Betsy Horn-Humer. Raja is also the first CH.MACH in Miniature Schnauzers. She is about number 33 on the list of ALL breed dogs that have earned the three titles of CH, OTCH and MACH.

My HEART DOG.

Pat Heinzelman

Dogs Are Smarter ..Cont'd from p.4, col. 3...

"We know now that she comprehends that objects have names," said Pilley, who is also Chaser's owner.

"We assume that when we say 'Santa Claus,' there's a mental image of some type. Some way or another, that word evokes some kind of memory for that particular object."

Chaser was tested periodically to see how well she remembered the names, and she consistently demonstrated an impressive ability for memory. In more than 800 trials, Chaser was asked to fetch 20 objects by name.

"She showed us 90% memory capacity," Pilley said. "She never failed to retrieve at least 18 out of the 20 correctly. That's amazing. I can recall about half of them — and I named the objects."

Experiment 2

Chaser was instructed to interact with a set of toys in several different ways. She was told to take, nose or paw certain objects.

"Chaser had received extensive experience with these three commands directed toward other familiar objects, but she was able to combine these novel command-noun phrases accurately on the first trial without additional training," the study says. Thus, after learning the meanings of the commands and the nouns, Chaser was able, as do children, to understand the novel combination of two-word phrases.

Experiment 3

Pilley and Reid wanted to see if Chaser was able to form mental categories of objects based on their name. The experimenters divided all 1,022 objects into three categories: "toy," "ball" or "Frisbee." With training, Chaser was able to identify balls and "Frisbees" from a collection of objects, and she was also able to identify toys among objects that were not toys.

"If we think about the dog in the natural world, they see categories. They know the difference between dogs and cats. When they see a dog, there's a general type of behavior that comes out," Pilley said.

"What we've demonstrated is that the dog not only understands the categories but can associate a common word for those categories."

Experiment 4

Perhaps the most interesting part of the study was where Chaser learned to identify

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MONTGOMERY WEEKEND

We have a **new** host hotel for the 2011 Montgomery County weekend - the **Doubletree Guest Suites Plymouth Philadelphia West** (see link below). Room rate is \$103 per night. The Doubletree is a suite hotel. Each "suite" features a separate master bedroom (two double beds or king bed) and a separate living room (which includes a sofa bed). Since there are several clubs using the Doubletree Guest Suites as their host hotel for the Montgomery County weekend, double beds will be at a premium.

<http://www.doubletreeplymouth.com/Accommodations/Accommodations.asp>

You are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible by calling the **Doubletree** reservation line at 1-800-222-TREE (or 8733) and referencing "**AMS.**" Please note that we could not reference the AMSC since their reservation coding system only permits three (3) letters. You must reference **AMS** or **American Miniature Schnauzer**. Dates/events to consider in making your reservation:

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Thursday, October 6, 2011

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Friday, October 7, 2011 (no board meeting this year)

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Saturday, October 8, 2011

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Saturday, October 8, 2011 @ host hotel

Montgomery County Kennel Club/AMSC National Specialty –
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I think you can expect to find this hotel an upgrade to our previous host hotel and in close proximity to restaurants and shopping ... kudos to those of you who will have any energy (or \$\$\$) left after a day of showing, fighting traffic ... to shop!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at:

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PLEASE NOTE:

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In order to use the electricity a charge of \$40.00 per cord for the three days will be charged to those who order and pay prior to June 15.

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GWTA ACCOMMODATIONS

Block rates are available at the following hotels under GWTA

Queen Mary , 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA (562) 432-6964 Special Rate: \$109 per night

+ a one time non-refundable pet fee of \$50. Due to the popularity of this hotel, the busy travel season and the overwhelming demand for hotel rooms on board The Queen Mary, an early cancellation policy will be in effect for The Queen Mary. If for some reason you are not able to keep any part of your hotel reservation, please keep in mind you **MUST** make all cancellations by 5 PM local time Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

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Stanley Foo has had Miniature Schnauzers for 11 years, Maltese for 11 years, Golden Retriever for 2 years and Chow Chow for 4 years. He is a breeder, having bred about 20 litters in the past 5 years. He attends about 30 dog events each year and is a member of the Singapore Kennel Club and is the Secretary of The Dog Groomers Association of Singapore. He has been going to dog shows since 1999 and is currently showing Miniature Schnauzers in Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines & Thailand. His occupation is a Groomer/Breeder/Handler.

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Shirley Fry has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 9 years. She is a breeder, having bred 11 litters from her bitches and 2 litters by her stud dog in the past 5 years. She has been active in Conformation for 8 years and breeding for 5 years. She attends shows approximately 36 weekends each year. She is not a member of any other dog club. Her occupation is as Supervisor of Computer Operations.

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Michelle Peterson has owned Miniature Schnauzers since 1984. She states she is not a breeder but will be breeding her current bitch after she finishes. She is active in Conformation, Agility and Obedience attending 6-8 dog events yearly. She is a member of the Western WA Terrier Club. She is a student, working on her Masters Degree.

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Teresa Scott has owned Miniature Schnauzers for several years. She does breed her dogs, having produced 3 litters in the past 5 years. She has been active in Conformation for 15 years, Obedience for 15 years, Rally for 4 years and breeding for 18 years. She attends approximately 24-30 dog events each year. She is a member of the Tulsa Dog Training Club. Her occupation is in Animal Emergency medicine.

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Jane Caines has owned Miniature Schnauzers since about 1983. She does breed her dogs having produced 13 litters from her bitches and 7 litter for other breeder from her stud dogs in the past 5 years. She is active in Conformation and Obedience attending, 12 to 15 dog event weekends each year in Canada, and 3 to 5 weekends in the U.S. She is a member of the Canadian Kennel Club, Kennebecasis Obedience Club and New Brunswick Kennel Club. She is a Veterinarian, owning her own small animal hospital.

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objects by exclusion. For this experiment, a novel item was placed among a pile of familiar toys. When she was asked to retrieve the novel item by its name (which she was not familiar with), she successfully identified the novel item as the one desired by the experimenter and retrieved it.

"That's a mental inference," Pilley said. "Here, we've got more evidence that she understands things and processes them mentally. She's not an automatic reflex organism like some people believe. Exclusive learning demonstrates learning by a totally new method other than association, and by a method that very young infants use in learning words."

Pilley said he is working on a series of new experiments that will test how much Chaser can understand. The published study showed that Chaser can understand a verb-noun combination. Now, Pilley is attempting to see if she can understand added levels of syntax, such as a command to take one object to another object.

Pilley is also working with Chaser to see if she can learn to imitate behavior.

"If you go to teach a dog a behavior like turning around in a circle three times, you're going to have to use what we call shaping techniques," Pilley said. "It's going to take a long time to teach the dog that."

However, he said, if a dog can be taught to imitate a behavior, getting the dog to perform complicated actions can be simplified.

The key to training Chaser is adequate play time, which is the reward she enjoys the most, Pilley said. Out of all of her toys, what is Chaser's favorite?

"I suppose 'Blue,' a racket- or hand-ball, is Chaser's favorite," Pilley said, "although, like kids, new toys are favored initially. Even later, all her toys seem to be appreciated. When old familiar toys are presented to her, she always retrieves them and presents them for additional play for several trials before seeking out another toy for play. Her memory for each of the toys highly suggests that all her toys have value."

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