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SPECIALTY WINS

The Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club
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Sweepstakes (10)

Judge: Mr. Brian (Bill) Brown

Best in Sweeps... Daree's I'm All That/Mulheron
BOS in Sweeps... Dynasty's Memory Page/
Shultz/Luzovich

Regular Classes

Judge: Mary Lou Kniola (29)

WD...Dynasty's Samurai Warrior/Shultz/Luzovich
RWD... Augustas Dutchman/Arendt/Sellers
WB... Skyaire's Moccasin/Smith
RWB....Daree's Drama Queen/ Arnold/Mulheron
BOB... Ch. All Wright OhYes OhYes OhYes / Wright
BOW/BOS... Skyaire's Moccasin/Smith



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American Kennel Club – Parent Club Conference

Cincinnati, OH October 22 – 24, 2004

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The meetings began Friday evening, and as with most of the sessions, we needed to make a pre-meeting decision of which we would attend. I attended the "Dock & Crop" – a discussion group for representatives of breeds who are docked or cropped. We had been told to come prepared to share the decision of our respective Boards whether they would be interested in opening their breed standard only on the subject of re-wording the section on tails. Once there, that kind of polling did not occur, but there was some discussion asking if softening that section of the standard might reduce our liability if a lawsuit were brought, such as the one the Brittany club had to fight. Opinions from the group of representatives were all over the map, from those who have no interest in changing their standard at all, to those who have already softened their standard to describe undocked as a severe penalty, to those who made docking optional and find that ten years later, most all of their breeders have quit docking. Opinion was voiced that legislation will ultimately control whether we can crop or dock. Opinion was also voiced that AKC needs to become the NRA of dogdom, that we have the people, if not the money of the animal rights groups, but that we need to become organized.

Saturday:

Dr. Daniel Carey, from IAMS, a major sponsor of the conference, reported research on Omega 6 and 3 fatty acids: Fatty acids are very important in mother's nutrition, for her to end up with a nutrition level after puppies as before; proper fatty acid levels in the mother are responsible for statistically larger litters by half a puppy, and the puppies having larger weaning size, more mature sleep patterns, improved learning, better socialization. He reported results on their DHA/Omega 3 affect on puppy learning surprised even the researchers, clearly delineating puppies fed a diet with typical levels of DHA, from superior learning skills of those fed a diet with increased DHA.

Speakers from the American Kennel Club welcomed us to the second Parent Club Conference – Mike Liosis, Director of Club Rela-

tions, Dennis Sprung, AKC President/CEO, and Mari-Beth O'Neill, Asst. Vice President Corporate Training and Development.... Summary: please update officers; junior membership is important to the future of the sport; parent clubs can communicate with judges through the Judges Newsletter; we need to welcome new judges with illustrated discussions; we should make sure our national specialty show sites are entered on the AKC specialty site locator.

Our next general session was Canine Legislation and Its Importance to Parent Clubs, presented by Noreen Baxter, Vice President Communications, Dr. James Holt, Federal Government Relations Consultant, and Patti Strand, Board member and President National Animal Interest Alliance. Patti Strand began with a quote from Pericles, "'Just because you don't take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you.'" Since January, AKC has logged 400 bills and ordinances affecting dogs and dog ownership. Animal rights groups don't believe people should breed dogs, they oppose the concept of purebred dogs, and promote the concept of guardians, not pet-owners. They are so extreme that we don't take them seriously, and include a truly terrorist wing of Animal Liberation Front, Earth Liberation Front, and Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty. The FBI considers these groups to be the #1 domestic terrorist threat.

- Legislation usually comes from a perceived problem. Animal rights groups redefine problems that do exist in terms that serve their goals. The top three animal rights groups are structured as charities, collecting \$100 million a year. Adding the environmental groups, their budget is \$300 million a year. The American Kennel Club is a 501 3c, and has a budget of \$60 million a year.

- Most of these groups only do public relations. They use conflict fundraising methods: identify a problem, a victim, a villain, and they ride in as a vindicator to solve the problem.

- We have to look and see what the real problems are. AKC used to define itself very narrowly as a registration body only. Since the mid 90s, AKC has had kennel inspections, PARENT CONFERENCE...Cont'd on p. 3, Col. 1

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make a change.*

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**The deadline
for the
April issue
is March 20th.**

Minutes – October 2, 2004 AMSC Annual Board Meeting

The annual meeting was called to order at the Holiday Inn in Fort Washington, PA on October 2, 2004, by the AMSC President Landis Hirstein. Each person in attendance was asked to introduce themselves. After which a quorum was declared.

Report of the President, Lanny Hirstein - Highlights of the year were the great strides the Health Committee has made, a very successful first roving specialty held in Perry, GA, the passing of the new Constitution, the Mentoring program, judges presentation program expansion, and the progress that is being made on the CD project. Mention was made that the AMSC specialty in conjunction with Montgomery County will be held at a new location beginning in 2005. John Constantine has since affirmed that our headquarters will remain the same, the Holiday Inn in Ft. Washington, PA. The outgoing board members were recognized for their years service; Marilyn Cooper, Linda Drost, Jinx Gunville, and Jan Taylor. As everyone knew this show was dedicated to the life of Jerry Kyser. Jerry's wife, Dorothy, and their daughter, Sherry Rogers were introduced. 2004 Sweepstakes judge, Barry Christy was also introduced. John Constantine organized a raffle, in which the proceeds collected went to rescue.

Report of the Treasurer, Mack Ledgerwood - During the period June 2, 2004 to September 15, 2004, the Club had an income of \$7,654.41 and expenses of \$12,532.23, leaving a net loss of \$4,877.82. The check-book balance as of September 15 was \$6,481.37. Balances in other accounts are as follows: Health Research - \$10,501.34, Redi-Money Savings - \$34,329.16 and PayPal - \$500.00. Total cash assets are \$51,811.87. The Club is now able to accept foreign and domestic credit card payments for such things as dues and publications materials. I'd like to remind the local clubs to update their club information with the

AMSC. We had a case where a phone number listed on the AMSC website was so old it had been reassigned to another party and that party was getting breeder inquiry calls from the public.

Report of the Secretary, Terrie Houck - The 2004 election ballots were mailed out by the Chair of the Nomination Committee, Dale Miller. Dale was thanked for her willingness to handle the details of this election process. Eight members ran for four board positions - Bill Brown, TX, Carla Nickerson, ID, Gale Schnetzer, OH, Amy

Gordon, FL, Suzi Atherton, CA, Don Farley, CT, Lisa Sarvas, NJ, and Errolyn Martin, AL. The results were tabulated by Blodgett, Mikelson and Naef, PS in Kennewick, WA. The AMSC membership elected, Suzi Atherton, Amy Gordon, Carla Nickerson and Gale Schnetzer as the Class of 2008. Thanks to all of the members who agreed to stand for election. I continue to receive phone calls and email messages on behalf of the club, which are too numerous to count. All of which are attended to in a timely manner. Local clubs were urged to send in specialty results. As of September 24, 2004 our membership totaled 647 paid, 3 Life, and 5 new membership applications, for a total of 655. Presently there are 23 active local clubs that are licensed to hold specialty shows.

Awards Presentations 3 Year Pins, Marcia Feld (in the absence of Nancy Banas, Membership Chair) - Dianne Armstrong, Cecilia J. Barr, Jocelyne Belaire, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bock, Carolyn M. Carine, Madelyn Carlin, Jeannette Clack, Kathy W. Colby, Linda J. DiPasquale, Angelika Dooley, Sylvia Doreen Eaton, Ann-Charlotte Fredholm, Mary Lou Genthner, Terry Goodwin, Alice E. Gough, Hilde Haakensen, Donna Hafen, Lynn W. Heiler, Kimber Lee Helms, Mr. & Mrs. James Herrick, Susan Hersee, Naomi Houle, Kathy Hudziak, Janet Hurn, Shawne Imler, Heike Jones, Thomas R. LaSalle, Santos A. Diaz, Caroline Lindenberg, Barbara Jo Lipsky, Dr. Elliott Mackle, Dr. Sheila Marks, Kenneth Todd McCuen, Marta Isabel Mikulan Martin, Karon Lampman Niggli, Susan Yvonne Patterson, Diana M. Perry, Edward A. & Janice M. Puckett, Nelson Shiver, Dirinda Skelton, Dr. & Mrs. Richard D. Stanley, Cindy Stoll, Doris and Ron Stoltenberg, Candice VanPelt, Dr. Thomas F. Vogt, Helen Walker, Irene Wessler

Local Club Newsletter Award, Bev Verna (in the absence of Lori Bush, Chair) - Metropolitan Cleveland MSC for its newsletter, "Schnauzer Browser".

Versatility Award, Beth Santure, Chair - A wonderful group of eleven Miniature Schnauzers have completed the requirements for our club's new Versatility Award. Many well rounded "teams" applied for this award earning points in Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Earthdog, and Tracking. (A minimum of seven points in three of the five categories are required for the VA.) One member actually earned this award with three Miniature Schnauzers! We also have the first Miniature Schnauzer to earn the VCD1 and VCD2, which are the AKC's Versatile Companion Dog titles. Congratulations to the following:

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DNA, Canine Health Foundation.

- Make sure your club's legislative liaison has the passion to do the work, to get involved. There is no one else who can do this work for us, so we have to step up ourselves.

Jim Holt discussed AKC's mission statement: Promote interest in and sustain breeding of purebred dogs. The critical mission of Parent Clubs is protecting and promoting purebred dogs. We can't imagine life without our dogs, yet many of our members don't understand animal rights groups oppose purebred dogs and pet ownership. We need to unmask the true animal rights agenda: a world where there is no relationship between humans and animals.

- Animal rights groups are masters of incrementalism, and persistent to a fault. We need to accept that we are in an on-going and never-ending war.

- Animal rights groups are masters of "divide & conquer". The Humane Society of the United States introduced the Puppy Protection Act, which would have injected the Federal Government into breeding of animals. The hypocrisy was setting standards that we can't disagree with, then using them to destroy us.

- Every Parent Club should have a legislative chair and committee, and they should report and prepare articles for their club membership. We need to monitor legislation, and we need to have a mobilization plan, we need to be committed to action with our members to write letters and emails. We need to think politically, using a myriad of large and small opportunities.

- We know the joys of the human-animal bond, we owe nothing less than our full commitment. We should never apologize for what it is that we do.

Noreen Baxter reported that the AKC Canine Legislation Dept. has a large resource of tools we can use. She recommended that our members subscribe to "Taking Command", and a legislative notification service they offer. http://www.akc.org/love/dip/legislat/taking_command.cfm and http://www.akc.org/love/dip/legislat/legislative_alerts.cfm AKC also has model legislation packets for us to use.

Our next breakout session was Judges Education., presented by Mari-Beth O'Neill, David Behrens (Briard) and Mike Teeling (Rhodesian Ridgeback). We should make our presentation visual. Use a large image, such as Power Point or a slide show, rather than the distraction of a live dog. Presenters must be comfortable speaking to an audience. Be consistent with the breed standard.

Mike Teeling & David Behrens discussed developing a breed education CD. We need to plan the target audience, content consider-

ations, technology considerations, and plan for problems – when good ideas go wrong. CDs could be different depending on the target audience – judges, or breeder/fanciers or the general public, and we might consider having the general public program on our club website. Keep in mind the problems of people dealing with slow dial-up when planning website programs.

After lunch, we began with a break-out session, this one on Communications, further broken into electronic and print mediums. They demonstrated advanced Power Point, and repeated considerations of target audience, content, technology. Involving people on your website or your CD helps them retain information – i.e. having rollovers on specific body parts brings up the relevant text from your breed standard. They recommended a disclaimer in case some link to your website causes someone harm, and good disclaimers for rescue links and to breeder referral links.

The next break-out session was Club Education and Mentoring, presented by Dr Claudia Orlandi. She summarized the progress of the University of Canine Education, and discussed the "ABC's of Breeding", a home study course on genetics, breeding systems, pedigree, selection, kennel blindness, and genetic defects. She also discussed courses that the Bassett Hound University is developing on Good Pet Ownership and Advanced Judges Education. The "ABCs of Breeding" is appropriate for any breed of dog, and other parent clubs can use this University of Canine Education concept to develop their own materials.

A presenter from IAMS spoke that evening about their new breeders website, and educated the group on working with the media, and gaining good PR for your club and events.

Sunday:

Dr. Carmen Battaglia presented information about AKC/Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) program. CAR has the largest database of microchips in the world (they register all brands), and helps return a lost animal every 8 minutes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Almost all of the dogs who helped with the Oklahoma bombing are dead now, most of inhalation problems. CAR has donated to the Canine Health Foundation to find out about the health of those involved in 9/11. CAR has responded with help to the California fires, and to the Florida hurricanes. Dogs will run about 100 miles after hurricanes, cats go about 40 miles, so 8,000 – 10,000 pets will not be returned to their families in FL because they were not microchipped.

Since 95, CAR presented 2000 free scanners to shelters, and in January, IAMS will provide 30,000 scanners that will read all brands of chips in the world. 80-90% of all dogs sold in pet stores are microchipped, so unidentifiable dogs in rescue come from "us", and from the neighbor. Tattoos are on the way out, more rescue groups are doing spay/neuter/microchip.

As of October 1, 2004, 2,594,479 companion animals are enrolled in the database and 232,757 lost pets have been successfully reunited with their owners. They have 35 species so far -- over 1.6 million dogs, over 539,000 cats, 1 goose, 1 emu, 1 baboon.... CAR enrolls any brand of chip, any species, updates are free. CAR is an AKC affiliate, so they will be around forever, open 24/7, and their records are private, not public. – In Australia, the government required microchipping, and then zoning got involved...!

Our next general session speaker was Thomas Sharp, Asst. Vice President Compliance, who presented an overview of AKC's Compliance Division programs and procedures, Inspections, DNA and Discipline, and Event Committees. A field staff of 15 AKC inspectors conducted 4,800 inspections last year, and collected 10,000 DNA samples. They take written, signed complaints. You will be inspected at least once every two years if you are listed on 7 or more litters in a year, or 25 or more transactions in a year.

Their philosophy is to assist customers to understand, to explain the AKC expectations of Care and Compliance, which has been in place since 1996. They will also notify relevant authorities as necessary, but they do not have the power to remove dogs. A person can be suspended or removed from AKC privileges if convicted of neglect or cruelty, or if a person signs over dogs to avoid prosecution. AKC now subscribes to a service that collects mention of AKC or cruelty, but if you are aware of a local instance, you can notify AKC even by email to make sure.

DNA is used to verify parentage, and for genetic identity only. Over 70,000 samples have been collected since 1989. At that time, 87% were found correct, 88-89% by 1989, and 93% currently. A person found guilty of intentional fraud can be suspended on their first offense. DNA collections can be held at national specialties for a special price of \$30. DNA is required for any frozen semen collected after 98, frequently used sires of 7 or more litters or more than 3 in a calendar year. There have been 158 cases of dual sires used in four years, out of almost 2 million litters. There is a \$200 admin fee, so this allows but does not

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encourage using multiple sires.

Event Committees: There must be at least 5 members in the committee, with at least 3 members present. The complaint must be filed on the day of the event by anyone, it must be in writing. The committee must investigate, must have the handbook, and must have the procedure checklist. The AKC Field Rep is an advisor only, to help with procedures. Preliminary decision is based on "Would this conduct be prejudicial to the sport if viewed by a family first visiting the event.?" If no, the process stops there, but you must write up your findings and send them to AKC to arrive within 5 days. If yes, you must hold a hearing, making every effort to hold it that day. If a party involved is already gone, you must hold the hearing within 14 – 30 days, and it can be by conference call. Within a club, you should use the same tenets as with the Event Committee, and refer proceedings to Mike Liosis.

Our next breakout session dealt with Parent Club Legal Problems and How to Deal with Them, presented by Cindy Goodman and Carl Holder. Disciplinary charges may be filed when the character/behavior of the member injures the good name of the club, disturbs the well-being of the club, or hampers the work of the organization. Authority to discipline should be found in your By-Laws, and Roberts Rules of Order apply where it does not conflict with By-Laws.

By now, it was time for lunch, and then off to catch a shuttle bus back to the airport!

Respectfully submitted,

Wyoma Clouss, Conference Representative
American Miniature Schnauzer Club



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Billie Rosen & Tink
TinkerBelle CD MX OAP MXJ AJP JE

Linda L. Jacob & Oliver, CH Linron's Thanksgiving CDX AX AXJ
Bred by Linda L. Jacobs & Ronald R. Jacobs

Karen J. Brittan & Witch
Britmor Bewitched CD MX MXJ JE
Bred by Marjana F. Callery

Kristy D. Lockard & Walker, Kina & Desire
CH Ruedesheim's Skywalker UD NA
Bred by Anne D. Lockney

and,
CH Liebestraum's Money Talks CDX NAJ
Bred by Virginia Rice
and,
CH Kelly's Broadway Krystal Desire UD NA NAJ
Bred by Geri Kelly & Gerald Mager & Richie Albro

Lynn Tamms & Indee
CH Southcross Rd to Independence CDX AX AXJ
Bred By Sonny Shanks Lelle

Lynn M. Baitinger & Morgan
CH Loneacre's Small Town Girl CD MX MXJ
Bred By Beth Ann Santure

Pat Heinzelman & Raja
CH MACH Mythago's Moonlight Mirage UD
Bred by Lisa E. Martin & Anne Pettit

Sharon Bloss & Daisy
Sassy's Laradin Curtain Call VCD2 AX AXJ
Bred by Shirley Shepard & Erma L. Quillen

Jalynn Davis & Breezy
ABIQUA RHYTHM OF THE WIND CDX MX MXJ JE
Bred By Chris & T H Levy

There was no unfinished old business and no new business.

Motion to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted By,
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AMSC Secretary

TROPHY DRIVE...
please don't forget the trophy drive.

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MEMO: COCOA MULCH and CHOCOLATE

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores, contains a lethal ingredient called "Theobromine".

It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die. Several deaths already occurred. Just a word of caution - check what you are using in your gardens and be aware of what your gardeners are using in your gardens.

Theobromine is the ingredient that is used to make all chocolate - especially dark or baker's chocolate - which is toxic to dogs.

Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents and the ingested cacao bean shells revealed the presence of lethal amounts of theobromine.

According to the ASPCA:

Cocoa beans contain the stimulants caffeine and theobromine. Dogs are highly sensitive to these chemicals, called methylxanthines. In dogs, low doses of methylxanthine can cause mild gastrointestinal upset (vomiting, diarrhea, and/or abdominal pain); higher doses can cause rapid heart rate, muscle tremors, seizures, and death.

Eaten by a 50-pound dog, about 2 ounces of cocoa bean mulch may cause gastrointestinal upset; about 4.5 ounces, increased heart rate; about 5.3 ounces, seizures; and over 9 ounces, death. (In contrast, a 50-pound dog can eat up to about 7.5 ounces of milk chocolate without gastrointestinal upset and up to about a pound of milk chocolate without increased heart rate.) According to tables we've examined, cocoa mulch contains 300-1200 mg. of theobromine per ounce, making cocoa mulch one of the strongest concentrations of theobromine your pet will encounter in any chocolate product. Yet the question of the gravity of the risk presented by this type of gardening mulch remains a matter of debate. According to Hershey's, "It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it."

Rather than gamble their dogs won't be attracted to the mulch, responsible pet owners

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MEANWHILE AT THE SHOWS

SHOW	DATE	DOG	OWNER	WIN
North Lake KC	2-Dec	T'Lan's Change in the Wind	Riley/Wallace	WB,BOW
Pearl River KC	3-Dec	T'Lan's Change in the Wind	Riley/Wallace	WB
Metairie KC	4-Dec	T'Lan's Change in the Wind	Riley/Wallace	WB,BOW,BOB
Pearl River KC	5-Dec	T'Lan's Change in the Wind	Riley/Wallace	WB,BOW
Jacksonville DFA	9-Jan	Royalcourt Under Wraps	Lewis	WD,BOW,BOS
Tacoma KC	14-Jan	Dynasty's Samurai Warrior	Shultz/Luzovich	WD,BOW
Eukaneuba Invitational	15-Jan	Ch. Lion'l A-Train of Hansenhaus	Jacobs/Baws	BOB
Sammamish KC	15-Jan	Dynasty's Samurai Warrior	Shultz/Luzovich	WD,BOW
Terrier Association of Oregon	16-Jan	Dynasty's Samurai Warrior	Shultz/Luzovich	WD
Pasco KC	17-Jan	T'Lan's Change in the Wind	Riley/Wallace	WB,BOW
Inverness KC	20-Jan	Royalcourt Under Wraps	Lewis	WD,BOW,BOS
DFA of Oregon	21-Jan	Ch. All Wright Ohyes Ohyes Ohyes	Wright	BOB
SanFernando KC	22-Jan	Bresson's Lone Star at Tadesca	Kidd	WD,BOW,BOB
Clearwater KC	22-Jan	Ch Royalcourt Under Wraps	Lewis	BOB
Tampa Bay KC	22-Jan	T'Lan's Change in the Wind	Riley/Wallace	WB,BOW
Central Iowa KC	22-Jan	Blue Skies I'm A Star	Cooper	WB,BOW,BOB
Tuluatin KC	23-Jan	Ch. All Wright Ohyes Ohyes Ohyes	Wright	BOB
Ventura KC	23-Jan	Bresson's Lone Star at Tadesca	Kidd	WD,BOW,BOB
Pasco KC	23-Jan	Ch Royalcourt Under Wraps	Lewis	BOS
Central Iowa KC	23-Jan	Blue Skies I'm A Star	Cooper	WB,BOW,BOB
St Charles Mo KC	30-Jan	Blue Skies I'm A Star	Cooper	WB,BOB
Orange Park KC	30-Jan	Ch Royalcourt Under Wraps	Lewis	BOB
KC of Greater Victoria	4-Feb	Bresson's Lone Star at Tadesca	Kidd	WD,BOW
San Antonio KC	5-Feb	Bresson's Lone Star at Tadesca	Kidd	WD,BOW
San Antonio KC	6-Feb	Bresson's Lone Star at Tadesca	Kidd	WD,BOW
St Joseph Mo KC	6-Feb	Blue Skies I'm A Star	Cooper	WB,BOB
KC of Greater Victoria	7-Feb	Bresson's Lone Star at Tadesca	Kidd	WD,BOW
Linn Cty KC	12-Feb	Wise's Silk Veils	Wise	WB,BOW,BOB
Hoosier KC	13-Feb	Blue Skies I'm A Star	Cooper	WB,BOW
Westminster KC	14-Feb	Ch. Regency's Twist of Fate	Verna/Baymiller	BOB
Olean KC	20-Feb	Can Ch. Carbor Hot On The Trail	Weixlmann/Borrelli	WD

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **Ch. Bresson's Lone Star at Tadesca** completed requirements for his AKC championship on Feb. 7th, 2005. "Tex" earned a total of nine points and one major in a whirlwind weekend appropriately set in San Antonio, **TEXAS!** Tex is owned by Tania Kidd and was bred by Sara Bresson. He is the 11th champion for his sire, CH Sunfire's Max A Million (Cherry Lyons) and the first champion for his dam, Bresson's Bootz O' Tadesca.

Southcross Sensible Shoes TD (CH Wards Creek's Extreme Commitment x Ragtime Southcross Kick It Up). Cindy earned her Tracking Dog title February 20th in Lincoln, NE at the Cornhusker Kennel Club Tracking Dog test. Cindy is the first TD for breeders Sonny Lelle and Karen Morse. She is owned, trained, handled and loved by Sharon Bloss and shares her home with the first two VCD1 and first VCD2 AKC titled miniature schnauzers.

***Am/Can Ch Dreamaker Star Celebrity**, "Cele" (Am/Can Ch Dreamaker Elite Force x Can Ch Dreamaker Oh My Stars) finished the requirements for her championship with her fourth major on January 22, 2005 at the Rose City Classic, Portland under Judge Mr. John P. Wade. Cele is bred and owned by Ken & Elaine Allen, the first US Ch for her Sire.

***Ch. Royalcourt Under Wraps** finished his championship in 16 shows at 12 1/2 mos old; shown only by owner gloria lewis, he has been reserve or better since starting his quest in the 6-9 class in July 2004. he has been BOB from the classes several times over specials and finished with 3 majors on the January Florida winter circuit January 2005.

***Ch. Dynasty's Samurai Warrior** (Ch. Dynasty's Shogun x Ch. Dynasty's Shogun) Sammy finished his requirements for champion with 4 majors on 1/20/05 at the Terrier Association of Oregon shows. He is the first champion for his dam and sire. He was bred and owned by Mildred Shultz and Carol Luzovich.

PLEASE...send in your wins in a timely fashion so that we are not advertising old news.... Thanks!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 2005 AKC BOARD MEETING

* The Board approved a range of penalties for individuals found guilty of aiding and abetting the circumstances of an AKC suspension.

* The AKC Policy on Clusters was revised so that any AKC events held by more than one club, at one site, on consecutive days would fall within the existing cluster policies. Formerly, only all-breed shows were considered part of the cluster.

* The Match regulations were amended effective June 1, 2005 to provide for Rally Matches. The Obedience regulations were amended effective June 1, 2005 to provide for a walk through prior to the judging of the Novice A Class.

* A number of amendments were adapted to the agility regulations effective July 1, 2005. The changes concern the method for accepting entries, and they are included in the minutes for the February 2005 Board Meeting.

* The Board adopted revisions to its policies governing the filming of AKC events. They deal with AKC exposure and make consulting services available to clubs. The full revised policy is included in the minutes of the February 2005 Board Meeting.

The following Delegates were approved:

- * Richard Blair, Abington, PA to represent Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.
- * Connie H. Clark, Rio Del Mar, CA to represent American Fox Terrier Club
- * Carlotta Dennie, Staten Island, NY to represent Union County Kennel Club, Inc.
- * Dr. Alan D. Dorfman, Livonia, MI to represent Oakland County Kennel Club
- * Sherry Falk, Huntington, NY to represent Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.
- * Peggy Ellis Gill, Carlisle, MA to represent Irish Terrier Club of America
- * Charles E. Howard II, Damascus, MD to represent Affenpinscher Club of America
- * Gwen M. McCullagh, Skillman, NJ to represent Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.
- * Helyne E. Medeiros, Marston Mills, MA to represent Cape Cod Kennel Club, Inc.
- * Aletta L. Moore, Carver, MN to represent Airedale Terrier Club of America
- * Carole L. Richards, Collingswood, NJ to represent Gloucester Kennel Club
- * John F. Russell, Jr., South Hampton, NH to represent Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club
- * Sandra Schmidt, Cincinnati, OH to represent Queen City Dog Training Club, Inc.
- * Fr. Bryan Timby, Memphis, TN to represent Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.
- * Marcy L. Zingler, Ringwood, NJ to represent Rubber City Kennel Club

FEBRUARY AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

New York, NY – As many in the fancy are aware, the American Kennel Club established the AKC Canine Health Foundation ten years ago with an original donation of \$1 million. Since its inception the Foundation – a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization – has contributed over \$12 million to help fund canine health studies. This includes research related to the sequencing of the canine genome and the health effects of dogs involved in the search and rescue efforts after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Over the past decade, the fancy – both as individuals and via AKC's national, local and all-breed clubs – have given generously to the foundation. Collectively, 250 studies have been funded. With a mission statement proclaiming "take whatever actions to protect and assure the continuation of the sport of pure-bred dogs," the AKC realizes that there is little that is more important than investing in the long-term health and well being of our beloved dogs. With this in mind, it's clear that guaranteeing the successful continuation of the AKC Canine Health Foundation is crucial and in that vein the goal of building an endowment was born. An endowment ensures the financial health of an organization and allows for annual operating costs to be financed by interest as opposed to donor contributions.

In October of 2004, the AKC Board of Directors took a significant step towards making this endowment a reality by authorizing a donation of up to \$1 million to the AKC Canine Health Foundation Endowment Fund. An initial installment of \$500,000 was given outright, while an additional \$500,000 in matching funds is being made available for all new donations earmarked for the endowment through December 2005. As of this writing, the foundation has raised nearly \$170,000.

These matching funds are in addition to AKC's annual donations. The American Kennel Club is proud of our dedication and commitment to canine health. A fiscally strong AKC allows us to allocate such a considerable donation to this worthy cause. With a strengthened endowment fund, the Foundation will continue to support the research that will result in healthier and longer living dogs. We hope the fancy will help us to meet our goals on behalf of the ultimate beneficiaries of this effort—our dogs. For further information visit www.akcchf.org.

AKC SEEKS ENTRIES FROM ACROSS THE NATION FOR 6th ANNUAL AWARDS FOR CANINE EXCELLENCE

Is Your Dog Among the Country's Bravest, Boldest, and Best Companions?

New York, NY – Is your canine the kind that always lifts your spirits when you're feeling blue? Do you know a dog that helps the sick feel better? Heard of a pooch who played a role in a dramatic rescue? If so, what better way to pay tribute to a deserving dog than by nominating him for an American Kennel Club Award for Canine Excellence (ACE)?

An American Kennel Club (AKC) ACE award is a national honor, given to only five dogs each year who have performed an exemplary act or series of acts, whether large or seemingly small, that have significantly benefited a community or individual. One award is given in the following five categories: law enforcement, search and rescue, therapy, service, and exemplary companion dog. When appropriate, dogs earning honorable mention will be cited.

In addition to the prestige of being chosen from hundreds of entries, each of the five honorees receives a cash award of \$1,000, an engraved sterling silver collar medallion and an all-expenses-paid trip for dog and owner to Tampa, FL, to be honored at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in January, 2006. The engraved names of the five recipients will also be added to the ACE plaque that is on permanent display in the AKC Library in New York City. Dogs receiving honorable mention will be awarded an engraved bronze medallion. All entrants will receive an AKC ACE Certificate of Recognition in acknowledgement of their nomination.

Anyone, including the dog owner or handler, may submit a nomination. Submissions for the American Kennel Club Awards for Canine Excellence for 2005 must include:

- * A non-returnable, original photograph of the dog. Hi-resolution electronic photos (300dpi and least 5x7 inches or, 72dpi at least 20x30 inches) are permissible but not scans.
- * A 500-word-or-less description of how the dog has demonstrated excellence.
- * Dog's call name, registered name if applicable, breed, age and sex.
- * Owner/Nominator name(s), address, phone number. E-mail address if available.

*Please note that to be considered, dogs must be AKC registered or registrable.

Nominations will be accepted until June 15, 2005 and should be sent to:

Ronald N. Rella: ACE Awards 2005
The American Kennel Club
260 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor
New York, New York 10016

Email submissions:
ACEAwards2005@akc.org

new test offers early diagnosis for dogs with lymphoma:

Morris Animal Foundation provided funding

ENGLEWOOD/CO – Nearly 50 percent of natural deaths in older cats and dogs are attributed to cancer. A new early detection test for lymphoma, the second most common cancer in dogs, is helping veterinarians and pet owners make important treatment decisions for dogs diagnosed with this type of cancer. Funded by Morris Animal Foundation, a scientist at Colorado State University (CSU) has developed this highly successful test that can detect lymphoma in dogs, even when clinical signs are not yet apparent.

Lymphoma is one of the most treatable cancers, but it often begins with nonspecific symptoms like fatigue and lack of appetite. An early, accurate lymphoma diagnosis can save owners the unnecessary expense of extensive diagnostic testing and also helps owners and veterinarians make better treatment decisions. The test developed through this study helps to identify previously difficult to diagnose cases.

“Our test helps to distinguish between a big lymph node due to infectious disease and one that’s caused by a tumor,” says Dr. Anne Avery, lead investigator on the CSU study.

Thanks to this study, Colorado State University now houses the only lab in the country that performs this test. Every year, the university receives more than 1,000 canine blood and tissue samples from around the world for testing.

Better lymphoma testing for dogs is just the beginning. Based on the success of this study, Morris Animal Foundation has given Dr. Avery funding through another grant to develop a similar test for diagnosing lymphoma in cats. For fiscal year 2005, the Foundation has committed nearly \$800,000 for cancer studies in dogs and cats.

Versatility Awards

By Lynn Baitinger

Four additional Versatility Awards have been earned by our wonderful Miniature Schnauzers. Please join me in congratulating the following teams!

CH DAREE'S BLUES IN THE NIGHT CD JE

Dasher is owned by Theresa Kaminski & Gwendolyn Mulheron and was bred by Gwendolyn Mulheron and Pam Mills

CH ADAMIS COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO CD NA NAJ NJP

Dawn is owned by Rebecca Dorn, Thomas LaSalle & Santos A. Diaz and was bred by Thomas LaSalle, Santos A. Diaz and John J. Constantine.

ABIQUA I BELIEVE CD OA AXP OAJ AJP JE

Ebenezer is owned by Jalynn Davis and Rick Davis and was bred by Chris and T H Levy.

CH LION'L PULLMAN PALACE CAR CD NAJ

Porter is owned by Kim Jacobs and Pat Jacobs, and was bred by and Kim Jacobs and Pat Jacobs.

It is so gratifying to see the various titles earned by these teams on their way to the Versatility Award; i.e. three are Championship titles, another Junior Earthdog title, all four with obedience titles and many agility titles – even some from the Agility Preferred Classes. (The Preferred classes enable a dog to jump at a lower jump height but do not earn Championship points – the courses are identical though.)

Congratulations – Let's keep up the good work!

Black Ribbons

Aus. Grand Champion Bartigein on Target

Rebel journeyed to the Rainbow bridge last Wednesday.

He was the FIRST MALE mini to be awarded the title of Grand Champion in Australia. To be awarded your Championship title you require 100 points to be awarded Grand Champion you require 1000 points.

Rebel was a true showman - winning many Group Awards, Classes in Show, Best in Show (All Breeds) and Class in Show at the Victorian Schnauzer Club Specialty, he had an aura that made him stand out.

He was my introduction to this wonderful breed after being involved in Boxers. He was my buddy, my soul mate and my reason for living. Life will NEVER be the same

Coral Kennewell

Edelgeist Mini Schnauzers
Perth, Western Australia

Ch. Carrera's Lady of Tanglewood

5-13-92 to 12-25-04

(Blythewood Be My Guest x Ch. Blythewood Sweet Strutter)

"Ladybugs" was born in our home and she passed away surrounded by her loving family. She gave us 12 1/2 precious years. Lady loved sleeping with the family and was very strong even until the end with her illness. We all miss her very much but remember all the sweet days and she will be in our hearts. She passed over the Rainbow Bridge where we will all see her with great joy some day. She was a great blessing to us.

Dr. Richard and Linda Stanley
Dawn, Richie and Russell

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will probably prefer to choose another form of soil enhancement for their gardens.

The danger of canine theobromine poisoning does not begin and end with cocoa mulch - chocolate in any form poses substantial risks. This most beloved of foodstuffs contains theobromine and small amounts of caffeine, both of which can sicken and even kill cats and dogs.

Chocolate's toxicity to animals is directly related to three factors: the type of chocolate, the size of the animal, and the amount of chocolate ingested. Unsweetened baking chocolate presents the greatest danger to pets because it contains the highest amount of theobromine, approximately 390-450 mg. per ounce. White

chocolate contains the least. As a general rule of thumb, one ounce of milk chocolate per pound of body weight can be lethal for dogs and cats. (Milk chocolate contains approximately 44-66 mg of theobromine per ounce.)

Theobromine affects the heart, central nervous system, and kidneys, causing nausea and vomiting, restlessness, diarrhea, muscle tremors, and increased urination. Cardiac arrhythmia and seizures are symptoms of more advanced poisoning. Other than induced vomiting, vets have no treatment or antidote for theobromine poisoning. Death can occur in 12 to 24 hours.

This type of poisoning is uncommon because it is rare that a dog, even a small dog, will eat

enough chocolate to cause anything more than an upset stomach. Yet it can happen, especially if the animal gets into baking chocolate or powdered cocoa, two forms of the sweet particularly loaded with theobromine.

Do not feed chocolate to dogs or cats. If you keep a pet, do not leave chocolate lying about lest your critter help himself to it and in so doing poison himself. If your animal begins exhibiting signs of distress and you believe he might have gotten into some chocolate, call your veterinarian immediately. (It will help if you can supply information about the approximate weight of your critter, what sort of chocolate was ingested - white, milk, dark, cocoa powder, baking - and roughly how much.) But time is of the essence if such a poisoning has indeed taken place, so make the call right away.

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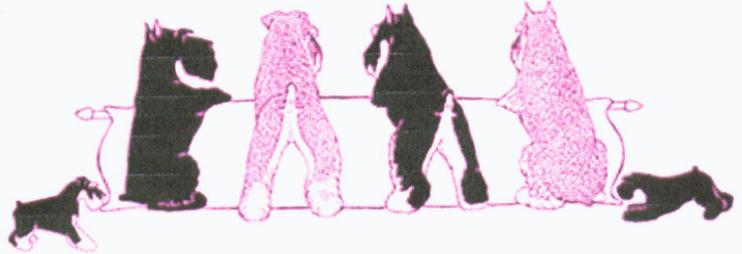
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