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## SPECIALTY WINS

**MSC of Southern California**

**JANUARY 8, 2010**

**Puppy Sweepstakes – (4-2)**

**Judge: Judy Smith**

Best In Sweeps...Kilvercrest Carbon Copy/Potiker

BOS In Sweeps ...Kwic Tell Me Sweet Little Lies/  
Colby

**Regular Classes – (7-8-7)**

**Judge: Cindy Vogel**

WD...Kwic Gotta Go/Colbert

RWD...Sandcastle's Chaos/Corpin

WB/BOW...Brookehaven'sCracker of Emerald Is/  
Walker

RWB ...Sunfire's One Breezy Ride/Lyons

BOS...Ch. Crojas Finally Rose/Crowe/Jasso

BOB ...Ch. Allaruth Solebay Cipothgoldblok/Phelps/  
Ziegler

AOM...Belgar's Desert Sand/Lande/Harstad

**PORTLAND MSC**

**JANUARY 20, 2010**

**Puppy Sweepstakes: (3-7)**

**Judge: Patricia O'Brien**

Best In Sweeps – Orchard Hill Monkey See

Monkey Do/Alfano

BOS In Sweeps – Orchard Hill In Hot PursuitAlfano

**Regular Classes: (10-16-5-1)**

**Judge: Cindy Vogel**

WD, BW, BOS – Annfield Turn It On /Emslie/  
Doxtater/Palmer

RWD – Naibara's No Question /Berar

WB – Empire Creator Pi Ala Mode/Stephens

RWB – Renmars Graceful Equation / Michalski

BBE, BBE Group 4 – Annfield Turn It On

BOB – Ch. Annfield Shop Till You Drop/Nickerson/  
Emslie/Doxtater

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## THE WAY WE WERE

This month **Geri Kelly** is sharing her information with us.

I originally wanted to call my kennel "Brudenberg Kennels." MY husband Dick and I were discussing it and he said, "What's wrong with Kelly? So Kelly it was.

1963 marked my entrance into the world of Miniature Schnauzers. However, I actually began my career in 1948 showing Bulldogs, and am proud to have been elected into the Bulldog Hall of Fame.

My first Miniature Schnauzer was a black and silver named Wellsworth Jefferson Kelly. His call name was "Willie". He came from Jonaire Kennels in Mt. Pocono, Pennsylvania. My mentor was Ann Paramore Escrigg. She was more popularly known as "Ann Finger"

I think all my dogs were important. If I had to name one it would be Ch. Kelly's Ebony Show Stopper, call name "Stopper." He was Best of Breed National Specialty Winner and the first Black Miniature Schnauzer to achieve this recognition. He was great! He was American, Canadian, and Japanese Champion. In addition he won 3 Best in Shows. I would be remiss if I didn't also mention two other great dogs. Ch. Kelly's Flamboyant Black, call name "Neffie." In two litters this black bitch had 11 champions and 1 Canadian Champion. Two of her daughters were also top producers. After "Neffie" came Ch. Kelly's Hallelujah, call Name "Hal". He was American, Canadian and Bermuda Champion, winning Best in Show in all 3 Countries. He had a total of 5 Best in Shows. And of yes! "Nigel". Ch. Kelly's Right on the Money. He had 71 group First finishes in 1 ½ years. He also won 5 all breed Best in Shows.

I can't leave out Ch. Kelly's Charwin Bar None, call name "Buckwheat" At the age of 6 months she won All Breed Best in Show by beating 2500 other dogs. She was the only black bitch to ever achieve this. As you can see, I can go on and on about my dogs. They have all been important to me.



I groomed and showed my own dogs. I can't believe that as of December 15, 2009 I have bred/co-bred 298 Champions! I have also had 16 Best of Shows.

I have seen dramatic changes over the years. Particularly in terms of style of the dog and the type of grooming. Over the years it seems that more importance is being placed on the grooming and cosmetics of the dog rather than the breed structure. People seem to be going for the "bling" not the structure.

Coming from Bulldogs where there is no grooming I had a new challenge. I learned to groom from a book. Then I went to work at a Terrier Kennel. I also went to the Murphy brothers and Pop Sayers for help.

Schnauzer Breeders for the most part have been diligent in protecting their quality breed. In the early 1960's, the issue was juvenile cataracts. In the 1980's and 1990's it was PRA. Lately there has been a problem with megasophagus and there have been teeth issues, in particular tartar and the loss of teeth at a very early age.

How has the breed changed? In the first line of our breed standard it reads "Sturdy and Robust" I have seen a lack of chest and spring of rib.

Because of my love of the breed, I have always been willing to help each and every person that asks for it.

*(What keeps you involved with Miniature Schnauzers?)* It's funny that you should ask this question. Just today I looked at a French Bulldog. The reason being, no grooming! I could go from my motor home to the ring and have more time to enjoy the many friends I have met over the years. Although I have been an All Breed Handler, PHA, from the time when handlers had to be licensed and in spite of all the grooming, time and effort, the Miniature Schnauzer will always be my passion!

Thanks Geri!

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for the  
April issue  
is March 20th.

## Who is Eligible for Grand Champion Competition?

The following categories of dogs are entered in this competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record competing in Best of Breed or Best of Variety class. Dogs transferred to Best of Breed/Variety which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a championship but whose championships are unconfirmed. (The showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship according to the owners' records.) Champions that win Non-Regular Classes and become eligible for Best of Breed competition. (Altered or spayed CH veteran class winners at independent specialties are eligible.) Winners Dog and Winners Bitch are not eligible for Grand Champion competition.

At the judge's discretion, Grand Championship points may be awarded to:  
Best of Breed or Variety  
Best of Opposite  
Select Dog  
Select Bitch

Grand Champion competition will not continue beyond Best of Breed competition and in breeds that are divided into varieties, Grand Champion Competition will not continue beyond Best of Variety competition.

### What are the requirements to earn the Grand Champion Title?

25 Grand Champion points.  
A minimum of 9 points won at 3 shows with ratings of 3 or more points (Major wins) under three different judges, and one or more of the balance of points won under a 4th judge. At least one Champion of Record was defeated at three of these shows.

### How are Grand Champion points computed?

Grand Champion points are only to be awarded to dogs the judge considers deserving. Grand Champions points awarded to the Best of Breed/Variety shall count all dogs of both sexes competing in the regular classes and in Best of Breed/Variety competition. Grand Champion points awarded to Best of Opposite Sex shall count all dogs of their sex competing in the regular classes and in Best of Breed/Variety competition.

Grand Champion points awarded to Select Dog/Bitch shall count all dogs of their sex defeated in the Best of Breed/Variety competition as well as the dogs of their sex in the regular classes. (i.e. one less than the total entry in that sex) The entry of non-regular classes are not counted for computation of Grand Champion points to be awarded.

Judging Procedure: Choose BOB, BOW and BOS If quality warrants, choose a Select Dog (SD) and Select Bitch (SB) from the remaining Champions in the BOB ring (Do not consider

BOW, WD or WB) Annotate the judge's book certification as to the eligibility and quality of the Grand Champion points being awarded or withheld.

Award BOB, BOW, SD and SB ribbons if determined to be of eligible and deserving of the Grand Champion title. See: HYPERLINK "[http://www.akc.org/pdfs/judges\\_sheet\\_conformation.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/judges_sheet_conformation.pdf)" [http://www.akc.org/pdfs/judges\\_sheet\\_conformation.pdf](http://www.akc.org/pdfs/judges_sheet_conformation.pdf) for example of the revised judge's book form.

**Administration:** On May 12, 2010 Grand Champion competition will be included in all shows offering BOB or BOV competition. Premium lists – Other than prize listings, there is no requirement to address Grand Champion competition in the premium list since it is included in all shows that offer BOB or BOV. However, there is no restriction should superintendents and secretaries want to bring attention to the new competition.

Judging Schedule – No additional information is required.

Ribbons – BOB and BOS do not require an additional ribbon. Light blue & white ribbons for SD & SB. Flat ribbons or rosettes are equally acceptable. "Select" is acceptable wording however "Grand Champion Select" is acceptable and more descriptive. Ring Markers – Just as with BOB, BOW and BOS, there is no AKC requirement to have SD and SB placement markers. These markers are provided as a service by the club or superintendent.

## ERRATA

I am sorry. "THE WAY WE WERE" of the February issue had the wrong picture.

This is Ruth Ziegler



## Early Spay-Neuter Considerations for the Canine Athlete

### One Veterinarian's Opinion

Chris Zink DVM, PhD, DACVP

Those of us with responsibility for the health of canine athletes need to continually read and evaluate new scientific studies to ensure that we are taking the most appropriate care of our performance dogs. This article provides evidence through a number of recent studies to suggest that veterinarians and owners working with canine athletes should revisit the standard protocol in which all dogs that are not intended for breeding are spayed and neutered at or before 6 months of age.

#### Orthopedic Considerations

A study by Salmeri et al in 1991 found that bitches spayed at 7 weeks grew significantly taller than those spayed at 7 months, who were taller than those not spayed (or presumably spayed after the growth plates had closed).(1) A study of 1444 Golden Retrievers performed in 1998 and 1999 also found bitches and dogs spayed and neutered at less than a year of age were significantly taller than those spayed or neutered at more than a year of age.(2) The sex hormones, by communicating with a number of other growth-related hormones, promote the closure of the growth plates at puberty (3), so the bones of dogs or bitches neutered or spayed before puberty continue to grow. Dogs that have been spayed or neutered well before puberty can frequently be identified by their longer limbs, lighter bone structure, narrow chests and narrow skulls. This abnormal growth frequently results in significant alterations in body proportions and particularly the lengths (and therefore weights) of certain bones relative to others. For example, if the femur has achieved its genetically determined normal length at 8 months when a dog gets spayed or neutered, but the tibia, which normally stops growing at 12 to 14 months of age continues to grow, then an abnormal angle may develop at the stifle. In addition, with the extra growth, the lower leg below the stifle likely becomes heavier (because it is longer), and may cause increased stresses on the cranial cruciate ligament. In addition, sex hormones are critical for achieving peak bone density.(4) These structural and physiological alterations may be the reason why at least one recent study showed that spayed and neutered dogs had a higher incidence of CCL rupture.(5) Another recent study showed that dogs spayed or neutered before 5 1/2 months had a significantly higher incidence of hip dysplasia than those spayed or neutered after 5 1/2 months of age, although it should be noted that in this study there were no standard criteria for the diagnosis of hip dysplasia.(6) Nonetheless, breeders of purebred dogs should be cognizant of these studies and should consider whether or not pups they bred were spayed or neutered when considering breeding decisions.

#### Cancer Considerations

A retrospective study of cardiac tumors in dogs showed that there was a 5 times greater risk of hemangiosarcoma, one of the three most common cancers in dogs, in spayed bitches than intact bitches and a 2.4 times greater risk of hemangiosarcoma in neutered dogs as compared to intact males.(7) A study of 3218 dogs demonstrated that dogs that were neutered before a year of age had a significantly increased chance of developing bone cancer.(8) A separate study showed that neutered dogs had a two-fold higher risk of developing bone cancer.(9) Despite the common belief that neutering dogs helps prevent prostate cancer, at least one study suggests that neutering provides no benefit.(10) There certainly is evidence of a slightly increased risk of mammary cancer in female dogs after one heat cycle, and for increased risk with each subsequent heat. While about 30 % of mammary cancers are malignant, as in humans, when caught and surgically removed early the prognosis is very good.(12) Luckily, canine athletes are handled frequently and generally receive prompt veterinary care.

#### Behavioral Considerations

The study that identified a higher incidence of cranial cruciate ligament rupture in spayed or neutered dogs also identified an increased incidence of sexual behaviors in males and females that were neutered early.(5) Further, the study that identified a higher incidence of hip dysplasia in dogs neutered or spayed before 5 1/2 months also showed that early age gonadectomy was associated with an increased incidence of noise phobias and undesirable sexual behaviors.(6) A recent report of the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation reported significantly more behavioral problems in spayed and neutered bitches and dogs. The most commonly observed behavioral problem in spayed females was fearful behavior and the most common problem in males was aggression.(12)

#### Other Health Considerations

A number of studies have shown that there is an increase in the incidence of female urinary incontinence in dogs spayed early (13), although this finding has not been universal. Certainly there is evidence that ovarian hormones are critical for maintenance of genital tissue structure and contractility.(14, 15) Neutering also has been associated with an increased likelihood of urethral sphincter incontinence in males.(16) This problem is an inconvenience, and not usually life-threatening, but nonetheless one that requires the dog to be medicated for life. A health survey of several thousand Golden Retrievers showed that spayed or neutered dogs were more likely to develop hypothyroidism.(2) This study is con-

Con'd on p. 5, col. 1...**EARLY SPAY/NEUTER**

## top 10 poisons

ASPCA Poison Control Center recently released a list of the top 10 poisons that affected cats and dogs in 2009. So take note, and be sure keep these toxic substances far away from your pets in 2010!

**Human Medicines.** Human drugs were the top cause of pet poisoning in 2009, the ASPCA reported. Last year, the Poison Control Center managed more than 45,000 calls from people whose pets had swallowed pills such as pain relievers, cold meds and antidepressants.

**Insecticides.** One of the most common insecticide problems was [misuse of flea and tick products](#). Make sure to talk to your vet about how to properly use these products.

**Human Food.** Most people know chocolate is dangerous to dogs. But did you know that grapes, raisins, avocados and products containing [xylitol](#) (like sugar-free gum and candy) can also be harmful to your pets?

**Plants.** Dozens of common houseplants, including azaleas, rhododendrons, sago palm and kalanchoe are dangerous for pets. Lilies are particularly toxic for cats, and can cause deadly kidney failure.

**Vet Medicines.** Almost 8,000 cases of pet poisonings in 2009 involved pets that were given medicines incorrectly. Make sure you follow instructions and talk to your vet about how to safely apply over-the-counter and prescription medicines for your cat or dog.

**Rodent Killer.** Poisons that are attractive to mice and rats can also smell tempting to dogs and cats. Be sure to keep your pets away from potentially deadly rodent poisons.

**Household Cleaners.** Bleaches, detergents and disinfectants can cause serious gastrointestinal and respiratory problems. Keep cabinets locked to prevent your pets from swallowing or sniffing the harmful substances.

**Heavy Metals.** You know lead poisoning is bad for babies, but it's just as dangerous for your furry friends. Keep your pets away from paint chips, linoleum, and the dust produced when you sand the walls in older homes.

**Garden Products.** Fertilizers and other garden chemicals can cause severe stomach upset in dogs and cats. So let your dog stop to sniff the roses, but not the fertilizer, please.

**Household Chemicals.** Our homes often contain a lot of chemical substances, from anti-freeze to paint thinner to drain cleaner. Such substances can cause stomach upset, respiratory problems and chemical burns in dogs and cats.

## Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes at the Rose City Classic

## Bouquets & Biscuits

### Background.

The Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes is an event designed to honor a group of unsung heroes—the purebred dog breeder. Breeders are the backbone of the sport, dedicating their lives to planning and producing generation upon generation of the finest and healthiest representatives of their breed. The Eukanuba Breeder's Stakes is an event designed to celebrate these noble efforts. This special competition is designed to evaluate an overall breeding program rather than the traditional approach of evaluating a single specimen. Respected expert judges will evaluate the breeder's ability to consistently produce superior dogs of uniform type, health, and conformation - consistent with the breeder's mission of improving their chosen breed.

Each breeder will exhibit 3 dogs from at least 2 litters chosen from their breeding program. The 1st exhibitor must be breeder of record on all 3 dogs, and all 3 dogs must be over one year old. Breeders will be able to enter on the day of the show.

### Rose City Classic..account by Patty Ledgerwood

The participation was very good, we placed a Group Three from many top ranked dogs and siblings in the Terrier Group (number 1 Soft Wheaton, top-winning Cairn, top-winning Am Staff, top-winning Border).

The breeder was to be on the first dog in the ring, and the only one with an arm band. Ch Legacy's Rock Around The Clock (Rocky), Legacy's Dancing With A Star (Julie), and Legacy's Charisma (Chrissy) was the trio I entered. I was showing Rocky, Connie Krohn was showing Julie, and Trina Neil was on Chrissy. The dogs entered the ring in that order, lined up side by side. When it was table time, all three dogs were each on their own table. The judge examined Rocky first, then Julie, and then Chrissy. Then we all did the down and back side by side, then followed each other on the go around. We were lined up side by side for the final judge's look and as they called our numbers for the top four entries (in no particular order), only the breeders went to the center of the ring. Then, the announcer called out the judge's placements from among those four, starting with Group 4, then Group 3, Group 2, Group 1.

Eukanuba catered a beautiful supply of tasty Beef Wellington, cheeses, fruit, hors d'oeuvres. Along with wine, beer, water, coffee and soft drinks, they did go all out for this one - I was impressed with the large turnout. The down

side was it was after Best in Show and that made it a late night affair. For our Group Three win, we received a \$100.00 check, a nice tote bag filled with usable breeders things, puppy weaning food, and a coupon for 40 pounds of Eukanuba food. All in all we had a good time and it was very competitive. Best In Show Breeders Stakes winner was Michell Santana with her Best In Show Dobermans.

I would like to include my gratitude to Connie and Trina for helping me with this venture.

**BLACK RIBBONS**

**CH. Jilmar's Player Of The Game**  
Feb 13, 1994 - Jan 22, 2010

Bruce is the sire of 10 Champions Bruce had a wonderful life and passed away of old age at almost 16. His first show was the Delaware Valley Miniature Schnauzer Club Montgomery County Weekend. Bruce was 8 months old. He won Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes under Judge Margo Klingler. He loved to go to the dog shows. Bruce was a great dog with a super personality and a loving companion. He will always be in my heart...  
Lisa Grames

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**Sterling' Sophia DeVamp, UDX**  
6/2/1997 - 1/28/2010

Sophie showed in Obedience for 8 years. In that time she earned 14 titles in 4 different registries. Her highest accomplishment being the AKC- UDX title she earned in 2001. She was smart , tough and very much loved. She was my precious Sophie!  
Jan M. VanSyckel

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**Can.Ch.Minuteman These Boots**  
(Am.Can.Ch.Benalta Batman ex Am.Can.Ch.Reggae's Jungle Fever)  
Feb 22, 1997 - Jan 30, 2010

A top producer in both Canada and the US, "Kicks" descendants live on at Schnauzee, Riobel, and Beauideal, most notably through her grandson, "Manny".  
Kate McMillan

\* **CH Southcross Rd To Independence CDX RAE MX MXJ** (Ch Classic Midnight Cowboy x Ch Southcross Yellow Brick Road) bred by Sonny Lelle completed the requirements for his RAE title on 1/16/10. Indee was 12 on 1/24 and is now officially retired from the show ring. He says that's ok with him! Indee is owned and frequently hugged by Lynn Tamms.

\* **Southcross Vote For Me VCD2 (CDX and TD), RN, JE, MX, MXJ** (Ch Bravo's The Great Gatsby x Ch Cholet's Dangerous Devotee) completed the requirements for her CDX title on 1/17/10. Finch was bred by Sonny Lelle. She completed her title in 3 straight shows with placements every time. Finch is owned, trained and loved by Lynn Tamms.

\* **Eng/Can.Ch.Minuteman Hook Line And Sinker To Deneens** finished her UK title in December 2009 in just 8 shows, twice winning Best of Breed. In doing so, "Hooker" became the Canadian-bred Miniature to gain a UK title as well achieving top winning MS bitch for 2009. "Hooker" was sired by ToMar's High Flying out of Can.Ch.Rho D's Something Fishy, bred by and co-owned by Catherine McMillan and owned by Anne Reeve (Deneen).

\* **Glendora Meta4's Main Halyard** (Halle) completed the requirements for her CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) in 3 AKC Trials in one weekend. Halle, who is three years old, had an average score of 195 out of 200. She is loved, owned, trained and handled by Pam Satlof. (By CH Wards Creek Blackjack - Glendora's Eliada Cy & Fox) She is owned by Pam Satlof.

\* **Hillock Song of the Lark CDX RN MX MXJ** (Ch Hillock Howdy Doody x Hillock Renovation) completed the requirements for her Master Excellent (MX) title at the Oshkosh Kennel Club's agility trial on January 29. Lark was bred by Sharon Piette. She is affectionately known as "the bunny" by all her fans and is owned by Lynn Tamms.

## Early Spay-Neuter Considerations...continued from p. 3, col. 3

sistent with the results of another study in which neutering and spaying was determined to be the most significant gender-associated risk factor for development of hypothyroidism.(17) Infectious diseases were more common in dogs that were spayed or neutered at 24 weeks or less as opposed to those undergoing gonadectomy at more than 24 weeks.(18) Finally, the AKC-CHF report demonstrated a higher incidence of adverse reactions to vaccines in neutered dogs as compared to intact.(12)

I have gathered these studies to show that our practice of routinely spaying or neutering every dog at or before the age of 6 months is not a black-and-white issue. Clearly more studies need to be done to evaluate the effects of prepubertal spaying and neutering, particularly in canine athletes.

Currently, I have significant concerns with spaying or neutering canine athletes before puberty. But of course, there is the pet overpopulation problem. How can we prevent the production of unwanted dogs while still leaving the gonads to produce the hormones that are so important to canine growth and development? One answer would be to perform vasectomies in males and tubal ligation in females, to be followed after maturity by ovariectomy in females to prevent mammary cancer and pyometra. One possible disadvantage is that vasectomy does not prevent some unwanted behaviors associated with males such as marking and humping. On the other hand, females and neutered males frequently participate in these behaviors too. Really, training is the best solution for these issues. Another possible disadvantage is finding a veterinarian who is experienced in performing these procedures. Nonetheless, some do, and if the procedures were in greater demand, more veterinarians would learn them.

I believe it is important that we assess each situation individually. For canine athletes, I currently recommend that dogs and bitches be spayed or neutered after 14 months of age.

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## Cold Weather Canine Care Tips

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(The whole Country has had more than it's share of cold...and more is to come)

A dog's need for food, shelter and loving care increases during the cold winter months. Keep your dog safe and warm by following these guidelines.

- Dogs can get frostbite or hypothermia when temperatures drop. Don't leave your dog outside in the cold for long periods of time. Provide a covered shelter, such as a doghouse or kennel, for the times the dog is out of doors.

- When your dog is inside, keep him warm, dry and away from drafts. Tiles and uncarpeted floors may become very cold, so put down blankets or pads for him to lie on.

- Keep your dog a safe distance from supplemental heat sources such as portable heaters and fireplaces, which can cause severe burns. Place screens around fireplaces.

- Don't leave your dog alone in a car on cold days.

- Feed your dog additional calories, particularly if it spends a lot of time outdoors or if it is a working dog. The extra calories are necessary because it takes more energy in the winter to regulate body temperature.

- Provide plenty of fresh water at all times. Dogs are just as likely to get dehydrated in winter as in summer. Snow is not a good substitute for water.

- Groom your dog regularly. Your dog needs a well-groomed coat to keep properly insulated. If you have a short-haired dog, consider a sweater or coat. If your dog is long-haired, clip the hair around its paws to ease snow removal.

- Dry your dog with a towel or blow-dryer if it gets wet from rain or snow. Clean snow and ice from its paws to prevent cuts and cracked pads. A little petroleum jelly may help soften and soothe paw pads.

- Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, rivers or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in and be seriously injured.

- Rock salt, used to melt ice on sidewalks, can irritate paw pads. Rinse and dry your dog's feet after a walk.

- Watch out for spilled antifreeze on driveways. Antifreeze smells and tastes good to dogs, but it can be lethal.

- Dogs, like humans, seem to be more susceptible to illness in the winter. Take your dog to the veterinarian if you notice any signs of illness.

## AKC HUMANE FUND SEEKS ENTRIES FROM ACROSS THE NATION FOR 11TH ANNUAL AWARDS FOR CANINE EXCELLENCE

New York, NY – Heroes, like dogs, come in all shapes and sizes. Over the last decade, thousands of dog lovers have nominated special canines for the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). ACE nominees range from skilled assistance dogs and law enforcement K-9s that keep U.S. citizens safe to Search & Rescue dogs who have aided in recovery missions and Therapy dogs who provided much needed comfort in the wake of tragic national events such as the Oklahoma City bombing, the attacks on 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. Equally important are the companions who aspire to be champion leg warmers at the foot of their owner's bed at night.

Each Year ACE honorees are recognized nationally and five dogs are chosen 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. Honorable Mentions are awarded to outstanding entries in each category.

An ACE nomination is a prestigious way to pay tribute to the canines who devote their lives

to making ours better. 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 Long Beach, Calif., to be honored at the tenth annual AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in December 2010. The engraved names of the five recipients will also be added to the ACE plaque that is on permanent display in the AKC's Library in New York City. Dogs receiving honorable mention will be awarded an engraved bronze medallion. All entrants will receive an ACE Certificate of Recognition in acknowledgement of their nomination.

Anyone, including the dog's owner or handler, may submit a nomination. Submissions for the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence for 2010 must include:

- A non-returnable, original photograph of the dog. Hi-resolution electronic photos provided on a disc are permissible but not scans. (electronic requirements: 300dpi and at least 5x7 inches or, 72dpi at least 20x30 inches)
- 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 are not required to be AKC registered but must be an AKC recognized breed.

Nominations will be accepted until June 30, 2010 and should be sent to:

Ronald N. Rella: ACE Awards 2010  
 c/o The American Kennel Club Humane Fund  
 260 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor  
 New York, New York 10016

For more information about the ACE awards or to download a nomination form visit <http://www.akchumanefund.org>

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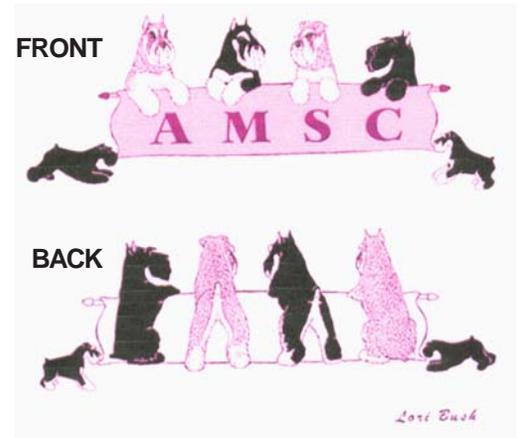
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