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***JoFor's No Rules** (Chance) earned his OAP in Agility on 12-18-15 at TNT Dog Center, Midland, MI; his RE at Tri-Cities-Dog Training on 5-1-15. He also earned his Rally Advanced on 7-5-15 at the Australian Shepherd Club of Michigan. Chance was bred by Joanne Forster. I am thankful to Joanne for a very special dog. He is loved, owned and trained by Joanne McCallum.

***Ms Chevious Jumping Jack Flash NAJ** Flash competed in his first ever agility trial and received his novice jumpers with weaves title on Sunday Feb 14th at the Denver Dog Show. He qualified 3 of 3 runs with 2 first place ribbon. On his very first run, he ran it in 26.72 seconds on a 40 second course. Thank you Ron & Doris Stoltenberg and Duane & Karen Lewis for breeding such a beautiful boy. Renae Bagwell

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Pet Owners Beware: These Inadvertent Blunders Can Make Your Pet Miserable

By Dr. Becker Even the most well-intentioned pet guardian drops the ball every now and then when it comes to caring for a dog or cat. But we want to avoid mistakes as much as possible – especially when they might hurt an animal companion's health or quality of life.

The following are a few common blunders many pet owners make and suggestions on how to correct those mistakes.

Mistakes with When to Feed, How to Feed, and What to Feed

One big mistake many pet owners make is to provide their dog or cat with an all-day, all-you-can-eat buffet, also known as free feeding. This practice has contributed in a big way to the current epidemic of pet obesity in the US and elsewhere.

Free feeding turns natural hunters into grazers, which goes against nature. Your cat or dog is a carnivore whose instinct is to hunt his food. In the wild, your pet would catch, kill, and eat prey. Hunting is not grazing. Dogs and cats aren't built like horses, cows, or other grazing animals that require a constant supply of food in their digestive tracts.

The natural instinct of a carnivore is to eat a small amount of food followed by a fast, followed by another small amount of food and another fasting period. Cats and dogs provided with a constant supply of available food turn into grazers who eat too much and move too little. In addition, the only type of food that can be left out 24/7 is dry processed kibble, which is biologically inappropriate nutrition for dogs and cats. Bottom line: free feeding is a bad idea because it makes pets fat, and because it isn't the most nutritious diet for dogs and cats.

To ensure your pet is getting the food he was designed to eat, my first recommendation is to prepare pet meals yourself, with ingredients you select, based on balanced, species-appropriate recipes. Alternatively, I recommend buying from small pet food companies that offer fresh, whole, species-appropriate, and preferably organic, non-GMO diets for dogs and cats.

To ensure your pet isn't overfed, serve portion-controlled meals on a consistent schedule. Feeding two portion-controlled meals a day, one in the morning and one in the evening at about the same time each day, works well for most dogs and cats and also fits conveniently into the daily schedule for most families. If you're home during the day, you can opt to feed several small meals instead, as long as you don't exceed your pet's recommended daily caloric intake.

Mistakes with Punishment and Training

When you find a "present" left behind by a furry family member or pet-related damage to your belongings, your instinctive reaction may be to yell at your dog or cat. But it's important to keep in mind that yelling and other forms of punishment are more harmful than helpful, and in some cases, can actually reinforce undesirable behavior.

When an animal is punished, she often has no idea what she's being punished for, because dogs and cats have a very limited ability to understand cause and effect. All your pet takes away from her punishment is that you aren't consistently safe to be around. If she feels afraid and intimidated in your presence, it can permanently damage the bond between you.

Another problem with punishment is that your pet doesn't learn a better behavior with which to replace the undesired behavior. Consequently, the bad behavior will reappear or other unwanted behaviors will take its place. In addition, the punishment must be increased in intensity over time, because your pet will grow desensitized to it. And if all that wasn't bad enough, animals trained using punishment methods tend to have higher rates of aggression and biting.

A growing number of studies show that positive reinforcement training is much more effective than training that involves dominance and punishment. Positive reinforcement training is based on the simple notion that rewarding your dog for desired behavior will encour-

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age more of that behavior.

Your goal training your pet should be to encourage "more of this" (desirable behaviors) and "less of that" (undesirable behaviors). It's impossible to reach that goal when what the animal is primarily learning is what NOT to do. Doesn't it make sense, if the objective is to share your life with a well-mannered animal companion, to spend at least as much time letting her know which behaviors earn her praise, attention, and affection?

Mistakes with Collars, Harnesses, and Leashes

Many pet guardians don't realize the importance of choosing the right type of collar, harness, and leash for their animal companion. You may not be aware that selecting the wrong type of equipment can endanger your pet's safety and health.

Certain dogs, for example, should never be leashed or even handled by the collar. These include dogs that pull or lunge while on a leash, dogs prone to tracheal collapse, dogs that have a seizure disorder, and pets with chiropractic issues involving the neck and/or back. These animals should wear a harness, and their collars should be used strictly for identification purposes.

Choke collars should never be used. These collars can cause pain and injury to your dog's neck, and in extreme cases, strangulation.

For walks, training sessions, and whenever your dog will be on leash, I recommend either a head collar or no-pull harness. Even if you're very careful not to jerk or yank your pet's leash during a walk, he can pull against a regular collar-leash combination and potentially cause injury to his neck or cervical disk.

I'm also not a fan of retractable leashes due to their potential to injure both dogs and their owners. I recommend flat leashes no longer than six feet.

If you're owned by a kitty, does she wear a collar? Sadly, very few cats – less than 2 percent -- find their way home if they run off or are lost. This includes indoor-only kitties in addition to indoor-outdoor pets. So if you share your life with a cat, she should wear a collar, and make sure her ID tag or information is on the collar.

The type of collar you choose is really up to you and your feline companion. Types of cat collars include buckle collars typically made of nylon, leather or fabric; reflective collars that can be seen in the dark; elastic collars that slip on and off; and breakaway safety collars designed to allow kitty to get out of the collar if it gets caught or hung up on any-

thing.

Mistakes with Cleaning Teeth and Clipping Nails

Two pet care chores many owners don't pay enough attention to are cleaning teeth and clipping nails.

You should brush your pet's teeth if not every day, then several times a week at a minimum. Most pets over the age of 3 have some degree of gum disease, and the situation only gets worse with time. Not only are dental and gum problems painful for your dog or cat, they can trigger other health problems, and they can put a hurting on your pocketbook as well.

You should also clip your pet's nails regularly. How often depends on how fast they grow and how much time he spends on surfaces that grind them down naturally. If you can't bear to do the clipping yourself, I encourage you to make a standing appointment with a groomer or veterinarian who will do it for you. Dogs too often develop serious paw and toe problems from nails that have grown too long. And kitty claws can become deadly weapons if they're not clipped regularly.

Dear AMSC Member,

The annual AMSC trophy committee is soliciting your help. To ensure the success of this very important fundraiser, we are asking that you take a few moments to read this and consider making a contribution to help defray the costs associated with procuring trophies for our three national specialties and our supported companion event trial.

Generous donors like you are the key to our success and make it possible for the AMSC to provide the earned recognition these awards furnish to deserving individuals and their canine companions/athletes and the hard work they do in their breeding program and training. We hope that we can count on your support to help us meet our goal of \$5000???

Your donation will be acknowledged in show catalogs to recognize your generosity to this worthy cause. Please mail your donation to the AMSC Treasurer and memo it for the trophy fund to pledge your support. You may also donate online using paypal. We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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Heather has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 37 years...She has owned approximately 30 dogs over the years...She is a breeder and has had 20 litters from stud dogs and 9 litters from bitches over the past five years...Heather attends about 150 shows a year and concentrates on conformation...She is a member of the Canadian Kennel Club – Ontario and the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Ottawa and the Rideau Terrier Club...Heather is retired and has been widowed for the past five years...Her interests lie in mentoring and would like to help others get started in the sport...

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Lynn has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 15 years...She has just purchased a "Foundation Show Bitch" from Lisa Sarvas of Beauideal Miniature Schnauzers and will co-own the bitch with Lisa...Lynn attends about 6 shows a year and has taken a dog through Obedience Training and CGC training...She belongs to the Chicago Miniature Schnauzer Club...She has had experience with working on preparing the MONTCO Show Booklet and was invited to be on the board of the Chicago Miniature Schnauzer Club...Lynn is a retired former educator and has had some Sales Exec. Experience...She would like to be involved in the Newsletter, Electronic Media, Public Awareness, Education, Membership and Conformation...She has strong organizational skills as well as good writing skills and good speaking skills...She is computer literate on WORD, EXCEL, POWER POINT on MAC as well as PC...

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Annie does Obedience, Agility, Rally and Therapy Dog with her Miniature Schnauzer Angel from APDT...

With Angel, Annie has taken the "Canine Life and Social Skills" (CLASS) Series of classes...

Angel has been a Certified Pet Therapy Dog for the past 6 ½ years...

Angel holds the highest level in Agility and Rally and holds excellent titles in Obedience and Therapy work...

Annie continues taking training classes and training seminars...

She attends approximately 25 weekends yearly at dog events...

She belongs to:

Columbia Basin Dog Training Club

4 Paws Dog Works

Badger Mountain Agility Club

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Love on a Leash Therapy Dog Organization

Annie is a retired teacher and is interested in helping our club with Education, Obedience, Agility, Rally and Therapy Dog...

El Niño spurs growth of mushrooms that can sicken, kill dogs

- As if we don't have to worry about with El Niño, aka the mudslides and flash floods, now we've got another potentially deadly threat thrown into the mix.

Though some areas desperately needs this rain, it can pose potential harm to your beloved pets.

You may remember that back in September, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson's dog actually died this way.

El Niño can increase the growth of mushrooms, some of which are potentially deadly if ingested by dogs,

Symptoms of Mushroom Poisoning

Mushroom poisoning symptoms depend on the species of mushroom ingested, the specific toxin the mushroom contains, and the individual animal's susceptibility.

Generally speaking, mushroom poisoning has four distinct clinical syndromes, according to Dr. Charlotte Means of the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center:²

Gastrointestinal (GI) irritation. This is the most common symptom and is rarely serious enough to be fatal. Vomiting and diarrhea typically occur within about 6 hours of ingestion. GI upset runs its course in about 24 hours and requires minimal veterinary care.

GI upset plus muscarinic effects. Muscarinic effects include excessive drooling and tear production, which are also symptoms of carbamate and organophosphate insecticide poisoning. Pupils may be small and constricted, but the most serious sign is a significantly slowed heartbeat.

This clinical syndrome usually occurs within six hours of mushroom ingestion and almost always requires veterinary care. Species of mushrooms that commonly cause this syndrome are from the genera *Inocybe* and *Clitocybe*.

GI upset, muscarinic effects, depression, and lethargy. This clinical syndrome is characterized by severe abdominal pain and vomiting. There can also be jaundice (a yellowing of the whites of the eyes and mucous membranes), bleeding disorders, and seizures as a result of liver damage.

These symptoms occur between 6 and 20 hours after mushroom ingestion, and without prompt, aggressive treatment, they are often fatal. The death cap mushroom (*Amanita*

phalloides) is most often the culprit in these cases.

Hallucinogenic syndrome. Illegal "street" mushrooms commonly known as magic mushrooms, blue legs, or liberty caps, cause this syndrome. These are non-toxic mushrooms (the kind sold in grocery stores) that have been tainted with LSD or other illicit drugs.

Pets typically find these mushrooms in someone's indoor stash, not in the yard or the woods. Symptoms of magic mushroom ingestion can include restlessness, hallucinations, "air biting," extreme depression, staggering, muscle tremors, seizures, and coma.

If you suspect your pet has ingested this type of mushroom, you should get him to your veterinarian or an emergency animal clinic immediately.

In addition to the above symptoms, according to NAMA, dogs typically go into a deep coma-like sleep a few hours after eating *Amanita muscaria* or *Amanita pantherina*. Recovery is typically complete in about 6 hours, but can be up to 72 hours later.

If a pet has consumed *Amanita muscaria* or *Amanita pantherina*, the administration of atropine can intensify a coma-like sleep, greatly increasing possibility of death. Tragically, misguided veterinarians sometimes euthanize dogs in deep sleep. In most cases, dogs do recover, so patience must be exercised.

Treatment for Mushroom Poisoning

Treatment for mushroom intoxication depends on the symptoms, and is focused on stabilizing your pet, decontamination, and managing any clinical signs that may develop. Decontamination includes inducing vomiting to remove any remnants of the mushroom from the stomach. The next step is typically administration of activated charcoal to absorb any remaining toxins.

Many holistic veterinarians and MDs have had good results decreasing mushroom toxicosis with homeopathic remedies.³ The remedy selected should be based on the animal's symptoms. Milk thistle has also proven to be beneficial for human mushroom poisoning and shows promise for use in veterinary medicine as well.⁴

If your pet continues to show signs of toxicity, the veterinary staff will try to identify the type of mushroom ingested by contacting a mycologist in the area. NAMA provides

a list of volunteer mushroom identification consultants here. It's often impossible to predict the outcome for your pet until the mushroom is identified.

The need to identify the specific mushroom your pet ingested is why it's important to bring any uneaten mushrooms with you to the vet or emergency animal clinic. Wrap them in a paper towel and place them in a paper (not plastic) bag. If there will be any delay between wrapping the mushrooms and leaving for your vet's office, place the mushrooms in the refrigerator and mark the bag "Do not eat!"

Preventing Mushroom Poisoning in Your Pet

Mushrooms in yards (yours and your neighbors') should be removed promptly before neighborhood pets have a chance to notice them. As a general rule, veterinarians and pet poison experts consider all mushroom ingestions in pets toxic unless a quick and accurate identification of the mushroom can be made.

If you know or suspect your pet has eaten a mushroom, immediately contact your veterinarian, the nearest emergency animal clinic, or the 24/7 Pet Poison Helpline at 855-764-7661. If your pet throws up or poops, collect a sample, place it in a plastic bag, and bring it with you.

Spread the Word to
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By Sharing this Article.

Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club would like to invite you to our Miniature Schnauzer Specialty

at West World in Scottsdale Arizona. We are holding **TWO** specialties on **March 24th**.

We are part of the Scottsdale Fiesta Dog Show which means there are **5 shows in 4 days**, all at the same location.

For more **details**, go to http://www.cactusstatemsc.org/CSMSC_Specialty.htm
We are accepting **on-line entries**.



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Once in you will have access to AMSCestry and many other items of interest to our members!

Bouquets & Biscuits

MACH 4 Southcross Vote For Me, VCD 3, UD, GO, RA, TDX, XF, T2B, ME, AMSC VAX (Finch) - Ch Bravo's the Great Gatsby x Ch Cholet's Dangerous Devotee . Finch completed the requirements for her MACH 4 on 1/29/16. Finch was bred by Sonny Lelle and is owned by Lynn Tamms. Finch is the dog of my dreams. She's up for whatever I suggest and even suggests stuff herself.....like playing tug when I'd rather not. I love her dearly!

Southcross Ground Rule Double, BN, RN, AXJ, NA, XF (Sparrow) - GR CH Southcross Bad Moon Rising x Ch Southcross She's Got A Way Sparrow earned her Excellent FAST agility title on 1/29/16. Sparrow was bred by Sonny Lelle and is owned by Lynn Tamms. The FAST class is perfect for Sparrow because that's the way she likes to run. She's the most "enthusiastic" agility dog I've ever had.

***CH Sumerwynd Traymar Trigger Man** finished the requirements for his conformation title with a 3 point major at the Niagara Falls Kennel Club Show in Niagara Falls, NY on January 15, 2016. He is the first champion for both his sire Sumerwynd Traymar Double Your Pleasure and his dam Sumerwynd Sunsational. "Trigger" is the 65th Sumerwynd AKC Champion and was bred and shown by Wade Bogart. He is owned by Wade and Brian Bogart & Margo Dupree.

***MACH4 Southcross Majority Vote UDX OM1 BN GN GO XF MXG2 MJS2** (Ch Bravo's The Great Gatsby x Ch Cholet's Dangerous Devotee) earned his Utility Dog Excellent title (UDX) on February 14, 2016 at the St. Louis Collie Club Specialty trial. He also earned his Obedience Master (OM1) on January 16, 2016 at the North St. Louis County Obedience Club trial. Major was bred by Sonny Lelle, is owned and loved by Clay and Nancy Lincoln and shown by Nancy. He is an absolute joy to live with and to show!

We will be having 2 new things at MiniPalooza.

1. To celebrate and recognize our multi-talented Mini Schnauzers, we are proud to offer the "Total Dog Award", a beautiful rosette for dogs that place, qualify or JAM in any three of the five areas of competition offered at the 2015 Specialty. Qualifying classes: Agility – Obedience – Rally – Sweeps/Conformation – Barn Hunt - This is Beth Santure's idea and she is chairing it

2. "Schnauzer of the Year" Competition- This is a competition open to any Miniature Schnauzer that in the year 2015 was in the top 20 (Schnauzer Shorts system), won a Specialty or all-breed best in show. This will be held one evening and will be a "formal dress" affair. Music selected by each exhibitor will be played as each dog is exhibited. There will be 4 judges chosen the evening of the competition randomly. One judge will be a breeder, one will be a professional handler, one will be a multi-breed judge, one will be a breeder-judge. Each judge will score each dog independently. The dog having the highest score added up from all 4 judges will be crowned "Schnauzer of the Year", win a commemorative Rosette, as well as 1/2 of the total entry fees.

Here are the formal "rules" for the Schnauzer of the Year event. We will also be offering a "special" Agility event just prior to this that evening. It is still being finalized.

"Schnauzer of the Year" Competition

Friday April 1, 2016 at 7:00PM
Purina Event Center

Eligibility: Any Miniature Schnauzer that in the year 2015 was in the top 20 (Schnauzer Shorts system), was Best of Breed at an AKC Specialty, or AKC all-breed Best in Show.

Limit: First 20 entries received
 Entries Open: 2/1/16, Close: 3/16/16
 Entry fee: \$50

Judges: Four judges to be chosen via a random drawing of those entering their names in the following categories:

- Miniature Schnauzer Breeder
- Miniature Schnauzer Professional Handler
- Miniature Schnauzer Breeder-Judge
- Multiple-Breed Judge

Judging Methodology: Each dog will enter the ring individually and gait around. Each judge will examine the dog. All four judges will watch the dog go down and back. Each judge will then score the dog 1 - 5 in the following categories:

General Appearance
 Substance & Proportion
 Head, Neck, Topline, and Body
 Forequarters, Hindquarters
 Coat & Color
 Gait
 Temperament

People's Choice - Each spectator will be given a ballot to vote for their favorite dog. The dog winning the most votes will be the winner.

Prizes: Top 20 Winner - Framed Rosette and 65% of the entry fees. People Choice - Framed Rosette

This is a "Formal Dress" affair for exhibitors. Music suited to the dog or the exhibitor's theme will be played during the dog's gaing. All dogs will be brought back into the ring prior to the Awards.

Black Ribbons

January 24, 1997 - December 14, 2015

OTCH MACH3 Southcross Rocky Road UDX3 RE

(Ch Classic Midnight Cowboy x Ch Int Ch Southcross Yellow Brick Road UD) Bred by Sonny Lelle

Rocky was my once in a lifetime dog. He was the first miniature schnauzer to earn both the Obedience Trial Champion (OTCh) and Master Agility Champion (MACH) titles. He was also an extraordinary therapy dog for ten years, certified to do pet assisted therapy in hospital mental health intensive care units and physical therapy facilities. He was a joy to live with and loved to work. My bond with Rocky was unbelievable. He showed in obedience and agility until almost 12 and then enjoyed his retirement keeping the rest of the family in line. We will miss him always. We thank Sonny Lelle for this wonderful dog. The picture was taken at the 2013 Schnauzapalooza by Andrea Holland from the UK.

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“ALL THREE OF THESE FACTORS— TYPE, TEMPERAMENT AND SOUNDNESS —ARE INTERCONNECTED.”

be in the realm of type, temperament, or soundness. How does one choose which to sacrifice?

TYPE

“Type” or “breed type” is the combination of characteristics that makes a breed a breed. German Shepherd Dogs look like German Shepherd Dogs, Chihuahuas look like Chihuahuas, Dalmatians look like Dalmatians. Type takes the basic dog shape and molds it into something specific, from the chiseling of a Collie’s head to the long luxurious coat of an Afghan. These breed characteristics arose as a by-product of the dog owners way back when that were breeding dogs to perform specific tasks and now the breeders of today are trying to preserve those characteristics and functions.

TEMPERAMENT

Temperament is the dog’s personality and behavior, or, if you want to get a little wordy with Merriam-Webster, the “characteristic or habitual inclination or mode of emotional response.” We generally to talk about dogs having either a “good” or “bad” temperament, with the former being solid and friendly to one degree or another and the latter being spooky or aggressive. Temperament traits can vary between breeds as well as by the individual dog.

SOUNDNESS

Soundness can refer to either structure or temperament, but since the author of the quote at the beginning of this column separated temperament out, I assume he or she is referring to the structural soundness of the dog. This is how the angulation and build of the dog comes together and whether or not the dog can move appropriately and naturally. The basics of structure are the same for every dog, but breeds may vary on details—for example, a straight front is desirable on a Sighthound, but not on most Herding breeds.

IN THAT ORDER

All three of these factors—type, temperament and soundness—are interconnected. Breed-specific temperament and structural traits by definition tie in to type because they are part of what makes each breed unique and the basics of temperament and soundness apply to all dogs. The vast majority of breeders strive to achieve high quality in all of these areas to produce dogs that excel in every category.

When the author of the aforementioned quote says, “in that order,” he or she is arguing that type is more important than temperament and soundness and should be given the higher priority when making judging decisions. Many people agree with this, because if breed type is totally ignored, each breed will start to lose the qualities that define it. In an extreme case, we could end up with all dogs looking generically the same. Breed type is important.

However. If the three categories of type, temperament and soundness have to be ranked rather than considered equally, I believe that type should be the least important. This is partly because many facets of breed type cannot exist without the foundation of temperament and structure. But I also don’t think that type is useful in a vacuum.

Soundness is required to keep the dog moving and functional. A dog with poor structure may not only move poorly in the show ring, but could develop serious orthopedic problems as it ages or if it does anything strenuous. All of our beloved breeds were developed for a purpose. Can a structurally unsound Collie with a coarse and ugly head work on a farm for its whole life? No. Can a structurally unsound Collie with a beautiful chiseled head and perfect eye shape work on a farm for its whole life? Also no. But a Collie that is structurally sound but happens to have a coarse head can still work. Now, it is valid to point out that most of today’s dogs do not work for a living. That does not

mean that unsoundness is acceptable. Pet dogs deserve to live a long, comfortable life with their families and their families deserve to have dogs that can hold up to the strains of everyday life.

If one category has to be given more weight than the others, personally I would choose temperament. A dog’s temperament plays a huge role in how it behaves and handles the world. A spooky dog, whether sound or unsound, ugly or pretty, will spend most of its life afraid. An aggressive dog, whether sound or unsound, ugly or pretty, will be inclined to respond to stimulation with violence. Neither of these temperaments are sustainable, for show dogs, breeding prospects, or family pets. A fearful dog will cower at dog shows, be petrified of changes at home and will probably pass on that fear to its offspring. If scared enough at any given time, it may bite. An aggressive dog will be a threat to people and dogs at shows and to anyone who comes into its house and could pass on that aggression to its offspring.

I am not saying that type isn’t important, because it is. But I do not think that type should be given priority over structure and temperament, because those two characteristics are vital to a dog’s quality of life. If forced to choose, I would much rather have an ugly dog that is sound of body and mind than a pretty dog that can’t do anything or be taken anywhere. That generic dog can still be a solid foundation on which to build and gradually add in the fine points of type.

Luckily, the efforts of all the judges and breeders before us have created a global pool of dogs in every breed that have valuable characteristics to bring to the table. We can afford to get picky about the fine points of our standards because we already have the foundation. But we need to keep that “whole balanced dog” in mind, in judging and in breeding and not become so focused on a few details that we lose everything else. ■

MiniPalooza Schedule

(As of August 17 2105)!

Wednesday, March 30!

- AMSC Board Meeting!
- Seminars (Purina Center)!
- Eva Furrow, DVM, 2014 AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellow from the University of Minnesota Presentation on Calcium Oxalate stones and Hyperlipidemia!
- Mini Schnauzer Coat Rolling Demo/ Workshop!
- OB/Rally fun runs!
- Informal Welcome/Meet & Greet Party at Purina (Evening))!

Thursday, March 31!

- Greater Cincinnati MSC Specialty and Sweepstakes !
- Barnhunt Intro!
- Companion Schnauzer Grooming Demo/ Workshop!

Friday, April 1!

- Mini Schnauzer only Barnhunt!
- Gateway MSC Specialty and Sweepstakes !
- AMSC National Specialty Agility (Mini Schnauzer only)!
- Gateway MSC Obedience & Rally Trial!
- Schnauzer of the Year Competition (Evening)!

Saturday, April 2!

- Mini Schnauzer only Barnhunt!
- All-Breed AMSC Agility !
- Twin Cities MSC Specialty and Sweepstakes !
- Twin Cities MSC Obedience & Rally Trial!
- AMSC Cocktail Party @ hotel (Evening)!

Sunday, April 3!

- AMSC National Specialty and Sweepstakes !
- AMSC National Obedience & Rally Trial!
- Presentation of the "MiniPalooza Total Dog" Award!
- All-Breed AMSC Agility!

JUDGES:

Cincinnati MSC - Lloyd Amodei
 Gateway MSC - Margo Klingler
 Twin Cities MSC - David Kirkland
 AMSC - Carol Weinberger

In addition, health testing will also be included during the week. Timing for that is being finalized. More detailed information on the events and hotel info will be posted soon in AMSCOPE and on the website. We have a full week so plan and ahead!

**MINIPALOOZA
 RV/Trailer Rental**

MiniPalooza 2016 attendees may be interested in housing alternatives to local hotels and find that renting an RV or trailer and staying on the Purina Farms grounds is an attractive option. Rental RV's and trailers are delivered to Purina Farms upon your arrival and then picked up upon your departure. Please contact any of the companies below for rental information.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Byerly RV (closest) | M.B. Thomas RV |
| Eureka, MO | (delivers & picks up) |
| (636) 938-2000 | St. Louis, MO |
| | (800) 392-5655 |
| St. Louis RV & Bus | |
| O'Fallon, MO | |
| (314) 743-3939 | |

In addition to the rental fee, there is a parking fee of \$40/night for full service that includes water, sewer and electric (30 and 50 amp). This is in addition to the RV rental fee. All questions about RV/trailer rentals must be directed to the above companies; Barbara Donahue (barbaramd_2000@yahoo.com) is only managing RV parking reservations.

Host Hotel Information:
(10 miles from Purina Farms)
Holiday Inn Six Flags
 4901 Six Flags Road
 Eureka, Missouri 63025
 Tel: 636-938-6661 (Front Desk)

Reference "AMSC" Block Rate:

Two Queens or One King—\$109.95 plus tax / Family Room—Two Rooms/ One Bath—Two Double Beds and One King Bed—\$189.95 plus tax

- \$35 one-time non-refundable dog fee
- Maximum of 4 dogs per room
- One month prior to arrival all guests will be required to pay a \$100 deposit that goes towards the balance of their stay
- No penalty for cancellations prior to two weeks before arrival

Contact Person: Cathi Rohrer -
 919-656-8834 /
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**AMSC MiniPalooza 2016 RV
 Reservations**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

RV Parking

Fee is \$40/night with electric, water and sewage hookups in Purina's camping area directly adjacent to the Arena Building.
 NOTE: Campers wishing to be together should send in their reservations on separate forms but submit all forms by one person.

Contact person:
 Barbara Donahue,
 P.O. Box 578
 Exton, PA 19341

Make checks payable to AMSC and mail to the above address, or send payment via Paypal to barbaramd_2000@yahoo.com
 Outside USA reservations: All outside US requests will be paid through Paypal.
 Conversion to US Dollars to cover \$40/night is required.

Check if Handicap Parking is required _____

State & License of Unit _____

Type of unit: Class A _____ Class C _____

Fifth Wheel _____ Travel Trailer _____

Pop-Up _____

Arrival Date _____

Departure Date _____

Number of Nights __ @ \$40 = \$ _____

Amount enclosed for RV Parking \$ _____



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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

- Cactus State MSC (1) March 24, 2016
Regular Classes: Alfred Ferruggiaro
Sweepstakes: Brooke Walker
- Cactus State MSC (2) March 24, 2016
Regular Classes: Jeri Muntis
Sweepstakes: Alice Gough
- Cincinnati MSC March 31, 2016
Regular Classes: Lloyd Amodei
Sweepstakes: Richard Isley
- Lone Star MSC July 7, 2016
Regular Classes: Sally George
Sweepstakes: Darlene Davis
- Portland MSC January 18, 2017

AMSC SPECIALTIES

- Gateway MSC April 1, 2016
Regular Classes: Margo Klinger
Obedience: Virginia Kinion
Sweeps: Brian Bogart
- Roving Specialty-Purina Farms Apr.3 2016,
Regular classes, Carol Weinberger
Sweeps-Janet Taylor
- Great Western June 26,2016
Regular classes, Linda More
Sweeps-Mary Paisley
- Montgomery Co. Oct.9, 2016
Regular classes: Jon Cole
Sweeps:Linda Drost
- Roving Specialty-Portland Jan 21,2017
Regular classes: David Alexander
Sweeps: Bonnie Keyes
- Great Western June 25, 2017
Regular Classes: Peggy Beisel McIlwaine
Sweeps: Patty Ledgerwood
- Montgomery County Oct. 8, 2017
Regular Classes: Joan Huber
Sweeps:Brian Bogart

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