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## SPECIALTY WINS

### Gateway MSC

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#### Regular Classes (2-4-3)

##### Judge: Penny Hirstein

WB/BOS...Wards Creek Spin To Win/Schnetzer

RWB...Hardinhaus Coal Miner's Treasurer

Blackburn/Harding

BOB...CH Howard's Rex of the Whitehouse/

Howard

#### Obedience

##### Judge Lynn Tamms

Novice B... 1st place Southcross Stop the Press

Carter

Open B/Highest Scoring Dog Regular Classes

OTCH MACH2 Southcross Rocky Road UDX2 RE

Lincoln

### Central Florida MSC

#### Sweepstakes

##### Judge: Peggy Hauck

BISweeps...Kwic Twisted Mr Wonderful/Colby

BOS Sweeps...Blackwitch Roxee Red Delite/

Beagle

#### Regular Classes

##### Judge: Bob Condon

WD/BOW...Orleans Fils Gris de Twister

RWD... Kwic Twisted Mr Wonderful/Colby

WB...Destineez Dream Catcher/Hauck/Pendleton

RWB...Blackwitch Roxee Red Delite/Beagle

BOB...Ch Regency's Good To Go/Weirick/Verna

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## TWO LEFT TURNS DON'T MAKE IT RIGHT

By Dr. Al Grossman

For the past five years, part of which I spent as an AKC Delegate, I have seen AKC inadvertently shoot itself in the proverbial foot. The PAWS legislation, which tore the fancy apart, and the "clandestine" approach to the agreement with the Petland Pet store chain come immediately to mind.

During this period PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States) turned themselves into a powerful legislative juggernaut backed by millions of dollars that were milked from a gullible public and have become a royal PITA (Pain in the Ass). AKC was slow to recognize their growing influence and has suffered the consequences. Three major tsunamis occurred during this time to create a perfect storm for AKC and the world of purebred dogs. First was the expansion of leisure time and the phenomenal growth of the recreation industry. Many different opportunities arose for leisure time activities from Little League baseball to the explosion of the cruise industry. The cadres of die-hard fanciers stopped growing as the next generation found other pursuits more interesting and challenging. Breed and All Breed clubs began to wither and die on the vine as few new members were to be found.

A growing number of entrepreneurs saw an opportunity to make a fast buck from the growing pet dog population by starting "registration" bodies and issuing a piece of paper stating "Your dog is now registered with God All Mighty Kennel Club" – no need for a stud book, inspections, DNA testing or whatever. You now have a purebred dog registered on the cheap. With a PC and a printer you too can become a registration body. Just print the meaningless document and collect the dough. At last count, AKC had 26 competitors in the registration business. For many years the only "real" competitor was the United Kennel Club. At least they maintained a stud book, published magazines, and held dog shows. Everyone could live with such legitimate competition.

Interestingly enough the number of homes

with dogs as pets has increased as AKC registrations dropped. The registrations of AKC began a steady decline as people either were not convinced of the value of registering a dog with AKC or were deceived by effective advertising and promotion to register with other bodies. Of course, it did not help that many puppy mills, discouraged by AKC's growing number of stringent rules about inspections, frequent sires' DNA confirmation, and emphasis on health and good animal husbandry, turned away from the AKC bureaucracy and created their own registration bodies, which for them simplified their registrations and cost them less money. The new registration bodies were able to promote these "new" registration entities to the pet shops, which sold their products, by giving them kickbacks.

Some of these entrepreneurs also found another gold mine. They helped foster the breeding and promotion of so-called "designer dogs." CockaPoos, Labradoodles, Puggles and the like began to be the "in" thing for the unsophisticated public. Eureka, another vein to mine.

Now along came the most vicious threat to the sport of purebred dogs – the resurgence of the Animal Rights Movement. This is a movement so insidious that it grows like a cancer. An unhealthy amalgamation of extreme environmentalists, Greens, Greenpeace, ALF, PETA, HSUS, etc., has learned to prey upon weakened institutions like a bunch of jackals. It appeals to the young and idealistic who are seeking a cause to give meaning to their lives. They practice all of the techniques of cults and give them a philosophy of veganism, environmentalism and radicalism. Upset the status quo, be in the forefront of a new movement, change the universe and you will be part of the new chosen ones, is their motto. This has high appeal to impressionable young people and is a message as old as time now supported by money, advertising and hucksterism.

These people have become dangerous. They have destroyed facilities using animals for re-

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## MICROCHIPS, SCANNERS AND RECOVERY OF PETS

By Dr. Carmen Battaglia

### BACKGROUND

Every pet owner, veterinarian and shelter needs a microchip that can be read by all the scanners in the United States. This is not surprising when you consider that one in three pets will become lost during a lifetime, and without proper identification, 90 percent will never return home. Many organizations that sell microchips and scanners usually offer call center (recovery) service for which they charge an enrollment fee. While their goals may vary, most agree that their goal is to eliminate the sign "LOST PET" from our neighborhoods. Solving the lost pet problem is a worthy goal and it should be the shared goal of everyone. To achieve such a lofty goal we must be clear about the tools that are needed, address the concerns that have been expressed about microchips and scanners, and clarify the pet recovery process. There is no question that there are many types of microchips, scanners and recovery databases from which to choose. This can be confusing if you are a pet owner who is thinking about having a pet chipped, or a veterinarian or shelter wondering about what chip, scanner and recovery database to use.

In order to make life easier and less confusing, we need to begin by knowing that each manufacturer makes its own decision about what kind of microchip and scanner it will produce. Most have produced scanners that can read several kinds of microchips. Others have produced scanners that read only the chips of selected manufactures. Those who limit their scanner's ability to read all microchips seriously hamper the ability of veterinarians and shelters to make recoveries.

### MISCONCEPTIONS

Joe Masin, President of Electronic Identification Devices, Ltd. (EID), a leading supplier of microchips and scanners, has addressed some misconceptions about the technology. Masin stated that the AKC CAR microchip, like the AVID and HomeAgain microchips, conforms to the American Standard and operates at a frequency that can be read by the scanners at most animal shelters nationwide. The TROVAN chip distributed by AKC CAR has been part of the United States' installed base since 1990. It has been the product of choice for organizations such as the ASPCA, the Conservation Breeding Specialist Group of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species and major shelters in San Diego, Los Angeles and New York City, in addition to most major zoos, to name just a few. In 1993, under the auspices of the Automatic Identification Manufacturers (AIM) USA, the industry work group began developing a standard for microchipping practices in the United States. All three of the major companies then

present in the market: (1) Destron Fearing (precursor of Digital Angel, which distributes the "HomeAgain" chip offered by Schering Plough), (2) AVID and (3) TROVAN (EID and Infopet) participated. The resulting document, entitled "AIM USA Companion Animal Electronic ID User Requirements" was published on February, 24, 1995. It explicitly stipulated that scanners be able to "reliably read the three transponder types being injected into companion animals in the United States as of October 1, 1993: the Trovan ID-100, the Destron TX1400L and the AVID ITI-125S."

Masin went on to say that "the operating frequency of the three microchip types distributed in the United States, HomeAgain (Destron), AVID, AKC CAR (TROVAN), is not the critical issue for determining microchip readability. All three operate at 125 kHz, in other words, they can be excited at that frequency. Additionally, all three brands can also be excited at 128 kHz." The reason that some American standard microchips cannot be detected by certain scanners is the result of a business decision by individual manufacturers to limit their scanners. These business decisions needlessly created dislocations in the marketplace. The scanners in question fall short of full adherence to what all the manufacturers had agreed to in the AIM USA Companion Animal Electronic ID User Requirements, which was to ensure that readers capable of reading all the chips in the U.S. market would be made available to users.

### MICROCHIPS

All microchips operate in a band, or range, of frequencies. They are activated when they enter an EM field emitted by a scanner within that band. For example, the Trovan microchip used by AKC CAR can operate at a range from 124.0 kHz to 132 kHz. All American standard microchips will be activated when excited by a scanner within that band (124 kHz, 125 kHz, 126 kHz, 127 kHz, 128 kHz, etc). To distinguish microchips by frequency is not a meaningful differentiator. If a scanner emits a field within this range, it will activate the microchip. Below is a handy list that is useful in deciphering what you should know about microchips. There are encrypted and unencrypted microchips and scanners that can read them.

- AVID encrypted chip. The AVID scanner, Trovan (AKC CAR) scanner and iMAX Black Label scanner will read most AVID encrypted chips. Newer HomeAgain scanners may also read this chip. Many of the other scanners cannot read this chip. The AVID encryption scheme was designed so that the chip could not be

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search. They have killed and maimed animals in their quest for the new nirvana. They have harassed researchers and others involved in vital medical research. Lastly, and most telling, they have learned the art and skill of manipulating legislative bodies. With their huge cache of money, they have been able to mount punitive anti-dog legislation in city after city and state after state. The punitive, anti-dog legislation in Louisville, Kentucky shows that the inmates have taken over the asylum.

Many years ago, when I was the publisher of Doral Publishing, Patti and Rod Strand came to me about publishing a book exposing the takeover of the Animal Humane movement by groups of fanatics. We published it under the title THE HIJACKING OF THE HUMANE MOVEMENT. It was a great critical success. As a result of its publication, I received a number of death threats, but I also got to participate in the founding of NAIA (National Animal Interest Alliance) and served on its first Board of Directors.

As I became more and more concerned about this insidious cancer, I approached AKC to take some affirmative action against these fanatics. I got plaudits for my writings but the powers-that-be at AKC indicated that the situation wasn't too serious and that I was being an alarmist. So much for foresight.

As these events hovered in the background, they finally came together to form a perfect storm which hit AKC and the fancy with unprecedented violence. AKC and the fancy reacted with shock and dismay at our failure to anticipate the results of our inaction and the support of PAWS and Petland without consulting the delegate body and the fancy in advance. The realization of unintended consequences struck us like a thunderbolt. We have been scurrying around ever since trying to regroup and decide on a corrective course of action. As the famous Oliver Hardy of the Laurel and Hardy comedic team would say, "Well, here is another nice kettle of fish you've pickled me into".

Having painted this canvas full of gloom and doom, I would like to take this opportunity to change my pallet and paint another type of picture. Hopefully one that uses brighter colors and offers some clues to a better future.

First off, we need to recognize we are no longer in a growth industry. We need to re-identify what business we are in. Just like the Pennsylvania Railroad, who discovered they were not just in the railroad business but the transportation business, we are no longer just in the dog game. We are a part of

the leisure and recreation industry and must begin to act accordingly. We must change our constitution and by-laws to accommodate this change.

- We need to recognize that the sports of Agility and Rally are the growth portion of our new industry, and begin to give them the recognition and representation they deserve.

- While the emphasis on the bottom line is important to our survival, we should not become overly dependent on the roller-coaster stock market for a major share of our income.

- We should initiate a study of the possibility of acquiring the UKC so there would be one strong body representing purebred dogs. Greater economies of scale would be possible with this concentration of resources.

- AKC should move out of New York, sublease the current facilities, and join with the Raleigh portion of the company. As our registration income shrinks, it is folly to stay in New York with its ultra-high costs. Admit the division was a mistake and now rectify it.

- Let's admit that the delegate body has become unwieldy as the number of clubs joining AKC increases. The new constitution and by-laws should address a new way of representation, making sure that its duties and responsibilities are more clearly spelled out.

- The archaic notion that the Board of Directors of AKC must come from the delegate body has to be reviewed. We should have the opportunity to bring in expertise from other arenas to give us wise counsel as needed. We need to open our eyes to the realities of the 21st century. Our flexibility is being limited by our own "inbreeding". We need what we extol in our dogs – "hybrid vigor," which some good outcrosses can give us.

- The Board of Directors should cease micromanaging the organization and delegate more authority to the President and staff.

- The National Championship show should be permanently located in one city so it can grow its' identity. It needs to be placed in a location that can rival New York City as a destination city. Tampa and Long Beach do not meet those criteria – Las Vegas does. Good transportation, lots to do and see, and excellent facilities. It's a natural.

- We need to change the direction and philosophy of how to combat animal rights legislation. AKC should take a leaf from Union organizers and hire people to go to the hot

spots, organize the campaign, help letter writers, and lobby the local/state legislators in place. They should spend at least a month on-site to do this.

- AKC should retain a PR firm whose sole job is to poke fun and ridicule at some of the preposterous things that animal rights groups do. They need to point out that these people don't realize the consequences of their own actions and spell out the unintended consequences. Humor can be very effective, especially biting humor.

I leave you with the following guideline. Tactics knows what to do when there is something to do; Strategy knows what to do when there is nothing to do.

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## American Kennel Club Cautions Owners: Pet Theft on the Rise

[Tuesday, April 08, 2008]

Dog Owners and Breeders Advised to Keep Dogs Safe at Home and on the Road —

The American Kennel Club® is warning pet owners and breeders about an alarming rise in dog thefts in recent months. From parking lots to pet stores and even backyards, more dogs are disappearing. In the first three months of 2008, the AKC has tracked more than 30 thefts from news and customer reports, versus only ten for all twelve months of 2007.

Media reports have chronicled the escalation of these "dog-nappings" from all around the country. Incidents have included armed robbers entering a breeder's home, tiny puppies being stuffed into purses at pet stores and most recently, purebred pets being snatched from cars in parking lots and even shelters.

"The value of pets in people's lives has been on the rise for a long time and now we are seeing thieves trying to capitalize on this. Whether they seek to resell the dog, collect a ransom or breed the dogs and sell their offspring, thieves seem to be attuned to the increased financial and emotional value pets have in our lives," said AKC spokesperson Lisa Peterson. "Losing a treasured family pet is devastating to the owner."

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read by all scanners.

- Unencrypted Destron protocol chip (sold by HomeAgain, Banfield, Allflex and 24 PetWatch). This chip can be read by the AVID, Trovan (AKC CAR), HomeAgain, and IMAX Black Label scanners.

- Trovan protocol chip (sold by AKC CAR). This chip can be read by the Trovan, HomeAgain, iMAX Black Label and some AVID scanners

- FDX-B (or "ISO") chip (sold by CrystalTag, Banfield and Bayer). This chip can be read by the iMAX Black Label and the Home Again World scanner. It can be detected by the AKC CAR reader. The readers are limited to detection only, because there are unresolved issues concerning the legality of sale of this transponder in the United States.

The ISO chip, which is most widely used in Europe, is produced by most manufacturers in the chip business. It is not widely used in the United States because of the unresolved patent issues and IP litigation that is currently underway in United States courts. ISO standards are open standards, and the particular standard on which this chip is based allows for chips which are programmable in the field. There are also compliant chips that are reprogrammable in the animal. Some are sold blank, allowing the purchaser to determine a numbering sequence of their own or code duplication. The reality today is that nobody is in a position to prevent code duplication of ISO chips. To date, only the read-only version is available via retail channels in the United States. This is likely to change once a significant installed base of readers is in place. Programmable FDX-B chips are already available via the internet.

**SCANNERS**

There are many kinds of scanners available in the marketplace for consumers to use. Some are manufactured to only read certain brands of chips while ignoring others. These should be considered inferior because they have been selectively programmed (limited or restricted) in an effort to restrict competition and protect that manufacturer's brand. This limitation is the result of business decisions made by the manufacturer. Generally speaking, the consumer does not need to be an expert in order to decide which chip or scanner to use. The fundamental question every consumer should ask when selecting a scanner is whether that scanner can read the installed base of microchips in the United States (Trovan, AVID and Destron, whose street names are AKC CAR

ID system, AVID and HomeAgain).

There are four criteria to consider when evaluating scanners.

- (1) Which chip protocols does the scanner support?
- (2) How fast does it read (speed)?
- (3) What is the read range (distance)?
- (4) What is the read area?

It is not enough for a manufacturer to claim that their reader reads protocols A, B and C. Read speed, read distance and read area taken together determine whether the reader will detect a chip or miss it. The read range and read area may be different for different microchip protocols.

Read speed is the amount of time it takes for the scanner to cycle through all of the protocols supported, find a chip, read all of the coded information on the chip and display the ID number. The more protocols that are supported, the slower the reader will read. The FDX-B system, because of the nature of the FDX-B technology, is slower than the American standard systems, and its inclusion in readers decreases the performance of the reader with respect to all systems.

Read range is how far away, in inches, the chip can be from the scanner and still be detected. If the range is too short, the result is a "no read."

Read area is the coverage of the reader: the size of the footprint for detecting a microchip. If it is too small, and the operator is waving or moving the reader quickly, the chip may pass out of the field before the reader has a chance to detect it. The result is a "no read."

Some readers are better performers than others. What determines the quality of a given scanner is its performance on the four criteria above. Consumers should be sure to purchase scanners that perform well on all counts.

One of the most often overlooked topics regarding scanners is how to use them properly. Most function best when they are moved slowly over the area where the chip has been implanted. How the scanner is held and moved will determine its effectiveness. A quick swipe over the pet can cause many scanners to miss the chip because it takes time for each scanner to read and interpret the codes that are used by each microchip manufacturer. Below is a handy chart to help decipher the chips each scanner will read.

Scanners work by emitting an EM field and activating microchips in that field, which in turn causes the chip to emit a signal back to the scanner. The scanner decodes the signal it has received and displays a series of numbers and letters (i.e. 000619FF91). We call these numbers and letters the microchip number, or ID number. This is the number used by shelters and veterinarians when contacting a call center for the owner's information. Think of it as the pet's social security number. For shelters and animal control in particular it is critical that scanners read all microchip protocols in the United States installed base. The AVID mini-tracker, to the detriment of vets, shelters, pet owners and American pets, will read only the Destron protocol and AVID encrypted protocol.

Consumers should not be misled by manufacturers who make statements about microchip frequencies being the limiting factor. Too often these claims are used to deflect the real issues which are the limitations of their scanners. When manufacturers restrict their scanners to disregard a competitive chip in order to protect their brand and their sales they do a disservice to the community they claim to support.

Those interested in purchasing a scanner

1. Demand a scanner that is not restricted by microchip brand or protocol. Ask if the scanner will read all American Standard microchips. The best scanners will read the following chips: AKC CAR ID system – by Trovan, HomeAgain by Destron, AVID

2. If a salesperson offers a scanner that does not read all American Standard microchips, don't buy it. Veterinarians, shelters and breeders are entitled to scanners that can read all American Standard microchips.

For readers to be used in animal control organizations, shelters, and by rescue organizations, some additional factors are important:

3. Ask about read range. Some scanners need to be very near and almost touch the pet in order to detect the microchip.

4. Ask about read area.

5. Ask about the scanners speed. How long (milliseconds) does it take to read the microchip number? Some are quicker to respond than others.

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Because performance enhancing technology is more costly, there may be a trade-off between read range and read area on the one hand and scanner cost on the other. While a veterinary practitioner may not require top notch performance with respect to read range and read area, it is critical if an animal's life is at stake. Because of the need for multi-system scanners in the United States, several companies have distributed scanners to not-for-profit shelters and organizations involved in disaster response. AKC CAR has been a leader in this field. Since 1995 AKC CAR has contributed to the donation of over 23,000 scanners to not-for-profit organizations.

### DATABASES AND RECOVERY CENTERS

Organizations that purport to be in the pet recovery business should be concerned about protecting the infrastructure. This means that pets already micro chipped should be detected by new readers going out to shelters and first responders. It also means that pet recovery services must be efficient and effective. The free exchange of data for recovery purposes between the industry leaders and the recovery centers should be their stated objective. There should be no such thing as competition for recoveries or competition between recovery centers.

Many organizations and manufacturers have established their recovery service (database/call center) as a for-profit business. Their purpose is to find profit in the names and addresses in their database. Some sell this information to insurance and credit card companies. Other call centers limit their services to their own microchips, require annual fees or charge fees to update owner information. When shelters and veterinarians scan a lost pet for a microchip or find a pet with a tattoo or collar tag they should be able to call a 24/7 worldwide 800 number. In 2007, one organization, the AKC CAR ID System™ introduced a low-priced microchip system which incorporated an Amber Alert feature to their recovery program. By combining a microchip technology with an Amber Alert, AKC CAR has expanded the meaning of recovery. This new combined service has raised the standard of what can be expedited. This difference has caught the attention of veterinarians, breeders and shelters.

Here are some of the key measures that are often used to evaluate the effectiveness and functionality of a database/call center and their recovery services.

1. Business hours. Are they open 24/7 with live operators?

2. Do they enroll tattoo numbers and collar tags?

3. Enrollment Service. How long does it take? What is the wait time before an operator answers?

4. Forms of Identification. Do they enroll the chips of all manufacturers or just their own?

5. Languages. Do they respond in English and Spanish?

6. Inquiries. Do they provide free services and assistance to other databases as part of their recovery service?

7. Updates of owner information. Do they charge a one-time fee to enroll pets or do they have annual fees or additional update costs?

8. Do they offer an "Amber Alert" as part of their enrollment and recovery service?

9. Follow-up. Do they call back when numbers are busy?

9. Data sharing. Are they proactive in the recovery process? Do they share information with other call centers or do they mine the data for profit and limit their response efforts?

10. On-line enrollments. Can owners enroll their microchip and pet information on-line?

The decision to buy scanners should be based on their performance, quality and price. The decision to buy chips should be based on price since quality is not the issue. The decision to enroll the microchip in a database should be based on cost and services provided. See the list of questions above for guidance.

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"Criminals look for weaknesses and exploit them. They know pets can't protect themselves, so that means owners need to be alert," said Lt. John Kerwick, a law enforcement K-9 handler and the President of the U.S. Police Canine Association, Region 7. "Be wary of anyone who approaches you and asks too many questions about your dog or where you live. This is a red flag that they may be out to snatch your pet."

Peterson added that "These 'dog-nappers' are misguided and naïve. They're stealing living beings, not jewelry that can be pawned. Plus, it's unlikely that they can sell the dogs for high prices without proper registration papers, and these inept criminals are not realistically going to collect a ransom. Caring for a dog — and especially breeding — is a time consuming endeavor that requires a lot of knowledge. Thieves will find themselves with a frightened and confused animal that needs a lot of care."

The AKC offers the following advice to prevent your "best friend" from being a target of a crime:

**At Home:** Don't let your dog off-leash — Keeping your dog close to you reduces the likelihood it will wander off and catch the attention of thieves. A Saint Bernard that had wandered away from his owner in Nebraska was snatched up right off the road.

Don't leave your dog unattended in your yard — Dogs left outdoors when no one is home for long periods of time can be potential targets, especially if you live in a rural area and the fenced-in yard or dog runs are visible from the street.

Keep purchase price to yourself — If strangers approach you to admire your dog during walks, don't answer questions about how much the dog cost or give details about where you live.

Breeders need to be aware of home visits by potential puppy buyers — Criminals posing as would be "puppy buyers" have visited breeder homes to snatch dogs, while other homes have been burglarized when the owner was away. From Yorkies in Los Angeles to Bulldogs in Connecticut, thieves have targeted young puppies of these highly coveted breeds.

**On the Road:** Never leave your dog in an unattended car, even if it's locked — Even if you are gone for only a moment, an unlocked car is an invitation for trouble. Also leaving expensive items in the car such as a GPS unit or laptop will only invite thieves to break and possibly allow the dog to escape.

Don't tie your dog outside a store — This popu-

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## AMSC Trophy Design Proposal

Your AMSC trophy committee is getting ready to make some changes and we hope our creative members will get involved. Below you will find the proposal criteria for submitting trophy ideas. It is our goal to begin using the new trophies at Montgomery County 2008. All proposals must be received no later than May 31, 2008 in order to receive consideration for the presentation at the June Board Meeting in Long Beach, CA. Only complete proposals will be accepted. Preference will be given to creative breed related items.

1. Your ideas for a trophy for each of the following categories:

- BOB
- BOS
- BOW
- WD/WB
- RWD/RWB
- Class placements 1-4 (14 total classes = a maximum of 56 awards)
- Stud Dog/Brood Bitch
- Veteran Dog/Bitch
- Brace Team
- Puppy Sweeps - Best & Opposite
- Veteran Sweeps - Best & Opposite

2. A cost breakdown of each item.

3. Individual packaging requirements for each trophy (bubble wrap, peanuts, box size, etc.), if applicable.

4. Amount of time needed to create each piece in time to ship them to the National Specialty Chair (3 times/per year). You will be reimbursed by the AMSC for direct packaging and shipping costs. Items should be shipped so that items needing to be repacked for safe travel come with their own packaging materials.

4. Visual examples of the trophy ideas for each category (i.e. color photo spread on a web site we can access at the meeting, or portfolio we can pass around).

Proposals should be sent to:

AMSC Trophy Committee  
c/o Terrie Houck & Cathy Pendleton  
105 Fites Creek Road  
Mount Holly, NC 28120.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

## HAPPINESS IS.....



### .....AGILITY

**Congratulations** to Anna Ericsson and CH MACH Sterling Out OF Control "Harry" winning 5th place at the AKC Agility Nationals in Oklahoma.

Other Miniature Schnauzers who made the Top 50 are:  
13th place: Webb Anderson & Nigel  
16th place: Gay Oltjenbruns & Sophie  
34th place: April Johnson Robbins & Trudy  
37th place: Katie Brittan & Terra

## Join us for our inaugural Miniature Schnauzer Photo Contest Show off your beautiful dogs and your talents!!!

### ~~~ENTRY DETAILS~~~

Four categories

1. Portrait 2. Puppy 3. Comedy 4. General

Put entry information on back of photo (include: name of photographer, address, telephone #, e-mail address and category)

·\$5.00 entry fee per photo.

·Make checks payable to AMSC

·Entries must be received September 20, 2008

### ~~~ENTRY RULES~~~

Photo size..8x10 matted in black or white

(be sure to mount to allow for safe removal of photo from mat for publication!)

·Photo must include a Miniature Schnauzer(s)

·Color or black & white photos accepted

·Open to amateur photographers only

·No show pictures...please

### ~~~JUDGING~~~

Judging to be held at the annual dinner/meeting in October

Everyone at the annual dinner/meeting will get to cast one vote for his or her "Best in Show" pick.

Ribbons & prizes awarded for top three winners in each category at specialty dinner and to be judged by a panel of 2 judges

Best in Show rosette/prize and other winners awarded at the Annual Meeting

Best in show and first place winners from each category will be published in the AMSCOPE and on the website!

Best in Show and the 3 placements from each category will be used to produce our 1st Miniature Schnauzer Calendar to be ready for Christmas.

Send Entries with Entry Fee And Direct All Inquires To:

John Constantine  
241 S. 6th St, #301  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(215)527-0056  
Adamisms@hotmail.com

Photos may be picked up at the Specialty, after the Annual Dinner.

Photos can be returned by mail, IF submitted with a postage paid return package. Entries submitted without the return postage and/or package cannot be returned and become the property of AMSC for use in various projects and/or publications.

Winning photos will be temporarily retained and used by AMSC for use with various projects or publications.

**PET THEFT**...cont'd from p. 5, col. 3

lar practice among city dwelling dog owners can be a recipe for disaster. Reports have surfaced of such thefts in Manhattan. If you need to go shopping, patronize only dog-friendly retailers or leave the dog at home.

Be vigilant when entering or leaving establishments or venues catering to dogs such as grooming salons, veterinarians, doggie day care or hotels — Be aware of your surroundings, such as slow moving vehicles, or people watching you and your dog. Carry pepper spray as a precaution and, if possible, don't walk alone late at night or stay in a well lit area.

Recovery: Protect your dog with microchip identification — Collars and tags can be removed so make sure you have permanent ID with a microchip. Keep contact information current with your recovery service provider. Several pets have been recovered because of alert people scanning and discovering microchips. For more information and to enroll your pet in a 24 hour recovery service visit [www.akccar.org](http://www.akccar.org).

If you suspect your dog has been stolen — Immediately call the police / animal control in the area your pet was last seen. Have fliers with a recent photo ready to go if your dog goes missing — Keep a photo of your dog in your wallet or on an easily accessible web account so that you can distribute immediately if your pet goes missing.

**THE TRUTH ABOUT TASTE**

Did you know?

**Humans have a stronger sense of taste than dogs!**

When it comes to agreeing on good taste, canines stray a little from their human masters, but not as far as you might think. By straight numbers humans have nearly six times as many taste buds as dogs and are sensitive to a much more diverse range of tastes. However, that doesn't mean that your four-legged friend isn't partial to certain types of flavors and dog foods. What dogs lack on their tongue they more than make up for in their nose with nearly 50 times the smell receptor cells of humans. Sense of smell, of course, also plays an important role in taste and how we perceive food. So, it's only to be expected that dogs can have a very selective nose when it comes to sniffing over different types of food. The increased smelling ability also helps to explain how your dog always seems to know when you're getting his favorite meal ready from several rooms away.



**Bouquets & Biscuits**

\* **Ch. Sumerwynd Spaced Out** completed the requirements for her title at the Twin Brooks Kennel Club Show in on 3-24-08. This bitch is the 60th AKC Champion for "Sumerwynd" and our first black to finish. She is also the 17th champion for her sire Ch Wardscreek Rocket Man and the first for her dam Ch Sumerwynd Lynbrook Cha Cha. "Rocket" was bred, owned and shown by Wade Bogart.

\* **Ch. P.S. Moonshine's Speakeasy** finished the requirements for his championship with 4 majors. He is the 1st champion for his sire Am. Ch. P.S. Karysma's Speaker of the House and 3rd champion for his dam Am. Ch. P.S. Secret's Moonlight Sonata. All of his points were in the Bred By Exhibitor class. He was bred and is owned by Sally Dahlke.

\***Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman Amore** finished his AKC title on Mar. 20/08 at the Alamance KC. scoring BW at Devon and a breed win over top specials along the way. "Arrow" is the sixth champion for his late sire,Am/Can.Ch.Minuteman No Fear and third for his dam, Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman Repitition Romantica. Bred and owned by Kurt Garmaker and Catherine McMillan.

**MEANWHILE AT THE SHOWS**

SHOW	DATE	DOG	OWNER	WIN
Apple Valley KC	8-Mar	Ch. Alpine Loft Carmel Gluhwein	Child	BOB
Apple Valley KC	9-Mar	Ch. Alpine Loft Carmel Gluhwein	Child	BOB
North Country KC	27-Mar	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB
Central NY KC	28-Mar	Can/Sw Ch. Scandal's Heartbeat to Evalill	Monsen	WD3-29-08
Claremore KC	29-Mar	Ch. Sasquehanna I Am Your Love	Taylor	BOS
Central NY KC	29-Mar	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB
Onondaga KC	29-Mar	Can/Sw Ch. Scandal's Heartbeat to Evalill	Monsen	WD
Onondaga KC	29-Mar	Can Ch.Carbor Prim and Proper	Borrelli	WB,BOS
Finger Lakes KC	30-Mar	Can Ch.Carbor Prim and Proper	Borrelli	WB,BOS
Claremore KC	30-Mar	Ch. Sasquehanna I Am Your Love	Taylor	BOB
Silver State KC	5-Apr	Ch. Alpine Loft Carmel Gluhwein	Child	BOB,Gr.2
Chesapeake KC	6-Apr	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB
Salina KC	6-Apr	Ch. Sasquehanna I Am Your Love	Taylor	BOS
Silver State KC	6-Apr	Ch. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOB,Gr.2
Mid Continent KC	11-Apr	Ch. Sasquehanna I Am Your Love	Taylor	BOB,Gr.3
Harrisburg KC	12-Apr	Essex Riversong Talk Out Loud	Kubic/Marks	WB,BOW,BOS
Northeast Oklahoma KC	12-Apr	Ch. Sasquehanna I Am Your Love	Taylor	BOB
Harrisburg KC	12-Apr	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB
Lost Dutchman KC	12-Apr	Ch. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOB
Northeast Oklahoma KC	13-Apr	Ch. Sasquehanna I Am Your Love	Taylor	BOS
Lost Dutchman KC	13-Apr	Ch. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOB,Gr.3
Mason Dixon KC	13-Apr	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB
Terry-All KC	13-Apr	Ch. Alpine Loft Carmel Gluhwein	Child	BOB,Gr.1

# NEW APPLICANTS FOR JUNE 2008 BOARD

**Alex, Carole**  
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Sponsors: Mary Paisley  
Le Tousey

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**Carole Alex** has owned miniature schnauzer/s for 3 years. She aspires to hopefully being a breeder one day. She participates in conformation and in earthdog and attends 10-15 dog events each year. She is a Board member of the Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club and is the Special Program Events Chairman. She is interested in Legislative issues, rescue, Public Awareness, Agility, Ethics and Health.

**Knilians, Linda  
Abell, Celeste**  
10506 Snowy Trail  
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Judy Wrynsinski

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**Linda Knilians and Celeste Abell** state they have had miniature schnauzers for 3.5 years. They list themselves as breeders and state they have had 1 litter in the past 5 years. They are active in conformation and in earthdog competition and attend approximately 65 dog events yearly. They belong to the Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club in Denver, serving many positions, to include, Vice President, Board member, New Member Chairperson, Bylaws Committee, Newsletter Chair, Education/Activity Chair and Breeder Referral. Ms. Knilians is a Realtor/Computer Technology and Celeste Abell is a computer programmer.

**Boyer, Robert A. (Rob)**  
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Naples, FL 34104  
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Email: RBoyer0123@aol.com

Sponsors: Gloria Lewis  
Geri Kelly

**Robert Boyer** has owned numerous breeds over the past 24 years and has owned a miniature schnauzer for 1 ½ years. He does list himself as a breeder and has bred 2 beagle litters in the past 5 years. He is active in conformation, breeding, agility, obedience and has trained a medical aide service dog. He is a new member of the CFMSC. He is a fireman and is interested in the following club activities: Legislative issues, Public awareness, and Awards/Trophies.

**Bransom, Angela**  
3832 C.R. 401 B  
Alvarado, TX 76009  
817-790-0277

Sponsors: Barbara Mazgiel  
Barbara Lipsky

Email: calryan25@hotmail.com

**Angela Bransom** has had Miniature Schnauzers since 1985. She lists herself as a breeder of 22 years. She has bred approximately 15 litters in the past 5 years. She states she has not attended dog events in the past but will attend now since she is actively showing her dogs. She is a retired Vet Tech and is interested in the following club activities: Rescue and Education.

**Dugan, Cheryl**  
1251 Cobblestone Drive  
Campbell, CA 95008  
408-921-6902

Sponsors: Judy Sousa  
Walter Poeth

Email: cgeorge215@aol.com

**Cheryl Dugan** has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 11 years. She is a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Northern California. She does not list herself as a breeder. She participates in Conformation and attends approximately 10 dog events yearly. She is in sales and is self employed.

**Larson, Mary Jo**  
18839 Agin Court  
San Antonio, TX 78258  
210-479-1851

Sponsors: Bill Brown  
Gale Schnetzer

Email: RBLARSEN@sbcglobal.net

**Mary Jo Larson** is currently working on becoming a member of the Lonestar Miniature Schnauzer Club and is looking into membership in a local club in San Antonio. She has owned one Miniature Schnauzer for 2.5 years and she does not list herself as a breeder. She has spent time helping her sponsors and learning from them. She is a housewife and the Club activities that she is interested in are Rescue and Education.

**Simpson, DeeAnn**  
5118 W. Monte Cristo  
Glendale, AZ 85306  
602-938-1435

Sponsors: Julie Cooper  
Deborra Nestle

Email: wrdasimpson@qwest.net

**Dee Ann Simpson** has owned Miniature Schnauzers since 1977. She lists herself as a breeder and has bred 4 litters in the past 5 years. She states she is involved in conformation and breeding and attends 25+ dog events yearly. She is a member of the Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club. She is a semi-retired dog groomer. Her area of interest in Club activities is Rescue.

**Monica van der Putten-Garama**  
Meijelsedijk 138  
6035 RL Ospel  
Netherlands  
(31) 653782029

Sponsors: Karen Brittan  
Marcia Feld

Email: info@dwerschnauzer.com

**Monica van der Putten-Garama** has been involved in conformation and breeding for about 15 years. She owns 5 schnauzers and 1 Boerboel. She attends 10 to 12 dog events yearly. She is a member of Nederlandse (Dutch) Schnauzer Club and was a member of AMSC for 10 years before her membership lapsed due to illness in the family. She is a Vet by occupation.

**Veki, Hiromi**  
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Osaka 538-0043  
81-6-6962-1120

Sponsors: Amy Gordon  
Personal Letter  
Jumpei Asano

Email: cherry-house@dog.email.ne.jp

**Hiromi Veki** is a member prospect from Japan who is active in Conformation and Obedience and belongs to the Japan Kennel Club. She is a groomer in Japan. Amy Gordon met her in person at 2007 Great Western. She was listed as a new-member prospect on the Board's Portland/January 08 agenda with one sponsor and her personal letter as is outlined in our 2007 approved AMSC Guidelines under C-2/Special Problems. The Board tabled her application, requiring her to secure another sponsor which she has done.

## SPECIALTY WINS *cont'd from p. 1*

**Columbus MSC**  
April 19, 2008

**Sweepstakes (1-2)**

**Judge: Brian Bogart**

BISweeps.. Char N Co Crocodile Rock/Stukey  
BOS Sweeps...Briar Hill's Boogie Two Shoes/  
Lyons

**Regular Classes (7-10-1-0)**

**Judge: Denny Mounce**

WD/BOW...Sercatep's Simon Sez/Herrell  
RWD... Wards Creek Sky Rocket N Flight/  
Schnetzer

WB...SandyPaws Just in Case/LaPalme  
RWB...Briar Hill's Boogie Two Shoes/Lyons  
BOB...Ch Awesome's All That Jazz/Schnell  
BOS...Briar Hill's Boogie Two Shoes/Lyons

**Northern California MSC**  
April 11, 2008

**Sweepstakes (3,4)**

**Judge: Sally George**

BISweeps..Emerald Isle's Rock of Cashel/O'Brien  
BOS Sweeps...Regency's Twist O Honey at  
Augustus/Verna/Arendt

**Regular Classes (7-10-1-0)**

**Judge: Judy Webb**

WD...Glendora's P-Tip Cruiser/Norwood/Schnetzer  
RWD...Emerald Isle's Rock of Cashel/O'Brien  
WB..Regency's Twist O Honey at Augustus/Verna/  
Arendt

RWB...Regency's China Rose/Wang/Verna  
BOB...Ch. Regency's McKenna Kan/Haney  
BOS...ChCarmel Race to Kolvercrest/Potiker  
AOM...Ch.Annfield Turn Turn Turn/Emslie/Doxtater

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changed your email address,  
mailing address or phone  
number, please contact**

**Carla Borrelli  
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716-627-3206**



# AMSC Specialty at GWTA

Long Beach, CA June 22nd, 2008

Entries close June 4th, Wednesday at noon at Jack Bradshaw, Superintend .  
Friday judge is Mr. Tom Barrie, Westie breeder and member of GWTA.

**The Board Meeting will be on Fri, June 20th at Cal State Long Beach** 1250 Brillflower Blvd  
Chart Room is name of building and we are in the Pacific Room

## Hotels:

Holiday Inn 562-597-4401 The Guesthouse 562-597-1341 Residence Inn 562-595-0909

## MSCSC & AMSC SPECIALTY SHOW LUNCHESES

Lunch will be catered again this year.

Lunch will consist of a variety of sandwiches, salads, fruits and desserts.  
Coffee and muffins will be available in the morning, and water and soft drinks  
throughout the day at no charge.

In order to have enough lunches for everyone, we need to turn in our lunch count prior to the show.

All lunches must be prepaid. Please fill in the form below and mail to

Marie Bromley, at your earliest convenience.

The price of the prepaid lunch is \$15.00 for one lunch for both days (that is 1 lunch Saturday  
and 1 lunch Sunday). The cost for one lunch for one day is \$10.00.

If there are extra lunches, they will be sold on the day of the show for \$ 15.00 each.

## MSCSC SATURDAY NIGHT BARBEQUE & PARTY

MSCSC will be having a Barbeque/Open House on Saturday night at a home about 20 minutes from the  
show site. We will be having a great disc jockey that will play all your favorite tunes. Bring  
your dancing shoes and be prepared to get down and have some fun.

There will be a cook-it-yourself barbeque of hamburgers and chicken, a variety of salads, and of course, a totally "non-  
fattening" dessert. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be provided.

BYOB, if you want your own Moonshine.

Cost for the BBQ Dinner alone is \$40.00

(Dinner Limited to 100 people)

## SPECIAL PRICE

Lunch on both Saturday and Sunday and the BBQ Saturday Night for \$50.00

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## MSCSC & AMSC SPECIALTY SHOW LUNCHESES & MSCSC SATURDAY NIGHT BBQ

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

### LUNCHESES ONLY:

Number of lunches for both Saturday & Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lunches for Saturday only \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lunches for Sunday only \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

### SATURDAY NIGHT BBQ ONLY:

Number of BBQ Dinners on Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

### \*\*SPECIAL\*\*BBQ DINNER & LUNCH BOTH DAYS:

Number of BBQ Dinners and Lunches for both days \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: MSCSC, c/o Marie Bromley, 7908 Appledale Avenue,  
Whittier, CA 90606-2509

Questions? Call Kathy @ 951-203-9691 or kathy@talasio.com

**MEN'S 3-BUTTON SPORT SHIRT**  
 Beige with contrasting collar and  
 sleeve trim

**\$35 plus \$5.00 postage**

**SIZES: Medium, Large, XL, XXL**

**MEN'S 3-BUTTON SPORT SHIRT**  
**NAVY WITH POCKET**

**\$35. plus \$5.00 postage**

**SIZES: MEDIUM,LARGE, XL, XXL**

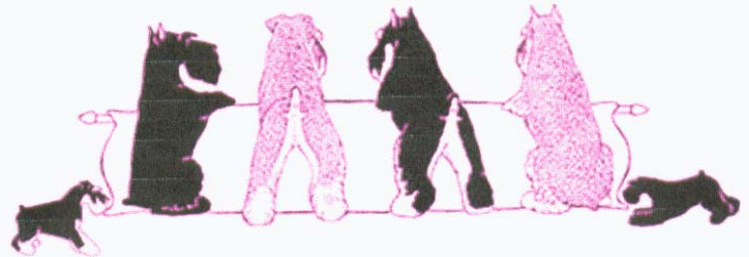
**SWEATSHIRT in STEEL BLUE**

**\$40. plus \$5.00 postage**

**SIZES: SMALL,MEDIUM,LARGE, XL, XXL**



**FRONT**



**BACK**

*Lori Bush*



This beautiful colorful woven 100% cotton afghan of Miniature Schnauzers in a garden setting will be a keepsake. Black, Salt/Pepper and Black/Silver Minis are at home on green grass with colorful shrubs, trees and flowers in the background.

Lori Bush and Mildred Shultz collaborated with the artist at We Love Country on this very unique design.

\$65. Plus \$5. Shipping

**NEW**

**APRONS**

red or grey

**\$20. plus postage**



**NEW GYM BAGS**

water-resistant fabric  
 outside and end pockets

bright red color

**\$40. plus postage**

**AMSC FLOOR MATS**

These striking logo mats are dye injected and are made of high quality nylon and are 100% launderable in cold water. They can be used indoors or outdoors, since they can be washed but will last longer if not subjected to extreme weather. The will be perfect for grooming room, offices, motor homes, condos, or to stack your puppies on. They measure 22" X 33".

Cost of the mat is 65.00 plus 15.00 shipping and handling.

**ORDER FORM**

ITEM	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
Ladies	_____	_____	@\$30.00	= \$ _____
MEN'S	_____	_____	@\$35.00	= \$ _____
MEN'S/POCKET	_____	_____	@\$35.00	= \$ _____
SWEATSHIRT	_____	_____	@\$40.00	= \$ _____
AFGHAN	_____	_____	@\$65.00	= \$ _____
GYM BAG	_____	_____	@\$40.00	= \$ _____
APRON	_____	_____	@\$20.00	= \$ _____
<b>TOTAL POSTAGE</b>				\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>				\$ _____

**Make checks payable to  
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**Send order to:**  
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**Pocatello, ID 83204-4609**  
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Shipping to US \$5.00  
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# AMSCOPE

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## UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

- Centennial State MSC May 30, 2008  
Regular Classes: Jerry Rozman  
Sweeps: Jay Rugg
- Greater Cincinnati MSC May 24, 2008  
Regular Classes: Carole Weinberger  
Sweepstakes: Wade Bogart
- Twin Cities MSC June 6, 2008  
Regular Classes: Sandra Goose Allen  
Sweepstakes: Marilyn Cooper  
Obedience/Rally: Karen Anderson
- Central Florida MSC June 6, 2008  
Regular Classes: Dr. Harry Smith  
Sweepstakes: Jan Taylor
- Chicago MSC/GLATA June 14, 2008  
Regular Classes: Marcia Feld  
Sweepstakes: Sue Okoniewski
- MSC of Southern California June 21, 2008  
Regular Classes: Scott Kellogg  
Sweepstakes: Linda Drost
- Milshore MSC July 25, 2008  
Regular Classes: Merle Taylor  
Sweepstakes: Linda George

## AMSC SPECIALTIES

- Great Western Terrier Assoc. June 22, 2008  
Regular Classes: Lydia Coleman Hutchinson  
Sweepstakes: Carla Nickerson
- Montgomery Co.KC October 5, 2008  
Regular Classes: Carole Luke Weinberger  
Sweepstakes: Sue Baines
- Chicago International February 22, 2009  
Regular Classes: Lanny Hirstein  
Sweepstakes: Shawne Imler
- Great Western Terrier Assoc. June 21, 2009  
Regular Classes: Penny Hirstein  
Sweepstakes: Brian Bogart
- Montgomery Co.KC October 4, 2009  
Regular Classes: James Reynolds  
Sweepstakes: Jean Heath

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