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A FEW REMINDERS:

Our AMSC Board of Governors has approved a revision to the AMSC By Laws regarding who is eligible to sponsor new members as follows:

Effective March 6, 2009 Eligible Sponsors are defined as:

1. Any member in good standing approved into membership prior to June 20, 2008

OR

2. A Regular or Life Member in good standing having been a member for at least 3 years.

You can obtain the new application at the www.amsc.us under the membership tab or by emailing tuckarry@aol.com or at 256-351-6942.

Be sure to also send new information to:

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Minutes – March 12, 2010 *draft*

AMSC Board Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Spring Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine, at 7:10 PM, at the Comfort Inn, West Palm Beach, FL.

Officers Present: John Constantine – President., Carole Weinberger – Vice President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Amy Gordon – Secretary

Board Members: Susi Atherton, Wyoma Clouss, Richard Edwards, Marcia Feld, Kurt Garmaker, Wyn Hagmaier, Terrie Houck, Shawne Imler, Cathi Rohrer

Committee Members Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Brooke Walker

Local Club Delegates Present (if different than those already listed in attendance):

Members and Guests Present: Luana Nedich, Carla Nickerson

President John Constantine welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Amy Gordon to advise the board of the Policy set June 17, 1983, "Voting Procedure at Board Meetings".

Wyn Hagmaier moved to adopt the amended agenda. Seconded by Kurt Garmaker. Motion passed unanimously.

The board was asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as published in AMSCOPE.

The Minutes were approved as printed. Motion made by Kurt Garmaker, seconded by Sharon Edwards.

Report of the President:

1. I want to thank Gloria Lewis for all of her hard work in coordinating our specialty this weekend. She has done a great job. I also want to thank the Central Florida MSC for all of their work in putting together another super Roving.

2. Our pedigree search page is now a reality. Huge thanks to Hilde Haakensen for all of the work she put into getting the page working. Another huge thank you to Owen Clouss for donating his pedigree DB to us and for agreeing to continue to maintain it. Owen has done a monumental job in building this DB.

3. Our Facebook page has been a great success. Launched in January, we now have over a 1000 fans! It will continue to be a great tool to reach out to the general public to educate them about our breed, as well as promoting responsible dog ownership.

4. Our breed educational CD is now available on-line via our website (thanks to Hilde Haakensen again!). This will be a great aid for newer and all breeders and now easily and freely available. It is also available via the AKC Judges Study Guide online and helps us in our important function of educating aspiring judges.

5. Response to our Member Survey concerning our National Specialty format was good. I will be sharing the results and my analysis with you under old business later in the meeting. The response rate was 6.8% of the membership

6. With the passing of Gerry Mager, I would like to make Ethics Committee appointments.

7. I would like to change the name of the "Performance Committee" to the "Companion & Performance Event Committee". This is more indicative of the committee since Performance, as defined by AKC, is really just Earthdog for us. Companion events are OB, tracking, Agility, etc. (thanks Wyoma for clarifying).

8. I would like to combine the Insignia and Membership committees into a single committee, "Membership". These committees are closely linked and really should be handled by the same person(s).

9. We have been working on converting some of the old publications into PDF format and will be putting them on the website. This will be a savings to the club, as well as make this information more readily available to the public. So far, we have converted and made more current "So you want to buy a Miniature Schnauzer" and "Showing your Miniature Schnauzer". I will ask for Board approval of the revised docs under New Business. We are working on the "Illustrated Standard" and the "Grooming Chart" next and hope to be ready for the Summer Meeting.

10. Unfortunately, Rich Edwards has resigned from the board effective at the adjournment of this meeting.

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Please let me know if you make a change.

***DECALS & PINS.** You can get AMSC decal (\$1.00) and Replacement pins (\$7.50) from:

Mary Ann Shandor
2302 Cumberland Court, SW
Decatur, AL 35602
256-351-6942
tuckarry@aol.com

***LOCAL CLUBS...** please be sure to include all information when sending Specialty tear sheets for inclusion in AMSCOPE e.g. Judges, dates, entry, obedience.

*** LOCAL CLUBS...PLEASE send a copy of your newsletter to the following members of the Local Club Bulletin Committee:**

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Coatesville, PA 19320
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AND to: Carla Borrelli (cborr@aol.com)
1799 South Creek Road
Derby, NY 14047

***E-MAIL...** If you would like to send your wins to AMSCOPE via E-MAIL, use the following address:

CBORR@AOL.COM

The deadline for the June issue is May 20th.

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Report of the Secretary: Amy Gordon

1. A printed report of the specialty clubs and shows was provided within the body of the agenda.

2. Membership – a) As of March 1, 2010 our membership totaled 538 Regular, 4 Life, 49 Foreign (with voting privileges), 22 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), 1 Junior, and 6 new membership applications (6 regular, 0 foreign) for a total of 620.

3. Correspondence (Received): AKC

a) Application for AKC Parent Club Conference
b) 2010 AKC Judges Directory
c) Letter from AKC asking for updated officers
d) Letter approving the bylaws changes voted on September 2009.

e) Dues notice
f) Permission granted for the Sweepstakes 3/14/10

g) Letter acknowledging receipt of application for specialty 3/14/10.

h) Letter approving the specialty 3/14/10

i) Permission granted for the Sweepstakes 3/14/10

j) Approval for specialty 3/14/10

k) Letter reminding the AKC has not received and application for OB event 6/25/10

l) Letter acknowledging receipt of application for specialty 10/10/10

m) Permission granted for the sweepstakes 10/10/10

n) Approval for specialty 6/27/10

o) Permission granted for Sweepstakes 6/27/10

(2) Various Newsletters/Magazines/local club specialty catalogs

(3) Announcements offering a wide variety of professional services

(4) Hotel/Facility advertisements

(5) Miscellaneous

a) Acceptance letters from Nominating Committee

b) Heart of America Officers and referral contacts

c) CHF Club application

d) Letter ADSJ Advanced Judges Institute asking if the club wants to participate

e) MCKC invitation to hold specialty.

Correspondence (Sent):
None

4. AMSC Fall Specialty - Was held in conjunction with the Montgomery County Kennel Club on Sunday, October 4, 2010. Capt. Jean Heath judged 11 Sweepstakes entries. Mr. James Reynolds judged 40 regular class entries.

Report of the Treasurer: Sharon Edwards (see below)

Canine Health Foundation balance as of December 31, 2009 was \$121,832.68, up \$4,648.75 from prior year due to investment income.

2010 Membership Dues
The deadline for membership dues was March 1. Payments were slower than usual, with about 30 members letting their memberships expire. This is more than last year, when 19 members did not renew, but par with the previous two years. Although the final tally is still not complete, approximately 30 members have switched from hard copy to soft copy newsletter delivery, which will save \$700 over the year. Final membership totals and related statistics will be communicated shortly, as the final numbers are available.

Taxes
The 2010 Maryland Personal Property tax form has been filed. No taxes were owed. The 2009 Federal Income tax filing is due this summer.

Report Of The AKC Delegate: Don Farley
AKC Board Elections: Pat Scully, Dr. Bill Neuman, and Dr. John Garvin were elected to the AKC board.

The Group Realignment is permanently postponed and sent back to the committee for further study.

Rule Changes regarding Show Vets was sent back to the Rules Committee for clarification of the wording.

Report of the Treasurer: Sharon Edwards				
Financials				
	Balance 9/20/09	Balance 3/1/10	Change	Variance Explanation
Checking	\$3,867.54	\$4,884.49	\$1,016.95	net operating expenses, 2010 dues income, Calendar, DVD, special project income
Rescue	\$7,242.27	\$7,272.39	\$30.	interest
Health	\$10,327.71	\$10,810.06	\$482.35	donations- \$400 Portland , \$75 SoCal clubs
Holding	\$3,528.82	\$9,980.53	\$6,451.71	Membership dues not moved to checking
Savings	\$38,279.74	\$38,578.57	\$298.83	interest
PayPal	\$4,539.83	\$3,672.06	-\$867.77	timing of transfer to checking
Trophy	\$7,040.66	\$6,695.89	-\$344.77	Montco/Roving trophies \$2,150 offset by \$1,800 Montco auction and donations
TOTAL	\$74,826.57	\$81,893.99	\$7,067.42	

Guiding Your Child Through the Loss of a Pet

by Judith Crane

You just returned from the vet's office where they told you there was nothing more they can do for your dog and the time has come to put him down. You may be in shock, you may feel numb or maybe you've already been upset for days and this news is nearly unbearable. Moments later, one overwhelming question takes hold: "What am I going to say to my child?"

As a marriage and family therapist in private practice, I have helped many people deal with issues of grief and loss. The death of a beloved family pet is certainly a major life stressor. It is important to honor this event by giving it the time and attention that it requires in order for the family to heal. Here are some guidelines to help you and your child deal with this event.

1. Communicate honestly and clearly. Children need to be told what has happened or what will happen to their pet. Talk in clear, direct terms that do not create confusion. For example, many people use the term "put to sleep" in lieu of euthanasia. It is important to use direct language to describe what is happening so that the child does not misinterpret this information and think that when he goes to sleep he may die as well.



2. Meet your child at their level of understanding. A two-year-old or three-year-old has no concept of the permanence of death. You may find yourself answering again and again the question about when the dog is coming home, whereas a ten-year-old can understand that their pet is not coming back.

Here are several books, geared to all age groups, that you can read with your child to help encourage understanding and acceptance of death of pets:

Pre-School and Early-Elementary-School Children:

"When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to Understanding Death" Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown (1998) Through its bright and colorful illustrations and answers to direct questions such as "What does dead mean?" this book explains death in a way that engages preschool children.

"Lifetimes" Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen (1983) Beautifully illustrated, this simple book describes beginnings (birth), endings (death) and life in between as a natural cycle. Lifetimes that have been shortened due to special circumstances are described as well.

Elementary-School Children:

"Jasper's Day" Marjorie Blain Parker and Janet Wilson (2002). This tender portrayal shows how Jasper's family prepares for the death of their terminally ill dog by deciding how they will spend their last day together before Jasper goes to the vet.

"The Accident" Carol Carrick (1976) In this story a little boy grapples with his anger after his dog is run over by a truck. Reading this book together is a valuable way to allow your child to talk about his own feelings through the experience of the character.

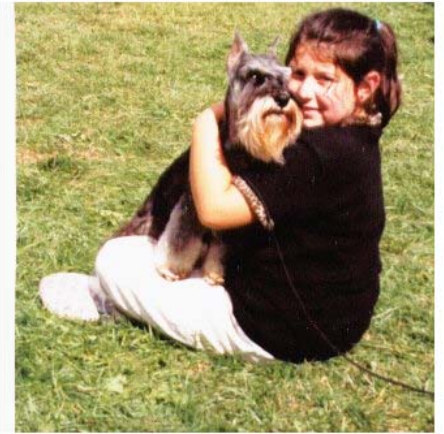
"Mustard" Charlotte Graeber (1982) Mustard is a cat who ages and eventually dies in this realistic and sensitive tale.

3. Draw on your own traditions, beliefs and experience. Do you believe in heaven or an afterlife? Have you experienced the death of a close relative recently? Think about how you handled that loss and what worked for your family. Is a funeral or memorial service important to you? Ask your child what they would like to do with their pet's body. They may have strong opinions and wishes. Make sure you understand the regulations of your city before you agree to a burial in your backyard as many cities prohibit it. Many people who have experienced a death of a pet have memorialized their animals in some way be it a memorial service or by making donations to animal shelters in the pet's name.

4. Allow your child to express feelings about the loss. This means taking the time to really listen to what they say or do. Often young children do not have the words or the ability to identify their feelings and may express their sadness as anger or hostility. Sometimes children will act out the death through their play, creating a mock death scene and burial using

action figures, blocks or favorite toys. Make sure their teacher knows about the death as well. Teachers can be a great resource and support to your child at this difficult time, especially for elementary and pre-school children.

5. Be a healthy role model for your child. Children learn how to deal with death from watching their parents. Accept your grief as a normal reaction to death. Feel your feelings and experience the pain of the loss. A pet's death will inevitably stir up other losses that you have experienced in your life. Notice what happens for you. Talk about your feelings with people who are accepting and supportive of you. Don't



change the subject if pain or grief comes up in a conversation. Get plenty of rest, eat well and get exercise.

6. Move on. Maybe it seems like yesterday that your family dog was curled up at your feet. Perhaps your child has been walking the neighbor's dog for many months and talks about having a new puppy, yet he sometimes shares his dreams or tears about your old pet. How do you know when it is the right time to adopt a new animal? To answer this question, I consulted Jill Winters of [Cage Free Canine](#) in Los Angeles. She is an animal rescue specialist who has placed many animals in new homes. Winters says that timing for getting a new dog "depends on the person. We have no set rules about it." She reports that sometimes families with two pets seek a new companion for their remaining pet within two weeks after the other dies. "Sometimes," she adds "it's been years."

Your child and your family will be changed forever by the experience of the loss of your pet. Finding ways to incorporate that loss into the story of your lives will be a significant and healing process in grieving. However you choose to honor your pet's memory, do it with your child participating by your side.

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The Parent Club Conference will be in August 2010 in the Raleigh-Durham area.

The June Delegates' meeting will be in Atlanta.

Committee Reports**A. Special Committees****1. SPRING SPECIALTY 2010: Gloria Lewis**

Gloria Lewis would like to thank the Roving Specialty Committee for giving Central Florida MSC the opportunity to host the first ever roving AMSC specialty in the State of Florida. There have been many in the club that have worked hard in planning this event. Everything is in order for Sunday's specialty.

2. SUMMER SPECIALTY: John Constantine

The summer Specialty of the AMSC will be held on Sunday, June 27th, 2010 in conjunction with Great Western Terrier Association at the Queen Mary Events Park in Long Beach, CA. Judges are Claudia Seaberg and Beth Santure for sweepstakes. There will be a Sweepstakes Group with Dan Sackos judging. At the same location on Saturday, the 26th, the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California will support the entry of Miniature Schnauzers at GWTA with Tom Barrie judging. There will be a Bred By Exhibitor group on Saturday with judge Barbara Barrie. On Friday, June 25th, the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California will hold an Independent Specialty. Judges for this show are Sue Goldberg and Brian Bogart for sweepstakes. After the judging for the Specialties is completed, Great Western will hold a "B" match on the grounds. The rings will be all set up for the following days and will be utilized for the match. As stated in the March Amscope, the Queen Mary Hotel is the host hotel. The Hotel Current is the former Guest House on Pacific Coast Hwy. More hotels will be listed in next issue of Amscope. In 2011, there will be 4 shows.

3. FALL SPECIALTY: Brian Bogart

Applications for the 2010 show/trial and special events have been submitted to the AKC and the MCKC Show Chair. The name of the 2010 regular class judge (Edd Bivin) and his acceptance were sent to the MCKC Show Chair. Bonnie Keyes has volunteered to serve as our 2010 Show advertising chair. Our committee has decided not to offer a hospitality table in 2010.

B. STANDING COMMITTEES**1. AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli. No Report****2. AWARDS: Susan Atherton, Chris Levy, David Kirkland**

The person nominating a club member for the Good Sportsmanship Award must have a 3 year relationship with the Nominee. This will be added to the committee guidelines. The board will vote on the updated committee guidelines at the next board meeting.

A. Versatility: Lynn Baitinger. No new awards.**3. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Carole Weinberger**

The committee made a motion on the wording of the bylaws changes voted on by the board at the last board meeting. The changes will now be mailed to the membership to be voted on. The motion was seconded by Terrie Houck and passed unanimously. The changes are as follows: the terms for Board members will be 2 year terms with a renewal allowing for a maximum of 2 consecutive terms, the AKC Delegate will be an advisory member of the board with the ability to be a Board Member and the Past President an Advisory Member of the Board of Directors.

4. DINNER/ANNUAL MEETING: Cathi Rohrer

The dinner is on track.

5. EDUCATION: Wyoma Clouss, Chris Levy

1 judge attended the judges seminar. Others had signed up but they had flight issues..

6. ELECTRONIC MEDIA: Hilde Haakenson, Wyoma Clouss

The committee made a motion, seconded by Carole Weinberger to allow members to have links on the AMSC website breeder referral list if they reciprocate and have a link to the AMSC website on their website.. The motion passed unanimously.

7. ETHICS: Carole Weinberger, Susan Atherton, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson

The committee will spend more time developing guidelines. The committee will contact AKC to see what options the club has to censure a member with complaints against them, such as removal from the Breeder Referral list.

8. FINANCE: Sharon Edwards, Carla Borrelli, Linda Wahlquist-Soos No Report**9. FUND RAISING: Carole Weinberger, Flo Bessemer**

The MCKC DVD made \$1400. The Calendar made \$1000. Carole Weinberger is making another quilt to raffle at Montgomery County.

10. GUIDELINES: Susanne Short, Diane Gardner, Lynn Tamms .No Report**11. HEALTH: Overall Committee Chair, Vera Potiker; Patti Henderson: CHIC/Education/General, Paula Steele DVM; Eye Sub-Committee, Kurt Garmaker, Sheila Marks; Urinary Committee; Lisa Sarvas DVM; Canine Health Foundation Liason/Grants/Research, Errolyn Martin.**

The CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) for Miniature Schnauzers:

By years end of 2009 we had a total of 34 Miniature Schnauzers registered with CHIC.

During the annual AMSC meeting in Montgomery County the co-chair Patti Henderson

awarded the new AMSC Health Champion Pin to member owners who registered a Miniature Schnauzer in CHIC in 2009. Every recipient should be very proud of their participation in CHIC and will receive this already coveted pin for participating and serving as role models for the community at large. This membership demonstrates the highest order of resolve for Health and disclosure in our breed.

2. We anxiously await the peer-reviewed literature from Dr Whiteley's study. In addition, we are aware that MIT is involved in research on this defect in other breeds and correspondence with our committee is ongoing so any significant developments in this area may include our breed if possible.

3. We have arranged with Dr. Cathy Brown, an internationally recognized Nephrologist from UGA, to have wedge biopsies performed and we are encouraging members to submit samples on deceased dogs whether or not they have had any clinical evidence of renal disease.. This work is to collect data on disease prevalence for our breed and Dr. Brown has agreed to collect data for us as she performs these diagnostic procedures. You are encouraged to check the AMSC website, www.amsc.us, for more information.

4. The committee motions that the AMSC board approve funding wedge biopsies submitted of dogs owned or bred by AMSC members.. Dr. Brown has agreed to bill the club and charge only \$75.00 per submission instead of the regular cost of \$125.00 per sample. Submissions should be sent via the member's veterinarian, and the vet should annotate the submission form "Miniature Schnauzer Study AMSC", so the veterinarian will not be billed for the biopsy and data collection.

Dr. Brown will provide us with periodic statistical reports. As the number of biopsies increases the committee will periodically review the information to determine if continued funding is warranted. The initial funding request made at the last meeting was for \$ 2000.00. This was seconded by Wyoma Clouss. The motion passed unanimously.

5. A recent update on the liver shunt study at Cornell indicates more samples are needed for our breed, specifically - affected dogs and close relatives. We are requesting that samples and pedigrees be submitted to Dr. Sharon A. Center at Cornell University Veterinary School who has an ongoing study to identify a genetic marker for Microvascular Disease and Portosystemic Vascular Anomalies both of which have implication for abnormal liver circulation and liver shunts. Please check the club website.

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6. The committee makes a motion for the AMSC to become a member of the Canine Health Foundation. The motion was seconded by Carole Weinberger and passed unanimously.

12. HISTORIAN: Richard Isley. No Report

13. JUDGES SELECTION: Eunice Revsbech
No Report

14. LEGISLATIVE LIASON: Don Farley
No Report

15. LOCAL CLUB NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITES: Luana Nedich, Marcia Dawson, Stephanie Rae-Davis

The Newsletter Committee is currently reviewing the following club newsletters and will report the winner in October:

- Schnauzer Strip/Lonestar
 - Schnauzer Tales/Centennial State
 - Tailings/Chicago
 - Tailwagger/Gateway
 - Tidbits and Tails/Cactus State
 - Toplines/Michigan
 - Whiskbroom/Twin Cities
- We are certainly enjoying every issue.

16. MEMBER RETENTION/EXPANSION AND LOCAL CLUB DIPLOMAT: Brooke Walker, Karen Brittan, Marilyn Cooper

The committee made calls to all members that did not pay dues.

17. MEMBERSHIP: Mary Ann Shandor

Amy Gordon made a motion, seconded by Shawne Imler, to combine the Insignia Committee with the Membership Committee. The vote was unanimous.

18. PERFORMANCE: Sonny Lelle, Kathy Colby

A motion was made by Marcia Feld, seconded by Terrie Houck to rename the committee the Companion & Performance Event Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

19. POLICY: Jinx Gunville No Report

20. PUBLIC AWARENESS: June Shanklin
No Report

21. PUBLICATIONS: Patricia O'Brien
Inventory

Grooming charts	241
Illustrated Standards	80
CD	13
So you want to show your Miniature Schnauzer	3
So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy	19

Income

Grooming charts	\$322
Illustrated Standards	\$ 77
CD	\$175
Total income	\$ 574

Expenses

Postage	\$ 86.07
Grooming Charts 25@ \$ 2 ea	\$ 50
Illustrated Standards 7@ \$2.40	\$16.80
Total expenses	\$152.87
Profit	\$421.13

22. PUBLICITY: Carma Ewer No Report

23. RESCUE: Michele Smith No Report

24. ROVING SPECIALTY: Tom LaSalle

There were no applications from local clubs to hold the 2013 Roving Specialty. Wyoma Clouss made a motion, seconded by Wyn Hagmaier, to hold it at the new Purina Farms Facility in the St Louis area tentatively with the Belleview IL Kennel Club.

25. SPECIAL PROJECTS: Catherine DiFranco

A schedule of shipping costs for out of the country purchases is being developed. The website store is closed until this can be updated. The club is losing money on out of the country shipping.

26. TROPHIES: Terrie Houck, Cathy Pendelton

The trophies have arrived. The committee will ask Connie Krohn to do the trophies next year.

27. USE OF THE M.S. IN ADVERTISING & WHITE M.S.: Shirley Cole No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Special Committee report on 'branding' of AMSC member websites – Weinberger. There is not a way to protect the club logo from being copied. The committee made a motion, seconded by Cathi Rohrer, to allow AMSC members to use the logo on their websites with a link to the AMSC website. A letter to cease and desist will be written to non AMSC members that are found to be using the logo.

2. Survey results and analysis of location of future Specialties – Constantine
A survey was sent out to the membership in reference to the location and number of specialties each year. There was a 6.8% response rate from the membership. From the results, it was determined to leave the specialty format as it is.

3. Review of updated Specialty guidelines for the Summer specialty to incorporate Board direction from the 10/09 board meeting – Constantine
The changes include Advertising deadlines and that the Specialty chair can have a dog exhibited but can not go in the ring them selves. Carole Weinberger made a motion to approve the amended guidelines. The motion was seconded by Amy Gordon and passed unanimously.

4. Report of the Associate Membership Committee – Verna, Shandor, Constantine, Farley
The Committee made a motion, seconded by Terrie Houck, to change the By-Laws as presented. After discussion on the new membership requirements suggested by the committee, the motion failed 1-12.

It was sent back to the Committee for more discussion.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Wyoma Clouss moved to accept the following applicants as new members, Ginny Fagan, Stacy Kaaki, and Jana King. .Seconded by Carole Weinberger. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Wyoma Clouss, seconded by Wyn Hagmaier, to table the application of Cathy Williams. The Membership Chair will contact the sponsors to clarify some things. The motion passed 12-1.

The application for Daphne Young and Barbara Green was tabled at the October 2009 board meeting. A new application was submitted clearing up the discrepancies. The motion passed 11-2.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of setting policy to sell merchandise only to AMSC members
A motion was made by Amy Gordon to set a policy to sell merchandise to only AMSC members. There was no second to the motion and the motion died.

2. Discussion of changing policy for judges on awarding AOMs as it relates to Grand Champion (Select Dog/Bitch) at AMSC specialties – Constantine.

The guidelines will be updated "All dogs remaining in competition including the Best of Opposite Sex winner, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch, and Select Dog/Bitch are eligible for an Award of Merit.

3. Jinx Gunville will be nominated by the AMSC for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award in Conformation.

4. Proposal that the AMSC shall pay for one meal (club dinner etc.) for the Sweepstakes Judge of the AMSC national Specialty – Gloria Lewis

A motion was made by Wyoma Clouss, seconded by Terrie Houck, that the club shall pay for the dinner one dinner for the Sweepstakes judge. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Implementation of a "Top 20" Competition at our Roving Specialties – Ewer

Wyn Hagmaier made a motion, seconded by Susie Atherton to table this. The motion passed unanimously.
Carma Ewer will present a format proposal at the October Board meeting for Board approval.

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6. Discussion of possible restriction of members of the same household on the Board – Ewer

A motion was made by Wyoma Clouss, seconded by Terrie Houck, that the club policy shall be that members of the same household will not serve on the Board at the same time. The motion passed 12-1.

7. Cap on the what the AMSC will pay for Judge's fees or setting a flat fee. This would be part of the club's goal for Cost cutting – Constantine. No motion was made.

8. Potential change in the Code of Ethics concerning breeder's responsibility to take back a dog an owner can no longer keep – Garmaker

Kurt Garmaker made a motion, seconded by Wyn Hagmaier, to strengthen the Code of Ethics in respect to taking back dogs. The matter was referred to the Ethics Committee.

9. 2010 AKC Parent Club Conference – Constantine. The AMSC will be attending. Carole Weinberger made a motion to set the budget for travel expenses at \$500. The motion was seconded by Wyoma Clouss and passed 12-2.

10. Discussion of Improving the Breeder Referral Process – Constantine
Terrie Houck made a motion, seconded by Wyoma Clouss, to create a separate Email list for litter announcements and Stud announcements. The motion failed 7-6.

11. A motion was made to clarify the Judges Selection Committee Guidelines to include the situation when a judge has to decline his assignment prior to the Show Applications being sent to the AKC. The second place vote getter will get to chose which show he would like to judge.

A committee composed of Marcia Feld Wyoma Clouss and Carole Weinberger will work on guideline for the situation when the judge has to decline at the last minute.

12. Replacement of Richard Edwards
Richard Edwards made a motion, seconded by Susie Atherton, to appoint Sonny Lelle to replace his vacancy on the board. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Selection of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will consist of:

Vera Potiker – Chair
Carla Nickerson
Patricia O'Brien
Kurt Garmaker
Marilyn Cooper

Alternates:

Jan Taylor
Carma Ewer

ADJOURNMENT:

Wyoma Clouss made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 11:58 PM. Seconded by Susi Atherton. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Gordon
AMSC Secretary

Dogs' Licks Could Help Find New Treatments for Rare Cancers

By Catherine Donaldson-Evans

A dog's wet kisses could hold the key to discovering new treatments for rare forms of cancer and other diseases in human beings.

A program called the Canine Hereditary Cancer Consortium has been established to study naturally occurring cancers in dogs in order to shed light on why they develop in pets and people.

Researchers will analyze the DNA found in dogs' saliva to get at the root of the diseases.

The project was created by The Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) and the Van Andel Research Institute (VARI).

"Rare diseases in humans also show up in dogs," said program director Mark Neff, M.D., in a statement. "By studying the DNA of canines, we expect to more quickly discover the genomic causes of disease and more quickly find ways to better treat dogs, and people."

About half of all dogs aged 10 and older die from cancer.

The owners of different breeds of dogs will donate samples of their pets' saliva, blood and tumors that will then be studied by researchers.

Their hope is that they will be able to zero in on the causes of human cancers by examining canine cancers and use that information to improve treatments administered by both vets and oncologists.

The dogs that participate will not be harmed. The project will also look at neurological and behavioral disorders, hearing loss and other conditions found in both dogs and people.

Jeffrey Trent, M.D., the president and research director for TGen and VARI, said studying rare cancers in people is challenging because of the lack of solid data about the diseases. Looking at similar illnesses in canines will help.

"Many rare human cancers are very common in dogs," he said in a statement. "We're excited about the idea that we may be able to identify areas that could be mutually beneficial -- that could help the canine patient and can help the human patient with these various cancers."

The National Cancer Institute, the American Kennel Club, pet care businesses like PetSmart and Pet Nutrition and a host of other organizations are funding the program.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES NEW GRAND CHAMPION TITLE

— AKC® Champions Can Compete for Grand Champion Title at AKC Conformation Events —

New York, NY—The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce that it will begin offering the Grand Champion title at AKC Conformation events. This new title will be available to AKC Champions of Record, giving the opportunity for Champion dog owners to return to the show ring with their dogs and further showcase the quality of their breeding stock. Competition for this new title will begin at AKC all-breed, group and specialty shows on May 12, 2010, concurrent with the implementation of the 2010-2011 [AKC Point Schedule](#).

"AKC Conformation is meant to be an evaluation and showcase for breeding stock. Many Champions are retired after earning their titles and this creates a dilemma for breeders. We are excited to offer the Grand Champion title as a way to encourage these quality dogs to return to the ring," said Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations. "AKC Companion and Performance events offer multiple titles to celebrate achievement in competition at various levels in the sport. It is only natural to offer a Grand Champion title to Conformation exhibitors so that they too can compete and excel with their dogs at a whole new level."

Competition for this new title will be judged during the Best of Breed/Variety competition at all-breed, group and specialty shows. All Champions of Record entered in the Best of Breed/Variety competition will be eligible to compete for Grand Championship points. There is no additional entry fee. Grand Championship points are awarded, at the judge's discretion, to the following placements: Best of Breed/Variety, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Select Bitch. Select Dog and Select Bitch are Champions that were recognized as the top quality of their sex after BOB and BOS have been awarded.

Grand Championship points are calculated using the same AKC Point Schedule as is used for Championship points. (Dogs entered in non-regular classes are not counted in the computation of Championship or Grand Championship points.) Champions of Record including champions that are non-regular class winners (i.e. Veterans Class Winners) or dogs that have been "moved up" to Best of Breed competition for the show are the only dogs eligible for Grand Championship points. Although Winners Dog or Winners Bitch can win Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex, in no case will they be eligible for Grand Champion competition.

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Grand Championship points may be awarded to eligible dogs as follows:

- Best of Breed – All dogs of both sexes in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted
- Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed - All dogs of the same sex in the breed or variety exhibited in the regular classes and Best of Breed competition will be counted
- Select Dog or Select Bitch – The total number of dogs of the same sex in the breed/variety defeated in the regular classes and BOB competition will be counted. (i.e. 2 dogs less than the total number of the same sex)

Completion of the title requires all of the following:

- Twenty five Grand Championship points
- Three "majors" (three or more points earned at a single show) won under three different judges
- At least one or more of these points won under a fourth judge
- Must have defeated at least one other AKC Champion of Record at three shows

Starting in 2010, dogs who earn their Grand Champion title will receive an invitation to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

For more information about the AKC Grand Champion title please see the [AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows](#) and to submit questions and comments about the new AKC Grand Champion title contact: eventplans@akc.org.

BLACK RIBBONS**Am.Can.Ch. Annfield Very Much In Touch - aka "Touchan"**

February 1, 1995 to December 2009

Bred & Owned by Don Emslie & Tim Doxtater

Co-owned and loved by Ken & Una Elder Touchan began her USA career in 1995 at the age of 8 months at the AMSC National, Montgomery County weekend and was Best In Sweepstakes under breeder judge Susan Atherton. In the regular classes she was Winners Bitch, Best Of Winners and Best Of Opposite Sex from the Bred By Exhibitor class under Terrier breeder judge Jon Cole.

Touchan's next ring appearance in the USA was at the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club Specialty the following January where she was Winners Bitch and Best Of Winners under breeder judge Carol Luke Weinberger for her second 5 point major. Touchan returned to the National Specialty at Montgomery in October 1996 and again was awarded Winners Bitch under Jane Forsyth to finish her AKC title, with a third 5 point win.

Touchan was Specialed sparingly in the USA and was awarded numerous Group placements, including Group First. She was Best Of Breed at three USA Miniature Schnauzer Specialty shows.

Touchan is believed to hold the record as the Top Winning Miniature Schnauzer Bitch in the history of the breed in Canada where she was 8 times a Best In Show winner.

The GREAT Ch. Repitition's Cornerstone passed away, peacefully here at home, with me, and Sheri Bailey(who adored him).. petting and holding him... A trooper till the end, he gave really no warning that he was terminally ill until he stopped eating two days ago... most of his symptoms were typical of old dogs..So I took him to the vet, hoping to hear that maybe his heart was weak, or something like that, and instead, we ended up at a specialists office(as his hemoglobin was very low). hearing that he had late stage cancer of the spleen. It had spread to his liver too. and still he acted like he wanted to jump on on me, and into my lap and off the bed, last night, even.

I can't tell you what this dog meant to me.He was a good dog in every way.. well behaved, in the house and on the road, a friendly to all. Mason had "heart" in the ring.. as the old timers say.. he was always very engaged with his surroundings and never needed toys or bait to be on his toes always. He was born on the very same day my first litter was born, some 36 years ago(an omen)... and he produced such wonderful dogs, that I can't begin to express how much he contributed to my breeding program. Most of his 74 champions to date were produced in three and half years. as I removed him from public stud eight years ago in January.

He is missed.
Kurt M. Garmaker

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* **Can CH Carbor Back Talk MX MXJ OF** (Can CH Carbor On The Road Again x Can CH Boxdema Memory of Carbor) earned her MX (agility standard) title at the Salt City Cluster in Syracuse NY on April 1, 2010. Sassy was bred by Carla Borrelli, is owned by Judy Russell, is handled by John Russell and loved by all three. We are so lucky to have her to play with.

* **Ch Sumerwynd Maplewynd's Space Gem "Jewels"** finished the requirements for her AKC Championship at the Finger Lakes Kennel Club show on 4-2-10. Jewels is sired by Ch Sumerwynd's Scorpion and out of Ch Sumerwynd Spaced Out. Jewels is the first champion for her dam. Owned and shown by Bonnie Keyes.

* **Nicknack Makin A Clean Sweep MX MXJ NAP NJP OAP** Sweeper completed her Open Agility Preferred Title on April 11th. She received 3 first place ribbons. Her sire is CH Regency's Turncoat and she is out of CH Nicknack Ain't Miss Behaving. Bred by Carla Nickerson. Owned and Loved by Tom & Renae Bagwell. Handled by Renae

Montgomery All-Terrier Rally & Obedience Trials

(Sponsored by the Airedale Terrier Club of America)
Held indoors at the Kimberton (PA) Fairgrounds, Route 113

Wednesday, October 6, 2010—Rally
Thursday, October 7, 2010—Obedience

Judges

Rally (Wednesday) - Nancy Withers
Obedience (Thursday) - John Landis & Nancy Withers

An AKC Plan C obedience match will be held Wednesday after completion of rally judging

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Additional information will be in the premium list

GWTA ACCOMMODATIONS

Block rates are available at the following hotels under Great Western Terrier Association:

1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA (562) 432-6964 Special Rate: \$109 per night + a one time non-refundable pet fee of \$50. Due to the popularity of this hotel, the busy travel season and the overwhelming demand for hotel rooms on board The Queen Mary, an early cancellation policy will be in effect for The Queen Mary. If for some reason you are not able to keep any part of your hotel reservation, please keep in mind you MUST make all CANCELLATIONS by 5 PM local time Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

HOTEL CURRENT (formerly The Guesthouse) 5325 East Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach, CA (562) 597-1341 or (800) 990-9991 SPECIAL RATE: \$79 Per Night, No Pet Deposit Reservation Deadline: June 1, 2010

MAKE RESERVATIONS DIRECT WITH HOTELS

The following area motels and hotels also allow dogs. Some require a non-refundable pet cleaning deposit:

The Marriott Long Beach Airport: 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA (562) 425-5210

Holiday Inn, Long Beach Airport: 2640 Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach, CA (562) 597-4401

Residence Inn By Marriott: 4111 E. Willow St., Long Beach, CA (562) 595-0909

Residence Inn By Marriott: 4931 Katella Av., Los Alamitos, CA (714) 484-5700

Motel 6, Long Beach: 5665 E. 7th St., Long Beach, CA (562) 597-1311

Please Note: Any hotel or motel listed in the premium list is subject to Bench Show Committee Rules. We expect our exhibitors to be responsible guests. A report that an exhibitor at this show has abused hotel or motel property during this weekend may result in disciplinary action. The Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California (GWTA) and any specialty breed club associated with GWTA reserves the right to decline future entries from the offending party in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 11, Section 15 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

ATTENTION ~ INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Join us in the Show Services Hospitality Tent on our show grounds.

INFORMATION ~ COFFEE ~ REST

PARKING

DAY OF SHOW PARKING - Day of show parking will be provided at The Queen Mary Events Park. When entering The Queen Mary parking lot, you will receive your daily parking ticket and will not pay for parking until you exit that day. The cost of parking per day is \$15; oversized vehicle parking is \$35 per day; however, if you bring your parking ticket to the Superintendent's table for validation, you will save \$5 per day with the validation stamp.

NOTE: NO GROOMING ALLOWED IN DAY-OF-SHOW PARKING AREA.

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR JUDGING PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Unloading will be allowed only in the area designated for such.

RESERVED OVERNIGHT PARKING - There are a limited number of spaces available for overnight parking. All vehicles must be entirely self-contained and operate on their own power.

Overnight Parking Fees:

\$50.00 per night

Reservations must be received by June 9, 2010. The gate closes at 10:00 p.m. If you wish to park next to someone specific, please send your reservations together, or arrive together. Overnight parking is available from Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 1 PM thru Sunday, June 27, 2010. All exhibitors must vacate the grounds by 9 AM, Monday, June 28, 2010. Exhibitors requiring Sunday night stay must include overnight parking fee. GWTA will begin parking motor homes each day at 1 PM to 10 PM starting Thursday, June 24, 2010

RULES -The overnight parking area is a privilege extended by GWTA. The club reserves the right to withdraw this privilege from any person who feels that he or she cannot abide by the rules and instructions given or resorts to abusive language and/or other tactics. Any infractions will be referred to the Bench Committee for appropriate action. Trailers and tow units will be required to be unhitched and parked in a separate parking space. The cost of parking for these vehicles is the same as day of show parking. All vehicles and pens must be confined to a 20 x 35 foot area. You may purchase additional area if necessary. All vehicles must be self-contained and operate on their own power.

There will be no water or power hook-ups. Exhibitors are responsible for clean up of their parking spaces.

Checks for overnight parking are to be made payable to Great Western Terrier Association and sent to Mr. Richard Benson 5301 Barronett Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93313-4912

PARKING RESERVATIONS Complete and mail to: Richard Benson, Parking Chairman 5301 Barronett Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93313-4912

Email: richlinca@earthlink.net

NAME: _____ PHON NO.: (____) _____

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VEHICLE TYPE & LENGTH: _____

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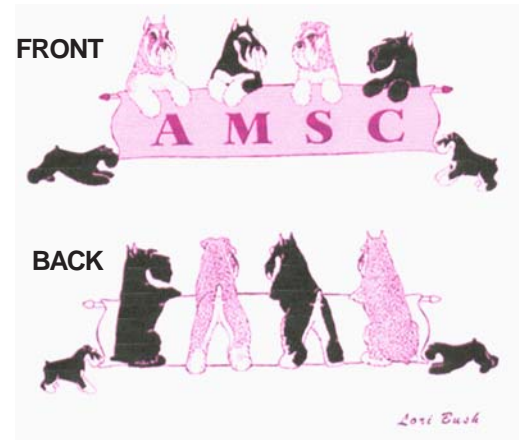
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