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SPECIALTY WINS

Greater Columbus MSC

March 18, 2011

Sweepstakes (8-13)

Judge: Ms Carma L. Ewer

- Best in Sweeps... Minuteman Underworld/
McMillan/Prokopetz
- BOS Sweeps... Destineez Time To Press Your
Luck/Houck/Pendleton/Ream
- Regular Classes (24-35-10-8)Veteran (0-1)**
Judge: Mr. Peter J. Green WD...
Loneacre's Cowboy Casanova/Santure
- RWD... Repitition's Against All Odds/Staton/
Garmaker
- WB/BW... Minuteman Goldikova/McMillan/
Houck
- RB... Kamper's Flying Tainted/East
- BOB... CH Repitition's Valedictorian/Garmaker
- BOS... CH Minuteman Venus Flytrap/McMillan
- SELD... CH Regency's Storm Trooper/Haney
- SELB... Repitition's Her Majesty/Garmaker
- AM... GCH Markworth Whistle Bait/Marks
- AM... GCH Attaway Blue Light Special/Drost
- AM... CH Gangway's Mission Accomplished/
Brown/Larsen

ERRATA: Cactus State MSC

March 3, 2011 Sweepstakes

Best in Sweeps... Gough's Black
Becomes U/Gough

BOS in Sweeps... Verde's Rym Ima Ford
Truck Man/Onion/Soto

AMSC SPECIALTY with GWTA JUNE 26, 2011

Location for all shows
Queen Mary Events Park
1126 Queens Highway

Friday evening: Board Meeting

Saturday evening: Party at Kathy
Colby's house

3202 Iowa Street, Costa Mesa, CA
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Minutes – March 18, 2011

AMSC Board Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club March Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine, at 6:40 PM, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Louisville, KY..
Officers Present: John Constantine – President., Carole Weinberger – Vice President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Amy Gordon – Secretary, Don Farley – AKC Delegate
Board Members:Wyoma Clouss, Carma Ewer, Terrie Houck., Sonny Lelle, Cindy Molieri, Cathi Rohrer, Stella Van Cleve, Bev Verna, Brooke Walker.

Committee Members Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Ron Azzanni, Kurt Garmaker, Patti Henderson, Errolyn Martin, Linda Wahlquist-Soos,

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

Members and Guests Present: Karl Barth, Richard Edwards, Donna Hills, Martin Marks, Eva Monson, Catherine McMillan.

Brooke Walker moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Stella Van Cleve. Motion passed unanimously.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published. Motion was made by Terrie Houck, seconded by Stella Van Cleve. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the President:

1. I want to thank everyone who helped to pull this weekend together. Especially Cathi Rohrer for handling all of the hospitality and Sonny Lelle for coordinating the National Obedience Trial and the very nice tribute to all of the OTCH Miniature Schnauzers. Also thanks to the 3 local clubs that joined us here, Greater Columbus MSC, Greater Cincinnati MSC, and MSC of Michigan. It is very special to have 4 specialties in one weekend.

2. Also big thanks to the Health Committee that put a lot of time and effort into their seminar on eye disease, and especially Errolyn Martin and Patti Henderson who spent many hours putting together the actual PowerPoint presentation and genetic pedigree. The committee did an excellent job and hopefully everyone took away some good information from it.

3. Thanks to Carole Weinberger's daughter Karen Bilt for giving us a seminar on Contracts and to Wyoma Clouss for our Judges Education seminar scheduled for tomorrow.

4. Our Facebook page continues to be a great success. Launched in January 2010, we now have about 2500 fans!

5. I sent out a survey recently to get feedback from those that attended Montgomery County on the new ring location. For the very large part feedback was very good. The only two issues anyone really had were the size of the grooming tent and the distance from the main rings. The overall consensus was 75% positive to stay at the new location. We will be addressing the size of the grooming tent by adding at least 33% more space, and a hospitality tent. We will also have a golf cart to transport things (e.g. judges, stewards, officials, people, etc) between our ring and the main area.

6. We had a good year with the calendar project. We sold about 80 calendars at a profit of over \$1200.

7. Thanks to Brooke Walker and Sharon Edwards for leading up our Outreach Effort to keep members from lapsing, we only lost 19 members during renewals this year. We did gain 14 new members in 2010. So we are only down 5 from this time last year.

8. I would like to request Board approval of my appointment of Sonny Lelle to Awards Committee Chair.

A motion was made to appoint Sonny Lelle to the Awards Committee as Chair of the committee. The motion was unanimous.

Report of the Secretary: Amy Gordon

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

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Please let me know if you make a change.

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**The deadline
for the
June issue is
May 20.**

Benadryl for Dogs: What You Need to Know

by Wendy Gould

If your dog has itchy skin or cold or flu-like symptoms, your vet might prescribe a human medication, Benadryl, for use with your dog.

As part of a Paw Nation series providing background about the medical problems your pet may suffer from, we spoke to Dr. Jean Hofve, holistic veterinarian and author living in Denver, Colorado, to get some insights about the use of the drug.

Of course, you should always consult your veterinarian before giving medicine or supplements to your pet.

What is Benadryl for dogs? Benadryl is a brand name, but the drug's name is diphenhydramine.

Can you buy it over-the-counter? Benadryl for dogs is available over-the-counter under many generic labels. However, it is not FDA-approved for veterinary use.

What is the most common use of Benadryl for dogs?

It's mainly used as an antihistamine for allergic skin disease. It is also used to treat motion sickness and, on occasion, to prevent anaphylaxis. For example, when an animal has had a bad reaction to a vaccine, Benadryl may be administered prior to the next vaccine.

What are the main benefits of Benadryl for dogs?

Antihistamines such as diphenhydramine may be somewhat helpful for dogs who are itchy due to inhalant allergies. They are usually used together with other drugs, because antihistamines are not reliably effective alone.

What are common risks? Drowsiness is the main side effect. Since dogs don't drive or operate heavy machinery, it is relatively safe for them.

Are there long-term concerns with Benadryl for dogs? Long-term potential adverse effects have not been well studied. Many allergies in dogs are seasonal, so the drug isn't usu-

ally used for more than a few months at a time. The maker (McNeil PPC) cautions that Benadryl may cause cardiac symptoms. In older adult humans, long-term use may lead to cognitive dysfunction — a condition that also affects older dogs. It is also dehydrating, which may be an issue for animals with bladder or kidney disease.

How expensive is Benadryl for dogs and are there alternatives? It is the same as any generic diphenhydramine. There are alternative antihistamines including chlorpheniramine, cyproheptadine, and hydroxyzine. Most of these require a prescription.

Paws to Consider....

contributed by Patti Henderson

"There is nothing wrong with making a living or an income from dogs provided that the advancement of the breed concerned is not jeopardized in the process. NOR is there a crime in producing defect since the very nature of genetics means that this can and often does occur in anyone's kennel. The problem stems from what one does when these defects occur and what one does to reduce the risk of such defects occurring. THOSE breeders who do not take even the most elementary steps to try to avoid known problems in their breed are a disgrace to it and those who when the DO produce a problem "bury it quickly" and keep quiet about it are putting their personal status in terms of power and glory BEFORE the breed. Neither group (often one in the same) deserve the Title of Dog Breeder." Malcolm B. Willis

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Heartworms in Dogs - What You Don't Know That Can Hurt Your Pooch

Heartworms in dogs are easy to prevent but difficult and costly to cure. Our friends at WebMD Healthy Pets asked Sheldon Rubin, 2007-2010 president of the American Heartworm Society, to separate facts from the myths about heartworm infestations in dogs.

Q: How do dogs get heartworms?
A: Only by the bite of an infected mosquito. There's no other way dogs get heartworms. And there's no way to tell if a mosquito is infected. That's why prevention is so important.

Heartworm disease has been reported in all 50 states. And the bite of just one mosquito infected with the heartworm larvae will give your dog heartworm disease.

Heartworm disease has not only spread throughout the United States, but it's also now found in areas where veterinarians used to say, "Oh, we don't have heartworm disease." Areas like Oregon, California, Arizona and desert areas — where irrigation and building are allowing mosquitoes to survive. And if you have mosquitoes and you have animals, you're going to have heartworms. It's just that simple.

It takes about seven months, once a dog is bitten by an infected mosquito, for the larvae to mature into adult heartworms. They then lodge in the heart, lungs and surrounding blood vessels and begin reproducing. Adult worms can grow up to 12 inches in length, can live five to seven years, and a dog can have as many as 250 worms in its system.

Q: Can people get heartworms from their dogs?

A: It can be passed on only by mosquitoes. It's a specific parasite that affects only dogs and cats and ferrets and other mammals. In rare cases, heartworms have infected people, but it does not complete its life cycle. The heartworm will migrate to the lung and cause a round lesion that looks like a tumor. But these are very rare cases.

Q: If one of my dogs has heartworms, can he give it to my other dogs?

A: No. Again, the only way heartworms are transmitted is through the bite of an infected mosquito. And even if an uninfected mos-

quito bit your infected dog, and then bit your uninfected dog the same night, he wouldn't transmit the parasite from one dog to the other. That's because when a mosquito bites an infected animal, the heartworm needs to undergo an incubation period in the mosquito before the mosquito can infect other animals.

Q: Is it OK to adopt a dog with heartworms?

A: It's a very common problem in animal shelters today, and public shelters rarely have the money to treat heartworm disease. It's perfectly acceptable to adopt a dog with heartworms, but you have to be dedicated to having the disease treated appropriately, because it's a horrible disease that can lead to a dog's death if left untreated.

Q: How can I prevent my dogs from getting heartworms?

A: For less than the cost of going to Starbucks for a weekly coffee, you can prevent heartworm disease in your dog. There are monthly pills, monthly topicals that you put on the skin, and there's also a six-month injectable product. The damage that's done to the dog and the cost of the treatment is way more than the cost to prevent heartworm disease. A year's supply of heartworm preventive will cost about \$35 to \$80, depending on a dog's weight.

Q: What are the symptoms of heartworm infestations in dogs?

A: Initially, there are no symptoms. But as more and more worms crowd the heart and lungs, most dogs will develop a cough. As it progresses, they won't be able to exercise as much as before; they'll become winded easier. With severe heartworm disease, we can hear abnormal lung sounds, dogs can pass out from the loss of blood to the brain, and they can retain fluids. Eventually, most dogs will die if the worms are not treated.

Q: Once my dog has heartworms, what's the treatment? How much will it cost?

A: The drug that you treat with is called Immiticide. It's an injectable, arsenic-based product. The dog is given two or three injections that will kill the adult heartworms in the blood vessels of the heart.

The safest way to treat heartworms includes an extensive pretreatment workup, including X-rays, blood work and all the tests needed to establish how serious the infection is. Then the dog is given the injections. With all the prep work, it can run up to \$1,000. But just the treatment can be done for about \$300 in some areas.

Q: Why do I have to keep my dog quiet during the several months he's being treated for heartworms?

A: After treatment, the worms begin to die. And as they die, they break up into pieces, which can cause a blockage of the pulmonary vessels and cause death. That's why dogs have to be kept quiet during the treatment and then for several months afterward. Studies have shown that most of the dogs that die after heartworm treatment do so because the owners let them exercise. It's not due to the drug itself.

Q: If my dog is diagnosed with heartworms, can I just give him his monthly preventive instead of having him go through treatment? Won't that kill his heartworms?

A: Studies have shown that if you use ivermectin, the common preventive, on a monthly basis in a dog with heartworm disease, after about two years you'll kill off most of the dog's young heartworms. The problem is, in the meantime, all of those heartworms are doing permanent damage to the heart and blood vessels.

But if there's no way someone can afford the actual treatment, at least using the preventive on a monthly basis could be a lesser alternative.

Q: Can I skip giving my dog his preventive during colder months, when there aren't any mosquitoes?

A: The American Heartworm Society recommends year-round heartworm prevention. One reason is, there's already a serious problem with people forgetting to give their dogs the heartworm preventives. It's a universal problem. Now if you use it year-round, and you miss a month, your dog will probably still be protected. But if you miss more than one or two months your dog could become infected.

The other reason not to stop is that many of the preventives today also include an intestinal parasite control for roundworms, whipworms or tapeworms. You want your dog to be protected against those at all times.

Q: If I don't treat my dog with heartworms, will he "outgrow" his heartworms?

A: No. He stands a good chance of dying from the disease.

Q: I've heard the treatment for heartworms can be dangerous. Are there any newer, safer alternatives?

A: We used to use plain arsenic to treat it, which had many side effects. What we use now is a safer product with fewer side effects. It's a safe product if used correctly.

Q: If my dog gets heartworms, and is treated for them, can he get them again?

A: Yes, he can get them again. That's why prevention is so important.

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2. Membership – a) As of March 1, 2011 our membership totaled 476 Regular, 4 Life, 41 Foreign (with voting privileges), 19 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), and 9 new membership applications (8 regular, 1 foreign) for a total of 549.
3. Correspondence (Received):
 - (1) AKC
 - a) Various letters in reference to show status
 - b) 2011 Judges Directory
 - c) AKC Dues notice
 - d) Application for 2011 Fall show.
 - (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 letter from Sweeps judge Great Western 2011
 - b) Certificate of Insurance re: Louisville shows
 - c) Letter from MCKC to extend thanks and appreciation for our support of their show.
 - d) AKC CHF Newsletter
 - e) advertisement for Terriers Only Performance Summitt in Colorado.
 - f) Solicitation from American Dog Show Judges Advanced Institute for their Educational Foundation.
4. Correspondence (Sent):

Letter to the AKC in support of the Dalmatian Club of America, to voice opposition to overturning the club vote in reference to including the progeny of the Dalmatian/Pointer cross into the AKC stud book.
5. AMSC Fall Specialty was held in conjunction with the Montgomery County Kennel Club on Sunday, October 10, 2010?. Ms. Terrie Houck judged 25 Sweepstakes entries and 3 Veteran Sweepstakes entries. Mr. Edd Bivin judged 99 regular class entries.

Treasurer's Report (March 2011)

Financials

	Balance (9/26/10)	Balance (3/1/11)	Change	Variance Explanation
Checking	\$5,798.06	\$11,258.24	\$5,460.18	Increase due primarily to annual dues payments, calendar, DVD sales. (Note that \$4,000 was transferred to the holding account interest
Rescue Health	\$7,528.35 \$9,898.66	\$7,531.97 \$10,553.57	\$3.62 \$654.91	\$700 donation by the Portland Club \$25 other donations, less \$75 expense for CERF records
Holding	\$9,985.57	\$13,989.55	\$4,003.98	\$4,000 transferred from checking (revenue from annual membership dues, etc.)
Savings	\$38,645.84	\$33,687.39	-\$4,958.45	Withdrawal of \$5,000 to fund 2013 Roving Account
PayPal	\$1,015.09	\$1,346.24	\$331.15	PayPal account is a temporary holding account for funds received via PayPal, thus this balance only reflects the amount that has not yet been moved into the proper bank account. Current balance represents dues and Louisville dinner receipts.
Trophy	\$6,532.13	\$7,473.78	\$941.65	Income of \$2,085 (\$895 pendant raffle, \$1,115 quilt auction, \$75 donations). Expenses of \$1,147 (\$597 final payment plus expenses for MC, \$550 deposit for Louisville).
2013 Roving	\$0	\$4,466.00	\$4,466.00	Account set up Oct. 2010 by transfer from Savings Account. This account will be used solely for transactions related to the 2013 Roving. Expenses to date include \$500 deposit for the Purina facility and \$34 bank fee for check printing
TOTAL	\$79,403.70	\$90,306.74	\$10,903.04	

* Material variances are noted; all other small variances account for change in balance, including interest.

Donor Advised Funds held by the CHF were \$127,933 at December 31, 2010, up from \$121,833 at the end of 2009. This balance reflects \$5k in grant sponsorships for two stem cell research projects and almost \$9k in unrealized gains from investments as well as \$1.3k for contributions including the Purina Partnership Program.

Expense Recap Significant expenses since the October report include the following.

Montgomery 2010: (received \$605 from MCKC for entries net after expenses)

Dinner/Board meeting	\$4,049 (\$371 bd. Meeting, of which \$275 was room charge, and \$3,678 dinner)	Revenue from dinner was \$3,450.
Breakfast/afternoon refreshments at ring side	893	
Decorations dinner/ring	175	
Annual awards – breeder/newsletter/web/President's	965	
Judge's fee (\$500) and travel (\$802)	1,302	
Trophy:		
Final payment plus expenses for MC (\$597), deposit for Louisville (\$550)		\$1,147
Travel/Conferences:		
NAIA registration fee and travel		\$516
AKC delegates meeting travel		312
Insurance:		
Annual premiums		\$1,140 (\$600 liability, \$540 D&O)
Fund Raising Expenses:		
Calendar printing/shipping		\$494 for (revenue of \$1,785 or net profit of \$1,291 not including \$220 for photo contest revenue)
DVD production/shipping		1,517 (revenue of \$2,260 for 33 copies sold, or net profit of \$743)

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AMScope:

Printing/postage for 5 issues \$731 (average cost per issue \$146)
Meet the Breeds – NYC: \$420 (received \$300 stipend from AKC to offset)

Advertising:

Feb. 2011 issue of *Dog World* featuring MS breed \$360

Other:

Deposit – MC host hotel 2011 \$300
 Deposit – DVD production company for 3-year contract \$300
 Software for AMScope \$216

2011 Membership Dues

The deadline for paying 2011 membership dues was February 28, 2011. The Club lost 19 members due to non-renewal. The Club has 538 members (prior to new members approved at the March, 2011 meeting). This represents a retention rate of 96.6% year over year. Only one member who did not renew provided a reason for their decision. Many thanks to Brooke Walker for all her efforts locating and calling members.

2011 Budget Risks and Opportunities

Budget risks for this year:

- \$8,050 income from Special Projects, including new revenue generating projects related to the 2013 Roving.
- \$3,900 Montgomery County DVD sales – this is more than \$1,600 more than 2010 sales.

Budget opportunities for this year:

- AMScope printing and postage was budgeted at \$2,110 for the year – the actual cost for the March issue was \$122. Based on this, we should pick up about \$600 this year compared to budget.

Report of the Treasurer: Sharon Edwards

(see chart on page 4, col.2)

Sharon Edwards made a motion to accept the Financial Policy draft presented to the board. The motion was seconded by Bev Verna and passed unanimously.

Report Of The AKC Delegate: Don Farley

. Camen, Battaglia, and Gladstone were elected to the AKC Board class of 2015, on the second ballot.

The vote passed on proposed amendment to Chapter 10 and Chapter 15, Section 1, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows which would, in Chapter 10, update the requirements for show veterinarians to better accommodate on-call veterinarians and to require clubs to inform them of their duties; and in Chapter 15, to include the event committee in the process of removing dogs from the show, to eliminate the requirement for a form, and to assign the fiscal responsibility for veterinary expenses.

And the also vote passed on proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Section 4, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows which would create a common deadline for the application and judges panel in an effort to reduce confusion by clubs

Jim Stevens gave a "Finance101" presentation at the morning Forum to explain some basics of accounting, and in the General Meeting, he gave the financial report that AKC has \$59 Million in reserves. Litter reg-

istrations were down by -12% for 2010 and individual registrations down -13%. The number of events were down -0.6%, but the number of entries were up +0.5%, with a net loss from events of -\$11.3 million, or an average of -\$3.75/entry. AKC had an operating loss of \$1.1 Million. But they had a net positive cash flow from Operations of \$2,803,000. They also had a \$6.5 Million gain from investments.

Pat Laurens brought up that AKC now has an iPhone app that has all the breed standards and pictures that people can buy for \$2.99. She said it can be used for judges education. She also said that they had copies of the pictures used for each breed, and if any club wants their picture changed to contact Daphne Shaw at dsx@akc.org.

Other announcements:

AKC's public service announcements are available in the Press Center on AKC.org and can be used by clubs for promoting their own events.

Two delegates were honored for four continuous decades of service as a delegate: William H. Blair, and Stanley S. Saltzman.

Donations to the Canine Health Foundation can now be done over your cell phone – text "DOG" to #20222 and donate \$5.00. Also the Canine Health PSA is the first to run on the jumbotron in Times Square in NYC.

A motion was made by Don Farley, seconded by Carole Weinberger to form a committee to select the breed photograph for

the breed standard Iphone application. The committee will comprise of Wyoma Clouss, chair; Carma Ewer; and Bev Verna. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

A. Special Committees

1. **SPRING SPECIALTY 2011: Gale Schnetzer** The judges are on track and there will be a dinner Saturday night.
2. **SUMMER SPECIALTY: Vera Potiker.** .In 2011, the MSCSC will hold specialties on Friday and Saturday of the Great Western weekend and the AMSC specialty will be on Sunday.
3. **FALL SPECIALTY: Brian Bogart No Report**
4. **2013 Roving Specialty**

1) Meetings continue on initial planning for the 2013 Combined Schnauzer Specialty at Purina. We have signed the contract with Purina, sent a \$500 deposit, and are locked in May 8 – 13, 2013. The total cost for the facility is \$5700, which we will be splitting equally with the other 2 clubs. John has been meeting with the Standard Schnauzer Club of America and the Giant Schnauzer Club of America representatives and we have developed a tentative schedule. Gateway MSC will be joining us. John has been working on getting another local club to commit and have sent invitations to all clubs eligible.

- a) A "Top 20" competition" and a Futurity will be discussed during New Business.
- b) A discussion ensued on the possibility of altering the club's judges selection procedure for 2013 only in order to help curb finances for this specialty. For the 2013 specialty, a list of AKC judges who can judge all 3 Schnauzer breeds will be sent out to the membership to vote on. Carole Weinberger made the motion, seconded by Sonny Lelle, The motion passed unanimously.

B. STANDING COMMITTEES

1. **AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli No Report**
2. **AUDIT: Bonnie Keyes No Report**
3. **AWARDS: Sonny Lelle, Carma Ewer, David Kirkland** A motion was made by Bev continued on p.8, col. 1...**MINUTES**

BLACK RIBBONS

MBIS Brz.GrCh.

Can.PanAm.Ch.Minuteman Windwalker

*Feb.22, 1997 - Mar.22, 2011

"Wind" was a multi-BIS winner in Brazil, and the sire of many more. I will be forever grateful to David Reisde Carvalho

for his rescue of Wind after the original owner sold him into unhappy circumstances. Wind repaid the debt and more, siring a host of champions and Best In Show winners for Sailers.

CH Liebestraum Easy Come Easy Go

crossed over the rainbow bridge on March 26. Born 8/30/98 the late Ginny Rice was her breeder. "Easy" was my foundation bitch. She is the dam of CH Dry Dock Regatta Time. Easy spent her life sleeping on my bed. She will always be missed.

She taught me a lot.
Marie Pletsch

Blythewood Rosie Ladouce of Chelsea AX, AXJ, NA, OJP

(Blythewood Prince Philip x
Blythewood Gift to Przemek)

September 24, 1995 – April 9, 2011

My first dog, Rosie and I learned the ropes together. She never knew a stranger and was greatly admired for her sweetness, beauty, intelligence and charming wwo woos by her family, friends, neighbors and the countless patients she cheered up during her many years as a therapy dog. She always enjoyed being a part of everything including agility, walks and hikes, trips, Meet the Breed shows and life. She is very sadly missed by Madelyn Carlin.



Bouquets & Biscuits

***CH North Pine Rebel With a Cause**, B/S, (CH North Pine Stay In Arizona (11) x CH Nicknack Hot To Trot) finished his Championship Title at the Cactus State Min Schnauzer Specialty with a Major win, both his majors were under breeder judges . "Rebel" along the way was BEST IN SHOW BRED BY 2 times and BEST IN SHOW PUPPY once, he also won the BREEDERS SHOWCASE SWEEP-STAKES, from the puppy class with a 117 dog entry, he was BEST IN SWEEPS at the Southern Calif Show in Indio and Res. Winners dog from the 6-9 puppy at Great Western in 2010, the beginning of his showing. He is owned by Julie Cooper and Alice Palmer

***Am.GCh.Can.Ch.Minuteman Venus Flytrap** finished her AKC title with her 5th major on January 17th at the Puyallup Wa. shows, and her GrCh.title March 10th in Franklin, TN. "Venus" is the first champion for her sire, Ch.Minuteman All About Flyfishing and third for her dam, Am.Can.Ch.Kaydees The Quick And The Dead. "Venus" is always breeder-owner handled by Catherine McMillan.

***Ch. Southcross Hope To Keep A Secret, CD, BN (S&P)** (Ch. Garlyn's Cirrus Business X Southcross Hopeful Heart) finished the requirements for both her CD and Beginner Novice titles at the AMSC specialty obedience trial in Louisville, KY on March 16, 2011. "Fling" finished her titles in three straight shows! Fling's obedience successes are partially attributed to the fine socialization she received as a puppy from our dear friend, Michelle Perkins. Fling was bred by my dear friends Jeff and Marilyn Murray; she is adored and trained by Sonny Lelle.

***GCH North Pine Putting on the Ritz** (CH Regency's Twist of Fate x CH Wedgewood's Leap of Faith) finished her Grand Championship Title owner/breeder/handled at the Sun Country Terrier Specialty at Scottsdale AZ in march. competing in the very competitive west with large dog and bitch specials entries, finishing with 5 majors BB, BOS, Select and Group Wins . She is owned by Julie Cooper and Lyn Oldenkamp

* **Ch.Minuteman Rio De Janeiro** finished her AKC title on March 6th, at Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Assoc. "Rio" was bred by Catherine McMillan and is owned by Janet Corpin, and handled to her title by Bergit Coady. The 8th champion by Am.Can.Ch. Benalta Batman and the second champion for her dam, Can.Ch. Minuteman What's New Pussycat.

*On March 11th & 12th, Bernie (**Ch. Garnet Rock's Maestro Bernstein OM1 UDX RAE MJP MXP OFF MX MXJ OF JE CGC and AMSC VAX**) won the Obedience Versatility classes with scores of 198 and 196 (200 is a perfect score) at the Monticello Kennel Club dog show in Milton, NY. On March 20th, Bernie completed the requirements of 10 qualifying scores in Agility Ex B Preferred for his Master Jumpers title at the Southern Adirondack Agility Club in Greenwich, NY and on March 26th earned his 10th qualifying score in Agility Ex B preferred for his Masters Standard title at the LEAP trial in Tolland, CT for his 30th and 31st AKC title. Bernie is owned, trained and handled by Marcia Dawson and was bred by June Glover (Garnet Rock).

***OTCH P.S. Crimson and Clover, UDX,OM1,RN** (CH Bowser's Hard Drive x CH P.S. Luv's Great Sensation) Chloe received her OTCH and UDX title on April 3, 2011 and received High Combined that weekend. What a weekend! She was bred by Sally Dahlke and owned by Barb Koscielski

***CH Katcha's Classic B52 O'Tomar (S/P)**, born 11/26/09 by CH Elete's Baileys Irish Cream out of CH Tomar's Classy Chassis completed his AKC Championship title with a "bang" in 3 weekends (8 shows) of showing by winning his first major from the 12-18 mo class at the Denver Cluster in February, sweeping the Garden City shows his next time out from the open class for 10 pts (2 addition majors) at Garden City and gaining his final point in Kansas City, Mo. "Shooter" is owned by Katherine Dodge and co-owned by his breeder, Mary Paisley. He is the 3rd AKC champion for his sire and 1st for his dam.



Front Row - L - R: Pat Heinzelman, Karen Thompson, Beth Santure, Lynn Baitinger, Sonny Lelle, Louise Botko, Mary Janek, Teri Friler, Nancy Lincoln **Back Row - L - R:** Pam Casey, Hilda Ellis, Helen Banet, Clay Lincoln, Lynn Tamms, Sharon Bloss

OBEDIENCE IN LOUISVILLE

The AMSC held its recent obedience trial on March 16, 2011 in conjunction with the Combined Specialty Clubs of Louisville, Kentucky. Marilyn Gormley judged 26 entries in eight classes. There were no absentees! The overall quality of the dogs and their performances was truly remarkable. We received lots of positive feedback and two people asked how they could join our club! The atmosphere was festive and fun. There were plenty of volunteers to steward and I would like to personally thank all those who helped out!

Special congratulations to our High In Trial winner, Mary Janek and her dog Warchex Amaze-N-Grace with a Novice B score of 198!!! There was no High Combined winner.

A special tribute board was set up in honor of our breed's highest achievers in obedience - the OTChs. MANY thanks to Lynn Tamms and Lynn Baitinger for making this happen. While we have over 20 OTChs in our breed, only about half of those were represented on the tribute board - due to limited owner responses. My apologies to Mary Janek, whose dog OTCh Rant-N-Raven was left off the tribute board by mistake!

I am immensely honored and proud to have been part of this event. It was gratifying to see the 26 entries, and I want to thank all those who attended! I especially want to thank the "Southcross family" members for being there - accounting for half the entries in our trial.

Respectfully submitted:
Sonny Lelle

GWTA ACCOMMODATIONS

Block rates are available at the following hotels under GWTA
Queen Mary , 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 25, 2011.

HOTEL CURRENT 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

PLEASE NOTE:

Arrangements are being made to provide electricity for Miniature Schnauzer exhibitors for the three days of GWTA (June 24, 25, 26).

In order to use the electricity a charge of \$40.00 per cord for the three days will be charged to those who order and pay prior to June 15.

Generators will be ordered on the basis of the preregistration for electricity.

Exhibitors requesting electricity on show days will pay \$20.00 per day per cord if the number of generators ordered will accommodate more users.

A lunch will be provided each day for a nominal fee.

MSCSC will provide some grooming tables and ex. pens for exhibitors from out of state.

To order electricity send your reservation to:

Marie Bromley
7908 Appledale Avenue
Whittier, CA 90606-2509

To request a grooming table or ex pen contact:

Kathy Colby
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Costa Mesa, CA 92626
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TROPHY DRIVE...

please don't forget the trophy drive.

**Terrie Houck
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Verna and seconded by Terrie Houck to add Carma Ewer to the Awards Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

The committee needs nominations for the Good Sportsmanship award. A discussion took place in reference to making the Good Sportsmanship Award medallion more impressive. Sonny will look into having the medallion embedded in a crystal trophy.

A. VERSATILITY AWARDS: Lynn Baitinger To date we have a total of 33 Mini Schnauzers that have earned the Versatility Award/Versatility Excellent Award. We are still waiting for the first award for 2011!

4. COMPANION & PERFORMANCE: Sonny Lelle (Obedience), Kathy Colby (Agility) Entries for the obedience trial were helped by adding Veterans, Beginner Novice, and Graduate Open classes. Our entries are as follows: 4 Novice B,1 Open A,6 Open B,1 Utility A,5 Utility B,5 Veterans,1 Graduate Open,3 Beginner Novice

We are planning a tribute to all the OTCHs at the obedience trial. Lynn Tamms and I searched for all the owners and solicited those we could locate to submit information and pictures of their dogs. While we only got info/pictures for about half of our OTCHs, I'm confident that the tribute will be well done and moving for exhibitors and spectators alike. Lynn Baitinger is putting the tribute together with the info/pics that Lynn Tamms and Sonny Lelle were able to gather. They had a hard time making a complete list of all of them. Sonny would like to recommend that we keep a list of them on our web site somewhere so that the list can be public and updated as appropriate.

Sonny also emphasized that the Conformation and Performance exhibitors need to work together and support each other.

The Committee is persuing having an Obedience Trial for Minis at Montgomery County. Sonny will work with Barbara Donahue and Lynn Tamms. John Constantine will coordinate with MCKC.

Pat Heinzelmans dog is 1 pt from being the first Miniature Schnauzer to complete a CH, MACH and OTCH titles.

5. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Carole Weinberger .Carma Ewer made a motion, seconded by Terrie Houck, to propose a by-laws change that Board Members who fail to attend 2 consecutive meetings of the board will be removed from the

board. The proposal passed on a vote of 12-2.

6. DINNER/ANNUAL MEETING: Cathi Rohrer The hospitality at the last MCKC show was well received so it was decided to increase the budget.

A motion was made by Cathi Rohrer for a budget of \$2,000 for hospitality for the MCKC weekend. The motion was seconded by Wyoma Clouss and passed unanimously.

Carma Ewer will work with Carole Weinberger on fundraising sale items such as sweatshirts with a special design to commemorate the weekend.

7. EDUCATION: Wyoma Clouss, Beth Santure Judges can be approved for our breed without ever hearing our Parent Club seminar, without ever reading our materials or watching our CD, without ever having worked with a parent club mentor, without ever having attended one of our three national specialties to see a concentration of our best.

1) Wyoma suggests the AMSC to approach the AKC Committee on Judging to see what we can offer to improve the state of judging our breed. One suggestion would be to require judges to document having seen the AMSC educational program and/or studied the AMSC CD. Another suggestion was that we start a graduate AMSC seminar for judges, going into more detail, with our own "hands on" program, publish the names of those who participate. Each national breed club could opt in or out.

2) We could send a copy of the AMSC CD to every judge approved for MS.

3) Wyoma will coordinate to setup each regional club designating an education contact who would be responsible for either giving the AMSC presentation as approved to local judges groups or for referring to the AMSC judges education chair.

4) Require attendance at a National specialty.

A discussion ensued on a 'Judge Of Merit' designation. The AMSC can develop a program to designate judges of merit with components such as going over the winners of the specialties. The AMSC can keep a list of judges who have participated in this program for information purposes for judges selection of local specialty clubs.

8. ELECTRONIC MEDIA: Hilde Haakenson, Wyoma Clouss No Report

9. ETHICS: Carole Weinberger, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson 1 complaint was received and it will be discussed in Executive Session. 10.

GUIDELINES: Susanne Short, Diane Gardner, Lynn Tamms Linda is working on putting the committee guidelines in rich text format. This will make them easier to use in any word processing program.

11. HEALTH: Vera Potiker; Patti Henderson; Paula Steele DVM; Kurt Garmaker; Sheila Marks; Lisa Sarvas DVM; Errolyn Martin.

ITEM 1: BILATERAL AND UNILATERAL CATARACT PRESENTATION – We would like to thank the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club for the support they have provided to the Health Committee which makes this presentation possible. We are planning future presentations on various topics of interest to our breed such as Basic Genetics, Bladder Stones and Urinary Issues, Metabolic Disorders etc.

ITEM 2: VETERINARY LITERATURE RESOURCE LIBRARY – The Health Committee has purchased 2 new DVM textbooks, *Ophthalmic Disease in Veterinary Medicine* (2010), Martin; *Veterinary Ophthalmology*, Fourth Edition, Vol 1 & Vol 2 (2007), Gelatt. We are investigating ways to make information from these volumes available to members. Please contact Patti Henderson.

ITEM 3: POLICIES & PROCEDURES: Health Committee Guidelines have been revised. The guidelines will be presented for approval at the next board meeting.

ITEM 4: RECOGNITION OF AMSC MEMBERS WITH CHIC ENROLLED DOGS
Currently, we have a total of 73 enrollees in the CHIC database

ITEM 5: SUPPORTED GRANT UPDATES

CHF GRANT 01354-A: Heritability Of Calcium Oxalate Urolithiasis In Miniature Schnauzers

To date, 75 dogs have been enrolled in the study on the heritability of calcium oxalate uroliths (urinary stones) in Miniature Schnauzers. About half of the dogs (41) currently enrolled have a history of calcium oxalate stones, and many of the dogs have been afflicted by recurrent stones. The other 34 dogs are stone-free Miniature Schnauzers at least 8 years of age. Through pedigree collection, we have identified several independently recruited siblings or half-siblings with stones. These relationships lend

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strong support for a genetic basis for this disorder in Miniature Schnauzers. Pedigree analysis to determine the most likely mode of inheritance will be performed as soon as data from 100 dogs is available. DNA extraction has been completed on all samples to date, and the DNA is being stored at the University of Minnesota Canine and Equine

Genetics Laboratory. This DNA is being reserved for usage in a future genome wide study to determine the genetic basis of calcium oxalate stones in Miniature Schnauzers.

One surprising finding of our study has been the high prevalence of bladder stones in older dogs with no history of stones or urinary symptoms. Of the Miniature Schnauzers who have been screened as controls for the study (all over 8 years old), 21% have been identified to have stones visible on abdominal radiographs (x-rays). This high prevalence suggests that calcium oxalate stones are a more common problem in Miniature Schnauzer dogs than previously suspected. NOTE: the researchers will be applying for a new grant for further study for this disease

Grant: 00963: Genotyping Small Breed Dogs with Portosystemic Vascular Anomalies and Microvascular Dysplasia

Collateral information from our Genome-wide SNP mapping study in Cairn Terriers, crossover analysis of MSS2 markers in Cairn Terriers (a separate study), and development of our Canine Fetal Liver Transcriptome (a separate study) have identified regions to interrogate, consistent with a complex trait- multiple gene hit hypothesis. We are using this additional information to provide additional SNPs in the fine mapping region and to prioritize candidate genes. With the fine mapping SNP data, supplementary SNP information in hand, our Fetal Liver Transcriptome database, and recognition of an emerging loci haplotype, we have identified important candidate genes near each locus associating with the PSVA/MVD trait.

Several strategies may assist further refinement of loci involved with the PSVA/MVD trait and identification of the mutations. Upon discovery of putative mutations, we will investigate their consistency within related affected and non-affected dogs in our pedigrees and in normal controls. According to our multiple gene hit hypothesis, we expect all affected dogs to have at least one copy of the mutation at loci of interest whereas unaffected dogs will lack one or more loci mutations

Grant: 00732: Identification of Mutations Responsible for Hereditary Neurodegenerative Disorders in Dogs

Both humans and dogs suffer from a large number of inherited disorders that lead to degenerative changes of the central nervous system. These diseases can cause such symptoms as visual impairment, loss of coordination, seizures, declines in cognitive function, paralysis, and ultimately death. Among these inherited neurodegenerative disorders are the neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses (NCLs) and degenerative myelopathy (DM). NCLs and DM have been reported in a large number of dog breeds. To date, mutations in at least 8 different genes have been found to cause NCL in children. Dogs have versions of most of the genes present in humans. With support from the Canine Health Foundation we have found the mutations in 5 genes that cause NCL in dogs: the CLN8 gene in English Setters, the CTSD gene in American Bulldogs, the CLN6 gene in Australian Shepherds, and the TPP1 and PPT1 genes in Dachshunds. We currently offer DNA tests for these mutations. Unfortunately, it appears that each NCL mutation is unique to a specific breed, and that in fact more than one NCL mutation can occur in the same breed. Therefore, research must be done to identify the NCL mutation for each breed in which it occurs. A primary focus of our current research is to identify the mutations that cause as many forms of canine NCL as possible and to offer these tests at as low a cost as possible. Although we have had a number of successes, our greatest frustration has been that we have not yet identified the mutation responsible for NCL in Tibetan Terriers. Tibetan Terriers suffer from a late-onset form of NCL in which the symptoms usually do not become apparent until the dog is more than 5 years old. We have identified a region of chromosome 2 on which the Tibetan Terrier NCL gene appears to be located. The location of this gene indicates that it is a gene that has not previously been associated with NCL in either dogs or humans. We hope to be able to continue our work on this breed until we are able to identify the disease-causing mutation. For these and other breeds, breed-specific descriptions of NCL symptoms in many breeds can be found at our website (http://www.caninegeneticdiseases.net/CL_site/mainCL.htm). If your dog exhibits a pattern of symptoms consistent with NCL, regardless of breed, we urge you to consult with your veterinarian and a neurology specialist if necessary. Our neurologists here who have experience with canine NCLs will provide consultations if requested. If other causes of the symptoms can be ruled out,

we ask that you contact us as instructed on our website. For English Setters, American Bulldogs, Dachshunds, and Australian Shepherds with the appropriate symptoms, we will ask for a blood sample on which we can perform the DNA test for NCL. For all other breeds, we will request a blood sample and health and pedigree information (all information on specific dogs is kept confidential). We will use this sample and information to look for the NCL mutation in your breed. Our goal is to give every breed the tools necessary to screen for and eliminate NCL and other inherited neurodegenerative diseases.

In addition to the NCLs, we have identified a mutation that causes a high neonatal loss of Standard Poodle puppies due to a "failure to thrive". We offer a DNA test for this mutation that can be performed on dogs prior to breeding. Use of this test should substantially reduce the loss of young puppies in this breed.

We recently identified a mutation that is a major risk factor for degenerative myelopathy (DM) in many dog breeds (including Boxers, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, German Shepherds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, and Chesapeake Bay Retrievers). A test is currently available for this mutation in cooperation with the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (www.caninegeneticdiseases.net/DNAtests/TESTSnow.htm). This test is not predictive for all breeds. We are currently conducting research to identify the breeds for which the test is most reliable in predicting DM. Meanwhile, if you have dog that appears to be suffering from DM and is going to be euthanized and you are willing to donate tissues, please contact us.

Please see the health section of www.amsc.us for additional information.

Grant 01272: Isolation and Characterization of Canine Induced Pluripotential Stem Cells (iPS)

Stem cells can make cell types as varied as neurons, heart cells, or bone cells. This ability to make multiple cells makes them valuable for clinical applications as they can replace damaged, or diseased cells. Broadly, there are two types of stem cells, those that can be isolated from embryos, or embryonic stem cells (ES), and those that can be obtained from adults. ES cells can make many cell types but cannot easily match the patient being treated as they can only be obtained from embryos. Adult stem cells can be matched to the patient, but they are not as good as ES cells as they can only make some cell types. Recently, in mice and humans, stem cells were isolated

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called induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS). These stem cells can be made from easily obtained skin or fat cells, yet they are as useful as ES cells. Their development is a critical step toward the successful clinical application of stem cells in dogs, so we proposed to develop canine iPS using fat or skin cells, and to study them for their ability to make multiple cell types in vitro. In the year we have been funded we have been able to isolate several dog iPS cell lines and have shown that one of the lines we isolated can make many cell types including neurons. Unfortunately that cell line was highly unstable. More recently, we have isolated four new canine iPS cell lines and have maintained them for over 3 months in culture. These new cell lines express the appropriate makers of stem cells and can differentiate into multiple tissues types in vitro and in vivo. We have also examined whether the cell lines have a normal karyotype (chromosomes) and found no evidence of abnormality. We are now in the process of examining the gene expression profiles of these four lines as well as determine how they respond to different culture conditions. In short, we have successfully developed canine iPS cell and have demonstrated that they can remain stable in vitro and still differentiate into several tissue types in vitro and in vivo. Presently, we are continuing to expand the cells to ensure that they remain stable under prolonged culture. Moreover, we are examining what effect different culture conditions have on the ability of the cIPS to differentiate into multiple tissue types.

ITEM 6 : 2011 AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health Committee has reviewed carefully the CHF Grant submissions for 2011 and would like to submit the following Grants for funding support from the AMSC Health Committee AKC/CHF Donor Assisted Fund. Cancers of all types are becoming more and more prevalent in the general canine populations and the miniature schnauzer population as well. Novel cancer research directed at the cellular level provides the most promising approach to achieving a cure or to exact treatment modalities with laser precision hold great promise for the future. The following research proposals offer this promise. The Health Committee makes a motion to the Board for support of these grants from AMSC Donor Assisted Funds which has a balance of \$127,933 as of 12/31/2010.

ACTION REQUIRED: Board Approval for \$6100 funding as defined below.

The Health Committee made a motion to fund \$6100 from the AKC CHF Donor Advised funds for the 3 following studies. The motion was seconded by Cindy Molieri and passed unanimously.

1422 Targeting iNOS in Canine Oral Melanoma

Primary Investigator: Dr. Julie A Ellerhorst, MD, PhD

Institution: University of Texas
Sponsorship: \$2,500

Project Abstract:

Canine oral melanoma (COM) is an aggressive cancer and there are no effective treatments for advanced disease. In human melanoma, the enzyme iNOS produces nitric oxide which helps the tumor grow and survive. There are now a number of drugs being developed to treat human melanoma by inhibiting iNOS expression. One of these is quercetin, a natural product from fruits and vegetables that is sold as a dietary supplement for people and dogs to prevent symptoms from allergies and arthritis. In the proposed research, we will first determine if COM produces iNOS. To accomplish this, we will examine tumor tissue from dogs with COM that has been removed by surgery. Furthermore, we will compare the survival of dogs whose tumors do and do not produce iNOS. If iNOS is important in COM, quercetin may be an effective therapy. The second part of this proposal is a study to confirm that quercetin is well-absorbed by dogs and lacking of serious side effects. We will also study two potential iNOS-associated blood markers for COM to see if they are reliable indicators of tumor burden. The results of these studies will provide us with the best dose of quercetin to use in future therapeutic trials for dogs with COM and possibly provide blood markers to assist in following the course of disease. These data will also provide rationale to offer dogs with COM other iNOS-targeted drugs as they become available.

1429 Mechanistic Relationship of IL-8 in Cell Proliferation and Survival

of Canine Hemangiosarcoma

Primary Investigator: Dr. Jaime F Modiano, VMD PhD

Institution: University of Minnesota
Sponsorship: \$1,100

Project Abstract:

New insights into the mechanisms that control tumor progression have provoked considerable interest in the interaction of cancer cells with their microenvironment. Specifically, a molecule called IL-8 that can support tumor growth and survival, also recruits inflammatory cells and promotes blood vessel formation in the local tumor environment, enhances resistance to therapy, and facilitates metastasis in various aggressive cancers. Hemangiosarcoma (HSA) is an incurable, highly metastatic cancer that occurs commonly in dogs. There is virtually nothing known about how tumor cells and the microenvironment interact with each other in HSA, and more specifically, a role for IL-8 has not been investigated. In a recent study funded by CHF grant 422, we showed upregulation of IL-8 was a consistent feature that distinguished HSA cells from non-malignant endothelial cells, suggesting IL-8 might play a significant role in this disease. For this project, we will characterize the direct effects of IL-8 on HSA cells, an essential first step in the process to establish if and how this pleotropic molecule modulates disease progression. Our results will begin to clarify the importance of IL-8 production by HSA cells, and provide the foundation for subsequent studies to define its role regulating interactions between HSA cells and their microenvironment.

1418: PET 2.0: Providing Engineered T-cells (PET): New Genetic and Immunotherapy Targeting Canines with Spontaneous B-cell Lymphoma

Primary Investigator: Dr. Heather M. Wilson, DVM

Institution: Texas A&M University
Sponsorship: \$2500

Project Abstract:

Lymphoma is the most common malignancy of dogs representing up to 25% of diagnosed cancers. Dogs often develop an aggressive form of lymphoma that is rarely curable, with most unfortunately succumbing to disease within 12 months of diagnosis despite best-available chemotherapies. We seek to develop a new treatment to re-train the dog's own immune system to attack the most common type of canine lymphoma, B-cell lymphoma. We plan to obtain a small number of circulating white blood cells, called T cells, from the blood of affected dogs and insert a gene that will cause the T cell to express a receptor which recognizes the tumor "fingerprint". After docking with the lymphoma, the T cell will be triggered to mount an immune response against the tumor cells with the

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specific fingerprint. This therapy could be used alone or in combination with chemotherapy. Our preliminary data demonstrate that we can indeed express a desired immunoreceptor in genetically modified T cells and we show that it is possible to harvest and grow T cells in the laboratory and return them safely to the dog. Furthermore, the infused cells can be found in the blood and tumor weeks after infusion, showing that it is possible for these cells to survive in the dog. These data support our plans to develop first-in-dog T-cell therapy targeting a tumor that is basically untreatable

ITEM 7: JRD UPDATE:

- JRD DNA TEST - the dogenes research paper has been published in plos one, an open source scientific journal. The link is included below

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0016684#s5>

The paper states an association of the wild type allele with jrd, however, a direct causal relationship between the rare allele and renal dysplasia has not been proven in miniature schnauzers. The health committee requested additional peer review from the Canine Health Foundation, University of Minnesota, MIT and a statistician review. The paper was also reviewed by geneticist Dr. Tosso Leeb from the genetics department of the University of Bern, Switzerland. The results have been mixed with the majority indicating the effect of the "mutant" allele may have on the development of jrd is unproven at this time. In addition, we contacted the OFA to inquire as to their criteria for including the JRD DNA test. Their comments are also included below. The committee does not recommend this test as a definitive test to identify the JRD genotype. We have included the reviews solicited by the committee as justification for our position below:

AKC/CHF REVIEW

..... talked with a couple of researchers whom I asked to look at the paper. While the data in the paper does support the hypothesis the COX2 may be involved, it does not prove it. Analysis of the paper alone resulted in the reviewers cautiously accepting the paper. More

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS 2011 GREAT WESTERN BOARD MEETING

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Stanley Foo has had Miniature Schnauzers for 11 years, Maltese for 11 years, Golden Retriever for 2 years and Chow Chow for 4 years. He is a breeder, having bred about 20 litters in the past 5 years. He attends about 30 dog events each year and is a member of the Singapore Kennel Club and is the Secretary of The Dog Groomers Association of Singapore. He has been going to dog shows since 1999 and is currently showing Miniature Schnauzers in Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines & Thailand. His occupation is a Groomer/Breeder/Handler.

Sponsors: Joan Huber
Ben Teoh

Franco, Victor & Erin

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The Francos have owned Miniature Schnauzers for 11 years. They do not breed their dogs. They are active in Conformation, Agility and Obedience attending approximately 35 dog events yearly. They are members of the Paul Revere Miniature Schnauzer Club. Occupation is a billing specialist and retired.

Sponsors: Geri Kelly
George Vacca

Fry, Shirley

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Shirley Fry has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 9 years. She is a breeder, having bred 11 litters from her bitches and 2 litters by her stud dog in the past 5 years. She has been active in Conformation for 8 years and breeding for 5 years. She attends shows approximately 36 weekends each year. She is not a member of any other dog club. Her occupation is as Supervisor of Computer Operations.

Sponsors: Beverly Verna
Kim Cox Griffin

Peterson, Michelle

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Michelle Peterson has owned Miniature Schnauzers since 1984. She states she is not a breeder but will be breeding her current bitch after she finishes. She is active in Conformation, Agility and Obedience attending 6-8 dog events yearly. She is a member of the Western WA Terrier Club. She is a student, working on her Masters Degree.

Sponsors: Wyoma Clouss
Patti Henderson

Scott, Teresa

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Teresa Scott has owned Miniature Schnauzers for several years. She does breed her dogs, having produced 3 litters in the past 5 years. She has been active in Conformation for 15 years, Obedience for 15 years, Rally for 4 years and breeding for 18 years. She attends approximately 24-30 dog events each year. She is a member of the Tulsa Dog Training Club. Her occupation is in Animal Emergency medicine.

Sponsors: Bryan Brown
Kim Cox Griffin

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Jane Caines has owned Miniature Schnauzers since about 1983. She does breed her dogs having produce 13 litters from her bitches and 7 litter for other breeder from her stud dogs in the past 5 years. She is active in Conformation and Obedience attending, 12 to 15 dog event weekends each year in Canada, and 3 to 5 weekends in the U.S. She is a member of the Canadian Kennel Club, Kennebecasis Obedience Club and New Brunswick Kennel Club. She is a Veterinarian, owning her own small animal hospital.

Sponsors: John Constantine
Thomas LaSalle

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questions were raised than answered and they would have liked to have more data supporting the conclusion such as:

- The allelic frequency of more than one breed (German Shepherds provided) which does not commonly have RD was presented and it was not described how the breed population was selected to report allelic frequency.
- There is no data as to how the changes upstream of COX2 would impact gene expression.
- There is no assessment of controls without RD
- There appears to be a wide range of onset for RD described in the paper. (< 6 months to ten years) The phenotype of the inclusion analysis is not clear.

Analysis of the genetic test based on this research resulted in mixed feedback. One reviewer would not recommend it. The other reviewer said the breeders should have the choice to obtain this test but should understand the meaning of the results and be aware, in the future, the test may be proven wrong or only be a smaller component impacting the disease.

The COX2 variations may be a risk factor for RD but it certainly does not tell the whole story and it is not yet known to what degree this risk factor may have especially because there are four different alleles reported with even greater combination

CHF Researcher

Just from reading the abstract and looking at the data I have a few concerns.

- 1) The data is supporting the hypothesis but it is not proving that Cox-2 gene is the cause of RD in dogs
- 2) The allelic variants upstream of the gene MAY impact gene expression but they have not measured expression levels
- 3) They do not show how many normal dogs have the variants. Based on the data, most Miniature Schnauzers are homozygous for allele 1 but 90% of MS do not have RD. The Cox-2 variants could be a risk factor but to what degree and there may be larger risk factor not yet identified.

Dr. Tosso Leeb

Professor, Department of Genetics
University of Bern Switzerland

MIT concurs with Dr Leeb's Review

Whiteley et al. have studied the COX2 gene as a candidate gene for renal dysplasia (RD) in dogs. Based on the observation that Cox2 knock out mice have renal phenotypes, they sequenced the COX2 gene in one RD affected Miniature Schnauzer and one Poodle with a high percentage of fetal glomeruli. The authors did not find any differences in the COX2 coding sequence between these dogs and the boxer genome reference sequence. However, they identified several non-coding variants shortly upstream of the ATG start codon. These polymorphisms were genotyped in many dogs from different breeds and the authors postulate that variants in the COX2 gene cause RD by changing the expression level of the COX2 gene.

I find several confusing or scientifically questionable points in this manuscript:

- (1) The phenotype "renal dysplasia (RD)" in the studied dogs is not clearly defined. What are the criteria for affected and control dogs?
- (2) The postulated association of COX2 polymorphisms to RD is not documented. It is not sufficient to show that affected dogs have frequently the variant alleles 1-4. To demonstrate an association, affected dogs of one breed must have a significantly higher frequency of these alleles than controls of the same breed. However, in the manuscript there is nowhere a direct comparison of allele frequencies between cases and controls within one breed.
- (3) The authors claim that such a difference exists in their Lhasa apso family, but they don't state the exact allele frequencies in cases and controls. The authors do not explicitly state that alleles 1-3 are disease associated, but this is implied by the text. The authors claim a dominant mode of action. From figure S2 it becomes clear that even animals with the homozygous mutant genotypes 2/2 or 3/3 can be normal. The mutant allele 1 does not occur in this family at all.
- (4) It has not been demonstrated that the observed nucleotide variations lead to any changes in COX2 expression in the kidney and it is unknown what the in vivo consequences of such an expression change would be in dogs.

Therefore, in my opinion, the presented data do not justify the conclusions of this manuscript. The first author of this manuscript is an employee and co-owner of a company that offers genetic testing for dog breeders

based on the data described in this manuscript. I cannot recommend the application of this test for breeding decisions.

DVM Internal Medicine Resident
University of Minnesota

The study is mostly descriptive, stating that allele variants were identified in the COX2 gene of several canine breeds known to get renal dysplasia. They only evaluated the actual association between the allele variants and disease in a few breeds, and Miniature Schnauzers was not one of them.

When you specifically look at the data for Miniature Schnauzers, they show that the mutant allele frequency is 90%. If the mutation was autosomal recessive and fully penetrant, this would mean that 81% of Miniature Schnauzers would be suffering from renal dysplasia (even more would be diseased if the mutation was dominant). Clearly, we do not see this many Schnauzers with renal dysplasia! In fact, it seems to be a rare problem in this breed. I have 125 Miniature Schnauzers in my study so far. Only two had kidney disease, and both developed it late in life (at 12-14 years of age); thus it is unlikely that they had renal dysplasia. Therefore, I suspect that the specific variant allele that they found in Schnauzers has minimal significance and impact on the development of renal dysplasia in this breed.

That said, the authors did a nice analysis of disease in Lhasa Apsos and genotype for a different variant allele (NOT the same one found in Schnauzers). They found a significant association for this particular mutation in this particular breed. Even though an association was found, the authors explained that it was not a direct causal relationship. The variant alleles increase the risk for disease, but other genetic or environmental factors likely play a substantial role in whether or not disease develops.

Statistician Review

The purpose of a gene test of the type discussed in the paper is to help predict the outcomes from a potential breeding. Unfortunately, the proposed test has not been demonstrated to have any useful predictive power for such outcomes. Given the genetic model of the phenomenon proposed by the authors of autosomal dominance with incomplete penetration, the breeding of two dogs where either contributes at least one mutant allele has

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the possibility of producing offspring with either normal or abnormal kidneys. Only when both parents are homozygous for the WT allele will the prediction be unambiguous – all resulting offspring should have normal kidneys. So verification of the proposed genetic model of RD requires multiple observations on such breedings.

There are none in the population that was subjected to pedigree analysis. In fact, there was only one dog in the population that was homozygous for the WT allele. Thus there is insufficient evidence in the pedigree analysis that the proposed test is useful predictively.

A statistical measure of predictive power in a relationship of this sort between the genotype and phenotype is given by the correlation coefficient. I assign a 1 for the genotype when the dog carries a mutant allele (homozygous or heterozygous) and a 0 when the dog is homozygous for WT. I assign a 1 to the phenotype when an abnormal kidney occurs and 0 if normal. The correlation coefficient between the two is 0.2712, which is not significantly different from zero ($t = 2.6$, $p = 0.11$). This result confirms the discussion in the previous paragraph and differs dramatically from the correlation results reported in the paper, which argue the correlation is highly significant.

The treatment of the homozygous mutant and heterozygous mutant states equivalently in the previous paragraph is justified by the fact that there is little difference in the frequency rate of abnormal kidneys in the two states (0.7 for homozygous and 0.786 for heterozygous). A formal test for a difference in frequency for the two states does not reject the null hypothesis that they are the same ($t = 2$, $p = 0.3017$, $p = 0.59$). The doubling up of the mutant allele in the homozygous state does not seem to increase the probability of an abnormal kidney relative to the heterozygous state. This result agrees with a similar finding in the paper, although the specific values differ.

There are alternative genetic models that would explain the outcomes from the pedigree analysis. For example, suppose RD results from an autosomal recessive with incomplete penetrance at some other location on the same chromosome. Such a model could possibly produce all the outcomes in the population examined. The one clear prediction of such a model is that a breeding where both parents have abnormal kidneys will yield all offspring with abnormal kidneys. This prediction is born out by the analysis in both such cases. And breeding two normal kidney dogs can produce abnormal kidneys if they both carry

the abnormal recessive. This model would be rejected by the same evidence that would support the autosomal dominant model: breeding between two normal kidney parents always resulting in normal kidney offspring.

If one accepts that the mutant allele occurs with the same 84% frequency in the general Lhasa breeding population as in those submitted for testing, and one assumes we are breeding between individuals in this population randomly, then only 2.6% of the population will be homozygous for the WT allele. They will be very rare indeed. This means that a very large sample will have to be examined before we find a sufficient number of breedings of the sort needed to verify the theory.

It should be pointed out that the pedigree analysis, which is the centerpiece of the article, only applies to the Lhasa Apso breed. In fact, the genetic testing that has been conducted to date on the Miniature Schnauzer reveals a different mutation (Allele1) than the Lhasas (Allele2 and Allele3). And there is no compelling evidence given that the pedigree analysis for Lhasas applies to Schnauzers. This mutation may work in a very different way than the others. There is one example given of a Miniature Schnauzer that is homozygous for Allele 1 and has abnormal kidneys. Some results for a sample of German Shepherds is presented, which also seems to only include the Allele1 mutation, but the numbers and information presented are very limited.

Even if one accepts that the genetic model is correct and the test works as advertised for Miniature Schnauzers, it is at best of limited use and at worst presents a real danger to the breed. In particular, if one accepts the percentages found in the genetic tests, only 1% of the population could be expected to be homozygous for the WT allele and 8% heterozygous. To the extent that breeders exhibit preference for stock that are at least carriers of the WT allele, we will be severely curtailing the genetic diversity of an already genetically limited breed. In eliminating this problem through the use of genetic testing, we could concentrate the occurrence of as yet not understood genetic problems. And these could be problems that are already more serious to the breed than RD, which by every account does not present a serious threat to the survival of the breed.

There are a number of possible explanations for a dominant gene having incomplete penetration. Among these are environmental factors and the possibility that one or more other genes may be interacting with the gene in question. Until we have a more complete understanding

of this phenomenon, and prove that it explains the relatively rare occurrence of RD in our breed, the test will be of limited value. And it will have to be accompanied by a test of some sort that covers what is now viewed as incomplete

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Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

Acceptance for registration of DNA based test results does not imply an inherent recommendation for testing.

I'm assuming you're referring to the renal dysplasia test. We struggled with this one, but the test has finally been published in a credible peer-reviewed scientific publication, and we had some outside review and feedback as well. It is up to owners if they want to utilize the testing. If they do test and wish to register the results, we will list those test results.

- **PRESERVATION OF THE "RARE" ALLELE-** The committee does believe identification of dogs possessing the rare allele in the population remains an important undertaking and preservation of this allele is important until its exact purpose and effect is understood. The committee recommends close clinical follow-up of the dogs who possess this allele and mindful use in breeding programs until a more complete understanding of the allele's effect is understood. Moreover, members opting to use the test are strongly encouraged to consider potential impact on the gene pool by bottle-necking the few dogs currently identified as having the rare allele until more is known. We do not recommend a significant change in the frequency of the rare allele in the population due to the lack of knowledge regarding its effect – good or bad. The health committee plans to follow this closely and will assist whenever requested.

MIT JRD RESEARCH PROPOSAL - CONTINUING

JRD PREVALENCE STUDY IN MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS – A FEW MORE SAMPLES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BUT NOTHING NEW TO REPORT AT THIS TIME. A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION FORM AND CONTACT INFORMATION IS ATTACHED AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES

ITEM 8: OTHER UPDATES

- Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club
- Once again the PMSC has generously donated \$700 to the Health continued on p.14, col. 1...**MINUTES**

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Committee. On behalf of the AMSC Health Comm, we would like to publicly acknowledge their generosity and thank them for their continued support and encouragement.

- Mycobacterium Avium Report
Carole Weinberger (Bandsman) reported to the Board that new cases of Mycobacterium avium have been diagnosed in Miniature Schnauzers in the US. Recently, two (2) confirmed offspring have been identified from 2 different bitches bred to Am CH Bandsman's Time Square. There are 3-5 other cases, at least one of which has been confirmed, in Europe- lineage for these cases is unknown at this time. Dr. Urs Giger, Director of Metabolic Genetics Screening Laboratory and the Josephine Deubler Genetic Disease Testing Laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania is currently conducting research on *Mycobacterium avium* and will be submitting a new grant request through the AKC Canine Health Foundation to continue this work in earnest. It is felt that the mode of inheritance is autosomal recessive and the dissemination of this defect among miniature schnauzers and other breeds, such as Bassett Hounds, is much wider than initially thought. Dr Giger feels that he has identified a candidate gene which he believes is strongly implicated. With the advent of new technologies, we are encouraged that our chances for focused research to identify the causative gene and hopefully a DNA test are higher than ever before.

Dr. Giger has been in contact with the Health Committee and we are providing assistance with historical and updated genetic pedigree information. Errolyn Martin will serve as the AMSC Health Committee's Liaison to Dr. Giger and Carole will be actively collaborating with the Health Committee. The AMSC Health Committee has pledged its full support to any effort devoted to developing a DNA test. It is imperative that diagnosed dogs have DNA material sent to Dr, Giger to assist in research and development of a DNA test. We also encourage disclosure to the Health Committee to allow us to provide assistance to Dr Giger but it is paramount at this juncture is to get DNA of suspected affected dogs to Dr. Giger.

For your information, the most common clinical manifestations of this disease are Lymphadenopathy (enlarged lymph nodes) and anorexia. However, other manifestations reported include intermittent lameness, fever, and vomiting. In addition, the veterinary literature and case reports describe other possible signs such as skin lesions or involvement of internal lymph nodes, kidney or liver. *Mycobacterium avium* will ultimately become systemic. Furthermore, ANY Miniature Schnauzer who is suspected of having lymphoma, histiocytosis, Lyme's Disease or any general inflammatory response involving lymph node enlargement should be investigated thoroughly to rule out possible *Mycobacterium avium* infection. Breeders are urged to share this information with their veterinarian so the proper diagnoses can be made. Due to the possibility of zoonosis (can be transmitted to humans), expedient diagnoses is recommended using the PCR test, however, cultures can be performed but usually take much longer to get results.

If your dog is diagnosed with *Mycobacterium avium*, you should immediately contact your own physician to discuss your own immune status and your risk for exposure. To date there are NO reports of affected miniature schnauzers transmitting this disease to the owner, however, it does have the potential to be transmitted to humans especially those who are immune compromised.

The members of the Health Committee applaud the courage and the integrity displayed by this very public disclosure made by Carole Weinberger, Bandsman Miniature Schnauzers. We implore every member to be actively involved in supporting this effort – it is our chance to make a difference.

- 12. **HISTORIAN: Richard Isley** No Report
- 13. **JUDGES SELECTION: Eunice Revsbech** No Report
- 14. **LEGISLATIVE LIASON: Kennalea Pratt** No Report

15. **LOCAL CLUB NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITES: Cindy Molieri, Ron Azzani, Kelly Radcliff** The committee wants to remind the local clubs to send their newsletters to the committee.

16. **MEMBER RETENTION/EXPANSION AND LOCAL CLUB DIPLOMAT: Brooke Walker, Karen Brittan, Marilyn Cooper** No Report

17. **MEMBERSHIP/INSIGNIA: Mary Ann Shandor** No Report

18. **POLICY: Jinx Gunville** No Report

19. **PUBLIC AWARENESS: June Shanklin** No Report

20. **PUBLICATIONS and Literature: Patricia O'Brien Inventory**

Grooming charts	202
Illustrated Standards (23 used, 49 destroyed by natural causes. Currently being reprinted.)	0
CD	14
So you want to show your Miniature Schnauzer	3
So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy	19

Income

Grooming charts	\$ 187
Illustrated Standards	\$ 33
CD	\$ 60
Total income	\$ 280

Expenses

Postage	\$ 38.35
Grooming Charts 14@ \$ 2 ea	\$ 28
Illustrated Standards 3@ \$2.40	\$ 7.20

Judges Education:

Illustrated Standards 20@ \$2.40	\$ 48
Postage (CD & Stds.)	\$33.46
Total expenses	\$ 155.01

Profit **\$124.99**

21. **PUBLICITY: Carma Ewer**

Carma is always looking for articles to be published in the Gazette.

22. **RESCUE: Kelly Radcliffe**
No Report

23. **ROVING SPECIALTY: Tom LaSalle** Letters soliciting applications for the next roving (2014) will be sent out soon.

24. **TROPHIES: Terrie Houck, Cathy Pendelton** The trophies for the specialty arrived safely.

25. **WAYS AND MEANS: Carole Weinberger, Vicki Kubic, Gloria Lewis, Catherine DiFranco, Flo Bessmer**

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Carole is making a cross-stitch Schnauzer head to be raffled at Montgomery County. Catherine is working on getting reimbursed for stock with misspelling. The committee is working on new items to sell including license plates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1) Don Farley reports that the recommendation to the AKC to have all stud dog owners be required to sign Litter Registration forms is being discussed with the head of registration. If approved, it will then be brought forward to the delegate body for a vote.

2) Report on research of who has been a continuous member for 50+ years, appropriate number of gold plated pins, and cost.

Susi Atherton has been doing research on the AMSC members who have belonged for 50+ years. She recommends that the award recipients be invited to the Annual Meeting as a guest of the AMSC in honor of their dedication to the miniature schnauzer breed and loyalty to the AMSC. At the prior Bd. meeting we agreed to take the sterling pins and have the gold plated for the presentation. A motion was made by Bev Verna, seconded by Carma Ewer, to invite the award recipients to the Annual Dinner. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Carma Ewer moved to accept the following applicants as new members, Oscar Enrique Calvo, Deborah Effland, Loretta Gould, Francine Kolcz, Patricia Mieszala, Sonny Wang, Susan Zeman, Gregory Zeman, Enrique Jorge Filippini. Seconded by Brooke Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Proposed changes to the Standard to add a new disqualification for colors and clarification on docked tails—Clouss

Color

The recognized **Allowed colors:** are salt and pepper, black and silver and solid black. All colors have uniform skin pigmentation, i.e. no white or pink skin patches shall appear anywhere on the dog.

Salt and Pepper - The typical salt and pepper color of the topcoat results from the combination of black and white banded hairs and solid black and white unbanded hairs, with the banded hairs predominating. Acceptable are all shades of salt and pepper, from light to dark mixtures with tan shadings permissible in the banded or

unbanded hair of the topcoat. In salt and pepper dogs, the salt and pepper mixture fades out to light gray or silver white in the eyebrows, whiskers, cheeks, under throat, inside ears, across chest, under tail, leg furnishings, and inside hind legs. It may or may not also fade out on the underbody. However, if so, the lighter underbody hair is not to rise higher on the sides of the body than the front elbows.

Black and Silver - The black and silver generally follows the same pattern as the salt and pepper. The entire salt and pepper section must be black. The black color in the topcoat of the black and silver is a true rich color with black undercoat. The stripped portion is free from any fading or brown tinge and the underbody should be dark.

Black - Black is the only solid color allowed. Ideally, the black color in the topcoat is a true rich glossy solid color with the undercoat being less intense, a soft matting shade of black. This is natural and should not be penalized in any way. The stripped portion is free from any fading or brown tinge. The scissored and clipped areas have lighter shades of black. A small white spot on the chest is permitted, as is an occasional single white hair elsewhere on the body.

Disqualifications - Color solid white Dogs not of an allowed color or white striping, patching, or spotting on the colored areas of the dog, except for the small white spot permitted on the chest of the black. *The body coat color in salt and pepper and black and silver dogs fades out to light gray or silver white under the throat and across the chest. Between them there exists a natural body coat color. Any irregular or connecting blaze or white mark in this section is considered a white patch on the body, which is also a disqualification.*

Don Farley seconded the Committee's motion to change the Standard to the above wording. The motion passed unanimously.

Tail

The tail section to consider verbiage that would severely fault an undocked tail a la' the Boxer Standard. Currently it reads: **Tail - Set high and carried erect. It is docked only long enough to be clearly visible over the backline of the body when the dog is in proper length of coat. Fault: Tail set too low.**

After discussion, a motion was made by Don Farley, seconded by Stella Van Clever, to change the standard to add the wording – An Undocked tail should be considered a

serious fault. The motion passed 13-0 with 1 abstention.

Carole Weinberger made a motion to publish a letter in the AKC judges newsletters in reference to the club's stance on undocked tails. The motion was seconded by Wyoma Clouss and passed unanimously.

Carma Ewer made a motion, seconded by Brooke Walker, to set a board policy to send a letter to exhibitors who show an undocked dog in AKC conformation events and to the judges who award points to an undocked dog. Wyoma Clouss is tasked with composing the letter. The motion passed unanimously.

2) Approval to reprint our Illustrated Standard - Constantine
Carma Ewer made a motion to print 100 copies of the Illustrated Standard. The motion was seconded by Sonny Lelle and passed unanimously.

3) NAIA Conference 11/12 – 13, 2011 in Harrisburg, PA - approval to send representative and set budget – Constantine
Sonny Lelle made a motion to send a representative to the NAIA conference with an expense budget of \$700. The motion was seconded by Carma Ewer and passed unanimously.

4) AKC/CHF Canine Health Conference 8/12 – 13, 2011 in St. Louis, MO - approval to representative and set budget – Constantine

Terrie Houck made a motion to send Dr. Paula Steele as the AMSC representative to the AKC CHF Health Conference with an expense budget of \$750. The motion was seconded by Brooke Walker and passed unanimously.

5) Approval to hold "Top Twenty" Competition at the 2013 Roving – Ewer
Carma Ewer made a presentation with suggestions on running a Top Twenty competition at the 2013 Roving Specialty. Brooke Walker made a motion, seconded by Stella Van Cleve, that Carma and Brooke will develop a score card and criterion for the competition. The motion passed unanimously

6) Approval to hold a Futurity at the 2013 Roving – Santure
Carma Ewer made a motion, seconded by Sonny Lelle, to hold a Futurity at the 2013

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Roving Specialty. Beth Santure will head a committee to develop the criterion. The motion passed unanimously.

7) Possibility of dividing the 12 -18 Month class into 12 -15 Month & 15 – 18 Month classes at MCKC only. MCKC is requesting this and needs agreement form all clubs. It means we would need to have 8 additional trophies. – Gordon
No motion made.

8) Do we want to offer trophies/prizes for Jr. Showmanship entrants to encourage jrs to compete. MCKC offers a nice prize for best jr. – Gordon
Carma Ewer made a motion to offer a prize for the Best Junior Handler showing a Miniature Schnauzer at the MCKC show. The motion was seconded by Brooke Walker and passed unanimously.

9) Nominations for AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards (Conformation, Companion Events, and Performance) – Constantine
Carma Ewer made a motion, seconded by Terrie Houck, to nominate Sonny Lelle for Companion Events. This motion passed with 1 abstention.
Brooke Walker made a motion, seconded by Cindy Molieri, to nominate Penny Hirstein for Conformation Events. The motion passed unanimously.
Carma Ewer made a motion, seconded by Cindy Molieri, to nominate Jaylynn Davis for Performance Events. The motion passed unanimously.

10) Setting dates/times/format(i.e. live, conf call) for 2011 summer and fall Board Meetings – Constantine
Carma Ewer made a motion to hold a teleconference meeting in lieu of the Board meeting at MCKC. The meeting will be September 28th at 9 pm EST. The motion was seconded by Terrie Houck and passed unanimously.

11)Appointment of Nominating Committee – Constantine

The Nominating Committee voted on by the Board will be:
Carma Ewer – Chair
Vicki Kubic, Errolyn Martin, Wyoma Clouss, Jan Taylor
Alternates: Luana Nedich,Joanne Forester

ADJOURNMENT:

Sonny Lelle made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 AM. Seconded by Brooke Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Amy Gordon,
AMSC Secretary



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Sweepstakes: Marilyn Cooper
Obedience: Virginia Kinion
- Cincinnati MSC May 26, 2011
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Sweepstakes: Arlene Smith
- Centennial State MSC June 3, 2011.
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Sweeps: Penny Duffee
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Regular Classes: Clay Coady
Sweepstakes: Margaret Doty
- MSC of Southern California June 25, 2011
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Regular Classes : Sally Baugneit

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- GWTA June 26, 2011
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