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Dr. Dodds' Take on and General Recommendations for Heartworm Preventives (Preventatives)

A normal functioning immune system is an essential component to promote the health and longevity of companion animals. The immune system is a delicately balanced and integrated functional network of circulating and cellular components that protect the individual against acute and chronic disease. Stress has a major influence on this function and can be physiological, physical and emotional. Immune function tends to be more active in the young, stable in mid-life and then wanes gradually in old age.

In the last few decades, veterinarians and animal fanciers have recognized that immunologic diseases have significantly increased in the dog population. At the same time, the ongoing linebreeding and inbreeding practices of dog fanciers tend to promote the genetic susceptibility to disease. More than 40 diseases are known to have an autoimmune basis (i.e. where the body reacts against itself producing antibodies that destroy various tissues), and susceptibility to almost all of them is influenced strongly by a specific small group of genes in people and animals.

The recent dramatic increase in immunological diseases has been attributed to the effects of environmental influences on these genetically susceptible individuals. An increasing number of breeds are at relatively high risk for these problems. The genetic influences are compounded by the fact that immunological recognition and reactivity is continually challenged throughout life by an array of environmental agents that serve to promote failure of the body's self-tolerance. This produces or triggers a variety of autoimmune diseases affecting the thyroid, blood, eyes, skin, muscles, joints and specific organs. Environmental agents known to be involved include the effects of drugs, toxins, chemicals, viruses and other infectious agents, vaccines, hormonal and nutritional influences, and stress. Perhaps our biggest challenge in preventing and controlling these serious

and increasing problems is to identify and remove/reduce the environmental factors involved.

Some individual animals affected with autoimmune diseases and their immediate relatives have been shown to react adversely to commercial, monthly heartworm preventives. When an individual's immune system is compromised, any regular exposure to particular kinds of drugs, chemicals or



toxins can produce significant adverse effects, whereas these exposures are well-tolerated by animals with healthy immune systems that do not carry the genetic susceptibility to these disorders. It is important to emphasize that the licensed drug or chemical is safe unless used in a genetically or physiologically susceptible companion animal. These adverse reactions usually occur within the first 10-14 days after the monthly product has been administered and typically begin after an animal has had 2-5 doses.

Occasionally, animals that have been taking monthly preventives for a relatively long time will develop subsequent product intolerance. This usually indicates that some underlying disease process has emerged to explain the problem. Based on cumulative data, it is my recommendation that dogs affected with autoimmune diseases and their immediate relatives receive only plain daily heartworm preventive (Dimmitrol = diethylcarbazine). If heartworm disease is not prevalent where Continued on p. 2, col. 2 ... DODDS

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the animals live, routine use of heartworm preventives is not recommended. This is especially important for dogs suffering from chronic diseases of the skin, hair and coat, or those with bone marrow, thyroid or liver disease.

General Recommendations

Foremost, I recommend administering heartworm preventive every 45 days instead of every 30 days, but only if this interval is strictly adhered to. If it's difficult to keep track with a reminder calendar, then your dog may need to stay on the medication every month.

Spinosads are found in Trifexis, a monthly heartworm/flea preventive, as well as Comfortis for flea prevention. While I believe these are effective for flea prevention and killing, spinosads are contraindicated in epileptic or seizure prone dogs and should not be given to these dogs. Unfortunately, this is generally unknown and should be shared with your veterinarian, friends and family.

Overall, the temperature needs to be above 57 degrees for approximately two weeks and mosquitoes are prevalent. Please use the temperature as your primary guide; however these are general recommendations based on state:

Year Round Heartworm Preventive
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Mississippi, Louisiana

Borderline
Arizona, Arkansas, California, Kentucky, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas

May - October Heartworm Preventive
Canada, Alaska, Connecticut, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

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or

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Beautiful Trophies Help Acknowledge the Best of Our Breed

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **CH Lion'L Pine Gem Pullman Car, OAP, OJP/CH** Regency's Full Circle to Marki, finished her OAP title in Scottsdale, AZ on March 3, at the AMSC specialty with a 2nd place. She also received 1st place in Excellent Agility Jumpers. "Jewel" was bred by Pat & Kim Jacobs of Tucson, AZ and is owned and handled by Becky Raines of Edmond, OK.

* **MACH5 Southcross Fascinatin Rhythm UDX3 OM3 RE XF MXC2 MJC2 MXP3 MJP3 PAX** (Ch Southcross Blockbuster x Ch MACH2 Southcross The Strong Survive) earned her third Obedience Master (OM3) title on March 14, 2014 at the Mound City obedience trial in St. Louis. She also earned her Preferred Agility Excellent (PAX) on Nov. 29, 2013, her third Master Excellent Jumper Preferred (MJP3) on Nov. 30, 2014 and her third Master Agility Excellent Preferred (MXP3) on Jan. 19, 2013. At 11.5 years old, Tempo is still going strong! She was bred by Sonny Lelle, is owned and loved by Clay and Nancy Lincoln and trained by Nancy.

8 Out of 10 Pet Owners Didn't Recognize These Signs of Illness - Will You?

Many veterinarians rely entirely on the owners of senior pets to report signs of age-related illness. (I'm not one of them, because my approach is proactive rather than reactive, and my focus is on preventing illness — not waiting until it occurs.) Unfortunately, many pet parents don't recognize the signs, or consider changes in their dog's or cat's health normal if the symptoms seem related to the animal's advancing age.

In fact, in a study published recently in the *Journal of Small Animal Practice*¹, it was revealed that the vast majority (80 percent) of owners of dogs older than nine years of age were not aware of at least one significant health problem with their pet.

Study Suggests Most Older Dogs Have Unaddressed Health Problems

The study involved veterinary consultations with the owners of 45 senior dogs. The vet sessions consisted of taking a history of the dog's health and lifestyle, a full physical examination, and urinalysis.

The history taking was standardized so that the owners were asked the same questions about changes they had noticed as their pet aged. A prompted history taking was also completed using open questions, followed by appropriate closed questions. The physical exam evaluated all organ systems, and the urinalysis included a dipstick urine test and specific gravity.

The 45 dogs in the study were discovered to have an average of about eight health issues each, including ear infections, respiratory distress, arthritis, abdominal masses, heart murmurs or arrhythmias, and lung cancer. According to study authors, the dogs' owners frequently did not recognize or report serious signs of disease, however, they did report symptoms like increased sleeping, hearing or vision loss, stiffness or lameness, "slowing down," increased cloudiness of the lens of the eye, increased thirst and urination, pain, signs of osteoarthritis, and dental disease.

As a result of the screenings, 29 further diagnostic procedures were ordered including 10 dental procedures, seven medical treatments, two surgeries, and sadly, the euthanasia of two dogs.

How to Conquer Your Fear of Vet Exams for Your Aging Pet

I think it's normal for owners of beloved older pets to grow more fearful of vet appointments as their dog, cat, or other animal companion ages. The more years

on the pet, the more likely a serious health problem will be diagnosed during a veterinary exam. But I think this view is much more prevalent in clients of traditional vet practices, because the conventional veterinary community is trained to wait for full-blown illness before intervening in an animal's health.

In my proactive wellness-oriented practice and others like it, long-term clients are less fearful when they bring their elderly companions in for checkups because we (the pet parent and I) have worked as a team throughout the animal's life to address potential health issues as soon as they arise.

My most vibrant, longest-lived patients are those whose owners not only provide a healthy lifestyle for their pets, but also bring them to my clinic for regular wellness exams — especially as they get up in years or if we are managing current medical issues. The frequency and regularity of their visits allows us to get to work on a developing disorder early in its progression, when there is the best chance for an excellent outcome.

We also review the animal's nutritional, supplement and medication protocols at each visit and make adjustments as necessary. This allows us to, for example, know when the time is right to begin specific supplementation to prevent or slow the progress of age-related changes like loss of vision, osteoarthritis, and mental decline.

No matter your companion animal's age, I strongly encourage you to find a wellness-oriented holistic or integrative veterinarian in your area (or at least within driving distance) — a DVM who practices a proactive approach to caring for your pet's health. The two of you, as a team, can then set about taking steps to keep your furry friend healthy, rather than simply waiting in fear for a dreadful diagnosis.

Tips for Helping Your Pet Age Well

No matter your pet's age, certainly the foundation for good health and vitality is a nutritionally balanced, species-appropriate diet. The food your dog eats either builds up or tears down his health. His body needs an ideal energy source to promote the processes of metabolism, growth and healing. That perfect fuel is a healthy variety of fresh, living food suitable for your carnivorous canine. And pets' nutritional needs

change as they age.

To help with failing eyesight:

- Bilberries are a rich source of flavonoids with antioxidant properties. When taken in capsule form combined with Vitamin E, they protect the eye tissue of humans and halt lens clouding in 97 percent of people with early-stage cataracts. This herb is safe for dogs, so it's certainly something that might help and won't harm your pet.
- Leave a radio, television or other background noise on when your pet will be home alone. This will give her a reference point, and should also help mute noises that may startle her.
- Avoid moving furniture around, keep household 'travel lanes' clear, and minimize clutter. The easier it is for your pet to navigate through the house, the less likely it is she'll become disoriented or injure herself. Cover up slippery floors so your pet will feel secure walking on them.
- Use natural scents like aromatherapy products (I use lavender oil) to 'mark' special spots in the house, for example your pet's water dish.
- Don't move your pet's feeding station around, and if your companion is a cat, don't move the litter box from place to place. A familiar environment and daily routine are especially important to elderly pets with diminished faculties.

For arthritic pets:

- Maintaining your dog at a healthy weight and insuring he's physically active throughout his life will help control arthritis and degenerative joint disease in his later years.
- Cover slick floors (most tile, linoleum, hard wood) with non-skid rugs or runners to prevent dogs from slipping.
- Chiropractic adjustments, massage, stretching, aquatic therapy, laser therapy and acupuncture are therapies that can make a world of difference in the mobility of your pet as he ages. Talk with your holistic/integrative vet about supplements you can add to your dog's diet to help maintain healthy tendons, ligaments, joints and cartilage. Some of these might include:
 - Glucosamine sulfate with MSM and eggshell membrane
 - Omega-3 fats (krill oil)
 - Ubiquinol
 - Supergreen foods like spirulina and astaxanthin
 - Natural anti-inflammatory formulas

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STAND FOR EXAM by Lynn Tamms

As the new chairperson of the Companion Events committee, I'm planning to revive the STAND FOR EXAM column. I'm inviting all members to contribute column ideas or full length columns to me for consideration. You can email me your ideas or columns. My email address is tamms@athenet.net.

I thought I'd kick things off with a discussion of the latest classes offered in AKC obedience. Some time ago the AKC launched a group of classes they call "Optional Titling Classes". In addition to "regular" Novice, Open and Utility classes, exhibitors can now enter Beginner Novice, Pre-Novice, Graduate Novice, Pre-Open, Graduate Open and Pre-Utility. The pre-classes are much like the regular classes with a few minor exceptions....no group sit or down in Pre-Novice, (although there is a sit or down stay while the exhibitor walks around the ring), no groups at all in Pre-Open and the dog is only required to jump half its height instead of its full height and in Pre-Utility the jump height is also half the dog's height, one verbal command can be given during the signal exercise and only 8 scent articles are used instead of 10.

The Beginner Novice and Graduate classes were instituted a few years ago and the Pre-classes started about a year ago. The Beginner Novice and the Graduate classes have some variations on the regular classes to which they refer. These classes can be entered at any time in the dog's title progression and the exhibitor does not need to start at the "beginning". They are not progressive. They are really nice "warm ups" for the regular classes. The Beginner Novice class is really catching on as people are

using it to get their dogs accustomed to the ring. Another factor that appeals to some exhibitors is that there is no time limit to how long you can show in these classes after you achieve the title. You earn official AKC titles when you qualify three times.

The Versatility Class is another of the Optional Titling Classes. It requires the dog to perform 2 exercises from each of the regular classes (Novice, Open and Utility). There are twelve variations which can be determined by the judge. My experience has been that exhibitors use this class to keep their older dogs tuned up and to give their younger dogs some variety.

Clubs can decide which of these Optional Titling classes they want to offer but are not required to offer any of them. The next time you enter an obedience trial, check out what Optional Titling Classes are being offered. I think you might like them. The rules are available online at the AKC website.



Hmmm...guess I got my third leg!

Your Dog as Life Coach: Helping Your Child Make a Positive Difference in the World

A new animal-assisted literacy program called "How Your Dog Can Help Your Child Read, Lead, and Succeed," developed by Dr. Lori Friesen, is realizing remarkable success, even though it's still in its infancy.

The seeds of the program were planted when Friesen, who once taught elementary school, realized that her second grade students had a natural rapport with her Maltipoo, Tango.

"How Your Dog Can Help Your Child Read, Lead, and Succeed" differs from other animal-assisted reading programs in that children are required to read to their own dog five days a week at home. A new skill is practiced each week, and the program features plenty of fun activities to keep the kids motivated to do more and work harder toward their goals.

Friesen's program teaches 21 core skills and principles – 7 in reading, 7 in leadership, and 7 "core success principles." The family dogs also benefit from the program by spending more time interacting with human family members, and because many of the activities the children engage in emphasize the importance of responsible pet ownership.

Currently, "How Your Dog Can Help Your Child Read, Lead, and Succeed" is offered only in the Palm Desert, CA area where Friesen lives, but she has plans to make the program available to more schools and humane education organizations locally, and ultimately, globally.

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RENAL DISEASE

At the AMSC Board meeting during Schnauzapalooza, the Health Committee reported on findings that were uncovered by the UGA Nephropathology Study that we engaged in several years ago looking for prevalence of the JRD in Miniature Schnauzers. We have been able to facilitate funding of Dr. Cathy Brown's study through the Gray Lady Foundation and I am pleased to release Dr Brown's description of the study and the necessary forms to use to send samples to the UGA lab. This is an opportunity that we should all take advantage of as there appears to be an expression of this disease that is asymptomatic and can benefit from treatment. If there are any questions I will be pleased to try to answer them.

Patti Henderson
AMSC Health Committee

Renal Disease in Adult Miniature Schnauzers

Miniature Schnauzers are one of several breeds of dogs with a juvenile-onset renal disease that is thought to have an inherited basis. Using funds provided by the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, renal tissues from Miniature Schnauzers with and without renal disease were examined histologically to characterize the juvenile onset renal disease and other renal pathology occurring in this breed. During this study, a number of Miniature Schnauzer dogs with adult onset renal disease were identified. Using light and electron microscopy, this proteinuric renal disease has been identified as focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS). In the early stages of this disease, dogs with FSGS have protein in their urine but are otherwise asymptomatic. An award from the Gray Lady Foundation is being used by the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to conduct urine testing free of charge in Miniature Schnauzers in order to identify animals with FSGS. The goals of this study are to determine prevalence of proteinuria in this breed and to identify affected animals that could benefit from early treatment to slow its progression.

Submission of urine samples for Urine Protein to Creatinine ratio (+/- urinalysis)

A urine protein to creatinine ratio (UPC) will be determined on each urine sample. If the UPC is elevated, a urinalysis (microscopic examination) will also be done to rule-out a urinary tract infection, inflammation, or hemorrhage as a cause of the proteinuria.

1. Voided free catch urine is adequate for this testing. Alternatively, urine may be collected via cystocentesis or catheterization.

2. Collect urine into a 10 ml clot (red top – no SST) tube. You may also use plastic cups with screw-on lids or plastic conical tubes (clean, but do not need to be sterile). If collected by cystocentesis, the urine may be submitted in the syringe **with the needle removed** and the end sealed.

3. A minimum volume of 3 ml is preferred; smaller volumes may suffice if a urinalysis is not required.

4. After collection, refrigerate the sample and send, with a cold pack, overnight UPS or Fed Ex to the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Please include the attached submission form.

Send samples to:
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501 D.W. Brooks Dr.
Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602-7388
Contact information:
cathybro@uga.edu
706-542-5568

See form on p.6

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This is to inform the list that the Nominating Committee has been formed and we are looking for members who would like to serve our club. We are accepting nominations for Officers and Board Members.

The Nominating Committee is made up of the following:

Carla Nickerson, Chair
Patty Ledgerwood
Bonnie Keyes
Eunice Revsbech
Jackie Ebersbach
Carol Weinberger-alternate
Stella Van Cleve-alternate

Please contact me if you are interested!
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Block rates are available at the following hotels under **Great Western Terrier Association Exhibitor:**

~ ~ ~ The Queen Mary was completely remodeled by the new owner this year ~ ~ ~

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Room	Single	Double
Run of House	\$129	\$129
Deluxe Kings	\$129	\$129
1 King/1Twin	\$149	\$149
2 Queens	\$149	\$149

Pet Fee – one-time \$75.00 non-refundable paid upon check-in for all rooms housing a pet.

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 may be in effect for The Queen Mary. Please check with the Queen Mary when you are making your reservations.

May 26, 2014 – Reservation Deadline.

HOTEL CURRENT (formerly *The Guesthouse*)

5325 East Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach, CA

(562) 597-1341 or (800) 990-9991

SPECIAL RATE: \$99 Per Night – Lifestyle Room

\$129 Per Night – Lifestyle Suite

\$50 Non Refundable Pet Deposit for entire stay.

Reservation Deadline: June 4, 2014

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER RENAL STUDY URINE SUBMISSION FORM

Veterinarian: _____

Owner: _____

Clinic Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/email/fax: _____

Date of Urine collection: _____

Manner of collection (check one)

Free catch (voided)

Cystocentesis

Catheterization

Animal Information

Name: _____

Sex: _____

Age: _____

AKC registration number (preferred but not required): _____

History:

1. Has this dog been diagnosed with renal disease or any other health issues? If yes, please describe briefly below.

2. Have any related dogs been identified with renal disease? Yes__ No Unknown (check one). If yes, please provide details of relationships among dogs if known

NEW APPLICANTS

Susan Quinn

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Susan currently owns two Miniature Schnauzers. She is not a breeder. She has been involved in conformation for two years, agility for sixteen years and obedience for eighteen years. Susan attends approximately 25 events per year. She belongs and has served as President of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan. She has also served as Vice President, Education Chairman and Board Member. Susan is interested in Obedience and Agility. She enjoys competing in Obedience and Agility with her Mini's and states that she's also competed in Lure Coursing and Earthdog events. Susan says that she's recently begun showing her youngest Mini in conformation and that she looks forward to learning from other members.

Brian P. Kruse

Colin M. Graham

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Brian had his first Miniature Schnauzer 22 years ago and has been breeding for the past 8 years. He also owns a Giant Schnauzer. He is a breeder and has had five litters in the last five years. His stud dog has been used 5 times. Brian has been involved in conformation for 22 years, breeding for 8 years and obedience for 2 years (Brian bred GSP and Shelties since 1993, but now just breeds Mini's). In the past year, they have not attended many events as they have had two litters and stayed home to raise them. In the past, they have attended shows each month, if not more per month. Brian and Colin belong to the Canadian Kennel Club, the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada, Brian is past President and has been Show Chair for the Comox Valley Kennel Club from 2002-2007. Brian is a business owner and Colin is an RN. They are interested in Newsletter, Electronic Media, Legislative

Issues, Awards/Trophies, Education, Ethics and Health. They enjoy spending free time with their dogs and travelling to shows together. They have decided that they want to spend more time in the States showing their dogs in the future and wish to be members of the AMSC. Brian has been a club president for 8 years as well as a show chair and will also be starting the process to get his judges license. Colin is a hard worker who is always willing to help even over distance. They believe these skills would be helpful to the AMSC.

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Michael has owned many Miniature Schnauzers over the years, too many years to list, he says. He is a breeder and has had ten litters in the last five years. He has been involved in conformation for 69 years and Judging for 15 years. He has gone to approximately six events in the past year due to ill health. Michael belongs to Dogs Queensland, he is a life member of the UK Kennel Club (69 years), he is a past President of Schnauzer Club N.S.W, and past President of Schnauzer Club Queensland. Michael is retired and is interested in Newsletter, Education and Health. He has shown and bred dogs since the age of 7 - Miniature Schnauzers since 1960 in UK - since 1966 in Australia.

Christopher M. Castle

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Sponsors: Marie Deshotels, Patti Henderson

Christopher has four Miniature Schnauzers. He is not a breeder. He is involved in agility and attends approximately seven events per year. He belongs to Calcasieu Kennel Club of Lake Charles, LA. Charles works as a financial advisor for New York Life. He says he is very active with his dogs and training them for agility. He enjoys training, raising and grooming them to perfection. He is a self employed father of two boys who will eventually handle his dogs with him.

Dr. Mary K. Summers

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Sponsors: Mary Paisley, Nancy Banas

Mary has two dogs. She is not a breeder. She has participated in conformation for 25 years, breeding 20 (she no longer breeds, she used to breed Newfoundlands), obedience 6 years and agility 4 years. Mary attends approximately 50+ events per year. She does not belong to any clubs at this time, but she used to be a member of the Newfoundland Club of America for 20 years. Mary is a retired Clinical Psychologist. She is interested in Newsletter, Education, Obedience, Agility and Health. Mary says she has time available and is willing to support others and work in the background.

Overheating Can Cause Your Dog's Agonizing Death within Minutes – Yet It's Entirely Avoidable

- Estimates are that hundreds of dogs will suffer a slow, excruciating and entirely preventable death from heatstroke this summer.
- One of the primary causes of heatstroke in pets is being left unattended in a parked vehicle on a hot day. Don't leave your own pet in a hot car, and if you see any animal unattended in a parked vehicle, you should immediately notify a store employee, mall security, animal control or the police.
- Symptoms of overheating in dogs include panting, excessive thirst, bright or dark red tongue and gums, elevated body temperature, staggering, and collapse. Some dogs are at greater risk of heatstroke than others, including brachycephalic breeds, seniors, puppies, and dogs with chronic health conditions.
- If your dog's body temperature gets to 109°F or higher, heatstroke sets in. Within a matter of minutes the cells of the body start to die. The brain swells, ulcers develop in the GI tract, and irreversible kidney damage occurs.
- Tips to prevent overheating in your dog include providing fresh, clean drinking water at all times, getting long haired dogs a short summer cut, keeping pets indoors once the temperature reaches 90°F, and exercising your dog during the coolest part of the day.



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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Metropolitan Cleveland MSC May 24, 2014
Regular Classes: Mary Jane Carberry
Sweepstakes: David Owen Williams
Centennial State MSC May 30, 2014
Regular Classes: Mrs. Chris Levy
Sweepstakes: Mrs. Cindy Wallace
MSC of Southern CA June 20, 2014
Regular Classes: Robert Black
Sweepstakes: Tammy Colbert
MSC of Southern CA June 21, 2014
Regular Classes: Claudia Seaberg
Sweepstakes: Janet Allen
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Milshore MSC July 25, 2014
Sweeps Brook Berth
Reg Classes Dale Miller

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Sweeps: Kim Cox Griffin
Montgomery Co. October 5, 2014
Regular Classes Margo Klingler
Sweeps Carla Nickerson
Roving Specialty- Denver Feb. 15, 2015
Regular classes, Wyoma Clouss
Sweeps-Kurt Garmaker
Great Western June 21, 2015
Regular classes, Judy Smith
Sweeps-Shawne Imler
Montgomery Co. October 4, 2015
Regular classes: Michael Dougherty
Sweeps: Sharon Edwards .

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(herbs, proteolytic enzymes and nutraceuticals)

- Adequan injections, which can stimulate joint fluid very rapidly in pets with arthritis

To keep your dog **mentally sharp**:

- Enrich your dog's environment with
- regular exercise, mental stimulation and socialization with other pets and people. In a two-year

- study of senior beagles, researchers found dogs that engaged in regular physical exercise, playtime with other pups and stimulating toys, did better on cognitive tests and learning new tasks than their less active counterparts.

- Give your dog a SAME (S-adenosylmethionine) supplement. SAME is a safe and very effective way to stall or improve mental decline. In one recent study, dogs with age-related cognitive decline

given a SAME supplement for eight weeks showed a 50 percent reduction in mental impairment. Consult your pet's veterinarian for the right dose size for your dog.

- Medium-chain triglycerides (MCTs) have been shown to improve brain energy metabolism and decrease the amyloid protein buildup that results in brain lesions in older dogs. Coconut oil is a rich source of MCTs. I recommend 1/4 teaspoon for every 10 pounds of body weight twice daily for basic MCT support.

- Other supplements to consider are resveratrol (Japanese Knotweed), which protects against free radical damage and beta-amyloid deposits, ginkgo biloba, and phosphatidylserine – a nutritional supplement that can inhibit age-related cognitive deficits. Again, I recommend you consult a holistic veterinarian for dosing guidance.



NOMINATIONS OF JUDGES
for Specialties Regular Judges and Sweepstakes
Spring 2016 Summer 2016 Fall 2016

Please nominate three (3) judges for Regular Classes and three (3) different judges for the sweepstakes classes. The full name of each nominee must be shown. DO NOT use nicknames or professional names. Addresses are not required. It is requested that, where possible addresses for the Sweepstakes nominees be provided on the back of ballot to aid the committee in contacting them.

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REGULAR CLASSES

SWEEPSTAKE CLASSES

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Marcia Feld

Brian Bogart
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Marie Pletsch
Joan Huber
Manuel Itriago

Margo Klinger
Wyoma Clouss
Judy Smith

Kin Cox Griffin
Carla Nickerson
Kurt Garmaker

Michael Dougherty

Shawne Imler

**Sharon Edwards
SWEEPSTAKE CLASSES**

REGULAR CLASSES

- 1. _____ (3 pts)
- 2. _____ (2 pts)
- 3. _____ (1 pt)

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