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Dementia: A Very Serious Problem for Our Beloved Pets – And How to Prevent It

By Dr. Becker

According to the U.K.'s The Telegraph, a growing number of dogs and cats in Britain are suffering from dementia, and veterinarians are warning pet parents that sedentary lifestyles and poor diets are to blame.

An increasing number of dogs are dying of the condition, and cats are displaying "clumsiness" and confusion.

According to veterinarians, an estimated 1.3 million pets in Britain suffer from dementia, with a third of dogs showing signs of mental decline by the age of 8, and two-thirds by the age of 15. In cats, the condition is seen in about half of all kitties 15 and older, and a third aged 11 to 14.

Professor Dr. Holger Volk, a leading veterinary scientist at the Royal Veterinary College, told the Telegraph, "I don't think that people really realize how serious this problem is." He believes a lack of physical activity and a diet of "cheap pet food" play a primary role in the onset of dementia in dogs and cats.

"We are seeing an increase in pet obesity," says Volk. "Just as we see health problems among people who are less active so we see the same problems with their pets eating more and getting less exercise and this may lead to an increase in dementia."

Volk says U.K. pet parents have very little understanding of the problems they create by allowing their animal companions to become inactive and overweight, and this lack of awareness is causing them to miss the signs of declining health in their pets.

Signs of Dementia in Dogs and Cats

According to The Telegraph, signs of dementia in pets include:

- Getting "stuck" behind furniture and needing help to get out
- Walking in circles
- Forgetting what they've just done, for ex-

ample, greeting their owner, and immediately doing it again

Forgetting to eat, or forgetting they just ate

Standing near the hinge side of a door instead of the side that opens

Struggling to find their way around "Drifting away" from activities

Volk believes the key to preventing or slowing the onset of dementia is to make sure pets get regular, vigorous exercise. "Neurons in the brain go into decline with dementia," says Volk, "and the more you exercise the more they remain active."

He also recommends transitioning pets to a high-quality pet food containing fatty acids.

Dementia Rates in U.S. Dogs

Here in the U.S., dementia or cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CDS) in dogs and cats has been on the radar of researchers, the veterinary community and many pet parents for at least a decade.

About a quarter of U.S. dogs 10 years and older show signs of brain aging, and over 60 percent of dogs have symptoms by the age of 15.2 However, dogs as young as 6 can begin to experience mental decline.

In a relatively young dog, it's especially important to investigate for an underlying illness or disease before making a diagnosis of age-related cognitive decline. In dogs, we look for one or more of the following five common signs of CDS:

Increased total amount of sleep during a 24-hour period

Decreased attention to surroundings, disinterest and apathy

Decreased purposeful activity

Loss of formerly acquired knowledge, which includes housebreaking

Intermittent anxiety expressed through apprehension, panting, moaning or shivering

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Other signs of mental decline include failure to respond to commands and/or difficulty hearing, inability to recognize familiar people and difficulty navigating the environment.

There are three main contributors to the changes in an aging brain that cause a gradual impairment in cognitive functioning: oxidative stress from free radical damage, formation of lesions on the brain and alterations in oxygen and energy availability.

The brain is thought to be more sensitive to the effects of oxidation than other tissues of the body. The damage to your dog's brain caused by oxidative stress can cause a decrease in cognition as well as degenerative nerve disease similar to, for example, Alzheimer's disease in humans.

The aging process also involves the accumulation of beta amyloid deposits on the brain. These deposits consist of nerve-damaging protein that forms plaque. This "senile plaque" buildup interferes with the transmission of signals from the brain.

How Feline Cognitive Dysfunction Is Measured

Cats can also suffer a decline in their mental faculties, and many veterinarians and feline experts use the acronym DISH to measure cognitive dysfunction in kitties.

D = disorientation. Kitties with CDS may wander aimlessly, stare at walls and appear lost or confused at times. They may also intermittently fail to recognize family members.

I = reduced social interactions. A cat with CDS may seem confused when his guardian arrives home at the end of the day. He may also show less interest in being petted or sitting in his owner's lap.

S = changes in sleep patterns. An affected cat may sleep more during the day but turn into an insomniac at bedtime, wandering the house and often crying out for no obvious reason.

H = house soiling/housetraining. Cats with CDS frequently lose their housetraining skills. This happens because they either forget the location of the litterbox, or they are no longer terribly concerned about their own cleanliness or perhaps a bit of both.

CDS in cats hasn't been studied, so no scientific explanation currently exists for what causes the problem in felines. However, in humans and dogs, the condition is thought to be caused by Alzheimer's-related changes in the brain (the formation of beta-

amyloid plaques) or cerebrovascular disease.

In dogs with CDS, it is known that pathological changes in the brain are closely associated with the severity of dementia symptoms, and the same probably holds true for cats.

10 Tips to Help Your Aging Pet Stay Mentally Sharp

Fortunately, there are many things you can do to help your dog or cat maintain good mental function for as long as possible, and delay the onset and progression of cognitive decline.

1. Feed a nutritionally balanced, species-appropriate diet that includes omega-3 essential fats, such as krill oil, which are critical for cognitive health. The perfect fuel for aging pets is a healthy variety of fresh, living food suitable for your carnivorous cat or dog.

2. Eliminate all refined carbohydrates (grains, potatoes and legumes) to allow more room for excellent-quality protein, full of critical amino acids, to be fed.

Eliminating extruded foods (kibble) means your pet won't be consuming the toxic byproducts of the manufacturing process, including heterocyclic amines and acrylamides. You can improve digestion and absorption of nutrients by feeding a less processed diet, not to mention improving your pet's microbiome, which has been linked to improved cognitive health in humans.

3. Stop vaccinating and start titering. Vaccines don't "wear out" over time, and more vaccines means more adjuvants and heavy metals that accumulate in your pet's brain.

4. Keep your pet's body and mind active with regular exercise appropriate for her age and physical condition, and mental stimulation (puzzles and treat-release toys can be beneficial). Make sure your dog has opportunities to socialize with other pets and people. Think of creative ways to enrich your cat's indoor environment.

5. Provide a SAMe (S-adenosylmethionine) supplement as a safe and effective way to stall or improve mental decline. Consult your holistic veterinarian for the right dose size for your dog or cat. There are also commercial cognitive support products available.

6. 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 pets. 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.

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7. Other supplements to consider are jellyfish extracts, resveratrol (Japanese knotweed), which protects against free radical damage and beta-amyloid deposits, ginkgo biloba, gotu kola and phosphatidylserine — a nutritional supplement that can inhibit age-related cognitive deficits. Consult a holistic veterinarian for dosing guidance.

8. Keep your pet at a healthy size — overweight dogs and cats are at significant increased risk for disease as they age.

9. Maintain your pet's dental health.

10. I recommend twice-yearly veterinary visits for pets no matter the age, but this becomes even more important for dogs and cats getting up in years. Keeping abreast of your animal companion's physical and mental changes as he ages is the best way to catch any disease process early.

Ask your vet to perform a blood test to check your pet's internal organ health to make sure you are identifying possible issues early on. There's also a blood test that measures inflammatory fats you may want to consider. You can find more information at VRD Health.

These recommendations won't be tremendously helpful for a pet in the advanced stages of cognitive decline, which is why it's so important to diagnose and begin treating the problem as early as possible. Cognitive dysfunction is a progressive disease that can't be cured, but early diagnosis and intervention can slow mental decline and offer your aging pet good quality of life.

Ed.s Note:

In Europe, particularly in France, doctors commonly use VOLVIC water for patients with dementia and Alzheimers with a great deal of success. The ions in the water remove aluminum ions from the brain and thereby decrease some of the symptoms of dementia. Volvic water is available in some stores and at Amazon.com. Fiji water is also used.

One of my dogs often boards here. One time, when she came, I noticed signs of dementia. When her owner came to pick her up, she reiterated my concerns.

I suggested that we try an experiment. So, we tried substituting Fiji water in her food and her drinking bowl. After two weeks, the owner called me. She could not believe the change in the dog. Fanny was playing, not urinating in the house, and moving with purpose. Just a thought!

Nonverbal Cues Can Easily Be Recognized by Your Dog

If humans are understandably a bit slow at responding to the visual signals that our dogs are sending, we are downright dense about the signals that we generate ourselves. Your dog, however, is a pro: he or she notices just about every move that you make. Here's an experiment that you can try, focusing on the signals that you give to your dog, whether you mean to or not. This one is really easy, because now you're the actor, and your dog is the observer. Your job is to identify the visual signals to which your dog has learned to respond.

Take yourself and your dog to a quiet place, away from the hubbub of the rest of the family and other dogs. Stand relaxed but immobile and ask your dog to "sit" without moving anything but your lips. The first thing I notice when I do it is how hard it is to keep from moving. Did your head go down just a tiny bit when the dog approached? Did you raise your eyebrows a millimeter? All of those movements are easily seen by your dog and could possibly act as cues. Now sit down on the floor, stop moving as best you can, and ask the dog to sit. Now leave the room and ask the dog to sit when she can't see you (peek or ask a friend to see what she does).

Now ask you dog to sit in the way you normally do. Allow yourself to move freely; let your body do what it normally does. There's little doubt that you're going to move somehow. While you're playing this game, don't worry whether your dog sits or not, because I want you to pay attention to your behavior. Did you raise your hand or your finger? Did you step forward a bit? Tilt your head? After you've observed your own behavior, see if you can find a pattern to what movements your dog sits to and what he doesn't (beyond Fido's getting sick of your asking for a "sit" over and over!). Experiment with different movements and you'll probably discover that your dog is keyed in to specific actions, just as much as, or more than your voice.

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Reeves M.D. Woodruff /Klinger /Ewer.

1/OSJ MYSTIC LIGHT A DOG
FORMERLY KNOWN AS PRINTS/
Moore.

1/BSP/BSS DIEGO CHINA LARKY/
Montila

1/BSJ LEGACY'S LIMITED EDITION./
Ledgerwood.

REGULAR CLASSES
JUDGE: Mr James G Reynolds

1/R CARMEL JUST IN CASE. / Ewer.

1/W/BW BBY/G1 CARMEL JUST
JOKING. Reeves M.D./Woodruff /
Klinger / Ewer.

1/R MINUTEMAN GROUPIE DOLL/
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Carol has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 16 years, she is not a breeder... She has been showing in Obedience for 2 years...She attends approximately 10 shows or events a year... She has applied for membership with Albany Obedience Club, Albany, N.Y. Carol is retired and is interested in assisting the club with Rescue, Education, Obedience and Agility... **Carol's sponsors are Marcia Dawson and Sonny Lelle.**

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Judy has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 10+ years, with 3 Miniature Schnauzers. Judy is not a breeder. She has been doing Obedience for 10 years and Conformation for 2 years. Judy attends 10-20 dog events (shows) per year. She is a member of the Paul Revere Miniature Schnauzer Club. Judy works as an IT Billing Analyst. She is interested in helping the club out with Awards/Trophies, Event Planning, Obedience and Health. Judy is working on a Grand Champion Title with her youngest Miniature Schnauzer, enjoys hiking and is a part time groomer.

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Arti has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 45 years and presently has one Miniature Schnauzer. She competes in Agility, Barn Hunt, Rally and starting Nose Work. Arti is not a breeder. She participates in about 24 - 36 Agility Trials per year and all of the Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club Specialty Shows and Training Programs, which equals about 4 - 6 Training Events. Arti belongs to the Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club (CSMSC) since 2010 (General Member, V.P. and 3 year Board Member. Arti also belongs to the Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club, Denver, CO. Arti is retired from Education endeavors. She is interested in assisting the Club with Newsletter, Public Awareness, Education, Membership, and Agility. **Arti's Sponsors are Carol Luzovich and Leanne Teasey**

Why You Shouldn't Ignore Your Dog's Obsessive Licking

By Dr. Becker

Canine acral lick dermatitis (ALD), also known as lick granuloma, is an injury to the skin caused by chronic licking. ("Acral" pertains to or affects a limb or other extremity.)

Persistent licking causes the skin to become inflamed, and over time, it thickens. The area can't heal because of the constant licking. Also, the licking and inflammation cause itching, which causes more licking, which creates a vicious cycle of itching and licking.

Secondary problems that can result from ALD are bacterial infection, ruptured hair follicles (a condition called furunculosis), and ruptured apocrine glands (a type of sweat gland in dogs). Any of these secondary conditions can make the itching worse and perpetuate the itch-lick cycle.

The most common (though not the only) location for a lick granuloma is on the front side of a front leg between the elbow and toes. The condition is seen most often in middle-aged, large-breed dogs.

Many veterinarians believe itchy skin triggers excessive licking. It is also thought a painful condition can set it off - perhaps there's been trauma to the leg, a fracture, post-surgical discomfort, osteoarthritis, or peripheral neuropathy (damage to the nerves of the peripheral nervous system).

A bacterial or fungal infection can also trigger itching, as can the presence of skin mites.

In addition to physiological causes, incessant licking is also a common obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) in dogs. The act of licking may trigger the release of endorphins (natural substances that promote a sense of well-being). The dog learns that licking brings about this pleasant feeling, and keeps on licking.

There can also be psychological factors involved in obsessive licking, including boredom, stress, and separation anxiety. It is important to determine the cause of the licking so it can be treated effectively.

Determining the Cause

If your dog has a lesion that could be ALD, there will typically be a raised area of ulceration, hair loss, and thickened skin around the lesion.

Your veterinarian should rule out any potential underlying allergic diseases first. A dog

with recurrent skin or ear infections, hot spots, or itching in other areas of the body very likely has a generalized allergic condition that needs to be addressed. A possible allergy to fleas, food, or something in the dog's environment should be investigated.

Several tests are necessary to definitively diagnose lick granuloma, including deep skin scrapings and fungal cultures. Skin biopsies and cultures of the inflamed tissue are also necessary to rule out conditions with similar symptoms, and to look for infection.

The vast majority of ALD cases involve bacterial infection. It's crucially important to identify the specific organism in order to determine the most effective treatment - especially since these organisms are often resistant to antibiotics, and 25 percent are methicillin resistant.

Other tests, including x-rays, may be required in the absence of an allergic condition or itching elsewhere on the body.

If the dog has no behavioral abnormalities other than constant licking, while the licking may escalate into an obsession over time, chances are it isn't rooted in OCD or another psychological disorder.

Treating Acral Lick Dermatitis

In addition to treating the wound, the underlying physical and/or emotional causes of ALD must also be addressed. Otherwise, the problem will recur.

To keep your dog's mouth away from the wound while it heals, an Elizabethan (E-collar) or BiteNot collar may be required. The collar can also be useful in curbing the behavioral component of obsessive licking by breaking the cycle.

Sometimes "out of sight, out of mind" also works, so applying a light, nonstick bandage may keep your dog from licking the wound. However, most dogs choose to eat the bandage, so don't take this approach if your dog will ingest the bandage! The most important point: the dog cannot lick the wound.

Keeping the wound clean is imperative. I recommend disinfecting the wound with dilute betadine twice daily.

I have had success using several topical remedies, but no one remedy works for every dog,

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so I always tell clients to keep working through the list until the wound is healed. A few options to try are:

Manuka honey applied to the wound twice a day (obviously honey is sweet, so an E-collar is critical to avoid your dog viewing his limb as a lollypop)

Willard's Water sprayed on the wound 6 to 8 times daily

Pavia wound cream applied twice daily

ElimiDerm applied twice daily

Animal Scents Ointment, blended with a few drops of the essential oil of lavender applied twice daily

You'll also need to deal with any psychological or emotional factors that may be contributing to your pet's obsessive licking. Large breed dogs need lots of physical activity, so that's a good place to start. Most dogs will develop behavior problems of one kind or another if they spend a lot of time alone and don't get much exercise.

Changes in your dog's environment that create stress can also trigger behavior abnormalities. For example, if another pet in the family has died, or a new pet has been introduced, it can create stress for the existing dog. Make sure everyone in the family pays extra attention to your dog when there's any sort of change in household dynamics or routine.

Address any conflict in your dog's life, for example, separation anxiety, problems between animals in the home, or long periods of confinement and boredom.

In addition to making sure your pet is well-exercised, he also needs play time and activities that stimulate his brain, a species-appropriate diet, a consistent daily routine, and clear and regular communication from you.

Crating or otherwise confining a large breed dog for several hours every day is asking for trouble – especially with dogs who are already displaying anxiety-based behaviors like incessant licking. If you're gone from home for long periods during the day, consider doggy day care or a dog walking service to give your pet opportunities for companionship and exercise while you're away.

Drug Therapy

Some veterinarians prescribe anti-depressants or anti-anxiety drugs, either short or long-term, for dogs with lick granuloma. Examples are clomipramine (Clomicalm®), fluoxetine (Prozac®), paroxetine (Paxil®), sertraline (Zoloft®), fluvoxamine (Luvox®) and citalopram (Celexa®).

These drugs are powerful and have side effects, so I consider them an option of absolute last resort – for short-term use only – while other treatments and behavior modification therapies are being undertaken.

At my hospital, I recommend starting with safer options, such as L-theanine, GABA, 5-HTP and Chinese herbs to Calm the Shen.

Tip for Preventing Acral Lick Dermatitis

The best way to avoid a painful, infected lick granuloma in your own dog is to deal with obsessive licking behavior as soon as you become aware of it.

Some lick granulomas can develop very quickly – within a matter of hours. Others take longer to appear. If you can avoid it, don't wait until there's an obvious injury to your dog's skin before seeking advice from your veterinarian.

Develop the habit of running your hands over your dog – especially down the front legs – to check for damp fur or any sort of sensitivity.

If your dog tends to place himself outside your line of vision, check on him frequently to insure he isn't hiding his obsessive licking from you.

If he's licking a certain spot but there's no injury yet to the skin, try wrapping the area in an Ace bandage to discourage further licking. You can also try massaging a drop of the essential oil of lavender into the skin, or a dab of homeopathic Arnica gel over the area.

You'll still need to see your vet to identify and deal with the underlying reasons for the licking, but in the meantime, anything you can do to prevent your dog from self-injury will be tremendously beneficial.



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Type carefully - case sensitive!

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

TROPHY DONATIONS!

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Generous donors like you are the key to our success and make it possible for the AMSC to provide the earned recognition these awards furnish to deserving individuals and their canine companions/athletes. We hope that we can count on your support to help us meet our 2017 goal of \$5000.00! Your donation will be acknowledged in show catalogs to recognize your generosity to this worthy cause. Please mail your donation to the AMSC Treasurer, Bonnie Keyes 511 River Terrace, Endicott NY 13760 and memo it for the trophy fund to pledge your support. You may also donate online using paypal.

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We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
 Your Trophy Committee

AMSC Board Nominations — It Is That Time Of Year Again

The Nominating Committee is seeking VOLUNTEERS who are interested in serving on the Board. We will be electing four officers; President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (1- year term), and four Governors (4- year term).

If you are interested or know a member who may be interested in serving our Club in this capacity, please consider the following requirements.

-1 Nominee should be prepared to dedicate the time and effort necessary to be a productive member of the Board.

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- 4 Nominee should be respected by fellow AMSC members.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members listed below. The Deadline for volunteering is Friday, May 5, 2017

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The Legacy of Margaret W. Pratt

An overwhelming love for dogs and a commitment to the betterment of their health through scientific research – this is the enduring legacy of Margaret W. Pratt.

As a supporter of the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) since 1998, Pratt knew that research focusing on canine health was important, particularly for her favorite breed, Miniature Schnauzers. That's why she chose to leave a portion of her estate to CHF.



"CHF is grateful for Ms. Pratt's generous bequest. Making an estate gift to CHF is a wonderful opportunity to continue your commitment to the Foundation's mission to prevent, treat and cure canine diseases," said Bradford Brady, Director of Development & Communications. "Even if you've already written your will, adding CHF to your list of beneficiaries can be simple, and will make a lasting difference for dogs."

Through Pratt's bequest, a request for research proposals (RFP) to address the health of Miniature Schnauzers has been released. Her gift will provide substantial funding for canine health research and will have a lasting impact on generations of dogs. Grants awarded through the Pratt estate gift RFP will be announced later this year.

Margaret W. Pratt is a member of CHF's Heritage Society, which honors donors who have given, or who have made a commitment to give, a planned gift. If you are interested in leaving a legacy that will truly impact the health of dogs, please consider joining CHF's Heritage Society. To learn more about planned gifts and CHF's Heritage Society, please visit www.akcchf.org/heritagesociety, or contact the CHF office at 888-682-9696.

Pictured left to right: Mrs. Mabel (Jinx) Gunville, Joan Huber and Margaret W. Pratt (circa 1974).

American Miniature Schnauzer Club

NOMINATIONS OF JUDGES

FOR SPECIALTIES AND SWEEPSTAKES
SPRING 2019 SUMMER 2019 FALL 2019

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 this ballot to aid the committee in contacting them.

BALLOTS MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED, SIGNED BY THE AMSC MEMBER, AND RETURNED TO THE CHAIRPERSON BY April 30, 2017. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL INSTRUCTIONS AS PROVIDED HEREIN WILL CAUSE YOUR BALLOT TO BE DISCARDED.

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Sweepstakes

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John Cole  
David Alexander  
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Geraldine Kelly  
Terry Stacy  
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Jan Taylor  
Mary Paisley  
Linda Drost  
Mary Strom-Bernard  
Patty Ledgerwood  
Martin Marks  
Vicki Kubic  
Kim Griffin  
Susan Atherton

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Regular Classes

Sweepstakes Classes

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# AMSCOPE

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## UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Lone Star MSC, Dallas July 6, 2017  
Regular Classes Margo Klingler  
Sweeps TBD

Milshore MSC July 28, 2017  
Sweeps: Randahl Hoffman  
Reg classes : Brian Bogart  
Reg classes : Nancy Liebes  
Back to Back Shows

## AMSC SPECIALTIES

Great Western June 25, 2017  
Regular Classes: Peggy Beisel McIlwaine  
Sweeps: Patty Ledgerwood

Montgomery County Oct. 8, 2017  
Regular Classes: Geraldine Kelly  
Sweeps: Martin G. Marks

Roving specialty-Perry GA. April 15, 2018  
Regular Classes: Terry Stacy  
Sweeps: TBA

Great Western June 24, 2018  
Regular Classes: John Constantine  
Sweeps: Kim Griffin

Montgomery County October 7, 2018

## LOOKING AHEAD to MONTGOMERY COUNTY

In an effort to get an early jump on planning for Montgomery County week, hotel reservations are already being accepted. After investigating a number of reasonably priced, comfortable hotel options within reasonable distance to show grounds, restaurants and other amenities, it

was determined we'd continue to use the Homewood Suites Valley Forge, 681 Shannondell

Bldv, Audubon, PA 19403

The room rates and available configurations are:  
\$134 for studio suite (1 King bed with pullout)  
\$154 for one bedroom suite (1 King or 2 Queen with pullout rooms)

\$189 for two bedroom suite (1King and 2 Queen with pullout)

Additional 10% room tax applies.

Guests may book one of two ways:

1. Call the hotel at [610-539-7300](tel:610-539-7300) and mention you are booking with the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, group code **AMS**

2. Go online to

[www.homewoodsuitesvalleyforge.com](http://www.homewoodsuitesvalleyforge.com) and under the reservations tab enter the group code **AMS**.

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