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Sweepstakes

Judge: Susie Atherton

BSW...Char N Co Imported From
Detroit/Stukey

BOSSW...Destineez Tiger in the Tank/
Houck/Pendleton

Veteran Sweeps...Ch. Mai-Laur Black
E-Nam-L/Katen

Regular Classes

Judge: Wyoma Clouss

WD/BOW...Minuteman Metropolis/
McMillan/Prokopetz

RWD...Char N Co Red Dirt Road/
Stukey

WB ...Legacy's Pohl Dancer of Tomar/
Legerwood/Pohl/Paisley

RWB...Manit's Somebody to Love/Itriago
BOS...Ch. Lonestar's Standing Ovation/
Edwards

BOB...Ch. Regency's Playmaker/Wang/
Verna

BVeteran/AOM...Ch Mai-Laur Black E-
Nam-L/Katen

SEL...Ch. Minuteman Goldikova/
McMillan/Houck

SEL...GCH Tomar's Captain Morgan/
Paisley

AOM...Ch Minuteman Underworld/
McMillan/Prokopetz

AOM...Ch Ellerker's What's in a Name/
Caines

AOM...Mystique's License to Kill/Rohrer
Best Brace/G1...Gangway's Mission
Accomplished and Gangway's Mission
Ascent/ Brown/Larsen

BEST JR...Tomar's Wild Sleeper/Luce/
Paisley

FINDING THE FOOD FOE: IDENTIFYING FOOD ALLERGIES IN DOGS

Caroline Coile is the author of more than 30 books about dogs, and is a two-time Canine Health Foundation Award winner.

He's scratching and licking, keeping you awake, ruining his show coat, and giving himself a handy excuse for breaking that stay. It's driving you crazy—imagine how he must feel.

We most often associate allergies with sneezing and respiratory problems in people, but in dogs, allergies are most often associated with the skin and gastrointestinal (GI) tract. About 10 to 15 percent of dogs with food allergies will have both skin and GI signs, and about 20 to 30 percent of dogs with food allergies will also have itchy skin from other non-food allergies.

GI signs are most often loose stools, with an average of three a day. Vomiting and belching can also be signs. A skin sign is usually itchiness, and it appears the same as itchiness due to other allergies.

According to one recent study, nearly 8 percent of dogs presented to a referral dermatology practice had food allergies, which represented about a third of all the dogs presented there with allergic skin disease. "Ears and rears" is sometimes used to refer to the characteristic location of itchiness, though it's actually a little more widespread than just those regions. In one study, dogs with food allergies suffered from itchy ears in 80 percent of the cases (and in fact, only the ear was affected in a quarter of all cases); itchy feet in 61 percent; itchy groin region in 53 percent; and itchy armpits, anterior foreleg, or eye regions in about 35 percent of cases. Secondary ear- and skin infections often arise from self-inflicted trauma from scratching and chewing. These infections must be treated along with removal of the offending food.

Some breeds, such as Cocker Spaniels, Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, German Shepherd Dogs, Poodles, and Chinese Shar-Pei, may be at greater risk for food allergies, though they can appear in any breed. Allergies can appear at any age, but most dogs have been eating the offending food for two years before signs of allergy appear. Some develop signs as early as two months of eating the offending food, but allergic reactions are not something that normally appear immediately af-

ter introducing a new food. But once symptoms appear, their onset is often sudden and serious.

Trial Diets

After ruling out other possible causes (such as flea allergies, scabies, ringworm, and demodex), trial diets can be undertaken. Blood tests exist but are unreliable to the point of uselessness. Three-quarters of non-allergic dogs in one study tested positive for multiple food ingredients, none of which caused any allergic signs in the dogs in real life.

Trial diets consist of foods with unique proteins and limited ingredients. Commercial veterinary diets with novel protein sources have made home cooking unnecessary, but you could prepare your dog's food following various veterinary-approved recipes. The important thing to remember is that novel-protein diets must have protein sources that the dog hasn't been exposed to beforehand. Possible protein sources include tuna, salmon, rabbit, game meats, pinto beans, and garbanzo beans; possible carbohydrate sources include yams, pumpkin, oats, barley, and quinoa. Because home-prepared trial diets usually use only two ingredients (one protein and one carbohydrate), they're not adequate for long-term feeding.

Commercial veterinary diets include fish, duck, venison, rabbit, kangaroo, modified soy, or modified chicken livers as protein sources. Many years ago lamb and rice-based foods were introduced to dogs who developed allergies to the more common dog-food protein sources, such as beef and chicken. Because most dogs had not been exposed to lamb in their diets, they had not yet developed allergies to it and often remained allergy-free for months to years. Lamb-and-rice diets gained the reputation of being hypoallergenic and increased in popularity. But there is nothing inherently hypoallergenic in these foods; their success lies in the fact that dogs had not eaten them before. Now their popularity as staple diets has negated their efficacy as a fallback or

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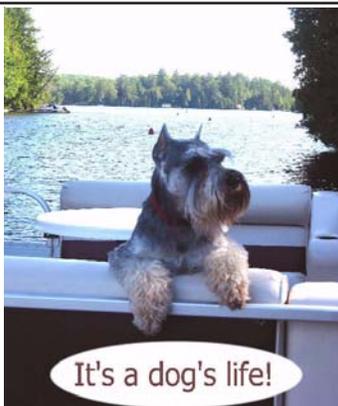
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**The deadline
for the
December issue is
November 18.**



LOOK AT THIS WEEKEND!

Central Florida MSC

The Specialty will be held in conjunction with the Eukenuba. There will be 3 sets of points for miniature schnauzers (hopefully majors) on the weekend whether or not an exhibitor has an entry at the Invitational.

Wednesday, 12-14-2011

All breed show Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay Mini judge David A. Ojalvo

Thursday, 12-15-2011

All breed show Brevard Kennel Club Mini judge Michelle Billings

Friday, 12-16-2011

CFMSC will hold its **TENTH ANNIVERSARY SHOW** in conjunction with the All breed show of Central Florida Kennel Club. Sweeps judge is Joe Wake Regular judge is Lydia Hutchinson . There will be great trophies

Saturday, Sunday, 12-17 and 12-18

is the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational show

The CFMSC will have great trophies.

The Superintendent for the 3 all breed shows is MB-F.

All shows are at the same location Orange County Convention Center.

On Saturday and Sunday we will be having meet the breeds. Please contact Amy Gordon (aragonms@att.net) for further info on Meet the Breeds.

On the AKC web site is information about the show and how it will work as well as hotel information. AKC.org



2012 Roving Specialty in Texas!

Ya'll come join us!

As many as you may know, Texas will host the 2012 Roving Specialty in conjunction with the **Lone Star Miniature Schnauzer Club Specialty weekend**. This will be March 23-25, there will be 4 big shows in 3 days!

Friday we will have the AMSC specialty in the morning and the LSMSC specialty in the afternoon. AMSC will sponsor a box lunch for exhibitors that day. Saturday and Sunday will be an all breed show hosted by the Ft Worth KC.

AMSC judges are:
Sweeps: Janet Taylor-Sweeps
Regular classes: Carol Weinberger

LSMSC judges are:
Sweeps: Manuel Itriago
Regular classes: Penny Hirstein

Judge for Saturday : Sally George

Judge for Sunday: JoAnn McCann (AUS).

The AMSC has blocked rooms at a discounted rate at the Residence Inn Ft Worth University 1701 South University Drive, Fort Worth, TX, 76107, (817) 870-1011

There are many hotels in the Ft Worth area to choose from but this one is very close to the show site and very "doggie" friendly with lots of grassy areas for exercising.

More information will be published as we get things finalized.

Kim Cox Griffin (daystar@doglover.com) and Laurie Darman-Owen (minsch2003@yahoo.com) are co-chairing the specialty.

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trial diet for dogs with food allergies. Make a list of every food your dog has eaten in the past, and make sure it's not one of the ingredients of the novel diet. For dogs who eat a lot of variety, this can be challenging.

An alternative is to feed a food containing hydrolyzed proteins—conventional proteins broken down into molecules too small to stimulate the immune system. Hills Z/D, Purina HA, and Royal Canin Hypoallergenic all make use of hydrolyzed proteins.

Commercial hypoallergenic foods often contain increased levels of omega 3 fatty acids or decreased omega 6 to omega 3 fatty-acid ratios to decrease skin inflammation and itching.

Tracking Results

During the trial, the dog must eat only the trial food—no treats, table scraps, chewies, or even chewable pills unless they contain only the same ingredient sources as the trial diet. Read the ingredients of any treat or human food you may wish to feed; for example, rice cakes often contain wheat as well. You must be diligent about the dog's self-feeding habits; no foraging in the garbage pail or under the baby's high chair. If you have more than one pet, feed them separated or crated. Make sure your dog has no access to cat or dog feces he might eat, or even another pet's vomit. Many owners find sticking to the diet is difficult, and some dogs rebel at the limited variety and lack of customary treats. You can try putting pieces of the dry trial-diet kibble in a food-delivery toy to break the monotony. Or if feeding a canned trial food, slice it up and bake it to make dog cookies. Family and friends must understand that breaking the diet will only prolong the trial.

In past years the trial lasted for four weeks, but some recent studies have found that only a quarter of dogs with food allergy will respond in this time. About 80 percent will respond in six weeks. Generally if a dog has not responded in nine weeks he probably won't, but trials may still be conducted for 10 to 12 weeks. Cocker Spaniels and Labrador Retrievers tend to take longer to respond than other breeds.

Consider taking weekly photos of your dog or keeping a journal so you'll have a better idea of how he's improving. Some dogs have such terrible itching at the beginning of the trial that a corticosteroid may be given to provide temporary relief. If so, you must wait long enough for the effects of the steroid to wear off before attributing any improvement to the food.

At the end of the trial, the dog is presented with his former suspect diet to make sure the symptoms didn't go away for some other non-diet related reason. If the dog is allergic to that diet, symptoms should reappear from a few hours up to a week afterward. At this point the dog can be placed back on the trial diet as a regular diet, or suspected ingredients can be added to the diet one at a time, waiting at least two weeks after the dog is asymptomatic before adding another.

Most dogs react to one or two allergens; about 20 percent react to more. There's a greater chance that dogs react to animal products from the same species (milk and meat from cattle, for example) or from related species (cattle, sheep, and deer, for example).

Diet trials are inconvenient and tedious. But compared to your dog's discomfort, they're a small price to pay to identify the culprit. Unfortunately there is no cure for food allergies—except to avoid the offending foods.

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TROPHY DRIVE...

please don't forget
the trophy drive.

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Here is the link to the page for the Trophy Fund Drive, http://amsc.us/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=131&Itemid=44&mosmsg=Thanks+for+your+submission

Stop Halloween From Spooking Your Dog

Be sensitive to your dog's stress level and safety—and have a Happy Halloween!

Halloween can be a fun time of year for us humans, but it can be a nightmare for our dogs. The strange sights and sounds of the holiday can spook even the calmest canine. These tips can help make Halloween stress-free.

- Costumes that change the appearance of their favorite humans can be frightening to dogs. Work on familiarizing your dog with Halloween accessories now. Let him sniff the costumes and watch your kids put on and remove their masks so he knows who those masked people are on Halloween. This is especially important if your dog is overprotective or extremely fearful.

- Resist the temptation to dress up your dog, unless you are absolutely sure he won't find it distressing. If you do dress your dog in a costume, never leave him unsupervised. Make sure that all elastics are loose fitting and accounted for. A dog that chews on his costume can end up with bowel obstructions and could possibly choke on any small parts. A costume can also get tangled in trees and bushes.

- If you worry about your dog bolting out the door when trick-or-treaters show up, practice this ritual with him now. Teach him that even if the door is open, he is not to run out. Use a leash at first and practice at times of day when there are distractions outside. If you're still nervous come Halloween, confine him to a room or his crate with a favorite toy during trick-or-treating hours.

- Keep your dog on a leash if you enjoy sitting on your porch while waiting for trick-or-treaters. Also be sure to keep your dog safe by not leaving him outside in your yard unsupervised when trick-or-treaters are on the prowl.

- Keep the candy bowl out of your dog's reach. Remember that chocolate is toxic to dogs. Make sure your kids keep their Halloween loot where the pooch can't get to it.

Above all, remember your dog doesn't grasp that Halloween is a holiday and may find the commotion of witches, ghosts, and goblins genuinely frightening. Be sensitive to your dog's stress level and safety—and have a

Happy Halloween!

Natural Disaster Safety - Establishing an Emergency Plan for Your Dog

by Patti Lawson

Ed.s Note No matter where we live, we live, a disaster can happen. Whether it is a hurricane, tornado, snow storm, fire or accident. One of my worries is taking care of the dogs should the motor home be involved in an accident.

Hurricane season is upon us once again, and all dog owners should have a disaster plan in place for their pets. I've never been through a hurricane with my dog, but I did experience a house fire with her, and it was horrific. I'd never even considered having a plan in place in case of a fire, let alone a hurricane or other natural disaster, but that night I vowed to never be without one again. If you are the victim of a natural disaster or a house fire and don't have a plan, you may not have a chance to escape without some tragedy.

Get ready before disaster strikes. Pay attention to weather reports, and don't take chances with your life or your dog's life. Have a place secured where you can go with your dog when a hurricane or other weather disaster is approaching. If you decide to ride a storm out at home, have supplies ready. Make sure you have a room where you will be safe and have food, water, medications and any other necessary item for your dog, including a favorite blanket for comfort. These things should always be ready in a safe place and not gathered in a frantic moment or two before the event.

At a minimum, the following should be part of your safety plan:

1. Post pet rescue alert stickers at the exterior doors of your house.
2. Practice an exit drill that includes your dog. The No. 1 reason dogs perish in house fires and hurricanes is because they're left alone confined in a room or a kennel. Put your dog's collar on with identification tags attached, and take the dog out of the house on a leash.
3. Keep your dog's leash and ID collar in the same place all the time. This makes it easy to find in an emergency. Consider purchasing a flame-retardant reflective vest with room to hold your dog's information and extra collars with all necessary tags attached in case of a need to evacuate your house swiftly. These vests can also serve as flotation devices, which are priceless when flooding occurs. Get one for each of

your dogs and have them ready when needed.

4. Take your dog to a safe place. Kennels that have safety facilities are available in many areas, and you may be able to arrange ahead of time to have a reservation secured for your dog.

5. Keep in mind that dogs can detect changes in the weather and fire long before humans do. Pay attention to your dog's behavior. If your dog is acting strangely, try to discover the reason and follow your evacuation plan if necessary.

6. Know where your dog would hide should it get away from you.

7. Have an emergency kit ready to go. It should include your dog's vaccination records and any other medical information, food, bottled water, first-aid kit for pets, dishes, medication and a familiar toy or blanket. If your home is destroyed, you might have to place your pet in a kennel for a few days and these items will be crucial.

8. Keep your dog on a ground floor if you absolutely must to leave it alone. This makes it easier for them to be rescued if a fire occurs while you aren't there.

9. Leave a door open if you must leave your pet behind. In a worst-case scenario when you can't find your dog and must leave, it will at least have an escape route.

10. After a fire, get your dog checked by a veterinarian. Toxic fumes can be deadly and if you smell smoke on your dog's fur, it might have a burn you can't see.

11. Make sure your boarding facility has a plan in case of weather disasters or a fire. They should have an evacuation plan and a worker on the premises at all times.

12. Know which hotels in your area accept pets, because not all emergency shelters allow them.

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Just a Dog

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like, "just a friend", "just a sunrise" or "just a promise".

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks, and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."

- Versatile Hunting Dog Magazine, February 2006

Highlights from the 9/28/2011 Board Conference Call Meeting

1. The Board approved holding a National Obedience Trial at our March 2012 Roving Specialty in Fort Worth, TX.
2. The Board approved the Health Committee holding a seminar with Dr. Bell with the general topic of Management of Genetic Problems. This will be held over the MCKC 2012 weekend.
3. The Board welcomed 7 new Regular members to AMSC.
4. The Board approved holding of our 1st Futurity in conjunction with our 2013 Roving Specialty at Purina Farms in May 2013.
5. The Board approved allowing posts of available pet puppies on amsc-l.
6. The Board happily approved granting Life Memberships to Carla Borrelli and Penny Hirstein.

BLACK RIBBONS

Sophie

March 10, 1997-August 22, 2011

Sophie was our second schnauzer and she was a rescue. She was the sweetest creature and I'm thankful someone gave her up so that we were able to provide her a life of luxury and that she allowed us to care and love her. The only award she won was our hearts and her personality made us adore the miniature schnauzer breed more than ever. She is and will forever be greatly missed by Todd McCuen and Scott Crouse

Shangri-La's Touched By An Angel

"Tess"

2-18-01 9-20-11

(CH Liebestraum's One More Time - Shangri-La's Have Fun Will Travel)

Tess never enjoyed the show ring so much but loved agility. Only thing was she insisted on doing it HER way so we never had a "Q"

But she was a joy to live with as are her children that still reside with us

Shangri-La's Have Fun Will Travel

"Jade"

(Shangri-La's Paladin - Meadoway's Shangri-La Sizzler)

4-29-96 - 10-10-11,

Jade "retired" with 17 points following an emergency c section and spay after a uterine rupture. The final major remained elusive. Her last several shows, the major breaking by one bitch..thus the 17 points. She was a champion in our hearts and will live on through her decedents that still live with us.
Chris Kemper

* MOVING?

Be sure to send your change of address and new phone number and new email address to us so that AMSCOPE can follow you...you wouldn't want to miss one issue!

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **CH Riversong Talk'n About Broadway** (CH Bandsman Times Square x CH Essex RiversongTalk Out Loud) finished her Championship title completely owner-handled out of the Bred-By class at the Sussex County Kennel Club show in NJ on Sept. 4, 2011. "Mia" was bred by Vicki Kubic and Sheila Marks and is owned and loved by Vicki Kubic.

* **U-CD Margot's One N' Only Eden AKC-CD,CAN-CD,ASCA CD, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP,OAP,OJP,RN** After 2 years, I took my five year old little girl, Eden, out of Agility for a brief break. After one "hectic" training session in the Obedience ring, she gallantly went on to show in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada and got her Canadian obedience title in 3 consecutive shows. We are very proud of our little diva. She will now go back to running Excellent Preferred in Agility. Gail Arnoldi

* **Daree's Rainy Days and Mondays, CDX, GN, GO, VER** (CH Daree's Notice Me x CH Daree's Pretty Girl) completed the requirements for her Companion Dog Excellent title at the Electric City Kennel Club shows on Sept 2 with a 1st place. Rainy also finished her Graduate Open title at the Fall Cluster shows in Helena, MT on Sept 26 with another 1st place. Rainy is owned, trained and adored by Dianne Armstrong.

* **Ch Abacus Profit Margin** (Emmy) finished the requirements for her championship on Sunday, October 16, 2011 by going WB and BOS and was breeder owner handled to her championship. Thank you judge Mrs. Judy Webb for her finishing win, Jon Cole for her four point major at the Grand Junction Kennel Club on October 1, 2011 and Mr. Guy Jeavons for her five point major at the Cheyenne Kennel Club on September 3, 2011. Emmy is the second champion for her dam, Ch Abacus No Margin For Error (Margie), and the eighth champion for her sire, Ch T-Lan's Carmel Superman (Clark). Emmy has been a joy to show and now we will go on to seriously training for her agility career. She was a singleton puppy and has approached everything with a joy for life and a fear of nothing, happy to do anything I asked of her.



Best Junior at Montgomery County

Miss Abigail Luce started out in 4-H showing her Dachund in showmanship, obedience and agility.

She started showing AKC with Mary Paisley when she was 11. That September she showed CH ToMar's Mr Dream Fixer , "Spike." She learned to roll his coat.

She quickly came to the open class. She now has her own dog named ToMar's Wild Sleeper, "Skylar."

When the pup was three months old, she took him home to train him for the ring. Abbie has done all the coat work and some of the scissoring. Abbie is also a 4-H junoir leader. She instructs the Junoir showmanship class for our LaCrosse County 4-H dog project.

Abbie's dog Skylar is 9 months old now. He has been to just a few shows and has three majors and a few singles. Abbie is determined to finish him by herself.

Abbie had her very own cheering section at Montgomery. They were proud of her work in the ring. Abbie went on to win the Best JR. All, at ringside, where in tears. After winning this, she went to the group ring and did a victory lap.



Last Will & Testament of an Extremely Loved Dog

The original version of this tribute was written by Eugene O'Neill for his wife Carlotta, a few days before their Dalmatian passed away from old age in December, 1940. Please give credit to the author if you should pass this moving piece onto others in the future.

I, Silverdene Emblem O'Neill (familiarily known to my family, friends & acquaintances as Blemie), because the burden of my years and infirmities is heavy upon me, and I realize the end of my life is near, do hereby bury my last will and testament in the mind of my Master. He will not know it is there until after I am dead. Then, remembering me in his loneliness, he will suddenly know of this testament, and I ask him to inscribe it as a memorial to me.

I have little in the way of material things to leave. Dogs are wiser than men. They do not set great store upon things. They do not waste their days hoarding property. They do not ruin their sleep worrying about how to keep the objects they have, and to obtain objects they have not. There is nothing of value I have to bequeath except my love and my loyalty. These I leave to all those who have loved me, especially to my Master and Mistress, who I know will mourn me the most.

I ask my Master and my Mistress to remember me always, but not to grieve for me too long. In my life, I have tried to be a comfort to them in time of sorrow, and a reason for added joy in their happiness. It is painful for me to think that even in death I should cause them pain. Let them remember that while no dog has ever had a happier life (and this I owe to their love and care for me), now that I have grown blind and deaf and lame, and even my sense of smell fails me so that a rabbit could be right under my nose and I might not know, my pride has sunk to a sick, bewildered humiliation. I feel life is taunting me with having over-lingered my welcome. It is time I said good-bye, before I become too sick a burden on myself and on those who love me.

It will be a sorrow to leave them, but not a sorrow to die. Dogs do not fear death as men do. We accept it as part of life, not as something alien and terrible which destroys life. What may come after death, who knows? I would like to believe that there is a Paradise. Where one is always young and full-bladdered. Where all the day one dillies and dallies. Where each blissful hour is mealtime. Where in the long evenings there are a million fireplaces with logs forever

burning, and one curls oneself up and blinks into the flames and nods and dreams, remembering the old brave days on earth and the love of one's Master and Mistress. I am afraid that this is too much for even such a dog as I am to expect. But peace, at least, is certain. Peace and a long rest for my weary old heart and head and limbs, and eternal sleep in the earth I have loved so well. Perhaps, after all, this is best.

One last request, I earnestly make. I have heard my Mistress say, "When Blemie dies we must never have another dog. I love him so much I could never love another one". Now I would ask her, for love of me, to have another. It would be a poor tribute to my memory never to have a dog again. What I would like to feel is that, having once had me in the family, she cannot live without a dog! I have never had a narrow, jealous spirit. I have always held that most dogs are good. My successor can hardly be as well loved or as well mannered or as distinguished and handsome as I was in my prime. My Master and Mistress must not ask the impossible. But he will do his best, I am sure, and even his inevitable defects will help by comparison to keep my memory green. To him I bequeath my collar and leash and my overcoat and raincoat He can never wear them with the distinction I did, all eyes fixed on me in admiration; but again I am sure he will do his utmost not to appear a mere gauche provincial dog. I hereby wish him the happiness I know will be his in my old home.

One last word of farewell, dear Master and Mistress. Whenever you visit my grave, say to yourselves with regret but also with happiness in your hearts at the remembrance of my long, happy life with you: "Here lies one who loved us and whom we loved". No matter how deep my sleep I shall hear you and not all the power of death can keep my spirit from wagging a grateful tail. I will always love you as only a dog can."

by Eugene O'Neill

AMSC FUTURITY 2013!!

We are officially announcing another exciting opportunity for AMSC members.

A futurity stakes competition will be held at the roving national specialty during the week long activities at Purina Farms in St. Louis Missouri in 2013!

Litter nominations have opened and can be received now. Futurity rules and both litter and individual nomination forms can be viewed and down loaded from the AMSC yahoo groups files or the AMSC website.

Any questions regarding the futurity can be directed to me Beth Santure, Futurity Chair. at:

bjasanture@peoplepc.com

The larger the participation, the larger the stakes prizes to be won and the more exciting the competition will be.

Please support our clubs first ever National Futurity by nominating that special litter which is in whelp now or planned to whelp between now and November 9, 2012.

WHO DOES WHAT?

Here's who to contact:

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Roster Address changes, she will communicate to Carla B and Wyoma for updates

Sharon Edwards
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new logo on floor mats and vests

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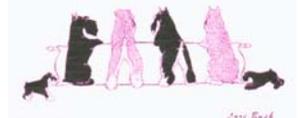
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