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BOSSW...Tomar's Whimsical Dream/
Paisley

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Business/Schnetzer

BOSVSW...GCH Lonestar's Wicked
Good/Edwards

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Schnetzer

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Santure

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Kennel/Leung

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Paisley

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Phelps/Ziegler

BOS... GCH Lonestar's Which Witch/
Edwards

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Happiness/Ueki

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Edwards

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Does Your Pet Fear Storms? Why You Can't Ignore His Discomfort

Thunderstorms can strike fear in the heart of even the most normally laidback dog or cat. And what many pet parents don't realize is it's not just the loud clap of thunder that generates a fear response in phobic pets. Lightning, wind, rain, dark skies, changes in barometric pressure, and even odors can trigger a panicked reaction in susceptible dogs and cats.

Since dogs are naturally more demonstrative than cats and more apt to look to their owner for help, a dog's storm phobia symptoms are usually quite obvious. Common signs of phobia-related stress include dilated pupils, drooling, rapid heartbeat, panting, pacing, trembling, potty accidents, and destructive behavior.

Your cat, on the other hand, may simply scoot quietly under the bed or head for another protected spot in your home.

Fear of storms in pets is no laughing matter. In a study of storm-phobic dogs, their plasma cortisol levels jumped over 200 percent from exposure to an audio recording of a storm. And even though we can't scientifically evaluate the emotions of sensitive pets during a thunderstorm, we can safely assume they feel fear and perhaps even terror.

Storm phobia causes extreme anxiety and discomfort not only for four-legged companions, but also for human family members who feel helpless to ease their pet's suffering. If your pet is afraid of storms, don't lose hope. There are things you can do to help your furry friend remain calm when the weather outside is frightful.

Create a Safe Place Where Your Pet Can Go to Avoid the Storm

If your companion is a cat, observe where she goes to "hide out" when she feels the need, and if possible, turn the area into a cozy little safe spot for her. For example, if she heads for a corner of your bedroom closet, considering placing a cat bed on one of those plastic storage tubs most of us have. This will turn her closet hideout into a warm, slightly elevated safe spot.

For dogs, your basement may be just the ticket, or alternatively, a room with sound-proofing wallboard and heavy window coverings.

Your dog's safe place should ideally have small covered windows or no windows so he can't see the storm. In the space you set aside, add a solid-sided crate, and leave the door open. The crate should contain food, water, treats, and toys. When you know a storm is approaching, turn on the lights in the room so lightning flashes will be less obvious.

Play calming music (MusicMyPet.com, PetMusic.com) in your pet's safe spot at a volume just loud enough to drown out distant thunderclaps.

Make sure to spend time playing with your dog in his safe room when it's not storming, and then see if he'll go there on his own when he senses a storm is on the way. Your pet should have access to his safe spot at all times, and especially when you're not at home.

Behavior Modification, Desensitization, and Counterconditioning

One behavior modification technique that may work for a storm phobic dog is to engage him in a behavior that earns a reward. Ask your dog to perform a command or trick he knows and reward him if he does. This activity distracts not only him, but also you, in case you're tempted to inadvertently reinforce his phobic behavior by petting and soothing him while he's showing anxiety.

Another behavior modification you can try involves engaging your dog in a fun activity. Play a game with him, or give him a treat release toy or [recreational bone](#) to chew on. One of my favorite ways to distract dogs is with [nose work](#). Use your dog's natural senses to divert his attention, or have fun with [Dr. Yin's Manners Minder](#). Just keep in mind that if your dog's fear response to storms is intense, you may not always be able to soothe him with food rewards or other distractions.

Desensitization involves using a CD with recorded [storm sounds](#) to try to desensitize your dog. This is best done during times of the year when real storms are few and far between.

Unfortunately, desensitization isn't always

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LOOK

Please let me know if you make a change

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

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

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

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as effective with storm phobias as it is with other types of anxiety disorders. That's because it's difficult to mimic all the various triggers that set off a fear response in a storm-phobic pet – in particular changes in barometric pressure, static electricity, and whatever scents they notice with an impending change in the weather. In addition, desensitization has to be done in each room of the house, because a new coping skill learned in the living room will be forgotten in the kitchen. These problems make desensitization more of a challenge in treating storm phobias.

Counterconditioning involves consistently and repeatedly pairing a negative trigger with a positive one, until your pet makes a positive association. For example, if your dog exhibits a fear response each time she hears a thunderclap, offer her a treat each time it happens. The goal is to condition her to associate a treat with the sound of thunder.

Additional Storm Stress Relief Tools for Pets

Try putting gentle, continuous pressure on your pet to calm her. If she will allow it, try leaning gently on or against her without petting or stroking. If this is helpful to her, you'll feel her muscles begin to relax. If instead she seems to grow more anxious, stop the activity.

If your pet does seem to respond well to pressure applied to her body, there are wraps available (Thundershirt.com, Anxietywrap.com, Stormdefender.com) that many pet owners and veterinarians have found extremely helpful. You might also consider a ThunderCap.

Touch is a specific massage technique that can help anxious pets. You can also consider trying EFT to help your four-legged companion.

Invest in a pheromone diffuser. Species-specific pheromones are chemical substances that can positively affect an animal's emotional state and behavior. There's the D.A.P. diffuser for dogs and Feliway for kitties.

Consult a holistic veterinarian about homeopathic, TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) and Bach Flower Remedies that could be helpful in alleviating your pet's stress. Some products I use, always in conjunction with behavior modification, include Calm Shen, homeopathic aconitum or Hyland's Calms Forte, Bach Rescue Remedy, or other similar remedies depending on the animal, Spirit Essence Storm Soother, and OptiBalance Fear & Phobias Formula.

Calming nutraceuticals and herbs that I've found helpful include holy basil, L-theanine, rhodiola, ashwagandha, GABA, 5-HTP, and chamomile. Consult your holistic vet about which option is right for your pet.

The essential oil of lavender has also been proven to reduce a pet's stress response. I recommend placing a few drops on your dog's collar or bedding before a stressor occurs, if possible, or diffuse the oil around your house for an overall calming effect.

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **Am.Ch.Minuteman Justified** finished his AKC title on Sept. 12, taking five majors in his first five days in the ring, with two breed wins and a group placing for icing. "Raylan" is the 11th Champion for his sire Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman All About Flyfishing and first for his dam, AmGCh.CanCh.Minuteman Goldikova. He's bred and owned by Catherine McMillan, co-owned by Vickie Boechler

* **Rudi** and I (Sue Phillips) took 3rd place in the Small Dog Agility Competition of the Purina ProPlan Incredible Dog Challenge Finals in Gray Summit, MO on Sept. 27th. Another interesting note is that the other two finalists were with me on the USA TEAM that went to the European Open Tournament in Tszar, Hungary this summer. Rudi also competed in the 60 weave pole challenge preliminary heat against the #1 seed dog, a rather large Border Collie! Rudi stayed with the BC until the last three poles. It was a fun, wonderful friendly competition with our dogs!! And last, Rudi recently earned her MACH 2 Championship. It has been a great year for Rudi and I with all the unexpected challenges in our journey together.

* **Can CH Carbor Back Talk MX MXB MXJ MJS OF NFP** (Can CH Carbor On The Road Again x Can CH Boxdema Memory of Carbor) earned her Novice Preferred FAST title at the WDTC agility trial on October 4, 2014. She is owned by Judy Russell, was bred by Carla Borrelli and was handled to this title by Judy Russell. At 13 years old, she is still loving agility and wowing her many fans!

* **Carbor Call of the Wild AX MXJ XF** (Can Ch Carbor Hot on the Trail x Can Ch Carbor Prim and Proper) earned his Excellent FAST title and his Master JWW title at the Syracuse Obedience Training Club's AKC agility trial in October 2014. He is owned by Judy Russell, was bred by Carla Borrelli and is handled by John Russell. Jack celebrated, as usual, by going outside the building and

Schnauzer Day at the AKC Museum of the Dog – St Louis MO

September 7, 2014

The Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club hosted Schnauzer Day at the AKC Museum of the Dog on Sunday September 7th. President Marilyn Bock welcomed 15-20 guests and 12 members to the afternoon highlighting all 3 sizes of Schnauzers. The club had a computer video that highlighted different club members dogs and activities.

showed the jumps and weaves. They both talked about all the work it takes to train and show in Agility. It was great to see all the Miniatures trying Agility.

Clay Lincoln talked briefly about his dogs that work in Therapy in hospitals and nursing homes. It is a very healing process for the patients he has worked



Clay and Nancy Lincoln demonstrated Obedience with several minis. Clay talked about the different considerations and skills that should be learned to enter a trial. Healing and dumbbell retrieval proved interesting to the guests.

Caren Rohlfing brought her Standards and showed how her dogs do Obedience and Confirmation. She talked about the Stripping process of the Schnauzer coat and had many questions from the guests. Wendy Sheffler brought her Giants and showed them off as well. It was fun to have these dogs included in the day with the minis.

John Rowe and Sue Phillips took the floor with their miniatures that do Agility. They

with. He also talked about schnauzers doing Tracking, Earth Dog and Barn Hunt.

Teresa Handlen was available to answer questions about grooming and any problems pet owners were having with brushing or taking care of their dogs.

The day ended after a 2 hour program of just Schnauzers. Afterwards, many guests stayed and asked club members for more information. It was a good educational day for all.

TROPHIES!



There are two ways to make your donation:

1. Mail a check, payable to AMSC (note Trophy Fund) to: AMSC Treasurer, 2131 Golf Estates Drive, Laytonsville, MD 20882
2. At PayPal.com; must have a PayPal account and pay in US currency

Beautiful Trophies Help Acknowledge the Best of Our Breed

The Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club wishes to announce our Spring Specialty to be held on February 12th, 2015 in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club. Kathi Brown will judge the regular classes and Pamela Wilson will be judging the sweepstakes. The specialty will be held at the National Western Complex in Denver, Colorado.



**Minutes – September 17, 2013
AMSC Board Meeting**

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 8:07 PM EST via conference call.

Officers Present: Wyoma Clouss – President, Kathy Colby – Vice President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Carol Hafner – Secretary, Don Farley – AKC Delegate

Board Members Present: Penny Hirstein, Cindy Molieri, Patricia O'Brien, Patti Henderson, Margo Klingler, Lisa Sarvas, Carole Weinberger, Kaye Kirk, Patty Ledgerwood, Luana Nedich, Carla Nickerson, Nita Ainsworth, Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Beth Santure

Other Club Members Present: Rich Edwards, Amy Gordon, Bonnie Keyes, Kaleigh Gonzalez, Laurie Moore, Marcia Feld, Kelly Radcliffe, Diane Gardner, Lynn Tamms

Adoption of the Agenda: Patty Ledgerwood made a motion that the agenda be approved and seconded by Carla Nickerson. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meeting held on August 13, 2014: No corrections were made and stand approved as read.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Wyoma Clouss. Update of all committee guidelines is needed. All committees should focus on getting this done during next year.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: Carol Hafner

Correspondence (Received): AKC

- National Owner-Handled Series information and video for clubs to consider for their specialties

- New Federal regulations on puppies imported for resale - ***The new regulations do not restrict individuals who wish to import dogs they intend to keep for personal use, such as a pet or as part of a breeding program.***

- Parent Club Rescue contact request
- Club Officer updates request

Miscellaneous

- Schnauzer Rescue of Texas requesting to be listed on AMSC website
- False advertising on AKC classified ads

Seeking information on rolling coats (2)

- Registration problems with puppies (1 domestic, 1 foreign)
- Puppy inquiries (2)
- Judging assignment conformations for AMSC specialties in 2016

Correspondence (Sent): None.

Membership: As of 09/17/14 our membership totaled 465 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 31 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), for a total of 537.

- Submittal of local clubs officer and delegate changes should be submitted to Wyoma Clouss and Carol Hafner. Members should update any address and contact information as soon as possible with Carol Hafner, Carla Borelli and Sharon Edwards (after installation of new officers, information should go to Bonnie Keyes, not Sharon Edwards).

- Archiving of old, hard copy documents – Board discussion determined that club business related information as a hard copy or email shall be kept. Cindy Molieri made a motion that Carol research dual backups of an external hard drive with adequate capacity to store club documents, cloud technology storage (i.e. Drop Box, Carbonite), or Yahoo Group that could be set up as a backup and was seconded by Patti Henderson. Motion passed by consensus. Further discussion will take place online.

- Only 16 people have signed up for the reception on Saturday night at Montgomery County.

- Transfer from Sharon Edwards to Bonnie Keyes as Treasurer is going well. George Jacobus will collect all the new members' dues. The club will be using Citizen's Bank instead of Bank of America which does not have a branch near Bonnie.

- Budget is coming up very soon, so Bonnie needs to know what committees will need for 2015. Be prepared to give info to Bonnie Keyes. Expenses and projects should be listed out by committees.

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE: Don Farley

September meeting – Crop and Dock group is trying to put together videos and training materials for proper cropping and docking as public relations information. Also, the group is putting together a list of vets around the country that do crop and dock. The Board discussed both issues and did not feel comfortable giving this information to AKC. Farley will bring up concerns of the AMSC. Another item that delegates are asking the AKC to consider is using a registration research service. There was a Donor Advised Fund Statement from the Canine Health Foundation which was published, but there are errors.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Sharon Edwards
September 4, 2014

Balances:	August 1, 2014	Sept. 4, 2014	Change	Explanation
Checking	\$49,037	\$47,895	-\$1,142	See below
Trophy donations	\$7,364	\$8,999	\$1,635	Trophy fund
Rescue	\$7,540	\$7,541	\$1	Interest
Health	\$5,724	\$5,647	-\$77	JRD study – Univ. of GA
Holding	\$14,005	\$14,005	\$0	
Savings	\$33,926	\$33,929	\$3	Interest
PayPal	\$4,242	\$4,533	\$291	Revenue - Montco dinner, mdse sales
TOTAL	\$121,838	\$122,549	\$711	

Material Transactions: checking

Revenue – new members	\$120
AMSCOpe expense	-\$187
Deposit for electricity – Eukanuba 2014	-\$110
Deposit – meeting room Dr. Geiger presentation	-\$100
Transfer to Trophy Fund	-\$825
All other expenses net interest income	-\$40
Total	-\$1,142

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There was a discussion on Sylvia Hammerstrom's nomination for Breeder of the Year in Conformation. Wyoma and Don will be voicing our objections formally with AKC to her nomination.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Special Committees:

• **Fall Specialty – Montgomery County: Brian Bogart**

An email was sent to both our regular class and sweepstakes judges offering my help in arraigining hotel reservations or transportation to the show sight for our 2014 event. In addition, an invitation was extended to these judges and their guest to attend our Annual Dinner, compliments of the AMSC.

Proofs for the 2014 AMSC National Specialty-Montgomery County Kennel Club show premium and show catalog were received and carefully reviewed by our trophy committee and myself. Corrected copies were returned to Bruce Schwartz. Wyoma reported that 2015 will be the 200th AMSC specialty.

Luana will send information on Dr. Giger seminar on Thursday and Saturday reception activities to Carla Borelli for an email blast to all members.

• **2015 Roving Specialty – Denver, Colorado: Carma Ewer, Carla Nickerson**

Show Dates: Thursday, February 12, Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club specialty in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Terrier Club

Friday and Saturday - two all Breed shows - Plum Creek Kennel Club

Sunday - AMSC specialty with the Colorado Kennel Club

Monday - Colorado Kennel Club All Breed show

Carla Nickerson has secured a hotel for us close to the show sight. We are working with the Cluster to secure reserved grooming together, along with having space available for the Trophy committee and AMSC Merchandise. Carma will post the judges as soon as available, and they are putting together a flyer for the website. There will be obedience and rally. Agility will be held by another club. The Denver club has been very helpful with the event. Reserved grooming spots as a group needs to be done early, a count will be sought through a Facebook page dedicated to this specialty.

The Drury Inn near Stapleton has been booked and will have a pet charge. Everybody is on their own for hotel reservations and there is a block of rooms reserved for the AMSC. Board meeting will be on Saturday night in Denver.

Standing Committees:

• **AMSC –L Yahoo Group: Wyoma Clouss**
331 Members, 48,351 messages as of 9/9/2014

• **Audit: Bonnie Keyes**

In accordance with the AMSC's Financial Policy, dated 11/5/10, I have reviewed all AMSC bank statements for the months of May 1, 2014 – July 31, 2014. I have traced all transfers from one account to another; I have viewed the PayPal account. I have also, reviewed selected checks and their corresponding invoices & deposits with their detail. I find nothing to be out of order or questionable. A new auditor will need to be found when Bonnie becomes Treasurer.

• **Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms (Lynn Baitinger – Versatility)**

Awards have been ordered and they will be at the Reception Saturday night, October 4, 2014.

• **Breeder Referral: Donna Hafen, Gloria Lewis, Marcia Feld, Buzzy Alfano, Carla Nickerson**

Carole Weinberger reported that there have been 65 names of members that want to be listed on the website for breeder referral.

• **Electronic Media: Chris Franck/ Wyoma Clouss**

We have been uploading pages and photos for the new website to GMR... So far, for the Front Page, for Health, for Activities & Events, for About AMSC, for Referral (except the data for the map). We are finalizing the About Miniature Schnauzer pages, and should be sending that momentarily. Steve, at GMR, says the material and format of the information we have been sending is fine, he's working on the pages.

• **Ethics: Carole Weinberger, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson**

Committee is working on a project that will need to be addressed by the Board in the future. A report will be forthcoming.

• **Guidelines: Diane Gardner, Kelly Redcliffe**

The information for the committee was initially provided on a CD which the committee no longer has available. Does anyone else have the information that could be copied to a portable thumb drive? Wyoma will check with John Constantine for copies of existing guidelines.

• **Health: Patti Henderson, Vera Potiker, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Sheila Marks, Bill Brown, Patricia O'Brien**

AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE SEMINAR: Dr Urs Giger will be addressing the AMSC during the Montgomery County weekend. The event is sponsored by the Health Committee and is open to all members and the general public. The seminar will be held at the Host hotel, Homewood Suites, 681 Shannondell Blvd., Audubon, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, October 2, 2014. Refreshments will be available in the Lobby prior to the event. There will be a liberal amount of time for questions at the conclusion of his presentation.

STATUS of CURRENT SUPPORTED RESEARCH:

Grant 01766: Identification and Validation of the Genes That Define Abnormal Development of the Kidney in Dogs

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kerstin Lindblad-Toh, PhD

Research Institution: Broad Institute

Grant Amount: \$25,000.00

So far this year we have performed targeted large-scale sequencing of the candidate disease region linked to juvenile renal dysplasia in boxer. We have found a large number of differences between sick and healthy dogs and continue to carefully analyzing these to determine which variant might be the causative mutation. The primary candidate gene is an excellent candidate, making us enthusiastic about the further study of this gene. Sample collection from other breeds is ongoing and we welcome the help from pet owners and breed clubs in collection samples. We are **emphasizing miniature schnauzers**, soft-coated wheaten terriers and Shetland sheepdogs, but are interested in working with any breed.

Information and consent forms can be found at: <http://www.broadinstitute.org/dogsamples>

FSGS in MINIATURE SCHNAUZERS
Principal Investigator: Cathy Brown, DVM
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Funding Support thru GLF

Renal biopsy samples from six proteinuric Miniature Schnauzers submitted through the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory between 2009 and 2013 were evaluated. Lesions were consistent with primary FSGS based on histopathology and transmission electron microscopy, with no evidence of underlying glomerular disease. Serial bloodwork and urinalyses revealed marked proteinuria, initially without azotemia, at 6 – 10 years of age. All six pedigreed dogs were within three generations of two common ancestors, suggesting a familial basis for primary FSGS in these dogs.

The importance of primary FSGS as a cause of glomerular disease in dogs has only recently been recognized. A familial form of FSGS has been described in Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers, in which breed specific, single nucleotide changes in genes encoding for podocyte slit-diaphragm proteins were identified (nephrin and filtrin). In a retrospective study of 501 renal biopsies from dogs with proteinuria, primary FSGS was the most common non-immune complex glomerulopathy, occurring more frequently than amyloidosis. In that study, 5% of the submitted samples were from Miniature Schnauzers dogs, suggesting a predilection for glomerular disease in this breed.

Because of the health priority and initial efforts of a single AMSC member breeder with the encouragement and assistance of the AMSC Health Committee, this very important research was initiated. We are extremely proud of the effort and collaboration.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS: The current DAF balance for the AMSC is \$141,202.96. This includes the \$68,000 earmarked money for Dr. Giger's research which will be offered when his request for CHF funding is made. Dr Giger is currently funded through the GLF. The Health Committee was requested to approve the transfer of Giger Grant funds back to the AMSC DAF. While we await the submission of a grant from Dr Giger, the Health Committee is requesting approval to fund the following CHF grants:

02118-A: Targeting the Mechanism of Bacterial Adherence during Pyometra to Develop an Effective, Non-Invasive Treatment for Disease

Principal Investigator: Dr. Cordula Bartel, PhD; University of Veterinary Medicine of

Total Grant Amount: \$10,368.00; Grant Period: 7/1/2014 - 11/30/2015

Project Abstract:

Pyometra is the most common uterine disease in intact bitches leading to potentially life-threatening complications due to the systemic inflammation that occurs as a result of infection. We know that E. coli bacteria are the most abundant infectious agents associated with pyometra in bitches, but how and why these bacteria are able to colonize the endometrium and cause disease is unclear. In a previous study Dr. Bartel's research group characterized a unique epithelial cell type known as "foam cells" on the canine endometrial surface. Foam cells occur most often during diestrus (also called metestrus), the cyclic stage most commonly associated with the occurrence of pyometra. Foam cell formation appears to be part of the normal physiological process of preparation of an embryo for implantation. From other species we know that the foamy appearance of the epithelial cells is caused by lipid droplet accumulation and that the uptake of lipids from the blood is accomplished via special lipid receptors on these cells known as SR-B1. Interestingly, SR-B1 is a strong binding partner for bacteria and Dr. Bartel's lab hypothesizes that this receptor is a major contributor to the development of pyometra. They also believe selective blocking of this receptor will lead to a reduction of clinical signs of inflammation and decreased convalescence-time and tissue damage during pyometra. The first step to testing this hypothesis is to detect SR-B1 in the canine endometrial epithelial cells and to elucidate its role in lipid accumulation in endometrial epithelial cells during pyometra development. In this pilot project these researchers will evaluate SR-B1 mRNA and protein in the canine endometrium with the **goal of ultimately establishing a new, non-invasive pyometra treatment that impairs bacterial adhesion to the endometrial wall.**

BOARD ACTION REQUEST: The Health Committee has reviewed this grant request and recommends approval of \$5,000.00 to support this work.

2014 CHF Clinician Scientist Fellowship Award Research Summary

Dr. Eva Furrow, V.M.D

**University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine
DAF Sponsorship Request: \$12,000**

Genetic diseases devastate pets, owners, and breeders. Uncovering the mutations responsible for these diseases permits the development of tests to identify susceptible patients before the disease occurs and, importantly, can result in new and innovative therapies to ameliorate, prevent and eradicate illness. I have studied metabolic and neurological genetic diseases for over a decade, and I am currently investigating the most common type of urinary stones in dogs – calcium oxalate (CaOx). CaOx stones are a painful problem with frustratingly high recurrence rates and strong breed predispositions. I have identified a genetic variant that is associated with stone risk in the Miniature Schnauzer, and I am now performing studies to investigate the function of this variant. The Schnauzer variant is present in some other stone-forming breeds, but there is evidence that additional mutations for CaOx stones exist in dogs. Therefore, I have initiated genetic studies in the Bichon Frise, the second most common CaOx stone former, to identify a second mutation. This award will support my research on the genetic basis of CaOx stones and thereby provide an opportunity to further my goal of solving this common and recurrent problem in dogs. NOTE: For her entire career, Dr Eva Furrow has been a cutting edge researcher on the SECOND most prevalent disease in miniature schnauzers, stone disease, and, moreover, has been an unfailing resource and counsel for the AMSC Health Committee on several issues. The Fellowship Award for 2014 underscores the quality of this researcher's ongoing work and expectation for the future.

BOARD ACTION REQUEST: The AMSC Health Committee heartily recommends full financial support for this grant and requests \$12,000.00 in support of this work.

Patti Henderson moved to approve the requests that were seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Both requests were approved by the Board unanimously.

CHIC REPORT: As of September 5th, 2014 a total of 170 miniature schnauzers have been registered in the CHIC program. CHIC pins will be presented at the AMSC "gathering" at Montgomery County. If you have obtained a CHIC number on a dog owned/co-owned, by AMSC member and you have not received a CHIC Pin, please let Patti Henderson know by email at aristosms@comcast.net. It is noteworthy to acknowledge those members who have

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registered 5 or more dogs in the CHIC program.

i.	BROOKE WALKER	5
ii.	ROSILYN SHROYER	5
iii.	VERA POTIKER	6
iv.	TERRIE HOUCK/CATHY PENDLETON	6
v.	JULIE & DAN COOPER	8
vi.	LINDA WAHLQUIST-SOOS	9
vii.	STELLA VAN CLEAVE	10
viii.	KATHERINE DODGE	11

HEALTH COMMITTEE WEBPAGES: The Health Committee has submitted the public's rendition of the AMSC Website Health section to the Website Committee. We are now beginning to work on the Member's Only section of the Health pages and while we will try to summarize difficult and technical information in a more user friendly format we will include extensive bibliographies to augment information for anyone who is interested in delving further.

Judges Selection: Eunice Revsbech

Roving Specialty, Purina Farms, April 3, 2016

Carole L. Weinberger - Regular Classes

Janet L. Taylor - Sweeps

Great Western June 26, 2016

Linda More - Regular Classes

Mary Paisley - Sweeps

Montgomery County October 9, 2016

Jon Cole - Regular Classes

Linda Drost - Sweeps

Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic

Kennalea and Vicki have joined a new AKC Legislative Liaison Yahoo group being formed. Lisa Sarvas will attend the NAIA Conference November 7-9 in Orlando, FL

Local Club Bulletin/ Websites: Kennalea Pratt, Laurie Moore, Diana Coville, Marilyn Oxandale

As we went through this process we learn a lot about the different clubs by reading the newsletters and websites. We had to go back and forth many times to make a decision. We have come up with an easier system of voting that will solve the votes being so close between a couple of clubs for both venues. Also we have ideas for more detailed guidelines to evaluate to decide these awards. If we are allowed to proceed for next year, we will submit a detailed suggested guideline at our next meeting. We would love to continue to be

the committee if allowed to do so. The committee's selection will be announced at the AMSC Annual Awards reception Saturday evening at Montgomery County.

Publications and Literature: Patricia

O'Brien

Inventory:

Grooming charts	80
Illustrated Standards	304
CD	14
So You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer	3
So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy	19

Income:

Grooming Charts \$70

Illustrated Standards \$11

Total Income \$81

Expenses:

Postage \$ \$19.89

Grooming Charts5@\$2 \$10

Illustrated Standards1@\$2.40 \$2.40

Total Expenses \$32.29

Profit \$ 48.71

Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe

Schnauzer Rescue of Texas has asked to be included on the list of recognized rescues on the AMSC website. The group has no policies or procedures that conflict with current AMSC Minimum Rescue Guidelines. They have reviewed and agreed to follow our guidelines and have signed and returned the acceptance form. They have no policies or procedures that conflict with current guidelines. Their current spay/neuter policy requires that all animals in a home be spayed or neutered before they will place a rescued dog in the home. Although this is not addressed in our guidelines, I felt the policy was overly restrictive and discussed it with a member of their board of directors. This policy was drafted by another group, and they adopted it when they organized. They felt it was important to have such a policy, but are willing to make revisions. I offered to help them research other spay/neuter policies for consideration.

I recommend that the board approve the addition of Schnauzer Rescue of Texas to the list of recognized rescues on the AMSC website. Recommendation was unanimously supported by the Board. AKC Parent Club Rescue Group is up and

running on Yahoo Groups. So far, it's been only introductions, but I'm interested in seeing how this group develops. Rescue guidelines are being worked on and will include information about the breeder getting the dog back.

Trophies: Mary Paisley, Nita Ainsworth, Barbara Donahue, Pat Jacobs

The committee submitted an estimated budget for rosettes \$1,200 for all specialties for conformation and \$550 for performance events. Amended motion was made by Vicki Kubic to set the budget for Montgomery 2015, Minipalooza 2016 and GWTA 2016 from \$2,000 to \$3,000 as the committee recommends, and seconded by Patty Ledgerwood. Motion was defeated by majority vote.

Board discussion continued on medallions for Best Opposite Sex, trophies for all specialties, selection of one specialty as our national show and reduction of trophies in the classes. However, the Board had decided earlier to rotate the designation to the AKC of the National specialty between the three shows, and the club will treat all three specialties equally. Another motion was made by Kathy Colby for a \$2,000 budget for 3 specialties' rosettes and ribbons and engraving needed for 2015-16 and Nita Ainsworth seconded. Motion passed by majority vote.

Board discussed awarding a medallion for BOS. Patty Ledgerwood made a motion that Best Opposite Sex at all three specialties will receive a medallion equal to Best of Breed medallion and was seconded by Nita Ainsworth. Motion passed by majority vote.

Cindy Molieri made a motion for an award for high in trial in obedience and agility equivalent for recognition of their achievement. There was no second. The selection of the type of award will be handled by Trophy committee, discussion continued that they would use existing inventory for this award (i.e. pewter or glass items) .

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trophy Committee financial plan: As of April, the inventory of medallions was

Bronze Medallion	Size	Quantity
Large,	3"	35
Small,	1.5 "	57

Sub-committee to review AMSC Membership Application: Carole Weinberger (chair), Vicki Kubic, Patti Henderson, and Stephanie Davis-Rae will
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be working on updating the membership application.

By-laws rewrite for reduction in Board members + other associated changes: Board needs to figure out how we want it done, and then submit to AKC for approval. Board discussion on the Yahoo Group was supportive of the reduction. A previous version was submitted to AKC and was told that a reduction to 8 Board members would not work. It may have had to do with the number of people to be voted on each year. Board discussion will continue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Selection of Non Judges to do National Specialties: Supported by the Board. Members can use this process to nominate someone for judging.

AKC: Parent Clubs by request may invite eligible individuals to judge their Nationals or Specialties

AKC Requirements for Applicant/Judge

- Any eligible individuals including, but not limited to, professional handlers may be approved on a case by case, event by event, request from the National Specialty Club for approval to judge their Parent Club National or Parent Club Regional events.
- Must be 21 years of age.
- Must be occupationally eligible.
- Should be knowledgeable, with success in breeding/exhibiting/handling in the breed for 15 years or more.
- Procedure and anatomy test required and if applicable, scale or wicket test required.
- A non-refundable \$25 per breed processing fee required for non-approved judges.

("Professional handler is defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.")

AMSC Process:

• Person wishing to nominate a non-approved judge should first confirm the applicant is able and willing to meet AKC's requirements.

• Nominate as usual during AMSC's initial solicitation period. Alert the judges

committee that the person is a non-approved applicant.

• If non-approved applicant is among the top ten for the second vote, they would be contacted by the judges committee to confirm their willingness to qualify with AKC on the procedure and anatomy tests, and the wicket test.

• If confirmed, the non-approved applicant would go on the list for the second vote.

• If the non-approved applicant gained enough votes to be offered one of the three Specialties, they would have to finish the AKC approval process within 6 months of notification by AMSC judges committee.

• If the non-approved applicant did not gain AKC approval within 6 months, their name would be removed, the list order adjusted as needed, and the next name in line would be offered the next assignment in line.

(We offer the person with the top votes their choice of the three Nationals, the 2nd second choice, and then the 3rd. Judges don't necessarily pick one Specialty - like Montgomery County - over the others, either from personal preference or conflicting schedules.)

Plan for three Face to Face meetings in 2015, and expectation that Board members must attend at least 2 of 3 Face to Face meetings at Denver, GWTA and Montgomery County next year. Board will continue discussion on the list.

Draft Investment Policy Statement – President appointed committee of Sharon Edwards, Bonnie Keyes and Carol Hafner to work on document for Board discussion after Montgomery County. Sharon is recommending determining if an investment manager would be willing to take us on before working on the policy. Committee will discuss viability of moving forward with an investment manager.

ADJOURNMENT at 10:48 p.m. EST

The calendar for next year's Board meeting will be set at a brief meeting at Montgomery County.



Don't Dismiss These 4 Signs - Your Pet May Be Sending You a Warning

It's not unusual for people to say that their dog rescued them, instead of the other way around. Or, as Tim McLarty said in the video above, the life you save may save yours.

He's talking about Hunter, a Husky mix his family adopted from a local humane society. Just two weeks after adopting Hunter, he repaid the family by saving their lives. A burner on the stove had been accidentally left on for about six hours.

Hunter woke up in the middle of the night and was able to draw Jill McLarty into the kitchen, where the stove was leaking gas. Hunter sat next to the stove and cried, alerting Jill to the potentially deadly mistake. After all was well and the burner had been turned off, Hunter went back to sleep. This story is amazing, but it's not uncommon

Most Pet Owners Believe Their Dog Has a Sixth Sense

Most pet owners say their pets have an uncanny ability to sense potential danger and regularly alert their owners to impending events. According to an Associated Press-Petside.com poll:[1](#)

• Two-thirds of US pet owners said their pets have a sixth sense about bad weather; 72 percent of dog owners and 66 percent of cat owners say their pet has warned them about bad weather

• 43 percent said their dog has a sixth sense about bad news; 47 percent of dog owners and 41 percent of cat owners have been alerted to bad news by their pet Dogs can alert their owners to medical emergencies, such as seizures or blood sugar problems, by detecting hormonal changes. They can even [sniff out cancer in humans](#). Part of their sixth sense is undoubtedly due to their highly refined sense of hearing and smell, along with their ability to detect subtle vibrations in the earth and changes in the air (such as barometric pressure) or electromagnetic fields.

This sensitivity to their environment may help your dog warn you of an approaching earthquake or storm. Still other events seem to occur without explanation. Psychologist Stephanie LaFarge, the senior director of counseling services for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, told *NBC News*:

"I have been awakened in the middle of the night by a dog. Very shortly after that, I received some very, very shocking bad news. I was awake when the phone rang. I couldn't explain why I was awake except

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the dog was next to me nudging me. How did the dog know my father died at midnight?"

5 More Tales of Heroic Pets

If you thought Hunter's story was remarkable, here are five more examples of dogs saving their owners, as reported by CNN:

Dog Saves Girl from Snake: A young girl playing outdoors was surprised by a snake that was ready to strike. Her dog Psycho, a 10-pound Chihuahua-poodle mix, stepped in front of the girl, taking a bite in the eyelid and saving the child from the snake. (Psycho survived, but had to have his eye removed.)

Dog Saves Man From Out-of-Control Car: O'Neil, a yellow Lab guide dog in training noticed a car coming toward his trainers on the sidewalk. He alerted one trainer just in time for him to push the other trainer, who was blindfolded at the time, out of harm's way.

Dog Saves Lost 2-Year-Old: A 2-year-old boy wandered into the woods near his family's home and was missing for more than four hours. His family's dog, Ashepoo, an Australian Shepherd, was finally spotted near a barn, where the boy was found sleeping on his jacket.

Dog Saves Newborn Baby: In the middle of the night, one family's dog, Duke, jumped on their bed, shaking uncontrollably – highly unusual for the very obedient dog. The couple checked on their 9-week-old baby sleeping in her bassinet and found her not breathing. They called 911 and the paramedics were able to revive her.

Dog Saves His Brother: [Baxter and Bailey](#), two golden retrievers, were leashed together when they ran away. Two weeks later, a friend found Baxter, but Bailey was still lost. Baxter led his owner through woods and down a path where Bailey was stuck with his leash wrapped around some bushes.

Of course, it's not only dogs that save people. One heroic cat, Buddy, alerted Jennifer Chap (via meowing, scratching, and jumping) that her husband was having a heart attack. And, of course, there's [Tara](#), who saved her young family member from an attacking dog.

Most Common Ways Your Pet May Alert You of Danger

If your pet is behaving erratically, it could be due to a medical issue or it could be that he is trying to tell you something. The Associated Press-Petside.com poll revealed the most common ways that pets convey their concerns to their owners. If you notice any of these (or a combination), don't shrug it off until you've explored what

AMSC 2015 DUES

November 1, 2014

Your 2015 membership dues for the American Miniature Schnauzer Club are due **by January 1, 2015**. Dues will be in arrears after that date and you will be ineligible to vote should any decisions requiring a vote of the members require action. Membership will lapse if dues are not paid before March 1, 2015.

There is no change in the amount of dues this year - dues will continue to be based on the method by which you receive the newsletter. All members who wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter sent through regular mail will continue to pay an increased amount to offset the additional costs for printing and postage.

As a reminder, below are the dues amounts:

Members receiving AMSCope by **Email** (soft copy) - **\$30 individual, \$52.50 joint**
Members receiving AMSCope by **regular mail** (hard copy) - **\$55 individual, \$75 joint**

A few important notes to remember:

- By your selection of the "Email membership" and corresponding dues payment you authorize future notification of Club Member and Board meetings, dues notices, minutes, judges' elections, and newsletters by Email.
- The amount of your dues payment will serve as notification of your preferred newsletter delivery method.

If you do not currently have an email address on file and you are switching from hard copy to soft copy delivery for 2015, please include your email address with your payment.

- Once you have paid your 2015 dues, you cannot change your AMSCope delivery method during calendar year 2015. This change may be made once per year when dues are paid.

Payment may be made either online or by check.

- **Online payment** may be made by secure credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express) or PayPal transaction by using the following link. Note this link is only available directly, and cannot be accessed through the AMSC web site or through PayPal. You must have a PayPal account in order to pay via PayPal. Foreign members may pay with currency conversion from most countries – be sure to pay in US dollars.

Online dues payment: <http://amsc.us/dues.html> (click here to access)

- **Payment by check** may be made by sending a check **payable to the AMSC** to the address below. Foreign checks must be a bank draft or certified check in US dollars. Please do **NOT** include the word "Treasurer" in the address for security reasons.

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Finally, please review the AMSC roster to confirm the accuracy of your address/ phone/email. The roster is available at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AMSC-L/>. You must be a member of the AMSC-L email list and have a Yahoo ID to access this online roster. If you are not currently on the AMSC-L list and wish to be, contact Vicki Kubic at: VickiKubic@aol.com. Send any contact information changes to Treasurer@amsc.us or send a note with your payment.

Regards,
Bonnie Keyes,
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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Greater Columbus MSC Nov. 15, 2014
Regular Classes: Michael Buckley
Sweepstakes: Carol Ann Patterson

GMSC Specialty Feb 27, 2015
Breed Mr. Terry Stacy
Obedience Ms. Virginia Kinion
Sweeps Mr. Richard Isley

AMSC SPECIALTIES

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. Oct.4, 2015
Regular classes: Michae Dougherty
Sweeps:Sharon Edwards

Roving Specialty-Purina Farms Apr.3 2016,
Regular classes, Carol Weinberger
Sweeps-Janet Taylor

Great Western June 26,2016
Regular classes, Linda More
Sweeps-Mary Paisley

Montgomery Co. Oct.9, 2016
Regular classes: Jon Cole
Sweeps:Linda Drost

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your pet might be saying:

- Your pet may hide in a safe place
- Your pet may whine or cry
- Your pet may become hyperactive, erratic, or make unpredictable movements
- Your pet may bark persistently

Ed.'s Note: Molly (Am/Can CH HiCot'n Carbor Good Golly), a Standard Schnauzer, is my certified service dog. She can sense when my pain level increases, when I am getting dizzy,...she knows how to press my 5-STAR if there is nobody around. Often, she makes me sit down or stop what I am doing. Her eyes are always on me. A few months ago, Molly and I were in the grocery store when a woman with a 5-yr old stoped to ask if they could pet Molly. Molly loves children and I gave her the "OK". Molly, with her tail going a mile a minute, approached the little girl. All of a sudden, her tail went down and she came back to my side. She was shaking and I could not stop it. I really think all dogs have the ability to sense what we feel...it's just a matter of how they transmit the info and it is for us to interpret. I asked the woman if her daughter felt okay. She told me that she had not been up to par. I asked her if she would take her daughter to her doctor as soon as

possible..Two weeks later, I saw this woman again. She ran over and hugged me. Her daughter had needed immediate attention. This brought to mind the dog that would greet my mother every morning when she came out of her bedroom. SOme morning the dog would come directly to

jump on me after greeting my mother. I thought the dog was just being silly. After a few weeks (I am slow), I realized that the actions always coincided with mother's high blood sugar.

Watch your dogs. I am certain that they will surprise you and they may just save you. CB.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: The following information is given to help conduct AMSC business more efficiently. Please remember that the Secretary and the AMSCOPE editor should **BOTH** be notified of address changes, club officers and specialty results.

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