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DNA Testing

The AMSC has arranged for reduced price AKC DNA testing at our national specialty in Montgomery County. This test is regularly priced at \$40.00, but the AKC will reduce the price per test to \$30.00 for tests collected at a National Specialty and submitted as a group by a Parent Club. Members can obtain a test kit from Health Committee members Lisa Sarvas or Errolyn Martin, they can collect the samples themselves or we can assist them, and testing consists of an easy to use cheek swab kit. Members must include payment with the kit and return the kit to a club representative listed above.

The price break only applies to kits submitted as a group by the club: individuals obtaining a kit and mailing it to the AKC themselves must pay the regular price of \$40.00. Please see Lisa or Errolyn at the show for your kits. For more information please go to www.akc.org

AKC/Other DNA Tests are Different

The AMSC Health Committee has received a few calls indicating there may be some confusion about DNA testing. Please allow us to clarify.

The DNA test used by the AKC isolates a set of characters which are unique to a particular animal for identification purposes. It is not designed to identify disease causing mutations.

The DNA test offered for Myotonia, for example, tests directly for the genetic mutation that causes the disease. It does not test for other identifying characters, simply for the disease-causing mutation.

We hope this clears up any confusion. Please feel free to contact a health committee member with any questions.

Errolyn Martin
AMSC Health Committee

The Rabies Challenge Fund Message from Dr. Jean Dodds, Co-trustee

The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust will determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccine. The goal is to extend the required interval for rabies boosters to 5 and then to 7 years. This project depends primarily upon grassroots gifts for funding the costs of conducting the requisite vaccine trials. Our contributions to date have come mostly from kennel clubs and private individuals. The Challenge fund is a federally registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization [Fed. EIN # 84-6390682]. Our costs to begin the first year of the study are \$177,000; to date we have raised close to **\$166,000!** This vaccine trial cannot begin without funding for the first year. The Rabies Challenge Fund needs to raise a total of \$1.5 million to complete the 5 and 7 year challenge studies, the adjuvant study, and to establish the vaccine adverse reaction reporting system. With your help this can be accomplished.

This vaccine research project to address the duration of immunity actually conveyed by rabies vaccine will be performed by Dr. Ronald Schultz, Chairman of Pathobiology at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary

Medicine. The second phase of the project will finance a study of the adjuvants used in veterinary vaccines, and establish a federal adverse reaction reporting system for rabies and other vaccines.

The University of Wisconsin will donate all of the necessary overhead costs for these studies which normally amount to 48% of the direct research costs. Furthermore, Dr. Schultz, the Principal Investigator, has volunteered his time in conducting the research. My staff at Hemopet are donating their efforts as well. The only monies used from the pre-grant funds were IRS fees associated with applying for non-profit status. All other monies donated to The Rabies Challenge Fund Charitable Trust will go directly to funding these studies.

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**The deadline
for the
November issue
is October 20th.**

UMBILICAL HERNIAS

Breeder Vet and and Kennel Jurnal appear on the Show Dog Super Site courtesy of kenclub.com

Conventional wisdom says that umbilical hernias are inheritable, and a dog with a hernia should not be bred. Conventional wisdom, however, does not differentiate between "true hernias" where there is a defect in the body wall, and "delayed closures", where a small bit of omentum slips out of the area before the umbilicus closes. In 26 years of dealing with breeders and reproduction, I do not have any evidence that "delayed closures" are inheritable.

"True hernias" are indeed highly inheritable. They generally have a thick cartilage edge with an irregular, more or less circular shape. They may extend up into the diaphragm, causing a communication between the thoracic (chest) cavity and the abdominal cavity. These are very difficult to repair surgically because there is a great deal of tissue missing and the tissue is hard and inflexible. They often require the use of a mesh implant to close the defect. These hernias can be related to other midline defects such as heart abnormalities and cleft palates.

"Delayed closures" are just that. There is an area in the abdominal wall where the great vessels of the umbilical cord exit the body of the fetus to derive nutrition and oxygen from the placenta. After birth, these vessels close and shrink up. There is left behind a small area in the midline where the vessels formerly escaped the body. The nature of this structure is a linear slit in the midline, lined with normal connective tissue. There are other structures on the 'midline' that undergo similar development after birth. In the heart, there is a hole between the upper chambers that allows the fetus to bypass the lungs, which, of course, cannot contribute any oxygen to the blood before birth. Oxygen is obtained through the umbilical cord from the placenta, where the mother's blood stream exchanges oxygen and carbon dioxide with the baby's circulation. When there are delayed closures in the heart, it may be possible to hear a murmur at 4 or 5 weeks that is no longer audible by 6 or 8 weeks. This is normal development. These holes, like the umbilicus, must be present in the fetus and close over a period of time after birth.

Omentum is a kind of slippery thin sheet of tissue which is present in the abdomen. It provides several services to the abdominal organs. It has blood vessels travelling through it to the intestine. Its surfaces produce serous fluid which lubricates the abdominal organs and makes it possible for them to slide against each other without rubbing. It carries lymph nodes for the abdomen, and is a major depot for fat storage. It partially contains the abdominal organs - especially the small intestine - and supports them in a kind of "plastic bag". As the puppy puts on weight, it is possible for a bit of this thin slippery tissue to protrude through the umbilical slit. As

the normal process of closing of the umbilicus proceeds, it is possible for this bit of tissue to be entrapped. The danger here is whether it is solely omentum that is escaping, or if the defect is large enough for a loop of small intestine to escape the abdomen as well.

It is essential with either condition to "reduce" the tissue escaping at least once daily. Turn the puppy on its back and gently massage the protrusion and slide the contents back up into the abdomen. This lowers the risk of a loop of intestine becoming strangulated in the protruding tissue. If the 'hernia' is a closure defect, the normal process of closing will continue, and at some point a small amount of omentum may be entrapped in a bubble outside the essentially closed body wall. This is viewed by most people as a hernia, and a serious problem. If the dog is a year old, has a small bubble, or 'belly button', and it cannot be reduced, has been there since it was a baby, and the dog is healthy and well, it is pretty obvious that the bubble does not contain any intestine. While the puppy is younger, it may not be clear. The very tiny holes with a small bubble of omentum do not require surgery. Slightly larger holes should be closed to be sure that no intestine becomes strangulated in the process of closure. NOTE: no delayed closure can ever close completely simply because there is something sticking through it. If there were no omentum sliding out, they would continue to close normally. What they do, is they close tightly around the omentum, trapping it outside in an absolutely firm unchanging bubble.

"True" umbilical hernias can make no progress in closing, ever. They must always be surgically repaired. These individuals should never be bred. These are quite serious.

I have never seen a bitch with a delayed closure and trapped omentum bubble show any sign of problem in carrying a litter or whelping. I have never seen one of these bitches produce puppies with hernias.

The catch is, you must know which you have. Most veterinarians don't draw these kinds of conclusions or try to differentiate the two different conditions. Your vet may or may not be of help to you in this. Breeders with years of experience often know the difference intuitively. Indeed, since "true" hernias are relatively rare, most have never seen one, unless they are breeding a line that produces them. In these cases, they see true hernias with great enough frequency that any breeder with any common sense will abandon that line.

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **VATChC Moondreamer Dazzling Dakota** (Can.Ch Moondreamer's Hole in One x Can.Ch Lucy in the Skye). Dakota completed the requirements for the Agility Association of Canada Championship Title in Huntsville, ON, at the Muskoka Agility Dogs trial on September 15, 2007. Dakota was bred by Donna Ralph and Heather Wright, and is loved, owned, trained and handled by Barbara Bell.

* **Can Ch. Handiapil Guilty Pleasures** (Am/Can Ch Carbor Mountain High x Am/Can Ch Carbor Wanna Have Fun) completed the requirements for her Canadian title at the Oakville, KC shows in October, 2007. Babs was bred by Diana Perry and is co-owned by Carla Borrelli.

* **Ch. R-BO's It Had To Be You** (Ch. Bravo's The Great Gatsby x Ch. R-BO's Happy Easta) Sissy completed the requirements for her AKC title with back-to-back BOB wins at Clarksburg WV, on Sept. 15 and 16. She had previously earned three majors. She is owned by Elliott Mackle and Mary Ann Ellis and was bred by Mrs. Ellis.

* **Dynasty's No Matter What, UDX, NA, NAJ** (CH Dynasty's New Image x CH Wards Creeks Rocket Man) completed the AKC requirements for her UDX title at the Upper Snake River Valley Obedience Trial on August 17, her seventh birthday. Mattie was bred by Mildred Shultz and Carolyn Luzovich and is owned, trained, handled and adored by Dianne Armstrong. We are so very proud of Mattie.

AMSC MEMBERSHIP

The AMSC is open to all persons interested in the breed.

Prospective members must be sponsored by two AMSC members in good standing with the American Kennel Club.

If you know someone that is interested in becoming a member of AMSC, please direct them to the web site at:

www.amsc.us

Current and updated membership applications are available at the website. If you wish additional information, please contact:

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...AND WHEN DID YOU BECOME A MEMBER?

The Board is considering ways of honoring individuals who have been continuous members for twenty five years and longer. Unfortunately the records of when everyone joined have become scattered with time and are no longer immediately available. We would like for everyone who has joined the club prior to the time we began keeping computer records (2000) to send, either by snail mail or by email, your most recent date of joining to Carole Weinberger at the following addresses.

Thank you very much!

Carole Weinberger

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NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR OLD DOGS

The Japanese Company by the name of NIKKEN has developed a better way to deal with discomfort and the achiness of old age. According to Dr. Shawn Messonnier, "magnets help enhance the body's energy flow to allow healing and proper metabolism". Magnet therapy is not a cure-all for treating arthritis, hip dysplasia, epilepsy or chronic organ and vertebral disorders, but a safe and inexpensive alternative for the treatment of dogs and cats. Advanced Magnetic Technology engineered with specially placed magnets works well for humans, and canines and felines. I tried it on several of my old dogs and found that they are better able to move after sleeping on the Kenko PetPad which seems to provide comfort and warmth to their joints and muscles. My dogs are more active after they nap on it. The NIKKEN Company says that the Kenko PetPad provides the "ultimate technology for your pet". I think they are right; even my wife's cats sleep on it when the dogs leave. The Kenko PetPad is completely machine-washable; the 48" X 30" size fits all dogs. Look for it on the website home page.

RECORD KEEPING FOR DOGS AND LITTERS

The American Kennel Club® is offering a free Online Record-keeping service for breeders. It provides a centralized area to manage and maintain dog and litter records online. Breeders can access their personalized breeding, ownership, and registration records from any computer with internet access. This new service allows breeders to record mating and birth information about their litters as well as a way to view official AKC litter registrations. There is also a handy address book function that gives breeders an easy place to store contact information for co-owners and puppy buyers. This online service is secure and is password-protected.

Breeders who elect to complete the necessary fields in the record-keeping system will have all of the information required for AKC record-keeping rules and regulations which can be used to pre-populate AKC forms. Breeders can also record their sales and ownership information for their puppies and use it as a method for keeping notes about their breeding and whelping experiences.

To use this free service breeders must establish an authenticated "My AKC" account. If you need to start ones - go to the AKC home page. Look in the upper right hand box and start the process by clicking on "Establishing an Account". Once you have established your account, follow these steps:

1. Login to your "My AKC" account (upper right-hand corner, AKC Home page).
2. Sign up for the free Online Record Keeping service, then
3. Go to the "My Dogs and Litters" section.
4. Click "Breeder Records" to view, create and maintain breeder records, view AKC litter and puppy registration information.

For more information go to: http://www.akc.org/services/breeder_records.cfm

Online Record Keeping Features include:

- o View, create, and maintain breeder records.
- o View AKC litter and puppy registration information.
- o View and manage puppy records.

RESCUE always needs a hand!
Michele Smith should know what the Local Clubs are doing about rescue.

Please contact her.

Michele Smith

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| Santa Barbara KC | 4-Aug | Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House | Howard | BOB |
| Danville LC | 9-Aug | Royalcourt Four on the Floor | Lewis/Amling | WD |
| Glens Falls KC | 9-Aug | Ch. Sumerwynd Stiff Competition | Bogart/Weinberger | BOB |
| Greater Hickory KC | 10-Aug | Royalcourt Four on the Floor | Lewis/Amling | WD |
| Mohawk Valley KC | 10-Aug | Ch. Sumerwynd Stiff Competition | Bogart/Weinberger | BOB |
| Bennington Cty KC | 11-Aug | Ch. Sumerwynd Stiff Competition | Bogart/Weinberger | BOB |
| Memphis KC | 18-Aug | Royalcourt Four on the Floor | Lewis/Amling | WD,BOW,BOB |
| Memphis KC | 19-Aug | Royalcourt Four on the Floor | Lewis/Amling | WD,BOW,BOB |
| Lawrenceville KC | 25-Aug | Royalcourt Four on the Floor | Lewis/Amling | WD,BOW |
| Lexington KC | 1-Sep | C-Mark's Midnight Sojourner | Hundertmark | WD,BOW |
| Tonawanda Valley KC | 1-Sep | Can Ch Carbor Fine and Dandy | Borrelli/Sheffer | WD,BOW |
| Tonawanda Valley KC | 1-Sep | Essex Riversong Talk Out Loud | Kubic/Marks | WB,BOS |
| Tonawanda Valley KC | 1-Sep | Ch. Sumerwynd Stiff Competition | Bogart/Weinberger | BOB |
| Gold Country KC | 2-Sep | Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House | Howard | BOB |
| Tonawanda Valley KC | 2-Sep | Can Ch Carbor Prim and Proper | Borrelli | WB,BOW,BOS |
| Tonawanda Valley KC | 2-Sep | Ch. Sumerwynd Stiff Competition | Bogart/Weinberger | BOB,Gr.2 |
| Kenosha KC | 8-Sep | C-Mark's Born to Thrill | Hundertmark | WD,BOW |
| Oakville KC | 8-Sep | Carbor Smoke and Mirrors | Borrelli | WD,BOS |
| Redwood Empire KC | 8-Sep | Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House | Howard | BOB |
| Oakville KC | 9-Sep | Carbor Smoke and Mirrors | Borrelli | WD,BOW,BOB,BP |
| Oakville KC | 9-Sep | Handiapil Guilty Pleasures | Perry/Borrelli | WB,BOS |
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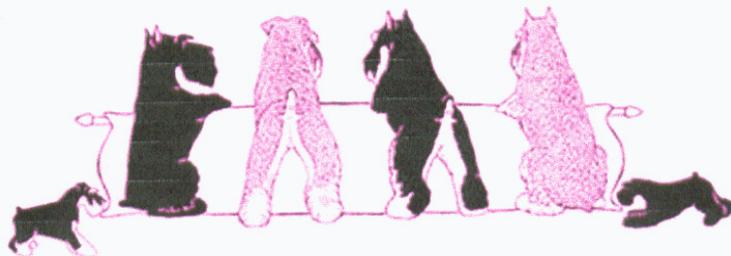
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Lori Bush



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Sweeps:

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