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An Important Tool To Prevent The Over-Vaccination Of Dogs

By [Dana Scott](#)

In 2017, the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) released their updated Canine Vaccination Guidelines ... but do these guidelines prevent the dangerous over-vaccination of dogs?

The answer is yes and no ...
Why Over-Vaccination Can Harm Your Dog

Every dog owner fears infectious disease. Parvovirus and distemper can be debilitating and even deadly for our pets. You want to protect your dog from harm so you give him vaccinations

But you might not know this protection comes at a cost.

Dog vaccinations can often be just as harmful as the disease they're meant to protect against. Vaccination can cause a wide range of health problems that range from minor fever to anaphylactic shock and cancer. So it's vital that we vaccinate our pets only when necessary.

Here are some of the common reactions you might see in your dog, either days or months after vaccination ...

Are we over vaccinating? The answer is YES

These reactions can and do happen every day. Your job is to protect your dog not just from parvo and rabies, but also from cancer, allergies and autoimmune disease.

Let me state this another way ...

Vaccination will protect your dog against infectious diseases (in most but not all cases). But vaccination will also increase your dog's

risk of cancer and serious, life threatening autoimmune diseases.

Vaccines can both save lives and take lives. So the idea is to give as few vaccines as necessary to protect your dog from infectious disease ... and hope he doesn't develop autoimmune disease.

But this isn't what happens in most vet clinics

Why Vets Are Still Over-Vaccinating

Twenty years ago, a very important research piece was published.

Veterinary immunologist, Dr Ronald Schultz studied every major vaccine in over a thousand dogs ... and every study he completed delivered the same conclusion, every time:

"Vaccines for diseases like distemper and canine parvovirus, once administered to adult animals, provide lifetime immunity."
"Are we vaccinating too much?" JAVMA, No. 4, August 15, 1995, pg. 421.

At the time this study was released, vets were [vaccinating dogs and cats every year](#)— not because they needed annual boosters, but because the makers of those vaccines only tested them for a few months.

Nobody knew how long vaccines really lasted But thanks to Dr Schultz's work, the major veterinary associations finally knew that the core vaccines were extremely likely to protect dogs and cats for life. They finally knew there was a serious problem with the over-vaccination of dogs. So in 2003, they changed their revaccination guidelines.

Now this might sound like a great step forward, but there were two problems with this.

First, **the AAHA and AVMA only changed their recommendations from annual vaccination to every three years.**

Dr Richard Ford, Professor of Medicine, North Carolina State University, a member of the AAHA task force, said this was just a compromise. "It's completely arbitrary...I will say there is no science behind the three-year recommendation..."

Over the years, more and more Vaccination Guidelines have been released by the AAHA, but each time they really didn't budge all that much on the arbitrary (and excessive) recommendation of every three years.

Was 2017 The Year For Change?

Nope.

The most recent 2017 Canine Vaccination Guidelines were no different.

Vets are still sticking to the three year interval (which research has repeatedly shown is excessive).

The problem with the AAHA's overly aggressive vaccination schedule is compounded because the vaccination guidelines are merely recommendations. This means **vets can also ignore research and safety and vaccinate whenever they feel like it.**

And according to a major vaccine manufacturer, 60 percent of vets still vaccinate every year.

"Profits are what vaccine critics believe is at the root of the profession's resistance to update its protocols. Without the lure of vaccines, clients might be less inclined to make yearly veterinary visits. Vaccines add up to 14 percent of the average practice's income, AAHA reports, and veterinarians stand to lose big. I suspect some are ignoring my work," says Schultz. "Tying vaccinations into the annual visit became prominent in the 1980s and a way of practicing in the 1990s. Now veterinarians don't want to give it up."

This is bad news. Most vets are either unaware or unwilling to vaccinate based on research. And your dog pays the price of dangerous over-vaccination.

But it's not all doom and gloom ... there's one change to the 2017 Canine Vaccination Guidelines that you absolutely need to understand and follow through on ...

Titer Testing: Putting Science Behind Vaccination

Until recently, vaccine schedules have been based on nothing more than speculation.

Yet vets have always been able to tell whether a vaccine was needed or not.

A simple blood test, called a [titer](#), can tell if your dog is protected or whether he actually needs another vaccine.

Sadly, very few vets and dog owners are using this life-saving tool. And this baffles me ...

Why are vets so quick to give your dog life-saving vaccines, but not life-saving titer tests?

Another problem that's been solved is that cost and convenience were a a

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Vaccinations...from p. 1

barrier. Titers were expensive and we didn't get results right away. Vets had to draw the blood and send it to a lab first. Maybe that's why vets haven't been offering this life-saving tool and have just been giving vaccines instead.

But recently, that's all changed. You and your vet can finally put an end to dangerous and unscientific vaccine schedules.

Here's how ...
In-House Titer Testing

There are two in-house titer tests that are now available to vets. This means the test is done right in your vet's clinic and you get quick results. [TiterCHEK](#) and [Vaccicheck](#) are the two simple tests your vet can do right in his clinic, for about the same amount of money as a vaccine.

Unfortunately, just as vets are slow to change their vaccine schedules, they're slow to start using titer tests to determine whether your dog actually needs his next vaccine. Some vets would prefer to just give the vaccine ... but **that one shot could be the one to cause serious and irreparable damage to your dog.**

You have a choice as the owner of your dog. You can choose to allow your vet to over-vaccinate your dog or you can choose to protect him and ask for a titer test instead. Which takes me back to the beginning ...

In January 2015, Dr Richard Ford delivered a lecture on titer tests at the NAVC. It was so popular, over 400 vets were lined up out the door to get in. There are vets who care about over-vaccination and the damage it can cause. These vets should be supported.

And you need to do your part too ... and your part is the most important, so listen carefully ...
These 400 vets will only use these titer tests if you ask for it.

Don't let this lecture go to waste. Ask your vet for a titer test in lieu of your pet's next vaccine. If your vet doesn't want to do a titer test, move on to a vet who is willing to go the extra mile to protect your dog from harm. A vet who cares about the over-vaccination of dogs.

Your dog deserves nothing less.

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AMSC Annual Montgomery Reception/Meeting

with Silent Auction/Garage Sale
Sat. Oct. 6, 2018 at the host hotel
Homewood Suites - Audubon, PA
6:30PM to 9 PM

Join us for a relaxed, casual evening offering an array of wonderful heavy hors d'oeuvres with a beer and wine cash bar. New AMSC items available for purchase along with the silent auction and garage sale. \$15.00 per person

Name _____
of reservations _____
Amount enclosed \$15 x _____ = total _____
Make your reservations and payment on the AMSC Website; link to Paypal in the Members Only Section
OR Mail to: Bonnie Keyes - AMSC Treasurer
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NEW APPLICANTS

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Alejandro has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 25 years, and has been a breeder for 20 years...
They attend 10-20 events a year... They belong to the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California, AKC and TCM...
Alejandro is in Production Marketing and Jesus is a student... They are interested in helping with Newsletter, Legislative Issues, Rescue, Electronic Media, Public Awareness, Awards/Trophies, Education, Membership, Obedience, Agility, Ethics and Health... Their special skills are in Internet and Social Networking...
Their sponsors are Kathy Colby and Brooke Walker...

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Linda has been involved with miniature schnauzers for 10 years, and has a new miniature schnauzer puppy...
She is not a breeder... She has participated in conformation events for one (1) year...
To date she has been involved in about 2 events a year, but that will increase with showing her new puppy
In conformation events... Linda does not belong to any dog clubs... She is a Registered Dental Hygienist...
She would like to help the club with Newsletter and Health...
Linda's sponsors are: Carma Ewer and Tania Kidd...

**American Miniature Schnauzer Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Date: August 13, 2018 8 PM EST
Location: Teleconference**

Officers and Board members in Attendance:
President – Carole Weinberger
Vice President – Patti Henderson
Treasurer – Bonnie Keyes
Secretary – Carma Ewer
AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue

Board Members: Brian Bogart, Carol Meitzler, Amy Gordon, Laurie Moore, Gale Schnetzer, Dr. Rod Hartshorn, Donna Hill, Marie Murphy, Vicki Kubic, Patricia O'Brien, Beth Santure, Shirley Frye, Shawne Imler, Stella Van Cleave

Committee members, local club delegates, and visitors: Robin Ohrt, Debbie Hoy

Carole called the meeting to order at 8 PM. She read the Board Policy set June 17, 1983 "Voting Procedure at Board Meetings." There were no additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Patti and 2nd by Amy to adopt the agenda.

Minutes from the June Teleconference were approved.

Report of the President – Carole Weinberger

Our club has had an invitation from Morris and Essex Kennel Club to support the classes for Miniature Schnauzers at their show in 2020. It will soon be time for Carole to begin working on committees for next year. Carole asked that any club member who would be interested in volunteering for a committee please contact Carole. The only committee not needing members would be the Health Committee. Vicki Kubic suggested a "call to action" for volunteers on the AMSC – L.

Our Designated Health Foundation Account has a total of \$55,710.66.

The Southern Florida club is asking for volunteers to help them with "Meet the Breeds" in Orlando. This is a huge undertaking, and anyone willing to sit for a few hours with their schnauzer to answer questions would be appreciated.

Report of the Secretary –

As of 7/31/18 our membership totaled 382 Regular, 4 Life, 29 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 28 Foreign (w/o voting privileges) for a total of 443. We have 3 new members to vote on, 2 regular and 1 Foreign without voting privileges.

There are presently 17 local clubs that are active and licensed to hold specialty shows.

The Secretary's report was approved.

Report of the Treasurer - Bonnie provided the board with copies of a Financial Statement for the first seven months ending July 31, 2018. The club received \$936.85 from the Purina Breeders program.

Bonnie also informed the board that she is still awaiting the audit report. The Auditor is on vacation. The Treasurer's report was approved.

AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue –

Special committee:

Peter Piusz has obtained and said he sent the AKC list of D/C breed contacts, but he is having email provider challenges (work and personal) and I have not yet obtained the list. I'll draft a letter for Carole and Patti to review/edit to be distributed to those parent club presidents, secretary's and delegates as we strive to create a collective of like minded people to take action to maintain our rights to dock and crop.

On July 3rd Patti asked that I take the lead on the Special Committee/ Dock Crop Committee. I'd appreciate assurances that as the committee lead, I'd have flexibility to add non-board members. Since this committee is interacting with other parent club members, it needs to be a committee with responsive and engaged participants. Delegates report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Special Committees:

2018 Roving Specialty – Perry, GA : Amy Gordon - Amy reported that as of yet they have not received a check from the sponsoring clubs but she is working on this.

2018 Summer Specialty - Tania Kidd. Patricia O'Brien and Carma Ewer reported that all went very well with the specialty. The grounds and weather were beautiful and Great Western Terrier association and the Southern California Club did an excellent job hosting.

2018 Montgomery County – Hospitality – Barbara Donahue – Luana may not be able to assist this year with hospitality, but Carole and Jackie Ebersbach have agreed to step in and help.

John Constantine will be hosting a judges seminar on Friday night at the host hotel. There will be no board meeting.

2019 Roving Specialty – Schnauza Palooza – Conformation Judges will be David Kirkland, John Constantine, and Lydia Hutchinson. There will be 3 days of OB, Rally, Agility, BH, and Conformation plus the Standard Schnauzer Club will be hosting a Herding Trial for Standard Schnauzers only and there will also be a Farm Dog competition.

Hotel information has been posted on the Schnauza Palooza FB page, and there will also be RV parking and that information will be available soon. There will be 100 RV spots with full hookups for \$50 and additional RV spots with electric only for \$35.

There was discussion about the Top 20 competition and Laurie was asked to send a budget to the board for their approval. There will

also be Agility competition and presentation of the AKC top 5 Miniature Schnauzers in Dog Sports events.

There will also be a raffle. The AMSC and the Standard Schnauzer Club will each offer a prize. Carole asked for approval to purchase an Apple Watch for our contribution. Brian moved and Shirley seconded. The motion approved. Carole will also be contributing one of her handmade quilts for the raffle.

Schnauza Palooza FB Auction – Barbara and Vicki would like to begin a FB auction with one item per week. It will be Open to the public and start as soon as they have enough items to auction. Patti moved and Shawne seconded to give Barbara and Vicki authority to test the out the format and adjust as needed.

Standing Committees:

Companion Events: Robin Ohrt and Debbie Hoy All Terrier:

This will be the first year that AMSC has sponsored one day of the ALL TERRIER trial (part of Montgomery week. Member Deb Hoy is trial chair and we have Friday to sponsor. The trial closes on

Monday: 229 / Tuesday: 224 / Wednesday: 232 / Thursday: 150. The profits are split equally among the sponsoring clubs. Do we want to be part of the rotation in 2020? yes

Schnauzerpalooza:

Lynn Baitinger and I are co chairs for agility. We are still working on committee members and have reached out to several to co-ordinate the Special Event on Saturday night. Things are moving along well

Applications are ready to be mailed to President to sign - pending we add a second judge. Waiting to hear from Don Farage on that.

As far as budget goes I would plan on the same numbers that were used for the last Palooza. Hodges and Badges USUALLY has a 10% OFF sale every November thru February. I would like to take advantage of that savings to order ribbons for agility and Showcase event. I would be happy to create a flyer with all the events list in one place for Schnauzerpalooza, if anybody wants that.

TOP 25 Miniature Schnauzers (Invitational Report)

The period for qualifying points ended June 30 and the Top 5 of each breed has been invited to compete at Invitationals in Orlando, Florida on December 14-16, 2018. (I do not know if the medallions have been put in a budget?)

The Top 5 Miniature Schnauzers are: (Please note #1 is a breed Champion!)
CH MACH5 Garnet Rock's Seal the Deal/Karin Kinnan & June Glover
MACH 7 Rudi Eile Phillips of Praise/land / Marjorie

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Phillips & Celeste Knierim
 MACH2 Den Schwarzen Wirbel Purely
 Froggy Feeling / Stacy Bols
 MACH8 Loneacre's Causing A Commotion /
 Christina Tracey
 MACH3 Macs Moonless Crossing / Susan
 Hady

Education: John Constantine -- There will be a judges education seminar at Montgomery County on Friday evening at the host hotel.

Health: Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Patricia O'Brien, Sheila Marks Anderson

MAC Update

The committee received communication from Dr. Giger on July 13, 2018 regarding submission of his article for publication. The article is currently under revision, and will be resubmitted for publication.

As of August 10, 2018 we have 705 dogs reported as tested and listed on our webpage. To date this year we have added 72 dogs to the list, with more additions pending.

Donor Advised Fund:

2nd Quarter 2018 Statement (1/1/2018-6/30/2018)

1/1/2018 Balance	\$56,483.66
Contributions	\$0.00
PPCPP Contribution	\$936.85
Investment Earnings/(Losses)	\$290.15
MOU Grant Support	\$0.00
Management Fees	
American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.	
Research Support*	\$0.00

6/30/2018 Balance \$57,710.66

Orthopedic Foundation for Animals

Received communication from OFA on July 30th containing the latest addition of "The Blue Book-Ocular Disorders Presumed to be Inherited in Purebred Dogs" - 2017 10th edition. The book contains statistics through the end of 2016. The OFA's website also has a version of the book available and we are adding a link for the book to the members only section of the health pages.

Historian and Policy Records: Richard Isley -- Richard will be resigning at the end of this year and is asking for a replacement. Anyone interested please contact Carole.

Judges Selection: Carma and Galen Ewer Ballots are coming in and we will do the final tabulations on 8/16/18.

Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic

AKC alerts passed on to membership as they become available

Membership: Jackie submitted information on new applicants Sue Brown, Sumiko Ikeda, and Julie Cooper. Their information

was shared with the board.

Nominating Committee: Patti Henderson, Chair

There were no additional nominations for the slate, and the Nominating committee has sent it's final report to the secretary.

Publications and Literature: Patricia O'Brien

Patricia submitted an inventory of supplies on hand. The Grooming Charts are not yet available on the website to be downloaded electronically, however the committee is working on that.

Trophies: - Amy Gordon and Barbara Donahue

We have decided on who we are using for the trophies for 2019, Palooza.

Club member Tatiana Myers. We are working with her on the trophies for conformation for Palooza and Montgomery 2019 and the performance trophies needed for Palooza for Obedience, Rally, Agility and barnhunt.

I am working with the artist for the trophies for this year and she is working on the trophies for Montgomery 2018.

Barbara is handling the trophies for the Montgomery weekend performance trial. We will be giving notecards and such that were overages from other years. Thus saving money and the performance people are most appreciative.

The AMSC is sponsoring one of the days at the Montgomery performance trial. Barbara and I ask that the final proceeds be included in the trophy budget for next year since we will be having a lot of performance trophies due to Palooza. We want to have nice trophies!

Ways And Means: Jackie Harris, Carol Henning, Luana Nedich, Galen Ewer will be selling merchandise at MCKC. The committee is looking into items for SchnauzaPalooza

Website/Social Media – Vicki Kubic

Website/Social Media - Vicki Kubic, Chris Franc, Jana King

Encouraging all members to join the referral system that the AMSC website offers. You don't have to be a breeder, you can list for any of the following categories - Puppies/Adults, Grooming, Information, Training, Rescue. It's very important we are available to give interested people the correct information regarding our breed! Forms to be included on the page are available - email VickiKubic@aol.com.

Our AMSC Facebook page was identified by the AKC as being one of the most successful breed pages! We have over 36K followers and the AKC asked Barbara Donahue if we could submit an article to them regarding how the page was developed, maintained and encouraged so many followers. Vicki Kubic wrote an article that hopefully will be published soon!

Unfinished Business:

Committee for the Summer Western Spe-

cialty. Carma, Stella, and Patricia. The committee contacted the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club, Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club, Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California and the Northern California Miniature Schnauzer Club to see if there would be interest in hosting a roving summer specialty. That way each club would share the burden on a revolving schedule. The Portland club has an upcoming meeting to discuss, the other clubs are excited and interested. Once we know which clubs are on board, we will discuss with John to coordinate with the Roving Specialties and report back to the board on our progress.

Election of New Members: Jacquelyn Ebersbach

Sue Brown, Sumiko Ikeda, and Julie Cooper were presented for membership. They were approved by the board. Welcome to our new members.

New Business

The question of the rules governing our Sweepstakes judges was discussed. The current AMSC policy is more stringent than the policy of the AKC. After much discussion, Laurie moved that the AMSC abide by the rules set forth by AKC, and allow Sweepstakes judges to exhibit on the same weekend but not in the puppy class. Stella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There was also a discussion of the 6 month Moratorium for regular class judges. Patti moved and Laurie seconded that we change the waiting period for judging miniature schnauzers from 6 months to 4 months. Motion passed unanimously.

Morris and Essex 2020 – Donna moved and Gale seconded a motion to support the entry and sponsor trophies. Approved unanimously.

There was a lengthy discussion about the size disqualification. Gale moved to form a committee to discuss the height standard of miniature schnauzers. This was seconded by Laurie. After a roll call vote, the motion failed with 10 no votes, 5 yes votes, and 3 abstentions.

The board discussed the idea of publishing the agenda to the AMSC list prior to the board meeting. It was decided that instead of publishing the agenda, the date and time of the board meetings would be published on the AMSC List so that members would have a chance to pass along items to a board member to be included in the agenda.

Closed Session:

There was discussion on whether the AMSC – L needed to be moderated. After much discussion no action was taken and the list will continue as it is.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted
 Carma Ewer, Secretary

Possibly the Worst Thing to Do if Your Pet Bolts

By Dr. Karen Shaw Becker

In the U.S., an estimated 15 percent of dog or cat owners have lost a pet in the past five years. The majority — 85 percent — were recovered,¹ but not in the way you might think. It's often assumed that if your dog runs off, the best way to find him is by calling local animal shelters.

But, while you certainly should contact them if you've lost a pet, only 6 percent of dog owners and 2 percent of cat owners actually find their lost pets in a shelter, according to a survey conducted by The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA).

Among dog owners, the most common method that led to their dog's safe return was searching the neighborhood (for cats, most of them ended up returning home on their own). "Searching immediately when one knows the pet is lost, and searching within the neighborhood first through visual searches as well as posters and internet opportunities proved to be key," ASPCA noted, which is a sentiment echoed by "professional" dog-finding group The Retrievers.

The Retrievers Find Lost Dogs Across the US

The Retrievers, formed in 2014, is a group of 40 volunteers who donate their time and expertise to finding others' lost pets. Though they're based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, they locate dogs across the U.S., living by their motto, "Come Back Home, Puppies; Stay Warm, Puppies."

The group's founders are also volunteers for Retrieve a Golden of Minnesota (RAGOM), a golden retriever rescue organization, during which they saw firsthand that dogs in transition are often the same ones who become "lost." According to The Retrievers:³

"Thanks to a surge in rescue organizations over the past decade, more shy and fearful dogs are being rehabilitated instead of euthanized as unadoptable. But we're also seeing a corresponding increase in the number of dogs going missing.

Barely a day passes when we don't see a new listing on our Facebook feed for a missing foster dog, newly adopted dog, or dog that bolted during transport. A skittish dog — or any dog under stress — is a flight risk. Because rescues routinely transition dogs from one living situation to another, the odds of losing a dog are high."

[Rescued dogs](#) are not the only dogs who get lost, but it is important to use extra caution if your dog is in a transitional stage. The group provides free phone consultations to anyone in the continental U.S. whose dog has gone missing, but for those in Minnesota, they also provide assistance with live trapping. In one success story, reported by The Bark, Lindsey, an Australian Shepherd mix, went missing during a Minnesota camping trip when she was spooked by thunder and lightning from a storm.

Her owner, John Lundquist, searched for her for two days until he had to return home, more than 300 miles away. Lundquist posted the story on social media, which alerted locals to be on the lookout for Lindsey.

The dog wandered into a campsite a couple of weeks later and was captured by a father and son, who took Lindsey into town, where she was set to be reunited with her owner. Lindsey, however, ran off again, but by this time the Retrievers were on the case, mapping sightings of the dog and driving in a live trap for dogs. The Bark explained:⁴

"A baited trap can be extremely helpful when a skittish dog resists capture (even by her family, as Lundquist can attest) but continues to frequent certain areas. The Retrievers have invented several styles of live traps, including a large enclosure called the Missy Trap.

For Lindsey, they used their smaller Cash Trap, which was named for the first dog caught in it. All are triggered by the Raytripper, an electronic sensor beam/magnet system that drops the trap's gate when the dog steps into its invisible infrared beam."

The trap worked, and within about a month Lindsey was caught and returned to her owner — and likely not a moment too soon. The dog had lost about 10 pounds, caught tapeworm and had last been spotted running away from a wolf. Today, "She's fine and healthy, gaining the weight," Lundquist told The Bark. "Most of the time, she's sitting on someone's lap on the couch."⁵

If Your Dog Goes Missing, Act Fast

One of the greatest mistakes that pet owners make, according to the Retrievers, is not acting fast enough. Owners often search for their dogs for hours, or give them a chance to return home on their own overnight, before taking action, but this wastes valuable time that you could be on your dog's trail. They urge pet owners to take immediate action by posting lost dog signs around the neighborhood and posting on social media.

"With thousands of followers who are eager to help reunite lost dogs and their owners, Facebook's lost dog pages can be a very effective resource, not only to help spread the word about your dog, but also for recruiting help with flying," the Retrievers note. "Be sure to give them that chance by reporting your lost dog and posting a personal plea in the comments." At [HelpingLostPets.com](#), you can report a lost dog or cat and it will automatically post it on your state's lost pet Facebook page.

You can also do this directly as well as post a notice of your lost pet on Craigslist and other local lost pet websites. The Retrievers recommend doing the following within the first hour that your pet goes missing:

- Call local police departments/law enforcement (city, township or county, as appropriate), vet clinics, animal control agencies and shelters. Be sure to include those in your surrounding counties/communities.
- Contact impound facilities in your area.
- Place missing dog ad on local Craigslist Community > Lost & Found and Community > Pets
- Report dog on Facebook lost dog pages for your area (i.e., Lost Dogs - MN) Within the first four hours that your pet goes missing, they recommend making brightly colored lost dog flyers that include text large enough for drivers to see from the road and a photo of your dog. Within eight hours, the signs should be posted at nearby intersections, where the dog went missing and begin to be distributed around the area, including door-to-door.

Don't Chase the Dog and Other Search Strategies

If your dog doesn't turn up immediately, keep searching and don't give up hope. You can place lost dog ads in your local newspaper's "Lost & Found" section, ask your local radio station to broadcast an announcement about your missing dog and even pay for an automated robocall to be placed to alert neighbors that your pet has gone missing (Findtoto.com and petamberalert.com are two examples).

The Retrievers also recommend continuing to visit animal shelters in your area and also contacting purebred rescues (if your dog is or appears to be a purebred).

If no sightings are reported, they advise expanding your signage and flyer hand-outs by a mile per day. If your dog is spotted and appears to be frequenting the same area, The Retrievers have [live trap diagrams](#) to help you make your own live trap to help capture your dog. If you happen to spot your dog, resist the urge to chase him, which can make a frightened dog run away. Instead, run away

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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Mt Vernon MSC Oct. 13, 2018
Regular Classes: Ms. Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine
Sweepstakes: Ms. Sharon Edwards

Greater Columbus MSC Nov. 17, 2018
Regular Classes: Ms. Debra Thornton
Sweepstakes: Ms. Anne M. Beckwith

Portland MSC Jan 16, 2019
Judge - Betsy Dale
Sweeps - Manuel Itriago

Gateway MSC April 5th, 2019
Judge: Lydia Coleman Hutchinson
Sweepstakes: Janet L. Taylor
Obedience: Mrs. Virginia Kinion
Rally: Mr. James Comunale

AMSC SPECIALTIES

Schnauza Palooza April 6, 2019
Regular Classes - David Kirkland
Sweepstakes Classes - Patricia O'Brien

Great Western 2019
Regular Classes - Steve Hayden
Sweepstakes Classes - Cheryl Coffman

Montgomery County 2019
Regular Classes - Brian Bogart
Sweepstakes Classes - Carla Nickerson

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from your dog and call his name, in the hopes that he'll pick up on this fun "game" and start to chase you back.

How to Prevent a Skittish Dog From Getting Lost

If you've recently adopted a dog, be on alert that this is a high-risk time when he may be prone to taking off — and getting lost. In addition to making sure your dog is wearing a collar with proper identification, RAGOM recommends taking extra precautions like not stopping for potty breaks for your dog on the way home from the initial adoption and crating your dog while in the car.

Once home, they suggest pulling into your garage and closing the door before letting your dog out of the car (if possible). In the first two weeks, you can help keep your dog safe by using two leashes when going for walks (holding one in each hand), not allowing your dog to charge your door when people are entering or leaving your home, and securing gates and fences in your yard. Also, be sure there are no "hidden" escape routes in your yard (like a snowbank against a fence that could allow your pet to jump over).

If you need more help on how to find a lost dog, TheRetrievers.org offers flyer templates and directions for making intersection signage, along with a lost dog action plan and videos on how to use Google Maps to help you find your lost dog. They provide a wealth of resources to reunite lost pets with their owners, but hopefully you'll never need to use them.

Bouquets & Biscuits

MACH Southcross Double Feature UDX2 OM3 BN GN VER RAE MX MXB MXJ MJB SE RATO CGC TKA NW2 AMSC-VA (Violet) completed her Rally Excellent Advanced (RAE) title on August 12, 2018. We earned First place in both Rally Excellent and Advanced, winning Rally High Combined. We also earned our Master Agility Championship (MACH) title on September 2, 2018! Thank you so much Sonny for this girl! We have accomplished so much beyond my wildest dreams. Can't wait to see what's next! Lovingly owned and trained by Christine Carter of St. Louis, MO.

Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club Specialty - October 13, 2018

Fall Fest Cluster, held in conjunction with the Catonsville Kennel Club Dog Show, Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD 21794. Closing date is Wed, Sept 26th; Superintendent is MB-F, Inc. Miniature Schnauzer exhibitors are invited to join us at the club's annual picnic following MS judging.

Contact Barbara Donahue at 215-896-9666 (text or call) or barbaramd_2000@yahoo.com to let us know you'll be attending the picnic.

This is a nice 4 day (Oct 11-14), indoor, one location cluster. MVMSC hopes you will join us!

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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