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SPECIALTY WINS

Metropolitan Cleveland MSC

August 1, 2008

Sweepstakes

Judge: Carol Ann Patterson

Best in Sweeps...Ardenne's Fire One/Lyons/Jones
BOS Sweeps... JacqueminotJourney's End/
Coffman

Regular Classes

Judge: Virginia Latham Smith

WD/BOW ...Ardenne's Fire One/Lyons/Jones
RWD...Carbor Good Grief Borrelli
WB ...Char N Co Electric Lights/Stukey
RWB...Blackwitch Strawberry Twist/Beagle
BOS...Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House
BOB...Ch. Dreams Miss Liberty Bell/Hamilton

Milshore MSC

July 25, 2008

Regular Classes

Judge: Merle Taylor

WD/BOW ...Tomar's Smooth Operator/Paisley/
Wehrs
RWD...Savannah's Roaring Barkley/Steffy
WB ...Repetition's Isn't She Lovely/Garmaker
RWB...Tomar's Classy Chassis/Paisley
BOS...Ch. Hardinhaus Rhythm & Rhymes/
Blackburn/Harding
BOB...Ch. Rampages Jewel Thief/Ramel/Gonzalez

PLEASE...send in your wins in a timely fashion so that we are not advertising old news....

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MELATONIN TO THE RESCUE

Thunderstorm Phobia

Melatonin is a naturally occurring substance produced by the pineal gland located in the brains of mammals. It is, by definition, a hormone and has been found to be involved in circadian rhythms - those inner cycles that tell all mammals when to sleep and when to wake. In recent years, synthetic melatonin has been marketed for people as a "natural" aid to sleeping.

Dr. Nicholas Dodman and his colleague Dr. Linda Aronson of the behavioral section at Tufts New England Veterinary Medical Center had been looking for something that would help reduce canine thunderstorm phobias when they discovered research papers on the effect of melatonin. Research indicated a positive effect of melatonin on dogs that continually lick their flanks as well as a calming effect on chickens in overcrowded conditions.

Drs. Dodman and Aronson wondered whether melatonin might work on noise phobic dogs. The first dog to try it was Dr. Aronson's own Bearded Collie who had severe thunder phobia after lightning struck very near her house. The effect of the melatonin was dramatic. The dog simply stopped being afraid instead of tearing around the house and digging at the carpets. The melatonin did not put her to sleep, she stayed awake and alert — just not bothered by the thunder.

Drs. Dodman and Aronson then gave the melatonin to other dogs and produced the same result. Melatonin worked for other noise fears (one dog was afraid of songbirds) as well, including fireworks!

Linda Aronson, DVM writes *"I have had search and rescue dogs successfully given melatonin to combat their fears of flying in turbo prop planes. It was the only treatment that allowed most of them to relax and yet let them perform their duties at the end of the flight.*

Success is still running about 80%. Most useful for noise phobias, including thunderstorms, fireworks, gun shot, planes, helicopters, hot air balloons, show site noises, bird song, truck and other road noises. It also seems to help some cases of lick granuloma and separation anxiety.

Please feel free to cross post this information. It seems that melatonin is one of the safest products. Some of the failures I believe result from phobia induced seizure behavior. Others I'm not sure of the reason. Some dogs need to be dosed before the fear is established, others respond even if they are already reacting fearfully to the noise."

Melatonin is sold in capsules and tablets in health food stores, pharmacies and some supermarkets. It is sold in doses as low as 200 micrograms (mcg.). For most dogs, Aronson prescribes 3 milligrams (mg.) In a few cases, dogs weighing over one hundred pounds needed 6 mg. but that was unusual. Aronson usually gives dogs that weigh less than 30 pounds, 1.5 mg. Although they have not treated any phobic really tiny dogs, Aronson would reduce the dosage further for them.

It's important to read the labels on melatonin bottles very carefully. Some are mixed with herbs or nutrients that may not be safe for dogs. Make sure you buy the correct dosage for your size dog. Remember, there are 1,000 micrograms (mcg.) in a milligram (mg.) so a 200 mcg. pill contains only 1/15 of the amount recommended for a large dog.

Because melatonin is not regulated by any federal agency, the quality varies greatly from manufacturer to manufacturer. If an inferior product is administered, it may not be effective in calming a dog whereas a higher

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LOOK

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make a change.*

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

President's Message

I want to thank all of you that participated in the poll concerning group reassignment of our breed. We had a very good response of 131 out of 595 of our membership, or 22%. The results of the poll were as follows:

Companion Group	– 5 (4%)
Terrier Group	– 120 (92%)
Working Group	– 6 (4%)

Your Board also voiced their opinion on the reassignment. I am happy to report that the Board was unanimous in its desire to stay in the Terrier Group, with one abstention from voting.

I have sent our response to the committee that AKC has formed to look at this matter noting the Membership poll and the Board vote. I think our position, as a club, is very clearly defined as noted in the poll. I hope that AKC will follow our recommendation.

It seems that everyday there is another ordinance being proposed to limit our rights as dog owners and breeders. We must all stand up to these overly restrictive initiatives. Write letters, call your legislators, attend hearings, make your voice heard. I want to recognize Michele Smith and Bolivia Powell who have been taking the lead and working tirelessly in their communities of Chicago and Dallas respectively, to fight these types of ordinances.

After much hard work by your Health Committee, AMSC is now part of the Canine Health Information Center or CHIC. This is the first step in having a source of health information on our Miniature Schnauzers that can only help us to breed more healthy dogs. Kudos to the committee for getting this done! Now let all of us start participating by getting our dogs tested and results entered. The Committee is working on other innovative programs that will promote testing even more. Stay tuned.

The most exciting time of the year is almost upon us, Montgomery County!!! Cathi Rohrer has another exceptional banquet planned. It is Hollywood themed, so of course we will have the AMSC Academy Awards. Our 1st photo contest will be done at the banquet also. So get your photos in and have your schnauzer on our 2009 calendar. We will be producing another DVD of our specialty. Make sure you get your orders in early and save. Our specialty entries close September 17 at MB-F.

I hope to see all of the familiar faces there and lots of new ones.

John

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quality product might be. Purchase the product from a supplier you trust and believe in. Some holistic veterinarians sell melatonin and their products might be better quality.

Melatonin can be purchased in most drug stores over the counter in the vitamin/supplement section. It comes in 1/10mg, 1mg, and 3mg tablets and in liquid form.

General information on what melatonin is, although not canine specific, can be found at: <http://www.melatonin.com>

You can give your dog melatonin before you leave for the day if thunderstorms are predicted because it remains effective for several hours. You can also give her Melatonin before taking her out. Give melatonin immediately when you see your dog becoming agitated. If your dog has autoimmune disease or severe liver or kidney disease, check with your veterinarian before giving melatonin.

Ed.'s NOTE: I have only one dog in the house that is terrified of fireworks, thunder and any very loud noises. Through her 9 years, I have tried every product on the market with no success. Just 4 drops of the liquid melatonin calms her down for about 2-3 hours. She still follows me around the house but her shaking, shuddering and crying has ceased. She is alert and even willing to play. The other day, with the owners permission, I gave a very wired Wire Fox Terrier four drops of melatonin before I started grooming her. The grooming process was much less stressful for her and she was far more cooperative than at any other time.



Another Look at the 49th Day

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Why reprint an article that appeared in the April/May 1994 issue of Gun Dog? Wasn't the point made? Or do people still believe they should take their brand new pup home on the "magical" 49th day?

The reasons to reprint are several: 1) Breed clubs and dog clubs from across the United States and Canada as well as from far-off places like Australia and Hawaii in one direction and England and Germany in the other have asked permission to reprint it in their journals, newsletters and magazines. 2) There are many new readers of Gun Dog who did not have a chance to read the original although many heard about it through their clubs. 3) Breeders have repeatedly asked permission to copy the article to use as a handout to prospective buyers. 4) Prospective buyers have asked for copy privileges to give to breeders from whom they thought they would buy a pup. 5) The message either didn't get through, wasn't accepted (or believed) by a lot of people with a solid mindset. Breeder trying to convince buyer, buyer trying to convince breeder, clubs giving their membership something to think about, or a totally missed message-all might sound a bit farfetched, but hey, they're not at all. For example, an acquaintance of mine decided he wanted to become a breeder so I lent him the original research literature on the socialization processes in dogs, about 600 pages of reported research. Some months later when I went to retrieve this chunk of my library and I asked him what he thought, his comment was, "That was a lot of heavy reading". Soon after he produced his first litter and moved the pups as close to the 49th day as he could. Obviously he had a "Gotta let 'em go at seven weeks" mindset.

Here's another example, this from a breeder who had been trying unsuccessfully for years to convince prospective buyers to wait until pups were 10 to 12 weeks old. The copies were to be handouts to backup what had been argued for years. This person breeds a good number of top dogs yet has had prospective buyers say, "If you won't let me have the pup at exactly seven weeks, I'll go to a breeder who will." And they do.

These are just two examples among the many that have come in. One is of a breeder who should know better fighting buyers who do know better; the other is of a breeder who does know better fighting buyers who should know better. I gather from the requests to reprint that have come in that there are more buyers who need convincing than breeders. Generally, breeders who have been out of their backyard and around the block are pretty knowledgeable. But first-time buyers, especially, seem to have this problem of being over-marinated in mythology. Or maybe it's just a matter of

good old B.S. baffling brains.

Whatever the reasons were behind the requests for reproducing the article, they were strong enough for Gun Dog to feel the article should appear again, and I agree. So here it is with some minor editorial changes but no changes in the factual data. There has been no new research on dog socialization; the work has been so thoroughly done that further work would only be whistling in the wind.

So where did this magical "49 days and not a minute later" idea that permeates so much of puppy peddling come from? The first mention of it that I remember in popular literature appeared in 1961. The last sentence in Chapter 3 of a book by Richard Wolters said, "...get and start your dog at the right time-seven weeks-that's 49 days old." And in another place in the same chapter, in bold italics for emphasis, no less, Wolters stated, "Buy your puppy and take him home at the exact age of 49 days!" Coincidentally, the book was called Gun Dog and also featured the wing-on-a-string thing. It's a toss-up whether over-doing the wing or the **49 days has had the most negative impact on hunting dogs.**

But Wolters didn't just dream up the magical seven weeks. Possibly what triggered his imagination and induced his cosmic leap to "the exact age of 49 days" was a paper by Pfaffenberger and Scott that appeared in 1959 in the Journal of Genetic Psychology entitled, "The Relationship between Delayed Socialization and Trainability in Guide Dogs." This paper suggested that guide dogs had the correct amount of attachment to people to become guide dogs if the average age at Separation from litter mates was not less than seven weeks. Or maybe it was a paper by Freidman, King and Elliot published in 1961 in Science entitled, "Critical Periods in the Social Development of Dogs." Or it could have been any of a long list of papers by Scott and his co-workers beginning about 1944 and culminating in the book published in 1965 by John Paul Scott and John Fuller, "Genetics and the Social Behavior of the Dog." This book, later published under a slightly different title, brought together more than 20 years of study of dog socialization processes done at the Roscoe B. Jackson Memorial Laboratory at Bar Harbor, Maine. The study was massive, utilizing hundreds of dogs-wirehaired fox terriers, cocker spaniels, African basenjis, Shetland sheepdogs and beagles. Scott was a leading animal behaviorist, one of only a handful in North America at the time; Fuller was a geneticist, more interested in the genetic potential for the occurrence of a behavior than in its development.

Additionally there were many students work-

ing toward advanced degrees, post-doctoral students and student volunteers, all interested in animal behavior, most specifically in domestic dogs. This was an early think-tank directed at studying dog behavior. Wolters refers to the work of Scott and Fuller in his book, so he evidently got the 49-day idea from their work somehow. But nowhere in all their published work do they say to get a puppy at the "exact age of 49 days." Wolters apparently added 2 and 2 and came up with 49. So what did they really find?

One finding extremely important to the 49-day time frame was that pups in a single litter can vary in developmental age by a week in each direction, though all are born within a few hours. This developmental variation arises from several sources-conception can vary two to three days due to superfetation, and implantation of fertilized ova in the uterus may be delayed another two to three days. In addition, location in the uterine horn, blood supply to the various embryos, developmental arrests or speedups, differential delay in parturition all contribute to developmental variability.

There is also differential post partum development, especially during the first few weeks. This means that by the time the pup reaches 49 days since birth, it can be anywhere between 42 and 56 days old developmentally, relative to all other pups in the total population of pups whelped on the same day, even to pups in the same litter. And it is the neural, physiological and physical development, not the exact chronological age not minutes elapsed since popping into the cold, cruel world-that is important in the behavioral stability or lack of it in pups, and later, in adult dogs.

I put this finding first because I consider it the most important for putting the 49-day thing into perspective. Seven weeks is only a chronological age, only the number of days since parturition. Developmentally, it is an average of a large sample size with statistical limits of plus or minus a week. It says that predictably, 95 percent of any population of domestic dogs at seven weeks after parturition will be between six and eight weeks old developmentally.

Look at any litter closely and objectively each week for behavioral differences and you will see surprising variability. You will see some pups that are precocial, some delayed. What one pup does at a given age, some did three days ago and others won't do until next week. Another major finding of the Scott and Fuller studies was the delimitation of hypothetical periods in social development alluded to ear-

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lier, with specific time marks of the period. Days of age are averages with plus and minus limits used to make the periods somewhat translatable to real time.

For example, one marker signifying the beginning of the socialization period is ear movement in response to sound. The average age for this time marker is 19.5 days, with 95 percent of the pups showing this characteristic between 14.9 and 24.1 days. Another marker is first teeth eruption at 20.8 days with 95 percent limits from 15.0 to 26.6 days. So according to these time markers, the average age for the start of the socialization period is about 21 days, but it can actually vary from 15 to 27 days in terms of developmental criteria.

Scott and co-workers delimited four critical periods of social development: 1-neonatal, birth to two weeks; 2-transition, two to three weeks; 3-socialization, from three to 12 weeks; 4-juvenile, 12 to 32 weeks. Beyond 32 weeks dogs were considered sexually mature.

We might add to the front end of the prenatal period which the research group did not consider, but which includes from implantation to parturition. Also, we could add a period at the tail end which would include the time from one to two years and call it a period of emotional maturation similar to a post-teenage child.

During the prenatal period the developing embryonic pup is influenced by visceral stimuli and hormones from the dam. Drugs, x-rays, chemicals, diseases, parasites or malnutrition happening to the mother-to-be can be dangerous to the pups, especially in the first trimester. Severe stress to the pups in the final trimester from temperature, lack of nutrition and other physiological and physical conditions impinging on the bitch can result in later pup problems, such as increased emotional state, extremes in behavior and reduced learning ability.

The neonatal period is characterized by nursing and sleeping. At this time pups develop an olfactory imprint of the mother, her breasts, the nest, and each other. The senses of smell and touch (olfactory and tactile senses) are better developed during this period and are the only ones usable by the pups to get information from the outside world. Humans handling pups at this time provide a mild stress which acts to improve pups physically and emotionally. Pups handled during the first two weeks grow faster, mature faster and are more resistant to diseases. They are more stable, handle emotional stress better, are more exploratory and learn faster than pups not handled during this period.

The transition period from two to three weeks old is when pups gain the use of the remaining modalities of sight, hearing and proprio-

ception. Eyes open at around three weeks; hearing begins about 10 days later at about the same time as walking and this coincides with one-spot defecation outside the nest. The onset of social interactions with mother and siblings begins at the end of the transitional period. The pup goes from the little fat blob that grunts to an animated live little guy in these two weeks. Pups have no fear at this time so any large objects like a person hovering over them or a loud noise as in any typical home-machinery, appliances, dropped pans, stumbled-over buckets or voices, all perceived for the first time-do not evoke fear responses. Rather, they are associated with low anxiety and get little notice except a mild startle response and a glance in the noise direction. Fear is still three or more weeks in coming.

The socialization period begins at three weeks and extends to week 14. During this period pups learn to be dogs. Through play fight, play sex, play hunting, catching and guarding prey, they develop skills needed later in life. They learn the "language" of dominance and submission such as soft bite, head turn, and threat intensity. They also learn to associate with and bond with people. Generally most students of dog behavior consider socialization of dogs with dogs coming first, from three to six weeks, and dogs with people following, from six to 14 weeks.

In reality the two types of socialization overlap just about totally. Dog-on-dog, or primary socialization, begins during the late gestation stages and continues through juvenile into sub-adult stage. People socialization, or what I have called secondary socialization in a previous Gun Dog article, starts with the basic associations formed from handling shortly after birth until six or seven weeks, before the fear response escalates. Unless socialization on dogs and people is well underway by then, it has only a small chance of happening at all.

The last half of the socialization period is marked by the development of fear responses starting in the fifth week, escalating rapidly through the seventh week to a peak at nine weeks, then leveling off in the tenth week where it remains for the dog's life. In general, anything associated with fear during weeks seven through nine in the non-socialized dog remains a fearful stimulus for life unless changed by systematic desensitizing. Fear of aversive stimuli occurring for the first time during this period, such as harsh punishment, isolation, or any strong fear-inducing stimulus, can result in extremes in behavior, abnormal fearfulness, difficulty in training or anti-social behavior as an adult. This part of this period is much like the seven or eight-month-old child who begins to cry when approached by a stranger, though he would have giggled at every stranger just a month earlier.

The juvenile phase is from three to eight months of age and is a sort of post-graduate

period when what occurred in the socialization period must be reinforced or corrected if there is a problem brought on by something improperly done in the preceding periods. Beyond eight months the dog is considered an adult and begins doing adult behaviors, such as leg-lifting in territorial marking, gradually increasing in dominance and general aggression in males; experiencing the first estrus period in females-all behavior patterns related to reproduction in general. This is the period when the dog will attempt to take over if he is genetically a dominant dog, or be super submissive if genetically shy or submissive. From the start of this period to 18 months to two years the dog is comparable to a teenager and facing about the same types of identity crises. But again, these ages are averages of large sample sizes with standard deviations. I want to emphasize they are not to be taken literally; they are not carved in stone.

The period of most interest to a prospective puppy buyer is period 3, the socialization period. This was also the period concentrated on most by the Bar Harbor group. Their findings demonstrated that socialization with dogs, mother and litter mates begins at three weeks, peaks at seven weeks but continues for up to several months longer. The events that mark the beginning of this period are eyes opening and exhibiting definite startle responses to sudden sounds. Adult heart rate and brain wave patterns coincide with peak dog-on-dog socialization at seven weeks.

The period of human acceptance begins at five weeks with the improvement in pup mobility and peaks at eight and nine weeks, but will continue on for another five to six weeks. The criteria used to determine the limits of human acceptance were: lowest fear and highest approach scores at five weeks implied the start, and high fear with low approach that became no approach at 14 weeks was considered to be the end. They suggested the dog-on-people socialization could start before five weeks, but prior to then the low mobility hinders approach responses. So attraction to and acceptance of people actually occurs at least two to three weeks earlier.

The startle response to sound apparent at three weeks accelerates and appears as the earliest indication of a fear response at five weeks. To establish these limits, pups were left with the mother with no human contact until the age of testing. That means the high fear response to humans at 14 weeks was the age at which pups encountered humans for the first time. Similarly, the low fear, high approach scores at five weeks was the first exposure to humans for this age group. Exposure to humans in various amounts in other groups of pups showed that even as little as two 20-minute periods a week from four weeks onward was adequate for developing social at-

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tachments to people. So why “exactly 49 days”? There is no mention of the 49th day being anything special by any of the collaborators in all this dog behavior research.

Where could the “magic” of seven weeks come from? One indication that seven weeks might be a reasonable average for socialization processes to occur, but not necessarily the only or even the optimum age, was summarized in a graphic plot of the approach/avoidance scores on age in weeks presented in the paper on critical periods in social development of dogs by Freidman, King and Elliot, three members of the research group. The graph shows the approach scores were low at two and three weeks, jumped dramatically at five weeks, then gradually declined to almost no approach at 14 weeks. Avoidance scores, equated to the development of a fear response, were none at three to five weeks, then jumped abruptly at seven weeks to a maximum by 10 weeks. The lines representing decreasing approach and increasing avoidance cross in the seventh week.

From this the authors concluded the period for most rapid socialization was optimum at six to eight weeks. However, pups in this study had no exposure to people until the day of testing and each week's cohort of dogs was tested only once. It measured only the accumulative effect of deprivation of human contact such as would occur in wild canids like wolf, coyote, wild dogs of any sort. But somehow Wolters honed this six to eight weeks old to “exactly 49 days” and not a minute later. Based on the results of Freidman, King and Elliot with pups whose initial exposure to humans was when they were tested, Scott suggested two rules for producing well-balanced, well-adjusted dogs. The first of these is that the ideal time to produce a close social relationship between puppy and master occur between six and eight weeks of age. This is the optimal time to remove it from the litter and make it into a house pet. Done earlier, the pup hasn't enough opportunity to form social relationships with other dogs, but would be very attached to people. At the other extreme, if exposure to people is delayed to 12 or more weeks of age, the pup will have a good relationship with dogs but will be timid and have no confidence with people. A strong relationship with people is important for pet dogs and for working dogs such as guide dogs, and for some hunting dogs where they work under close direction. This might apply to, say, field trial retrievers. For those dogs that do not require such a strong dog-human relationship, such as hounds and field trial pointing breeds, exposure at the six to eight week period is not so essential.

The second general rule is that puppies should be exposed, at least in a preliminary way, to the circumstances in which they will live as an adult, and this should be done be-

fore three or four months old. The young puppy at eight to twelve weeks is highly malleable and adaptable, and this is the time to lay the foundation for its future life work. If puppies have very little or no previous human contact, seven weeks is conservative-six weeks would be a better age to get the pup. Waiting to 12 weeks would produce the so-called kennel-shy dog. The only case I can imagine with no people exposure today is a multi-breed puppy mill run on a shoestring. Anyone who buys a hunting dog pup from such a breeder is not popping on all cylinders.

But assuming all is normal and the breeder is knowledgeable enough about his breed and cares enough about his pups to talk to, pet and handle them; expose them to noises, strange situations and, strange textures underfoot; and allows them to interact fully with mother and siblings, then Scott's rule one doesn't apply. The pups will have contact with humans, probably on a daily basis from birth onward, so seven weeks (6 to 8) will not necessarily be the best time for puppy to be taken from litter mates. Like everything else in life, the period from six to eight weeks has some down sides.

One down side is the rapid increase in fear responses, things like avoidance of strangers and fearfulness of new or strange situations. Barely noticeable at five weeks, fear escalates most in the seventh week. Abrupt separation from mom and litter mates, the only rock-solid security the pup knows, is the most traumatic experience of its life so far. Transplanting at seven weeks to a totally new environment is magnified because the developing fear is rapidly escalating. Keeping the pup in the same situation it has previously associated with low fear during the three to six week-old period—same location, same mom, same litter mates and same breeder with same enriched environment routine—will smooth out the rough road that begins with the rapid development of the fear reflex late in week six and through week seven before it levels off in the tenth week.

Another down side that is related, temporally, at least, to the rapid increase in fear, is weaning. Among the time marker events included in the Scott and Fuller study is the normal beginning of weaning at seven weeks. Weaning is right up there with total separation from everything familiar for being super traumatic to a pup.

Another down side less well documented but alluded to in some of the work of the Bar Harbor group is that ***the socialization process of dogs on dogs is not yet completed at seven weeks.*** Establishment of these social connections and honing them will go on for some weeks and even months in the case of some behaviors. Sure, a dog can survive without it and millions do but the dog will be more complete socially if it could have another three

weeks with mom and all the kids at home.

Adult sexual behavior of both males and females is affected, as is social ordering in sexual encounters here males must be dominant and females must not be. The cooperative or competitive individual personality of a puppy develops during the ninth and tenth week so selections of the type of pup you want is a lot less iffy at 10 than at seven weeks. There are other behavioral modifications as a result of leaving the litter early but well-tested documentation is scarce.

An almost totally undocumented but long-time rule of thumb in part of Europe is that at 10 weeks the pup is a scale model of what it will be as an adult. Anyone ever watching pups grow knows that one day the feet are too large for the ears, the next day the ears are outsized in relation to leg length. But at 10 weeks, for a few days, all parts are in the approximate proportions they will be when the pup is all grown up. There is no other time in the growth curve when you have such a preview of coming attractions, of just how the pup will look as an adult. I know of no hard evidence or research documenting this phenomenon, only anecdotal information. It would require a systematic set of measurements done at 10 weeks and again at a year and at two, as a minimum, on a whole series of individual dogs representing many different breeds and balanced for gender, and that's hundreds of dogs. I've looked at only a few and the phenomenon held for those but it could have been chance, or applied only to the breeds, or primarily in males or other confounding variables.

So when should you go knock on the breeder's door to pick up your puppy? First, the answer depends on the breeder and on how he/she treats the bitch and the pups. If it's the puppy factory alluded to earlier, where pups got little or no human contact from birth until you arrived to pick out your pup, seven weeks is already too late. If you must deal with such a breeder, and I can think of no reason why you would, six weeks is the oldest if you hope to save the pup. With the rapid onset of the fear response at seven weeks, every day after six weeks old increases the probability of the pup suffering because there is a lack of human contact. The dog, depending on inherited temperament and breed, will be impossible or at best extremely difficult to train, may be a fear-biter, surely will be people-shy, and will act like a wild canid generally if left in the litter with no human contact for its first 12 weeks.

But if the breeder is reputable and knows a modicum of dog behavior and has the whelping and growing pen in the middle of where everyone passes (who can resist getting their hands into a group of chubby little pups clamoring for attention?) seven weeks is too young to leave home. Older is better. The optimum time to leave the litter would be 10

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Leslie Arendt is a breeder, having produced 10 litters in the past 5 years. She participates in Conformation and Obedience and attends approximately 4 to 5 dog events yearly, or as many as work will allow, she says. She is a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Northern California. She is a dog groomer and boarding kennel owner. Her Club activity interests are: Newsletter, Legislative Issues, Rescue, Public Awareness, Awards/Trophies, Education, Membership, Obedience, Ethics and Health.

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Susan Arne-Schnell has owned Miniature Schnauzers since 1972. She is not a breeder. She participates with her dogs in conformation, agility, obedience and therapy. She attends approximately 30 dog events yearly. She is a member of the Chicago Miniature Schnauzer Club, recently becoming a board member. Her area of interests in the Club are in obedience, agility, ethics and health.

Carter, Christine

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Sponsors: Teresa Handlen
Joanne Toft

Christine Carter has had Irish Setters for 16 years, Miniature Schnauzers for 8 years, Shetland Sheep dog for 3 years and a Shih Tzu for 6 years. She is not a breeder. She is active in Agility, Obedience and Earthdog. She is a member of the North St. Louis County Obedience Training Club and has been the Assistant Trial Secretary for 6 years and Tabulator for 5 years. She is a member of the Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club. She is a Vet Tech Student/Intern. Her Club activity interests are: Newsletter, Awards/Trophies, Membership, Obedience, Agility, Health.

Donahue, Barbara

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Sponsors: John Constantine
Gale Schnetzer

Barbara Donahue has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 20 years. She has also owned Bouvier DeFlandes, Rough Coated Collie and Long Haired Dachshund. She does not list herself as a breeder. She is involved in Agility, Flyball, Rally and Obedience with her dogs. She attends 8 agility and flyball trials yearly and 5 seminars/workshops. She is a member of the Dog Training Club of Chester County (Director, Publicity Chair, Rescue Liaison, the Flexible Flyers Agility Group and is a Rep and Vet Liaison for the PA Federation of Dog Clubs. Her occupation is Computer Software sales. Her areas of interest in Club activities are: Public Awareness, Education, Flyball, Rally and Agility.

Ebesbach, Jacquelyn

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Sponsors: Amy Gordon
Gloria Lewis

Jacquelyn Ebesbach currently has 3 Miniature Schnauzers. She does state she is a breeder, having produced one litter in the past 5 years. She is active in Conformation, attending 30+ conformation shows yearly. She is a member of the Central Florida Miniature Schnauzer Club and has been the Corresponding Secretary for 2 years. She is a retired nurse. Her Club activity interests are: Public Awareness, Education and Health.

Huff, Deborah & Steve

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Sponsors: Patti Henderson
Donna Hills

Steve & Deborah Huff have owned Miniature Schnauzers for 16 years. They have also had a Cocker Spaniel and Springer Spaniels. They do not list themselves as breeders. They have had 1 litter in Jan/08 produced with their

co-owned stud dog. They are involved in Conformation and Agility and the breeding of the one litter. They attend up to 20 dog events yearly. They are members of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Atlanta. Deborah is a Systems Analyst -I.T and Steve's occupation is Information Technology.

Leto, Timothy G II

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Sponsors: Bonnie Keyes
Vickie Kubic

The Letos rescued a Miniature Schnauzer and fell in love with the breed. They are active in Conformation, Agility, Obedience and Rally. They are members of the Chenango Valley Kennel Club of Green, NY, Tim being Vice President, and Darlene the Secretary, for 2 years. They have been Chairs of Responsible Dog Ownership Day and both are on the Board of Directors. They also help with the newsletter and website for the Club. They teach several classes a week in obedience, agility and rally. Timothy and Darlene are self-employed transportation agents.

Mills, Margaret Rose

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Sponsors: Donna Hills
Patti Henderson

Margaret Rose Mills has a 2 year old Miniature Schnauzer and is not a breeder. She participates in agility, obedience and earthdog. She attends approximately 6 dog events yearly. She plans to increase the number of shows she attends with further training and time. She does not belong to any other dog clubs and is looking forward to her AMSC membership. Her occupation is Genetics Case Coordinator and her interests in Club activities are in obedience, agility and earthdog.

Mills, Rachel A.V.

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Sponsors: Patti Henderson

Rachel Mills has had Miniature Schnauzers for 12 years. She is not a breeder. She is involved in agility, obedience, tracking and earthdog, attending in excess of 40 performance events yearly. She is not currently a member of any local dog clubs. She has hosted/organized a dog adoptathon for 3 years which has hosted local rescues and showcased dog performance events. She is a Veterinary Assistant by occupation and is also an artist. Her areas of interest in the Club are: Public Awareness, Obedience, Agility and Earthdog.

Moretta, Jennifer

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Sponsors: Jeannette Clach
Carolyn Van Sickle

Jennifer Moretta has had Miniature Schnauzers for 7 years. She also has owned a Giant Schnauzer, Soft Coated Wheaten and a Black Lab that died at 8 months from an enlarged heart. She does list herself as a breeder having bred 1 litter in the past 5 years. She is active in conformation and obedience, attending 12 or more dog events yearly. She is a member of the New Mexico Miniature Schnauzer Club, the Texas Lacy Game Dog Assoc., the Owner Handlers Assoc in New Hampton, NY and is a member/graduate of the Animal Behavior College in Northridge, CA. Her occupation is Professional Dog trainer. Her Club activity interests are: Rescue, Newsletter, Legislative Issues, Public Awareness, Awards/Trophies, Education, Membership, Obedience, Health and Ethics.

Radcliffe, Kelly M

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Sponsors: Nadine Seals Tare

Kelly Radcliffe has shared her home with Miniature Schnauzers since 1988. She states she is "not yet" a breeder and is under the mentorship and guidance of Nadine Tare. She is involved in agility, obedience and rescue. She plans to join the Harrisburg Kennel Club and is a member of the New Jersey Schnauzer Rescue Network. Her occupation is as Executive Budget Specialist in State Government. The Club activities of interest to her are: Newsletter,

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Legislative Issues, Rescue, Electronic Media, Public Awareness, Education, Ethics and Health.

Rocha, Adriano

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Adriano Rocha has Miniature Schnauzers and Toy Poodles. He is a co-breeder of Miniature Schnauzers with Lisa Sarvas, having produced 2 litters thus far. He attends more than 150 dog events yearly, as he is a professional handler. He does not currently belong to any dog clubs but is a founding member of a regional Briard club. His occupation is as Professional handler and boarding kennel owner. He showed Miniature Schnauzers in Brazil prior to USA experiences. He shows many breeds nationally & internationally. His area of interests in club activities would be in education and ethics.

Sponsors: Lisa Sarva
Cathi Rohrer

Rubin, Donna

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Donna Rubin has Miniature Schnauzers and a Giant Schnauzer. She does list herself as a breeder, having bred 5 litters in the past 5 years. She is active in conformation and breeding and attends approximately 5 dog events yearly. She does not belong to any dog clubs. She is a math teacher by occupation. Her areas of interest in AMSC are with Rescue, Public Awareness and Education.

Sponsors: Nadine Tare Seals
Henrietta Tare

Sicurela, Lauri

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Lauri Sicurela has had Miniature Schnauzers for 26.5 years She is a breeder and has had 32 litters from her stud dog(s) and/or bitch(es) in the past 5 years. She is involved in conformation, breeding, and participates in Meet the Breed at Elementary schools and Nursing Homes. She attends 3 weekends of shows per year. Kurt Garmaker conditions and shows her dogs extensively. She is a member of the Chicago Miniature Schnauzer Club. She is a housewife and mother, having 6 children and one grandchild. Her area of interests in Club activities are: Newsletter, Rescue, Membership, Obedience, Agility, Ethics and Health.

Sponsors: Kurt Garmaker

Weidner, Barbara E.

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Barbara Weidner owns, or has owned, Miniature Schnauzers, Standard Schnauzers, a Scottish Terrier, a Rough Collie and a Greyhound. She states she is not a breeder. She is active in conformation, attending approximately 10 dog events yearly. She belongs to the American Standard Schnauzer Club and AKC. She is retired. Her interests in club activities are as follows: Rescue, Public Awareness, Awards/Trophies, Education, Ethics and Health.

Sponsors: Kim Cox Griffin
Laurie Darman-Owen

White, Vivian R.

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Rockford, IL 61114
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Vivian White has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 37 years acquiring well over 12 Champion and CD titles. She is a breeder and has produced 2 litters in he past 5 years. She is active in conformation and obedience. When she has something to show she attends 40+ dog events yearly. She is a life-time member of the Forest City Dog Training Club where she is their Match Chairman, Secretary, Puppy instructor and Dog Hot Line Operator. She is also a member of Kiswaukee K.C. and Milshore Miniature Schnauzer Club and has helped with shows for both. She is an Elementary Education Teacher. Her areas of interest in AMSC are in Rescue and Education.

Sponsors: Kathy Hudziak
Janice Ramel

Hooray for Hollywood

An Evening in the Spotlight AMSC Annual Banquet

Fort Washington Hotel

October 4, 2008

6:30-7:30 Cocktails

7:30-8:30 Buffet Dinner

8:30-9:00 Auction

9:00-10:00 Annual Meeting

\$47 per person

Roast Prime Rib of Beef, Au Jus
Fresh Salmon in White Zinfandel and Tarragon
Cream Sauce
Chicken Piccata - Sauteed Breast of Chicken
with Lemon Sauce
Tossed Green Salad
Honey Glazed Carrots/Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Rolls & Butter
Chocolate Mousse
Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

Evening and business attire preferred

Come dressed as your favorite movie star Prizes!!!!

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25-YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

In 2007 the AMSC Board of Directors recognized our AMSC members who have been continuous members for 25 years with an official AMSC membership pin, cast in silver. Because of their long-time support of AMSC and their dedication and commitment to the breed, the Board wishes to recognize the following members that joined AMSC in 1983 and have retained their membership for a full consecutive twenty-five years (to the best of our records). Pins will be awarded at the dinner at Montgomery County. If you cannot attend, your pin will be mailed to you the following week.

Thanks for your support of AMSC and your contributions to the breed.

Karen Clausing - GIMINHOF
 Richard Darby - STARFIRE
 Jane Flowers - JAN-WILL
 Kurt Garmaker - REPITITION
 Steven Hayden - HAYBROOK
 Richard Lashbrook - HAYBROOK
 Hannah Mele-Andrews - RED OAK
 William Oxandale - PEPPERHAUS
 Eunice Revsbech
 Adelaide Sauers - GWYNBY
 Janie Seper - KINGSWAY
 Joan Williams - JOLEE

3-YEAR PIN RECIPIENTS

Following is a list of members that joined AMSC in 2005 and have retained their membership the full three years. Beginning 2009, members must maintain their membership a full and consecutive 5 years before they will be awarded their official membership pin.

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Jumpei Asano
 Barbara Ann Bell
 Kristi Block
 Sheri Lyons
 Susan T. Lyons
 Deborah McDowell
 Donna Parzow
 Jann Pattison
 Cindy Dawn Sanders
 Mary Ann & Gene Shandor
 Carol Ann Smail
 Brook Walker
 Janet Wallinton
 Kathleen Weixlmann

SCHNAUZER DAY

Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club

On August 2, 2008 the Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club held its annual Schnauzer Day at the AKC Museum of the Dog, 1721 S. Mason Road, Saint Louis, Missouri. The members present were:

At least 25 Miniature Schnauzers attended with their families for a total of about 75 guests. Bob Bock, Ralph Burgess, and Mike Narkawicz welcomed them to Schnauzer Day and offered Miniature Schnauzers a dog biscuit while their families were given information on the breed standard, grooming, conformation and performance events. (A copy of the sign in sheet is attached.)

Marilyn Bock opened the formal program by briefly discussing the breed standard while using her dogs, Deuce and Stryker, as examples of what a Miniature Schnauzer should look like. The breed standard and personalities of the Standard and Giant Schnauzer were discussed by Caren Rholving and Wendy Sheffler who used their Standard and Giant Schnauzers to demonstrate their points.

OTCH MACH2 Southcross Rocky Road (Rocky) UDX3, RE accompanied by Clay Lincoln and Carol Ann Smail shared their experiences in the TOUCH program; they encouraged everyone to think about participating in this program and share in the rewards of bringing happiness to patients in hospitals and nursing homes.

Even without a live rat, Southcross Stop The Press (Presley) RN, CD, NAJ, NA enthusiastically ran through the tunnel that Carol and Christine Carter brought to Schnauzer Day and provided Carol Ann Smail with the example she needed of how the Miniature Schnauzer takes to Earth Dog. Presley let everyone know how much fun Earth Dog events are as Carol Ann encouraged everyone to give it a try--Miniature Schnauzers have a natural talent for the sport!

Southcross Fascinatn Rhythm (Tempo) NF, OF demonstrated several tasks that are required to achieve a Novice, Open and Utility Obedience Titles with Nancy Lincoln's assistance. Next Rocky, Ruger Super Redhawk .44 Magnum Of Prairieland (Ruger) NAJ, and Remington Nitro Magnum of Praireland (Remy) AX, AXJ showed just how much fun Agility can be while John Rowe and Clay Lincoln tried to keep up with them. Not to be left out, the Standard and Giant Schnauzers showed that Agility is a sport for schnauzers of all sizes.

After the formal program, guests were encouraged to visit the grooming stations where Teresa Handlen and Marilyn Cooper demonstrated how to groom a pet schnauzer



and answered questions on how to clean ears, trim nails, scissor furnishings and clipper the body. The agility and obedience equipment was made available to those Miniature Schnauzers wanting to give weave poles or jumps a try.

Club members answered a variety of questions on how to find a reputable breeder, questions to ask when looking for a puppy, and red-flagging a substandard breeder. Guests were encouraged to use the resources of the AMSC and GMSC to find out more about the breed.

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weeks when the pup is most adaptable. Picking a pup is a crap shoot at best, but you can get a better glimpse of your pup-in-a-poke at 10 weeks because that is when what you see is what you get in both the physical and psychological attributes.

Will breeders agree if you insist on waiting until 10 weeks? Some will; in fact, some already insist on it even though they might lose sales. Others will want to sell pups as early as possible. The cost to a breeder in food, care, wear and tear on facilities, not to mention nerves, rises exponentially as pups age. The profit that might accrue by seven weeks dwindles rapidly in that intervening three weeks from seven to ten.

However, the breeders who agree to let you wait will be more confident in any guarantees they give and will have more satisfied customers. The dogs they send out will be much better prepared for life ahead. They won't cry throughout their first night away from litter mates and mom. No hot water bottles or ticking clocks for these fearless little guys. They will have the social, physical and psychological equipment needed to take the upheaval, the move, the new people in their life, and to take on whatever life and the world have to offer. We should all be so lucky.

MEANWHILE AT THE SHOWS

SHOW	DATE	DOG	OWNER	WIN
	7-Jun	Ch Savannas Magic in My Shoes	Bessemer	BOB
	7-Jun	Savannas My Move Busta	Bessemer	WB
Naugatuck Valley KC	2-Jul	Kelly's Steele's A Triple Crown	Kelly/Steele	WD,BOW
Naugatuck Valley KC	2-Jul	Ch. Kelly's All Fun and Games	Kelly/Tamar	BOB
Holyoke KC	3-Jul	Kelly's Steele's A Triple Crown	Kelly/Steele	WD,BOW
Holyoke KC	3-Jul	Ch. Kelly's All Fun and Games	Kelly/Tamar	BOB, Gr.3
Framington KC	4-Jul	Ch. Kelly's All Fun and Games	Kelly/Tamar	BOB
Kenilworth KC of CT	4-Jul	Kelly's Steele's A Triple Crown	Kelly/Steele	WD,BOW,BOB
Framington KC	5-Jul	Kelly's Steele's A Triple Crown	Kelly/Steele	WD,BOW
Lakes Region KC	9-Jul	Kelly's Steele's A Triple Crown	Kelly/Steele	WD,BOW,BOB
Lakes Region KC	10-Jul	Kelly's Steele's A Triple Crown	Kelly/Steele	WD,BOW
Lakes Region KC	10-Jul	Ch. Kelly's All Fun and Games	Kelly/Tamar	BOB
Duluth KC	11-Jul	Ch. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOS
Woodstock KC	11-Jul	Kelly's Steele's A Triple Crown	Kelly/Steele	WD,BOW
Woodstock KC	11-Jul	Ch. Kelly's All Fun and Games	Kelly/Tamar	BOB
Champlain Valley KC	12-Jul	Ch. Kelly's All Fun and Games	Kelly/Tamar	BOB
Green Mountain DC	12-Jul	Kelly's Steele's A Triple Crown	Kelly/Steele	WD,BOW
Duluth KC	13-Jul	Ch. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOS
Shawnee KC	13-Jul	Ch Markworth Whistle-Jacket	Marks	BOB
Medina KC	19-Jul	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB
Richland Cty KC	20-Jul	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB
Dan Emmet KC	25-Jul	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB
Bismark KC	31-Jul	Ch. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOB, Gr.2
Ft Steuben KA	31-Jul	Can Ch Carbor Prim and Proper	Borrelli	WB
Bismark KC	1-Aug	Ch. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOB
Bismark KC	2-Aug	Ch. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOB, Gr.1
Bismark KC	3-Aug	Ch. Belgar's Desert Sand	Lande/Harstad	BOB, Gr.4
Pine Ridge KC	8-Aug	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB
Pine Ridge KC	9-Aug	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB
Harrisburg KC	10-Aug	Ch. Howard's Rex of the White House	Howard	BOB

Bouquets & Biscuits

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CH. Dynasty's Sheer Elegance

"Kelli"

July 20, 1994 - July 24, 2008

Kelli was the best friend anyone could ask for. She was our most devoted friend. She was one in a million. Kelli was the most versatile dog ever. She did obedience, agility, conformation, Therapy dog, and motherhood. She loved everyone. She will be greatly missed by Judi C. Hughes and Judy K. Wrynski.

* **Nite's Naturally Like This, NA, NAJ** (Ch Adamis Nite's Btwn The Sheets x Ch Sterling' Nite's Like This, NA,NAJ, NAP, NJP) "Natalie" earned her Novice Agility Jumpers on April 27th at the Syracuse Obedience Training Club and her Novice Agility title on June 28 at the Albany Obedience Club. Bred, Owned and Handled by Rebecca Dorn.

* **CH. K-Lyn's Suri One Time** (Sun Lakes Legacy To Syl-Jer x CH. K-Lyn's PB's Dancin Shadow). "Megan" finished her championship title with a 4 point major, all owner handled, under judge Mrs. Barbara D. Alderman. Megan is the 2nd ch. for her dam and 1st for her sire. Megan is owned, handled, bred and loved by Judi C. Hughes and Judy K. Wrynski (K-Lyn).

* **Ch. Kelly's Steele's A Triple Crown** finished as a puppy from the BBE class. He was bred by Geri Kelly and Mary Lou Genthner and is owned by Suzanne Steele and Geri Kelly. He is Geri's 293 champion that she bred or co-bred.

* **Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman I Love Lucy** finished her American title in Bismarck, ND. The third in her litter to finish, "Lucy" was reserve at Devon and Best of Winners at AMSC Portland on route to her title. Owned by Catherine McMillan, and co-bred with Kurt Garmaker, she's the sixth champion for Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman No Fear and 5th for her dam, Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman Repitition Romantica.

AMSC Trophy Design Proposal

Your AMSC trophy committee is getting ready to make some changes and we hope our creative members will get involved. Below you will find the proposal criteria for submitting trophy ideas. It is our goal to begin using the new trophies at Montgomery County 2008. All proposals must be received no later than May 31, 2008 in order to receive consideration for the presentation at the June Board Meeting in Long Beach, CA. Only complete proposals will be accepted. Preference will be given to creative breed related items.

1. Your ideas for a trophy for each of the following categories:

- BOB
- BOS
- BOW
- WD/WB
- RWD/RWB
- Class placements 1-4 (14 total classes = a maximum of 56 awards)
- Stud Dog/Brood Bitch
- Veteran Dog/Bitch
- Brace Team
- Puppy Sweeps - Best & Opposite
- Veteran Sweeps - Best & Opposite

2. A cost breakdown of each item.

3. Individual packaging requirements for each trophy (bubble wrap, peanuts, box size, etc.), if applicable.

4. Amount of time needed to create each piece in time to ship them to the National Specialty Chair (3 times/per year). You will be reimbursed by the AMSC for direct packaging and shipping costs. Items should be shipped so that items needing to be repacked for safe travel come with their own packaging materials.

4. Visual examples of the trophy ideas for each category (i.e. color photo spread on a web site we can access at the meeting, or portfolio we can pass around).

Proposals should be sent to:

AMSC Trophy Committee
c/o Terrie Houck & Cathy Pendleton
105 Fites Creek Road
Mount Holly, NC 28120.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

2008 AMSC

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Please mail to:

Vicki Kubic
513 River Terrace
Endicott, NY 13760

Join us for our inaugural Miniature Schnauzer Photo Contest Show off your beautiful dogs and your talents!!!

~~~ENTRY DETAILS~~~

Four categories

1. Portrait 2. Puppy 3. Comedy 4. General

Put entry information on back of photo (include: name of photographer, address, telephone #, e-mail address and category)

·\$5.00 entry fee per photo.

·Make checks payable to AMSC

·Entries must be received September 20, 2008

~~~ENTRY RULES~~~

Photo size..8x10 matted in black or white

(be sure to mount to allow for safe removal of photo from mat for publication!)

·Photo must include a Miniature Schnauzer(s)

·Color or black & white photos accepted

·Open to amateur photographers only

·No show pictures...please

~~~JUDGING~~~

Judging to be held at the annual dinner/meeting in October

Everyone at the annual dinner/meeting will get to cast one vote for his or her "Best in Show" pick.

Ribbons & prizes awarded for top three winners in each category at specialty dinner and to be judged by a panel of 2 judges

Best in Show rosette/prize and other winners awarded at the Annual Meeting

Best in show and first place winners from each category will be published in the AMSCOPE and on the website!

Best in Show and the 3 placements from each category will be used to produce our 1st Miniature Schnauzer Calendar to be ready for Christmas.

Send Entries with Entry Fee And Direct All Inquires To:

John Constantine
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Philadelphia, PA 19106
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Adamisms@hotmail.com

Photos may be picked up at the Specialty, after the Annual Dinner.

Photos can be returned by mail, IF submitted with a postage paid return package. Entries submitted without the return postage and/or package cannot be returned and become the property of AMSC for use in various projects and/or publications.

Winning photos will be temporarily retained and used by AMSC for use with various projects or publications.

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Beige with contrasting collar and sleeve trim

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SIZES: Medium, Large, XL, XXL

MEN'S 3-BUTTON SPORT SHIRT NAVY WITH POCKET

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SIZES: MEDIUM,LARGE, XL, XXL

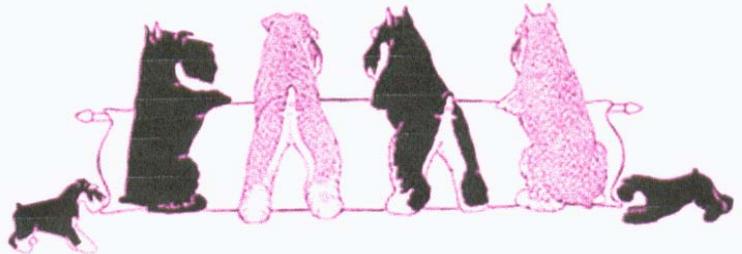
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FRONT



BACK

Lori Bush



This beautiful colorful woven 100% cotton afghan of Miniature Schnauzers in a garden setting will be a keepsake. Black, Salt/Pepper and Black/Silver Minis are at home on green grass with colorful shrubs, trees and flowers in the background.

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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

MSC of Southern California January 2, 2009
Regular Classes: Cindy Vogels
Sweepstakes: Carla Nickerson

MSC of Southern California June 21, 2009
Regular Classes: Norman Patton
Sweepstakes: Joe Williams

AMSC SPECIALTIES

Montgomery Co.KC October 5, 2008
Regular Classes: Carole Luke Weinberger
Sweepstakes Sue Baines

Chicago International February 22, 2009
Regular Classes: Barry Day
Sweepstakes: Shawne Imler

Great Western Terrier Assoc. June 20,2009
Regular Classes: Penny Hirstein
Sweepstakes Brian Bogart

Montgomery Co.KC October 4,2009
Regular Classes: James Reynolds
Sweepstakes Jean Heath

Palm Beach County DFA March 14 , 2010
Regular Classes: Marcia Feld
Sweepstakes: Carma Ewer

Great Western Terrier Association June 26, 2010
Regular Classes: Claudia Seaberg
Sweepstakes: Beth Santure

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Regular Classes: Edd Bivin
Sweepstakes: Terrie Houck



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Holiday Inn (AMSC Headquarters)

432 Pennsylvania Ave.
Fort Washington, PA 19034
(215)643-3000

Holiday Inn Express

120 N. Pottstown Pike (Rt. 100)
Exton, PA 19341
(610)524-9000
(800)906-6672 (reservations)

Red Roof Inn

3100 Lincoln Hwy
Langhorne, PA
(215) 244-9422

Hotels (not accepting dogs)

Holiday Inn

260 Mall Blvd
King Of Prussia, PA 19406
610-265-7500

Best Western Inn

285 Commerce Dr
Fort Washington, PA 19034
215-542-7930

Holiday Inn

195 Davidson Ave
Somerset, NJ 08873
732-356-1700

Holiday Inn

4701 Stelton Road
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
908-753-5500

Red Roof Inn

860 New Durham Road
Edison, NJ 08817
732-248-9300

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