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MINUTES...June 30, 2010...AMSC Board Meeting *draft*

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Summer Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine, at 9:05 PM EST via teleconference

Officers Present: John Constantine – President., Carole Weinberger – Vice President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Amy Gordon – Secretary

Board Members:?? Susi Atherton, Wyoma Clouss, Kim Cox-Griffin, Carma Ewer, Marcia Feld, Kurt Garmaker, Wyn Hagmaier, Terrie Houck, Shawne Imler, Sonny Lelle. Stella Van-Cleve, Bev Verna

Committee Members Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): None

Local Club Delegates Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Chris Levy, Bolivia Powell

Members and Guests Present: None

President John Constantine welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Amy Gordon to advise the board of the Policy set June 17, 1983, "Voting Procedure at Board Meetings".

Sonny Lelle moved to adopt the amended agenda. Seconded by Wyn Hagmaier. Motion passed unanimously.

The board was asked if there were any corrections to the minutes as published in AMSCOPE.

The Minutes were approved as corrected. Motion made by Sonny Lelle, seconded by Carole Weinberger. Motion passes unanimously.

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Report of the President: Welcome to our new Board Member, Sonny Lelle. She will bring a much needed Companion and Performance Event perspective to our Board.

This is our 1st conference call meeting. I hope all goes well and we will be able to continue every year saving both the Board members and AMSC money. I hope we can alternate between having a face to face meeting with GWTA and the Roving each year.

I am in communication with a Companion Event club in Pennsylvania to try to coordinate their aid in putting on our National Obedience and Agility Trials. We will discuss later in the meeting

Our Facebook page continues to a great success. Launched in January, we now have over a 1600 fans! It will continue to be a great tool to reach out to the general public to educate them about our breed, as well as promoting responsible dog ownership.

Carma Ewer, our Publicity Chair, is working on our input to the Schnauzer Shorts 50th Anniversary issue (Jan. 2011).

I will be attending the AKC Parent Club Conference in Raleigh, NC in August.

We will once again be participating in the big AKC Meet the Breeds 2 day event at the Javitts Center in NYC. Madelyn Carlin will be heading up the planning and execution.

I have been working with the Standard Schnauzer Club of America and they have agreed to be part of our Roving Specialty Weekend in April 2013 at Purina near St. Louis, MO. I will be forming a committee to work on this with me, as it will be a very big undertaking. We are still waiting on the Giant club to join us.

Report of the Secretary: Amy Gordon

1. A printed report of the specialty clubs and shows was provided within the body of the agenda.
2. Membership – a) As of June 28, 2010 our membership totaled 492 Regular, 4 Life, 43

Foreign (with voting privileges), 20 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), 1 Junior, and 5 new membership applications (5 regular, 0 foreign) for a total of 565.

3. Correspondence (Received):

- (1) AKC
 - a) Application for AKC Meet The Breeds @ the AKC Eukanuba Invitational
 - b) Letter of Approval for the AMSC Specialty 10/10/10.
 - c) Letter of Permission to hold Sweepstakes 10/10/10.
 - d) Application for 2011 Spring show.

(2) Various Newsletters/Magazines/local club specialty catalogs

(3) Announcements offering a wide variety of professional services

(4) Hotel/Facility advertisements

(5) Miscellaneous

- a) Acceptance letter from Wyoma Clouss to judge MCKC 10/9/11
- b) Acceptance letter from Geri Kelly to judge GWTA 6/26/11;
- c) AKC CHF Annual Report
- d) Letter from NAIA soliciting donations for the NAIA and NAIA Trust.

Wyoma Clouss made a motion, seconded by Terrie Houck, to donate \$500 to the NAIA. The motion passed unanimously.

4. AMSC Spring Specialty - Was held in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Dog Fanciers Association show on Sunday, March 14, 2010. Mrs. Carma Ewer judged 11 Sweepstakes entries. Mrs. Marcia Feld judged 37 regular class entries.

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ERRATA

Empire Express Music Man (Stephens/Ainsworth) was BOS in Sweeps the first day at the MSC of CA Specialty and, he was also RWD in the regular classes.

LOOK

Please let me know if you
make a change.

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

Mary Ann Shandor
2302 Cumberland Court, SW
Decatur, AL 35602
256-351-6942
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***LOCAL CLUBS...** please be sure to include *all* information when sending Specialty tear sheets for inclusion in AMSCOPE e.g. Judges, dates, entry, obedience.

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

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***E-MAIL...** If you would like to send your wins to AMSCOPE via E-MAIL, use the following address:

CBORR@AOL.COM

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

When Good Teeth Go Bad

From the pages of the FEBRUARY 2007 AKC GAZETTE
By Jeff Grognet, DVM

When was the last time you had a good look in your dog's mouth? If he's over 3 years old, there is a 75 percent chance that he has dental disease—plaque, tartar, and inflamed gums. Besides causing bad breath and tooth loss, infection in the oral cavity can spread to vital internal organs. Oral disease can shorten your dog's life.

Small-breed dogs are prone to tartar accumulation when very young, which results in the loss of many teeth by the time they're 10 years old. The problem begins with the formation of a thin, soft film of food and bacteria—plaque—on the teeth. If left undisturbed, plaque eventually mineralizes and hardens to form tartar.

Meanwhile, bacteria in the mouth cause gingivitis (inflammation of the gums) and recession of the gum-tooth attachment. The natural depression in the gum next to the tooth is called the sulcus, and a healthy sulcus is, at most, a few millimeters deep. But in dogs with severe gingivitis, gum attachments can break down to depths as great as 15 millimeters. As the gum recedes, there is a corresponding breakdown of supporting bone. The tooth becomes abscessed and falls out.

An abscessed small incisor, with just one root, is lost very quickly because it has so little holding it in place. In contrast, a large carnassial tooth, such as the upper fourth premolar (fourth tooth behind the upper canine tooth), has three roots and takes much longer to fall out. Each of the roots must become loose before the tooth is released from its socket.

Larger breeds, such as German Shepherd Dogs, don't collect as much tartar on their teeth so they are not as prone to gum recession. Though they can have problems with gingivitis and tartar, they are much more likely to experience tooth fracture. The tooth most commonly damaged is the upper fourth premolar (PM4). When the outer surface of PM4 is cleaved off, the pulp cavity is exposed. Ultimately, bacteria invade and travel up to the end of each root, creating an abscess. This pus pocket causes significant pain.

Whether a dog has an abscessed fractured tooth or tartar and gum disease, the bacteria in his mouth can penetrate his gums and migrate via the bloodstream throughout his body—the heart, kidneys, and liver are particularly susceptible to invasion by oral bacteria.

In the heart, bacteria readily settle on the delicate valves, causing scarring that leads to valvular leakage. Eventually, dogs with leaky valves

develop congestive heart failure—an inability of the heart to pump enough blood forward.

When bacteria land in the kidneys, they stimulate the formation of tiny abscesses that cause deterioration of kidney function. Over time, these changes result in chronic renal failure.

Many dogs with dental disease have elevated liver enzymes. In this case, the bacteria have migrated to the liver, causing infection and tissue damage. I have

How can you help your canine friend live a longer life? Look in his mouth regularly. If his gums are cherry red, he has gingivitis. If you smell foul breath, he has a bacterial infection—it might just be from plaque, but it could be from an abscessed tooth. Remember that it's difficult to assess your dog for oral pain. In rare circumstances, you may notice that he refuses a hard treat or that he chews on only one side. But in most cases it isn't until a problem tooth is removed and the dog exhibits increased vitality that an owner recognizes the agony the dog has been in.

When you detect a problem in your dog's mouth, have him examined by your veterinarian. If he has minimal gum recession, a proper cleaning both above and below the gum line can help the gum reattach. If you wait too long, the pockets become deeper (more than three millimeters), the roots become exposed, and tooth loss becomes an inevitable fact.

Veterinarians see the consequences of mouth infections daily—abscessed teeth, gingivitis, as well as weak hearts, failing kidneys, and stressed livers. Don't ignore bad breath, discolored teeth, or red gums in your canine friend. Your dog needs diligent oral care from both you and your veterinarian to live a full and healthy life.

Jeff Grognet is a veterinarian with a practice in British Columbia, Canada.



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Report of the Treasurer: Sharon Edwards

	Balance 3/1/10	Balance 6/1/10	Change	Variance Explanation
Checking	\$4,884.49	\$3,886.19 -	\$998.30	decrease due primarily to annual payment for Dog Fancy ad of \$1,160
Rescue	\$7,272.39	\$7,374.23	\$101.84	\$100 donation - Everglades Terrier Club for Marcia Feld judging
Health	\$10,810.06	\$10,812.79	\$2.73	interest
Holding	\$9,980.53	\$9,983.05	\$2.52	interest
Savings	\$38,578.57	\$38,616.63	\$38.06	interest
PayPal	\$3,672.06	\$4,159.84	\$487.78	Trophy fund donations not moved to trophy account
Trophy	\$6,695.89	\$4,869.43 -	\$1,826.46 -	\$1,178 trophies and expenses for Roving Specialty, \$550 deposit on GW trophies
TOTAL	\$81,893.99	\$79,702.16 -	\$2,191.83	

Expense Recap Significant expenses since the March report include the final costs from the Roving Specialty of \$630 which included rosettes and food for both the welcome party and board meeting. Additionally, judge's expenses were \$635. Trophy expense was \$1,828, which included \$1,178 for the Florida Specialty and \$550 deposit on trophies for Great Western. The Dog Fancy ad was renewed for another year (through June 2011) for \$1,160. AMSCOPE printing costs have decreased from an average of \$240 per issue over the last few months of 2009 to \$155 as a result of members changing the delivery method from regular mail to email. Our thanks go out to all members who made the switch.

2010 Membership Dues Dues collected for 2010 totaled \$18,082.50, which was on par with our budget. Sixty members did not renew their memberships. This compares to 19 members who did not renew in 2009.

Taxes The 2009 Federal Income tax filing is due in August.

Report Of The AKC Delegate: Don Farley

Wyoma Clouss reported that the issue of deaf dogs in agility was discussed at the Delegate meeting. The AKC board will probably not pursue the issue further.

Committee Reports**A. Special Committees****1. SPRING SPECIALTY 2011: Gale Schnetzer**

The Spring specialty will be held with the Louisville cluster of dog shows. Dale Miller will be the judge. The committee is working on a judges education seminar and Kurt Garmaker will be coordinating an eye seminar.

2. SUMMER SPECIALTY: John Constantine

There was a great entry with high quality Schnauzers. Next year there will be 3 shows with the MSCSC having Specialties on Friday and Saturday and the AMSC show on Sunday.

3. FALL SPECIALTY: Brian Bogart Everything is in order for the Fall specialty. The ring will be moved. We will have a separate ring with an attached grooming tent. There is a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Ft. Washington

B. STANDING COMMITTEES

1. AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli. No Report

2. AWARDS: Susan Atherton, Chris Levy,

David Kirkland The committee suggests adding to the application for the Sportsman-ship Award that the applicant must have known the nominee for a minimum of three years. The applicant can not have been suspended by the AKC.

A. Versatility: Lynn Baitinger No new awards.

3. COMPANION & PERFORMANCE: Sonny Lelle (Obedience), Kathy Colby (Agility)

Sonny Lelle made a motion to hold an obedience trial in conjunction with our roving specialty next spring. It will be held with the Louisville cluster on Saturday night after BIS. The motion was seconded by Wyn Hagmaier and passed unanimously.

4. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Carole

Weinberger Bev Verna made a motion, seconded by Wyn Hagmaier, to table the proposed changes to the By-laws to work out the Board Member classes. The revisions will be presented at the next Board meeting.

5. DINNER/ANNUAL MEETING: Cathi Rohrer

Cathi is in the process of negotiating the cost of the banquet. Some suggestions from the committee are to have a Toga theme and do Karaoke.

6. EDUCATION: Wyoma Clouss, Chris Levy

No Report

7. ELECTRONIC MEDIA: Hilde Haakenson,

Wyoma Clouss The pedigree website is going fine and is being updated monthly.

8. ETHICS: Carole Weinberger, Susan Atherton, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson

Report under Old Business

9. FINANCE: Sharon Edwards, Carla Borrelli, Linda Wahlquist-Soos

No Report

10. FUND RAISING: Carole Weinberger, Flo

Bessemer Carole Weinberger is making another quilt to raffle at Montgomery County. There will be a photo contest and a DVD of the show.

11. GUIDELINES: Susanne Short, Diane

Gardner, Lynn Tamms .No Report

12. HEALTH: Vera Potiker; Patti Henderson;

Paula Steele DVM; Kurt Garmaker; Sheila Marks; Lisa Sarvas DVM; Errolyn Martin.

The Health Committee would like to request funding for 2 Canine Health Foundation Research Proposals. Both of these research proposals will explore a promising new

cutting edge treatment modality that promises to have broad implications over a wide variety of disease states. Predictability of many diseases and genetic testing is limited and there is hope that the future will bring with it a better understanding of those things which remain just out of reach. Stem Cell Research brings the greatest promise to future treatment. In support of the development of these new and inspired treatment modalities, the AMSC Health Committee requests Board approval to use our Donor Advised Funds for the following at the requested sponsorship request of \$2500 for each project: 01272: Isolation and Characterization of Canine Induced Pluripotential Stem Cells (iPS)

Primary Investigator: Dr.Jorge Piedrahita, PhD
Institution: North Carolina State University
Total Grant Amount: \$82,610.00 Requested Sponsorship: \$2,500

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Background: Stem cells have tremendous promise to alleviate clinical conditions in dogs such as spinal cord damage, hematopoietic malignancies, and cardiac and hepatic disease. While a range of adult stem cells have been isolated and studied, most of these have a limited capacity to differentiate outside a living organism and inside a living organism. Recently, approaches have been developed to convert differentiated cells into cells resembling embryonic stem (ES) cells by the use of "reprogramming" factors. These cells referred to as induced pluripotential stem cells (iPS) have the ability, like ES cell, to differentiate into multiple tissue types. As virtually any cell can be converted to an iPS cell this means that it is now possible to isolate patient-derived stem cells.

Objective: The researchers will utilize this technology for the development of canine iPS. Briefly, adipocyte-derived mesenchymal cells

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top 25 agility MS's Invitational List

Congratulations to the following AKC top 25 miniature schnauzer teams for the qualifying period starting July 01, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. This list is used to select the December 2010 AKC Agility Invitational list.

Rank	Name	Class	Formula Value
1	MACH5 Minihawk Sugar Pup So Sweet OF	REG	3,801
2	MACH7 Rock-A Doodle-Do	REG	2,570
3	MACH Mtn High's Spikes Peak CD RE NF	REG	2,533
4	CH MACH4 Sterling Out Of Control OF	REG	2,476
5	MACH5 Gala Solar Event NJP OF	REG	2,443
6	CH MACH2 Awesome's Dreamz Come True	REG	2,279
7	MACH14 Miss Kadie MXF TQX JE	REG	2,259
8	MACH2 Krusher The Braveheart XF	REG	2,082
9	MACH3 Loneacre's Time For Two XF	REG	1,836
10	MACH2 Southcross Speed Trap OF	REG	1,706
11	MACH2 Maximillian Focker Fain OF	REG	1,652
12	MACH4 Trudy Lynn Trinity MXF TQX	REG	1,437
13	MACH Loneacre's Firecracker CD RE MXF	REG	1,374
14	Ruger Super Redhawk .44 Magnum Of Prairieland MX MXJ	REG	1,360
15	MACH4 My Sweet Harley Boy NF	REG	1,330
16	MACH12 Askew Midnight Posey RN XF ME	REG	1,264
17	MACH3 Ripley's Little Rascal OF	REG	1,236
18	MACH4 Jaeger Von Leicht XF	REG	1,213
19	MACH2 Ragtime's Stella By Starlight	REG	1,184
20	MACH3 Lacey's Angel Katlyn OF	REG	1,169
21	Thor The Mighty Thunder Pup MX MXJ XF	REG	1,086
22	MACH Chloe Von Zander Hund OF	REG	1,021
23	MACH Southcross Got The Rhythm RN OF	REG	1,021
24	Conbrio's Maximum Impact MX MXJ OF	REG	1,006
25	MACH3 Southcross Fascinatin Rhythm UD RE XF	REG	941

The AKC top miniature schnauzer rankings, with eligibility dates of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, have been released. Invitations have been sent to participate in the January 2011 Long Beach AKC National Obedience and Agility Invitational's as follows:

The three miniature schnauzers that qualified in obedience are, in alphabetical order:

Alpine Loft Carmel Mini Haha UDX2 OM1
CH Garnet Rock's Maestro Bernstein UDX RAE MX MXJ AXP AJP OF OFP JE
P.S. Crimson And Clover US RN

The top 5 ranked mini's that qualified for the Agility Invitational, in alphabetical order, are:

MACH5 Gala Solar Event NJP XF
MACH 5 Minihawk Sugar Pup SO Sweet OF
MACH Mtn High's Spike Peak CD RE NF
MACH 7 Rock-A Doodle- Do

Receipt of an agility invitation is based on the Top MACH Dog formula (Double Q's x 10) + MACH (Master Agility Championship) points that dogs have earned during the qualifying period. Dogs must have competed and qualified in Regular Excellent B classes.



Portland MSC/Terrier Association of Oregon Specialties

Garvin Show Services - January 19, 2011
Regular classes: Ms. Gay H. Dunlap
Sweeps: Julie Cooper

Join us in January for the Rose City Classic at the Expo Center in Portland, OR. 5 shows at one location - Jan 19-23.

Entries for the all breed shows Jan 20-23 and reserved grooming - Onofrio Dog Shows. Shuttle service to show site from most motels.

Bouquets & Biscuits

* **Ch Royalcourt Black and Chrome**, B/S dog, owned by Ben Teoh and Gloria Lewis, finished his championship at the Orlando FL shows June 26, 2010. He was shown in the united states only by his breeder Gloria Lewis. Sire is Ch. Destineez Texas Ranger . Chrome is the 12th champion for his sire, Travis, and the first champion for his dam , Ch. Royalcourt Topsy Turvey Doll. Chrome was co bred by Jackie Ebersbach. Chrome went to Ben Teoh, Penang, Malaysia when he was 5 months old in Oct. 2008. He became a Thailand Champion . Chrome came back to Gloria in Sept 2009 to achieve his american championship. he was shown and won both majors on the january florida winter circuit 2010.

***Sweeper Nicknack Makin A Clean Sweep MX MXJ AXP AJP**, (CH Regency's Turncoat x CH Nicknack Ain't Miss Behaving) Sweeper completed both her Excellent Agility Preferred and Excellent Jumpers Preferred titles on Sat. July 17th. She qualified with 5 first place ribbons and 1 second place ribbon. She was bred by Carla Nickerson. She is owned and loved by Tom and Renae Bagwell. Handled by Renae.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY INFO:

The Host hotel is again Holiday Inn Philadelphia North/Fort Washington.

Rates are \$112 per night plus tax. We have booked 15 rooms for Wednesday, 20 rooms for Thursday and 31 rooms for Friday through Sunday. There is a \$45 nonrefundable pet deposit for those that choose to keep their dogs in their guest room(s). When booking your room, please mention "American Miniature Schnauzer Club" or "AMS." The direct telephone number for booking your Holiday Inn/Fort Washington reservations is 215-643-3000.

Annual banquet/board meeting will again be held at the host hotel. The hotel is under new management and they have raised food prices so we are negotiating at this time to lock in a price that is the same or even lower than last year's prices.

Hotel, banquet and raffle information will be loaded onto the AMSC website in the next couple of weeks.

25 Year Pin Recipients for 2010

On behalf of the AMSC Board of Governors and the entire AMSC membership, we wish to recognize the following AMSC members that have been AMSC members since 1985. We thank them and appreciate their continued support and dedication to the continued improvement in our breed. Thank you all.

Members that have retained their AMSC Membership since 1985 are:

Robert Aunko
Brian Bogart
Jean Goettelmann
Ms. Jerry Riedy
Bernice Wise

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS FOR OCTOBER 2010 BOARD AGENDA

AMSC Montgomery County Specialty

Submitted By: Mary Ann Shandor, Membership Chairman

Lim, Aramis (Joey)

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Sponsors: John Constantine
Sumiko Ikeda

Aramis Lim has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 20 years and Shetland Sheepdogs for 25 years. He has bred 20 litters in the past 5 years. He has been actively involved in conformation and breeding for over 40 years, attending 30-35 dog events yearly. He is a 2nd generation All-Breed Judge. He belongs to the Shetland Sheep Dog Club of South Australia, the All Breed Dog Club of South Australia, South Australian Canine Association. His areas of interest in AMSC are the Newsletter, Electronic Media, Education, Membership, Ethics and Health.

Beitz, Brian

146 Maple Avenue
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Sponsors: Bonnie Keyes
Vicki Kubic

Brian Beitz purchased his first Miniature Schnauzer 11 years ago. He states he plans to breed his bitch after attaining her Championship and is considering options for his stud dog. He is actively involved in conformation, attending 80-100 dog events yearly. He does not currently belong to any other dog clubs but is active in Miniature Schnauzer rescue. He is semi-retired/International Business. His areas of interest in AMSC are Legislative Issues, Rescue, Public Awareness and Education.

Berman, Steven

538 Highcliffe Drive
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Sponsors: Geri Kelly
Tracy Hiuser

Steven Berman has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 9 years. He plans to breed but has not yet had a first litter. He is active in conformation, attending 25-30 shows per year. He is a member of the Canadian Kennel Club and the Canadian Miniature Schnauzer Club. His areas of interest in AMSC are with the Newsletter, Electronic Media, Education and Health.

Herschler, Michael S.

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Sponsors: Cheryl Coffman
Mary Froats

Michael Herschler has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 21 years. He does breed his dogs and has produced two litters in the past five years. He has been active in obedience for 21 years and has bred dogs for 20 years. He attends 4 to 5 dog events each year. He is a member of the Greater Columbus Miniature Schnauzer Club where he is the Secretary. He also belongs to the Columbus All Breed Training Club where he has assisted as ring steward. He is a retired college Professor. His areas of interest are Public Awareness, Education and Obedience.

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and keratinocytes will be transformed with the required reprogramming factors and plated under a condition that allows development of iPS cells. Colonies will be selected, expanded, and studied for their ability to differentiate outside a living organism into multiple tissue types. The development of patient-specific pluripotential stem cells is a critical step toward the successful scientific application of this promising technology.

00970: Tissue Regeneration Using Canine Mesenchymal Stem Cells: Effects of Donor Characteristics and ex vivo Expansion on Cell Pluripotency

Primary Investigator: Dr. Susan Volk, VMD PhD
Institution: University of Pennsylvania - School of Veterinary Medicine

Total Grant Amount: \$165,348.00 Requested Sponsorship: \$2,500

Project

Background: Special cells can be isolated from bone marrow (mesenchymal stem cells or MSCs) and used to produce different types of cells that form bone, muscle, cartilage or nervous tissue. These cells can be put back into the body in order to replace cells damaged by inherited diseases, trauma, or age associated conditions in order to restore function to a wide variety of tissues and organs. Clinical trial using MSCs in humans are currently underway and provide a basis for exciting new therapies for many of the most common ailments of dogs: heart failure, neurologic conditions, osteoarthritis, kidney and liver diseases and diabetes. A major hurdle in the development of rational stem cell therapy clinical trials in dogs is a general lack of understanding of basic properties of canine MSCs.

Objective: This study will define optimal donor characteristics, culture conditions, and safety for using these MSC to treat dogs. Understanding basic properties of these specialized cells from dogs will bring promising stem cell therapies closer to reality in veterinary medicine.

The Committee made a motion to donate \$5000.00 from the Donor Advised funds to these 2 studies. Seconded by Stella Van Cleve and passed with a vote of 13-3.

- 13. HISTORIAN: Richard Isley** No Report
14. JUDGES SELECTION: Eunice Revsbech No Report
15. LEGISLATIVE LIASON: Don Farley No Report
16. LOCAL CLUB NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITES: Stella VanCleve, Catherine DiFranco, Barbara Donahue No Report

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17. MEMBER RETENTION/EXPANSION AND LOCAL CLUB DIPLOMAT: Brooke Walker, Karen Brittan, Marilyn Cooper No Report

18. MEMBERSHIP: Mary Ann Shandor No Report

19. POLICY: Jinx Gunville No Report

20. PUBLIC AWARENESS: June Shanklin No Report

21. PUBLICATIONS: Patricia O'Brien
Inventory

Grooming charts	227
Illustrated Standards	77
CD	8
So you want to show your Miniature Schnauzer	3
So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy	19

Income

Grooming charts	\$197
Illustrated Standards	\$33
CD	\$105
Total income	\$335

Expenses

Postage	\$53.08
Grooming Charts 25@\$2 ea	\$28
Illustrated Standards 7@ \$2.40	\$7.20
Total expenses	\$89.08
Profit	\$245.92

22. PUBLICITY: Carma Ewer The Committee is asking for article submissions for the AKC Gazette. The 50th Anniversary issue of Schnauzer Shorts is approaching. The Committee is looking for suggestions for themes for the issue. One suggestion is the most memorable win at a reduced rate.

23. RESCUE: Michele Smith No Report

24. ROVING SPECIALTY: Tom LaSalle No Report

25. SPECIAL PROJECTS: Catherine

DiFranco A pricing scale for shipping costs for the items for sale on the website has been developed. The online store will be back up soon.

26. TROPHIES: Terrie Houck, Cathy

Pendelton Sonny and Terrie will work together to have trophies for the Obedience trial Montgomery County weekend. A proposal for perpetual trophies was discussed. Terrie will put together ideas to present to the Board.

27. USE OF THE M.S. IN ADVERTISING & WHITE M.S.: Shirley Cole No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ethics Committee revised guidelines – Committee

1. Any complaint lodged against a member

either by another member or by a non-member must be supported by documentation such as veterinary records, contracts, etc., and copies of all documents are to be sent to each member of the committee.

2. A request for rebuttal will be sent to the member who is being complained about, again requiring copies to be sent to all committee members.

3. The members of the committee will review the documents and discuss the seriousness of the charges, either by telephone, teleconference, or by email.

4. Based on this review, the committee will determine if the complaint is lacking merit, or if indeed it is serious enough to refer to the Board of the AMSC.

5. If the complaint is lacking merit or is considered unanimously by the committee as not being in violation of the Code of Ethics, the complaint will be filed without prejudice.

6. If the majority of the committee feels it is warranted, the matter will be referred to the Board for action.

7. The Committee will report to the Board when there are investigations in progress, but no details will be divulged unless it is determined that the matter is to be referred to the Board and then only in Executive Session.

A motion was made by the Committee and seconded by Kurt Garmaker to accept the revised guidelines. The revised guidelines were adopted by a vote of 14-2.

2. Report of the Associate Membership Committee – Committee

The Committee has not moved forward due to much opposition and the Committee will be dissolved.

3. Potential change in the Code of Ethics concerning breeder's responsibility to take back a dog an owner can no longer keep (from last meeting: Kurt Garmaker made a motion, seconded by Wyn Hagmaier, to strengthen the Code of Ethics in respect to taking back dogs. The matter was referred to the Ethics Committee.)

A presentation of an updated Code of Ethics was tabled until the October meeting.

4. Guideline for the situation when the judge has to decline at the last minute. –Committee (Marcia Feld, Wyoma Clouss and Carole Weinberger)

. Last minute is defined as within 120 hours of the opening of the show. Earlier replacements would be handled by the Judges Selection committee.

1. The AMSC President should have a copy of the "next in line" list in his/her possession at each National. This would have been obtained directly from the Judges Selection chair. The decisions would be made by majority vote of committee of three - AMSC President, AMSC Show Chair, AMSC Judges Selection Chair, with discussion and advice from AKC judges dept and or the AKC Rep present.

2. The next person in line would be contacted immediately and availability confirmed. This person would need to meet the AKC requirements:

- 30 day/200 mile
- not have exhibited on the weekend and to meet AMSC requirements
- the person would not have observed Miniature Schnauzer judging for associated shows nor have looked at the show catalog
- Judge should make a good faith effort to find the lowest possible airfare.

AMSC requirements:

- not have judged an AMSC National in the last 3 years (they would not be on the list if they had)
- not be scheduled to judge the AMSC National in the future - or be prepared to relinquish the future assignment

3. If the next person in line is not available for whatever reason, you work your way down the list until the spot is filled.

4. If no one on the list is available or meets the above criteria

a. look at other judges present or on the panels of associated shows, giving preference to Miniature Schnauzer breeder judges (who must also meet the above criteria, and who have NOT looked at a catalog)

b. discuss options with AKC dept &/or the AKC Rep present.

The Committee made a motion, seconded by Susi Atherton, to accept the above guidelines. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

The membership application of Cathy Williams was tabled from the previous board meeting. Kurt Garmaker made a motion to accept her application for membership. Seconded by Terrie Houck. Motion passed unanimously.

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Tatiana Myers and Irina McDunnell were voted into membership with vote of 13-1 and 2 abstentions. Rene Wigen was voted into membership with a vote of 15 yes votes and 1 abstention. David Owen Williams was voted into membership unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Chester County Dog Training Club is hosting an Obedience and Agility event over the Montgomery County weekend. Sonny and John will talk to the club and report back at the Montgomery County board meeting.

2. The AMSC will participate in the AKC Meet the Breed's on October 16 & 17 in New York City at the Javits Center.

Madelyn Carlin will organize the event for the club and other local club members will participate. Terrie Houck made a motion to provide a budget of \$500 for the event. The motion was seconded by Susi Atherton. The vote was 15 ayes and 1 abstention.

3. Nominating Committee Report

President: John Constantine
 Vice President: Carole Weinberger
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 Penny Hirstein
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4. Kurt Garmaker made a motion, seconded by Bev Verna, to instruct the AMSC email list Moderators to more strictly enforce the list rules and put members on individual moderation for infraction of the rules.

ADJOURNMENT:

Terrie Houck made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 AM. Seconded by Kurt Garmaker. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by
 Amy Gordon, AMSC Secretary

The Importance of Socializing Your Dog

Julie Winters

Once your dog has learned how to handle being in a public environment and how to behave, he can then be introduced slowly to other dogs and allowed to make other canine friends by allowing them to smell and greet each other (this is best done with both dogs on leashes so that you can quickly pull them back if one or the other becomes aggressive or displays dominant behavior. You may know the behavior and temperament of your own dog, but you might not necessarily know that of the other dog).

Be sure that your dog and any other that he comes into contact with are current on all vaccines, including Rabies, Bordetella (for kennel cough. note --(Keep in mind that, like the flu virus for humans, the vaccine is designed to prevent against the most common strain, of which there many.) and all DHLPP shots. This will minimize his and other dogs health risks if one or both becomes sick. Remember that, just like people, a dog's personality comes in all varieties, some dogs may never be able to get along together because and they just aren't compatible with others. If the first few tries are unsuccessful, take heart, it doesn't mean the end of the road. Keep trying until a match is found that gets along well together.

Not giving a dog the opportunity to play and interact with other dogs is like having a child and not allowing them to play with other children. This can create behavior problems later in life as they have never been given the opportunity to develop social skills. There are some dogs that just can't figure out how to socialize and play with others and in this case, they may do best by themselves. You can assist this type of dog and encourage him to play and interact by getting involved in the play yourself. Silly though it may sound, I've gotten it to work. One way to assist the shy or fearful dog is through daycare, again, this is not foolproof and some dogs just cannot seem to develop social skills, but at least you would have attempted and hopefully brought him out of his shell. Ideally to be able to take your dog to dog parks and watch them play, socialize and make new friends of their own kind would be great.

They can wear each other out so that you won't have a hyper or destructive dog on your hands when you get home or if you ever have to leave them home alone. There are young dogs of certain breeds that can mingle comfortably with plenty of others with no problem, but not all dogs are capable of such sociability. When dogs hit maturity, some are no longer comfortable mingling with unfamiliar dogs. Dogs use body language for communicating. Being taken from their mothers early, dogs are left to learn

these skills from us humans, unfortunately we don't communicate in the same ways, which leaves them to figure it out on their own, making it more difficult for them to learn. This is why we need to use caution in allowing our dogs to greet a new potential playmate or friend. The younger the dog the more friendly and pliable he is.

Close supervision will always be needed when he is learning to form new relationships with other dogs. A good parent would initially keep close watch on their young children as they meet new friends for the first time and observe the situation, monitoring closely for problems so that they could intervene when they sense a problem. Imagine being a mom or dad who is looking out for your kids while gradually loosening the leash of freedom. If your dog is being picked on or seems uncomfortable, you may need to come to his rescue. If he's behaving badly toward others, you may need to remove him from the situation or use a brief "time out" if corrective action doesn't work. When a puppy is scared to be around others, it shouldn't be forced, however repeated attempts may bring success as we've learned from experience.

A dog that gets too excited and overwhelms others may need to be pulled aside for a brief period, in order to calm down. When playing, some dogs may appear to be fighting and it can often be difficult to interpret. Conflicting misunderstanding may lead to fights if close watch is not kept to keep both dogs in check. Some breeds tend to use growling in their play and others will full on wrestle while some just like to play chasing games and barking can also be a part of play. Crashing and running into each other is a means of play for some while other dogs don't quite know what to make of it and may feel uncomfortable or threatened by this. Some will use greetings that others may find overwhelming or uncomfortable or even intimidating and threatening, like rushing to greet others and jumping, climbing and licking others, barking at them, or they may exhibit complete fear.

Mounting and other displays of dominance like holding his head above another dog's head or biting the back of the other dog's neck are undesirable behaviors and acts of power play and should be corrected immediately. On the flip side, some may show submissiveness in greeting such as lying down or rolling onto their back to show the other dog that they aren't a threat. So many different temperaments in each individual dog, is why allowing our dogs to simply charge out and greet others may in fact be dangerous to one or both dogs, and why a slow cautious approach is best.

Anyone who has changed address, email, phone information lately, please let us know so we can update the AMSC roster. Also, if you are listed on the AMSC website (<http://amsc.us>) in our Breeders List, Rescue pages or Local Clubs section, you should check those listings to make sure they are current.

Your Dog Is Talking To You ... Are You Listening?

Dogs actually have the ability to signal to us precisely how they are feeling at any given time. If we are attuned to their signs we will know what their emotional state is. Dogs can display various emotions including: happiness, sadness, boredom, excitement, and fear.

If you closely watch your dog you will notice that his eyes, ears, body, and tail are in an almost continuous, though subtle movement. This is his way of communicating his emotional feelings. Studies are confirming the fact that animals use a very inconspicuous and refined system of communication. The good news is that with a little effort we can learn to understand our domesticated dogs.

In studies conducted by Jane Goodall and Dr. Michael W. Fox, recognized authority on canine body language, confirmed that wild dogs of Africa and wolves communicated a wide range of attitudes to each other, including affection, dominance, submission, interest, dis-

gust, joy, disappointment, and fear. These emotions were communicated using the slightest body movements.

Although our dogs have lost some sensitivity to the language that would be used if they were living in the wild, they still use much of this inherited form of communication. Learning to read your dog's body language will require a keen eye and close observation over what is happening at the time that your dog is displaying any given movement.

There are some basic things you can look for but like everything else, not every dog follows the same pattern as the others. Here are a few typical guidelines to get you started. Dogs use their tails to signal that they are happy or afraid. If their tail is wagging they are happy. If it is tucked down they are showing fear and submission. When their tail is proudly held high they are feeling good about themselves. Ears are also very telling when it comes to signaling emotions. Dogs sometimes perk their

ears in an adorable quizzical fashion as if to ask a question. They may also tilt their head to the side when puzzled. The ears may be held in a backward direction against the head when the dog is angry.

As you become increasingly skilled at reading your dog's emotional language or identifying his moods, your bond with him will deepen and grow even stronger. Many professionals that have lots of experience in working with dogs have developed the ability to read canine language very well. This is true of dog behaviorists, dog trainers, veterinarians, groomers, breeders, and even life-long dog owners.

It seems that dogs are able to recognize and appreciate when you correctly read their emotional language. Perhaps this is why dogs seem to automatically like certain individuals. Maybe the dog immediately recognizes when a person understands him.

Coping With Car Sickness

We've all seen dogs that seem like they were born to go for drives with their family. As soon as they realize it's time to go for a drive, they jump in the car with energy and enthusiasm. It's as though they can't wait to start sniffing the passing landscape. Some dogs, however, are the exact opposite: they dread car rides because they are prone to carsickness—and they know what's coming when the doors close and the engine starts.

How common is carsickness in dogs?

If your dog gets carsick, you may find some measure of comfort in the adage, "Misery loves company." The fact is, more dogs than you may have suspected suffer from this condition. According to research conducted in Europe*:

- About 1 in 3 dogs that travel suffer from travel sickness.
- 75% of dogs experience travel sickness for the first time when they are puppies.
- 47% of dog owners would travel more with their pet if they did not suffer from travel sickness.

Know the symptoms

Dogs that are prone to carsickness usually aren't subtle about it. If you notice that your dog is hesitant—or downright anxious—about entering a car, that may be a signal that he doesn't find car rides a pleasant experience. Once you're on the road, you may find your dog displaying one or more of these symptoms: excessive drooling, obvious panting, trembling, heaving, and vomiting.

Helpful tips

Desensitization training: Some pet psychologists think the problems begin with a dog's first car ride, which is often the day when he leaves the security of his mother and littermates. An early trip in the car might also include a traumatic visit to the veterinarian. These first encounters leave a powerful impression on your pet. That's why he might be associating fear and stress with the car.

In those cases, desensitization training may help. Though this potential solution requires patience, it is often effective in reversing problems. The key is to reprogram your dog's attitude by replacing negative triggers with positive conditioning. First, put your dog in the car (in the place he will be sitting) and let him settle and relax for five minutes. Leave the doors open. Don't go anywhere. Don't even start the car. Praise and reward him with words, affection, and small treats.

Next, start the car—but don't drive. Observe your dog for signs of stress, which might include shaking, drooling, or drooping ears. If these are present, turn off the car until your dog calms down. Do not attempt to calm him, as soothing and attention as a result of his anxiety can actually reinforce the behavior. Eventually, when your dog is able to deal with the sound and vibration of the engine running, go for a short drive to a place he enjoys, like a park or dog run. Reward him with a toy, treat, or praise. You can continue this desensitiza-

tion process until your dog is no longer queasy in the car. This generally takes several sessions.

Make sure your dog travels on an empty stomach: Many owners have discovered that an empty stomach is an effective way to prevent carsickness.

The security of a crate: It might also help to travel with your dog in his crate, if it can be securely fastened on the car's seat or floor. The crate generally comforts your dog and gives him a place to lie down, which can reduce motion sickness.

Make frequent rest stops: If your dog realizes that he's not going to be confined to a moving car for too long a period, he may enjoy the trip more. So take frequent rest stops for him to stretch his legs and relieve himself.

Open the windows for fresh air: If you've ever been carsick, you know how fresh air can help revive you. So open the windows a safe amount—not enough for your dog to escape or stick his head out—and let the air (and its distracting and ever-changing array of odors) refresh your dog.

Medication: If all else fails and you must travel with your dog, consult your veterinarian about possible medications that can be prescribed.

Ed.s Note: I have also found that giving the dog liquid Melatonin before the trip (and every hour) takes the edge off and helps the dog. I use this for thunder storms too.

FLEECE VESTS

These high quality polar fleece vests have the new logo embroidered on the left side of the vest. They come in men's sizes in two colors-royal blue and light grey. The women's sizes come in two colors-raspberry and heather.

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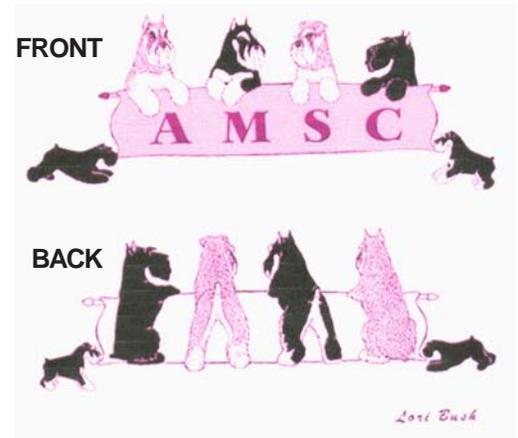
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