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SPECIALTY WINS

Metropolitan Cleveland MSC
August 5, 2011

Sweepstakes: (0-0-1-0)

Judge: Debroah Dayton

Veteran Sweeps...Am/Can Ch Carbor Hot on The Trail/Weixlmann/Borrelli

Regular Classes: (3-8-1-0-1)

Judge: Elliott Weiss

WD/BOW...Savannah's Black Tie Event/
Steffy

RWD...Repetition's Adulation/ Garmaker/
Sicurella

WB/BOS...Reptition's Montana Sky/
Garmaker/Gorrebeeck/Simpson

RWB...Kharasa's Still Making History/
Clay

BOB...Ch. Repetition's Valedictorian/
Garmaker/Sicurella

SEL...Am/Can Ch Carbor Hot on The
Trail/Weixlmann/Borrelli

Milshore MSC

July 29, 2011

Sweepstakes: (2-1-0-0)

Judge: Ms Marcy McGuire

Best in Sweeps...Passport Wind of
Change/Alex

BOS in Sweeps...Sadie Mae Hawkins
VonWinkel Shall We Dance/Winkel/Harold

Regular Classes: (6-6-4-0)

Judge: Elliott Weiss

WD..Passport Wind of Change/Alex

RWD...Contempra's A Ticket2Ride/Price

WB/BOW/BOS...Frowina of Taiwan
Mentor/WeiWei

RWB...Rockyhill Icees Twisted Fairytale/
Scott/Fry

BOB... GCH Rockyhill Icees Raisin' The
Bar/Fry

SEL...GCH Rampage's Triple Crown/
Hudziak/Ramel

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President's Message

I hope all of you are surviving this terribly hot summer. I cannot remember any as bad in recent time. Looking on the bright side, we now have an additional thing to look forward to this fall, cooler weather, in addition to our wonderful perennial celebration of our breed at Montgomery County Kennel Club and our National Specialty. We will be back at the great shaded and much less crowded spot that we were at last year. We have learned from our 1st time there and will be increasing grooming space by 33%. Our fabulous Hospitality Hostess, Cathi Rohrer, has some nice plans for the weekend. We have a much better hotel and club headquarters this year and we will be having a "throw-back" banquet to our years in the 70's and 80's with more formal attire, and box lunches at our specialty.

I wanted to let all of you know about a mailing that you will soon be receiving. It has to do with the proposed standard changes that your Board and now the AKC Board have approved. The detailed changes will be documented in the mailing that you get, but let me speak to them a bit.

First of all, these changes are meant to protect our breed and breed standard more than anything else. The changes are enthusiastically, completely, and unanimously endorsed by all of the AMSC Board. Please feel free to discuss that or the changes with any Board member.

We all know that over the past couple of decades our breed has been, for all intents and purposes, attacked by unethical "breeders" wanting to make money off of our breed. The "breeders" have developed a veritable rainbow of colors for our breed, everything from liver to parti, to even merle! To ensure that these "designer" colors do

not get any legitimacy by being rewarded points in the AKC show ring, we are proposing changing the standard to make any, but the 3 allowed colors or a non-black nose a disqualification.

Because of Animal Rights organizations around the world pushing crazy legislation to outlaw tail docking, many countries can only allow undocked dogs to be shown. We understand that breeders in these countries have no option but to show their dogs undocked and of course AMSC has absolutely no issue with that. This unfortunately causes a conundrum in our country. The Board believes in order to protect our standard, and to help the fight to keep our right to dock, we need to strengthen our standard in regards to showing undocked dogs. After much discussion we came to the conclusion that an undocked tail is a completely incorrect presentation of a Miniature Schnauzer in the AKC show ring. We likened it to bringing into the AKC show ring a Miniature Schnauzer, stripped in a Poodle pattern. The coat texture/color may be fine, but the presentation must be severely penalized. Thus, we are proposing a change to the Tail section of our standard to say a dog presented with an undocked tail should be severely penalized, as it is an incorrect presentation of a Miniature Schnauzer under the AKC Standard.

As many of you have seen the Board put an ad in the Showsight magazine featuring our breed expressing this opinion. The Board also sent letters to all judges approved to judge our breed expressing this same opinion. Again this was done with full and complete Board agreement.

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LOOK

Please let me know if you make a change.

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

Mary Ann Shandor
2302 Cumberland Court, SW
Decatur, AL 35602
256-351-6942
tuckarry@aol.com

*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 Bouquets and Biscuits to AMSCOPE via E-MAIL, use the following address and include it in the body of the email.
CBORR@AOL.COM

**The deadline
for the
October issue is
September 18.**

Designer Genes Beauty vs Health

By: Catherine McMillan

A few years after I began showing and breeding Miniature Schnauzers, I realized that no historical archives existed for champion producers in Canada in the way they have always been catalogued in the U.S. So, I began gathering the data from old CKC stud books and issues of Dogs In Canada, starting with the first recorded champion in 1933. Somewhere in the middle of the project, I had an epiphany. Everything that I had been told to believe was wrong. Health was not more important than beauty... beauty was more important than health.

As I recorded the names of champion offspring of those dogs of the past, I began to notice patterns. Kennels would emerge, win well for a time, and then fade away upon the arrival of new competition with better winning stock. The majority of sires and dams that had produced multiple champions in their day were virtually absent in modern show pedigrees. Their lines had, for all intents and purposes, become extinct.

As it turned out, the most reliable asset a line could possess wasn't the ability to produce large litters without assistance, live to a ripe old age, or pass a series of health clearances. *It was that someone had to want to breed them, and breed to them.*

The Human Factor

Breeding dogs for the competitive arena is labour intensive and expensive. With little chance of profit, the motivations are largely esoteric - goal attainment, pride in performance, thrill of competition, appreciation of beauty and form. Bloodlines that fulfill these ambitions tend to grow and expand their share of the gene pool, while those that don't, wither away or are relegated to producing puppies for the pet market. It's not to say that winning is the only thing that matters, but it's fair to say that nothing else matters as *much*. For, while gene defects may slow the expansion of a winning family into other lines or force it in a new direction, ugly is fatal.

Each time we are confronted with genetic disease, whether it be in the role of individual breeder, mentor or breed club, it is this "human factor" that must always remain front and center.

Programs designed to reduce defects in a breed or a family, while absolutely necessary for long-term health and control

of gene frequencies, must never be permitted to subordinate the quality of animals, or the ability of individual breeders to achieve their aims. Without quality, the line will not survive future selection pressures. Without quality, breeders will find themselves hard pressed to continue.

It is not good enough to promise a light at the end of the tunnel. Those lights must remain on along the route so that individuals are reminded that there is more to breeding dogs than avoiding the bad.

That of course, doesn't grant us license to ignore our problems, or worse yet, to conceal information. Without open and frank disclosures, the very risk reduction strategies that allow breeders to manage disease frequency are impossible.

The first priority for breed clubs is to update our old strategies and accept that genetic disease is a normal part of the makeup of good dogs. While normalizing defects may seem heresy to some, it is only through accepting there is no such thing as a "clear" dog that modern breeding programs will survive the wave of information that is beginning to come ashore.

As previously mentioned, new DNA tests are uncovering gene frequencies in some breeds that have the potential to result in the total collapse of gene pools, if efforts at reduction are not carried out with extreme caution. It's imperative that breed clubs get out ahead of this, and begin the re-education process now.

Of course, talking about transformation is easy; putting it into practice at the kennel level, much harder.

Reality Bites

"I just got back from the clinic. I don't know what to do." Anyone who has found themselves slumped in a chair with a CERF form in one hand and a drink in the other knows the feeling.

For a disturbingly large segment of the

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**Report all changes to
the roster to:**

treasurer@AMSC.us

Sharon Edwards

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Laytonsville, MD 20882

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fancy, the only "ethical" response is to search for a sword to fling one's breeding program upon - the more publicly, the better. Not because it's the logical, rational thing to do, but so that they may hold themselves up as

morally superior. Every breed club has influential members who hold these well-intentioned, but destructive views. It's time to confront them with reason.

Defective genes have been part of the makeup of breeds for scores of generations. Most became widespread long before veterinary science had the ability to identify, diagnose and treat them, and those breeds managed to survive. Your breeding program can survive, too - but it's up to you. There is no need to cure Rome in a day. Nor is there any need to sacrifice the best animals in a breeding program to avoid criticism from the uninformed and just plain vindictive among your peers. Pleasing your enemies does not turn them into friends.

The first step, particularly for the novice breeder who is facing genetic disease for the first time, is to *give yourself breathing room*. Take no action until your emotions are under control. Go to the field trial, continue your coat work, enter the shows you had planned. Your kennel's participation in the competitive arena should not change because you've had a bad diagnosis - indeed, this is when you most need to remind yourself of the rewards that come from your involvement in dogs. Certainly, some exhibitors may break and complain. Ignore them.

Take a few weeks to research the defect and your pedigrees. Ask yourself a list of questions designed to determine to what extent the defect can be tolerated in your breeding program, if it must be tolerated, and what impact you will allow it to have on future breeding plans.

1. Does the defect cause significant for pain or reduction in lifespan of the dog? Do affected animals pose a risk to others (aggression behaviors, etc.)? Do effective treatments exist? If chronic, is it difficult or expensive to diagnose or treat?

Generally, the more serious the effect on the dog's well-being and the owner's pocketbook, the less likely you or others will want to risk producing others who might suffer from it.

2. Is the problem common in your breed or the family line? Is it rare? Does it represent something new?

There may be nothing to gain from retiring a dog because he carries a gene that's prevalent in the gene pool. Removing him won't reduce the gene frequency, controlled breeding won't increase it. It may be the "cost of doing business" in that line or breed until improved screening protocols come

along. Learning to live with it may be the only choice available.

Conversely, the dog that carries a novel defect has the potential to transform a rare mutation into a common one. Such a dog is capable of raising gene frequencies and introducing disease into lines that are currently clear from it, so must be handled with discretion if bred.

3. Can it be diagnosed in a puppy, or does it show up after the dog is placed in a home, or has embarked on a breeding career?

The earlier a defect can be diagnosed, the easier it is to manage in a breeding program. The pain isn't visited on buyers and the issue remains a "breeder's problem".

4. Is the mode of inheritance known?

The more one knows about the mode of inheritance, the easier it is to balance pedigrees and work around, or even eliminate a problem. (If not, don't draw conclusions as to the genetic status of the parents and offspring. Some modes of inheritance are quite complex, and expression intermittent.)

When those questions have been considered, they must be placed into context:

1. What is the quality of the affected/carrier animal? Does it possess outstanding virtues or is it just average? What does the rest of the health and genetic profile look like? Is it likely to produce puppies that are worth the effort?

2. Is the affected animal from a prosperous family line, or is it rare?

This may require digging deep into your pedigrees, as few modern breeders or even breed clubs are as aware of the originating lines of their breed as they should be.

Rare and distinct family lines may carry valuable alleles important to the genetic diversity and future health of the breed and their extinction should be avoided at all costs. Line preservation trumps genetic disease concerns in all but the most extreme cases. These are the dogs for which the "baby and bathwater" analogy was created.

Decision Time

So, let us return to our breeder's CERF form, now that the drink is finished.

In this simplified example, the dog has been diagnosed with cataracts. Cataracts are fairly frequent in the breed. While some research is underway, no DNA test exists. Not much is known about the inheritance, other than it appears to be familial. Cataracts can result in complications and surgery, but most affected dogs live fairly normal lives despite them.

Now, what about the dog and her pedigree?

As you may have deduced, there is no one

answer that fits all.

A) The bitch is from a popular line. She's of good quality, but not exceptional. She has a normal-eyed half sister who is two years older. The breeder decides to spay her - there's more where she came from.

B) The bitch is fabulous, with an impressive show career. She's from a popular line, but has never been bred. The breeder chooses a complimentary sire of a line with low incidence of cataracts, with the goal of producing a daughter he can carry on with.

C) The bitch is the last daughter of a rare branch of the breed. She is of good quality and general health. The breeder decides to line breed her to a CERF normal sire who is well up in years, that compliments her type and fortifies her unique pedigree.

All have made rational decisions. Breeding the average bitch from a popular line isn't likely to advance anyone's interests.

Spaying an exceptional bitch without ensuring she has a chance to pass on her virtues is not in the long-term interests of any breed. (Mediocre dogs carry disease genes, too!) The breeder who goes on with an affected bitch from a threatened line also has his priorities straight. When in doubt, advance the line. A carrier son or daughter might some day produce puppies that test clear, but quality descendants must exist, or there will be nothing to test.

None of these strategies suggest that a dog with a serious genetic defect should be offered at public stud, or his puppies sold to prolific kennels. But between popular sire and sterilization is a very large middle ground in which dogs that are not suitable for wide use can still make a positive contribution.

As breeders, we have been entrusted with something very precious - a bitch line. Every

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TROPHY DRIVE...

**please don't forget
the trophy drive.**

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Here is the link to the page for the Trophy Fund Drive, http://amsc.us/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=131&Itemid=44&mosmsg=Thanks+for+your+submission

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time one of us fails to produce dogs of sufficient quality to carry it forward, we fail that trust. When we become lazy and indifferent about promoting our good dogs to others, we fail again. The daughter of the daughter fails to produce a daughter that carries on, another branch of the breed dies and the gene pool narrows a tiny bit more.

Doing the "Right" Thing

When managing genetic disease, there is seldom a "one size fits all" solution. Breed clubs need to recognize that individuals have different priorities and challenges, and accommodate this when issuing recommendations.

Most of all, we must recognize the absolute importance of the human factor in preserving families and advancing breeds. Breeders are most motivated when they are breeding for something towards the good, not away from the bad. We need to acknowledge the power of beauty to inspire us, and pledge never to ask a colleague to give up on a dog or a line that they love in the pursuit of a goal that is unattainable - the disease-free breed.

And we must forgive each other's mistakes, for despite our best breeding intentions, there will be many. It's not important that we all do the right thing - it's only important that we don't all do the wrong thing. When we force all breeders to do the same thing, we risk forcing all breeders to do the wrong thing.

As for those two hundred champions that were retired from my breed to eliminate a single gene? I often wonder where we could have been today if only a handful of the best had been bred one or two times more.



What's happening in here?

FROM THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Dog Genome Project has written the AMSC Health Committee specifically to obtain samples on dogs who have renal disease. This is a special lab at the Broad Institute at Harvard & MIT and part of the DOG GENOME PROJECT. The following is an excerpt from the email sent to us by Dr. Lindblad-Toh's Lab describing their need:

1) We would hope to have at least 20 miniature schnauzers with renal disease or renal failure and 20 control dogs and we would likely need more depending on the mode of inheritance.

We would be interested in samples from **dogs with the following characteristics: renal failure or increased creatinine in dogs less than 4 years old with or without abnormal abdominal ultrasound imaging.** We would try to avoid dogs with chronic urinary tract infections, known chronic r reflux, or dogs older than 4 years old.

-We would like 5ml of whole blood for DNA analysis from each dog.

-If possible, we would also like DNA samples (5 ml whole blood) from the parents of each of the affected dogs.

2) We would also be interested in the following if possible:

-Pedigree information for the affected dogs

-Clinical data: We would be interested in as much clinical data as possible. If there is information from the vet on presentation, symptoms, etc we would be very interested in reading about the phenotype of the affected dogs. Specifically, would would like: sex, age, blood pressure, history of urinary tract infections, history of incontinence, history of spay/neuter.

-Laboratory data: blood urea nitrogen, creatinine, calcium, phosphate, serum albumin, hematocrit, white blood cell count, urinalysis (specific gravity), urine protein to creatinine ratio

-Imaging: abdominal ultrasound looking at the kidneys

-Pathology: renal biopsy or wedge biopsy at the time of autopsy. The tissue pathology is very important as it is the best method to provide a renal diagnosis or phenotype for the dog and accurate phenotype is essential in good genetic studies. If biopsy data are available that is great, however this is not often the case. In our studies in other breeds we have been fortunate to be able to collect the kidney / renal tissue at the time of autopsy (time donated by the vet or paid for by the club) and store it in formalin for further pathological analysis.

CONTACT INFO FOR RENAL DISEASE PROJECT – Andrew Lundquist –email : andrewl@broadinstitute.org

Included is the consent form from the DOG GENOME PROJECT to be used with this study and others being conducted by the Dog Genome Project. Please note that our support of this project is of utmost importance to our breed. The Institute is also looking for samples for other selected diseases – Hemangiosarcoma, osteosarcoma, melanoma, lymphoma, Mast Cell tumors and mammary tumors. PLEASE HELP

Thanks to those few of you who sent in samples to the Dog Genome Project previously — it has apparently drawn attention to the miniature schnauzer community and indicated to them our interest in participating in DNA studies. ALSO The Health Comm is redoing the webpages to make the Health section more user friendly and to provide easy access to current research project information. This information will be included in the redo.

<http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/3638453/809983061/name/DOG%20GENOME%20PROJECT%20Braod%20Institute%20Renal%20Study%20Consent%20Form>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE....

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Since this is a Breed Standard change, it will require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the entire membership. I urge all of you to please vote on this Breed Standard change. The Board and I believe it is a necessary and good change. You should be getting your ballots in September.

I hope you all stay well, keep winning, and continue to enjoy the best breed in the world! I hope to see many of you at Montgomery County Kennel Club in October!

John



Great day for a sail, isn't it?

Bouquets & Biscuits

***Am/Can.Ch.Minuteman Underworld** finished his AKC title going Best of Winners at the MSC of Southern California on June 24th, and his Canadian title on July 30, winning Best of Breed at the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada national specialty from the Bred-by class. "Racket" is the first AKC champion for his sire and dam: Am.Can.Ch.Minuteman Locomotion and Am/Can.Ch.Minuteman Madrid. Bred and owned by Catherine McMillan and Karen Prokopetz.

*** Am/Can.Ch.Minuteman Goldikova** finished her AKC title at the MSC of Southern California June 24th, going winners and BOS at the MSC of Southern California - her third 5 pt. specialty major! In Canada, she finished going winners bitch at the MSCC National on July 30th. "Golda" is the first champion for her sire, Ch.Paragon's Focus On The Gold and second for her dam, Am.Can.Ch.Destineez Jazz Hot Baby. Bred and owned by Catherine McMillan and Terrie Houck.

*** Southcross Vote For Me VCD2 (CDX and TD) UD GO RN SE MX MXJ NF (s & p) - Ch Bravo's The Great Gatsby x Ch Cholet's Dangerous Devotee** completed the requirements for her Utility Dog (UD) title on 8/13 at the K9 Obedience Training Club's trial in Menomonee Falls WI. Finch is an incredible dog bred by Sonny Lelle. I am having so much fun with her! Lynn Tamms

BLOOD

In response to the article on blood transfusions in the August AMSCOPE, AMSC member, MSCC Vice-President, and Canadian Animal Blood Bank board member, Louise Gordon (Middlegate) wrote to provide information on blood transfusions for dogs in Canada.

Red River College in Winnipeg, Manitoba and the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association partnered 15 years ago to start the Canadian Animal Blood Bank. The bank is located in Winnipeg, at the College, however blood and blood products are available throughout Canada. Blood is shipped on a regular basis to veterinarians and emergency clinics in all provinces.

Donor dogs, who must be 25 pounds, are generally referred by their veterinarians. Donations take only three minutes, following which the blood is tested to ensure that donor dogs are not carrying any diseases that could compromise recipient dogs. Many dogs donate on a repeated basis and several donor dogs in Winnipeg were once the recipient of blood donations.

2011 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship

December 17th and 18th

Orlando, Florida

Orlando to Host AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in 2011 The American Kennel Club® is pleased to announce that the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be returning to Orlando, Florida. The 2011 show will take place December 17th and 18th. The 2011 show will be held at the new "state of the art" Orange County Convention Center, the second largest convention center in the nation. Situated in the heart of Orlando's tourism district and only 15 minutes away from the Orlando International Airport, the convention center is surrounded by more than 113,000 hotel rooms. Amenities on-site include full-service restaurants, multiple food courts and parking. Its prime location on International Drive will offer exhibitors hundreds of outstanding shopping, dining and entertainment options

New Ways to Qualify We are pleased to announce that we have added a new eligibility for the Veterans who have made a mark during their career. While the

event can not offer a separate competition due to time constraints we will be sending invites to any dog over seven years on the day of the show to compete for Best of Breed and if eligible for the Best Bred-by-Exhibitor Award. A dog will need to meet one of the following criteria: • Winner of an All Breed Best in Show • Winner of a National Specialty • Ranked in the Top five in Breed any given year The AKC website will show a list of dogs who meet the above criteria and who will be between 7 and 12 years of age on the first day of the show.

Thank you to all those who contacted us to included these past winners and we look forward to seeing some of these great dogs shine in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship for many years to come. Grand Champion Eligibility Grand Champions completing a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum level will be [invited](#).

2011 AMSC

Outstanding Sportsmanship Nomination

The nominee and nominator may be any Regular, Foreign, Junior, or Life Member of the AMSC. Any Local club may also submit a nomination. Nominations will be reviewed by the committee and the winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Nominator must have known the Nominee for at least 3 years.

Nominator: _____

Nominee: _____

Why should this person be awarded the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award? Please give specific examples. Use additional sheets, if needed

Mail all entries to:

**Sonny Lelle
13406 Effingham Street
Austin, TX 78729-1926**

or email to richnsonny@austin.rr.com

All Entries must be postmarked by

September 10, 2010

As a result, their owners feel strongly about ensuring that they give back to assist other dogs. The Canadian Blood Bank, through the generosity of donor dogs and their owners, has assisted in saving the lives of countless dogs in the last 15 years.

Blood is collected in Winnipeg and at a satellite site in Edmonton. Negotiations are

underway for a third collection site in Southern Ontario, which could act as a distribution site for Eastern Canada.

Any Miniature Schnauzer (or other dog) in Canada who requires blood can have it any time of day or night...

AMSC PHOTO CONTEST



Join us for our 4th Annual Miniature Schnauzer Photo Contest

Show off your beautiful dogs and your talents!!!

~~~ENTRY DETAILS~~~

- Four categories
 1. Portrait 2. Puppy 3. Comedy/Holiday 4. General
- Put entry information on back of photo (*include: name of photographer, address, telephone #, e-mail address and category*)
- \$5.00 entry fee for photo mailed.
- \$15.00 entry for electronic submissions(includes matting) - must be high resolution and paid via Paypal.
- Make checks payable to AMSC
- **Entries must be received September 23, 2011**

~~~ENTRY RULES~~~

- *Photo size..8x10 **matted in black or white** (no photos will be accepted w/o a mat)*
- Photo must include a Miniature Schnauzer(s)
- Color or black & white photos accepted
- Open to amateur photographers only, non-AMSC members welcome also.
- The person submitting the photo, must also be the photographer
- No show pictures...please
- No identifying items can be on the front of photo (i.e. name, initials)

~~~JUDGING~~~

- Judging to be held at the annual dinner/meeting in October
- Everyone at the annual dinner will get to cast one vote for his or her "Best in Show" pick.
- Ribbons awarded for top three winners in each category at specialty dinner and to be judged by a panel of 3 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 AMSC Calendar to be ready for Christmas.

Send Entries with Entry Fee And Direct All Inquires To:

John Constantine
2165 West Chester Rd
East Fallowfield, PA 19320
215-527-0056 John@adamis.org

* Non-winning photos may be picked up at the end of the Annual Dinner. **Photos will not be returned otherwise.**

* Photos not picked up at the Annual Dinner become the property of AMSC for use in various projects and/or publications.

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

MONTGOMERY WEEKEND

We have a **new** host hotel for the 2011 Montgomery County weekend - the **Doubletree Guest Suites Plymouth Philadelphia West** (see link below). Room rate is \$103 per night. The Doubletree is a suite hotel. Each "suite" features a separate master bedroom (two double beds or king bed) and a separate living room (which includes a sofa bed). Since there are several clubs using the Doubletree Guest Suites as their host hotel for the Montgomery County weekend, double beds will be at a premium.

<http://www.doubletreeplymouth.com/Accommodations/Accommodations.asp>

You are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible by calling the **Doubletree** reservation line at 1-800-222-TREE (or 8733) and referencing "**AMS.**" Please note that we could not reference the AMSC since their reservation coding system only permits three (3) letters. You must reference **AMS** or **American Miniature Schnauzer**. Dates/events to consider in making your reservation:

Hatboro Kennel Club –

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Hatboro Kennel Club –

Friday, October 7, 2011 (no board meeting this year)

Devon Kennel Club –

Saturday, October 8, 2011

AMSC Annual Dinner/Meeting –

Saturday, October 8, 2011 @ host hotel

Montgomery County Kennel Club/

AMSC National Specialty –

Sunday, October 9, 2011

I think you can expect to find this hotel an upgrade to our previous host hotel and in close proximity to restaurants and shopping ... kudos to those of you who will have any energy (or \$\$\$) left after a day of showing, fighting traffic ... to shop!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at:

cathi.rohrer@bcbsnc.com

or 919-656-8834.

AMSC Montgomery County Meetings

**No Board Meeting
Annual Member Meeting**

Saturday October 8, 2011
9:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M

DoubleTree Suites
640 Fountain Road,
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
610-834-8300

Below is the pet policy for our host hotel:

Pet Policy:

1. Each guest must sign a waiver at check-in that states the hotel will charge a \$100 refundable deposit. Deposit is \$100 for one or multiple dogs.

2. Any costs above this \$100 deposit amount will be charged if the hotel feels that additional cleaning is necessary or if damage occurs.

3. Pets must be on leash at all times when entering/exiting the building, cannot be in the restaurant or lounge, and are only permitted in the public portions of the hotel.

4. In room, pets must be crated when guest is not in room and when house-keeping is performed.

5. Guest must pick-up after dog on grounds of hotel when walking the dog.

6. If hotel receives a complaint about barking, hotel will ask guest to remove dog from premises.

7. \$100 deposit will be refunded (if there is no damage or extra cleaning) to guest once room has been inspected at check-out.

PLAN AHEAD
Make your
reservations early

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AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Doing the Right Thing for Dogs
Everywhere

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club, along with its affiliates, the AKC Canine Health Foundation and AKC Companion Animal Recovery, is the only not-for-profit registry devoted to the health and well-being of dogs. We have allocated more than \$30 million to fund programs for the betterment of dogs everywhere.

AKC's \$20 dog registration fees allows us to raise millions of dollars each year that are dedicated to canine health research, nationwide kennel inspections, canine search and rescue teams and pet recovery.

Whether you're interacting with puppy buyers or helping a neighbor figure out what breed is right for them, we encourage you to share the good things we do and some of the many reasons to support the AKC beyond an interest in showing or breeding:

- **Health Research:** We have donated more than \$20 million to fund sound scientific research to prevent, treat, and cure canine disease. The AKC Canine Health Foundation is the largest canine health research foundation in the world.

- **Search and Rescue:** We have donated over \$3 million to Canine Search & Rescue and pet-related disaster relief and preparedness efforts.

- **Kennel Inspection:** We inspect thousands of kennels every year to ensure the safety and welfare of dogs, the only dog registry to do so.

- **Lost Dog Recovery:** We offer recovery services 24/7, 365 days-a-year, and have reunited more than 400,000 lost dogs with their families. AKC Companion Animal Recovery is the largest not for profit pet recovery service in the country.

I'd like to thank one group that has always been dedicated to spreading the word about AKC's good works – our AKC Breeders of Merit. Thank you for your dedication to registering 100% of your puppies and the education you provide to your puppy buyers. The 5,700 Breeders of Merit lead the charge so that we may administer so many of these beneficial programs and help protect and support the welfare of dogs where!

Sincerely,

Ron Menaker
Chairman

Fetching your Dog's Passion

Regardless of age or breed, all dogs have an activity they enjoy to the exclusion of all others. The goal as a responsible dog owner is to find that activity and allow our dogs the chance to participate in that activity regularly. Before you embark on the long and occasionally twisted path of dog activities there are some requirements that should be met.

Remember the mantra "A tired puppy is a good puppy." The saying applies to adult dogs as well. This is often the most under-utilized tool for dog owners. Regular and age appropriate exercise is far more beneficial than most owners realize. The routine walks for "elimination", while beneficial, do not meet the exercise requirements of most dogs. Simply charging down the sidewalk while pulling at the end of the leash usually results in a frustrated dog and owner. Games and activities that encourage your dog to think and solve problems as well as physical activity produce much calmer and more relaxed dogs.

The next element in this journey is socialization and basic obedience. Before you can expect to participate in an activity that involves other dogs, animals, equipment and people it is very important to safely expose your dog to new situations. In addition to learning basic commands, puppy kindergarten and beginner obedience classes are wonderful places for socializing your dog in a safe supervised situation. These classes are very helpful because the trainer will be able to observe and help with any behavior/training issues you may be experiencing either in class or at home.

Once you have begun socializing and basic obedience training with your dog, you can investigate local clubs and training facilities to see what activities are available. Below are some of the activities you could expect to find:

Obedience/Rally:

Designed to create dogs who can focus on their handler and perform the required task when asked. Many dogs find that the rewards of obedience exercises are so stimulating they will rapidly run through the exercise and wag for more.

Agility: Designed for higher energy dogs who can learn to take direction from a distance often love the challenge of agility. Giving the dog physical obstacles and mental challenges can often give an unfocused dog just the outlet they need to gain confi-

dence and build a strong bond with their handler.

Lure Coursing: Designed for sight hounds such as greyhounds, whippets or salukis that chase a visual target.

Tracking: Designed for dogs that follow a scent trail. Many Sporting breeds excel at tracking.

Herding: Designed for dogs bred to aide shepherds with their flocks or herds. Some dogs prefer herding-moving the flock from place to place for the shepherd. Other dogs prefer Tending-keeping the herd within certain boundaries while they graze.

Pet Therapy: Designed for dogs who crave the companionship of people, love attention and are calm enough to greet new people in new situations. The team (handler and dog) need to have completed the AKC's Canine Good Citizen® evaluation, a pet therapy program and ultimately are certified as a Pet Therapy Team. Pet therapy is one of the most rewarding and demanding activities for both the owner and the dog. Sharing the joy your dog brings to you with others truly intensifies the bond between you.

For more information on these events go to the AKC website www.akc.org/events.

Many facilities offer Obedience, Rally, Agility, AKC's Canine Good Citizen® program, Flyball and Pet Therapy to name a few. When deciding which activity to pursue, consider what your dog was bred to do. It is also important to find the activity your dog enjoys and a trainer that you both connect with. Some dogs are confident outgoing and easy to work, others may be shy or soft and shut down if too much pressure is used, and other dogs are strong and stubborn. Working with a trainer that can adapt their style to your dog will make the journey a joy.



NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

OCTOBER 2011 MONTGOMERY COUNTY Board Meeting

Dennis, Darrell**Hartley, Michael**

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Darrell Dennis and Michael Hartley have owned Miniature Schnauzers for about 2 years. Prior to this they successfully showed horses. They do not breed their dogs. They are active in conformation, attending approximately 24 circuits yearly. They currently have an Open dog being shown. They are not members of any other dog clubs but maintain membership in a horse-related organization. They are both business owners. Their AMSC areas of interest would be the newsletter and education.

Hillman, Chris

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Chris Hillman owns Miniature Schnauzers and Norwich Terriers. She does breed her dogs, having produced approximately 18 litters out of her bitches and stud dogs in the past 5 years. She has been active in conformation for the last 4.5 years. She attends less than 5 dog events a year, using several professional handlers to show her dogs. She does NOT belong to any other dog clubs. She lists her occupation as Farm/ranch.

Mathies, Sara J.

16452 Hutchinson Drive
Lakeville, MN 55044
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Email: sara.mathies@ricoh-usa.com

Sara Mathies has been involved with schnauzers for 38 years. Her parents established Tomcy's MN Schnauzers. She was involved in all aspects, including Jr. Showmanship. Tomcy's was eventually turned over to her. When her children were born she discontinued breeding and showing. Her children are now grown and she is returning. She has attended 15 shows so far with plans to attend 13+ this Fall. She does not currently belong to any other dog clubs. She is an Analyst by occupation.

Yost, Steven**Yost, Andrea**

6020 Miller Road, NE
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Steven and Andrea Yost have owned Miniature Schnauzers for 5 years. They are active in Conformation, Agility, Rally and Therapy Dog attending approximately 16-20 dog events yearly. They currently belong to the Southwest Agility Team (SWAT), the Intermountain Therapy Animals and Reading Education Assistance Dogs. Steven is a Project Manager and Andrea is a Business Analyst. Their areas of interest in the Club are in Rescue, Membership and Agility.

Arlene Smith

2328 W. State Ct.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46808
Phone: 260-210-3655

Arlene Smith has bred Miniature Schnauzers for 45 years and has produced 200 champions. Her membership inadvertently lapsed at dues time this year and she is reapplying for membership. Her and her husband, Richard Smith, were handlers until Richard developed some health problems. Areas of interest in the Club are Newsletter, Education, Membership, Ethics and Health.

Sponsors: Terry V. Houck

Kitty Taylor

Sponsors: Kurt Garmaker

Jeanette Wildenberg

Sponsors: Jean Goettelman

Patricia O'Brien

Sponsors: Jeanette Clack

Deborah Nestle

Sponsors: Penny Hirstein

Gale Schnetzer

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

The Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club hosted Schnauzer Day at the AKC Museum of the Dog on Sunday August 7th. President Marilyn Bock welcomed 50 guests and 18 members to the afternoon highlighting all 3 sizes of Schnauzers.

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

Chris Burgess talked about and showed the process of cleaning and brushing dog's teeth. She encouraged everyone to try to keep their dogs teeth clean. Then Teresa Handlen talked about the grooming process when a pet goes to the groomer. She also showed different kinds of brushes and combs to use to keep the furnishings from getting matted. A grooming chart was also available for the guests to take home. Teresa

also talked about flea prevention and the different products available. Then Marilyn Cooper talked about Miniature Schnauzer conformation and the Standard that breeders breed and show by. There were many guests that had questions about showing the Miniature Schnauzer.

Caren Rohlring brought her Standards and showed how her dogs do Obedience and Conformation. She talked about the differences in their attitudes. Wendy Sheffler brought her Giants and showed them off as well. It was fun to have these dogs included in the day with the minis.

John Rowe took the floor with his 2 miniatures that do Agility. He showed the jumps and weaves. We had several minis that came out to do the jumps and weaves. He talked about all the work it takes to train and show in Agility. It was great to see all the Miniatures trying Agility.

Clay Lincoln talked briefly about his dogs

that work in Therapy in hospitals and nursing homes. It is a very healing process for the patients he has worked with.

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



All That Glitters

American Miniature Schnauzer Club Annual Awards Dinner and Meeting



Saturday, October 8, 2011

DoubleTree Guest Suites-Philadelphia West- Plymouth Meeting, PA

6:30 pm Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar ~ 7:00 pm Dinner

Semi-Formal Attire ~ Awards and Meeting to follow

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Questions? Please contact Cathi Rohrer at 919.656.8834 or cathi.rohrer@bcbsnc.com



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Sunday, October 9th

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new logo on floor mats and vests

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AFGHAN

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MSC of Northern California October 22,2011
Regular Classes Chris Erickson
Sweeps Barbara Kornyllo

Central FloridaMSC December 16, 2011
Regular Classes: Lydia Hutchinson
Sweeps: Joe Wake

Portland MSC January 18, 2012
Regular Classes: Jeri Munti
Sweeps: Terrie Houck

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Montgomery County KC October 9, 2011
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Sweepstakes: Susie Atherton

Fort Worth March 23, 2012
Regular Classes : Carole L. Weinberger
Sweepstakes: Jan Taylor

Great Western June 24, 2012
Regular Classes: Lynda Berar
Sweepstakes: Carla Nickerson

Montgomery Co. October 7, 2012
Regular Classes: Ken McDermott
Sweepstakes : Linda Drost

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Regular Classes: Clay Coady
Sweeps: Brian Bogart

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Sweeps: Patty Ledgerwood

Montgomery Co. October 6, 2013
Regular Classes Penny Hirstein
Sweeps Joan Huber



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