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DEAFNESS

I have a dog that is now totally deaf. She is almost 18 years old. Having done obedience for many years, I didn't realize that I had always been giving her (and the others) hand signals with verbal commands. When I realized that she was deaf, I also saw that she was responding to my hand signals. I simply had to stomp on the floor (vibrations) to get her initial attention.

It is important to teach silent cues for any situation. - How to re-teach potential life-saving commands like "stay" and "come". - The importance of teaching some silent commands before any hearing loss sets in. - How to instill visual rewards after your dog goes deaf.

- Ways to manage a multi-dog household, with both younger and older dogs.
- Techniques for keeping your dog's ears clean and healthy.
- How to manage your own expectations as your dog's hearing worsens.

So if you're finding yourself raising your voice more and more and your dog responding less and less, it's time to take a look at your dog's hearing. You need to adjust to your dog's changing needs.

The deadline for the October issue is September 16.

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ELECTIONS and VOTING

The election for the 2016 Board and Officers will be different this year.

Our usual practice is for a nominating committee to gather names of people willing to run for office, whether a member self nominates to the committee or names are suggested, and the committee then offers a slate for the next year. If there is only one candidate for each position, we declare the slate elected as of the annual meeting/dinner in October.

This year, if you noticed an earlier email, we have a contested election, so the process will be different, and we must have a formal written & documented vote. As is the right of any member according to the Constitution, Patti Henderson later decided to circulate a petition for Sharon Edwards to run for Vice President. Therefore, after August 10 (which is the deadline if anyone else wishes to run by petition), each voting member will be mailed an individual ballot for Vice President, and that ballot must be returned to the CPA firm that will handle the election audit. The ballot must arrive at the CPA firm by September 30 to be counted. Carol Hafner will explain the ballot further.

So the Nominated Slate for 2016 includes Carole Weinberger for President, Vicki Kubic for Vice President, Bonnie Keyes for Treasurer, Carol Hafner for Secretary, and Alice Gough, Donna Hills, Rob Hartshorn, Marie Murphy for Board of Governors. Running for Vice President by petition is Sharon Edwards.

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AMSC President

Be on the look out by snail mail, a letter marked "AMSC BALLOT". The ballots for the position of Vice President will be mailed out by the auditing firm next Tuesday, August 11th. The instructions for completing the ballot are written on the upper portion of the ballot as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING:

Step 1 – Mark the ballot below with your choice for Vice President.

Step 2 – Detach your completed ballot.

Step 3 – Place your ballot in the smallest **blank** envelope that was enclosed.

Step 4 – Place the small envelope in the larger envelope that is addressed to the auditing firm and has a small label marked with your name and "AMSC BALLOT". **Do not place more than one ballot in a return envelope.**

Step 5 - Put sufficient postage on the auditing firm envelope and mail.

Failure to follow this procedure precisely will result in you ballot being designated as improper and not counted.

DEADLINE FOR VOTING: Your vote must be **received by WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

Postmarks will not count and there shall be no assignment of a member's vote to another person. Email votes do not count. Do not place two ballots in a single return envelope or the votes will not count.

LOOK

Please let me know if you make a change

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National Pet Fire Safety Day Tips

According to the United States Fire Administration, an estimated half million pets are affected annually by fires. With July 15th recognized as National Pet Fire Safety Day, Bil-Jac talked with the Medina County Chapter of The Red Cross to identify several ways to help you and your pet stay safe.

Develop a Plan for your Pet

It's important to always be prepared and keep your best friend in mind. One key to protecting your pets from the tragedy of a fire is to be sure you include them in your family disaster plan. Here are 6 things you can do to integrate your 4-footed family members into your disaster plan:

Determine which family member will be responsible for each pet.
Know where your pets hide, as this may be the first place they go if there is a fire.

Plan to bring your pet's carrier when you evacuate the house. It can be a safe and comforting place for your pet to be, especially when the fire truck arrives.

Put a Pet Alert window sticker on a door or window near the front with the number of pets you have in the house. You can find these at pet stores or shelters. It will help the rescue team know to look for your pets.

If you have to leave your home and go to a shelter, you will most likely not be able to bring your pets with you. Ask someone in your family or a friend in advance if they would be willing to keep your pets for you in case of an emergency.

Practice, practice, practice. It may seem silly, but running through the plan will help everyone feel more comfortable about what they need to do and will identify issues that are not clear or have not been well planned yet.

Prevent Your Pet from Starting Fires

Pets can be the victims of a fire, but they can also be an unintentional cause. The National Fire Protection Association estimates that nearly 1,000 house fires each year are accidentally started by homeowners' pets.

The American Kennel Club and ADT Security Services have joined forces to provide the following tips.

Extinguish open flames

Pets are generally curious and will investigate cooking appliances, candles, or even a fire in your fireplace. Ensure your pet is not left unattended around an open flame and make sure to thoroughly extinguish any open flame before leaving your home.

Remove stove knobs

Be sure to remove stove knobs or protect them with covers before leaving the house - a stove or cook top is the number one piece of equipment involved in your pet starting a fire.

Invest in flameless candles

These candles contain a light bulb rather than an open flame, and take the danger out of your pet knocking over a candle. Cats are known for starting fires when their tails turn over lit candles.

Keep pets near entrances when away from home

Keep collars on pets and leashes at the ready in case firefighters need to rescue your pet. When leaving pets home alone, keep them in areas or rooms near entrances where firefighters can easily find them.

Secure young pets

Keep them confined away from potential fire-starting hazards when you are away from home such as in crates or behind baby gates in secure areas.

Use a Pet Alert window cling

Write down the number of pets inside your house and attach the static cling to a front window. This critical information saves rescuers time when locating your pets. Make sure to keep the number of pets listed on them updated.

It only takes a little bit of time to include your pets in your home evacuation plans and to minimize the fire hazards in your home. The reward of keeping your family members safe, including the small furry ones, is certainly priceless.



STAND FOR EXAM

This was a Facebook post written by my good friend Dianne Armstrong who is also an AMSC member. I think it's food for thought for whatever venue you show in. (I have Dianne's permission to publish this.)

Lynn Tamms

This was my first time in 15 yrs. to go to a dog show circuit without a dog to show (since Gracie is too young and Rainy is retired). It was enlightening to just sit back and be a spectator. These are some of my thoughts and observations.

It takes humility to train and show a dog. Double dose if you show a Schnauzer *smile emoticon*. I could never have taken Mattie, my 1st obedience dog, to a UDX if I had depended on my own knowledge and ideas. I wondered why some find it easy to accept input and some do not. I realized that many years in recovery has taught me to trust those with more experience than I. It feels normal to me to try suggestions that don't make sense or seem like a good idea. I am grateful for that. It takes a village to train a dog.

To watch an upbeat happy team moving through the exercises is a beautiful thing. If the dog or handler makes a mistake and they are still moving through the exercises upbeat and happy, it's even more awesome. May I always remember that.

Bad sportsmanship, aggressive body language, or making a scene doesn't belong at a show. Or anywhere. It's ok to be disappointed. It's not ok to act out. I saw a few dogs work their hearts out but didn't Q, who's owners wouldn't even look at them exiting the ring. How sad. 2 years without a Q, Rainy has taught me it's just a dog show. We're not talking life or death here. Or as Lynn says, "If this isn't the right sport for you, there's always sky diving, one screw up and it's all over...."

People who come from a position of "How can I help?" "How can we better serve you?" "What do you need?" "What are your thoughts?" make fabulous obedience chairs!

It's my responsibility to manage my dogs stress at a show.
It's not their job to manage mine.

A dog show is the whole show. Not just our time in the ring.
What we do the rest of the time can make or break our runs.
Marion taught me that. Thank you!

These I will add to the list of things I have already learned:

1. The dog isn't "doing it to me". They don't plot ways to embarrass me in the ring. They are dogs.
2. Mistakes made in training will double in the ring.
3. A 200 backyard run won't transfer to the ring. Dogs can't generalize.
4. Few problems can be fixed at a show. Thanks, Lynn!
5. More run throughs won't fix it either. Problems have to be taken apart and trained in tiny increments. Kind of like life.
6. My dog doesn't care if she wins. The ribbon means nothing to her unless she gets to shred it.
7. Not qualifying doesn't make me a bad person.
8. It doesn't make me a bad trainer either.
9. There is no way to proof for a squirrel falling out of a tree into the middle of an article pile.
10. There is no way to proof for a kid in a spaceship either.
11. At the end of the day I still have a great dog.
12. There's always another dog show.

Trophy Donation Updates!

Note: Trophy Donations are now on a calendar basis and run Jan. 1st through Dec. 31st.

2015 Trophy Donations

Just a reminder, if you haven't donated to the trophy fund this year and would like your Trophy Donation recognized in the Montgomery Catalog, we MUST have your donations before July 31st, 2015.

Note: All 2015 Trophy Donation Contributors will be listed in the Jan. 2016 AMSCOPE.

Our Donation Tiers are as follows

Titanium Standard	\$250.00 and up
Platinum Standard	\$100.00 - \$249.99
Gold Standard	\$50.00 - \$99.99
Silver Standard	\$25.00 - \$49.99
Pewter Standard	up to \$24.99

2016 Donations can be made at any time, just notate it's for 2016. The earlier the better so you can be listed in all 3 specialty catalogs!

2 easy ways to donate!

You can make a check out to the AMSC for the amount you would like to contribute, and write Trophy Drive and the year you're donating for in the "Memo" section
Mail to : Bonnie Keyes, AMSC Treasurer -
511 River Terrace, Endicott, NY 13760

Or via Paypal on the AMSC website in the Members only Section

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Breaking NEWS!!!!!!

The AMSC will be having a SPECIAL Anniversary at the Montgomery County Kennel Club show!!

It will be the AMSC's 200th Specialty!!!

Let's support the AMSC and recognize and congratulate the hardworking club on this great milestone with an ad in the MCKC catalog!!

Full page \$75

Half page \$40

\$10 charge for each photo.

Deadline is August 16th.

Late charge of \$10 received after that date.

Please use attached ad sheet and mail along with photo/artwork to:

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AMSC block of rooms

Back by popular demand the Saturday night get together will once again be held at the host hotel. More to follow

What's So Dangerous About Xylitol?



Xylitol is a naturally occurring substance that is widely used as a sugar substitute. Chemically, it's a sugar alcohol and, in nature, it's found in: berries, plums, corn, oats, mushrooms, lettuce, trees, and other hardwood trees and fruits. Commercially, most xylitol is extracted from: corn fiber, birch trees, hardwood trees other vegetable material

Although it's been used as a sugar substitute for decades, its popularity has increased dramatically in the last few years. Xylitol is manufactured into a white powder that looks and tastes similar to sugar. It's about as sweet as sucrose, but contains only about two-thirds the calories.

Xylitol Is Really Bad For Dogs ...

While xylitol is OK for humans, it's extremely toxic to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol can cause hypoglycemia (low blood sugar), seizures, liver failure or even death in dogs. The higher the dose ingested, the greater the risk of liver failure complications.

The most common source of xylitol poisoning reported to the Pet Poison Helpline is sugar free gum. As xylitol is becoming more popular and it's included in more and more foods, we all have to be on alert as our dogs will also find these foods appetizing and a decent percentage of our best friends practice the art of stealth food burglary.

... And Life Threatening

While xylitol doesn't stimulate the release of insulin from the pancreas in humans, it certainly does in dogs. When a dog eats something containing xylitol, it's quickly absorbed into the bloodstream, resulting in a

potent release of insulin from the pancreas. This rapid release of insulin results in a profound decrease in the level of blood sugar (hypoglycemia) – an effect that occurs within 10 to 60 minutes of ingestion. Untreated, this hypoglycemia is often life threatening. There's no antidote for xylitol toxicity.

The prognosis is good for dogs who are treated before symptoms develop or for dogs who develop uncomplicated hypoglycemia that is reversed rapidly. If liver failure or a bleeding disorder develops, the prognosis is generally poor. Most dogs who develop liver problems never make it.

To make things worse, some manufacturers are adding this sugar substitute to peanut butter! (However, this is just **one** of many reasons **NOT to feed your dog peanut butter**. [Click here for more info!](#))

Glutathione to the Rescue

The first and most important thing to do is give glutathione. Glutathione exists in every cell. It protects the cell's tiny but important engines, the mitochondria. This little protein made up of three amino acids is the king of all antioxidants in the body. Without it, cells would disintegrate from unrestrained oxidation. Our more familiar antioxidants, such as vitamins C and E, have short life spans and glutathione has the ability to bring back spent antioxidants from the dead and even recharge itself.

Because *all other* antioxidants depend on glutathione to function properly, doctors call it the **master antioxidant**.

Glutathione is the most important, abundant, most active and most powerful of the antioxidants. None of the over the counter antioxidants would work without the glutathione created in the cells. The highest level of glutathione exists in the liver and it's no accident that the liver is the major organ of detoxification and desperately needs its glutathione to stay healthy.

Delivery Matters

The thing about glutathione is that it's very poorly absorbed when taken orally. And when there is not time to waste, that's a huge problem.

Case Example:

A (dog) patient had to get glutathione to protect and regenerate his necrotic liver fast as his liver was disintegrating from unrestrained oxidation. The patient's owner literally ran to a compounding pharmacist who made up a form of glutathione that could be administered intramuscularly. The emergency service in the hospital agreed to administer it. The change was dramatic. The patient perked up and his liver enzymes began to go down. We also put him on several homeopathic remedies for the liver, including Aesculus, Ptelia, Chelidonium and Phosphorus.

It's important to note that although this patient had initially been given glutathione orally, as in standard treatment, it could possibly not have worked. That's because the precursors are made into glutathione in the liver. His liver was in a double bind because its own cells were rotting and dying. They needed glutathione to repair themselves but they were too sick to be able to convert the precursors the patient was given orally. That's why the glutathione needed to be administered intramuscularly. By the way, it can also be administered intravenously, but we would have had to wait for it to be shipped from California and there was just not time!

... After The Treatment

Soon after treatment, the patient went home and was eating on his own and beginning to enjoy his walks again. His liver levels were normal but he still had elevated kidney levels, meaning he was too acidic. Both the kidneys

NEW APPLICANTS

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Kathleen states that she is currently a breeder of Miniature Schnauzers. She has bred 5 litters in the past 5 years. She has been involved in Conformation and breeding for 20+ years, first with Great Danes from 1970-1991 and since 2000 with Miniature Schnauzers. She uses a handler, so she only attends 10-12 shows per year, while her dogs attend 25-30 yearly. She is a member of the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Club in Florida and has served as Membership chairman and Assistant Trophy Chairman. Kathy has finished 5 champions, 3 of which were homebred. She is currently training one of her boys in OB and Rally. Kathy states that she is a "people person" and would be happy to serve the Club in any way needed.

Dustin Wyatt

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Dustin states that he has had Schnauzers for 10 years and has bred one litter. He is involved in Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Breeding, and attends 30-40 shows per year. He also has a Welsh Terrier. He states that he is skilled with web design and photography and could help the club in those areas. Dustin states that he recently owner handled a nine month old home bred male Miniature to his Championship.

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Pam states that she has one Miniature Schnauzer, Lucy, who is 5 years old. She shows her in Agility, Tracking Barn Hunt, and Nosework, and judges Barn Hunt. She attends 25-40 events per year. She is involved with the North Texas Barnhunters, in Allen, Texas as Treasurer, Judge, and Trial Secretary. She also is a member of DAWG, in Dallas, and SPOT in Dallas/Ft Worth. Pam says that her experience in Performance will be useful to the AMSC, because of her knowledge of the sport.

Ms Joanne Ridley

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Joanne states that she has had Miniature Schnauzers since 1988. She has had two litters from her Stud and one from her bitch. She is involved in Conformation and Breeding and attends around 75 dog shows per year. Joanne is a Retired Teacher and Coach. She is interested in Legislative issues and Education and feels she has good teaching skills. She currently has five Miniature Schnauzers.

Mrs. Patricia Milburn

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Pat states that she has owned Miniature Schnauzers for 40 years. She currently has 6 Schnauzers. She has been involved in Agility, Obedience, Tracking and LURE (CAT) for two years. She will compete for 61 days of agility this year, but has not decided how much to compete in obedience. She also attends seminars. Pat is currently the Vice-President of the Golden Spike Dog Obedience Club, in Ogden, Utah, the Pocatello Kennel Club, in Pocatello, ID, the Salty Dogz Agility of Utah, in Salt Lake City and the Barn Hunt Club of Northern Utah. Pat is a retired Ski Instructor and counts among her skills, extensive experience in Performance events. She would enjoy working with the Club as we continue to encourage performance skills in our dogs.

Ms Carol Reid

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Carol states she has had Miniature Schnauzers since 1965. She has had two litters born from her stud dog, and one from her bitch. She is interested in Conformation and states that she attends 75 dog shows each year. She presently has 6 Miniatures. Carol is interested in Public Awareness and Health and states that she can write fairly well as a retired Teacher.

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Lloyd states that he is a breeder of Boston Terriers for 27 years and Miniature Schnauzers for 4 years

He has bred 1 litter in the last 5 years. Lloyd states that he has been a judge for 2 years and judges 15 breeds, including all the Schnauzers. He attends at least 150 dog shows and events each year. Lloyd states that he is a member of the Penn Treaty Dog Club, the Greater Philadelphia Dog Club, Hatboro Dog Club, the Triangle Boston Terrier Club, the Boston Terrier Club of America, and the Liberty Brussels Griffon Club. He says that he is interested in Legislative Issues, Awards/Trophies, and Education. He has experience in organizing and putting on Specialty Shows.

XYLITOL...from p. 4

and liver work much more efficiently in an alkaline environment (up to 40 times more efficiently), so the patient went on a vitamin C Intravenous drip to create alkalinity in his body and his kidneys responded and healed.

The body's organs *can* heal themselves with a little help from their friends (in this case the antioxidant glutathione).

With xylitol becoming more and more common in foods, we should all remember glutathione is there, in case of emergency. Most compounding pharmacies can prepare this for you as an intramuscular solution. But because prevention is the best medicine, I recommend storing foodstuffs made with xylitol in a dog proof location; our canine friends love a delicious cupcake just as much as we do!

About Dr. Deva Khalsa

Since beginning her holistically oriented veterinary practice over 25 years ago, Dr. Khalsa has been incorporating homeopathy, acupuncture, Chinese Herbs, nutritional advice, allergy-elimination techniques such as N.A.E.T and also J.M.T. into her approach. Today her work is a blend of sophisticated holistic techniques and traditional veterinary medicine designed to best enhance the natural strengths and attributes of her patient. Aside from her impressive career and dedication to teaching within the veterinary world, Dr. Khalsa loves sharing her knowledge with the public. She coauthored, 'Healing Your Horse: Alternative Therapies' (Howell Book House, 1993), and most recently authored, 'Dr. Khalsa's Natural Dog' (Kennel Club Books, 2009), a book best described as a 'holistic bible' for dog owners. Dr. Khalsa is a Fellow and Professor of the British Institute of Homeopathy. She has lectured both nationally and internationally.

Schnauzer Research *a note from Julie Cooper*

I have been working with Eva Furrow in some of her research programs on miniature schnauzers when ever I am in Minnesota by providing her with families of dogs, as a breeder providing these dogs for DNA and studies she asked if I could get the word out to other breeders who could maybe do the same for her, if you are able to travel to MN or are in the area for a dog show she will work with you to be flexible if you can provide her with dogs, the most recent study she is looking for dogs over the age of 8 and will do a complete and expensive work up of health on them for FREE plus give you \$50 per dog for your trouble, the dogs do NOT have to have any health issues to participate in the studies where you bring the dog to her, she wrote up a letter for me to provide you with the information of what she is looking for so here it is

1. **HYPERLIPIDEMIA**- many Min Schnauzers develop high blood lipid levels (triglycerides and sometimes cholesterol) as they age. The underlying cause is often not found. This is referred to as primary hyperlipidemia. There are two parts to our research on hyperlipidemia. The first part is focused on identifying the genetic mutation that is involved. The second part is determining what health problems develop as a consequence of hyperlipidemia in dogs and whether there is a way to identify them early or prevent them. Anyone with a dog that has been diagnosed with fasting hyperlipidemia can participate in the genetic part of the study by submitting a DNA sample (we are happy to send out cheek swab kits to interested individuals) Local dogs can also come into the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center for a single visit that will allow testing for hyperlipidemia and through health screening.

2. **CALCIUM OXALATE URINARY STONES**- This problem is also common in the breed. We have discovered genetic regions and potential mutation that may increase risk for forming a stone, but we need to confirm these findings by studying more dogs. Anyone with a dog that has been diagnosed with this specific type of stone type, calcium oxalate, at any point in their life, can participate by submitting a DNA sample (again we are happy to send out a cheek swab kit)

3. **SPONDYLOCOSTAL DYSOSTOSIS**_ A geneticist at the University of Sydney, Professor Claire Wade, recently discovered a recessive mutation that causes a rare disease called spondylocostal Dysostosis in Min. Schnauzers. The affected puppies are typically stillborn and have an abnormal appearance (shortened spine, giving a dwarf -like appearance) We don't know if this disease has ever been reported in America. It may be extremely rare. If anyone thinks they have seen litters with affected puppies, please let us know

4. We have a very large data bank of DNA samples from Min Schnauzers and a significant amount of genomic data. Thus, we may be able to study other diseases in the breed without significant expenses, In Particular, if you have seen an early - onset (i.e. puppies or young dogs that are affected) a condition in one of your litters, please contact us to discuss whether we may be able to help investigate that problem as well. You can contact Eva directly :
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Pet First Aid Tips

Dog-owners can learn how to keep their pets safe and healthy during Pet First Aid Awareness Month

As dog owners, we know that our furry friends are part of the family. Emergency situations affect both two and four-legged family members and it's important to learn how to respond when the unexpected occurs.

Here are a few tips to consider:

Know the name and telephone number of 1-2 Emergency Veterinarians in your area. Keep their numbers handy at home and enter the numbers into your cell phone. If you won't remember their names, put them under Dog Emergency Dr. so they are easy to find.

Take a class and be more prepared. The American Red Cross offers first aid and emergency preparedness classes at over 600 local chapters on a regular basis. To find a class being offered locally and to register, pet owners can visit www.redcross.org and follow the "Take a Class" links. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) and choosing option 3 from the selection to talk with the American Red Cross Health and Safety Services Training Support Center.

Put together a Pet First Aid Kit in case the unthinkable happens. Being prepared is half the battle! Here is a list from the American Veterinary Medical Association.

First aid is not a substitute for veterinary care. Have your dog checked by a veterinarian immediately after administering first aid to be sure they are stable and all issues have been addressed.

Reacting in a moment's notice can make the difference in saving a pet's life. As reported on the Red Cross web site, Chris Thompson of Boydton, VA learned this to be true when her pooch Jade lost consciousness and needed pet first aid. Jade's lungs had filled

with water when he was unable to find the water's surface after slipping between the pontoon boat and its dock.

What can you learn at a Red Cross First Aid Class? Beth Kilchenman, Executive Director for the Medina County Red Cross in Medina, Ohio, explains, "The Red Cross Pet First Aid class provides participants with a strong foundation in the basic tools, techniques and practices for keeping your dog safe and healthy, as well as procedures to follow in emergency situations. Classes are conducted in a single, two-and-a-half-hour session." Pet First Aid includes hands-on training and features step-by-step instructions for a wide variety of pet health-related topics, including:

How to recognize if your pet is sick

How to care for your pet during a disaster, especially if you have to evacuate your home
How to measure your dog's vital signs so you know what is "normal"

How to diagnose and treat common ailments such as dehydration

How to treat wounds and cuts

How to give medications to your dog

How to administer CPR and rescue breathing

And much, much more

For those who are unable to attend a Pet First Aid class, the Red Cross also offers a Pet First Aid Instruction Manual for Dogs. The 116-page full-color book also includes a companion DVD and retails for \$16.95. The manual can be purchased online at the Red Cross Store by visiting www.redcrossstore.org.

Your dog is a member of your family. Now is a great time to take the steps you can proactively, in case your dog needs you in an emergency. Being prepared will help your dog live a long and healthy life!

- See more at: <http://www.bil-jac.com/pet-first-aid.php#sthash.rDz79Fzu.dpuf>



Got Itchy Skin?

When you have a dog suffering from itchy skin or ears, you'll do just about anything to help. I know I have. And the more things we try, the more we buy... and things start getting expensive.

So it's nice when finding an itch-reliever is as easy as walking to your kitchen cupboard and grabbing some vinegar.

Organic, raw, unfiltered apple cider vinegar, to be exact.

While apple cider vinegar has been touted to help with everything from boosting the immune system and detoxifying kidneys to helping lower cholesterol, here are three popular ways it can help your dog.

Itchy

ACV can help relieve itchy skin and rashes caused by yeast and poison ivy. The best way to apply is by making a 50/50 solution of apple cider vinegar and water in a spray bottle and applying directly onto itchy spots, but NOT open wounds – the vinegar will sting if the wound is raw. If you can't apply topically and yeast is the main concern, you can feed ACV in your pet's food or water. According to Donna Starita Mehan, DVM, in *The Veterinarians' Guide to Natural Remedies for Dogs* by Martin Zucker, yeast does not do well in the acid environment ACV creates, so she suggests feeding 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon twice daily.

Ear

Itchy skin is often accompanied by itchy ears – and nobody wants that. [Holistic veterinarian Dr. Karen Becker recommends](#) a proactive cleaning regimen using half ACV and half purified water to prevent ear infection. Check your dog's ears daily for wax and gunk. Clean dirty ears using individual cotton balls soaked in the solution. Swab out the ears until no gunk appears on the cotton ball.

Flea and Tick Repellent

Even the healthiest, cleanest dog may at some point face the pesky problem of playing host to one or both of these critters. Fortunately, ACV can once again come to the rescue. Before your dog goes out, spray him with that 50/50 solution of ACV and water. And for some added oomph, give 2 tablespoons of ACV in your dog's food or water during flea and tick season. The same acidity in ACV that repels yeast, also repels ticks and fleas.

Want more ideas for naturally repelling

ticks and fleas? [Here you go!](#)

NOTE: When using apple cider vinegar internally or topically, remember to monitor your dog for any adverse reactions. Some dogs may need a lesser dose and some dogs may be too acidic already, in which case, apple cider vinegar might not be the answer.

If you haven't had your fill of ACV uses, here's an Apple Cider Vinegar Tea Body Rinse by Dogs Naturally Magazine contributor Kelly Holland Azzaro, a Registered Aromatherapist, Certified Clinical Aromatherapy Practitioner, Certified Bach Flower Practitioner, Licensed Massage Therapist, Reiki Practitioner and President of NAHA (National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy).

Apple Cider Vinegar Tea Body Rinse

This body rinse can be useful to restore skin pH, soothe itchy skin, calm rashes and welts, and has some added benefits for keeping biting flies, fleas and gnats at bay.

Mix the following ingredients together in an aroma-safe bottle/jar with cap and shake well before use:

Apple Cider Vinegar: 1/2 cup
Brewed Green Tea (cooled): 1/2 cup
Distilled Water: 1 cup

After bathing, apply this warm water/apple cider vinegar rinse to your animal friend's coat/skin and massage in. Rinse well and pat dry, or allow the apple cider vinegar mix to air dry for the added benefit of bug relief.

This blended mixture can also be pre-made and kept in a glass jar in the refrigerator (for approximately one or two weeks – discard if moldy), and used for spot treatments for bug bites and stings.



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For some Clubs, Contact names and emails are definitely out of date. For the new webpage, we want our local club information to be as up to date as possible. Please check your club's current listing on our web site and send any corrections to Wyoma Clouss (clouss@wy-os.net), Bonnie Keyes (treasurer@amsc.us) and Carla Borrelli (cborr@aol.com)

Thank you!

MINIPALOOZA RV/Trailer Rental

MiniPalooza 2016 attendees may be interested in housing alternatives to local hotels and find that renting an RV or trailer and staying on the Purina Farms grounds is an attractive option. Rental RV's and trailers are delivered to Purina Farms upon your arrival and then picked up upon your departure. Please contact any of the companies below for rental information.

Byerly RV (closest)	M.B. Thomas RV
Eureka, MO	(delivers & picks up)
(636) 938-2000	St. Louis, MO
	(800) 392-5655

St. Louis RV & Bus

O'Fallon, MO
(314) 743-3939

In addition to the rental fee, there is a parking fee of \$40/night for full service that includes water, sewer and electric (30 and 50 amp). This is in addition to the RV rental fee. All questions about RV/trailer rentals must be directed to the above companies; Barbara Donahue (barbaramd_2000@yahoo.com) is only managing RV parking reservations.

AMSC Annual Meeting and Get Together!

Sat. Oct. 3rd, 2015 at the host hotel
Homewood Suites - Audubon, PA

6 PM to 9 PM

This was so well received last year that we're doing it again! A relaxed, casual event offering a wide array of wonderful hors d'oeuvres!

- Cheese Board with Dried Fruit, Nuts and Crackers **
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- Roast Beef Sliders * Petite Lump Crab Cakes * Sriracha Glazed Chicken Skewers*
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- Petite Cookies and Double Chocolate Brownies **
- Chocolate Dipped Strawberries*

~ cash bar~

\$15.00 per person

Name _____

of

reservations _____

Amount enclosed \$15 x _____ = total

Mail to:

Bonnie Keyes - AMSC Treasurer

511 River Terrace - Endicott, NY 13760

OR

Make your reservations and Payment on the AMSC website

[Link to Paypal in the Members Only Section](#)

AMSC MiniPalooza 2016 RV Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

RV Parking

Fee is \$40/night with electric, water and sewage hookups in Purina's camping area directly adjacent to the Arena Building.

NOTE: Campers wishing to be together should send in their reservations on separate forms but submit all forms by one person.

Contact person: Barbara Donahue, 203 Elmwood Lane, Coatesville, PA 19320;

Cell 215-896-9666 Email:

barbaramd_2000@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to AMSC and mail to the above address, or send payment via Paypal to barbaramd_2000@yahoo.com

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Check if Handicap Parking is required _____

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