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Steele

RWD... Ellerkeller's Running Out of Time/  
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WB/BOW... Destineez Dark Dynasty/  
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Kelly

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SEL (5-GC Points)... CH Quailridge's Dancing  
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RWB... Lion-L Regal Manor Pullman Car /  
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BOS... CH Car-Benz Slip Slidin Away/Atterbury

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## The 'Unlucky 7' Actions That Can Shorten a Dog's Life: How Many Are You Doing?

Most dedicated dog parents do many things right, and a few things wrong, in the care of their much-loved canine companions. These are very lucky dogs, because their guardians are doing almost everything right.

However, there are a handful of things I'd really like to see dog owners pay more attention to. I call these the "Unlucky 7," because overlooking these aspects of pet care can compromise both the quality and length of a dog's life. How many of these are you guilty of?

### The Unlucky 7

#### 1. Letting Rover Get Overweight (or Even Obese)

Studies show that dogs who are overweight at middle age may not be around as long as those at a healthy weight.1

Being too heavy can shave up to 10 months off a dog's life, and this is particularly apparent in five breeds: the Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, American Cocker Spaniel, Beagle and the Shih Tzu.

Also at issue is the quality of life of overweight and obese pets, many of which suffer from mobility problems and other obesity-related conditions in their golden years.

Because so many pets are overweight these days, it's common for veterinarians to see animals suffering from health conditions secondary to their obesity, including arthritis, hip dysplasia, diabetes, hypertension, respiratory problems, and kidney disease.

Obesity may even contribute to cancer in pets because of its role in chronic, long standing inflammation.

Tragically, dogs that are nearly immobile from a combination of weight and joint or bone problems are becoming commonplace. Otherwise alert, healthy dogs are being euthanized because they simply can't get around anymore, which destroys their quality of life.

If your canine companion is too heavy, I can't stress enough the importance of helping your dog reach a healthy weight.

### 2. Dodging

#### Doggy Dental Care

When plaque is allowed to accumulate on your dog's teeth, within a few days it hardens into tartar. Tartar adheres to the teeth and irritates the gums.

Irritated gums result in an inflammatory condition called gingivitis. Dogs with gingivitis have red rather than pink gums, and they often also have stinky breath.

If the tartar isn't removed, it builds up under the gums, eventually causing them to pull away from the teeth. This creates small pockets in the gum tissue that trap additional bacteria in the mouth.

At this stage, your dog has developed an irreversible condition called periodontal disease, which not only causes considerable pain, but can also result in abscesses, infections, loose teeth, and bone loss.

When your dog develops periodontal disease, the surface of his gums is weakened, which can allow mouth bacteria to invade the bloodstream and travel throughout the body. If his immune system doesn't kill off the circulating bacteria, it can reach the heart and infect it.

Studies have shown that oral bacteria, once launched into the bloodstream, seem able to fight off attacks by the immune system.

A Purdue University study points to a strong correlation in canines between gum degeneration and endocarditis, which is an inflammatory condition (infection) of the valves or inner lining of the heart.

Researchers also suspect certain strains of oral bacteria may lead to heart problems.

**The deadline  
for the October issue  
is September 15**

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## UNLUCKY 7...from p. 1

Some types of bacteria found in the mouths of dogs produce sticky proteins that can adhere to artery walls, causing them to thicken. Mouth bacteria are also known to promote the formation of blood clots that can damage the heart.

For the health and longevity of your dog, it's important to proactively manage the plaque and tartar that accumulates on his teeth.

### 3. Skipping Wellness Checkups

I recommend regular at-home wellness exams. In addition, for healthy dogs I suggest preferably two (especially important if your pet is over 8), but at least one wellness checkup with your veterinarian per year.

And keep in mind that yearly vet visits should not be about re-vaccinations. The purpose should be to proactively review the status of your dog's health. These exams will allow you and your veterinarian to stay on top of any changes in your pet's health so you can take appropriate action sooner rather than later.

Also, regularly reviewing diet, supplement protocol, and exercise habits with your vet insures you're meeting your dog's dynamic healthcare needs. Wellness and nutritional goals change yearly, and over the age of 8 can require fine-tuning every four to six months, depending on your pet's vitality.

I can't stress enough the importance of proactive health care to help your dog live a long, vibrant life.

### 4. Ignoring the Athlete Inside Your Dog

In order to stay lean, fit, well-conditioned, emotionally balanced, and fully mobile as she ages, your dog needs a good workout every day.

Canines are designed by nature for movement. If your dog doesn't get opportunities to run, play and get regular aerobic exercise, even if she's not overweight, she can end up with arthritis and other debilitating conditions that affect the bones, joints, muscles and internal organs.

In addition, many canine behavior problems are the result a lack of physical and mental activity.

What many people don't realize is that like their owners, dogs need reasons to get physically active. Even the biggest, greenest backyard isn't by itself enough to motivate your pet to get the exercise she requires to stay in good physical condition.

The only way to make sure your dog gets enough exercise is to provide her with the companionship and incentive she needs to stay active. Your dog should be getting a minimum of 20 minutes of sustained heart-thumping exercise three times a week.

Simply strolling with your dog isn't an adequate workout. He needs sessions of power walking — moving at a pace of 4 to 4.5 miles an hour (about a 15-minute mile) — to achieve good cardiovascular intensity and caloric burn. I believe exercising your dog an hour a day can significantly contribute to her longevity and overall well-being in a variety of ways.

If you aren't able to move at this pace, consider involving your dog in other types of cardiovascular exercise like swimming, fetch, Frisbee, agility competition, flyball or dock jumping. You could also take a bike ride alongside your dog using a special dog bike leash.

### 5. Smoking Around Your Dog

If you smoke cigarettes, you're aware of the risks, not only to your health, but also to others around you who are exposed to your smoking. But what many people don't understand is the danger smoking poses for pets. Secondhand smoke is smoke that is exhaled or released into the air from a burning cigarette or cigar. Thirdhand smoke is the residue that remains in the smoker's environment on furniture, rugs, curtains, fabric lampshades, clothing, human skin, animal fur, and other surfaces.

Research shows that both second and thirdhand smoke is dangerous to animals. Studies have concluded that dogs living in smoking households are more likely to suffer from respiratory diseases like asthma and bronchitis, and also lung cancer, than dogs living with nonsmokers.

If you or another member of your household smokes, I strongly encourage you not to smoke inside your home or anywhere your pet spends time, and don't allow others to poison your dog's environment, either. It's also important to note that it's not just about contaminants in the air. Smoke particles cling to everything inside a home, so the rug your dog lies on, or the blanket your kitty naps on are coated with cigarette residue if people smoke indoors.

Don't leave cigarette butts for your dog to find. Dispose of nicotine gum or patches appropriately. And don't assume e-cigarettes are a safer alternative to smoke around your pet, as the FDA has found they also contain a number of potentially toxic chemicals.

After smoking, wash your hands before han-

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ding your pet. If your dog likes to snuggle in your lap, change to clothes you haven't smoked in. Also consider investing in a quality air filter unit and keep up with filter changes as recommended by the manufacturer.

(Ed's Note...I used to smoke 3 packs a day and could not stop though I tried. When I saw the lungs of one of my dogs in an autopsy. I STOPPED!)

### 6. Not Training Your Dog to Be a Good Canine Citizen

Sadly, animal shelters are full of dogs who didn't get a proper start in life, and developed behavior problems as a result. An unpredictable or out-of-control family dog can be difficult to be around, and poses a danger to himself, as well as other animals and people.

One of the most important things a guardian can do is provide basic positive reinforcement behavior training for their canine companion. The goal of positive reinforcement training is to encourage "more of this" (desirable behaviors) and "less of that" (undesirable behaviors).

In order to reach that goal, you must teach your dog what TO do rather than focusing on what she's doing wrong. Use training sessions to let your pet know which behaviors earn her praise, attention and affection.

If your pet has frustrating behaviors you can't seem to resolve, I recommend partnering with a positive reinforcement trainer until you've worked through your dog's issues. Taking decisive action will benefit the health of your long-term relationship with your canine companion.

### 7. Failing to Understand the Importance of Socialization

Socialization means exposing your dog (preferably as a puppy) to as many new people, animals, environments and other stimuli as possible without overwhelming him. Socialization should engage all of your dog's senses through exposure to the sights, sounds and smells of daily life.

This exposure will help him develop a comfort level with new and different situations, with the result that he'll learn to handle new experiences and challenges with acceptable, appropriate behavior. Dogs that have not been adequately socialized often develop entrenched fear responses and generalized anxiety, resulting in behavior problems that can make them unsuitable as family pets.

Sadly, almost half of all dogs relinquished to shelters have at least one behavior problem — aggression and destructiveness are among the most common. These behaviors often originate from the fear and anxiety that develops as a result of improper or incomplete socialization.

## Why Does Your Excited Pet Do His Happy Routine?

By Dr. Becker

As every dog lover knows, our canine companions come equipped with their own distinct personalities and peculiarities. It's a wonderful adventure getting to know your dog and watching his personality unfold as he matures, in the case of a puppy, or as he adapts to life in your family, in the case of an adopted adult dog.

One of the best things about being a dog parent is watching the adorable and often hilarious antics performed by our four-legged family members. As many a pet owner has been heard to say, "This stuff just never gets old!"

### I'm So Excited, and I Just Can't Hide It!

For reasons known only to them, many dogs absolutely must put something in their mouths when they're excited.

I have a client whose Golden Retriever invariably grabs one of her or her husband's "outdoor shoes" at the front door every time he comes home from the dog park or an errand with his dad.

He picks up a shoe, gallops up the stairs and prances around with the thing in his mouth, his tail held high, until he's properly greeted and the excitement of his "I'm home!" routine winds down. He repeats this performance whenever his mom or dad or a guest comes through the door as well.

I also have a friend whose little 5-pound Chihuahua mix is deliriously happy when he wakes up every day. As soon as his crate is unzipped, he makes a beeline for his toy basket. He picks a small toy out of the basket and runs, hops and jumps around with it in his mouth, in some sort of ritual celebration of daybreak!

### Why Dogs Put Things in Their Mouths When They're Excited

If your dog also grabs things to hold in her mouth when she's excited, according to veterinary behaviorist Dr. Wailani Sung in an interview with Vetstreet, she may be:

Offering a gift

Looking for attention

Showing she's happy

"I think some dogs are so excited to see a visitor because it may represent a new person who will play with him/her, so the dog grabs a toy to try to entice the person to play, whether it is tug or throwing the object," says Dr. Sung.

Pet parents also sometimes teach the behavior to dogs as a replacement activity

for barking or jumping up on people.

According to Sung, "... [these] owners have recognized that their dogs may appear anxious or worried, but if they get the dog engaged with their toys, they appear less concerned about new visitors in the house."

Sometimes a dog is just picking up on the excitement of his owner and responding in kind. Sung says it seems retrievers are especially fond of the behavior, which makes sense since they are, after all, "retrieving" something with their mouths.

### What If the Thing Your Dog Has in His Mouth Makes You Blush?

Occasionally, the "something" an excited dog grabs and parades around with is an item the owner would really prefer no one else see (use your imagination!). Obviously, it's best to make sure those things are inaccessible to your pet at all times.

However, stuff happens, so if you welcome a guest into your home and turn to see Buddy circling happily with your granny panties or your husband's Jockey shorts dangling from his mouth, head immediately for your dog treat stash. Keep your cool and quickly exchange the unmentionable for a yummy snack.

If for some reason darling Buddy is reluctant to make the trade, whatever you do, don't chase after him, as you could easily turn this into a really fun game for him, thereby dragging out the agony of your embarrassment indefinitely as he dashes through the house still holding your drawers in his mouth!

Embarrassing moments aside, most pups who grab things in their mouths when they're excited are just being their happy, adorable selves, so this isn't a behavior you need to worry about or extinguish. Just be sure not to leave anything priceless in your pet's path, and join in the fun!

### Funny but Risky Canine Behaviors

Unfortunately, there are also behaviors dogs perform that, while amusing, are potentially dangerous. One of these is the large dog pastime known as counter surfing. (For the record, small dogs have been busted counter surfing as well, but always after a human has inadvertently provided them access to the counter.)

The Golden Retriever I mentioned earlier who likes to run around with a shoe in his mouth is a mouthy dog in general. He often has something in his mouth, usually one of his toys, but once in awhile it's a no-no, like a pair of dad's sock.

When he has something in his mouth he knows he shouldn't, he paces with his head down, cont'd on p.5, **Happy Routine**

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He is interested in helping the club with Newsletter and Health.

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other events. She belongs to Rnad Park DTC, Des Plaines, IL (Instructor/Assistant Secretary), Des Plains, IL. Windy City Agility Club, Franklyn Park, IL (Instructor/Board Member), Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy, Morton Grove, IL. Sonja is retired. She is interested in helping the club with Obedience, Agility, Nose Work and Barn Hunt.

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Vicki is retired. Vicki likes to groom and show her own dogs and has 1 Champion and is currently showing 2 girls. She is interested in helping the club out with Health and Education.

She has leadership and organizational skills and a willingness to learn more.

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**HAPPY ROUTINE ...from p. 3**

waiting to be discovered and get some attention. One evening around dinnertime, he started with his pacing routine, and clearly had something in his mouth.

Rather than the usual contraband, his owner extracted a full stick of wrapped butter from his mouth that he'd snatched off the counter. It was the first time he'd ever counter surfed, and my client was very thankful they got the butter out of his mouth before he was able to swallow it.

This was one of those wake up calls most of us with dogs know all too well. Now everyone in my client's household has to be vigilant about not leaving food items accessible on the counter, and keeping an eye on the dog at mealtime. As dog behavior expert Mikkell Becker writes in Vetstreet:

"Every successfully stolen morsel of food increases the likelihood that your dog will continue his thieving ways in the future. In addition, the attention he receives for putting his paws up on the counter or trying to swipe a bite may itself be a reward — even if that attention is all negative.

Managing your dog's environment and channeling his energy into more acceptable behaviors can help to decrease your dog's scavenging attempts."

**Curbing a Counter Surfing Canine**

It goes without saying that counter surfing can be risky for your dog. Not only might she eat something that makes her sick, she could also encounter a hot stove or a sharp knife. If your dog is a confirmed food thief, you'll need to do whatever it takes to block her access, including putting her in her crate, behind a baby gate or in a separate room at mealtime.

If necessary, you may also need to put locks on kitchen cabinets and drawers. It's important to keep in mind that many food-thieving dogs become expert at looking completely disinterested in what's happening in the kitchen or at the dinner table, when in reality they're waiting for the first opportunity to grab a snack.

In addition to denying your dog access to the kitchen and dining room, you'll also want to redirect his energy with food puzzles or recreational bones and chews. You can also train him to go to a specific spot, usually his dog bed, away from the kitchen and dining room, while meals are being prepared and eaten.

Finally, for those times when all your best efforts fail, you should train your dog to respond to the "drop it" command. For most dogs, "drop it" is easy to learn when taught the right way, which is to present your pet with a trade — the object in his mouth for the treat in your hand.

## Why Pets Are So Important for People with Mental Illness

By Jennifer Coates

As pet parents, we all know how important animals are to our own physical and mental wellbeing. In fact, research shows that pets have a way of keeping people and communities strong. But a recently-released study has taken this one step further, looking at how pets can potentially benefit people suffering from serious mental illnesses like bipolar disorder and schizophrenia.

Researchers from the University of Manchester and the University of Southampton in England interviewed 54 people who had been diagnosed with long-term mental health problems. During the interviews, the participants mapped their "personal networks" using a diagram consisting of three concentric circles.

Here's an example of a network map that I've created as an example (it is not used in the study):

In the inner circle are the people, hobbies, pets, activities, objects, etc. that are most important to you. In the second circle are those that are somewhat less important, and in the outer circle are those that are still important, but less so than those in the other two circles.

The study found that 60% of the participants with pets put their pet in the central circle, 20% put them in the middle circle, 12% put them in the outer circle, and only 8% did not include them in any of the circles. While these results are impressive, what touched me most about this paper were some of the participants' quotes about their pets:

"You know, so in terms of mental health, when you just want to sink into a pit and just sort of retreat from the entire world, they force me, the cats force me to sort of still be involved with the world." – Study participant, owner of two cats

"When he comes and sits up beside you on a night, it's different, you know, it's just, like, he needs me as much as I need him, sort of thing." – Study participant, dog owner

"They [pets] don't look at the scars on your arms, or they don't question things, and they don't question where you've been." – Study participant, dog owner

"If I didn't have my pets I think I would be on my own... You know what I mean, so it's... it's nice to come home and, you know, listen to the birds singing." – Study participant, owner of two birds

"That surprised me, you know, the amount of people that stop and talk to him, and that, yeah, it cheers me up with him. I haven't got much in my life, but he's quite good, yeah." – Study participant, dog owner

The authors of the study concluded that pets were beneficial in helping people suffering from mental illness in many different ways, including:

- Developing routines
- Providing a sense of control, security and continuity
- Providing distractions
- Encouraging exercise
- Reducing the social stigma of mental illness

Most importantly, pets "provided participants with a seemingly deep and secure relationship, often not available elsewhere within the network or wider community," according to the study.

I'm not too surprised since that's the role that pets play in most of our lives, regardless of what our network maps look like.



**A recently unearthed canine form, doggoyles were the rage of the medieval dog show circuit. Believed to ward off evil spirits, they were popular with handlers, breeder/wizards and judges alike. Pretty much exiting by 1502, vestiges of Doggoyle DNA linger in many of our modern breeds...**

## Bouquets & Biscuits

**\*GCH CH Abacus Profit Margin RA OA AXJ AXP MJP OF XFP AMSC-VER RATO CGC V-BJA "Emmy"** earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> placement for the last Rally-Obedience Advanced leg that she needed to earn her Rally-Obedience Advanced Title at the Eagle Kennel Club in Eagle, Colorado on Saturday, July 8, 2017. So proud of this bitch bred by me out of Ch T-Lan's Carmel Superman "Clark" and Ch Abacus No Margin

For Error "Margie". Emmy has done everything that I have asked of her. She earned her Grand Championship before the age of two and then became my first Agility dog, my first Barn Hunt dog and my first Rally-Obedience dog. She earned the first level of the AMSC Versatility Award in June 2015, the first Grand Champion Miniature Schnauzer to earn it. I am so very proud of her.



**\*RATCHX5 Arafel's Champagne Sam I Am Not UD GN GO VER RE THD SE CA NAP** (CH Quailridge Play It Again Sam x Garnet Rock Champagne Will Not) earned his NAP at the German Shepherd Dog Club of Minneapolis-St Paul's agility trials on July 22 in Burnsville, Minnesota. This completes the requirements for the AMSC Versatility Award. Yeager was bred by Patricia Schnauffer, June Glover and Susan D McGinnes and is owned, loved, and trained by Liz Hawkins.

**\*MACH5 Southcross Majority Vote UDX2 OM2 BN GN VER RN XF RATO AMSC-VA** (Ch Bravo's The Great Gatsby x Ch Cholet's Dangerous Devotee) earned his Master Agility Champion 5 on August 4, 2017 at the St. Louis Sheltie Club agility trial. Not bad for 10 3/4 years old! We will continue to play in Preferred Agility as long as he wants. He also earned his Barnhunt Open title on Feb. 26, 2017 at Columbia, MO. And, taking a break from obedience, he earned his RN title the weekend of July 14-16, 2017 with scores of 100/100/99 at the TAC Obedience Trial in Wentzville, MO. Major was bred by Sonny Lelle and is owned and loved by Clay and Nancy Lincoln. He is our sweetest boy

**\* Ms Chevious Jumping Jack Flash AX AXJ** Flash completed his Excellent Jumpers Agility title on Aug 12th at the Mile High Agility Club in Boulder. Thank you Ron & Doris Stoltenberg for such a nice boy!!!



Renae Bagwell

## GREAT NEWS FROM OPTIGEN! NEW DNA TEST FOR PRA IN THE MINIATURE SCHNAUZER NOW AVAILABLE!

August 7, 2017

Dear owners and breeders of Miniature Schnauzers,

OptiGen is pleased to announce a new DNA test for the recently identified Type B PRA Risk Variant in Miniature Schnauzers. This test is a result of years of research by the collaborative team of Dr. Ausra Milano and other scientists at OptiGen and Drs. Doreen Becker and Gus Aguirre at the University of Pennsylvania. Although there still remain cases of PRA in the breed that are not detected by the Type A or Type B PRA tests, we expect that the Type B PRA test will be much more useful for breeders than the Type A PRA test because the Type A PRA appears to extremely rare by comparison. We are funding continued research aimed at identifying other PRA-causing mutations in the Miniature Schnauzer and we welcome submissions to this research program.

For more information on this disease, please check insert webpage URL here. Please note that if you have already submitted samples to OptiGen for Type A PRA or PMDS testing, there is a good chance that DNA from that sample will have been retained at OptiGen. If you would like to order the new Type B PRA on a sample that was previously submitted to OptiGen, just give us a call and Dianna or Becky will be happy to add the order over the phone (607)257-0301 as well as provide you with an introductory special discount for this test if it is ordered by September 21st 2017.

If you have any questions about the test or the testing process, please, do not hesitate to contact Administrative Specialist, Dianna Conder, at [dianna@optigen.com](mailto:dianna@optigen.com), or Becky Chabot, Administrative Manager, at [genetest@optigen.com](mailto:genetest@optigen.com), as well as or myself, Sue PK.

OptiGen is pleased to be able to serve the Miniature Schnauzer community and help provide better health opportunities for dogs through genetic testing and continued research.

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The AMSC Health Committee assisted Optogen to collect sample submissions of PRA diagnosed cases and families of affecteds to participate in the work Optigen was doing. This is good news of course BUT must be carefully checked. I am told that a lot of the PRA in Scandanavia is testing as PRA A and these apparently are almost exclusively Blacks—I have contacted Health Committees there to get more specific information. I do know that these dogs have Havanstad Kennel in the background. I am not sure but I do not believe we have had a single PRA -A case in the US—please correct me if that is untrue. There are existing PRA diagnosed cases that will be sent to Optigen for testing. But the Health Committee stresses caution until we know more. We will be pleased to assist in any way—Importantly the testing of one parent for this variant cannot be compared to the MAC testing of both parents. In the case of MAC we choose to rid the breed of this defect. In the case of the breeding recommendations put forth by Optigen this could only prevent a PRA offspring with that variant but does nothing to eradicate PRA from the breed. Moreover there's a fairly high percentage that which do not fall into either variant. So much more study is needed and we continue to support research.

Patti Henderson

## Walking the Dog? 4 Fido Approved Tips

Your furry friend is down for leash time at any moment. Dog walking experts Heather Curatolo and Sarah Schmidt weigh in with four things to consider before walking your dog, whether you're hitting the trails or sashaying down 5th Avenue.

### Master Basic Training

"Leash training is important," Curatolo says. "If a dog pulls or drags, it can be dangerous, especially in highly populated areas." Make sure your dog is responsive on the leash and has mastered the "drop it" command (which means Rover willingly lets go of what he has in his mouth) to avoid mid-walk mishaps involving broken glass and chicken bones. The LINK AKC Smart Collar sound feature helps with positive reinforcement training.

### Respect the Elderly

People complain when a joint acts up,

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## SPECIALTY WINS

### Milshore MSC July 28th, 2017

#### Show 1

#### Sweeps Judge: Mr. Randahl F. Hoffmann

BOSS... Sparx Cake By The Ocean / Harris/Henning/Krohn  
BISS... Tomar's Get The Party Started / Paisley

#### Regular Classes

#### Judge: Mr. Brian Bogart

WD. BW... Rampage's Fast Dancer / White/Gonzalez/Hudziak  
RWD... Minuteman Vigilante /McMillan  
WB... Blythewood Fearless Lady Lucille / Baronne  
RWB... (not marked)  
BOS... Ch.Repition's Mona Lisa / Garmaker/Harris  
BOB... GChS.Minuteman Justified / Boechler/McMillan  
SD... GChB.Sparx Sun Worshipper / Henning

### Milshore MSC July 28th, 2017 Show 2

#### (No sweeps)

#### Regular Classes

#### Judge: Mrs. Nancy Liebes

WD, BW... Rampage's Fast Dancer / White/Gonzalez/Hudziak  
RWD... Repition's Summa Cum Laude / Garmaker  
WB... Blythewood Fearless Lady Lucille / Baronne  
RWB... Villam's Flamin' Rose / Cunningham  
BOS... Ch.Repition's Automatic / Garmaker/Harris  
BOB... GChS.Minuteman Justified / Boechler/McMillan  
SD... GChB.Sparx Sun Worshipper / Henning  
SB... Ch.Repition's Mona Lisa /Garmaker/ Harris

## THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND THE AKC MUSEUM OF THE DOG ANNOUNCE MOVE TO 101 PARK AVENUE

*Historic organizations to reside in Kalikow Building*

**New York, NY** - The American Kennel Club (AKC), the world's largest purebred dog registry and leading advocate for dogs, and the AKC Museum of the Dog are pleased to announce their new tenancy in the prestigious Kalikow Building located at 101 Park Ave. in New York City. The combined leases allot for a total of 60,000 sq. feet for both entities. The headquarters will begin its tenancy in early fall 2018. The Museum will occupy its space in early 2019.

The headquarters of the AKC will reside on a newly designed fifth floor of the Kalikow building. The floor will house approximately 100 people.

"We are very excited to move both our headquarters and the museum into the Kalikow building," said Ron Menaker, Chairman of the AKC. "This building is one of the most beautiful in NYC with wonderful amenities. This move is reflective of our growth and expansion as organizations. We look forward to building a long relationship with HJ Kalikow & Co."

Dennis Sprung, President and CEO of the AKC agrees, stating, "The AKC has found exactly what we need for our headquarters. The building is exquisite and supports the needs of our growing staff. We are content in knowing that we found the space, comfort and amenities that are desired for our organization."

Earlier this year, the AKC and the AKC Museum of the Dog announced its decision to move the Museum to New York City. The extensive and unique collection of dog art will be showcased on the ground and adjoining third floor of the building, allowing for the Museum's collection to join the brilliant art culture of New York.

"The AKC Museum of the Dog houses one of the largest collections of dog art in the world," says Candy Caciolo, President of the AKC Museum of the Dog Board. "This new space gives us an opportunity to bring this collection to the culture loving audience of New York City and its many visitors from around the world."

HJ Kalikow & Co has been recognized as a leader in real estate development, ownership, management and construction for generations. Its 101 Park Avenue property represents that corporate commitment to excellence, integrity and vision. Its distinctive architectural design dominates the corner of Park Avenue and 40th Street, where an expansive granite plaza, fountain and welcoming rest area greet the visitor. The entry to 101 Park Avenue features striking granite columns which frame the stunning five-story skylight.

Peter Kalikow, owner of 101 Park Avenue, stated, "Since its inception, 101 Park Avenue has been the home to some of the most prestigious companies in corporate America. We are extremely proud that the AKC has chosen 101 Park Avenue as the site for its world headquarters as well as the Museum of the Dog. Since 1884, the AKC has been the premier name in the registry of purebred dogs and is indeed in the business of recognizing excellence. We are honored that the AKC has selected our award-winning building for its new home."

The transaction was handled on AKC's behalf by Rich Speciale of AEQUITAS, LLC, Stephen Siegel and Chris Corrinet of CBRE and Glenn Issacson of Cushman & Wakefield and negotiated on behalf of AKC by J Bland of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP and Jay Waks, Sr. EVP & General Counsel for the AKC.

### NEW AMSC-L Message Group

#### [AMSC-L@groups.io](http://AMSC-L@groups.io)

Our old Yahoo Group was 16 years old and Yahoo was starting to have some hiccups and there were rumors that they were going to be sold.

At a Board meeting I was charged with trying to find a new Group platform to replace Yahoo Groups.

I found [Groups.io](http://Groups.io) and our AMSC Board Group was the first to move there....Then other Committee Groups moved too.

The new [Groups.io](http://Groups.io) format was easy and had many more options than the Yahoo Groups. So, a few months ago, I got the OK to pull the trigger and migrate our AMSC-L list over!

All our old messages and files have migrated over but we have a lot of cleaning up to do as many of the files are old.

Luana Nedich was kind enough to volunteer to help me.

At this point, there is no moderation on this Group. We'd like for it to stay that way as most of us know the ground rules of today's internet and social media. Keep it polite and kind! We are all in the same club and have the same love of our breed!

Please use this list for any questions, issues, health, litter announcements, "at-stud" announcements, adult placements, major building, regional, national and local show information for all conformation and performance events! The sky is the limit!

If you are not currently a member and would like to join, please email myself at [VickiKubic@aol.com](mailto:VickiKubic@aol.com) or Luana at [luaned@aol.com](mailto:luaned@aol.com) and we will send you an invitation.

Thanks!  
Vicki Kubic and Luana Nedich

### WALKING...from p. 6

but our aging four-legged friends can't verbalize every ache and pain. "Hip dysplasia and arthritis are common with older dogs," Sara says. Running may not be an option, but a leisurely stroll is a great way to keep older pups active."

#### Understand Breed Limitations

You're training for a marathon, but your pug is training for a nap. Something's gotta give. Short and small breeds aren't always built for long hauls, but more active and sporty breeds such as Vizslas, and Border Collies were born to run. Wherever you and your dog land on the ability spectrum, tailor your exercise plan using the LINK AKC Smart Collar wellness tracker. This feature tracks his activity level and monitors the ambient temperature. You'll have an easy way to see if his activity levels are in line with recommendations for his age and breed.

#### Prep for the Elements

Walking your dog through a local park still counts as the great outdoors, but be careful. Warmer winters mean ticks are out for blood, and climbing temps can hobble even the best conditioned pets. "If your dog experiences excessive drooling or a 'drunken gait,' get him into a cool bath, apply a cold pack to his head and get him to the vet asap," Sara says. "You always have to look out for heat stroke."

Thanks to Heather Curatolo with Paws on Pine and Sara Schmidt from Throw Me a Bone Inc. for sharing their insight with us. How do you go the extra mile while walking your dog? Share your tips with us!





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## UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Greater Columbus MSC Nov. 18, 2017  
Regular Classes: Kathleen Ferris  
Sweeps: Andy Deer

Gateway MSC March 2, 2018  
Regular Classes: Mrs. Boutwell  
No Sweepstake classes offered  
Obedience: Ms. Pat Kasten

## AMSC SPECIALTIES

Montgomery County Oct. 8, 2017  
Regular Classes: Geraldine Kelly  
Sweeps: Martin G. Marks

Roving specialty-Perry GA. April 15, 2018  
Regular Classes: Terry Stacy  
Sweeps: Ken Allen

Great Western June 24, 2018  
Regular Classes: John Constantine  
Sweeps: Kim Griffin

Montgomery County October 7, 2018  
Regular Classes: Joan Huber  
Sweeps: Susan Atherton

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

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

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

## IN MEMORIUM:

### Eunice Revsbech

Journal entry by Debbie Nelson Scheffler

I am working on writing memories of Mom and looking through pictures. Mortality is knowing our days are numbered. It is daunting to put into writing 77, almost 78, years of living. My mom had so many things she did, but what stands out the most to me is how she was always quick to volunteer to help anyone who needed it. Especially if there were dogs involved. We have August 18th picked out to have a remembrance of my Mom. The service will be at Westwood Community Church in Chanhassen.



## IN MEMORIUM:

### Don E. Farley II

Don passed away in July from complications with pancreatic cancer. He was 67 years old. Don was a project manager for Med Allies. He was the past AMSC AKC Delegate and with Marty Marks bred and showed Markworth Min. Schnauzers for 36 years.

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