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8 Ways Your Dog Is Telling You He Is Happy



As pet parents, we all want the best for our four-legged family members. Whether it's surprising our best buds with a new toy, enjoying a long walk with them at your side, or giving him them one of their favorite treats, we love finding ways to make our dogs feel loved! But how do you really know if your dogs are happy and healthy? We've pulled together a list of good indicators that will help pet parents know when your furry friends are truly happy and in good health.

Signs of a Happy and Healthy Dog

Their Face

Spend time gazing into your dogs' eyes, and at their faces in general. Their eyes should be clear and bright with pupils that are the same size. Their nose should be damp, but not too wet, and a little cool. Your dogs' ears should be odor free and not hot or swollen. Their mouth should also be free of bad odors. If

your dogs' eyes, ears, nose, or mouth seem a little off, a trip to the veterinarian may be in order.

Their Coat

The natural cleanliness and shininess of your dogs' coat is a clear indicator of good nutrition. Shedding and natural oils will keep a healthy dog's coat clean, but your furry friends will also benefit from brushing (your dogs' breed can depend on frequency) as well as a periodic bath for when your dogs may have a little too much fun in the yard!

When examining your dog's coat, watch for skin irritation. This can be a sign of allergy, fleabites, or a number of dermatological conditions your vet will be best to consult.

Overall, food can play a large supporting role in the healthiness of their coat.

Their Weight

We never want our pochs' lifestyle to lead them to an overweight or underweight category. Giving your dogs a well-balanced diet and helping to keep them at the appropriate weight for their age and breed is one of the most responsible actions a pet parent can take.

A good way to gauge whether your best friends are overweight or fit is to view each dog from above. He should have a noticeable indentation at the hips and his ribs that should be easy to feel, but not so easy to see - which could signify he is underweight. Ribs that are covered by too much fat and are harder to see may be a sign of obesity. Feeding a reduced Fat diet, like Bil-Jac Reduced Fat Formula can help him attain a healthy weight.

Their Interest in Playtime

Healthy dogs are always looking for quality time with their pet parents! Your four-legged friends should appear alert and interested in playtime when you engage with them.

Their Appetite

Your dogs' appetites will be a helpful sign of whether your dog is healthy. If one of your dogs suddenly turns his nose up at his food for at least 48 hours or stops drinking water, he could be experiencing an illness. Your vet can help rule out a physical reason for your dog's lack of appetite or whether it may be related to taste.

Their Sleep Schedule

Just like us, your furry friends needs their z-z-z's in order to stay healthy! Most adult dogs will need 12-14 hours of sleep a day, while puppies may require as much as 18 hours a day. Don't be alarmed unless your dog's sleep habits change suddenly. This could signify several issues from poor quality diet to an underactive thyroid gland. Either way, you should consult your veterinarian.

Their Walk

Your favorite furballs should have a little pep in their step. When walking your dogs, check to see that they doesn't limp. You'll also want to be sure your dogs don't pant too hard or become worn out too easily during your daily walks. While they may be a little tired after a walk, they should not be exhausted if they are in good health.

Their Stool Quality

Don't be afraid to check up on each of your dog's stool. This can alert you early on of any potential digestive disturbances. Stool should be well-formed, not loose or watery. If one of your dogs is experiencing trouble with his food, a healthy digestion option such as Bil-Jac Sensitive Solutions could be worth a try, or adding digestive support with a spray-on probiotic.

The way your dogs look and act can go a long way in telling you how they feel!

**The deadline
for the December issue is
November 10**

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AGILITY/OBEDIENCE
 NOTE: that all trophy recipients are members of the AMSC!

A tradition at this show is decorating the crating area to a general idea; this year was Halloween. The MS village theme was "Schnauzers Will Put a Spell on You", and we won for Best Breed Spirit. The area included a photo booth and a table with Schnauzer spells and potions. Most handlers wore a Halloween shirt that said "Be Nice To Me or I'll Put a Spell on You". A special treat every year are the Schnauzer cupcakes brought by Cathy Farr.

Agility:
 Pieper and Sue Churn:
 Standard Q and Jumps with Weaves Q
 Mayhem and Christina Tracey:
 Fast 2nd Place, Premier Jumpers 4th Place
 Remington and Jan VanSyckel:
 Open Fast Title 1st Place
 Georgia and Jan VanSyckel:
 Fast Q
 Seal and Karin Kinnan:
 Standard 2nd Place, Jumps with Weaves Q, Fast 1st Place; QQQ trophy recipient
 Pippa and Cathy Farr:
 Standard Q
 Rally Obedience
 Balto and Karin Kinnan:
 Advanced Title 4th Place and Excellent B 3rd Place
 Seal and Karin Kinnan:
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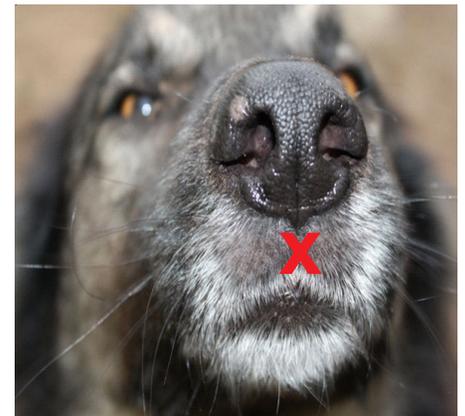


GREAT, LIFE-SAVING TIP from the Whole Dog Journal

This is a tip I hope you'll never have to use, but one that every dog owner should know. It's an acupuncture point taught in almost every canine first-aid class because you can use it to keep your dog alive in emergency situations until you reach veterinary care.

Although some may scoff at acupuncture thinking it is too weird or fringe, there are many stories of how this simple technique has resuscitated dogs that have been pronounced "clinically dead." If your dog suffers a seizure or traumatic injury and loses consciousness this technique isn't only worth a try, it could save his life.

Simply rest one hand on your dog, and place your other thumb just above your dog's upper lip, halfway between his nose and mouth and gently apply about 2 pounds of pressure for approximately 30 seconds. It should help your dog regain consciousness.



7 Reasons Why Dogs Bark and How to Make Them Stop

Written by [Dr. Karen Shaw Becker](#)



Different Barks for Different Occasions

Hello! Good to see you! — If your dog shows excitement when he encounters other people or dogs, his body is relaxed and he's wagging his tail, the barking he does at those times is his way of being neighborly.

What was that? Did you hear that?

— If your dog barks at what seems like everything — every movement or noise he's not expecting — he's distress barking. His body is probably held stiffly during this activity and he may jump forward a bit with each bark.

Hey! Stop right there! — Your pup considers your home, yard, car, his walk route and other places he spends a lot of time, his territory. If your dog barks continuously when a person or another animal approaches his domain, he's communicating that a stranger is invading his turf.

Look at me! Look at me! — Some dogs bark simply for attention — from you or another animal. Your dog might also bark in the hopes of getting food, a treat or some playtime. The more you reward the behavior by giving him what seeks, the more likely he'll be to continue to bark for attention.

Hello all you other barking dogs out there!

— If your dog answers when he hears other dogs barking, it's a social thing. He hears the barking of nearby dogs, or even dogs at some distance, and he responds in kind. This type of social barking is often heard at animal shelters and boarding facilities.

Help! I can't stop this annoying barking!

— If your dog barks continually, perhaps while performing a repetitive movement like running back and forth along the fence in your yard, he's demonstrating a bit of a compulsion. You might want to try to find a better outlet for his energy — like a rigorous walk or a long game of fetch. A tired dog is a quiet dog.

Let me OUT of here! — If your dog is behind your fence and another dog passes by within view, your pup might bark excessively to signal his frustration that he can't greet his buddy out there on the sidewalk. This type of barking is usually seen in dogs who are confined or tied up to restrict their movement.

As you can see, there are some types of barks that require your attention in the form of environment or lifestyle changes that help soothe your dog and reduce or eliminate his need to bark. And then there are the barks that serve no real purpose and require an intervention.

In under-exercised dogs who don't receive adequate physical or mental stimulation on a daily basis, excessive barking can be a way to alleviate boredom. Dogs with **separation anxiety** also often bark nonstop or howl when they're left alone.

Teaching Your Dog That Silence Is Golden

Since barking is a natural behavior and means of communication for dogs, it's counterproductive to try to prevent it. Instead, your goal with a dog who barks excessively is to teach her to stop barking on command.

This training will be easier if you're starting with a puppy, but it can also be done with an adult dog. With a puppy, you'll need to train yourself first to ignore his cute little yips and squeaks so as not to reinforce the behavior. Keep reminding yourself those adorable puppy barks will grow louder and more annoying the older she gets.

"You don't punish barking, you reward silence," says Dr. Nicholas Dodman, founder of the Animal Behavior Clinic at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.¹ It's a brilliantly simple approach, but it doesn't come naturally to everyone.

"There are many benign ways of training a dog not to bark," writes Dodman. *"Most of them involve utilizing a voice command, such as No bark! Some of them simply entail patience, where you wait until the dog eventually does stop barking and then you reward it with some highly sought after treat ..."*

If you're consistent in your response to your dog's barking, she'll start to reduce the length of time she barks. You may be able to speed up the process a bit by immediately following your verbal command to stop barking with words that

indicate a treat is part of the bargain in exchange for her silence. When she starts barking, you say "No bark," followed immediately by "Want a treat?"

Gradually reduce the number of treats she receives until you're rewarding her with food only once in a while, and be sure to use only tiny pieces of **healthy treats**. (However, remember to always reward her with verbal praise and petting when she does what you ask her to do.)

Dodman also points out that some dogs may require negative reinforcement (which is not the same as punishment) through the use of a head halter with a training lead. When the dog barks, tension is applied to the training lead to remind him he's performing an undesirable behavior. The reward for his silence is release of tension on the lead.

"Most owners make the mistake of feeling that they have to chastise or otherwise punish their pup for barking but the commotion and anguish that this causes does little to improve the situation," writes Dodman. *"In fact, in yelling at a dog that is barking may seem to it as if you're barking, too."*

3 More Tips to Curb Excessive Barking

- If loud noises set your dog off, a crate of his own that he can go in and out of at will, coupled with soothing music or a television on in the background can help. **Tips and tricks for crate training your dog (including fearful dogs).**

- If he's barking out of boredom, increase his exercise and playtime, take him on walks, to the dog park, or find other activities that give him both the physical activity and mental stimulation all dogs require to be well-balanced. The best way to create a quiet dog is to exhaust him with exercise.

- Changes in your dog's routine and environment can cause stress, so as much as possible, stick to a consistent daily schedule he can depend on. You might also consider talking with an **animal behavior specialist** about desensitization and counter conditioning exercises for a stressed-out pet. Lifelong **socialization** and positive training are also essential for your dog's mental and emotional well-being.

Can You Use Neosporin on Dogs?

By Alexandra Anastasio

Just like their owners, dogs are susceptible to minor injuries and are not immune to getting cuts, scrapes, or burns. But can you use Neosporin® on dogs? The answer isn't completely straightforward. In some instances, applying the topical antibiotic ointment can help heal your dog's wound, but there are situations when it is not advisable or necessary to use it on your canine companion.

Since most people immediately reach for some type of ointment when an incident occurs, it's not unusual that your first instinct might be to do the same for your dog. But before you go ahead and start applying Neosporin, there are a few things to take into consideration.

With abrasions (scrapes and scratches), you should first clean and flush the wound with soap and water, then rinse thoroughly and pat dry. Your veterinarian should see all puncture or penetrating wounds, including dog bites, as soon as possible.

Neosporin is comprised of three different antibiotics: bacitracin, neomycin, and polymyxin B. Together, they work to kill bacteria on the skin and prevent topical infection. Dr. Rachel Barrack, a licensed veterinarian, certified in both veterinary acupuncture and Chinese herbology with Animal Acupuncture in New York City, points out that Neosporin has been formulated for people and is not necessarily safe for use on dogs.

"Bacitracin has been deemed safe for use on animals, as has polymyxin B. However, neomycin has been linked to loss of hearing," she says. "This was primarily shown with intravenous use, but it is recommended that you do not administer neomycin topically to your dog without first consulting your vet."

Because Neosporin is topical and applied directly onto the skin, there's always a chance that your dog could have an allergic reaction. It's a good idea to administer a small patch test first. The best way to do this is by picking a small area of skin and applying a tiny dab of Neosporin, then monitor the area to see if your dog develops a mild rash, redness, or hives.

"Typically, small amounts of Neosporin are not harmful," says Dr. Danel Grimmer, a veterinarian with Sunset Veterinary Clinic in Oklahoma. By performing a patch test in advance, you'll know

for certain whether your dog can tolerate this antibacterial cream before he really needs it.

The advantage of using Neosporin is that it kills off any live, existing bacteria, and stops them from growing. When applied to the skin, it helps to create a physical barrier against bacteria to prevent them from entering the wound and offers protection against infection. But there are some instances in which applying it to your dog might do more harm than good.

If your dog's wound is located in a spot that's easily reachable, he might try licking the Neosporin off, which not only defeats the purpose but also might make your pup sick.

"The main concern regarding ingestion of Neosporin is the potential impact to the GI flora (normal gut bacteria), resulting in GI upset such as vomiting and diarrhea," explains Dr. Grimmer. "A second potential cause of GI upset would be the lubricant base, which could also give them diarrhea, etc."

You can try covering the area with a sterile dressing, but Dr. Grimmer points out that not all dogs tolerate bandaging, and the same desire to lick something off their skin will most likely prompt them to chew, as well. "A bandage can act as a tourniquet, reducing adequate blood flow to extremities, if not managed well," he says. "Great care must be taken to prevent any constriction."

Other instances when Neosporin would not be beneficial to your dog are if he is bleeding heavily, the wound is deep, or appears to be severe. In these circumstances, it's important to call your veterinarian or nearest animal hospital immediately for assistance.

While using Neosporin to treat a minor injury to your dog may be fine at times, there are several products that are designed specifically for canines and completely safe, even if ingested.

Whatever type of injury your dog sustains, it's important to first talk with your veterinarian before administering any new medications, especially if they're made for humans. "Your veterinarian is better equipped to treat your dog's potential infections than you are at home," says Dr. Barrack.

Understanding Dog Eye Discharge

Your dog's eyes can build up gunk and produce tears for many reasons, and though it might be unsightly, it's usually perfectly benign. But sometimes, it calls for a quick visit to the vet. Either way, here's what that gross stuff is all about and how you should handle it.

What's That Discharge?

Your dog's eye discharge could be clear and runny or yellowish-green and thick. It is a symptom, not a disease, and if the condition is mild and your dog has an otherwise normal energy level and appetite, you can safely monitor her or him for a few days to see if the condition clears up on its own.

The most common eye discharges are:

- Those caused by environmental irritants like dirt or dust, which is normal. A dog's natural response is to clean this gunk out by producing enough tears to get rid of it. Certain breeds will have more discharge than others. Watch for physical changes to the eye, which requires a trip with your pup to the vet.
- Just like humans, dogs can get dry eye, when they fail to produce enough eye-cleansing tears. Symptoms can include inflammation and mucus. The problem is that without the lubricating effect of tears, the eyelid can scratch the eye surface just by opening and closing, and corneal ulcers could result.
- Dogs, especially breeds like retrievers, setters, and terriers, can experience allergies to things like grass and pollen. Signs include excessive scratching, irritated skin, runny eyes, and pawing at the eye. Oftentimes, an over-the-counter sterile eye wash can produce relief.
- Epiphora is the fancy vet term for excessive tearing from your dog's eyes. It can be a sign of a simple tear duct blockage or a more serious eye problem. Tell-tale signs are excessive wetness, an unpleasant odor, and brownish-red staining underneath the eyes. It often clears up on its own. If it's still a problem after a couple of days, give the vet a call.

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When to Visit the Vet

There are times where it's best to schedule a vet appointment immediately. If the eye discharge is a color like yellow or green, or if your dog is rubbing or pawing at the affected eye, it's always better to err on the side of caution and make sure his or her eyesight is not at risk.

- Conjunctivitis, aka pink eye, is indicated by clear or pus-like gunk and/or excessive redness in and around the eye. This serious inflammation of the thin clear tissue that lies over the eye's white part needs to be treated by a professional. Keep in mind the condition can be transmitted to you, so make sure you wash your hands after handling your dog if you suspect this might be the reason for the eye discharge.

- Senior dogs and some breeds like cocker spaniels and poodles are predisposed to both primary and secondary glaucoma. The first occurs when fluid gets backed up in the eye and the second is brought on by trauma like injury, inflammation, or cancer. Both block eye drainage. If your pup has eye bulging or clouding, excessive blinking, or dilated pupils, her or his ocular pressure should be checked so treatment can be prescribed.

What You Can Do

First, don't use any product until you consult with your vet, and when applying them use a clean damp towel, as your bare fingers can harm this sensitive area. You can also try trimming the hair around your dog's eyes. And a change in diet could be beneficial. If home remedies aren't doing the trick, take your pooch in for a checkup!



Can Your Dog Predict the Weather?

At some point in time, you've probably heard someone say that dogs can predict the weather. You would be forgiven for laughing it off as another one of the many myths associated with these four-legged companions. But wait. Not so fast! There's more truth to it than you might think. So, can dogs really predict the weather? And if so, how do they do it? Let's find out.

It's True, Dogs Can Predict the Weather

Add predicting the weather to your dog's list of talents alongside sitting, staying, and being a four-legged garbage disposal. It's pretty amazing, right? Okay, so maybe "predict" is a strong word. It would be more accurate to say that dogs can sense the approaching weather. They can't tell you the exact temperature, when a storm will be arriving, how much rain there will be, or whether you're going to get struck by lightning. They just know that something is up and that it's probably a good idea to stay indoors.

How Dogs 'Predict' Weather

But how do they do it? Unfortunately, your dog isn't actually a magical creature who can predict the future. The reality is a little more down-to-earth, but it's still pretty interesting. There are a few mechanisms that could explain your dog's ability to sense approaching weather, like:

Sound - Dogs have a fantastic sense of hearing — that's a given. They can use their hypersensitive ears to hear approaching storms well before we humans can. So, if your dog starts freaking out and you can't figure out why then maybe it's just the distant rumble of thunder.

Smell - Dogs can sniff out just about anything. This is another fact that should come as no surprise. But did you know that they can also smell the rain? They are also able to smell the metallic scent of ionized particles left behind by lightning strikes.

Pressure - Dogs don't just have a great set of ears and a nose that can't be fooled. They are also very sensitive to changes in the atmosphere. With storms, you get a drop in the barometric pressure and your dog is acutely aware of this. Thanks to this, your dog might know a storm is approaching before there's even a cloud in the sky.

And who knows, there could be other factors at play here too. Maybe your dog really is psychic!

Do Dogs Have a Sixth Sense?

There are also documented cases of dogs and other animals reacting to events like earthquakes and volcanic eruptions well before anyone else is aware of them. China has gone so far as to recruit volunteers to observe animals as a part of their earthquake prediction program. People living near volcanoes in Europe also frequently rely on their animals as an early warning system.

Of course, this is all still unproven. On top of that, no one is quite sure what mechanism would explain it. It could be that dogs are just more sensitive to subtle vibrations in the earth's crust than we are. The bottom line is that you probably shouldn't run to your volcano shelter (you do have one of these, right?) every time your dog starts acting funny, but it's interesting to think about nonetheless.

Dogs can 'predict' the weather to a certain extent. They probably couldn't tell you exactly when it'll be here or how bad it's going to get, but they are definitely sensitive to the sounds, smells, and atmospheric changes that accompany rain and storms. It makes sense if you think about it. Animals need to be aware of the weather just as much as we do — maybe even more!



It knew that it would be a little windy today!

AMSC Board Meeting

Draft Minutes

August 28, 2019

8:05 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Board Members present:

Carol Weinberger – President
 Patti Henderson – Vice President
 Bonnie Keyes – Treasurer
 Kaye Kirk – Secretary
 Barbara Donahue – AKC Delegate
 Gale Schnetzer, Marie Murphy, Vicki Kubic,
 Sonny Lelle, Patricia O'Brien, Beth Santure,
 Shirley Fry, Stella Van Cleave, Cathi Rohrer,
 Sharon Edwards, Carma Ewer, Patty Ledgerwood, Mary Paisley

Guests present – Sue Ratz, Amy Gordon, Luana Nedich

President Carole Weinberger read the Conference Call Protocol.

Approval of agenda – Vicki Kubic suggested that we table the Guidelines presented because there had not been time to review them. Patti Henderson then moved that we table only the Awards and Trophies, those being the two largest. Barbara Donahue seconded. Discussion was that we could discuss and vote on those two on the list.

Vicki Kubic moved to approve the agenda and Patty Ledgerwood seconded. The Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Patti Henderson moved to approve the Minutes from the meeting of June 5, 2019 and Gale Schnetzer seconded. Minutes were approved.

BOARD REPORTS:

Report of the President Carole Weinberger

This will be Carole's last m Board meeting as President.

Treasurer Bonnie Keyes provided financial reports to the Board members. Sonny Lelle moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Barbara Donahue seconded. Report accepted.

AKC Delegate – Barbara Donahue - I attended the June, 2019 two day meeting in Newark, NJ. I will not be attending the September meeting due to a planned vacation. I will be attending the December delegate meeting in Orlando and working the Meet The Breeds booth.

Information about scanning the clubs historic records, including pricing, has been provided to the board. Patti Henderson moved to accept the report and Patty Ledgerwood seconded. Report accepted.

Committee Reports –

AMSC-L - Vicki Kubic – 283 members. The list has been cleaned up, non-members deleted and is current except for a handful of emails that are still undeliverable. I will continue to work on those.

AWARDS - Sue Ratz – Committee has met with the Special Committee that

Sonny Lelle is chairing. The 2018 recipients have been determined and awards have been ordered. All recipients will be in attendance, except one and that award will be mailed. Patti Henderson wanted to make sure that the committee would have certificates as well as the awards. Sue said they would.

Versatility Awards – Beth Santure reported that the committee is pretty much Lynn Battinger as the chair and Beth. They are currently looking at the awards and are considering changes. They are specifically looking at the Standard Schnauzer, Westie and Papillion clubs' awards for some guidance.

Companion Events & Performance - Terrier Trials are taking place in Palmyra, PA. They are talking about adding scentwork in the future..

Constitution and By Laws – Chris Levy – Patti gave a report on Chris' behalf. Everything passed other than #45. There are four items that were brought up and Chris believes could be approved by the board, without additional membership vote. The items are:

– 1. Under Article VI section 4 signed by 10 members of the Board This was no change from original but shouldn't it be less than 10 with a smaller board.
 2. Under Article VII Section 1b.....(last sentence)passed by a majority vote, with a minimum response of 10% of the VOTE ----shouldn't it be membership?
 3. Under Article IX, Committees, Section 2 (b) – Under Standing Committees , it states, "No special committee shall be in effect longer than the time required to complete its assigned duties." If it is truly a Standing Committee, it should always be in effect.
 4. Date at top should be updated. Vicki Kubic moved to approve, Sonny Lelle seconded. Also, wants permission to submit via the list the cost of attorney to complete this process. Patti Henderson moved that Chris will be allowed to submit the proposed cost for the attorney in Maryland to the Board for approval when she has it. Shirley Fry seconded it, it was approved.

Montgomery County – Barbara Donahue - Several more 2 bedroom suites were secured at the host hotel. Member donations are being committed for the silent auction/garage sale; Thank You to the donors! Reservation information for the Saturday evening Member Reception is available in AMSCope and on the club's member website. The Board approved a \$5 increase to \$20; the club still substantially subsidizes the cost of the reception

Ethics – no report, but Carole reported that she has had a complaint about a member in New York state. Patti Henderson moved and Shirley Fry sec-

onded a motion to have Jana King and have AMSCare offer help to member, Carole will contact Jana and also ask about Guidelines. Motion passed with one abstention.

Guidelines – Luana Nedich - Everyone needs to remember to complete or update the Guidelines for their committee. Also remember that we need a year end report from each committee.

Submitting new or updated guidelines for
 1. AMSC-L Group Committee, 2. Awards-Annual Committee, 3. Local Club Newsletters/Social Media Committee
 Coming soon:

1. Judges Selection; 2. Membership; 3. Rescue/AMSCare; 4. Constitution and Bylaws; 5. Companion/Performance (Performance ok-need to incorporate Companion)

Very Old and Outdated:

1. Judges Education (1994); 2. Roving Guidelines

NO GUIDELINES:

1. AMSCestry; 2. Awards-Versatility; 3. Breeder Referral; 4. Catalog Advertising Montgomery; 5. Historian; 6. Ways and Means

GOOD Guidelines:

1. AMSCope; 2. Ethics; 3. Fall Specialty; 4. Guidelines; 5. Health; 6. Legislative Liaison; 7. Montgomery County Hospitality; 8. Nominating Committee; 9. Publication/Literature; 10. Trophies; 11. Website/Social Media

Health Committee Report- Patti Henderson -

1. Research Progress Reports

Grant 02257 Identification of Genetic Risk Factors for Canine Epilepsy research was able to refine the target variants for further study, 3 risk factors will be validated with other DNA sampling.

Grant 02323 Efficacy of Cannabidiol(CBD) for treatment of Canine Epilepsy – Staff established and study in progress. A number of presentation have been conducted in 2019 CVMA Big Ideas Symposium, AKC-Sponsored Vetvine Webnar, AzVMA Annual Mtg

Grant 02355-A Hyperlipidemia in the Miniature Schnauzer: A Combined Metabolomic and Genomic Approach – This research as highly successful. 8 genetic variants were identified as plausible candidates for influence on Miniature Schnauzer hyperlipidemia. In addition, other unique variants were identified that may be important in other breed specific associated health conditions such as pancreatitis. Further work such a whole genome studies are indicated and will be done

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2. Role of AKC/CHF in Promoting Purposefully Bred Dogs & Crop/Dock

At the last Board meeting it was brought up that any Research funding the AMSC provides should be preferentially given to those universities and researchers who support purebred dogs and cropping and docking practices. Since individual contact with the researchers/Universities is minimal if at all, understanding the role of the AKC/CHF is key. To that end, the Chair approached the AKC/CHF CEO AKC Canine Health Foundation, Diane Brown, DVM, PhD, DACVP to determine the level of their support in this area. Details of the discussion are summarized as follows: The CHF is an independent affiliate of the AKC and funds more canine -exclusive health research than any other non-profit organization in the world. Their mission & emphasis is to find and fund the best scientific research for canine health following a rigorous and competitive scientific review process by experts in the specific field of study— this is done in order to maintain the highest scientific credibility, attract the best researchers and to achieve the mission of human research to benefit dogs. Studies are funded globally -some are associated with veterinary schools and some not. The CHF standards are extremely high and have achieved the highest standing both in the scientific community and non-profit community. This standing has been accomplished through positive approaches in addition to maintenance of the highest standards. CHF works with vet schools to educate faculty and students on the many benefits of purposefully bred dogs and the value of working with dedicated breeders and clubs. These positive connections have been built thru veterinary outreach for theriogenology residency programs (in support of breeders), clinician-scientist fellowships and veterinary student internships as well as research funding. These impartial and non-partisan positive steps have been the foundation of the CHF influence and has accomplished far more for purebred dogs and breeders than any other method.

3. Research Funding Request:

Grant 02544 Medical Resolution of GB Mucocele Formation in Dogs Dr Judy Gookin DVM PhD; North Carolina State U; Grant Amount: \$220,333
GB Mucocele formation is diagnosed in older aged (median age 10yo) purebred dogs including Miniature Schnauzers. Mucocele formation is characterized by secretion of abnormally thick mucus by the gallbladder epithelium of dogs that may cause obstruction of the bile duct or rupture of the gallbladder. The disease is increasingly recognized and is associ-

ated with a high morbidity and mortality. The cause of gallbladder mucocele formation in dogs is unknown. There is a strong breed predisposition and affected dogs have a high incidence of concurrent endocrinopathy or hyperlipidemia.
. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0191076>

ACTION: Health Committee requests \$2500 in support of this research from AMSC Donor Advised funds. Patti Henderson moved that we provide the funding, Sonny Lelle seconded and motion passed.

3. PMDS Report – Report on findings re recent cluster of PMDS cases was discussed. Recommendations follow..

ACTION: Requested permission to post the reported to the AMSC L and to post on the Webpages. As per policy PMDS report will be published only on the member pages. Health Committee requests purchase of 500 (case @ 177.00 plus shipping) Sterile Cheek swabs to provide members who are performing DNA testing. Distribution will be determined. Vicki Kubic made a motion to purchase the swabs and was seconded by Sonny Lelle. Motion passed.

AMSC Health Committee Recommendations to Miniature Schnauzer Breeders: PMDS Cluster in Miniature Schnauzers The AMSC Health Committee has over the past several months been receiving DNA reports on a cluster of over 21 Miniature Schnauzers (5 distinct lines) which have been found to be either genetic carriers or affecteds for PMDS (Persistent Müllerian Duct Syndrome) a SEX-LIMITED disease that causes hermaphroditism in affected males and reduced sperm counts. It should be noted that females can be carriers and can be homozygous for this mutation. However, as females, this mutation will never be expressed.

The Health Committee is working closely with Dr. Eva Furrow, University of Minnesota, to get additional information since there are big gaps in what we know and understand about this syndrome. We do know that 1 in 4 (maybe as high as 1 in 3) Miniature Schnauzers have one copy of the PMDS gene with the affected rate being 1-3%. Approximately 50% of the affected males (2 copies of the mutation) have either unilateral or bilateral cryptorchidism (undescended testes). PMDS males with descended testes are fertile however, they frequently have reduced sperm counts. PMDS males with bi-lateral cryptorchidism are sterile and unilateral cryptorchid PMDS males have much reduced fertility. As in other cryptorchid dog, PMDS-affected males commonly develop Sertoli Cell Tumors. Pyometra (infection in the uterus) has been

reported in 1 PMDS male. While we gather more information, we would like to suggest that any male dog being used multiple times for breeding or any breeding pair who have produced cryptorchid offspring should all be tested for PMDS. It would be a good idea to test any male with a lower than expected sperm count. The PMDS DNA test is available through the University of Minnesota (<https://vetmed.umn.edu/research/labs/canine-genetics-lab/genetic-testing/persistent-m%C3%BCllerian-duct-syndrome>) for \$65 (2-4 tests \$58/each & 20 or more tests \$50/each). This is a recessive disease and as such no dog, affected or carrier, needs to be removed from the breeding population. An affected or carrier dog can be bred to clear dogs/bitches and clear the PMDS gene from the line in 1 or 2 generations. Please consult with the Health Committee if you have any question about breeding selection and this PMDS gene. Patti Henderson made a motion to publish this to the AMSC-L and to the member's portion of the website, Sonny Lelle seconded and the motion passed. Board wanted to see before it was published on the list. Approved for Release by Board 8/30/19.

Judge's selection – Bonnie Keyes -Ballots are in AMSCOPE, due back by the 15th of September. There was a discussion regarding the letter sent to potential sweepstakes judges.

Legislative Liaison – Vicki Kubic - Legislative alerts and information regarding legislation are posted on the AMSC-L

Local Club Bulletin/Websites: Ronnie Smith – Ronnie has sent the list of award winners to the President.

Publications: Patricia O'Brien – Inventory as of 8/11/2019:

Grooming charts 30
Illustrated Standards 209
CD 6

So, You want to show your Miniature Schnauzer 3

So, you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

Income:

Grooming Charts \$ 56.00
Illustrated Standards \$ 24.00
CD \$ 20.00

Total Income \$ 100.00

Expenses:

Postage \$ 7.60
Grooming Charts 4@ \$5.50 \$ 2.20
Illustrated Standards 2@ \$2.40 \$ 4.80

Total Expenses \$ 34.40

Profit: \$ 65.60

Trophies – Barbara Donahue - Updated guidelines have been developed. Tatiana

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is working on the additional trophies needed for Montgomery. Trophy selection is in process for 2020.

Membership – Jacque Ebersbach – Lisa Miller's application was accepted unanimously.

Roving Specialty – John Constantine was on the call and said that the Grayslake shows are five days of shows, one day of specialties and four all breed shows. There are group shows on Saturday. There will be reserved grooming for our group. There are lots of hotels, people can fly into either Chicago or Milwaukee. There was some concern about the grooming area, as people have fallen in the area. The show will be June 17-21, 2021. The Specialty will be the 20th. The 2020 Specialty is in Sacramento as part of the Northern California Terrier show. Patti Henderson moved to accept Grayslake as our 2021 Roving Specialty and Cathi Rohrer seconded. Motion Passed

Website/Social Media – Vicki Kubic - Our AMSC Facebook page has over 44K followers. Vicki, Jackie and Helen all contribute to the page. Jackie Harris handles our Instagram page. Kate McMillian handles our Twitter page and we encourage AMSC members to join Twitter, Instagram and participate.

AMSC Website – Jackie Harris is now learning the website maintenance and will help Vicki with changes and additions. Patti Henderson moved to accept this, and Barbara Donahue seconded, it passed. It's now time to change the password for the Members Only section of the website. The new password will be 2020Schnauzer (case sensitive). Please make a note of it!!!! Change will take place once the Board gives me a date to initiate. Patti Henderson moved to accept this and Sonny Lelle seconded and the motion was approved.

Montgomery County Special Committee – Lloyd Constantine-Amodei - Judges Hotel Reservations made, Gifts for judges are being purchased, Stewards have been secured for specialty

Crop & Dock Special Committee - 1. AKC Legislative Conference June 23/24, 2019: seven dogs will be hosted by the AKC. Asked at the Legislative caucus and received confirmation from Sheila Goffe, Director AKC Government Relations, that one of the dogs is cropped/docked (a GCH Boxer owned by Tom Tillis). Offered to have a C/D Miniature Schnauzer participate in the future. This conference includes Monday afternoon meetings with legislators and a Monday evening reception.

2. AKC is staying on top of recent anti dock/crop legislation, of particular note

was proposed June legislation in New York.

3. Canine Health Foundation Conference, Aug 9-11 in St. Louis : Ann Bowen, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club Delegate, will be speaking with vet students and I've asked her to be certain to cover C/D. She agreed to do so and requested to be accompanied by an AMSC member that could speak to crop / dock. Dr. Paula Steele of the AMSC Health Committee will be at the conference and agreed to participate with Ann in this session.

4. An email was sent to AKC Government Relations asking that a cropped dog be added to the dog montage at the top of the Legislative Action Center page. No response to date. I suggest posting on AMSC-L asking AMSC members to send an email making this same request; a cut/paste sentence would be provided to make it easy. Donahue will also ask the cropped breed clubs that are engaging in our initiatives to do the same. This is a little thing, but we need cropped dogs to be front and center on AKC.org and especially the government relations site.

5. Sheila Goffe was very pleased that multiple D/C breed clubs agreed to participate and are submitting information to me for the legislative education paper her team will develop. Two more breed representatives approached me about participating in the AKC C/D paper.

Statistics Special Committee – Patti Henderson – has replaced Cathi Rohrer as chair temporarily due to work location changes for Cathi's.

AKC Conformation report (January – June 2019) was purchased (\$120) and sent to all members for review and analysis. The report captures all pointed data, i.e, Grand Champion Points, Dogs Defeated and Same Sex Dogs Defeated for every Miniature Schnauzer in every AKC sanctioned conformation event, and could be used for maintaining SS points and potentially other information. Alternatively, the AKC events search capability would need to be used for each event for each dog to provide the same information contained in the AKC report. This latter method, while free, would be arduous and would require a significant amount of time of 1-2 individuals. The AKC report would be the preferred source document for the AMSC statistics on the Breed.

ACTION: Motion made (Terrie Houck), seconded (Chris Levy) and unanimously approved to use the AKC Conformation Report as one source document for maintaining AMSC Breed Statistics. The Committee recommends to the Board starting in January 2019, the AMSC purchase the AKC Breed specific annual report(s) to be maintained and owned by the AMSC for historical, statistical or other purposes. This will ensure that important statistical data will be available long term for any

current and potential future use. An Annual AKC Conformation Report is \$120.00. It is further recommended that the AMSC maintain the equivalent AKC Companion Reports for performance members. Marcia Dawson has collected and presented the statistics used in the Performance Issue of Schnauzer Shorts. As part of her effort she has collected and maintains some of the oldest Miniature Schnauzer statistical information on Obedience, Rally and Agility.

AMSC CENTRAL REPOSITORY -The Committee felt that it should be the AMSC's responsibility to preserve and maintain Breed statistics, historical and other related information. We have been singularly unique among Breed clubs to have had someone like Dan to maintain the breed specific information for us for decades.

ACTION: All reports should be centrally maintained and it is recommended that Jan Taylor who also maintains the NEW CHAMPION report and Stud Book shall be designated to receive all reports and make them available within AKC guidelines as appropriate.

Sonny Lelle moved that we purchase breed specific conformation and performance reports that will cost \$120/report and Shirley Fry seconded, motion passed.

DATA SECURITY: Security of information is a significant concern and backup procedures to preserve the integrity of the data is paramount. The Committee recommends (Motioned Chris Levy; 2nd Patti Henderson) that the AMSC provide a suitable mechanism for securing the data from unforeseen loss, such as Carbonite backup software. Several committee members have experience with this software and is offered at a reasonable cost for basic data file cloud backup.

Sonny Lelle moved to approve Jan Taylor as point person, Shirley Fry seconded, motion passed.

Sonny Lelle moved to approve \$72.00 per year to secure and provide backup for AMSC data and resulting reports, Shirley Fry seconded, motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Membership of A. Garcia – Discussion regarding the application of Ms. Garcia and vote. The application failed 3, -14 with one abstention.

2. Report from the special committee reviewing annual awards process – Sonny Lelle – Committee recommends that there only be one award given per dog, that breeder must be a member of AMSC. If additional owners or breeders want a copy of the award, they will be provided with information about how to order the award. Patti Henderson moved

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to accept the report, Shirley Fry seconded, report was accepted.

3. Morris & Essex 2020 – Show coordinator – Carma Ewer volunteered to serve in this capacity.

4. AKC/CHF Parent Club Seminars Dr. Paula Steele, Dr. Lisa Sarvis and Dr. Karen Hoffman attended and Patti Henderson will send their report when it has been received.

5. Purchase of wicket – Patti Henderson will purchase the wicket and case

6. Minutes –

Decision is that first draft will be out in three weeks from the meeting, members will have two weeks for comments and then minutes will be updated and draft will be sent for publications in AMSCOPE. There was a request to publish the agenda to the AMSC-L prior to board meetings, however the discussion was that the agenda is dynamic and everchanging, so it would be difficult to publish to list. Vicki moved that upcoming board conference calls be published to the AMSC-L and inviting members to attend. They need to contact coordinator for information. Patti Henderson seconded. Motion passed.

Carma Ewer volunteered to take Minutes at the Annual Meeting as the secretary will be absent.

New Business:

1. Carma moved that the AMSC-L be moderated, Patty Ledgerwood seconded. Motion failed 4-9 with one abstention.

2. Beth Santure moved that AMSC donate \$500 annually to NAIA, Carma Ewer seconded. Motion passed.

3. Patti Henderson moved to extend blanket application for Specialties for five years, Vicki Kubic seconded. Motion passed.

Patti Henderson moved to adjourn and Pat seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 pm Eastern.

Respectfully submitted

Kaye Kirk

Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

nomination the AMSC Awards Committee received for Karla Hench. The Awards Committee voted Karla to receive the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award from the American Miniature Schnauzer Club in 2019. The AKC medallion was presented by President, Carole Weinberger, at the AMSC Annual Meeting (10/5/2019). Karla was nominated by Gale Schnetzer, Wardscreek Miniature Schnauzers.

I would like to nominate Karl Hench for the Outstanding Sportsmanship award.

Last September when my husband was hospitalized, Karla came down and took care of my dogs and even took puppies to get ears cropped, so I could be at the hospital with my husband. Unfortunately, my husband passed away.

My two Rocket Man sons were entered in shows in Indianapolis that week. Karla took my two dogs and along with her own dogs, showed and cared for them. Kurt Garmaker assisted in grooming them for the show. Slick finished his Championship title the first day and Joey got his second major at the last show.

I have also seen Karla help many of our exhibitors. She helps many people break down their grooming areas and

helps them get their things back to their motor homes with her truck instead of thinking of herself and packing up and leaving for home. Karla also helped Mary Froats, an older handicapped member, load and unload her set up. She has even handled Mary's special, so Mary can still come to the shows and be part of our sport.

Karla is also always pleasant and says congratulations to all exhibitors. She is a Great Sportsman!!
Gale Schnetzer

I am attaching a photo of Gale and Karla after she received her medallion! for inclusion in your article.

In addition, I am attaching the AMSC Outstanding Sportsmanship Nomination Form for inclusion future newsletter.

Also I am attaching a summary list of the 2018 AMSC Breeder Award Winners and 2018 Top Dog Summaries write up that were read during the Awards Ceremony.

I hope you find this information useful for inclusion in upcoming AMSCOPE....

Sue Ratz
AMSC Awards Committee Chairman





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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Portland MSC - Specialty
Rose City Classic Dog Shows 2020 January 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
Terrier Specialty Wednesday - January 15, 2020
Judge: Mrs. Bergit Coady-Kable Sweeps Judge: Denise Valverde
Closing Date: Friday - December 27, 2019
2050-2060 North Marine Dr. Portland, OR
Specialties & Group Show held on Wednesday, January 15, 2019
One Concurrent Specialty held on Friday, January 17, 2019
Designated Specialties on Friday, January 17, 2019
Designated Specialties on Saturday, January 18, 2019
AKC National Owner-Handler Series 4 days

Cactus State MSC Specialties January 24, 2020 AM
Breed – Mr. Roger R Hartinger
Sweepstake –Deborra Nestle
January 24, 2020; PM
Breed – Mrs. Paula Hartinger
Sweepstake – Kim Demchak
February 28, 2020; morning AMe Weinberger
Sweepstake –Amy Gordon
February 28, 2020; PM
Breed – Mrs. Patricia Nemirovsky de Alsina
Sweepstake – Alice Gough

AMSC SPECIALTIES

Montgomery County 2019
Regular Classes - Brian Bogart
Sweepstakes Classes - Carla Nickerson
Roving Specialty April 11, 2020
Sacramento, CA
Regular Classes - Mrs Marcia Feld
Sweepstakes - Gail Wilford
Montgomery County 2020
Regular classes - Mrs Bergit Kabel
Sweepstakes - Cheryl Coffman

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