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## Developing an Emergency or Disaster Preparedness Plan

There is no one size, fits all for emergency and disaster preparedness, but this outline will help raise questions and issues to consider in formulating one that is right for each individual kennel.

### A. Things for the kennel owner to consider in order to start devising a plan:

Reflect on how you can better organize your kennel and equipment to deal with an emergency or a disaster.

Consider and answer the following questions:

- 1) How many dogs do you have to provide for in your plan?
- 2) Do you have a safe and adequate enclosures for all of your dogs?
- 3) Could you or family, friends, colleagues, or community volunteers move your dogs to a safer location if necessary? Where might that be?
  - a) If you couldn't take them all at once, how would you choose which ones to take first, knowing that you might not make it back or might not be allowed back on your property?
  - b) Is your dog truck, box or trailer ready at all times? Where do you keep the keys?
- 4) How fast can you load your dogs if necessary?
- 5) Do you have a five day supply of medication, food, water, and supplies to be self-sufficient or to take with you if necessary?
- 6) Have you made copies, both digital and hard copies of all important documents and photos of your dogs, and stored them in a secure location?

7) What type of identification do you have for your dogs should one get loose or if they should be taken to a site where they could be mixed in with several other dogs?

8) Do you have cleaning and sanitizing supplies on hand?

9) Do you have other pets or animals that would also need to be moved? How?

10) Would your employer allow you to leave in an emergency situation to return home?

### B. Elements to consider in developing your written emergency or disaster plan:

- 1) Continuity of kennel operations –
  - “ Ability to maintain Communications (do not rely on landlines, cell phones or pagers)
  - “ Alternate power source (i.e. generators with regular maintenance and training for staff; ideally professionally installed and able to provide long-term power to the entire facility)
  - “ Generator fuel source
  - “ Continued refrigeration
  - “ List of suppliers with current 24-hour contact information
  - “ Alternate food and water sources in case of contamination
  - “ 5-7 days worth of food and water for dogs
  - “ 5-7 days of medications for dogs
  - “ Possible Alternate Kennel Location (within your vicinity)
  - “ Consider a relationship with a Sister or Buddy kennel (outside your vicinity)
  - “ Practice disaster drills
- 2) Emergency relocation of animals if necessary—
  - “ Leashes, carriers and other species specific supplies necessary for transport
  - “ Appropriate, pre-arranged animal transportation vehicle
  - “ Temporary animal holding location
- 3) Retention of important documents
  - “ Off-site computer back-up (fireproof safes will not prevent melting)
  - “ Off-site copies of important documents
  - “ Dog identification by photo and permanent i.d.
  - “ Digital storage

### 1) SUPPLIES

- “ Dog truck ready to go
- “ Leashes and collars at least one per dog
- “ Medications
- “ Food, bowls, scoops, etc.
- “ Water
- “ Poop bucket, shovel, heavy duty plastic bags
- “ Cleaning supplies :bleach, cleanser, rags, paper towels, etc.
- “ First Aid Kit

### 2) IMPORTANT INFORMATION MAINTAINED HARD COPY AND DIGITALLY

- “ Shot records
- “ Dog identification : chip #, photos of dogs with you, collar ID, etc.
- “ List of dogs on medications
- “ “ø” dose and frequency

Note special information about individual dogs (shy, aggressive, blind, deaf, and intact for breeding, physical ailments.)

A physical description of dogs (size, weight, age, color.)

Contact information for you and Buddy Kennel(s)

Map of Kennel, Kennel Layout, dog location (name of dog if possible), location of supplies

Keep information easily accessible. Keep at least one copy with a Buddy and a third copy in at a distant location (possibly relatives).

### 3) BUDDY SYSTEM

Choose one or more people to exchange information about your kennel. Someone who would know your dogs, and kennel set up, and be able to help you during an emergency or disaster. Give them a copy of your information. Share their information with someone else so this person could be contacted if you are not available during an emergency.

### C. Checklist of possible items to have in place in order to be prepared

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

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## Does Your Pet Have the Superior Qualities Needed to Fill This Coveted Role?

Dr. Karen Shaw Becker

The more we learn about the ways in which our canine companions can help and support us (and sadly, the more we learn of people abusing the intended work of emotional support animals for their own selfish purposes), the greater the interest in assistance dogs. Interest is growing so rapidly, in fact, that Laura Hey, founder of the **Health Healers** therapy dog service of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, provides free screenings for people curious about whether their dog has what it takes to be a volunteer therapy animal.

### Pre-Screening for Temperament

As Hey explained to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, she looks for the following five things during her screenings:

- 1. Obedience skills** — The pet must be able to follow basic commands such as sitting and lying down — skills that are typically mastered under an obedience class based on **positive reinforcement behavior training techniques**.
- 2. Safety** — The pet must be well-mannered around both people and other animals, meaning no jumping, pawing or other moves that might cause injury or fear.
- 3. Social interest** — The pet must be “exceedingly” social, but not overly excitable. Simple friendliness isn’t always enough. “The animal should want to meet person after person after person ... and want to initiate contact with others,” explains Hey.
- 4. Confidence and comfort** — Therapy pets often have to handle the unexpected, including unfamiliar places, large groups of people and being handled in a way they’re not used to. “They really have to be comfortable with so much that’s not natural for them to be comfortable with,” Hey says.
- 5. Stress levels** — Since travel may be necessary, the pet must be comfortable with it, along with environments full of unfamiliar sights, sounds and smells. Therapy pets must be able to maintain a low stress level in order to consistently perform their duties. When a pet shows the right stuff during screening, Hey often recommends either a basic obedience class or her six-hour, four-week therapy team class, or both. Some pets do so well during the screening that she recommends they go right to the official evaluation, which is conducted in collaboration with the **Pet Partners** animal assistance organization. Pets who pass the evaluation become registered therapy animals. Hey recommends starting with short therapy sessions, for example, a half-hour twice a month, and building from there. Two hours straight is the maximum session time allowed for therapy pets.

## 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.

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).

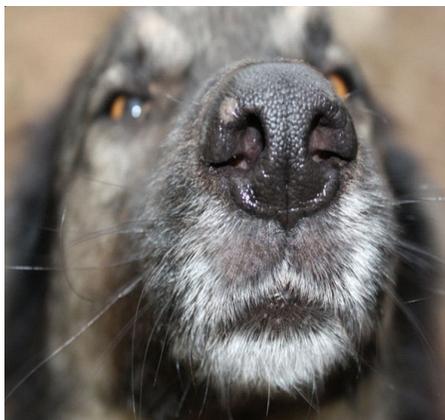
PMDS males with descended testes are fertile. However, they frequently have reduced sperm counts. PMDS males with bi-lateral cryptorchidism are sterile and unilateral cryptorchid PMDS males have much reduced fertility. As in other cryptorchid dog, PMDS - affected males commonly develop Sertoli Cell Tumors. 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) and through Optigen ([http://www.optigen.com/opt9\\_pmds.html](http://www.optigen.com/opt9_pmds.html)) for \$75/test. 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.

(Approved for Release by Board 8/28/19)

The Health Committee would like to caution members that most of the tests included in the Optigen/WisdomHealth panel have no relevance in our breed and doing them will likely be more confusing sending owners on potentially expensive journeys to investigate results that are not even germane to our Breed. Just because there is a DNA test is not a rea-

## Why Do Dogs Smell People's Crotches?



By Victoria Schade

Our dogs can do a lot of weird and embarrassing stuff, like dragging their bottoms and pulling unmentionables out of the bathroom garbage can, but there's one behavior that outranks them all on the mortification scale: greeting your guests with a dog nose to the crotch.

While it might seem like an unpardonable breach to us, in the dog world, it's totally normal to go to a scent-rich source to learn more information about newcomers.

According to Stanley Coren, Professor Emeritus at the University of British Columbia and author of "Do Dogs Dream?," there's a very good reason why dogs smell the human *groin* region. The groin area has sweat glands called apocrine glands, which produce chemicals called pheromones that convey social information.

Coren states, "In humans, the apocrine glands are found only in certain areas of the body, with the highest concentrations in the armpits and groin area, so dogs try to sniff these areas for the same reasons that they sniff the genital regions of dogs."

Because a dog smelling a crotch is a means to gain information about other dogs and people, this inappropriate sniffing typically occurs during the "nice to meet you" phase of greeting. And this can result in embarrassment for all parties involved—except for the one doing the sniffing.

### Dealing With Canine Crotch Sniffing: Managing the Behavior

Pet parents who need to offer their pup a sniff-fix in a hurry can easily manage the behavior with a dog leash and a treat-stuffable activity toy.

When you're expecting guests, put your dog on his leash and anchor him to a sturdy piece of furniture near the door. Welcome your guest in and let them know that your dog is a "curious" greeter and that they should keep their midsection out of sniffing reach. (Use whatever euphemism works for you to convey your dog's habit to your guests.)

Then allow your guest to meet your dog while he's tethered on leash so that they can move away from him if he starts to dive for the no-sniff zone. Once the initial greeting is complete, immediately give him one of his dog treat toys that's stuffed with something delicious, like peanut butter or freeze-dried dog treats, so that he has something to focus on other than your guest.

When greeting people outside the home, you can step on your dog's leash at the midpoint so that he's able to stand or sit comfortably beside you but doesn't have enough slack to reach the other person's groin area.

### Training Your Dog to Skip the Sniff

One of the best ways to get rid of an unwanted canine behavior is to train an incompatible behavior. In this scenario, you can teach your dog to focus his nose on something other than strangers' nether regions when he meets them. The goal is to redirect your dog's desire to sniff to a more appropriate body part, like a fist held away from the body.

The core of this behavior is "targeting," or teaching your dog to place a part of his body on a specific location or object. Teaching your dog to target a fist is helpful in this situation because you or your guest can hold a fist in a variety of positions around the body that keep him away from the groin.

Targeting is one of the easiest tricks to teach because it uses a dog's natural inclination to explore with his nose.

Simply present a fist to your dog at his level, and when he moves toward it, mark the behavior with a dog training clicker, or use a verbal marker word like "good!" Then give him a high-value reward from the other hand.

Work up to your dog actually touching his nose to your fist when you present it, and then attach a word to the behavior. You can use a word like "touch" or "target," or get creative and use something like "bump it."

### Try Out the New Trick in a Variety of Situations

Practice the trick in a variety of locations in your home, and remember to train your dog to respond to the cue no matter where you present your fist, like in front of you and off to the left and right sides of your body.

Generalize the targeting behavior to a number of different people in casual, non-greeting situations, like during dinner cleanup or while watching TV. Doing so helps your dog become more "fluent" with the behavior, so that he's comfortable doing it no matter the scenario.

Then, when your dog performs the behavior reliably, use it when introducing him to someone new. Ask your guest to present their fist to your dog when they walk in, and tell him to "bump it," then give him a treat when he does it.

Repeat the process a few times, allowing your dog to sniff your guest's fist to his heart's content. You'll be saved from embarrassment, your guest will appreciate the redirected sniffing, and your dog's sense of smell will enable him to glean important facts about his new friend.

## ATTENTION!

The AMSC website  
Members Only  
Section will have a  
New Password  
effective 11-1-19 (Nov.  
1st)

That password is

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It is case sensitive!  
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Lisa has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers since 1997, more than 20 years.

She has been showing three of her dogs very successfully in Conformation and Performance Events.

She is not a breeder, but has raised several litters which she has co-owned with Hilde Haakensen.

Lisa attends 20+ dog events a year, most recently Schnauzerpalooza 19' where she helped out with Agility Top 25 Event.

She belongs to Atlanta Obedience Club, (Agility Trial Chair for years), Canine Capers Agility (Hospitality for AKC Shows),

AMSC 2016-2017 (membership accidentally lapsed). Lisa is interested in helping our club out with Rescue, Membership, Agility, Barn Hunt, Rally and Fast Cat. She has excellent computer skills, and is a people person. Lisa's Sponsors are: Barbara Donahue and Marie Murphy

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Vicki has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 16 years. She currently owns seven (7).

She is a breeder and breeds occasionally for her own line. She has bred 2 litters. She is showing in conformation. She attends 8 events a year.

She belongs to the Cactus State Miniature Schnauzer Club, Glendale, AZ and has held offices as Director, Show Chairman, Membership, and is currently President.

Vicki is retired. She would like to assist our club with Public Awareness and Education.

She has experience in Computer Skills and Leadership Skills.

Vicki's sponsors are: Dee Ann Simpson and Ginny Fagan

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Lisa has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers all her life and just started showing them for past 6 years. She is a breeder and has had 7 litters.

She competes in Conformation, and attends 6 - 7 events each year. Lisa belongs to James River Kennel Club,

Lynchburg, VA., where she serves as Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

She works as a Receptionist/Assistant at Seven Hills Animal Hospital, in Forest, VA

She is interested in Newsletter, Electronic Media, Education, and Membership.

Lisa has excellent social and people skills and is willing to help the club wherever she is needed.

Lisa's Sponsors are: Terrie Houck and Andy Deer

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Alex has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 5 years. He is a breeder and has bred 2 litters.

He shows in Conformation, and Obedience. Alex attends 3-4 events per year.

He is not a member of a local club. Alex is employed as a business owner.

He is interested in helping our club with Rescue, Electronic Media, Education, Membership, Obedience and Diabetic Alert Service Dog Training. His special skills are in Teaching of: Diabetic Alert Service Dog Training, Grooming and Stripping, Show Handling.

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Rich has been involved with Miniature Schnauzers since 1983 and has been a breeder since 2001. Rich is a past member of the AMSC. Rich wants to be a member of the AMSC to contribute to the betterment of the breed and the operation of the club and is willing to be an AMSC Board Member. He has read the Code of Ethics and the Breed Standard and agrees to comply and support both. Rich is a breeder of Miniature Schnauzers

and has had 3 litters in the past 5 years. He has been involved in Conformation and Breeding. Rich attends at least 10 events per year. He belongs to the Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club and has served as that club's President, Vice President and Treasurer. He has never been disciplined or suspended by the AKC, UKC or any other Dog Club. Rich is employed as an Engineer.

Rich's sponsors are: Terrie Houck and Cathy Rohrer.

## SCHnews....

**Follow the money! Last year the AMSC donated to Colorado State for a study on the use of CBD for epilepsy.**

**Exciting results from the pilot epilepsy program at Colorado State University!**

**Dr. Stephanie McGrath—veterinary neurologist at Colorado State University and lead researcher on CSU's groundbreaking epilepsy study—says the results from the pilot epilepsy trial look promising and exciting. The results, which were recently published in the June 1 issue of the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, showed an 89% reduction in seizure frequency for the dogs who received our CBD. That's huge news!**

**We've always had anecdotal evidence that ABSC Pure Organic CBD Oil helps dogs with epilepsy, but now we're getting the clinical proof to back up those anecdotal stories. Here at ABSC Organics, we believe that supporting clinical research by sponsoring trials that use our product is critically important. That's why we were the first (and only) veterinary CBD company to sponsor a Phase 1 Safety and Toxicity Trial, and that's why we continue to invest in Phase 2 trials for epilepsy, arthritis, and more.**

## Equally Painful for You and Your Pet, This Seasonal Mishap Can Be Fatal

By Dr. Becker

Despite their fur-covered bodies, dogs can be stung by flying insects like bees, wasps and hornets just like people can. This is especially true for dogs who become curious or stalker-ish when they spot a stinging insect. Unlike humans who typically dodge, weave and run away from the tiny buzzing beasts, many dogs try to move in closer for a better look, and some even snap at the insects with their mouths. If your furry family member gets stung, rest assured the bite is just as painful for her as it would be for you. Even more worrisome is the possibility of a serious or even life-threatening allergic reaction when a dog is stung.

### How to Know if Your Dog Has Been Stung

The three areas of your dog's body most likely to be stung are the nose, mouth, and less frequently, the paws. Certainly a swollen muzzle is a sign your dog may have encountered a stinging insect.

A dog who has been stung may also suddenly begin running in circles, yelping, and/or pawing at his face or rubbing it against the ground. If this is happening to your dog, chances are you'll find evidence in the immediate area such as a beehive, wasp nest or insects buzzing around.

Like humans, dogs experience a variety of reactions to being stung, including scratching, licking and biting the area where the sting occurred. You might also notice a patch of red, inflamed skin. These are relatively benign reactions to a sting.

In more serious cases, the dog's muzzle, head or neck area will swell noticeably. There may also be extreme pain, the appearance of hives, vomiting and difficulty breathing. This is considered a severe allergic reaction that can progress quickly to anaphylactic shock, which is a life-threatening emergency. Like people, some dogs are more sensitive to insect stings than others. Smaller dogs often don't fare as well as the big guys, and swarms of bees are especially dangerous — even fatal.

### If Your Dog Has a Severe Reaction to a Sting

The reason dogs' noses are so often stung is because canines go through life nose-first. And dogs who like to snap at flying insects can also be stung inside the mouth or even in the throat.

If a serious allergic reaction occurs after a bee sting to your dog's nose, mouth or face, the resulting swelling can interfere with her ability to breathe. This is a special problem for dogs with flat faces (brachycephalic

breeds, e.g., the Boxer, Bulldog, and Pug). Needless to say, if you know or suspect your dog has been stung by an insect and her muzzle or face begins to swell, you should get her to your veterinarian or an emergency animal hospital right away. Do the same if your pet has been attacked by a swarm.

### Home Care for Nonemergency Stings

If the situation isn't an emergency, you'll need to try to find and remove the stinger as soon as possible to reduce the amount of venom that gets into the bite. Tweezers aren't a good tool for this job. Instead, use a credit card from your wallet to gently scrape away the stinger, ensuring the venom sac comes out with it.

After removing the stinger, you can make a paste of baking soda and water, and apply it to the area to help soothe the itch and irritation. Prevent your dog from licking the area and rinse away the paste after about 15 minutes. You can also offer Apis Mel, which I call "homeopathic Benadryl" along with quercetin ("nature's Benadryl") if you have it, or real Benadryl if you don't, with a starting dose a milligram per pound of body weight.

If the diphenhydramine (Benadryl) isn't working, it's time to head to the closest veterinary clinic for further treatment to prevent the inflammatory response from escalating. It's also important to remember not to let your dog back into the area where he encountered the stinging insects. If he's stung again right after the original sting, there's a good chance he'll have a faster and more serious allergic reaction.

If your dog tends to snap at and swallow bees and wasps, consider giving him quercetin before allowing him outdoors during the warmer months of the year. Also talk with your veterinarian about other preventive measures.

### 5 Quick Home Remedies for Other Minor Dog Illnesses and Injuries

**1.Problem: Nail injury.** Dogs can slice up their nails in a variety of ways — everything from a too-close nail trim that nicks the quick, to running outdoors over sharp rocks.

**Solution: Styptic powder.** If you don't have styptic powder on hand, for minor bleeding, grab either cornstarch or flour from your kitchen, pour some into a small bowl and dip the injured paw into the powder to stop the bleeding.

**2.Problem: Cuts and scrapes.** Many dogs manage to acquire minor cuts and scrapes while running around the backyard or while out for a walk.

**Solution: Contact lens saline solution.** You can clean dirt and debris from your pet's minor wound with regular human contact lens saline solution. You can also use it to flush out dirt, sand or other irritants from your dog's eye.

**3.Problem: Indiscriminate eating.** If your dog has very recently ingested something she shouldn't, for example, antifreeze or another toxin, you may need to induce vomiting. Always call your vet or an animal poison control hotline if you suspect your pet has swallowed a poison.

**Solution: 3 percent hydrogen peroxide.** The dose is 1 teaspoon for every 10 pounds of body weight. Hydrogen peroxide typically induces vomiting within 15 minutes. If your dog doesn't vomit within that time, you can give her a second dose, but if another 15 minutes passes and she still hasn't vomited, it's time to call your veterinarian.

**4.Problem: Constipation, diarrhea and other minor digestive issues.** All dogs at one time or another experience GI issues that last for a few days and disappear.

**Solution: Canned pumpkin.** It's a good idea to keep a can of 100 percent pumpkin in your kitchen cabinet for occasional mild tummy upsets. Give a teaspoon of pumpkin for every 10 pounds of body weight, one to two times a day, either in food or as a treat. Pumpkin is rich in soluble fiber that can ease both diarrhea and constipation.

**5.Problem: Thunderstorm phobia.** Many dogs fear thunderstorms. But it's not just the thunder and lightning that makes your dog anxious, it's also the static electricity that can accumulate in his coat, giving him little electric zaps that are unnerving.

**Solution: A steamy room.** Pets with thunderstorm phobia often feel more comfortable in a steamy/humid space that removes static from their coat, so try putting your dog in the bathroom while running hot water in the shower. Alternatively, you can rub his coat with a nontoxic dryer sheet for the same effect. Many dryer sheets are loaded with chemicals that shouldn't remain on the fur, so make sure you're using safe dryer sheets.

## SOME THOUGHTS ON LUNCH AND LEARN

JON GREEN, Delegate, Central Ohio Kennel Club

Central Ohio Kennel Club has a number of enviable characteristics. First of all, it is an old club (76 years young), it is a large club (90+ members) and is geographically situated near The Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center, a prime source of new veterinarians for our locality and beyond. We were asked to participate in a Lunch and Learn Program for the students, by incorporating into their learning process a visit to a dog show. Our show chair arranged for students to come, free of charge, and have tours of the show. The actual tour didn't take place on the same day as the Lunch and Learn, but followed on the weekend immediately after the learning session, while the idea was still fresh in the minds of the students. We offered free admission for the students. Veteran member exhibitors of the club were responsible for guiding tour and answering questions from the students. The first involvement of our club and the relationship first launched in spring 2018. We are fortunate to have as a club member Dr. Tessa Fiamengo, a resident in reproductive veterinary medicine, and recipient of a \$100,000 AKC/Theriogenology Foundation Grant. When she presented to our club, we invited her to join. With her as a new member, we were fortunate to also receive an application from Dr. Erin Runcan, a professor of veterinary medicine who oversees the work of Dr. Fiamengo. As the result of the interest of students and club members, Drs. Runcan and Fiamengo arranged a tour of the newly-constructed veterinary medical center for us. In addition, the concept of pairing veterinary students with breeders came about. Both veterinarians expressed their concerns about how few students had been involved in the natural whelping of a litter. Accordingly, efforts are underway to match students with breeders, not for Caesarian deliveries, but for natural whelping. We believe it is an in-

tegral part of the educational process for new vets.

The motives behind such interactions are manifold. The involvement with breeders serves as an educational tool for vet students and provides ample opportunity for breeders to explain who we are, what we do, and how we differ from so many other organizations. We are the local face of AKC and have the opportunity to tell these new entrants to the science of animal care about the research funded by Canine Health Fund, and the canine advocacy presented by AKC Government Affairs. We have the opportunity to tell students we are "backyard breeders" but only in the sense we are not commercially producing litters. We are judicious in our breeding efforts, as manifested by our reaching out to involve these young people in our activities. Having said all that, I believe there is more we can do. People gravitate to familiarity. The more interaction we have with vet students, the better we will all be. It is important to consider programs at the local club which might interest veterinary students, hold them at the beginning of the evening so they can be on their way with nuggets of information which will benefit them. It might be a seminar on practice management, hiring a vet tech, accounting, or a myriad of other opportunities. When we invite the students to tour our show, it is important to have a hands on approach, rather than to simply have them wander about. At our show, there is a parking charge administered by a company, to which we all are subject. I advocate having the student turn in their parking ticket and get an instant refund. Believe it or not, \$5.00 is a lot of money to a student. Secondly, have a goodie bag for each student, with useful information. AKC has an abundance of literature, some well directed to students and the general public. Put business cards into the

bag, of the breeders who belong to your club. Include a high-quality writing instrument with contact information, whether the club, a breeder, or even a club member with a business. In my case, and perhaps a bit selfishly, I hand out pens

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The more interaction we have with vet students, the better we will all be. Both veterinarians expressed their concerns about how few students had been involved in the natural whelping of a litter.

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with my name, phone number, email address. The pens are unique in that one click turns on a light, the second click turns it off. I believe a note pad should be added, so students can write down what they want to follow up. Consider adding coupons for vendors at the show, or even for fast food restaurants. The important consideration is to show them we are thinking about them and welcoming them. Lastly offer information about your club, and how it is unique in the Sport and in the community. Include information about how to become a member, what the cost would be, and what the networking benefits of local club membership are. We want to reach veterinary students, not all of whom will remain in one's own community. For those who stay, we want them to understand what we do, how we differ, how we are the same, and the opportunities and advantages to partnering with us.

## Are You Stressing Your Dog Out

As pet parents, we will do almost anything to make sure our dogs are relaxed, comfortable and have no anxiety. We go out of our way to make sure they have a cozy bed, plenty of toys and get belly rubs and head scratches whenever they please. However, there are some things that we may be doing that are actually causing our dogs stress.

### Stop Staring:

Your dog is the cutest thing you've ever seen, right? Maybe you're on the couch and can't help but catch a glimpse of those big brown eyes. However, staring into a dog's eyes can actually cause them stress.

When dogs stare into each other's eyes it is a sign of aggression. This can also occur when a person stares too long into a dog's eyes. It makes them uncomfortable, whether or not they outwardly show it. Following the rules of dog body language, you should shift your body to the side a little and not make direct eye contact. In the dog world, this is more of a peace offering.

### "Leave it, Give it, Drop it":

Training a dog is tough work, but one very important thing to do is make sure you and your family members are all

using the same commands. While we know that "drop it" and "give it" mean the same thing, your dog does not.

Pick the words you are going to use for their training and stick to them. Your dog will get stressed out if you keep throwing similar words out that he does not actually understand.

### Dinner at 5pm means dinner at 5pm!

Dogs like being on a schedule. They like to know when they are fed, going to go out for a walk, as well as their sleep schedule. This isn't to say that you can't have variations and that you need to keep your schedule by the minute.

However, if your dog is accustomed to going out to relieve themselves first thing in the morning, make sure you take them out each day. If you are unable to one morning, you cannot blame your dog for having an accident in the house.

### Let Your Dog Be a Dog

We've all been there. You're cooking dinner and you happen to leave the bowl of shredded cheese a little too close to the edge of the counter. The next thing you know, your dog has taken it and

spilled it all over the floor, lapping up as much as he can.

Reminder yourself, it is your dog's instinct to find food. Yes, you may have corrected him in the past but yelling and scolding at him can cause a great deal of confusion.

While the best thing to do is keep all food out of your dog's reach, that is not always possible. If your dog gets to a piece of food, finds something from the trash, or picks up garbage during a walk, you should discourage the behavior in a calm fashion and then offer them something that they are allowed to have like one of their toys or a ball. Your dog must drop the other thing in order to receive their toy. This prevents them from thinking that they are being rewarded instead of corrected.

### They Know You Love Them!

At the end of the day, your dog knows how much you love them. Always pay attention to any signs of stress and discomfort that your dog may be trying to relay to you. You are their protector, and trust us, they love you right back!

## AMSC Annual Montgomery Reception/ Member Meeting Reservation Form

Sat. Oct. 5, 2018 at the host hotel, Homewood Suites, 6  
Reception is from 6:30 PM to 9 PM "\$20.00 per person"

Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name if known \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Am't enclosed \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

### 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

Mount Vernon MSC Specialty  
October 12, 2019  
Catonsville Kennel Club

Howard County Fairgrounds,  
2210 Fairgrounds Road, West  
Friendship, MD 21794. (Links to  
show information are below)

MVMSC Specialty is the Saturday  
following Montgomery, so is a  
great "stay over" show week-  
end with indoor shows on Oct  
11, 12 and 13th at the same  
show grounds; NOHS offered  
each day.

Immediately following the MS  
judging, MVMSC hosts a luncheon  
to which all Mini Schnauzer exhibi-  
tors are invited. We enjoy having  
exhibitors from around the country  
at our Specialty, so please plan to  
join us!

Mount Vernon MSC  
Supported Entry  
November 2, 2019  
Warrenton Kennel Club

NEW LOCATION: Hunt Country  
Cluster, Warrenton Kennel Club Dog  
Show, Meadow Event Park, 13111  
Dawn Boulevard, Doswell VA 23047.  
Shows are Nov 1, 2 and 3 with  
NOHS offered each day.

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