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## Kennel Emergency & Disaster Planning – Keeping Your Dogs & Facility Safe

By Stacy Mason

Once again, April showers have brought May and June flowers along with severe weather across the United States. All over the weather channels and news stations, I am seeing very vivid reminders of severe weather and natural disasters that have unfortunately damaged millions of dollars' worth of property and taken far too many lives.

What defines an "emergency" or a "disaster?" Oxford dictionary says an "emergency" is a serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action. It continues by saying "Your quick response in an emergency could be a lifesaver." Oxford also says a "disaster" is a sudden event, such as an accident or a natural catastrophe, that causes great damage or loss of life.

Both are particularly good definitions of an "emergency" and of a "disaster," however, neither definition says it is exclusive to people. Have you ever thought about all the things that could be an "emergency" or a "disaster" around your home and/or kennel? These events don't have to involve wind, rain, sleet, snow, or tornados.

In this article, lets focus on what could be an "emergency" or a "disaster" for you and/or your dog(s) or other animals. Most of my emergencies happen after business hours, in the evenings, on the weekends or over the holidays. This leads to my next questions, which hopefully will help you plan for when an emergency or disaster happens.

Question: Who is helping you or taking care of your dogs and animals if:

- You go on vacation?
- You become incapacitated and end up in the hospital?
- You are unexpectedly detained, arrested, or unable to return to your home/kennel?
- There is a train derailment or a traffic accident and you are evacuated or prohibited from coming back to your home/kennel or neighborhood?
- There is an explosion or gas leak which causes a hazardous or toxic waste spill or fumes near your home/kennel?
- Your home/kennel has a fire?
- You are killed in a traffic or other transportation incident?
- You suddenly die of natural causes?
- You have an animal disease outbreak?
- An unknown person turns your dogs loose from the yard/kennel/primary enclosure/ crates?
- The 10 things listed above are much more likely to happen to you and your animals, than your home/kennel being struck by a natural disaster, like a hurricane, tornado, wildfire, or earthquake.

Create Plan of Action & Detailed Contact List: Do you have a written plan of action for your dog sitter should one of your dogs get hurt while you are away on vacation? What if a dog has a challenging time whelping in the middle of the night on a long holiday weekend? Do you have your first, second and third choice veterinarian telephone numbers posted in an obvious place?

What happens should the power or the air conditioning go out on a sizzling hot summer day? Do you have the telephone number posted for your electrician, plumber and heat and air repair persons? If you have a well, do not forget to list a contact number for that repair if needed!

Do you have a list of fellow dog friends and their telephone numbers posted to help you in an emergency or a disaster? Could your

friends help you round up dogs if a "animal extremist" turned all your animals loose?

The greatest emergency or disaster risk any dog/kennel owner will face is the threat of a disease outbreak. This will be devastating to your animals, and you will have a loss of life, if not acted upon quickly, efficiently and with a plan of action before it happens. With the number of cases of Canine Influenza on the rise across the United States, you CANNOT wait to make a disaster preparedness plan for this scenario.

Think about the 10 items above. Chances are you will be able to think of more scenarios that may be a potential risk for an "emergency or a disaster" in your home. A disaster preparedness plan should be unique to you and your animals. There are no right or wrong answers. Just remember the most important rule is "Health and human safety first!" Call 9-1-1 if necessary, and then set your written plan into action. If you do not have a written plan that you have outlined and practiced, you will lose valuable time, time that can save lives. Make a difference in your dogs lives and the people's lives they touch. Make your plan today!

For more information on developing an emergency/disaster plan go to: Developing an Emergency or Disaster Preparedness Plan

Stacy Mason is an AKC Senior Breeder Relations Field Representative.

**The deadline for the October issues September 8**

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Please also update your contact information for the Member Roster in your Dashboard at <https://amsc.us/my-account/my-profile/>

## How Our Pets Allow Us to See Into Their Souls

Pets can be amazing teachers, and if you pay attention, they can teach you how to live in the present, be a more decent human being and get in touch with your emotions at a deep level. Don't wait until your pet's dying days to realize this - here's how to be intentional throughout your pet's life.

Dr. Karen Shaw Becker  
Analysis by Dr. Karen Shaw Becker

We call them "Game Changers" — the exemplary, hardworking individuals who have gone the extra mile to promote animal welfare all around the world. Every week, we feature a special Game Changer, so if you know someone in your community who deserves this award, nominate them and help us get the word out about the magnificent work they do!

Dr. Zach Scheurich, an integrative veterinarian, provides holistic veterinary care for Northwest Arkansas and Southwest Missouri. But it's due to his unique ability to help pet guardians expand their relationships with their animals — and view them in different lights — that Briana nominated him for a Game Changer award.

As someone who loves being outdoors and spending time in nature, it's only natural that Dr. Z — as he often goes by — embraces the use of plants, including Chinese medicine and herbs, in his practice. With experience treating wildlife, exotic animals, horses, livestock and cats and dogs, Dr. Z treats virtually the entire animal kingdom.

Digging Deeper to Find the Underlying Causes of Illness

After first studying wildlife biology and exotic animals, Dr. Z quickly realized that many problems animals face — whether they're a reptile or a family dog — come from improper husbandry. He says:

"When someone comes in with a problem — there's something wrong with, say, a bird or especially reptiles or amphibians — there's some sort of husbandry issue and you just have to figure out what's going wrong, what is happening ... most people often get those exotic animals without really knowing what to do. So they often don't know how to keep them or feed them appropriately. So it's this investigation or mystery, like what's going on with the husbandry?"

In terms of dogs and cats, dietary and lifestyle factors are often involved in the health problems they're manifesting.

"There's often something we can find out that'll help us ultimately solve the problem

... with the animal," he says. "Not just treatment, whatever treatment they might need, but also that lifestyle or a husbandry change. So that was kind of a wake-up point for me I think, as a dog and cat vet. Sort of realizing that things like diet and lifestyle can actually be major components of trying to get them through their issues."

With an interest in homesteading survival, Dr. Z began to learn more about plants and mushrooms in his environment, including their medicinal uses:

"So that sort of got me wanting to try things out with my patients from that herbal perspective ... That turned into me having no idea how much I would use Chinese medicine and acupuncture in my practice with my patients. I primarily use Chinese medical diagnosis and then usually formulate herbs specifically for each patient."

Guiding People Toward Deeper Relationships With Their Animals

Not only does Dr. Z do nonprofit work, including going out to the Hopi Reservation in Arizona to offer more holistic options, but he also embraces the ability to create and continuously evolve in the way he practices and treats his patients. Along these lines, one key area of focus for him is teaching clients how to deepen their relationships with their animals:

"It truly feels like not only am I continuously gaining knowledge in all these areas that I can help with, what people are kind of coming to me for in the treatment of their animals, but also that I'm truly gaining this wisdom over time of how I can guide people to have better relationships and interactions with their animals, [and] also rethink or reimagine the lifestyle that they see for their animals.

People often come looking for holistic treatments but still have a fairly like conventional mindset around what they're looking for. And so I feel like a huge part of what I do has been just to try to mitigate their expectations.

Like a lot of times, whether it's a first visit or whether it's over the period of a year, sometimes just trying to keep coming back to what the goals or what a successful treatment or outcome would actually look like for their pet or their family, all that sort of thing."

Pets Teach Important Lessons — If You're Willing to Listen

The other revelation that Dr. Z has come to over his years of work with animals is their

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## How Much Language Do Dogs Really Understand?

By [Mary Robins](#)

We've all heard a story of a whip-smart dog who learned strategic words, like "walk" or "treat." But do those dogs really understand human language, and if so, what are the limits on their language learning? A burgeoning field of scientific research is beginning to find some answers.

### The Average Dog Doesn't Distinguish the Details of Human Speech

Try telling your dog to "sit" or "sid" and you'll likely get the same result: a good pup in a nice sitting posture. That's because, as recently demonstrated in [a study](#) from Eötvös Loránd University in Hungary, dogs don't access phonetic details when they're listening to human speech.

Researchers used a groundbreaking non-invasive method to observe dogs' cognitive responses to three types of word: instruction words they already knew ([like sit, stay, or down](#)), nonsense words that sound similar to those known instruction words, and nonsense words that sound nothing like the known instruction words.

They found that when it comes to distinguishing an instruction word from a totally different nonsense word, dogs' brains process speech very quickly—on a similar timescale to humans, in fact. But when a nonsense word sounds just like an instruction word, they don't distinguish at all.

This means that dogs aren't listening to or learning words in quite the same way as humans—or at least, not in the same way as *adult* humans. This kind of non-detailed phonetic recognition is also the way babies process speech up to the age of about 14 months, and goes some way toward explaining why most dogs can only learn a small handful of words, since a big vocabulary requires precision.

So what does all this mean for you and your pup? Dr. Lilla Magyari, one of the researchers on the project, notes that first and foremost, it means that dogs *are* listening to your speech. "If some owners are thinking that it doesn't matter what I say to my dog because the dog is watching the gestures I do

or finding out from context what he or she should do, it's not entirely true. They do listen to human speech," Dr. Magyari says. It just seems that their attention isn't on the phonetic details—and yet even that isn't set in stone. "There are studies that show that after some training, some dogs can differentiate similar-sounding words," Dr. Magyari continued. "So it doesn't mean even that they don't hear these differences. It is just that they probably don't think that those differences are important."

In short: keep talking to your dog, and keep using clear commands while training them. They are listening. They just have their own way of processing the information.

### Some Dogs Really Are Linguistically Gifted

Then there are the exceptions: dogs who can learn hundreds of vocabulary words. These pups are currently the subjects of another study at Eötvös Loránd University, and recently [made headlines](#) after going to head-to-head in a [live Genius Dog Challenge](#), which challenged them to learn up to 12 new words in the space of a week. All six dogs successfully learned between 10 and 12 words in one week.

Perhaps even more interestingly, the words they learned were not command words, like those tested in Dr. Magyari's study, but names for toys—a category of word that dogs seem to have much more trouble picking up. "We know that dogs can learn commands or cues or sound stimuli or any stimulus for a behavior, which is basically a process of association," Genius Dog researcher Dr. Claudia Fugazza says. "But there was [no existing research] about learning the names of objects. So we started investigating and we found that, irrespective of the age when you start training, most dogs do not learn the name of objects. We trained a group of dogs very intensively for three months, we included a group of puppies around three months old and a group of adult dogs, and none of them could learn any words."

*Today, we've gained insight into how the smartest dogs learn. Chaser, shown here with her toys, learned the names of more than one thousand objects.*

Yet the six dogs that participated in the Genius Dog Challenge were able to [learn](#)

[the names of objects](#) with no training. In fact, astonishingly, some dogs could learn the name of a toy after just four repetitions. Perhaps even more fascinatingly, most of the dogs that have this trait seem to be [Border Collies](#).

Dr. Fugazza and her team are now hard at work finding out how and why certain dogs have such advanced linguistic skills. "We suspect that there might be a genetic basis for this talent," she says, "but for the moment we don't know. Of course the fact that most of the dogs that have this capacity are Border Collies points to some genetic factors, but we need to run some studies to find out." Dr. Fugazza adds that the ability could very well come down to a combination of genetic and environmental factors—dogs with a particular gene meeting the right conditions for their vocabularies to soar.

### How Can Dog Lovers Help Foster Better Communication Between Humans and Dogs?

So where does this leave the average dog owner or dog lover? Since we now know for sure that every dog really is listening when we talk, there's every reason to continue lavishing attention on our pups, linguistically and otherwise. And when you train, make sure to use clear command words, to make it as easy as possible for your pup to understand. After all, they're the ones doing most of the work here: humans have not yet learned any words in Doggish.

How about if you suspect you know a linguistically gifted dog? Dr. Claudia Fugazza and her team are still looking for genius dogs to help further our understanding of dogs' linguistic abilities. If your pup knows the names of more than 10 objects or toys, you can [apply to participate in gifted-dog studies](#), and bring humankind one step closer to our best friends.

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ability to ground us in humanity. Pets, particularly dogs, offer us unconditional love in ways that, often, humans do not. And if we're willing to pay attention, dogs and other animals can teach us how to be more decent human beings, to live in the present and get in touch with our emotions at a deep level. He says:

"It's so much different than other relationships, like with our children — they're going to be off on their own someday. Spouses, there's obviously lots of different dynamics within that. Friends, kind of come and go, but our animals, we know from the beginning that they're going to be there for this chapter of our life, like a beginning and an end.

And especially in having gone through so many experiences with people at the end of their animals' lives and seeing, it's almost like through that whole process, they let you see into their soul ... And it is such a way for us to interact with our emotions and develop relationships with love and loss and all of these different things that they are amazing teachers at, really."

Dr. Z also offers insights into being present for your pet's entire life, including how to reframe the difficult end-of-life phase:

"I think that it's an opportunity for us to be really intentional and for us to see that relationship through. I often wish people could have the perspective on their pets that they have at the end of their life through the entirety of their life ... and to be able to maintain all those perspectives, which people often get in those moments of vulnerability. And they are ... the perfect teachers.

And often that's one of the things that I do try to remind people at the end of their animals' lives — we don't just want to focus on getting them better and trying to get more time with them ...

You've nurtured this relationship for 13, 15, 20 years sometimes. These are the moments you're going to remember. It isn't about time so much ... Every little thing you do is not so important, but what is important is make sure you're spending that time and creating something that you're going to look back on and feel good about."

**NEW APPLICANTS****Irina Lukasevich**

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Irina would like to become a member because she has a deep love for the breed and wants to connect with fellow enthusiasts. By joining the club she hopes to contribute to responsible breeding practices, learn from experienced members, and actively participate in events that promote the well-being and preservation of the Miniature Schnauzer breed. She has read the AMSC Code of Ethics and the Breed Standard and agrees to comply and support both. Irina is a breeder and has produced 15 litters from her stud dogs and/or her bitches in the past 5 years. She is involved in Breeding and Conformation and attends approximately 21 shows and 22 seminars. She has been breeding Minis since 2003. During that time 20 of her dogs have received the title of World Champion, and 12 of her dogs have won the European Championship. Irina also conducts courses for professional groomers. Application is non-United States resident, applying for Foreign Membership-non-voting. Sponsors: Silvia Soos-Kazel, Alexander Litvinov

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Wayne has decided after being aware and observing AMSC activities with his wife for many years, it is time to become an active member. He has read and agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics and The Breed Standard. He is a breeder and has produced eight litters from his dogs and bitches over the past five years. He is involved in Conformation, Agility and Breeding. Wayne attends approximately six dog events per year. These include Chairing two Specialties and coordinating manpower for agility trials. He is a member of Cactus State MSC and served as president for seven years. He has show chair experience including cluster shows with 1100 dog per day entries.

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**Rose Court**

Elise is a dog trainer and is applying for regular membership because she has fallen in love with the Breed for AKC Show and Performance. She is looking to downsize from Mini Am. Shepherds. She has read the AMSC Code of Ethics and Breed Standard and agrees to abide by both. Her Mini Am Shepherds are all Grands with Performance. Elise has produced three litters from stud dogs and bitches in the past five years. She is involved in Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Tracking, Barn Hunt, Dock Diving, and Scent Work. She attends at least two dog events per month. She is a member of Mid-American Mini Shepherd for the past nine years and Savannah KC. Elise is currently working with three juniors and is also willing to help AMSC with various activities when she becomes a member.

**Sponsors:** Carol WeinbergerLeslie Arendt

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Rebecca would like to join AMSC to help promote this great breed by helping to hold and sponsor events. She has read the Code of Ethics and the Breed Standard and agrees to comply with both. She owns two Minis ages 13 years and 5 years, both purchased from a Breeder. Rebecca is involved in Agility, Tracking and Rally and attends approximately 30 events per year. She is a member of Adams County SPCA. Since her retirement she has devoted her free time to training activities with her two dogs. She is not a breeder.

**Sponsors :** Cathy Farr, Tatiana K Myers

## American Miniature Schnauzer Club

April 4, 2023

### CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Date: April 4, 2023 Time: 7:02 p.m.  
EDT Location: Zoom By: Vicki Kubic

Board Attendees: Vicki Kubic, Sara Mathies, Bonnie Keyes, Patricia O'Brien, Barbara Donahue, Patti Henderson, Debbie Herrell, Jackie Harris, Sue Ratz, Brian Bogart, Carol Henning, Carla Nickerson, Wyoma Clouss, Kaye Kirk, Donna Hills, Beth Santure, Rene Wigen, Laurie Moore, Dustin Wyatt, Stephanie Rae Davis

Committee Chairs/Guests:  
Cheryl Dugan

### Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept the January 17, 2023 Board Meeting minutes was made by Bonnie Keyes, seconded by Patti Henderson. Motion passed unanimously.

### Report of the President – Vicki Kubic

I just want to thank everyone for a supporting our Roving in Louisville KY in March. The entries were excellent and the venue amazing. We have a lot on the agenda this evening so let's get right to it!

### Report of the Secretary – Sara Mathies

1. Email received from Emina Andric ([teslarailway@gmail.com](mailto:teslarailway@gmail.com)) asking for assistance in getting her 7-month-old black Miniature Schnauzer into US advertising campaigns. Responded via email that we are unable to assist.
2. Email from AKC received letting us know that utilizing AKC's registration and judging data, Judging Operations is formulating a list of breeder-judges for all AKC recognized breeds. The list of breeder-judges for each breed will be published on the AKC website, available for users to print and/or download.

### Committee Reports

#### AMSC-L Group – Cheryl Dugan

We have 299 members representing 76% of the club membership.

#### AMSCestry – Carole Alex

### Board Meeting Minutes

AMSCestry database is currently up to date on all AKC titles provided by Jan Taylor and all additions or changes sent by our members or obtained from current show catalogs.

**AMSCOPE Magazine** - Kate McMillan, Vicki Kubic, Bonnie Keyes

### The Goal For 2023 remains to find an Associate Editor(s):

It's imperative we expand the editorial pool, and recruit at least one other member to learn the publishing software and begin creating a few pages. The software (Scribus) is open source and free to download. Please contact Kate McMillan or Vicki Kubic if you're interested in taking on this role. Tatiana Myers did reach out to Kate offering to help. Kate will work with her to see how she can help.

### Dock & Crop – Barbara Donahue

1. A survey is in development and will be distributed to current members.
2. AMSC members interested in actively working on Crop/Dock initiatives are asked to contact Barbara Donahue at 215-896-9666 (call or text) or [barbaramd\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramd_2000@yahoo.com). Assistance from members in various regions of the country are being sought.
3. The AKC Crop/Dock Delegate Committee has a new chairperson, announced on March 13, 2023 at the Delegate Parent Club meeting, and several projects are in development.

### GoodDog/AKC Marketplace– Kelly Robison

Jan 21, 2023 – 2 listings reported to Good Dog advertising non-standard colors

### Guidelines – Patti Henderson

Business has basically just started, and ALL policies and procedures will need to be reviewed, revised, and redone. Several committee policies have been reviewed and revised and have been approved by the board or in process. Guideline

Committee policy is currently in process with a template being developed to be used by other Committee Chairs as well as other forms to improve organizational elements for future chairs. (See example) Currently Guideline Committee consists of one person and if there are any volunteers these would be welcomed.

### Health – Patti Henderson

The Health Committee has contacted individuals who had carrier dogs with PRA HIVEP3, Myotonia, and MAC who are collecting blood to be sent to the U of MN for test development. As previously mentioned, this will facilitate a single lab capable of performing all DNA tests currently recommended for Miniature Schnauzers.

No other lab in the US offers this service. Currently, you can get Myotonia and PMDS (Plus 127 tests, not recommended by the Health Comm) for \$129 (breeders rate) PLUS \$99.99 for the MS type PRA HIVEP3; MAC is not performed. Penngen only does Myotonia and MAC of the recommended testing. We feel we can get these tests cheaper and with more efficiency as opposed to going to 2 labs to get the recommended tests. Board approved this overwhelmingly and we are in the process of getting this accomplished. In addition, due to another Miniature Schnauzer project we are **exploring** similar to the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study test, we discovered that the AMSC has collected approximately **23 DNA samples from Miniature Schnauzers for the CHF OFA DNA databank – an embarrassing showing.** The Health Committee takes full responsibility now realizing success requires consistent and recurring programmatic emphasis. To correct this, Dr Karen Hoffman and Dr Paula Steele are developing a recurring program to ensure that at least once a year or more frequently a collection program will be held. Moreover, a subset program will be developed for local clubs to use to further our goals to collect as many samples as possible each year. We will be able to judge whether increasing the number of samples

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improved our ability to draw more research. Carole Weinberger has been assigned to assist Patricia O'Brien with ongoing Education and Training on several topics ultimately but emphasizing the most crucial at this time - Genetics and Utilizing DNA Testing for Effective Breeding Programs and Genepool Health.

Vote on approving the Health Committee Policy via Board.groups.io.  
100% Participation

20 ayes, 1 abstention. Motion passed

**Club Historian & Public Records –**  
LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER!!!

We are making some headway on collecting photos for our records. Kate is developing a directory and working with Jackie Harris to incorporate into the website.

**Membership/Insignia –** Debra Herrell

Paul Stephens & Cheri Stephens

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Paul and Cheri want to join the AMSC to preserve the Breed Standard in California. Paul is retired from County Government and Cheri is in Home Health Care. They feel that as members they can show that they are ethical breeders that conform to the standard, and attempt to improve the breed by only breeding from healthy stock with no life altering genetic diseases. They own two females and two male studs. They will abide by the Code of Ethics and the Breed Standard. They are breeders and have had twenty litters either with their stud dogs or bitches. Genetic testing is done on all breeding stock. They are involved in Obedience and breeding. Paul and Cheri have one dog with a CGC title with another working on a CGC. They both have great organizational skills, computer/tech and are great at teaching about Miniature Schnauzers.

Sponsors: Yolanda Viggiano and Dale Miller

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Debra would like to become a member of AMSC because she owns Schnauzers, loves the breed, and wants to support the preservation of the breed. She agrees to comply with and support both the Code of Ethics and the Breed Standard. She is involved with Conformation and attends approximately eight events per year. Two litters have resulted from her breeding. Debra is a retired teacher and is interested in Legislative issues as well as health. She has purchased her schnauzers from the Mendelsohn kennel. One finished it's Silver Championship and their puppy is starting his show career.

Sponsors: Leslie Mendelsohn and Terri Houck

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Alpen Miniature Schnauzers

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Margene would like to become a member of AMSC to continue her education with a group that is

committed to Miniature Schnauzers. She has read and agrees to abide by the Code of Ethics and Breed Standard. She currently owns two Minis and has bred four litters in the past five years. Margene exhibits in Conformation, Tracking and Barn Hunt. She is a member of the Northern California Mini Schnauzer Club. As a former educator her special skills can be helpful by outreach and networking. Her occupation is RN.

Sponsors: Patricia Hartzell and Doug Crowe

**Montgomery County Hospitality –** Barbara Donahue

Homewood Suites Fogelsville and Madeline's Restaurant are secured. Guests have until 8/21/23 to make hotel reservations and receive the discounted

rate. Information is posted on the AMSC website event page <https://amsc.us/event/montgomery-county-october-8-2023-macungie-pa/>. Specifics regarding the member dinner will be provided closer to the show.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Election of Nominating Committee Members via the Board.Group.io

100% Participation

20 ayes, 1 abstention

Election of:

Patti Henderson (Chair & Board Member)

Dustin Wyatt (Board Member)

Teresa Handlen

Kristen Murphy

Marie Murphy

Alternates: Terrie Houck and Cheryl Dugan

The Committee is well underway and biographical questionnaires have been sent to interested candidates to complete. These will be used to match skills with Board needs and for fair comparison of candidates. Committee evaluation and voting tools have been updated and made available to committee members. Committee is right on target to meet C&B deadlines.

#### **Statistics –** Patti Henderson

Reports are reflected in the AMSCOPE magazine. Policy is in the process of being formally developed.

**Trophies –** Amy Gordon and Barbara Donahue

**Trophy Donors:** Thank you to the members that donated to the 2023 trophy fund and make it possible for the club to offer trophies for conformation and companion/performance events associated with our Specialty and Roving events. A 1-page Trophy Bearer ad was secured and placed in the Roving catalog.

Roving: we are very thankful for the "above and beyond" assistance



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