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SPECIALTY WINS

Great Western AMSC Specialty

June 22, 2014

Sweeps Judge: Gloria Kerr

Best in Sweeps...Regency's Play to Win/
Verna

BOS in Sweeps...Sathgate Blackwatch
Just the Ticket/Atherton/Heath

Veteran Sweeps Judge: Gloria Kerr

Best Vet...GCH Lewis' Red Hot Chili
Pepper/Lewis

BOS Vet...CH Carmel Kwic Pick Me/
Moore

Regular Classes: Judge Marcia Feld

WD...Gargola's Tying Flies at the 4th of
July/Moore

RWD...Sparx Sun Wirshipper/Henning
WB/BOW...Mystique's Trouble in
Paradise/Rohrer

RWB...Regency's Sparkle Plenty/Verna
BOB...GCH Yanga's All the Time/
Martinez/Yanga

BOS...CH Allaruth Carmel Sweet Marie v
Sol Baye/Ewer/Ziegler/Phelps

JAM...Kwic Never Say Never/Colby/Davis-
Rae

JAM...GCH Regency's Play For Keeps/
Lewis/Verna

Select...GCH Allaruth Camel Still Kidding V
Sole Baye/Ewer/Ziegler/Phelps

Select...GCH Lonestar's Which Witch/
Edwards

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Minutes – June 20, 2014

AMSC Board Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Board Meeting held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier Association Specialty was called to order by President Wyoma Clouss at 6:40 PM PST.

Officers Present: Wyoma Clouss – President, Kathy Colby – Vice President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Carol Hafner – Secretary, John Constantine – Past President

Board Members Present: Nita Ainsworth, Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Luana Nedich, Carla Nickerson, Brooke Walker and Carole Weinberger

Guests Present: Bonnie Keyes, Jose Jasso, Leslie Arendt, Laurie Moore, Rich Edwards, Glendora Norwood, Shirley Cole

COMMITTEES:

AMSCOPE, Carla Borrelli; AUDIT, Bonnie Keyes; AWARDS, Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms; VERSATILITY AWARDS, Lynn Baitinger; COMPANION EVENTS & PERFORMANCE, Lynn Tamms; CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS, Beth Santure; DINNER&ANNUAL MEETING, Brooke Walker; EDUCATION, Wyoma Clouss, John Constantine, Beth Santure; ELECTRONIC MEDIA, Chris Franck; ETHICS, Carole Weinberger, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson; GUIDELINES, Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe; HEALTH, Vera Potiker, Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Dr. Sheila Marks, Patricia O'Brien, Bill Brown; HISTORIAN and POLICY RECORDS, Richard Isley; JUDGES SELECTION, Eunice Revsbech; LEGISLATIVE LIAISON, Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic; LOCAL CLUB BULLETIN, Kennalea Pratt, Laurie Moore, Diana Colville, Marilyn Oxandale; POLICY, Jinx Gunville; PUBLIC AWARENESS, Vicki Kubic, Kathy Colby, Carma Ewer, Brooke Walker; PUBLICATIONS & LITERATURE, Patricia O'Brien; RESCUE, Kelly Radcliffe; ROVING SPECIALTY COORDINATOR, John Constantine; TROPHIES, Mary Paisley, Nita Ainsworth, Barbara Donahue, Pat Jacobs; WAYS AND MEANS, Carma Ewer, Luana Nedich, Nita Ainsworth

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

SUMMER SPECIALTY, Vera Potiker; FALL SPECIALTY, Brian Bogart; SPRING ROVING SPECIALTY 2015, Carla Nickerson, Carma Ewer, Margo Klingler

LOCAL CLUB DELEGATES:

ATLANTA, Stacy Conrad; BIRMINGHAM, Mary Roberts; CACTUS STATE, Shirley Cole; CENTENNIAL STATE, Linda Wahlquist-Soos; CHICAGO, Laurie Sicurella; CINCINNATI, Gale Schmetzer; CLEVELAND, Carla Borrelli; COLUMBUS, Cheryl Coffman; FLORIDA, Carole Weinberger; GATEWAY, Marilyn Cooper; HEART OF AMERICA, Jan Taylor; LONE STAR, Bolivia Powell; MICHIGAN, Beth Santure; MILSHORE, Kaleigh Gonzalez; MOUNT VERNON, Shawne Imler; NORTHERN CA, Stephanie Davis-Rae; PAUL REVERE, Diane Coville; PORTLAND, Laurie Moore; SOUTHERN CA, Carole Hansen Baws; TWIN CITIES, Karen Brittan.

From the Board Policy set June 17, 1983, "Voting Procedure at Board Meetings" –

"For the purposes of the rules governing voting at the Board of Governors meetings, the phrase "of those voting" means all of those present and eligible to vote. Failure of an eligible member to vote shall be recorded as an abstention. Taken together, positive votes, negative votes and abstentions shall comprise the total vote cast. The effect of an abstention under these rules is negative when calculating an affirmative majority."

Clarification: All present and eligible to vote are counted in the total vote. At AMSC Board Meetings the chair, if eligible, is required to cast a vote.

Practice: At the beginning of every Board Meeting the Chair is obliged to read the rule for the benefit of those present that might not be familiar with this rule and

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LOOK

Please let me know if you make a change

* DECALS & PINS. You can get AMSC decals (\$1.00) and replacement pins (\$7.50) from

Stephanie Davis Rae
148 Dover Way
Vacaville, CA 95687
luvwaltdisney@att.net

*LOCAL CLUBS...please be sure to include all information when sending Specialty tear sheets for inclusion in AMSCOPE e.g. Judges, dates, entry, obedience.

*LOCAL CLUBS...PLEASE send a copy of your newsletter to the following members of the Local Club Bulleting Committee.

Chair: Laurie Moore
1785 Ocean Blvd. #312
Coos Bay, OR 97420
swdesign@ymail.com

Kennalea Pratt
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Report all changes to the Roster to
treasurer@AMSC.us
Sharon Edwards
21301 Golf Estates Dr.
Laytonsville, MD 20882

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might otherwise count votes in another manner.

From Article VI of the Constitution & By-Laws, Section 3, section (b) **The quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be a majority of the Board.**

From Article VII of the Constitution & By-Laws, Section 3, **All business voted by the Board shall be passed by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those voting**, with the exception of the selection of the Nominating Committee and the selection of a member to fill a Board vacancy, which shall be by a majority vote.

Adoption of the Agenda: Carole Weinberger made a motion that the agenda be approved. Motion was seconded by Carma Ewer. Motion passed unanimously.

Reading of the Minutes of Previous Board Meetings: Motion was made by Carma Ewer and seconded by Vicki Kubic to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2014 teleconference meeting as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Wyoma Clouss

I believe the function of the AMSC is to support people in finding what they need so that they can fully enjoy our wonderful Miniature Schnauzers. This includes helping our own members, keeping them informed and educated, providing a network of friends and fellow travelers, plus hosting very special events like our National Specialties. We're all looking forward to Great Western with a good entry, beautiful grounds, and perfect weather. Many thanks to our AMSC show chair Vera Potiker and all the hardworking Southern California members!

Our responsibility is also to support those who may not be members, but who are interested in Miniature Schnauzers, through interaction with the public, helping and informing, guiding when we can. Our website update is a ton of work, but we hope to showcase Miniature Schnauzers in a way so that the public can understand and enjoy them as much as we do. I want you all to know how much I appreciate all the work and sacrifice of personal time that you and so many of our members do, to keep our club running smoothly.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: Carol Hafner

A reminder to local clubs to submit their show results to the Secretary by email or hardcopy, especially for shows that do not use MB-F as their superintendent since MB-F are the only ones that publish sweeps results.

Correspondence (Received):

1. AKC
 - a. National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has now been opened to local and national Specialty clubs as well as Group clubs notice
 - b. Acknowledgment of receipt of AKC Pet Disaster Trailer Program donation
 - c. Sweepstakes approval notice for GWTA
 - d. Specialty approval notice for Montgomery County
 - e. FCI guidelines for judges coming to the US – consideration for judge payments

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Various private vendor information received for plastic forms, general pet supplies, veterinary supplies, grooming seminars, ceramic items with breed specific themes
- b. Two requests for vets that do ear cropping
- c. Requests for puppy referrals
- d. Inclusion of miniature schnauzer breed specific e-magazine and featured articles in Showsight magazine

Correspondence (Sent):

1. Emailed letters to AKC event operations for blanket approval of local club specialties to be held in 2015 and 2016
2. Email inquiry sent in response to question from a schnauzer devotee: How many miniature schnauzers puppies were registered in 2013? Answer: 7,522

Membership:

As of 04/16/14 our membership totaled 458 Regular, 6 Life, 35 Foreign (w/voting privileges), and 26 Foreign (w/o voting

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privileges) and 7 new membership applicants (4 regular, 3 foreign), for a total of 532.

Local MS Clubs:

1. There are presently 18 local clubs that are active and licensed to hold specialty shows.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Sharon Edwards
Treasurer's Report – May 31, 2014 (see p.8)

REPORT OF THE AKC DELEGATE: Don Farley

Don was unable to attend the June delegate meeting due to illness, so there is no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Special Committees:****-Summer Specialty: Vera Potiker**

The June Specialty of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club will be held on June 22, 2014 with Great Western Terrier Association, Inc. in Long Beach, California at the Queen Mary Events Park. The judge for the regular classes is Mrs. Marcia Feld with an entry of 57. The new sweeps judge is Ms. Gloria Kerr from Arizona who has an entry of 15 in Sweepstakes and 6 in Veteran Sweepstakes. She has stewarded our breed at Montgomery and gone to several judge's seminars.

The Board Meeting was held on Friday, June 20, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Regent room on the Queen Mary. No food will be served.

-Fall Specialty – Montgomery County: Brian Bogart

- a. Correspondence was sent to Bruce Schwartz of the Montgomery County Kennel Club (MCKC) containing a list of 2014 American Miniature Schnauzer Club (AMSC) Officers and Board Members; list of Regional miniature schnauzer clubs the names of their delegates to the AMSC; and the list of trophies being offered for breed, obedience and rally at the 2014 AMSC National Specialty-MCKC Show. My thanks go out to our Trophy Committee for getting this info to me.

- b. An email was received from Show Dog Video Pros concerning their

requirements for filming our 2014 AMSC Fall Specialty.

- c. A request was sent to Marcy Zingler of the MCKC that their organization supply 2 ring stewards, at no charge, for Miniature Schnauzer breed judging at the 2014 AMSC National Specialty - MCKC show.

- d. A letter was received from Carol Carlson, show chair of the 2014 Montgomery County Kennel Club show stating that this club will pay \$6.00 for each dog entered in the breed. The MCKC will also provide a pewter plate with their club's medallion on it for our Best of Breed winner at this event.

- e. Correspondence was received from Carol Carlson stating that obedience and rally trophies are to be delivered to the superintendents table by 8 am on the day of the MCKC Show, SUN 5OCT 2014. It stated that Ida Ellen Weinstock will see that the trophies get to the ring. I forwarded this info to Mary Paisley and Barbara Donahue of our trophy committee.

- f. The entry closing date for this show has been changed from FRI 12 SEP 2014 to WED 17 SEP 2014. This change was approved by the AKC.

-2015 Roving Specialty – Denver, Colorado: Carma Ewer, Carla Nickerson

Plans are in the works for our Roving Specialty in Denver in February. Carla has a block of rooms at the Drury Inn in Denver. We are planning a hospitality event, and are working on coordinating with the Colorado Cluster. This will be a five day weekend, with the Rocky Mountain All Terrier show and sweepstakes on Thursday, and then four all breed shows with our AMSC specialty on Sunday. The Colorado Cluster is excited to have us and is willing to help in anyway. The dates are February 12th through 16th. There will be reserved grooming and an indoor show. The show will be in the Stapleton area of Denver.

-2016 Roving Specialty: John Constantine

Minipalooza 2016 from March 30 through April 3, no update.

-2017 Roving Specialty Selection Committee: John Constantine

Proposed site is the Atlanta Kennel Club Cluster - April 13-16, 2017 at the Georgia State Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia, which is about one hour from the Atlanta airport. AMSC Specialty would be on Sunday, April 16, 2017. Central FL MSC will host the Roving and also have a specialty. We will have a banquet, Judges Education, and a seminar of some type. There are several nice inexpensive hotels in the area that we could use as a Host Hotel. We had a very successful Roving in 2004 with a competing entry of close to 100. Motion was made to support the committee recommendation and was passed unanimously.

Standing Committees:

-AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli No report.

-AMSC –L Yahoo Group: Wyoma Clouss

We have 330 online members of the AMSC-L Yahoo Group posting, as of 6/6/14, 47,447 messages.

- Audit: Bonnie Keyes

In accordance with the AMSC's Financial Policy, dated 11/5/10, I have reviewed all AMSC bank statements for the months of January 1, 2011 – April 30, 2014. I have traced all transfers from one account to another; I have viewed the PayPal account and have traced the transfers of dues, CD purchases and trophy donations into the different checking accounts of the AMSC. I have also, reviewed selected checks and their corresponding invoices. I find nothing to be out of order or questionable.

-Awards: Kathy Colby, Lynn Tamms No report.

Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger
No report.

-Breeder Referral: Donna Hafen, Gloria Lewis, Marcia Feld, Buzzy Alfano, Carla Nickerson

AMSC Website Breeder Referral System approval will be discussed under Old Business. See the Ethics Committee report.

-Catalog Advertising for Montgomery County: Gloria Lewis

No report, other than to ask for more ideas on how to boost participation. Board recommendation was to accept ads as they come and process appropriately.

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No report. A STAND FOR EXAM article was submitted in AMSCOpe.

-Constitution & By-Laws: Beth Santure
No report.**-Montgomery County Dinner & Annual Meeting: Brooke Walker**

The spacious studios at the Homewood Suites are \$129. Having heavy hors d'oeuvres and not a sit down dinner is the plan. There are 50 rooms reserved at the hotel. There will be a "garage sale" at the meeting also. The food that will be available will not be knife and fork type foods. There will be a response required for a head count for the gathering to determine the approximate number of attendees at least 1 week prior to the show. Brooke was able to negotiate the cost for the room rental down to \$100 from \$400 at the host hotel. The contract is in place for the host hotel. The capacity of the room will be checked for meeting capability after the hors d'oeuvres. Motion was made by Carole Weinberger to charge \$15 per head with the remaining costs covered by the AMSC. It was seconded by Kathy Colby and passed unanimously.

-DVD Sales: Vicki Kubic

No report. We should eliminate this committee for next year as we are moving to the new company that will be handling all the transactions in the future. Committee will be called upon as needed in the future.

-Education: Wyoma Clouss

As reported at the last meeting, we presented AMSC's Judges Ed as part of the Scottsdale AZ judges programs. We also coached judges on using the wicket. AKC is emphasizing correct measuring procedure - every judge applying for a size or weight restricted breed is tested each time they apply. So AKC has supplied us with materials on measuring that need to be added to our PowerPoint and to our packet of materials. At this point, I am not aware of any other presentations planned for 2014. An educational seminar on using a wicket for measuring was completed at GWTA by Lee Herr with the AKC on Saturday, June 21.

-Electronic Media: Chris Franck/Wyoma Clouss

Guidance on successful websites emphasizes visual, visual, visual, so we

are getting rid of a lot of the verbiage from the old website edited down.

-Ethics: Carole Weinberger, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson

The committee supports the idea of an annual submittal of the Breeder Referral application to have breeders reconfirm their participation on the breeder list. Several Board members expressed concerns over removing the wording involving the mandatory spaying/neutering of companion dogs from the Code of Ethics. Because the AMSC is an AKC approved club, the AMSC Code of Ethics must be in compliance with AKC rules.

BREEDER REFERRAL DOCUMENTATION

The members of the Ethics Committee met via teleconference on May 18, 2004. Carole Weinberger, Patti Henderson, and Marcia Feld were present. We discussed the wording of the proposed agreement for the Breeder Referral List and agreed unanimously that the Yorkshire Terrier Club's Preface was adequate to relieve the AMSC of any legal responsibility for puppies obtained from AMSC members on the list. Further, we feel that the members can be asked to sign the Code of Ethics as a condition of inclusion on the Referral List. Any problems reported to the AMSC about puppy purchases from members can then be investigated as a violation of the Code of Ethics and appropriate actions taken.

We did, however, upon an examination of the Code of Ethics, find several items that we felt were no longer pertinent, and should be addressed and either eliminated or changed by the Board. The Veterinary Community is finding that early spaying and neutering is not in the best interest of the dog. We are therefore suggesting references to that practice be eliminated or changed in provisions 3 and later 2 of the part referencing registration and sales or Transfer of Ownership. Specifically:

Provision 3. Sell any puppy or adult having a known hereditary health defect or unsound temperament only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract.

Provision 2. On a Spay/Neuter Contract, whereby, the breeder may withhold AKC registration papers until receipt of proof that

the puppy has been altered.

We felt that these items should be discussed and agreed on between the parties involved and not be a part of the Code of Ethics. Furthermore, the AKC will not support a breeder withholding papers and suggests that we use the Limited Registration form for this.

Discussion at the Board came to the following actions for the REGISTRATION AND SALES OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP section of the CODE OF ETHICS:

CURRENT LANGUAGE IN CODE OF ETHICS UNDER DISCUSSION AND MOTIONS MADE ON:**"REGISTRATION AND SALES OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP"**

Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club will:

Sell each puppy or adult with a written health guarantee, a three-generation pedigree, a record of immunizations, care and feeding instructions, and registration papers where applicable.

1. Inform the buyer of the characteristics of Miniature Schnauzers, and make available to the novice the benefit of his advice and experience.
2. Sell any puppy or adult having a known hereditary health defect or unsound temperament only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract.

If a puppy is sold as a companion animal, it may be sold one of two ways:

1. On a Limited Registration.
2. On a Spay/Neuter Contract whereby the breeder may withhold AKC registration papers until receipt of proof that the puppy has been altered."

Motion 1 by Carole Weinberger and seconded by Kathy Colby – Change the language from "If a puppy is sold as a companion animal, it may be sold one of two ways:

1. On a Limited Registration.

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2. On a Spay/Neuter Contract ~~whereby the breeder may withhold AKC registration papers until receipt of proof that the puppy has been altered~~ between the breeder and the buyer."

Vote was 10 ayes, 1 no, 1 abstention, Motion passed by majority vote.

Motion 2 by Vicki Kubic and seconded by Carole Weinberger – Remove language from "Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club will: 3. Sell any puppy or adult having a known hereditary health defect ~~or unsound temperament~~ only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract." Motion was passed unanimously.

Motion 3 by Carma Ewer and seconded by Vicki Kubic – Add clarifying language to "Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club will: 3. Sell any **companion** puppy or **companion** adult having a known hereditary health defect ~~or unsound temperament~~ only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract." Motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION FOR REFERRAL LISTING IN AMSC WEBPAGE

"As an AMSC Member, you are expected to abide by our AMSC Code of Ethics when dealing with each other and with the public, and you are expected to provide factual information about Miniature Schnauzers. Any Miniature Schnauzer placed or sold is expected to be clean, free of parasites, healthy, well socialized, and honestly represented which includes any relevant health risk. You are expected to be honest and competent in services such as grooming or training that you provide. Any complaints against you or the services that you provide related to this Referral listing will be investigated by the Ethics Committee, and negative findings may result in your listing being revoked."

This language would be followed by the revised Code of Ethics and the following sign off language:

"I agree to the foregoing. Signed..... Dated....."

Breeder Referral application will be required to be renewed annually. All AMSC members will be asked reconfirm their support of the revised Code of Ethics. Those who do not acknowledge the application and return it completed may be removed from the club and will be removed from the breeder referral listing. All submittals will

be sent to the Ethics Committee. The logistics of the reconfirmation of non breeder members and the annual application for breeders will be worked out in the future.

-Guidelines: Diane Gardner, Kelly Radcliffe
No report.

-Health: Vera Potiker, Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt Garmaker, Sheila Marks, Bill Brown, Patricia O'Brien

No report. However, we would like to request Board approval for a proposed seminar at Montgomery on Thursday for Dr. Giger to address the membership (re: his research on MAC) at an estimated cost of \$1,500. The Board discussed the request for funding. Getting a location as this late date may be a problem. His email response concerning the MAC update was that it was all quiet and no new cases. No action was taken by the Board.

-Historian and Policy Records: Richard
No report.

-Judges Selection: Eunice Revsbech No report.

- Legislative Liaison: Kennalea Pratt, Vicki Kubic No report.

-Local Club Bulletin/ Websites: Kennalea Pratt, Laurie Moore, Diana Coville, Marilyn Oxandale

A reminder to all local clubs: PLEASE submit your newsletters to the committee before year end for review.

-Nominating Committee: Carla Nickerson
We, the Committee, consisting of Patty Ledgerwood, Jackie Ebersbach, Carol Weinberger, Stella Van Cleave and Carla Nickerson, have nominated and elected AMSC Officers and Board Members. They are as follows:

Officers:

- Wyoma Clouss – President
- Kathy Colby – Vice President
- Carol Hafner – Secretary
- Bonnie Keyes – Treasurer
- Don Farley (was elected last year for a 2 year term)

Board Members:

- Laurie Moore, Amy Gordon,
- Brian Bogart, Rich Edwards

All the above have accepted their nominations. We had to replace two of our original committee members, Bonnie Keyes and Eunice Revsbech. Eunice was unable to serve on the committee. It was not known by the committee that Bonnie could serve on the committee even though she was running for Treasurer. This all happened at the very last minute to the deadline but we felt that we had a very good

list of nominees to vote on. For future reference, a member can be nominated for an officer position and can still serve on the Nomination Committee.

Motion was made to accept the committee's recommendations by Carla Nickerson and seconded by Carma Ewer. The motion passed unanimously. The guidelines for the Nominating Committee will be updated by Carla Nickerson, Patty and Mack Ledgerwood and submitted to the Board for review and approval.

-Policy: Jinx Gunville No report.

-Public Awareness: Vicki Kubic, Kathy Colby, Carma Ewer, Brooke Walker No report.

- Publications and Literature: Patricia O'Brien

Inventory:

Grooming charts	85
Illustrated Standards	305
CD	14
So You want to show your	
Miniature Schnauzer	3
So you want a Miniature	
Schnauzer Puppy	19
Income:	
Expenses:	
Grooming Charts	\$96
Postage	\$ 44.89
Illustrated Standards	\$16
Grooming Charts7@\$2	\$14
CD	\$45
Illustrated Standards2@\$2.40	\$ 4.80

Total Income \$ 157

Total Expenses \$ 63.69

Profit \$ 93.31

PRICING STRUCTURE

RECOMMENDATION: Publications committee suggested new prices for new website. Please note we have not increased prices in the past 5 years to offset the numerous postal rate increases. In particular the cost of shipping overseas (including Canada and Mexico) has almost doubled.

USA:

- Grooming Chart \$ 14.00 (a \$ 1 increase)
- Illustrated Standard \$ 12.00 (a \$ 1 increase)
- CD \$ 20.00 (no change)

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Renal Disease in Adult Miniature Schnauzers

Miniature Schnauzers are one of several breeds of dogs with a juvenile-onset renal disease that is thought to have an inherited basis. Using funds provided by the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, renal tissues from Miniature Schnauzers with renal disease were identified. Using light and electron microscopy, this proteinuric renal disease has been identified as focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS). In the early stages of this disease, dogs with FSGS have protein in their urine but are otherwise asymptomatic. An award from the Gray Lady Foundation is being used by the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to conduct urine testing free of charge in Miniature Schnauzers in order to identify animals with FSGS. The goals of this study are to determine prevalence of proteinuria in this breed and to identify affected animals that could benefit from early treatment to slow its progression.

Submission of urine samples for Urine Protein to Creatinine ratio (+/- urinalysis)

A urine protein to creatinine ratio (UPC) will be determined on each urine sample. If the UPC is elevated, a urinalysis (microscopic examination) will also be done to rule-out a urinary tract infection, inflammation, or hemorrhage as a cause of the proteinuria.

1. Voided free catch urine is adequate for this testing. Alternatively, urine may be collected via cystocentesis or catheterization.
2. Collect urine into a 10 ml clot (red top – no SST) tube. You may also use plastic cups with screw-on lids or plastic conical tubes (clean, but do not need to be sterile). If collected by cystocentesis, the urine may be submitted in the syringe **with the needle removed** and the end sealed.
3. A minimum volume of 3 ml is preferred; smaller volumes may suffice if a urinalysis is not required.
4. After collection, refrigerate the sample and send, with a cold pack, overnight UPS or Fed Ex to the Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Please include the attached submission form.

Send samples to:

Dr. Cathy Brown
501 D.W. Brooks Dr.
Athens Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
College of Veterinary Medicine
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602-7388
Contact information:
cathybro@uga.edu
706-542-5568

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER RENAL STUDY URINE SUBMISSION FORM

Veterinarian: _____ Owner: _____

Clinic Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/email/fax: _____

Date of Urine collection: _____

Manner of collection (check one) ___ Free catch (voided) ___ Cystocentesis ___ Catheterization

Animal Information

Name: _____

Sex: _____

Age: _____

AKC registration number (preferred but not required): _____

History: 1. Has this dog been diagnosed with renal disease or any other health issues? If yes, please describe briefly below.

2. Have any related dogs been identified with renal disease? Yes ___ No Unknown (check one). If yes, please provide details of relationships among dogs if known.

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Foreign (including Canada and Mexico):
Grooming Chart \$ 23(a \$5 increase)
Illustrated Standard \$ 20 (a \$ 5 increase)
CD \$ 25(no change)

Motion was made by John Constantine to accept her report and recommendations and was seconded by Carla Nickerson. Motion passed unanimously.

-Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe

There are about 15-20 e-mails a month about surrendering dogs and about twice that many from people who want to adopt. All are referred to the closest associated group.

-Trophies: Mary Paisley, Nita Ainsworth, Barbara Donahue, Pat Jacobs

a. The Trophy Committee has added a new Best of Breed trophy for MCKC, GWTA and the Roving Specialty. This trophy is in addition to receiving the large bronze BOB medallion. The Trophy Committee believes it appropriate to acknowledge the BOB Miniature Schnauzer with a trophy comparable to other "Best of/in" acknowledgements.

b. The trophy committee has finalized on 2014-2015 trophies and ribbons for Conformation and Companion Events (agility, obedience and rally obedience) held in conjunction with MCKC, GWTA, and the Roving. An effort was made to provide attractive trophies and ribbons/rosettes while utilizing items already purchased by AMSC.

c. Trophy donation plea letters have/ will be sent to all AMSC members via e-mail and USPS in May/June. The committee thanks Carla Borelli and Sharon Edwards for their assistance. We ask that every member consider providing a small donation to help our club acknowledge our wonderful dogs, handlers, and breeders.

-Ways And Means: Carma Ewer, Luana Nedich, Nita Ainsworth No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Update of Trophy Committee plans – The committee needs to develop a financial plan to meet the needs for future trophies as funding continues to decrease. There will be past expenses for trophies per specialty put on the Board list. The cost of the trophies is not being completely covered by donations. Various sources of funding will be explored by the committee as well as a

restructuring of the number and type of trophies given for future specialties.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Stephanie Davis-Rae

Susan Quinn
Brian P. Kruse
Colin M. Graham
Michael J. Randall
Christopher M. Castle
Dr. Mary K. Summers
Leslie Cromer

Motion was made by John Constantine to accept the applications of the new members and seconded by Carla Nickerson. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

-Wickets for the AMSC – The club should order a wicket and have it at each specialty, so there will be no delay in judging when an exhibitor or judge calls for the wicket. Tabled until next conference call.

-Associate Membership – Item tabled from last meeting. The proposal for consideration would be for minimum criteria for voting members of the club. Associate membership would have criteria that would need to be met before an individual would become a regular member of the club. Associate members would not have voting privileges until the criteria have been met and would protect our breed standard that may not understand our breed. It would be a new class of membership and will not affect current members of the club. Examples of criteria are they have gone through an educational seminar on our breed, they own a miniature schnauzer, they have been involved with miniature schnauzers for a minimum amount of time, have attended specialties, etc. John Constantine will head up a committee to work on the future objective criteria for associate membership.

-AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards nomination(s) – The following nominations will be made for Conformation (Jinx Gunville), Companion Events (Sonny Lelle) and Performance Events (Lynn Muramaru).

-Makeup of AMSC Board discussion

Eight of our 22 Board members will not have attended either of our face to face meetings. Their only option for attendance would be if we decide to have a regular face to face Board meeting at Montgomery instead of a phone conference in September, and if those eight would attend.

With 2 Face to Face (AZ, GW) and 2 phone calls (Nov & Apr) —

We have eight Board members who will have attended 2 Face to Face, 2 phone calls; four who will have attended 2 Face to Face, 1 phone call; two who will have attended 1 Face, 2 phone; five who will have attended 0 Face, 2 phone; one who will have attended 0 Face, 1.33 phone; two who have will have attended 0 Face to Face, 1 phone. According to the schedule we approved, there are two more phone calls on August 13, 2014, Wednesday and September 17, 2014, Wednesday prior to Montgomery County. At least on the surface, it appears that participating as a Board member may be too difficult for some. It appears we need to at least consider options. Since there will not be a face-to-face meeting at Montgomery County, a letter will be sent to each person who did not attend a face-to-face meeting asking them if they still wish to participate on the Board in 2015.

With the advent of mass communications methods, the need for so many Board members has been reduced. There is the concern that reduction of Board size will force more work on fewer members. There is a term limit for Board members that come off and they cannot serve back to back terms. There was no response to the Nominating Committee to the request for volunteer Board members on the list and in AMSCOPE. Research on other clubs' Board sizes showed that our board size is large. There is a misunderstanding that Board members do not need to attend a face-to-face meeting during the year because there are phone conferences; this is a misunderstanding. Two year terms with two Board members would equate to 8 Board members plus 4 officers and the quorum would be 7. The AKC delegate does not have voting rights in many other clubs. This position could be ex-officio. An Advisory Committee could be developed to support the Board's needs for information and advice and would not have voting rights. This would keep our knowledge base active and involved. Some advisory committees can be built as needed. There will need to be a rewrite of our by-laws. Current Board members do not have to quit and may opt to move to the Advisory Committee. Motion was made to change the terms of the Governors for 2 governors each year for 2 years and removal of the AKC delegate as a voting member of the Board and move them to ex-officio status by John Constantine and seconded by Nita Ainsworth. Motion was passed unanimously. A committee will

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Treasurer's Report – May 31, 2014 continued from p. 3
Financials

	Balance	Balance		
	<u>3/29/2014</u>	<u>5/31/2014</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Variance Explanation *</u>
Checking	\$51,877.17	\$51,378.83	-\$498.34	Purina Parent Club Partnership check \$963, less AMSCOPE printing for two months including roster \$473, afghans for inventory \$1,358, (\$500 transferred to Trophy account but check has not cleared)
Rescue	\$7,539.77	\$7,540.15	\$.38	interest
Health	\$5,724.00	\$5,724.29	\$.29	interest
Holding	\$14,003.98	\$14,004.69	\$.71	interest
Savings	\$33,921.98	\$33,924.81	\$2.83	interest
PayPal	\$487.74	\$2,244.37	\$1,756.63	PayPal receipts (mdse sales, etc.) not yet transferred to checking account
Trophy	\$6,819.52	\$6,519.86	-\$299.66	Donations of \$200 offset by \$500 Montco trophies deposit to C. Krohn
TOTAL	\$120,374.16	\$121,337.00	\$962.84	

* Material variances are explained; all other small variances account for change in balance, including interest. Note that the AMSCO uses the cash basis of accounting and all reports reflect this methodology.

Federal Tax Filing:

IRS Form 990 required for not for profit organizations was filed by the May 15 deadline.

NEW APPLICANTS

Alfredo Santiago Cedeno

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Caquas P.R. 00725

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email:

alfredosantiago20000@yahoo.com

web:[http://](http://www.santpazsminiatureschnauzer.webs.com/)

www.santpazsminiatureschnauzer.webs.com/

Sponsors: Nita Ainsworth, Vicki Stephens

Alfredo owns and is a breeder of

Miniature Schnauzers and has bred 6

litters in the past 5 years. He is involved

in conformation. He participates in

approximately 4 events in Puerto Rico and

3 in the United States per year. Alfredo

belongs to the Carible Kennel Club in

Guaynabo Puerto Rico and Federacion

Cano File de Puerto Rico, Riv Piedres,

P.R. He works in Information Systems.

Alfredo is interested in Rescue, Awards/

Trophies, Membership, Obedience,

Agility and Health. Alfredo and his wife

spend a lot of time with thier dogs.

Mira Kauhanen

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Web: www.svartheims.com

Sponsors: Rene Wigen, Stephanie Davis

Rae

Mira has Miniature Schnauzers and has

bred two litters in the past five years. She

has been involved in conformation for 17

years and breeding for 11. Mira attends

approximately 10-15 shows/events per

year. She belongs to the Finnish Miniature

Schnauzer Club (member of breeding

commission) and the Finnish Kennel

Club. Mira is employed as Secretary of

income support. She is interested in

health. Her family consists of a boyfriend

and 6 Miniature Schnauzers. She has

had Mini's since 1998. The FCI granted

her kennel name in 2001. Mira's first litter

was born in 2013. Her dogs have titles

from many countries and two have been

top show dogs in Finland.

Melissa Gunlock

6861 Mauna Loa Blvd.

Sarasota, FL. 34241

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Sponsors: Geraldine Kelly, Robert Boyer

Melissa has a Miniature Schnauzer,

Kelly's Legacy's Poetry in Motion, that

she has owned for 2 1/2 years. She is

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work on the by-laws for review and approval by the Board and for membership approval of by-law changes prior to submittal to the AKC. John Constantine and Carma Ewer will be on the committee to work on the by-laws.

-In-person meeting at Montgomery County – There will NOT be an in-person meeting at Montgomery County, just the short annual meeting to set meeting dates for 2015.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Wyoma called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 PM PST. Motion to adjourn was made by Vicki Kubic and seconded by Brooke Walker.

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, August 13, 2014 by teleconference



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1. Mail a check, payable to AMSC (note Trophy Fund) to:

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or

2. At PayPal.com; must have a PayPal account and pay in US currency

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NEW APPLICANTS...from p.8, col. 3

not a breeder. She is involved in conformation and attends around 25-30 shows per year. She is a retired realtor. Melissa is interested in Membership. In previous years she has shown Dobermans and Arabian horses. Melissa has skills in advertising that could be helpful to our club

Deb Bartkowiak

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Mosinee, WI. 54455

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Sponsors: Sandra Hartfiel, Lynn Tamms

Deb has three Miniature Schnauzers. She is not a breeder. She is involved in agility and attends approximately 24-30 events per year. Deb belongs to the Timber Ridge Obedience Club of Central Wisconsin. She is employed as a Business Analyst. Deb is interested in Agility and health. She has been competing in agility for 8 years. Her dog Harley has MACH 11 and has been to the AKC invitational twice. Reggie has 5 MACH titles and has been to the AKC invitational once.

Kelly Robison

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Www.bellavistaschnauzers.com

Sponsors: Joan Huber, Florence Wallace

Kelly has had Miniature Schnauzer for 8 years. She is a breeder and has had a total of 15 litters that includes breeding her bitches to outside studs and 1 stud service provided to someone else. Kelly has been breeding for 8 years, doing conformation for 2 years and obedience for one year. She belongs to Licking River Kennel Club, Newark, OH and is applying to Greater Columbus Miniature Schnauzer Club. She is employed as an Auctioneer/Realtor. Kelly is interested in Newsletter, Legislative issues, Education, Ethics and Health. Kelly says she started with pet Schnauzers and wanted the quality of show dogs. She currently has 1 AKC champion with one about to start showing. She is hoping to purchase another to show next year. She also wants to do obedience/rally and possibly agility.

Are Heartworms Developing Resistance to Preventatives? More dogs on year-round preventative are testing positive for heartworms

In August 2010, representatives of the American Heartworm Society (AHS), the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC), and experts in the field of nematode resistance met in Atlanta. Their goal was to discuss the possibility of heartworms becoming resistant to "macrocyclic lactones," the scientific name for the heartworm preventatives we know as Heartgard (ivermectin), Interceptor (milbemycin oxime), Revolution (selamectin), and ProHeart (moxidectin).

Dr. Everett Mobley, a veterinarian who practices in Missouri, wrote about this issue in his "Your Pet's Best Friend" blog in May 2009. He says that he first began noticing an increase in the number of dogs in his clinic who tested positive for heartworms despite being on year-round heartworm preventatives in 2006. He learned that other veterinarians were reporting similar experiences, and that "These reports come from the Mississippi valley, starting about 100 miles south of St. Louis, and getting worse as one goes south."

Experts dismissed these reports for a long time as being due to "client noncompliance," that is, owners failing to give the preventatives to their dogs 12 months a year. It was not until April 2009 that they began to say, "We know that something has changed, but we don't know what it is. There is a problem, but the underlying cause has not been determined."

The issue was a primary topic of discussion at the American Heartworm Society's 2010 Triennial Symposium held in April. A landmark initial study was presented that evaluated heartworm microfilariae in different regions of the Mississippi Delta. The study revealed differences in sensitivity of the samples to macrocyclic lactones. Separate experiments revealed genetic variability of heartworms in different geographic locations, which could potentially be associated with varying responses to the drugs.

Recommendations

The AHS and CAPC issued a statement in November regarding the findings of the meeting in Atlanta, acknowledging the

problem and calling for further study. They believe that any heartworm resistance is geographically limited (presumably to the Mississippi valley) at this time based on credible reports of lack of efficacy. They recommend that pet owners continue to give preventatives year-round, following label directions, as they continue to be effective for the vast majority of dogs. There is no evidence that higher doses or more frequent dosing would increase protection. They also recommend yearly heartworm testing for all dogs, even if they have been kept on preventatives.

In the past, we have recommended that people might safely extend the time between doses of heartworm preventatives to six weeks, and decrease the dosage when using Interceptor, based on the efficacy studies that were done when the FDA approved these drugs. It is safer to administer preventatives monthly and to give the full label dosage. Following these steps will also ensure that, should your dog become infected, the product manufacturer's guarantee will be honored and treatment costs will be covered. (Manufacturers will guarantee a product only when purchased from a vet.)

We still question the need to give preventatives year-round in cold climates, where mosquitoes cannot survive during the winter. The heartworm life cycle requires the larvae to spend time inside a mosquito in order to develop into adults; without mosquitoes, there is no risk of infection. In warm climates such as the southern half of the U.S. (below the 37th parallel), give heartworm preventatives year-round. This is also necessary to avoid voiding the manufacturers' guarantees.

If you choose not to give heartworm preventatives year-round, keep in mind that these drugs work "backward," killing larvae that may have infected your dog in the *previous* month. Give the last dose after temperatures have dropped, and start them up again a month after your area warms up. If temperatures remain above about 45 to 50 degrees, day and night, you should give your dog monthly heartworm preventatives.

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Benadryl for Dogs: What You Need to Know

by Wendy Gould

If your dog has itchy skin or cold or flu-like symptoms, your vet might prescribe a human medication, Benadryl, for use with your dog.

As part of a Paw Nation series providing background about the medical problems your pet may suffer from, we spoke to Dr. Jean Hofve, holistic veterinarian and author living in Denver, Colorado, to get some insights about the use of the drug.

Of course, you should always consult your veterinarian before giving medicine or supplements to your pet.

What is Benadryl for dogs? Benadryl is a brand name, but the drug's name is diphenhydramine.

Can you buy it over-the-counter? Benadryl for dogs is available over-the-counter under many generic labels. However, it is not FDA-approved for veterinary use.

What is the most common use of Benadryl for dogs?

It's mainly used as an antihistamine for allergic skin disease. It is also used to treat motion sickness and, on occasion, to prevent anaphylaxis. For example, when an animal has had a bad reaction to a vaccine, Benadryl may be administered prior to the next vaccine.

What are the main benefits of Benadryl for dogs?

Antihistamines such as diphenhydramine may be somewhat helpful for dogs who are itchy due to inhalant allergies. They are usually used together with other drugs, because antihistamines are not reliably effective alone.

What are common risks?

Drowsiness is the main side effect. Since dogs don't drive or operate heavy machinery, it is relatively safe for them.

Are there long-term concerns with Benadryl for dogs?

Long-term potential adverse effects have not been well studied. Many allergies in dogs are seasonal, so the drug isn't usually used for more than a few months at a time. The maker (McNeil PPC) cautions that Benadryl may cause cardiac symptoms. In older adult humans, long-term use may

lead to cognitive dysfunction — a condition that also affects older dogs. It is also dehydrating, which may be an issue for animals with bladder or kidney disease.

How expensive is Benadryl for dogs and are there alternatives?

It is the same as any generic diphenhydramine. There are alternative antihistamines including chlorpheniramine, cyproheptadine, and hydroxyzine. Most of these require a prescription.

Vacation: Where Will You Leave Your Dog?

If you're planning to go on vacation, you may be wondering what to do with your four-legged friend. He would rather be with you, of course, but that's not always possible. There are times when you must leave him behind.

Boarding your dog

Boarding your dog at a kennel is a good choice if your dog is friendly and sociable. Dogs can readily adapt to staying at a kennel, especially if they were introduced to it at a young age. It's a good idea, though, to leave him for short periods, such as weekends, before leaving him for a longer trip.

Finding a good kennel

Ask your vet and other dog owners for recommendations. Remember that other people may have different standards than you: For some people, location and price are the most important factors. Your vet or your breeder may have facilities for boarding dogs, and if so, these may be excellent options because they know your dog. It's worthwhile to ask around.

Once you have a list of kennels, visit each one and ask to inspect the facilities. Make sure accommodations are clean, dry, and hygienic—and that kennels, cages, and gates are in good repair. Ask to see where your dog will stay. Ideally, he should be provided with his own comfortable run. If the kennel operators are genuinely interested in making sure your dog is comfortable, they will be happy to provide you with a tour and answer any questions that you have.

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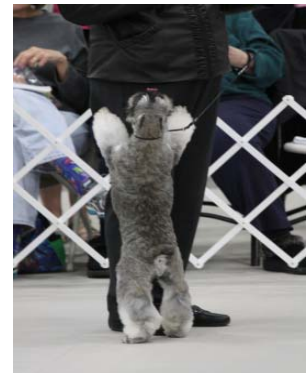
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Keep in mind when testing for heartworms that it takes at least six months following exposure before a dog will test positive. This interval may be increased if the dog is being treated with heartworm preventatives during this time. The AHS now recommends that three consecutive negative tests, each six months apart, may be needed before we can feel confident that a dog is not infected with heartworms. Research into possible resistance of heartworms to current medications is ongoing in a number of universities and other centers in the United States, Canada, and Italy. We'll keep you updated.*
- Mary Straus

FOR MORE INFORMATION

State of the Heartworm Symposium 2010
heartwormsociety.org/AHS-Executive-Summary.pdf
Heartworm Roundtable: Reports of Lack of Efficacy of Macrocyclic Lactones
heartwormsociety.org/CAPC-AHS.pdf
Are Heartworms Getting Worse?
www.yourpetsbestfriend.com/your_pets_best_friend/2009/05/

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Fetching your Dog's Passion

Regardless of age or breed, all dogs have an activity they enjoy to the exclusion of all others. The goal as a responsible dog owner is to find that activity and allow our dogs the chance to participate in that activity regularly. Before you embark on the long and occasionally twisted path of dog activities there are some requirements that should be met.

Remember the mantra "A tired puppy is a good puppy." The saying applies to adult dogs as well. This is often the most under-utilized tool for dog owners. Regular and age appropriate exercise is far more beneficial than most owners realize. The routine walks for "elimination", while beneficial, do not meet the exercise requirements of most dogs. Simply charging down the sidewalk while pulling at the end of the leash usually results in a frustrated dog and owner. Games and activities that encourage your dog to think and solve problems as well as physical activity produce much calmer and more relaxed dogs.

The next element in this journey is socialization and basic obedience. Before you can expect to participate in an activity that involves other dogs, animals, equipment and people it is very important to safely expose your dog to new situations. In addition to learning basic commands, puppy kindergarten and beginner obedience classes are wonderful places for socializing your dog in a safe supervised situation. These classes are very helpful because the trainer will be able to observe and help with any behavior/training issues you may be experiencing either in class or at home.

Once you have begun socializing and basic obedience training with your dog, you can investigate local clubs and training facilities to see what activities are available. Below are some of the activities you could expect to find:

Obedience/Rally:

Designed to create dogs who can focus on their handler and perform the required task when asked. Many dogs find that the rewards of obedience exercises are so stimulating they will rapidly run through the exercise and wag for more.

Agility: Designed for higher energy dogs who can learn to take direction from a distance often love the challenge of

agility. Giving the dog physical obstacles and mental challenges can often give an unfocused dog just the outlet they need to gain confidence and build a strong bond with their handler.

Lure Coursing: Designed for sight hounds such as greyhounds, whippets or salukis that chase a visual target.

Tracking: Designed for dogs that follow a scent trail. Many Sporting breeds excel at tracking.

Herding: Designed for dogs bred to aide shepherds with their flocks or herds. Some dogs prefer herding-moving the flock from place to place for the shepherd. Other dogs prefer Tending-keeping the herd within certain boundaries while they graze.

Pet Therapy: Designed for dogs who crave the companionship of people, love attention and are calm enough to greet new people in new situations. The team (handler and dog) need to have completed the AKC's Canine Good Citizen® evaluation, a pet therapy program and ultimately are certified as a Pet Therapy Team. Pet therapy is one of the most rewarding and demanding activities for both the owner and the dog. Sharing the joy your dog brings to you with others truly intensifies the bond between you.

For more information on these events go to the AKC website www.akc.org/events.

Many facilities offer Obedience, Rally, Agility, AKC's Canine Good Citizen® program, Flyball and Pet Therapy to name a few. When deciding which activity to pursue, consider what your dog was bred to do. It is also important to find the activity your dog enjoys and a trainer that you both connect with. Some dogs are confident outgoing and easy to work, others may be shy or soft and shut down if too much pressure is used, and other dogs are strong and stubborn. Working with a trainer that can adapt their style to your dog will make the journey a joy.



AMSC Breeder Referral Application

The AMSC Board has been discussing the process for updating the Breeder Referral system for the new webpage. There will be a map, that when clicked, will list names for that area. The referral page will have a "due diligence" clause and a link to our AMSC Code of Ethics. New verbiage follows:

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club has a listing of members who have agreed to and signed the AMSC's Code of Ethics. This listing should be used for reference only and due diligence is your responsibility. Note: the AMSC does not guarantee the health or services provided by any member and does not assume any liability regarding agreements provided by the consumer and the AMSC members listed within. Buyers should use utmost care before making a decision to purchase a dog. This listing does not bind the AMSC nor does it guarantee or accept any liability or responsibility for the quality, health, or temperament of any dog. NO warranty is to be assumed or implied by this publication by inclusion or omission as it pertains fitness of merchandise or integrity, by any AMSC member on this list.

Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct - Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club strive to:

1. Comply with the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club (AKC), the Constitution and By-laws of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club (AMSC) and the Code of Ethics.
2. Conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on themselves, the breed, and the AMSC.
3. Exhibit good sportsmanship and good will at all dog-related events.
4. Make no false or misleading statements concerning the Miniature Schnauzer breed or other breeds or breeders.
5. Be responsible dog owners, treating their dogs humanely and providing them with adequate food, water, shelter, veterinary care, exercise, grooming and the

socialization and training necessary for them to be good family companions.

6. Make every effort to learn about the structure, anatomy, action, inherited traits and behavior of the dog, especially where such learning applies to the Miniature Schnauzer.
7. Use the official standard of the breed when evaluating and breeding their own stock, and encourage its application in judging.
8. Participate in efforts to assess and improve the health of the individual dog and of the Miniature Schnauzer breed, including, but not limited to, participation in valid, reliable and responsible testing for hereditary diseases, providing samples and information for development of hereditary disease tests, and sharing health information with other AMSC members. Be honest, factual and not misleading or fraudulent in any written or oral statement about dogs and breeding programs, whether about their own dogs or those of others.

BREEDING

Members of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, as guardians of the breed, strive to breed conscientiously, taking responsibility for the lives they produce, including responsible placement of all puppies produced by any breeding, to ensure the safety and well-being of the individual dogs and of the breed.

1. Educate themselves to recognize the correct conformation of the Miniature Schnauzer, familiarizing themselves with the AKC breed standard and representative dogs, prior to breeding a stud dog or a brood bitch.
2. At all times breed for the improvement of the breed as exemplified by the AKC standard.
3. Breed only animals that are in good health and who are physically and temperamentally sound.
4. Strive to produce puppies of such quality that they will serve to improve and complement the breed and avoid breeding

individual Miniature Schnauzers known to have, or are strongly suspected of having, a serious inherited disease or defect that will likely be passed on to offspring and that, if inherited, would significantly affect the quality of life of any offspring that would be produced.

5. Represent each puppy sold as accurately as possible.
6. Share information gained through breeding with other Miniature Schnauzer owners.
7. Act as a mentor to persons with whom they place puppies and encourage an open dialog for the life of the dog.

REGISTRATION AND SALES OR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

1. Sell each puppy or adult with a written health guarantee, a three-generation pedigree, a record of immunizations, care and feeding instructions, and registration papers where applicable.
2. Inform the buyer of the characteristics of Miniature Schnauzers, and make available to the novice the benefit of his advice and experience.
3. Sell any companion puppy or companion adult having a known hereditary health defect only with a Limited Registration and Spay/Neuter Contract.

If a puppy is sold as a companion animal, it may be sold one of two ways:

1. On a Limited Registration.
2. On a Spay/Neuter Contract between the breeder and the buyer.

The breeder shall remain responsible for the welfare of every dog he breeds, sells or places. This means making himself available to aid the new owner if and when the need presents itself. If in the future the owner is not able to keep the dog, the owner should be instructed to contact the seller and the seller will have the responsibility either to take the dog back or find it a new home.

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The breeder will not sell or dispose of any dog through pet shops, wholesalers, commercial dealers or paid agents.

HERITABLE DISEASES/CONDITIONS

1. Make a determined effort to have all breeding animals tested for the presence of all heritable diseases or conditions known to afflict Miniature Schnauzers and not breed those discovered to be affected.
2. Send a report of the adverse test results to the AMSC Health Committee.

APPLICATION FOR REFERRAL LISTING IN AMSC WEBPAGE

As an AMSC Member, you are expected to abide by our AMSC Code of Ethics when dealing with each other and with the public, and you are expected to provide factual information about Miniature Schnauzers. Any Miniature Schnauzer placed or sold is expected to be clean, free of parasites, healthy, well socialized, and honestly represented which includes any relevant health risk. You are expected to be honest and competent in services such as grooming or training that you provide. Any complaints against you or the services that you provide related to this Referral listing will be investigated by the Ethics Committee, and negative findings may result in your listing being revoked.

AMSC Breeder Referral Application

Please list my name for Puppies/Adults (P), Rescue (R), Information (I), Grooming (G), Training (T)

Circle as many as you like

Please print name, address, phone, email

Name: _____

Address: _____

Kennel Name: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

I have read and agree to the AMSC Code of Ethics, and I agree to the foregoing.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Breeder Referral application will be required to be renewed annually.

To keep the map up to date, we will need to renew each listing every year. You may list as a breeder, as a groomer, as a trainer, or for MS information only if you are willing to help people but aren't active in any other category. If you want to be included, you must copy/print out this application, agree to the Code of Ethics, and snail-mail or email the signed copy to Carole Weinberger. bandsman@earthlink.net or 5897 Buford St, Orlando, FL 32835. Deadline Sept 1, 2014

Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club in the International Cheese and Wine Canine Festival



The Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club participated in the International Cheese and Wine Canine Festival, June 14th at the Purina Performance Center in Gray Summit Mo. There were over 40 Breeds of Dogs with an attendance of approximately 700 guests. It gave our Club the opportunity for people to meet our mini's, and discuss the versatility of our breed. Many shared their stories of their own Mini's.

It was amazing to see how our schnauzers responded to all the different people and enjoyed their loving touches.

This is the second year GMSC has participated in this event. It is a great way to participate in Meet the Breed activities while still enjoying cheese and wine.



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UPCOMING SPECIALTIES

Lone Star MSC of Dallas July 3, 2014
Regular Classes: Wood Wornall
Sweepstakes: Della Highley
Milshore MSC July 25, 2014
Sweeps: Brook Berth
Reg Classes: Dale Miller
Twin Cities MSC Aug. 22, 2014
Sweepstakes: Lynda Otten
Regular classes: Darryl Vice

AMSC SPECIALTIES

Montgomery Co. October 5, 2014
Regular Classes Margo Klingler
Sweeps Carla Nickerson
Roving Specialty- Denver Feb.15, 2015
Regular classes, Wyoma Clouss
Sweeps-Kurt Garmaker
Great Western June 21,2015
Regular classes, Judy Smith
Sweeps-Shawne Imler
Montgomery Co. October 4, 2015
Regular classes: Michael Dougherty
Sweeps:Sharon Edwards .

Vacation...from p. 10

Kennel questions you should ask:

- How many dogs are there per assistant?
- How often are the dogs exercised, and for how long?
- Do the dogs get individual attention?
- Will the kennel follow your feeding instructions?
- Can you leave your dog with a favorite toy, his bed, or an article of clothing with your scent?

Finally, do not board your dog at a kennel that does not require proof of up-to-date vaccinations. If they are not checking to make sure your dog is healthy and disease free, they are not checking other dogs, either. You could be putting your dog at risk.

Once you've made your choice, book your dog's stay well in advance of your trip. Kennels fill up during holidays and peak vacation periods. Get your dog in to see the vet for vaccinations and shots well in advance, too, because some may take two weeks to take effect.

Dog sitters

When you must leave your dog behind, another option is to arrange for a dog sitter. A dog sitter can be a friend, relative, neighbor, or a professional service. If you choose this option, consider whether you would prefer your dog to stay at home, or stay in the sitter's home. You know your dog best, so you are the best judge of where he will be most comfortable.

The advantages of keeping your dog at home are that he will remain in familiar surroundings, he will get to sleep in his own bed, and he will not be stressed by the presence of other dogs. The dog sitter can also bring in your mail and newspapers, water your plants, and watch over your home. The disadvantages are that your dog will be alone a lot of the time (especially if the sitter doesn't stay in your home) and if he gets out, or becomes ill, it may be a few hours

before the dog sitter arrives to notice.

If you arrange for a dog sitter, or hire a service, ask for references. You need to be sure that the person you engage is reliable, and that he or she will take the time to get to know your dog before your vacation. Ideally, they should become friends with your dog, and feed him and take him for a few walks before you leave.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: The following information is given to help conduct AMSC business more efficiently. Please remember that the Secretary and the AMSCOPE editor should **BOTH** be notified of address changes, club officers and specialty results.

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BALLOT FOR SELECTION OF JUDGES FOR SPRING, SUMMER, FALL 2016 SPECIALTIES

The nominees who received the most nomination points, who indicated a willingness to accept an assignment, if selected, and who are available on those dates, are listed below in alphabetical order. Please vote for **THREE (3)** Judges for Regular Classes and **THREE (3)** Judges for Sweepstakes Classes. List your choice as 1st 2nd and 3rd for both Regular and Sweepstakes Classes. **IF THESE**

INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED YOUR BALLOT WILL BE INVALID.

This ballot provides a place for two members to vote. People residing in the same household who are both members may vote on the same ballot. However, any person who wishes a separate ballot may make another copy.

CHOICES 1st=3POINTS 2nd=2 POINTS 3rd=1 POINT

Regular Class Judges
VOTE FOR 3

Sweepstakes Class Judges
VOTE FOR 3

Jon Cole _____

Susan Atherton _____

Kathleen Ferris _____

Gail Denman _____

Steve Hayden _____

Linda Drost _____

Ann Hearn _____

Carma Ewer _____

Lydia Hutchinson _____

Bonnie Keyes _____

Geri Kelly _____

Martin Marks _____

Linda More _____

Krystal Mason _____

James Reynolds _____

Mary Paisley _____

Terry Stacy _____

Jan Taylor _____

Carole Weinberger _____

Joseph Wake _____

Members Signature _____ Date _____

(Required)

Printed Signature _____

(Required)

Members Signature _____ Date _____

(Required)

Printed Signature _____

(Required)

PLEASE NOTE: For your ballot to be counted, it must be postmarked no later than 8/07/14. Follow directions carefully, we want your votes to count

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