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## Bouquets & Biscuits

\***CH Sathgate Black Watch Dressed Up, CD, NAJ**, completed the requirements for his AKC CD title and AMSC Versatility Award in Dallas, Texas at the Lone Star State Classic on December 5, 2009. On October 23, "Dude" placed 2nd in Open JWW and 1st place on October 24 in Open JWW at the Wichita Dog Training Club in Hutchinson, Kansas. Dude is sired by CH Regency's Twist of Fate and out of Sathgate Zinging in the Rain. Dude was bred by Susan Atherton and Jean Heath and is owned by Becky Raines and Susan Atherton and trained and handled by Becky. Dude is Becky's first Champion and Versatility dog.

\***Sathgate Black Watch Cherub, NAJ, OAJ**, took 1st place and completed the requirements for her Open JWW title at the Sooner State Kennel Club in Enid, OK on October 11, 2009. "Kaci" was bred by Susan Atherton and Jean Heath. She is sired by CH Sathgate Black Watch Yachtsman and CH Sunshine Palaces Triple Crown. Kaci is owned by Becky Raines and Susan Atherton and is trained, handled and adored by Becky.

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## THE WAY WE WERE

This month we will hear from Dot Harvey, of Deeanee Miniature Schnauzers. Dot lived for many years in New Jersey and now resides in Alabama, retired, but still active in Schnauzers. Welcome Dot.

Thank you for the honor of asking me to be a part of this group of long time breeders who have contributed so much to the breed I love so much.

I acquired my first miniature schnauzer in 1969, which was bred by Randolph Higgins of Geelong fame. Mr. Higgins was well known by schnauzer breeders for his expert ear cropping. He suggested that I attend my first dog show. I did and was in awe of the beautiful miniature schnauzers being shown. He taught me how to evaluate puppies and was my first mentor.

In 1970 I purchased what was supposed to be a show quality bitch puppy, from a well known breeder. In 1971 I joined an all breed club and attended handling classes, meeting other people involved in show dogs. I worked nine months for a poodle breeder without pay, just to learn how to groom. It became evident to me that my show quality bitch, "was not" show quality. I was bound by breeder's terms to breed her to a top stud and I did. The year of 1971 was a year of learning.

**Schnauzer Shorts** became my favorite publication and wish book. During this period I attended health and grooming seminars, read everything I could find regarding grooming, conformation, breeding, whelping, showing and health issues of purebred dogs especially Miniature Schnauzers. After comparing the different miniature schnauzer lines I became interested in Lou Auslander's (Alpine), and Lanny & Penny Herstein's (Penlan) lines.

In 1972 I purchased **Alpine Double Dutch (Ch Penlan Paragon's Pride X Ch Alpine Coffee Mate)** from Seme & Lou Auslander. Double Dutch (Dee Dee) was pointed with a major specialty win. Upon completing her title, and with guidance from Lanny and Penny Herstein, she was bred to **Ch Penlan Paperboy**. This breeding produced my first homebred owner handled champion, **Am Can Ch Deeanee**

### Dutch Boy.

"Dutch" was well put together, with an exquisite head, and a very wiry harsh coat. In 1975 and at 8 months of age, owner handled he won two all breed best puppy in match, and in four point shows won, 2 points, and a 3 point major. I stripped him immediately after the major win and in exactly seven weeks to the day he went Best in Sweepstakes, at the New York Miniature Schnauzer Club Specialty.

In a whirlwind trip to Canada, at eleven months old he earned his Canadian title in four shows, in four days finishing at the Rideau Terrier Club show going **WD,BOW,BOB** over two socials and a **Group 3**. He completed the requirements for his American title in 1976.

On his first time out as a special and owner handled, he won **BOB** and **Group 1** under noted Judge Mrs. Augustus Riggs IV at the Baltimore Kennel Club. Competing in the group was a number of top handlers and top dogs.

**Ch Alpine Double Dutch** was bred to **Ch Penlan Paperboy** two more times establishing her as the foundation for Deeanee Schnauzers. The second breeding produced **Ch Deeanee Dutch Demon** and **Ch Deeanee Mercedes Star CD CDX**. The third breeding produced **Ch Deeanee Dutch Master**.

In 1977 **Ch. Deeanee Dutch Demon** was finished by Lanny and Penny Hirstein, winning three majors in three days. AS a special he was shown locally by me winning numerous BOBs and Terrier Group placements

**Ch. Deeanee Dutch Demon** became my top producing Stud siring six Deeanee Champions.

In 1978 **Ch. Deeanee Dutch Master** was finished by Lanny and Penny Hirstein.

In 1978 and in a rare occurrence both brothers **Ch Deeanee Dutch Demon (#29)** and **Ch Deeanee Dutch Master (#35)** were in the top fifty (knight system) winning dogs.

In 1979 **Ch Deeanee Mercedes Star** won WB at Westminster Kennel Club

**Ch Alpine Double Dutch** was a top producer, producing four Deeanee Champions.

In 1976 I opened and operated Deeanee Kennels, a 40 run all breed boarding and groom-  
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# LOOK

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The deadline for the February issue is January 20th.

# AMSC Member Survey

There has been some discussion among the membership concerning our current Specialty Format of three annual specialties, one in the east, one in the west, and one roving. The Board is considering some changes and would like to get as much member input as possible. So, please fill out the survey and help us in deciding what, if any, changes should be implemented. Remember this is your club and your input is valuable. Thanks!!! John Constantine, President.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home State: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please check which AMSC specialties have you attended in the past 3 years?

2007 Roving (Chicago) _____	2008 Roving (Portland) _____	2009 Roving (Chicago) _____
2007 GWTA _____	2008 GWTA _____	2009 GWTA _____
2007 MCKC _____	2008 MCKC _____	2009 MCKC _____

2. How many specialties do you feel we should have per year (1, 2, or 3)? \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered 1 or 2, which specialties should we do away with? \_\_\_\_\_

3. There has been some discussion to replace or alternate the June Specialty between GWTA and Great Lakes All-Terrier Association (GLATA) in Grays Lake, IL. What would you like to see, please check one answer?

- Stay at GWTA \_\_\_\_\_
- Move to GLATA \_\_\_\_\_
- Alternate \_\_\_\_\_
- Do away with Summer Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

4. There is some thought to AMSC holding an extended National Specialty at a central site to be held over a 5+ day period which would include most facets of our sport (Conformation, OB, Agility, Earthdog, tracking, etc), plus seminars, as well as non-doggie activities, but may only three sets of conformation points.

- a. Do you think this would be a good idea? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. How likely are you to attend such an event, check one?
  - Definitely \_\_\_\_\_
  - Very Likely \_\_\_\_\_
  - Somewhat Likely \_\_\_\_\_
  - Not likely \_\_\_\_\_
  - Definitely Not \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Would you attend the entire event or only come for certain days? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. How often would you think you would attend, check one?
  - Every Year \_\_\_\_\_
  - Every Other Year \_\_\_\_\_
  - Not Regularly \_\_\_\_\_
  - Probably Never \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks!!

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## Happy New Year!



## Puddle Jumping: Canine Urinary Incontinence

Canine urinary incontinence is surprisingly common and can occur in any breed — from Chihuahuas to Great Danes — but there are many strategies to keep house and hound dry.

### One Dog's Story: Delta the Greyhound

Last summer, Brooke Frautschy noticed something odd about Delta, the Greyhound she brought into her home about two years ago.

Although housetrained and fastidious, Delta had started having accidents inside, often on her own bed. Even odder, these incidents seemed to happen when the dog was fast asleep. "If she had an accident, she'd clearly get upset," says Frautschy. She'd jump up and start licking, or make a "mopey" face. "Sometimes she'd run into the other room," she says.

Luckily for Delta, Frautschy was a veterinary student. So she neither panicked nor jumped to the conclusion that her dog had forgotten her training. Instead, she brought Delta to school, the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, to figure out what was wrong. It turned out that Delta was suffering from canine urinary incontinence. It's a relatively common condition; most veterinarians have treated at least a few cases. But it's also a condition that can be misunderstood by owners.

"It is a very frustrating problem for a lot of people, and it does lead to people giving their dogs up," says Julie Byron, DVM, MS, clinical assistant professor at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Illinois.

"People will tolerate a lot of different things, but they really don't want to deal with dogs who are wet all the time," adds Mary Labato, DVM, clinical professor at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

Incontinence can be the result of injury, neurological disorders, or diseases like Cushing's (see box below), and affects both males and females, whether or not they are neutered or spayed. Most often, however, it occurs apart from any disease process—many dogs with the condition are perfectly healthy—and is most often seen in one group of dogs.

### Female Troubles

"It affects about 20 percent of spayed females," Byron says. Among large breeds, studies have suggested that the incidence may be as high as 30 percent. It may occur in the first few years after spaying, but is most

from *The Barking Bulletin of the AKC* commonly seen in middle-aged and elderly bitches.

"Most of these dogs will start to leak about three or four years after they've been spayed," says Byron, who specializes in urological diseases. Scientists are not sure exactly why these dogs start to leak, but most theories point to the role of one vital hormone—estrogen.

A lack of estrogen, which occurs when the ovaries are removed, can cause changes in pelvic structures designed to hold urine in the bladder. Byron notes that the same kinds of problems are seen in humans. "Just like women who undergo menopause, when the estrogen goes away there is some atrophy of those tissues, the tissues get thinner, the blood vessel numbers may drop, there may be a change in the type or content of the collagen, which may make tissues a little stiffer."

But estrogen is not the whole story, since not all spayed dogs become incontinent. A dog who starts to leak probably has a physical predisposition to the condition, such as weak pelvic muscles or ligaments, or a bladder positioned in a way that makes dribbling inevitable.

### Several Options

The good news is that, for the majority of patients, incontinence can be kept under control with drug therapy.

The most commonly used medication is phenylpropanolmine (PPA). It belongs to a class of drugs known as alpha-agonists. They bind to receptors on smooth muscle cells, which causes the muscles to contract. "That's my first choice," says Byron, noting that the drug works for 70 to 90 percent of incontinence patients.

In some dogs, side effects rule out the use of this drug. These can include restlessness and

loss of appetite, and in the most serious cases, high blood pressure. Byron always checks blood pressure before suggesting PPA.

If PPA can't be used, another option is estrogen supplementation, which is thought to reverse some of the changes that occur due to depletion of the hormone. Byron says this approach works in roughly 60 percent of patients.

Veterinarians sometimes prescribe both estrogen and PPA for dogs who are not helped by either drug alone. In a patient who experiences mild side effects to PPA, it may be possible to reduce the dose and add estrogen. "There may actually be a synergistic effect," Byron says.

"One thing that's frustrating is that sometimes dogs will respond very nicely to the drug for a year or two, and eventually, there's a decrease in response," Byron says. "We don't understand why that happens. But just because a drug stops working doesn't mean that all is lost."

There are a few other drugs, similar to PPA, that can help if the more commonly used treatments stop working. There are also a couple of surgical fixes. In some cases, an operation known as a colposuspension can reposition the bladder to reduce dribbling.

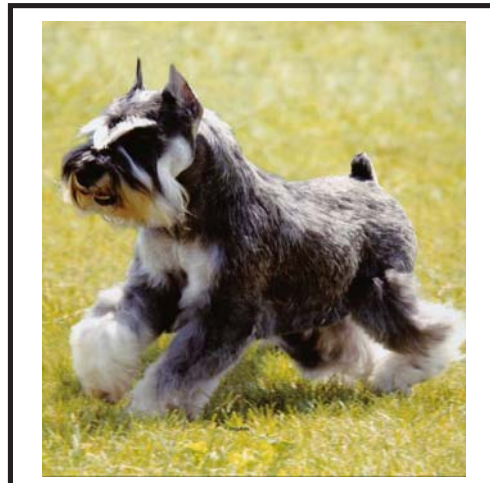
A relatively new procedure is collagen injection, in which the same material that plumps up starlets' lips is used to narrow the diameter of the urethra. Byron says this helps about 70 percent of the time, but there's no way to predict how long it will remain effective. For some dogs, it could last for years; in others, the collagen breaks down in a matter of months.

Labato says in addition to these methods there are experimental techniques, such as artificial sphincter devices, that might work in severe cases. She notes that there is also research underway in humans exploring the use of stem cells to improve pelvic muscle tone. Labato's laboratory is planning to explore the role obesity may play in incontinence, because many dogs who have the problem are also overweight.

### Matter of Degree

As veterinarians at large university hospitals, Byron and Labato generally see the most committed owners, and the more complicated cases. These are the ones that may require more than one kind of treatment, and the results may not be 100 percent.

Often, however, owners are happy with small





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changes. "If you have a dog that leaks every night, and you drop it down to once a week, that's an enormous improvement," Byron says.

That's the situation for Delta the Greyhound. PPA worked well for her, but she developed high blood pressure and had to stop treatment. Estrogen did not help, but another drug-imipramine, an antidepressant that is also used for separation anxiety-has reduced Delta's leaking to about once a week. "That's a level I can deal with," says Frautschy. In the future, she intends to explore other options. These may include surgery as well as dietary and herbal approaches that, according to anecdotal reports, have met with some success.

While Byron recognizes that incontinence often lands dogs in shelters, she's also been impressed by the commitment of the owners of dogs she treats. In one case, a male Dachshund, the owners tried PPA. It did not help. Testosterone treatment, which often works in males as estrogen does in females, only prompted him to start marking in the house. Collagen injections worked, but only for a short time. Their solution?

"They're living with it," says Byron. "They love this little guy." He spends most of his time in non-carpeted areas of the house, and he's taken outside frequently. Sometimes, he wears a diaper designed for dogs with this problem. "He still plays and runs around the yard, and goes on walks," she says. "He's a very happy, healthy dog."

**Diseases that Cause Incontinence**

Veterinarians will generally screen for several diseases when a dog is leaking. Many conditions, some serious, can cause a dog to have abnormal thirst, and to drink more than the bladder can hold. Some common conditions include:

- Urinary tract infections
- Bladder infections
- Cushing's Disease
- Bladder tumors or polyps
- Bladder stones
- Kidney disease
- Hormone responsive
- Prostate Disease
- Spinal damage

**When a Puppy Dribbles**

Sometimes, when incontinence develops in a puppy, the cause may be a congenital abnormality of the urinary tract, known as an ectopic ureter. Normally, urine is produced in the kidneys and transported to the bladder through a

tube known as the ureter. Sometimes the ureter bypasses the bladder and empties directly into the vagina or the urethra, the tube that transports urine out of the body.

Ectopic ureters will be evident in a very young puppy. They can be treated with surgery to put the opening of the ureter in the right place.

**When All Else Fails**

There are several products on the market that can help make the best of an imperfect situation.

Doggy diapers, some with frills and fancy designs, are available from several manufacturers. Some companies like Bloomingtails Dog Boutique and Diapers for Dogs, will custom-fit them. Others make disposables and washable ones, like the SnuggEase. Tinkle Trousers are designed to solve the biggest problem with doggy diapers-keeping them on an active dog.

Specially designed bedding is also available for incontinent dogs. The SleepPee Time Bed offers an elevated sleeping pad over a tray to catch urine. Several companies make products for bed-wetting children, such as waterproof mattress pads, that can ease the burden of cleaning up after an incontinent pet.

Many of these products, as well as cleaning solutions that neutralize the smell of urine, are available online, direct from the manufacturer, at pet stores, and at Web sites that focus on caring for senior and handicapped pets, such as [handicappedpets.com](http://handicappedpets.com).

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Prowler enjoys the pursuit of the prey

**The Allure of Lure Coursing**

Submitted by Barbara Donahue

Lure coursing, as described by the AKC, is an event in which Sighthounds chase an artificial lure in an open field. Two judges evaluate the dogs overall ability, speed, endurance, agility, and how well they follow the lure. Lure coursing tests a dog's basic coursing instinct or hunting by sight ability.

Sighthounds only? Clearly, someone hasn't seen the speed, determination and hunting instincts of a mini schnauzer reacting to running squirrels, birds in flight and leaves blowing across the lawn. Let's face it...they'll chase anything in motion!

So three years ago when a friend said she was taking her Boxer lure coursing and asked if my MS, Slammer, and I wanted to come along, I hesitated for an entire second and agreed to join her. Our dogs have done agility together for several years and are good companions. That Sunday morning we met and drove an hour to the designated open field, where the Lehigh Valley Coursing Club had set up their equipment. The mechanical lure consists of a string run through a set of pulleys spread across the field, creating a 600 to 1,000 yard course, run by a car battery operated motor and controlled by a lure operator. A white plastic bag is attached to the string. The arrangement of the pulleys allows the path of the plastic bag lure to simulate the running and turning actions of live prey. In the back corner of the field I noticed gates for straight lane racing. I happily paid my \$10 (what a deal!) to run my dog as many times as he'd chase a lure.

As we waited our turn, I couldn't help but notice the Boxer and Mini Schnauzer were a comical oddity amongst the Borzoi, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Afghan Hound, Chart Polski, Whippet, Greyhound and Saluki. The Sighthound owners rolled their eyes and gave us that knowing smile of "oh boy, you're going to get an education". Soon it was our turn to run. The lure operator zipped the bag back and forth a few times to get our dogs attention. We wound them up with "ready?, ready?, ready?" and as we heard "release the hounds", we did just that. Both dogs were on the trail of the plastic bag and easily took the first turn. This was when I was astounded by how well suited a mini schnauzer's determination makes it for lure coursing. The boxer backed off and lost interest, while Slammer ran the entire course. The terrier in him couldn't resist sniffing a few spots in the field, but the lure operator got him re-engaged and on his way to finish his first run.

Slammer won the hearts of the Sighthound owners and a few asked if he could run with their dogs. You see, the MS was faster and

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more interested in the lure than were many of the Sighthounds and they thought he'd be a good running partner. The funniest run of the day was the Miniature Schnauzer taking strategic shortcuts and staying ahead of the graceful Rhodesian Ridgeback.

I now have two MS's (Slammer and Prowler) and take them lure coursing whenever possible. They woo-woo with delight as we pull into the parking lot and bark with excitement as we approach the course and they see the plastic bag that's the lure. You'd think they were catching a rat, squirrel or rabbit by the excitement they exude at the sight of the bag. Everyone enjoys seeing the mini schnauzers in pursuit of the elusive lure. My schnauzers no longer sniff and get distracted by the scent of field mice and other vermin. These MS's stay focused on the job at hand... catching the lure.

Why do I invest the time in a sport in which my dogs can't officially compete, earn titles or bring home more rosettes? It's pretty simple... 1) a tired dog is a happy dog. Five or six runs around the course and they sleep for two days. 2) lure coursing is great exercise and offers the dogs an opportunity to run as fast as they can, achieving full extension of their bodies. Be certain to do some stretching exercises and warm up your dog in preparation for the first run of the day. 3) lure coursing for fun requires no special training, just a good recall in case a dog gets side tracked by the wonderful scents in the field. 4) they enjoy it, so I enjoy it. I vowed my schnauzers will get to try any sport and if they seem to have a good time, they get to continue doing it.

Give this fun sport a try with your schnauzers. Expect them (and you) to get dirty; only snow and extremely wet conditions stop lure coursing. Many lure coursing clubs offer inexpensive Fun Runs as fundraisers and many will allow any breed to participate. There are three lure coursing associations in North America: AKC, CKC and American Sighthound Field Association (ASFA). Check their websites to find a lure coursing club in your area, learn about their local activities and to get on their event notification list. The Lehigh Valley Coursing Club, which covers New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania, offers Fun Run's the first Sunday of every month, weather and trial dates permitting. Experienced club members answer questions and help prepare dogs and handlers for their first runs. The lure operator takes extra precautions with new dogs, introducing them to the lure and adjusting the lure speed to keep a dogs interest at peak levels and encourage the dog back to the start line.

Do something different and fun with your mini schnauzer. Go lure coursing!

## Dr. Marty Becker on Diseases We Can Catch

### From Our Pets

by Helena Sung (Subscribe to Helena Sung's posts)  
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Dr. Marty Becker, center, with Dr. Oz, right. ZoCo Productions LLC

Do you let your dog lick you on the mouth? That may not be such a wise thing to do. "Your mouth is such a portal for zoonotic diseases that the days of the 'canine tonsil swab' are over," veterinarian Dr. Marty Becker tells Paw Nation. "We can still love our dogs and hug them, but it's really not a good idea to let dogs kiss you on the mouth. Let 'em lick you on the cheek instead."

On Thursday's episode of The Dr. Oz Show, Dr. Becker (of "Good Morning America" fame) talks about diseases you can catch from your dogs and cats. "Because we're living more intimate lives with our pets – hugging and kissing our pets, and sleeping with them at night — we're at more risk for catching certain zoonotic diseases from our dogs and cats," Dr. Becker tells Paw Nation.

Foremost among those diseases come from MRSA (methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*), parasites and ringworm. The bacteria MRSA is resistant to many antibiotics. A study found that a full 50% of the houses that researchers inspected had MRSA lurking on kitchen and faucet handles, drains, and on high chairs and trash cans. The common denominator was pet cats. "Cat owners are eight times more likely to have MRSA in their homes," says Dr. Becker. Moreover, the bacteria was "ping-ponging back and forth between humans and pets."

Another alarming fact? "About 600 U.S. chil-



Prowler gathers himself after running the course and catching the prey, a plastic bag.

*The two pictures of Prowler were supplied, free of charge for use in AMSCOPE by Missy Sowden, Shooting Star Photography, Ltd*

**ED's NOTE.** My own MS have taken part in Lure Coursing at the Wine Country Circuit.

Try it!

dren lose their eyesight each year due to roundworm larvae," says Dr. Becker, "which they contract from soil that has contaminated dog feces, which doesn't have to be from your dog, but from any dog feces off the street." With respect to parasites, Dr. Becker points out that our pets can bring deer ticks into the home, which can cause Lyme disease in humans.

Who is most at risk for contracting zoonotic diseases? "The very young, the very old, and those with weakened immune systems from HIV or chemotherapy, and pregnant women," Dr. Becker says.

Before you banish your pet from the house or vow to keep them at arm's length, Dr. Becker points out that the goal is to get rid of the risk, *not* the pet. "If you lose the intimacy, you lose the healing power of pets," he says.

Dr. Becker offers several solutions to minimize the risk of catching a disease from our pets. High-tech solutions include using an antimicrobial shampoo on our pets to combat MRSA, year-round flea and tick prevention products to protect your pet against parasites, heartworm medications and keeping your pets fully vaccinated.

Low-tech solutions are even simpler. For instance, pick up dog feces from your yard every other day. "Feces have to sit in your yard for more than 2 days before it goes into the infective stage," says Dr. Becker. "So if you keep your yard picked up every other day, the parasites never reach the infective stage."

Also, wash your hands with soap and water before and after playing with your pets or disposing of feces from the yard or cat litter box. "Wash your hands long enough for you to say the entire alphabet from A to Z," says Dr. Becker. While most of us are familiar with the dangers of pregnant women cleaning the cat litter box due to toxoplasmosis (caused by a parasite), Dr. Becker says that toxoplasmosis is an even bigger danger to those who garden since cats often use garden areas as litter boxes. "Always wear gloves when you garden and wash your hands well afterwards," he says.

With those precautions in place, we can still very much enjoy our pets. "I let my dogs sleep in our bed too," says Dr. Becker, "but I use an antimicrobial shampoo and give them a monthly parasite control and keep them fully vaccinated. The only real change I've made is having my dog kiss me on the cheek rather than my mouth."



## President's Message

As you probably have seen in the minutes from our October Board Meeting, your Board has decided to propose to the membership some changes to try to get more people involved in the leadership of the club, as well as improve the agility and performance of the Board. The board is proposing reducing the term of Governors from 4 years to 2 years with the ability to have 2 consecutive terms. The Board felt that this would give more people the ability serve on the Board, since the commitment would only be for 2 years. Also, the Past President and AKC Delegate would become Advisory Members of the Board. Much research was done as to how other parent clubs handle Board terms and most (terriers, at least) were similar to the proposal. Balloting of the membership will be done early in 2010.

There has been some discussion on the AMSC-I and amongst members concerning the format of our AMSC Specialties. For as long as I have been involved (30 years), we have had the current format of three specialties. The Spring Specialty location has changed a few times over those years, although Montgomery County and Great Western Terrier Association have remained consistent. Thirty years ago, the spring specialty was part of the Associated Terrier Club Specialties the weekend before Westminster. In the 1980's when Westminster became "Champions Only", it was decided to move the specialty. International Kennel Club of Chicago was chosen. We now had a specialty in the Midwest! In 2004 we started alternating the Spring Specialty between IKC and Roving. The first Roving was in Atlanta in 2004. The Roving Specialties turned out to be a big success with entries well over historical Spring Specialties. It was then decided

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ing kennel. Operating and working the kennel required an enormous amount of my time; therefore, I would show my puppies locally, winning some single points. I relied on my mentors, friends and handlers Lanny and Penny Hirstein to show and finish many of my schnauzers. Deeanee Kennel finished 16 champions with the Deeanee prefix. All of our champions were Specialty winners, winning either WD, WB or Best in Sweepstakes in their show career.

Ch Deeanee Diplomatic Move **when bred to Ch Penlan Pepper Roxie produced two champions**, Ch Penlan Pensacola **who finished in 2007, bred by Jan B. Flowers and owned by Penny & Lanny Hirstein and Ch Jan-Will's All That Jazz who finished in 2008, bred and owned by Jane B. Flowers.**

in 2008 to stop alternating with IKC and to have a Roving Specialty every year.

The Board is looking at the Specialty format to determine if we should make any changes. You will find in the AMSCOPE a survey concerning this. I ask that each of you please fill it out and return it. We are trying to determine several things; if three specialties are too much, if we should have an extended Specialty with many activities, if we should move our current locations, etc. The Board really wants and needs your input in making this decision.

I want to thank our members that worked at the AKC Meet the Breeds weekend in New York. It was a huge success and very important in meeting our club objectives, as well as helping to combat all of the negative publicity the dog world gets from extremist groups. Thanks to Madelyn Carlin, Santy Diaz, Tom LaSalle, and Jan Wallack (and their schnauzers) for manning the booth. It was a long, but rewarding two days! Also, thanks to Cathi Rohrer and Gwen & Terry Mathis for manning our booth at AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Day in Raleigh, NC.

The holidays and end of year are drawing near and I want to thank all of members that do so much for the club. From the Health Committee, to our Webmaster, to our AKC Delegate, to our fabulous AMSCOPE editor, To our Specialty coordinators, to all of the committee members and Board, to all of our members that everyday promote our breed and promote responsible dog ownership, your devotion to the breed and the club is much appreciated.

Have a wonderful holiday and let's keep up the good work next year!!

*John*

Another mentor was Mrs. Leda B. Martin of Ledahof Kennel. She taught me a lot about Schnauzers, including ear cropping. Mrs. Martin was a true friend and mentor to me.

Since I began showing there are a few things I have noticed that changed. Many coats lack the true wiry coat with banded hairs. Also the heads seem a bit coarser. All things considered, the Miniature Schnauzer is still outstanding.

You asked the question, what keeps me still involved with schnauzers? Well, as my husband said, "you just don't know how to quit". I think the love of the schnauzer is what keeps me going.

Thanks, Dot, for sharing your story with us.  
Carole Weinberger

## BLACK RIBBONS

"DENVER"

### AM. CAN. CH. CARBOR MOUNTAIN HIGH

June 30, 2000-October 23, 2009

—Loved by Diana Perry, Phil Perry, Carla Borrelli and all his many Friends—

Denver crossed the Rainbow Bridge, October 23, 2009. He was diagnosed with nasal carcinoma on September 24th after several weeks of tests and vet and specialist visits. We took him weekly to Medvet Animal Cancer Center in Columbus, Ohio for radiation treatments.

He was my pal and constant companion. He slept at my feet each night and no matter where I was in the house he was there as well. His favorite past time was sitting or laying in his bed in the bay window barking at every ground hog and rabbit in the yard, or person he saw walking down the street. He also loved riding "shotgun" in his donut in the car or motor home.

I purchased Denver from his breeder, Carla Borrelli, when he was 6 months old. We co-owned him and I showed him. He completed his Canadian title as a puppy and his American title before he was two. He was a delight to show and always gave 100%. I continued to show him as a special and he garnered many group placements along the way. Our biggest thrill was his Terrier Group win. Our second biggest thrill was when his son won his Group at just 9 months of age. Denver qualified for the Eukanuba Invitational two years and we went the second year when it came back to Florida. He was a small boy (13¼") in comparison to the specials with which he competed but he thought he was a very big fella. Everyone who really knew Denver thought he was a special dog. A very dear friend and standard schnauzer breeder said it best when she heard he had passed. "I will never forget the little guy who thought he was 6 feet tall."

## NEW APPLICANT

### Williams, Cathy

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Cathy Williams has had Miniature Schnauzers for several years. She is active in conformation and does list herself as a breeder, having bred 1 litter to date. She is a member of the IV Terrier Club and of the Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club. She is an office assistant and she is interested in almost all of our Club activities.

Sponsors: Carma Ewer  
Marie Pletsch

**Bouquets & Biscuits**..cont'd from p. 1, col.3

\***Ch Nite's Sin Wagon, NA, OAJ** (Ch Sterling Ugly From The Front x Ch Adamis Cock-A-Doodle-Do, CD,RN,NA,NAJ,AXP,AJP) finished the requirements for her Open Jumpers with Weaves agility title on Nov 15th, 2009 at the Dog Obedience Training Club of Rochester, New York. "Sin" is owned and handled by Rebecca Dorn.

\***Can. Ch. Naibara's No Question** got a Best In Show on Friday, November 29, 2009 at the Lethbridge and District Kennel Club under judge Neil Graves. His owner is Lynda Berar.

\***Southcross Vote for Me VCD1(CD & TD), RN, JE, MX, MXJ** finished her MXJ on 10/17/09 at the Fond du Lac County KC trial and her MX on 12/5/09 at the Cream City Canines trial. Finch (Ch Bravo's The Great Gatsby x Ch Cholet's Dangerous Devotee) is a salt & pepper bitch bred by Sonny Lelle and owned, trained and loved by Lynn Tamms. Finch just turned 3 on 11/7.

\***Ch. Southcross She's Got A Way - S/P** (Ch. Rudesheims's Tycoon II X Ch/International Ch. Classic Southcross Eclipse, CD,RN) "Rosie" finished the requirements for her championship on November 14 at the Town and Country Kennel Club show by going WB and BOS. She started off the year by going WB at the Lone Star Mini Schnauzer Club's specialty. She was bred and handled by her proud owner, Sonny Lelle.

\***Ch./MACH2 Southcross The Strong Survive, OF - S/P** (Ch./International Ch. Dimensions Hot Pursuit, UD, NA X Ch./International Ch. Southcross Yellow Brick Road, UD) "Hope" finished the requirements for her SECOND MACH on Saturday December 5 at the Den-Tex Agility trial in McKinney, TX. Hope is an amazing dog - having survived distemper as a puppy, she went WB at the Lone Star MSC's specialty in 2000, and has now joined the precious few in our breed to achieve the Ch. and MACH2 titles. Hope is trained and adored by Michelle Perkins and is co-owned by her very proud and adoring breeder, Sonny Lelle.

**WHATEVER  
YOU DO...  
GET YOUR  
DUES IN BY  
DEC.31!**

## RE: AMSC 2010 DUES

Your 2010 membership dues for the American Miniature Schnauzer Club are payable by January 1, 2010. Dues will be in arrears after that date and you will be ineligible to vote. Membership will lapse if dues are not paid by March 1.

*Note there is a change in the determination of dues this year.* Since the main cost driver for our club is the printing and mailing of AMSCOpe, dues will be based on the method by which you receive the newsletter. For US, Canada and Mexico residents there will be no change from this year's dues if you opt to receive AMSCOpe via email. Foreign members will see a decrease if you receive AMSCOpe via email in 2010. All members who wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter will see an increase equal to the cost of printing and postage.

Actual costs for 2009 were reviewed to determine the amount spent for printing and mailing AMSCOpe by regular mail. The cost to our Club is \$25 annually per member/household receiving hard copy. As such, we are increasing our dues for those opting for hard copy AMSCOpe. Thus, going forward, geography will no longer be a determining factor for dues. The only factor in determining dues amounts will be how you wish to receive AMSCOpe.

Below are the new dues amounts for 2010:

Members receiving AMSCOpe by Email (soft copy) - \$30 individual, \$52.50 joint

Members receiving AMSCOpe by regular mail (hard copy) - \$55 individual, \$75 joint

\*\*The additional amount for hard copy covers printing/postage of AMSCOpe \*\*

A few important notes to remember:

- By your selection of the "Email membership" and corresponding dues payment you authorize future notification of Club Member and Board meetings, dues notices, minutes, and newsletters by Email.

- The amount of your dues payment will serve as notification of your preferred newsletter delivery method.

However, if you do not currently have an email address on file and you are switching from hard copy to soft copy delivery for 2010, please include your email address with your payment.

- Once you have paid your 2010 dues, you cannot change your AMSCOpe delivery method during 2010. You can change once per year at the time your dues are paid.

Payment may be made either online or by check.

- Online payment is made by secure credit card (VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express) by using the following link. Note this link is only available directly, and cannot be accessed through the AMSC web site or through PayPal. Foreign members can pay with currency conversion from most countries – be sure to pay in US dollars.

Online dues payment:

[http://amsc.us/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=139&Itemid=44](http://amsc.us/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=139&Itemid=44)

- Payment by check may be made by sending a check payable to the AMSC to the address below. Foreign checks must be a bank draft or certified check in US dollars.

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Finally, please review the AMSC roster to confirm the accuracy of your address/phone/email. You may check the online roster at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AMSC-L/>. You must be a member of the AMSC-L email list and have a Yahoo ID to access the online roster. If you are not currently on the AMSC-L list and wish to be, contact Wyoma Clouss at: [clouss@wy-os.net](mailto:clouss@wy-os.net). Send any changes to your contact information to [abacusminisch@earthlink.net](mailto:abacusminisch@earthlink.net) or enclose a note with your payment.



# American Miniature Schnauzer Club Roving National "TropiCasual" Specialty

March 12-14, 2010

South Florida Fairgrounds – West Palm Beach, Florida

## Thursday, March 11, 2010

3:00-4:00 p.m. - Dental Seminar by Dr. Jan Bellow - Comfort Inn

4:00-6:00 p.m. - Breeders Seminar – AMSC – Comfort Inn

6:00 p.m. - Welcome Party hosted by CFMSC (finger foods provided/  
beverages for purchase)

## Friday, March 12, 2010

Everglades Terrier Club – Judge Barry Day (UK)

6:30 p.m. - AMSC Board Meeting - Comfort Inn

Lunch hosted by CFMSC *in grooming area*

## Saturday, March 13, 2010

Central Florida MSC Specialty held w/Palm Beach Dog Fanciers Assn.

Judges: Sweeps - Hilde Haakenson – Reg. - Lynda Berar (Canada)

Lunch hosted by CFMSC *in grooming area*

CERF/Heart Clinics offered at show

6:30 p.m. – "Welcome to Margaritaville" Buffet Banquet –

Palm Beach Sail Club. Details tba

## Sunday, March 14, 2010

AMSC Roving National Specialty held w/PBDFA All Breed Show

Judges: Sweeps - Carma Ewer - Reg. - Marcia Feld

Lunch hosted by CFMSC *in grooming area*

**Awesome, one-of-a-kind raffle!  
Grooming table, custom designed  
wickets, terrier custom made quilt  
and much much more!! Tickets go  
on sale this fall.**

3 shows – 1 Location

Plan to Attend!

Host Hotel - Comfort Inn  
1901 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd.  
West Palm Beach, FL  
(561) 689-6100

Make your reservations early!

For more details, visit the AMSC website ([www.amsc.us](http://www.amsc.us)),  
contact Gloria Lewis (Show Chairman) @ 561-697-9634  
/ 561-310-9838 or email her at [glorialewis@bellsouth.net](mailto:glorialewis@bellsouth.net)



## MORE HOTELS for the FLORIDA SPECIALTY in March

1. **LaQuinta** - 2 locations...  
1-800-531-5900

1901 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd  
West Palm Beach, FL.

5981 Okeechobee Blvd  
West Palm Beach, FL.

2 **Host hotel is Comfort Inn**

1901 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd,  
West Palm Beach, FL.

561-689-6100

*Mention American Miniature Schnauzer  
Club when making your reservation*

( \$25 pet fee)

3. **Royal Inn** -

675 Royal Palm Beach Blvd.  
Royal Palm Beach, FL. 33411  
561-793-300

4. **Motel 6**

1310 w. Lantana Rd.  
Lantana, FL 33462 -  
561-585-5833  
(no pet fee)



## FLEECE VESTS

These high quality polar fleece vests have the new logo embroidered on the left side of the vest. They come in men's sizes in two colors-royal blue and light grey. The women's sizes come in two colors-raspberry and heather.

\$45.00, which includes shipping

also

White Polo Shirts with same logo  
Unisex sizes S-XXL  
\$35 includes shipping



**new logo on floor mats and vests**

## AMSC FLOOR MATS

These striking logo mats are dye injected and are made of high quality nylon and are 100% launderable in cold water. They can be used indoors or outdoors, since they can be washed but will last longer if not subjected to extreme weather. They will be perfect for grooming room, offices, motor homes, condos, or to stack your puppies on. They measure 22" X 33". Cost of the mat is 65.00 plus 15.00 shipping and handling.



## AFGHAN

This beautiful colorful woven 100% cotton afghan of Miniature Schnauzers in a garden setting will be a keepsake. Black, Salt/Pepper and Black/Silver Minis are at home on green grass with colorful shrubs, trees and flowers in the background.

Lori Bush and Mildred Shultz collaborated with the artist at We Love Country on this very unique design.

\$75. Includes Shipping

## APRONS

stone, red or royal

\$25. includes postage



## NEW GYM BAGS

water-resistant fabric  
outside and end pockets

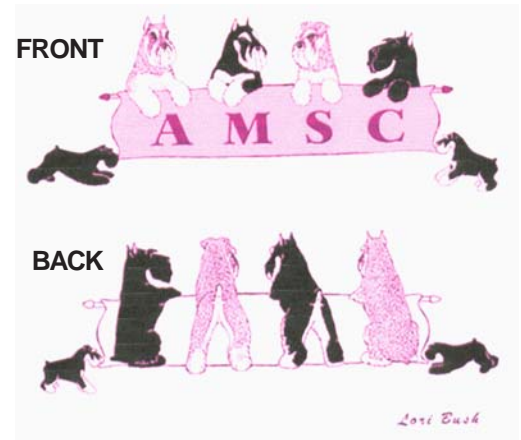
bright red color

\$55. includes postage

## SWEATSHIRT in STEEL BLUE

SIZES: SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, XL, XXL

\$45. includes postage



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Sweepstakes: Patricia Keenan

Cactus State MSC March 4, 2010  
Regular Classes: Robert Moor  
Sweepstakes: Shirley Fry  
Obedience: Gail Carroll Rally: Ms E. Jaffe

Gateway MSC March 5, 2010  
Regular Classes: William Potter  
Sweepstakes: Jan Taylor  
Obedience: Margery West

Central Florida MSC March 13, 2010  
Regular Classes: Lynda Berar  
Sweepstakes: Hilde Haakensen

MSC of Atlanta April 18, 2010  
Regular Classes: Mr. Edd Bivin  
Sweepstakes: Ms Donna Hills

Chicago MSC June 19, 2010  
Regular Classes: Wayne Bousek  
Sweepstakes: Francine Schwartz

## AMSC SPECIALTIES

Palm Beach County DFA March 14, 2010  
Regular Classes: Marcia Feld  
Sweepstakes: Carma Ewer

Great Western Terrier Association June 26, 2010  
Regular Classes: Claudia Seaberg  
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Regular Classes: Edd Bivin  
Sweepstakes: Terrie Houck

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Regular Classes: Wyoma Clouss  
Sweepstakes: Gale Schnetzer

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Regular Classes: Robert Moore  
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for new dues information**

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