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Sweepstakes

Judge: Linda Drost

Best in Sweeps...Axcium's Louis Louis/
Haakensen, Lee

BOS in Sweeps.. Repitition's Phoenix /Mills
Garmaker

RegularClasses

Judge: Ken McDermott

WD/AOM...Dreamaker High Flyer /Allen/
Allen.

RWD...Joker Land's Glacyka/Uryu

WB/BOW...Minuteman Spanish Fly/
McMillan

RWB...Lonestar's Something Wicked/
Edwards

BOB...GCH Minuteman Goldikova/
McMillan / Houck

BOS...CH Regency's Playmaker/ Wang /
Verna

AOM...CH Minuteman Safety Last/ Mason /
McMillan .

AOM...CH Tomar's Captain Kirk/Paisley

SEL...GCH Legacy's Pohl Dancer of
Tomar./Ledgerwood /Pohl /Paisley

SEL...CH Beuideal It'sRaining Men/
Weidner/Darman / Griffin



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Minutes – September 20, 2012 AMSC Board Meeting

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club Fall Board Meeting was called to order by President John Constantine at 9:07 PM EST via conference call.

Officers Present: John Constantine – President, Beth Santure – Vice President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Jane Nielsen – Secretary, Don Farley – AKC Delegate

Board Members Present: Wyoma Clouss, Kathy Colby, Kim Cox-Griffin, Patti Henderson, Penny Hirstein, Cindy Molieri, Patricia O'Brien, Cathi Rohrer, Stella Van Cleave, Beverly Verna, Brooke Walker

Committee Members Present (if different from those already listed in attendance): None

Local Club Delegates Present (if different from those already listed in attendance): Karen Brittan, Marilyn Cooper, Mary Roberts, Carole Weinberger

John asked that we amend the Agenda to include two items that will fall under New Business. We need to discuss having someone attend the NAIA Conference and we need to discuss the possibility of having a 3 point major awarded to the Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch at our upcoming 2013 National Specialty. Wyoma Clouss moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Seconded by Brooke Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Motion of approval was made by Cathi Rohrer and seconded by Penny Hirstein. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the President: John Constantine

1.I want to thank everyone who helped to pull MCKC weekend together, especially Brian Bogart – Specialty Coordinator, and Cathi Rohrer, our Cruise Director, and Sharon Edwards, our DVD producer and financial sounding board.

2.I would like to welcome Wyoma Clouss back to our Board. She was appointed to replace Beth Santure.

3.We nominated the following for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards, Peter Green (Conformation), Susan (Suzi) B. Bluford (Companion), Leida Jones (Performance).

4.We will be participating at the AKC Meet the Breeds at the Javitts Center in NYC once again. Madelyn Carlin is heading up the effort.

5.Our Breed Standard changes were approved by AKC and went into effect on 9/4/12. AKC mailed revised Standards to all judges approved for our breed, and the changes were published on the Secretary's page. We will need to update our Illustrated Standards, which are almost depleted, with the changes. We will also need to update the Breed CD. I have directed the Judges Education Committee to take on this effort and ask that we approve funding of up to \$5000 to complete the effort.

Motion made by Wyoma Clouss to approve funding to update our Illustrated Standards and Breed CD. Seconded by Patricia O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously. Beth Santure reported that at a recent dog show in Goodells, Michigan the judge had apparently not received notice

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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
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***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 Bulletin Committee:**

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**The deadline
for the
December issue is
November 18.**

**Report all changes to
the roster to:**

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of this change because he put up a dog with natural ears and natural tail for Reserve WD. Wyoma Clouss, who serves as the Chair for Judges Education will contact the judge. John will contact AKC to verify that these standard changes have been made available to judges.

6. Carol Weinberger and Central Florida Miniature Schnauzer Club have agreed to host "Meet The Breed" and represent AMSC at Eukanuba.

Report of the Secretary: Jane Nielsen

1. A printed report of the specialty clubs and shows was provided within the body of the agenda.

2. Membership – As of September 20, 2012 our membership totaled 469 Regular, 6 Life, 37 Foreign (w/ voting privileges), 26 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), and 2 new membership applicants (2 regular, 0 foreign), for a total of 540.

3. Correspondence (Received):

(1) AKC

a) Revision to the breed standard approved and will be effective September 4, 2012. The approved standard will be mailed to all approved judges of the breed.

b) Verification that the AMSC Specialty/Great Western held June 24, 2012 has completely processed and closed.

c) Request that up-to-date information be provided to AKC with the names and contact information of the duly elected officers following elections which will be held next month. Also requested is our club's most recent membership list. Failure to provide this information will significantly delay event applications.

(2) Various Newsletters/Magazines/Local club specialty catalogs

(3) Announcements offering a wide variety of professional services

(4) Hotel/Facility advertisements

(5) Miscellaneous

a) Acceptance letter from Obedience Judge Roving Specialty Grays Summit, MO, 2013 – Diane Propst

b) Acceptance letter from Sweeps Judge Roving Specialty Scottsdale, AZ, 2014 – Manuel Itriago

c) Acceptance letter from Sweeps Judge GWTA 2014 – Kim Cox-Griffin

d) Acceptance letter from Judge GWTA 2014 – Marcia Feld

e) Acceptance letter from Sweeps Judge MCKC 2014 – Carla Nickerson

f) Acceptance letter from Judge MCKC 2014 – Margo Klingler.

4. AMSC Summer Specialty:

The AMSC Summer Specialty was held in conjunction with the Great Western Terrier on Sunday, June 24, 2012. Mr. Santos Diaz judged 13 Sweepstakes entries and 3 Veteran Sweepstakes entries. Mrs. Lynda Berar judged 62 regular class entries.

Report of the Treasurer: **Sharon Edwards** (SEE PAGE 4)

Report of the AKC Delegate: Don Farley
AKC Delegates' Meeting Report
September 11, 2012

Delegate Votes:

1. **Vote on proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Section 3, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows**, which would require clubs to hold a show in their territory at least once every two years in order to maintain exclusive privilege in the territory.

The Delegates voted to refer this to the Dog Show Rules Committee for review. The will report back at the December meeting.

2. **Vote on proposed amendments to Chapter 5, Sections 6, 7, & 8, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies** This passes.

3. **Vote on proposed amendments to Chapter 16, Section 1, New Sixth Paragraph Shows**, which would create a new three point major for the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch at one National Specialty each year.

This passes, and goes into effect Jan. 1, 2013. By default, this will apply to all Parent Club National Specialties. If a Parent Club does not want to award the Reserve Major, they must opt-OUT when submitting their application for their National Specialty.

Additional Business:

AKC President Alan Kalter announced there are over 70,000 supporters of the petition to have the USDA review the new regulations in the Animal Welfare Act. He urged everyone to continue their support. A moment of silence was held in memory of the 9/11 tragedy which happened exactly

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eleven years ago during the Delegates' Meeting in 2001. AKC also announced that effective September 11, 2012, it will award Urban Search and Rescue Titles to dogs that are FEMA certified as deployable on FEMA task forces and to dogs that are certified by States as deployable on State task forces. The first such title was presented to Juno, a FEMA certified English Springer Spaniel owned and handled by Becky Stanevich, Delegate for the Mountaineer Kennel Club. It was noted that there are only 250 dogs in the FEMA system. The hope is that the new title will contribute to developing dogs even better suited to search and rescue.

Four Delegates were recognized for twenty-five years of service as a Delegate. They are:

- Gretchen Bernardi - Mississippi Valley Kennel Club
- Charles H. Schaefer - Kennel Club of Philadelphia
- Robert S. Jagers, Jr. - Kern County Kennel Club
- Harold W. Sundstrom - Collie Club of America

Four Clubs were honored for one hundred years as an AKC Member Club. They are:

- American Foxhound Club
- Bulldog Club of Philadelphia
- Middlesex County Kennel Club
- Pacific Coast Boston Terrier Club

The new Delegates seated since the last meeting were announced; the Delegates at their first meeting were introduced. The Delegates also voted on nominees for the Standing Committees.

John Lyons is retiring as COO in 2013. A search for his replacement was started this summer. The President will make a recommendation to the Directors for election to the COO position, effective January 7th, 2013.

Peter Farnsworth was announced as AKC's new CFO. He had an extensive career on Wall Street, was CFO for the AmericaCares Foundation, which includes five diverse businesses, and served as the CFO of Amnesty International USA. He provided the financial report stating that costs are being managed well and that AKC operating results and investment results are both up

Carl Ashby gave a report on the President's Challenge, the annual fund drive which will support the American Kennel Club Political Action Committee as well as the Canine Legislative Support Fund. He listed the

clubs that have donated \$1000. He stated that the challenge will continue with the 2013 President's Challenge. He asked that all clubs be urged to participate.

Gretchen Bernardi asked about the possibility of bring back the field reps. Dennis Sprung said they just had a discussion with Patty Proctor about that item. More information is to come.

Lee Arnold, Delegate for Southern Colorado Kennel Club, gave an update on AKC CHF. He stated that last year they approved an aggregate sum for research for 1.3 million dollars. This year they approved 17 grants to the tune of 1.7 million dollars, an increase of \$400,000 from last year. And Jim Stevens was selected to receive the President's Award.

Joan Tabor, Delegate for the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, pointed out that not having a printed form of the AKC Gazette was resulting in lower readership of the magazine.

The results of the elections to the Delegate Standing Committees was announced, and the meeting was adjourned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. SPECIAL COMMITTEES:****1. Fall Specialty:** Brian Bogart

·The AMSC section of the 2012 Montgomery County Kennel Club (MCKC) Show Premium and Trophy List was carefully reviewed and corrections were made. The Trophy List was also examined by our Trophy Chairs Terrie Houck and Cathy Pendleton. All documents were then submitted to MB-F, Inc. Show Superintendent. ·We also received correspondence from Mary Roe of MB-F stating that our Best Junior trophy could not be included in the Trophy List or Show Premium and had to be presented outside the ring. This prize is a beaded show lead designed by Kate McMillian.

·A letter was sent to Carol Carlson MCKC Show Chair stating that the AMSC would need 2 ring stewards for the 2012 Fall Specialty. These stewards are complementary. ·A copy of the Code of Ethics for Specialty Shows and/or Shows at Which Sweepstakes are Held was sent to our sweepstakes judge, Linda Drost,

Our regular class judge, Ken McDermott and sweepstakes judge, Linda Drost were contacted about help with travel or hotel arrangements. In addition, they were both invited to the 2012 AMSC Annual Dinner and Meeting with compliments of our Organization. Mr. McDermott graciously declined. Mrs. Drost and her guest accepted.

·There have been 3 separate occasions

during my 9 year tenure as committee chair that our regular class judge has not charged a fee. I feel that some sort of token must be given to show the AMSC's appreciation to this individual for evaluating our dogs. A policy needs to be established by the Board as to what should be given and how much should be spent on the gift. This policy should be adhered to at all AMSC Specialties. A smaller version of the medallion given to the Best of Breed winner is one idea. This gift could be engraved on the back with "Judge" and the "Year". I received the Montgomery County KC medallion in 2002 when I judged the AMSC Sweepstakes. It is a cherished memento of that day and has a place of honor in my home.

Discussion followed as to ideas for an "appropriate" gift. Several people felt that the medallion should be reserved for use as intended, BOB and Award of Merit, and judges be given a gift such as the club afghan or other club merchandise. It was agreed that the judge's gift should fall in the price range of up to \$100.00.

2. 2013 Roving Specialty: John Constantine

Schnauzapalooza – May 8 – 13, 2013 at Purina Farms near St. Louis, MO. Planning is ongoing. I was appointed Overall Event Chair by the other 2 clubs chairs, SSCA and GSCA. We are meeting every few weeks to pull everything together. Application for Conformation/OB has been sent to AKC. Draft Schedule has been posted to the membership. Pat Hastings Seminar confirmed and contracted. John also made mention that Cathi Rohrer is working on Hospitality plans for this show. Cathi reported that the host hotel has completely sold out. A list of nearby motel/hotel facilities will be made available. Remaining RV sites will be made available to those people who are on a waiting list.

Futurity Report – Beth Santure

As of August 28, 2012 I have received 52 litter nominations and 35 individual puppy nominations. Total fees collected \$1,490.00 Nominations close November 12, 2012. Beth indicated that once futurity entries close, a budget will be planned. The budget will plan for prizes, refreshments and AMSC administrative fees.

B. STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **AMScope:** Carla Borrelli No Report
2. **Audit:** Bonnie Keyes No Report
3. **Awards:** Kathy Colby, David Kirkland. Kathy reported that awards for Montgomery County are ready to be shipped other than the performance awards which are pending information from Sonny Lelle.

Treasurer's Report – September, 2012**Financials**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>5/20/2012</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>9/1/2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Variance Explanation *</u>
Checking	\$14,183.11	\$14,037.36	-\$145.75	Net change due to income or cash received Offset by expenses (material amounts noted below)
Rescue	\$7,536.38	\$7,537.51	\$1.13	interest
Health	\$7,909.85	\$7,936.04	\$26.19	Great Western judge donation \$100 (Berar), JRD study expense \$75
Holding	\$13,997.69	\$13,999.78	\$2.09	interest
Savings	\$33,800.86	\$33,823.81	\$22.95	interest
PayPal	\$396.89	\$1,182.80	\$785.91	PayPal account is a temporary holding account for funds received via PayPal (dinner, box lunch, t-shirts, trophy donations)
Trophy	\$6,857.28	\$6,310.07	-\$547.21	Great Western trophy expenses \$1,157 incl. shipping, Montco trophy deposit \$500, donations of \$1,100
2013 Roving	\$7,093.00	\$7,418.00	\$325.00	RV parking payments \$2,480, quilt raffle \$160, Futurity receipts \$685, offset by \$3,000 to Combined Specialty
TOTAL	\$91,775.06	\$92,245.37	\$470.31	

* Material variances are explained; all other small variances account for change in balance, including interest.

Note that the AMSC uses the cash basis of accounting and all reports reflect this methodology.

Income/Expense Recap

Significant transactions since the June report not highlighted above include the following.

Income or Cash:

Refund- Texas Combined Specialties	\$936
Montco catalogue ad	\$710
Refund – Bowtie (cancellation of Dog Fancy ad)	\$617
New member dues (June Board meeting)	\$90
Paypal account – payments received for trophy donations, t-shirt orders, Montco dinner and box lunch orders not transferred to bank accounts at report date	

Expenses:

Great Western judge travel	\$498
AMSCOPE (3 issues)	\$420
Liability insurance (annual premium)	\$330
Dog Fancy ad (buy AKC, responsible breeder)	\$290
Publishing software (AMSCOPE)	\$200
Deposit – dinner at Combined Specialty May, '13	\$200

Schnauzapalooza

RV parking -To date, \$2,835 has been received. This equates to \$1,050 profit for the club (\$15 per night upcharge).

Futurity - \$1,490 received to date for litter and individual puppy nominations.

Silent auction at Montco 2011 - \$1,147.

Quilt raffle - \$160

Credit Card

Approval for club credit card discussed at the June meeting is on hold pending confirmation of Board approval in writing as required by bank to issue card.

2011 Federal Taxes

IRS Form 990 was submitted in August for tax year 2011.

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A. Versatility Award: Lynn Baitinger No report

4. Companion Events and Performance: Lynn Tamms No report

5. Constitution & By-Laws: OPEN
No report

6. Dinner & Annual Meeting: Catherine Rohrer Cathi reported that several people have made reservations for our annual dinner and box lunches have sold well. Coffee and pastries are planned for Sunday morning and immediately following breed on Sunday, there will be cake and champagne.

7. Education: Wyoma Clouss (Overall Chair and Judges Chair), Beth Santure (Breeders Chair)

Judges Education – Wyoma Clouss I've turned in info on Schnauzapalooza Judges Ed for AKC national specialty. They sent me the revised 15 questions to use for the breed test that now must be completed by an attendee to receive credit for attending. The questions relate to: 1 general appearance, 2 proportion, 3 head shape, 4 eye color, size, 5 ears cropped, 6 stop, 7 muzzle, 8 neck, 9 body, 10 hind-quarters, 11 coat quality, 12 s/p color, shading, 13 allowed colors, 14 s/p color, 15 MS standard DQs.

I would like to suggest that we ask them to remove #14, a second question about s/p color, and substitute a question about our new wording regarding the tail - specifically, ...properly presented MS will have a docked tail, all others will be seriously faulted. Wyoma made a motion that she contact the Judge's Education department and ask that they modify the question about allowed colors and add a question about the tail. This motion was seconded by Don Farley and passed unanimously.

John will also be involved in Judge's Education at Eukanuba and Wyoma will be there to back him up. The goal is to have the updated Illustrated Standards available for that meeting.

8. Electronic Media and Website: Chris Franck

A. AMSC –L: Wyoma Clouss As of Sept 10, 2012, the AMSC-L has had 42,896 postings, and currently has 333 member participants.

9. Ethics: OPEN, Marcia Feld, Patti Henderson No Report

10. Guidelines: Diane Gardner, Vicki Kubic No report

11. Health: Vera Potiker, Patti Henderson, Paula Steele DVM, Lisa Sarvas DVM, Kurt

Garmaker, Sheila Marks, Patricia O'Brien, Bill Brown

AMSC HEALTH COMMITTEE ANNUAL BOARD REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2012**BOARD AGENDA ITEMS/REPORT****1. CHF Grant Updates – AMSC Funded**

Grant # 00963: Genotyping Small Breed Dogs with Portosystemic Vascular Anomalies and Microvascular Dysplasia, Sharon Center DVM, Cornell University:

Grant # 01272: Isolation and Characterization of Canine Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPS), Dr. Jorge Piedrahita, North Carolina State University:

Grant # 01422: Targeting iNOS in Canine Oral Melanoma, Dr. Julie Ellerhorst, MD, PhD, University of Texas: .

Grant # 01429: Mechanistic Relationship of IL-8 in Cell Proliferation and Survival of Canine Hemangiosarcoma, Dr. Jaime Modiano, VMD, PhD, University of Minnesota

2. AKC/CHF Fund Requests for 2012:

We are awaiting the Broad Institute Grant approval which will be advertised in September or October. This grant will specifically address identifying disease related genes in renal dysplasia in several breeds — one of the three will be Miniature Schnauzers. We have written a supporting letter of endorsement and would like to recommend \$10,000 to support this fund request.

ACTION: Request approval to award \$10,000 for this research project when it received its final approval stage sometime in September or October 2012. (Patti Hendersen made a motion that we support this fund and Wyoma Clouss seconded this motion. This was approved with a unanimous vote)

In addition, Dr Giger will be preparing an ACORN grant request through the AKCCHF funding process which will make him eligible for donor assisted funds. He has received a grant from the GLF but it was small and did not cover his research completely. We would like to make a sizeable donation whenever this grant becomes available and will be requesting approval after we have had a chance to discuss this with Dr. Giger. Carol Weinberger still has \$50,000 in an escrow account for his research and we want to be sure that there is sufficient overlap. .

3. PROGENY SOFTWARE: We are exploring expanding the use of this database to a multi-license or web-based database to enable more than one individual access and hopefully to make it available to all HC members. Since Errolyn's departure we have not gotten to the point

of effectively using this tool as originally planned. Part of this is related to the importance of other matters during this transition. Our plan is to have the progeny database as the sole source of archived data with web links to the documentation requirements.

4. RECOGNITION OF AMSC MEMBERS WITH CHIC ENROLLED DOG: Over the past year we have increased our number of enrollees from 100 to 121 since last report in October 2011. There will be some CHIC pins presented to enrollees at the annual dinner.

5. DR BELL SEMINAR: The seminar planning for AMSC members attending Montgomery County 2012 is well underway. We will be providing DVDs for purchase. This seminar will include current research in areas of interest for miniature schnauzer breeders as well as a specific report on MAC which will include possible breeding strategies.

Specific Topics will include: Ins and Outs of Pedigree Analysis, Genetic Diversity & Genetic Disease Control, How Matings Manipulate the Genes of Ancestors, The Popular Sire Syndrome, Specific Disorders Affecting Miniature Schnauzers, Use of Genetic Testing, Breeding Recommendations to Manage Genetic Disorders.

Patti made a motion that we approve \$1038.00 (from the Health Fund) to pay for seminar refreshments and for the reservation of the meeting room. This motion was seconded by Cindy Molieri and passed with a unanimous vote. There will be a "Donation Pot" available at this seminar.

6. HEALTH PRIORITY SURVEY: The Health Survey was published on August 17th and a few improvements were made after the fact thanks to the suggestions of AMSC members. The information continues to pour in and at the time of this report 688 dogs have been entered into this database and more are being entered. Please encourage AMSC breeders, members and puppy buyers to participate in this survey. It was also recommended that we send out printed surveys for those who are not comfortable with computers.

http://www.offa.org/surveys/survey_minischnauzer.html

7. SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE: We have been working with the UK and others to begin to collaborate on varied, mutually agreeable topics, projects and solicitations. Our goal is to have an international presence for Health discussions and other mat-

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ters but in a moderated and vetted environment with professional guidance and input.

8. HEALTH COMMITTEE MATERIALS: Materials belonging to the AMSC Health Committee have not been returned. Some information has been received; there is a significant portion that has not been returned and likely will never be. We will be pleased to answer ANY questions.

A motion was made by Kathy Colby to hire an attorney to review the problems and explore our options. This motion was seconded by Wyoma Clouss. Motion passed with 15 affirmative votes and one abstention.

Addendum Report on missing Health Committee files as of 9/20/2012

1. The Board gave Errolyn Martin five weeks to return information and other materials including JRD DNA cheek swabs valued at over \$900. She was to return this information via UPS/C.O.D. Not unsurprisingly, we still do NOT have our material back. We did receive 10 emails with attachments of various data including 3 Progeny genetic pedigrees (created in May 2011), outdated and incomplete.
2. Through some very elaborate and time-consuming investigative work we have been able to piece together some (but certainly not all) details from 35 cases of Avium, half of which are not substantiated. In addition, our plea to the AMSC-List for anyone having information previously submitted to the AMSC to resubmit did yield information for only one additional case. Many of the older cases are "presumed" to be Avium without any diagnostics or lab work to corroborate in any way the dog had avium or any other disease. We asked Errolyn to identify which cases were Researcher cases as those could be counted as documented according to our criteria—she refuses. She stated that Kurt somehow knew the identity of these cases which he does not. Errolyn kept all this information to herself. We even tried to contact Dr. Lothrop with no success. He, in fact, refused to collaborate with Dr Giger and yet Errolyn will not divulge even this OLD information from Lothrop's research because of some need for her to maintain what she claims as confidential and yet she criticized the Health Committee on the Facebook page for not accepting them as proven. If she had provided those identities we would have been able to corroborate them.

3. We asked Errolyn for a list from 1 to 64 (the number of cases she indicated there were) with no identities revealed to preserve her pledge of confidentiality that provided simply demographic information like - the age, sex, parents and diagnostic report. She refused and so far has provided nothing other than what we already had in our possession when a demand was first made on July 1. Of the presumed 36 cases of Avium, we lack incontrovertible proof on over half of them. This leaves completely no details of any kind on **the remaining 28 CASES she has reported.** We are not sure at this point whether there were ever 64 cases of Avium. Even now she is contacting people who have had dogs die of avian asking for their "story" for a book which she intimates as an expose of breeder protectionism and a "code of silence".
4. We asked Errolyn for the genetic pedigree on all these cases and she informed us that the genetic pedigree which was assembled from AMSC materials and with the AMSC Progeny program purchased by our club was no longer the possession of the AMSC, as she made a **unilateral decision** to give this to Dr. Giger. Keep in mind to even construct a genetic pedigree she had to have at least sex and pedigree for the affecteds. Since we did get 3 partial genpeds done on our software, we are all but certain that she still retains all the files and information used to assemble them. We know for certain she deleted Progeny data files related to MAC and to Avium. We have no doubt that she has a copy of everything she collected and gave to Dr. Giger.
5. Errolyn also constructed a CHI SQ analysis on the litter data that only she had access to and touted that the results strongly supported a Simple Autosomal Recessive. When the Health Committee started pressing to see this information, redacted if necessary to preserve her pledge of confidentiality, she steadfastly refused and, in retrospect, perhaps understandably. We asked Bill Brown to take a look at the CHI SQ analysis with the method of identifying litters being based on at least one affected case in the litter (according to her description). According to Bill, a professional research statistician on faculty at Rice University, there was a significant statistical flaw in that "selection bias" was superimposed and the results were incorrect.

Accordingly, based on information provided to the List and the Facebook page, and assuming an average of 5 puppies per litter, her calculations resulted in an error of 23.7%. Thus, instead of the 25.8% that she proclaimed as strong proof confirming that the MAC defect had to be a Simple Autosomal Recessive mode of inheritance. Yet the actual statistically valid affectation percent, given the selection bias she introduced, would have been 18.15%.

6. Recently I asked Dr Giger why he did not seek funding through the CHF especially since Carole Weinberger had earmarked \$50,000 in a Trust Fund just for his research – I was astonished when he told me he never knew about it —Errolyn failed to tell Dr. Giger that \$50,000 waited in a trust donated by Carole Weinberger for his research. She told Kurt in a phone call and later in an email to me (a copy of which is still in my possession), that she did not want Carole to be able to absolve her guilt in this Avium matter by donating money, so she hoped Dr Giger would find other sources of funds for it.
 7. This report is not that of one or two Health Committee members. This report comes from the entire Health Committee, and represents information that can be factually corroborated by documents, correspondence and emails. This is a not a witch hunt and was never intended to be, but it is a very sad commentary and a striking example of betrayal of trust.
 12. **Historian and Policy Records:** Richard Isley. No Report
 13. **Judges Selection:** Eunice Revsbech No Report
 14. **Legislative Liaison:** Kennalea Pratt. No Report
 15. **Local Club Bulletin/ Websites:** Brian Beitz, Tatiana Myers, Bonnie Keyes. No report
 16. **Member Retention/Expansion and Local Club Diplomat:** Brooke Walker, Karen Brittan, Marilyn Cooper. No Report
 17. **Membership/Insignia:** Stephanie Davis-Rae
- 14 AMSC Decals sold at \$1.00 each for a total of \$14.00.

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18. Policy: Jinx Gunville. No Report

19. Public Awareness: OPEN. No Report

20. Publications and Literature:

Patricia O'Brien

Inventory:

Grooming charts 130

Illustrated Standards 10

CD 9

So you want to show your Miniature Schnauzer 3

So you want a Miniature Schnauzer Puppy 19

Income:

Grooming Charts \$ 109

Illustrated Standards \$ 49

CD \$ 85

Total Income \$ 243

Expenses:

Postage \$ 36.14

Grooming Charts 8@\$2 \$ 16

Illustrated Standards 4@\$2.40 \$ 9.60

Total Expenses \$ 61.74

Profit: \$181.26

21. Publicity: Carma Ewer. I am always looking for articles or ideas for the Gazette. Wondering how many people really read the Gazette now that it is an online publication?

22. Rescue: Kelly Radcliffe

AMSC Rescue Committee Report**Item 1: Schnauzer Rescue of the Carolinas (ACTION REQUESTED)**

The Board received detailed background on Schnauzer Rescue of the Carolinas (SRC) and its placement of a Glen of Imaal Terrier in spite of receiving notification that the breeder wanted the dog returned to her. That action was in violation of the spirit of the AMSC Minimum Rescue Guidelines; therefore, I recommended that they be removed from the AMSC Rescue Program.

SUGGESTED MOTION: It is moved that the AMSC Board approve the removal of Schnauzer Rescue of the Carolinas from the AMSC Rescue Program.

This motion was seconded by Patti Hendersen and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 2: Addition/Removal of Breed Rescue Organizations (ACTION REQUESTED)

recognition of rescue organizations and to remove rescue organizations from the AMSC Rescue Program either temporarily or permanently. I am asking the Board to allow the AMSC Rescue Chair to (1) review and approve requests from rescue organizations to be recognized as following the AMSC Rescue Guidelines and listed on the AMSC Rescue page and (2) investigate complaints and temporarily or permanently remove rescue organizations from the AMSC Rescue Program and AMSC Rescue page. Notification of additions/removals would be provided to the Board and included in a subsequent Rescue Committee report.

SUGGESTED MOTION: It is moved that the AMSC Board authorize the AMSC Rescue Chair to review and approve requests from rescue organizations to be recognized as following the AMSC Rescue Guidelines and listed on the AMSC Rescue page. It is further moved that the AMSC Board authorize the AMSC Rescue Chair to investigate complaints and temporarily or permanently remove rescue organizations from the AMSC Rescue Program and AMSC Rescue page. The AMSC Rescue Chair shall provide notification of any changes and relevant information to the Board as part of a subsequent Rescue Committee report.

There was a good deal of discussion on this item but it was determined that a single person should not yield this veto power alone. It was suggested that The Rescue Chair along with two additional board members could make a temporary decision and then bring this information to the board. If needed, a special phone vote could be held. A motion was made Bev Verna to amend this motion from "Rescue Chair" to "Rescue Committee." This Committee would be allowed to temporarily suspend a rescue organization but this action would need the approval of the board before becoming a permanent removal from the AMSC rescue program. This motion was seconded by Cindy Molieri and passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 3: Revisions to the AMSC Rescue Program

I have been researching how other national breed clubs operate their rescue programs and the standards and practices of those programs. The AMSC Rescue Program requires many of the same things required by other national rescue programs; therefore, I am recommending only minor changes to

to both review and approve requests for our requirements. There are more significant differences between our rescue program and others in the "benefits" that the national club (or its trust or foundation) offers for rescues and the information that rescues are required to provide to the national rescue program. The first three items below are designed to address the benefits part of the AMSC Rescue Program.

Item 3(a): Seek Charitable Organization Status from the IRS (INFORMATION)

Allowing the AMSC Rescue Program to seek appropriate charitable organization status from the IRS would:

- allow those donating funds to the AMSC Rescue Program to claim a charitable deduction on their income taxes;
- make the AMSC Rescue Program eligible to seek grant funds on behalf of recognized rescues, which would encourage collaboration among these groups and help them to meet the eligibility requirements of some large grantors; and
- allow individual members who incur expenses for rescuing a dog – and who are not part of a local rescue group – to claim a charitable deduction on their income taxes.

We have to do some work to make sure this is set up properly – both for the AMSC and in order to receive IRS approval as a charitable organization. I will continue to research how other national breed rescue programs are organized and what would be required for the AMSC Rescue Program to seek charitable organization status. I will provide an update at the next Board meeting.

Item 3(b): Disaster grant program (ACTION)

Following a natural disaster or other emergency, it is important to get funds in the hands of the recognized rescue as quickly as possible. Since the Board meets three times per year, I am recommending Board approval to authorize the Rescue Chair, President, and Treasurer to jointly agree to release up to a certain amount (e.g., \$2,000) in emergencies. Notification would be provided to the Board following release of funds, and would be included in a subsequent Rescue Committee report.

SUGGESTED MOTION: It is moved that the AMSC Board authorize the Rescue Chair, President, and Treasurer to jointly agree to release up to \$2,000 to recognized rescues

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in response to a natural disaster or other emergency.

This motion was seconded by Patti Hendersen and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Item 3(c): Provide space for recognized rescue(s) to host an educational and fund-raising table at specialty events. (ACTION REQUESTED)

Events such as Schnauzapolooza 2013 provide an opportunity for recognized rescues to highlight their work while raising much-needed funds for both the rescue and the AMSC Rescue Program.

SUGGESTED MOTION: It is moved that the AMSC Board provide space for recognized rescue(s) to host an educational and fund-raising table at specialty events.

This motion failed due to lack of a second. It was thought that this plan was already in place and there was already approval for this activity as long as any rescue education and fund-raising event was previously cleared with the show committee.

Item 3(d): Revision of AMSC Rescue Program Requirements. (ACTION REQUESTED)

Suggested revisions are marked below:

AMSC Rescue Program Minimum Rescue Requirements

May 05, 2014 September xx, 2012

~~Any rescue group wishing to be recommended by the AMSC must be following these minimum guidelines. If you adopt a dog from a group who was recommended by the AMSC, and they are not following these guidelines, please contact AMSC Rescue at MS_Resq@comcast.net.~~

Rescues recognized on the AMSC Rescue Program page have agreed, in writing, to adhere to the AMSC Rescue Program's Minimum Rescue Requirements, and their rescue practices are periodically checked for compliance. If you adopt a dog from one of the recognized rescues and believe that they are not following these guidelines, please contact AMSC Rescue at MS_Resq@comcast.net.

If you are part of a rescue group that is not recognized below, please contact AMSC Rescue at MS_Resq@comcast.net for an Application for Recognition by the AMSC Rescue Program. ~~contacts currently listed on the AMSC website are there at their re-~~

~~quest, and are not necessarily approved by AMSC Rescue. If you would like to know of a reputable rescue contact in your area, please contact MS_Resq@comcast.net.~~

All dogs of appropriate age and health placed MUST BE SPAYED/NEUTERED/SPAYED PRIOR TO PLACEMENT.

Known bBiters and terminally ill dogs are not placeable.

All dDogs should receive a health check from a veterinarian prior to placement. ~~be vet checked to verify that you are placing a healthy dog.~~

All dogs placed must be current up to date on routine vaccinations, including rabies, distemper, parvovirus, coronavirus, and parainfluenza. In states where infection has occurred, dogs they should also be tested for heartworm and the owner informed of the results.

All dogs Schnauzers should be reasonably and recently groomed.

An aAdoption fee must be charged to discourage unscrupulous people from acquiring a free dog that they can turn over to a laboratory for animal testing, use as a bait dog in dog fights, etc.

An aAdoption agreement is required ~~contract must be completed~~ for each dog placed. The agreement Contract MUST stipulate that the dog must be returned to the rescue organization if the new owner cannot keep the dog, at any time and -for any reason.

AKC papers are NEVER to be given to the new owners per AKC Policy and Guidelines.

Registration papers from any other registry are NEVER to be given to the new owners.

An oOwner surrendering a dog must sign a ~~form~~ contract relinquishing all claims to the dog.

Vet records for owner surrenders should be acquired from the owner's vet if possible. These records should be passed on to the new owner; HOWEVER, the previous owner's information (name, address, phone number, work phone number, etc.) should be obscured so the new owner cannot contact the previous owner.

If it is determined that a rescue dog origi-nated with came from an AMSC breeder, the breeder MUST be contacted promptly and the dog should be returned to the breeder at his/her discretion.

If a rescue places another breed of dog and it is determined that the rescue dog originated with a breeder recognized by that breed's national breed club, the breeder MUST be contacted promptly, and the dog returned to the breeder at his/her discretion.

ANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT A GROUP PLACING A DOG AFTER BEING NOTIFIED BY THE BREEDER THAT HE/SHE WANTS THE DOG RETURNED WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF THE GROUP WHILE THE AMSC INVESTIGATES THE COMPLAINT.

Rescuers in each state should be adhering to the laws applicable to his/her their state/region.

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SUGGESTED MOTION: It is moved that the AMSC Rescue Program Requirements be revised as shown.

Stella Van Cleave seconded this motion. This motion failed following discussion about what vaccinations are determined to be routine. For example, in some parts of the country, Coronavirus is considered routine and yet in other parts of the country, it is not given. There needs to be an amendment made to this motion that would allow for the varying attitudes of what makes a vaccination routine. John will suggest to the Rescue Committee that they work with the Health Committee to find a good way to amend the wording of this motion.

23. Roving Specialty: John Constantine John presented Detroit as a possible location for the 2015 Roving Specialty. That idea was not well received. There was discussion of Louisville, Atlanta and Kansas City as well. Denver was suggested and we discussed the possibility of holding the Roving Specialty in February when a large show is held at the Denver Coliseum. A motion was made by John and seconded by Cathi Rohrer to hold the 2015 Roving Specialty in Denver. This motion passed with 15 affirmative votes and 1 no vote.

24. Trophies: Terrie Houck, Cathy Pendelton. Trophies are organized and Kate McMillan is working on several trophy projects. Terrie and Cathy are stepping down from the trophy committee and so we will need new people to head up the trophy committee.

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25. Ways And Means: Carma Ewer, Vicki Kubic, Gloria Lewis, Catherine DiFranco, Flo Bessemer

Carma Ewer reported that lots of good orders have been placed for our Montgomery County Specialty apparel. She will send John a final total and estimate of profit after orders close on September 15th. She has also been in contact with the Giant Schnauzer Club of America and the Standard Schnauzer club on merchandising for SchnauzaPalooza.

Luana Nedlich has offered to bring some AMSC items to Montgomery County for sale. We will also try to have some of our items available at SchnauzaPalooza.

Don't forget about the wonderful quilt raffle. We will try to have a flyer and tickets available for sale at Montgomery County also.

Advertising report of Montgomery County Catalogue Ads – Gloria Lewis

In 2010 there were but 2 ads in the M/C catalogue. In 2011, this number increased to 12 ads. This year, with the extended MBF deadline of September 10th, we have 17 ads.

Unfinished Business:

1.Report of search for “professional webmaster” and estimates – Colby/Clouss

I am submitting several proposals for your consideration of a new webmaster. I had asked for recommendations on several of the AKC YahooGroups, so each of these names comes as a referral. Please check out the websites designed and maintained by each potential designer/webmaster – and I will try to summarize their information. I don't have the technical knowledge to compare systems ... and one likes “Joomla”, another doesn't - like others... I am not sure, but AMSC may be using “Joomla” currently.... if there are any serious geeks out there, pitch right in!! Generally, several recommended that we need an update/upgrade of the system – security issues, need to survey our members to see what they like, don't like, about current website, need to define who our target audience is, and perhaps develop more for “the public”. Several mentioned Content Management Systems (CMS) where the club can have a designated person who will update some sections – events, membership, etc, rather than having the webmaster do it all (cost savings) This seems sort of like comparing apples to oranges – I ended up with a preference, but no clear answer...Wyoma Clouss

Pam Stoesser – <http://web-wisconsin.com/featured-clients> <http://GSDCA.org> <http://GSDOW.com> <http://brandonkc.com>

She is a German Shepherd breeder/exhibitor/judge who has been involved with IT since 1976 – mentioned that really, anyone can print up a business card to say they are a webdesigner /webmaster. Her price is \$55/hr (a “dog club” discount from \$70/hr). Work on a project or two at a time, with projected estimate. Uses Joomla (one of the original Joomla Users Group in Wisconsin). Recommended CMS & designated member, would get website up to date, then teach us how. CMS allows designated member to update individual sections, info is stored in a database, interface looks like an email or Word doc. Same system as major news agencies use for world wide reporting. She noted that it looked like our Facebook account was more active than website, wondered if Facebook was attracting new members?

Aido Shiseki – <http://2outsource.us> does no charge mockup for you to see before actual site goes live, allows changes, easier transition. Boston Terrier Club of N Texas <http://northtexasbtc.com/> Staffordshire Terrier Club of America <http://www.amstaff.org/> 4yrs as designer, webmaster. She suggests more separation between areas for members and for public. Promises quick updates. \$400/yr for setup, design, hosting, maintenance. No extra charges for changes. Reworking images \$45/hr in 15min segments. Didn't mention CMS.

Kim Hopkins (graphic artist) & Randy Goldstein (webmaster) <http://khopdesign.com> Tibbie website <http://tsca.ws> Kim does not do Joomla. Can code in Wordpress, works with Randy Goldstein www.BisMarquee.com. Randy feels Joomla is difficult to read, update. Mentioned CMS for some sections, others maintained by webmaster. Design and build \$800 one time fee. If Randy hosts, 1 hr free updates/mo, beyond that is \$90/hr in 1 hr segments. Maintenance & support \$50/mo

Andrew Donahey (marketer, project manager) works with Purple Martin Design (Arthur Franco & Cynthia Noronha of Brazil who are webmasters, photographers, graphic designers) . <http://birnamwood.com> is his family's Golden Retriever website. <http://th-project.com> is partners site. <http://www.purplemartindesign.com> is joint marketing site. Andrew suggested some “clean-up”, lots to fix – Axiom is still listed on AMSC website, site needs to be more engaging, search engine optimization. They build

CMS, work in Joomla, Drupal, favorite is Hubspot \$35/hr for content management, \$50/hr development & design per project. He talked about reworking website to gather more members, more product sales.

Sharon pointed out that the Webmaster controls the technical expertise but not the “feel” of the website. After much discussion, it was decided that we should turn to club members who have volunteered their time in the past to find out their recommendations. The goal is to have an informative website, but also a website that feels good. We need to be able to update information easily. Further study and input is needed before a decision can be made.

2. List of common guidelines for our member clubs for placing club member's dogs. (Member Placement Services) Submitted by Bev Verna, Stella VanCleave and Kim Cox Griffin

With our aging membership and ever changing local ordinances, occasionally AMSC members find themselves in an emergency situation needing to immediately downsize, or in the case of death or disability to relocate significant numbers of their beloved dogs.

To solve that potential problem we propose the formation of a new committee in the A.M.S.C. - **Member Placement Services**

This could be accomplished by one or two computer savvy Members. They could create a site where members could log on and make a dog placement “will” using a password. Only the moderator and the member would have access to their personal “will”. They would be able to log on to update as needed. It is expected that members would designate some dogs to be placed in specific homes (with prior permission) and some to be spayed/neutered and placed in good pet homes.

Also, in an attempt to preserve some of our lines, if there happens to be a breedable dog or bitch that the breeder has not bequest to anyone, or has not requested for them to be spayed or neutered, that animal would be made available to members of the AMSC prior to being put into Rescue.

These facilitators could network with our Rescue coordinator to accomplish these goals. AMSC approved Rescue Organizations would foster these dogs until either:

- a. Arrangements can be made to transport dogs designated to specific homes at new owner's expense.

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b. Dogs can be spayed/neutered and placed in appropriate pet homes.

It would be expected that any profit after expenses incurred would be split 60/40 between Rescue and AMSC to create a fund to help pay for expenses.

These services could also include members who need help in disbursing their own dogs, should such a time come that they can no longer care for them properly. In that case, the AMSC would charge a fee per dog.

There was a good deal of discussion on this subject and many board members agreed that it would be a wonderful plan to have in effect for AMSC members. Some board members felt that this was a personal issue and should be handled through members own private arrangements. The motion to organize this new committee called Member Placement Services and have this committee continue to organize and look at these issues **if and when** we have a new website in place was seconded by Cindy Molieri. This motion passed with 12 affirmative votes and 4 abstentions. Stella and Bev will continue to work on this idea in anticipation of a future website that might be compatible with implementing this program.

3. Common guidelines for rescue of member's dogs – Radcliffe. No report

4. Committee finding on ways to make the Roving Specialty more inviting and interesting – Imler/Verna/Lelle. No report

5. Judges selection – continue with AMSCOPE balloting – Constantine
Due to the significant financial savings, it was decided that we should continue to have the Judges Ballots sent with the AMSCOPE. The hope is that members will become comfortable with this new balloting procedure and take the time to print the ballot and mail it in.

Election of New Members

The board moved unanimously to accept Lisa Martin and Amy Gordon as new members.

New Business

1. NAIA Conference – John Constantine
We need a club member to attend and report back on the NAIA Conference which is to be held on November 10th and 11th, 2012. This conference will be held in Southern California. Kathy Colby and Brook Walker volunteered to attend this meeting and to report back at our next Board Meeting.

2. Three Point Major for Reserve Winners at 2013 National Specialty – John Constantine

As a club, we have the option to "Opt-Out" of allowing a Three Point Major to be awarded to Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch at a National Specialty if the entry meets the criteria. Kathy Colby made a motion to Opt-In and allow this Three Point Major to be awarded at Purina Farms in 2013. This motion was seconded by Patricia O'Brien. This motion passed unanimously.

3. Review and approval of AMSC 2013 Budget - Edwards (Sent as separate attachment)

Adjournment:

Following a motion to adjourn, the meeting ended at 12:12 PM EST.

Respectfully submitted by
Jane Nielsen, Acting AMSC Secretary



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and new phone number
and new email
address to us so that
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you...you wouldn't
want to miss one
issue!

10 Holiday Season Pet Dangers

by Mary Kearl

Despite our best merry-making intentions, the holidays can be stressful for the whole family, pets included.

"The holidays are a dangerous time for pets," says Ann Hohenhaus, DVM, DACVIM, at The Animal Medical Center in New York City, who specializes in oncology and small animal internal medicine.

So what can you do to ensure this really is the most wonderful time of the year for your cat or dog? We spoke with Dr. Hohenhaus to find out about the most common reasons pet owners visit her emergency clinic during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

Top Holiday Dangers

1. Trash. Sure, you probably know whether your cat or dog is a garbage forager by now, and are normally very vigilant about keeping it out of your pet's reach, but during this busy time of year when unaware company can throw off family routines, a "pet is more likely to get in the trash," says Dr. Hohenhaus. There they'll find foods and other objects they shouldn't — but will want to — eat.

2. Unusual foods. Overindulging your pet with fatty treats, like gravy or too much turkey or ham, can cause upset stomach and even pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas). Onions, garlic and scallions can damage dogs' red blood cells. Symptoms you can expect include lethargy and red discoloration in the dog's urine. And as you probably know, chocolates are a no-no.

3. Decorations. The worst combinations are cats and tinsel, and cats and wrapping-paper ribbon, says Dr. Hohenhaus. Curious cats are likely to swallow these enticements, "which causes their intestines to bunch up, and cuts into intestinal wall, so cats can't pass food through the intestinal wall normally," says Dr. Hohenhaus. "It requires surgery to cut these out surgically." "Don't have icicle tinsel on tree at all," she cautions.

Holiday lights are also risky temptation to pets, according to the Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine website, which recommends humans, "check cords for any signs of bite marks,

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Minutes – October 6, 2012

AMSC Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was called to order at 8:37 pm at The Club of Shannondell in Audubon, PA on October 6, 2012, by the AMSC President John Constantine. Each person in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Report of the President: John Constantine

John reported that everything is ready for tomorrow's specialty. The show site is beautiful and next year we will be moving back to the main showing area. Miniature Schnauzers will have their own grooming tent located near their ring as well. Rain is anticipated tomorrow and we were asked to avoid parking on the grass to avoid damage if weather is wet. John expressed his appreciation to Show Chairman, Brian Bogart, for a job well done. He also expressed appreciation to Cathi Rohrer for handling hospitality and to Sharon Edwards for arranging the DVD project.

Our 2013 National Specialty will be held May 8 - 13 in conjunction with the Schnauzapalooza at Purina Farms near St. Louis, MO. John reports that great activities are planned. They are anticipating at least 400 dogs. There will soon be a website available and there will be reserved grooming available. There will be a Futurity on May 10, 2013 and so remember to submit entries. The planned catalog for the Schnauzapalooza will be a large catalog approximately 8 ½ x 11. This will be a combined catalog with all three (Miniature, Standard and Giant) Schnauzers included. It will cover all planned events.

John expressed gratitude to the Health Committee for all of their hard work and he feels that progress is being made in regards to health issues.

We had a great turn out from many foreign members as well as foreign visitors representing a good number of countries. John welcomed them and expressed gratitude for their participation and attendance.

Our Breed Standard changes were approved by AKC and are currently in effect. Allowed colors are salt and pepper, black and silver, and solid black. All colors must have uniform skin pigmentation. No white or pink skin patches must appear anywhere on the dog, including the nose which must

be black. In addition, a non docked tail is to be severely penalized.

John reported that Gloria Lewis has done an outstanding job with catalog ad sales for the 2012 Montgomery County catalog. Gloria reported a final number of 19 ads which is up significantly.

Report of the Secretary: Jane Nielsen

It was reported that AMSC has sent a letter to AKC granting blanket approval for all Local Miniature Schnauzer Clubs to hold their specialty shows in 2013. Local clubs were urged to send in specialty results and keep AMSC informed of any changes in club officers and delegates. Local clubs were also urged to keep AMSC informed of their club status because some of our local clubs are currently inactive and some are on the verge of becoming inactive. We have twenty Miniature Schnauzer Clubs throughout the country and eighteen are active and licensed to hold specialty shows.

As of September 20, 2012, our membership totaled 471 Regular, 6 Life, 37 Foreign with voting privileges, and 26 Foreign members without voting privileges, for a total of 540 members.

Report of the Treasurer: Sharon Edwards

The club currently has \$92,245.37 in the bank. This amount is held in a variety of funds which includes the general fund, the rescue fund, and the health fund. Our trophy donations are down and Sharon explained that there were some donations received after the catalog deadline and so not all names making donations are listed in the Montgomery catalog. Sharon has been reviewing contracts which primarily relate to agreements we have with other clubs, businesses, or organizations. Sharon reminded everyone that there would be DVD filming again this year at Montgomery County. Our 50/50 netted \$360.00 for the trophy fund and the auction raised \$270.00. Donations at the Bell health seminar total \$131.00 that will go to the Health Fund.

AMSC Breeder Awards for 2011

Top Agility Dog

Ch. Mach 10 Awesome's Dreamz Come True MXG4, MJC4
Breeder: Hal and Jan Smith

Top Obedience Dog

OTCH P.S. Crimson & Clover UDX, OM3, RN

Breeder: Sally Dahlke
Owner: Barbara Koscielski

Top Producing Dam

Ch. Destineez Smoooth Jazz
Breeder: Terrie Houck & Cathy Pendleton
Owner: Catherine Rohrer

Top Producing Sire

C h. Regency's Twist of Fate
Breeder/Owner: Beverly Verna

Top Bitch

GCH Minuteman Venus Flytrap
Breeder/Owner: Catherine McMillan

Top Dog

GCH Repitition's Valedictorian
Breeder/Owners: Kurt Garmaker & Lauri Sicurella

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award was extended to Gale Schnetzer who has been a great help to many people.

President's Award

The president's award was presented to Wyoma Clouss in appreciation for all she does to help both the AMSC and for her great help and guidance to John.

Induction of New Officers and Board Members

President – John Constantine
Vice President – Beth Santure
Treasurer – Sharon Edwards
Secretary – Jane Nielsen

Board Members
Kaye Kirk
Patty Ledgerwood
Luana Nedich
Carla Nickerson

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:42 pm by Lisa Sarvas. This motion was seconded by Vicki Kubic.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Nielsen,
AMSC Secretary

Minutes – October 6, 2012 AMSC Board Meeting – Following the Annual Meeting Audubon, Pennsylvania

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club held a short Board Meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting. This meeting was called to order by President John Constantine at 9:51 PM, at The Club of Shannondell in Audubon, PA.

Officers Present: John Constantine – President, Sharon Edwards – Treasurer, Jane Nielsen – Secretary

Board Members Present: Wyoma Clouss, Kathy Colby, Penny Hirstein, Patty Ledgerwood, Cindy Molieri, Luana Nedich, Carla Nickerson, Cathi Rohrer, Beverly Verna

President John Constantine welcomed the new Board members, Class of 2016: Kaye Kirk, Patty Ledgerwood, Luana Nedich, Carla Nickerson

1. John appointed Beth Santure to serve as Committee Chair for Constitution and By-Laws.
2. John recommended the following dates for the 2013 board meetings: Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Schnauzapalooza at 7:00 PM. Friday, June 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM at Great Western in Long Beach, CA. There will be a teleconference on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 beginning at 8:00 PM EST. A motion was made to approve the suggested meeting dates by Patty Ledgerwood and seconded by Carla Nickerson. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Appointment of Nominating Committee due by June 15, 2013. The Nominating Committee voted on by the board will be:
Wyoma Clouss – Chair
Kathy Colby
Kim Cox-Griffin
Mary Paisley
Vera Potiker

Alternates:
Gloria Lewis
Patricia O'Brien

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:10 PM by Patti Ledgerwood and seconded by Carla Nickerson. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Nielsen,
AMSC Secretary

Bouquets & Biscuits

***Carbor Blue Denim** (Am/Can Ch Carbor Mountain High x Can Ch Boxdema Memory of Carbor) "B'Gosh" is 10 years old and still going strong. He was bred and co-owned by Carla Borrelli and is owned, loved, trained and adored by Sandy Kibler. B'Gosh just got 2 titles (ExCL) & the main one was (C-ATE) which requires an accumulation of 5000 points, clean runs only, 0 faults are allowed. His other titles are in both AKCandCPE:**NJP,NAP,OJP,OAP,CATCH,ExST,ExSN,ExWC,ExC,C-ATE.**
(C-ATE B'Gosh) what a guy!!!

***Daree's Rainy Days and Mondays, CDX,GN GO VER RN** (CH Daree's Notice Me x CHDaree's Pretty Girl) completed the requirements for her Novice Rally title on Sept. 2,2012 at the Great Falls Dog Training Club shows in Great Falls, MT. Rainy was bred by Theresa Kaminski and is owned, trained and adored by Dianne Armstrong.

*** MACH5 Southcross Fascinatn Rhythm UDX2 OM2 RE XF** (Ch Southcross Blockbuster x Ch MACH2 Southcross The Strong Survive) earned her second Obedience Master (OM2) title on Oct. 6, 2012 at the River City Newfoundland trial in St. Louis. She also earned her fifth Master Agility Championship (MACH5) on Sept, 29, 2012 at the Greater St. Louis Agility Club trial in Glen Carbon, IL. and her second Utility Dog Excellent (UDX2) title in March, 2012. Tempo is our very special girl! She was bred by Sonny Lelle, is owned and loved by Clay and Nancy Lincoln and trained by Nancy.

***MACH2 Southcross Majority Vote CDX BN GN OF** (Ch Bravo's The Great Gatsby x Ch Cholet's Dangerous Devotee) earned his Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title on October 6, 2012 at the River City Newfoundland Club trial in St. Louis, with three straight first places. He earned his Companion Dog (CD) title on March 17, 2012 at the Mound City Obedience Training Club trial in St. Louis with three straight placements. Major was bred by Sonny Lelle, is owned and loved by Clay and Nancy Lincoln and trained by Nancy.

MEMBER APPLICANTS

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Sponsors: Dr. Karl Barth
Charlotte Stuckey

Marie Murphy has had Miniature Schnauzers for 17 years. She has had one litter over five years ago but does not plan to have more. She is involved in conformation, agility, obedience, rally and flyball and attends approximately 24 events per year. Marie belongs to the Nashville Kennel Club and the Music City Road Dogs, which is an organization for flyball. Marie is an attorney. She volunteers with 4-H and other community events.

Rhonda Smith
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Sponsors: Kim Cox Griffin, Cynthia Mulheron Klein

Ronnie Smith has been breeding Miniature Schnauzers for 20 years. She has had a total of 14 litters averaging three a year for the past four years and prior to that, maybe one litter per year. Her stud dog has provided three stud services in the past two years. Rhonda attends 6-12 shows per year. She belongs to the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club, where she has been the club Secretary and Social Events Coordinator. She also belongs to the Southern Oregon Terrier Club, where she has served as a board member and publicity and website administrator. Rhonda is active with several non-profit organizations.

AMSC Health Committee Position Statement and Recommendations Regarding Systemic Mycobacterial Infections in Miniature Schnauzers

September 25, 2012

The AMSC has received additional disclosures of cases of mycobacterial infections in Miniature Schnauzers in the past 2-6 months that suggest the mutation suspected of predisposing certain dogs to infection is increasing in frequency (or reporting) within the breed population. Pedigree analysis leads us to believe this mutation has been lurking through multiple generations and may now be infiltrating the breeding programs of an increasing number of kennels both in Northern America and abroad. While the evidence suggests a recessive transmission, there are several cases that do not follow a simple recessive mode of inheritance OR there is another, heretofore unknown, family of "producers" with no discernible lineage to the Bandsman line. The CHI Square Analyses previously published and offered as additional support for a Simple Autosomal Transmission (SAR) was incorrect and sufficient information is not available to assess the data correctly at this time.

Over the past 10 years, we have seen evidence of dogs with 50% risk of being carriers bred to bitches with risk of being carriers. Sometimes these matings are conducted by breeders who are knowledgeable about this defect and accept the calculated risk but more often than not, risky matings are executed by breeders who may not have been advised of the risks when they bred to or purchased a dog owned or bred by someone else. We have also seen producing stud dogs exported to become popular stud dogs elsewhere, thereby inevitably increasing the carrier and disease rates in other countries. We are beginning to now hear of cases in other countries and are able to trace lineage to these exported U.S. dogs.

It may be practical and feasible to manage certain non-lethal genetic defects and some congenital defects by appropriate risk-reduction breeding methods, especially for those defects where the mode of inheritance is known and the defect is congenital and identifiable by the breeder before the dog is placed. This type of management ensures puppy buyers and other breeders are not unwittingly purchasing a dog that will become sick later. However, for a SUSPECTED recessive lethal adult-onset defect with the potential for zoonosis, such management strategy is irresponsible using dogs identified as producers of such a defect. The AMSC Health Committee recognizes that there are many dogs within the population that descend from known producing dogs and not every dog or bitch descending from these dogs are necessarily

a carrier of this defect. The AMSC Health Committee recognizes that while UNPROVEN, the mode of inheritance is SUGGESTIVE of a recessive transmission and the breeding of a risky dog to another risky dog (defined as dogs with Bandsman's Newsprint or Jerry-O's Future Shock ANYWHERE in the pedigree) is strongly discouraged. Effective management of these dogs within their breeding programs is imperative to protect the public and to preserve breed health.

Given the potentially zoonotic nature (able to be transmitted from dogs to humans) of this disease and the evidence discovered through these most recent disclosures as well as the history of this disease in Miniature Schnauzers, the AMSC Health Committee is compelled to address this serious issue with breeder members directly. Our position and recommendations are based on evidence collected over the last 14 years and the evidentiary analysis of a large group of Miniature Schnauzers which strongly suggests a simple autosomal recessive trait. Our committee members have not failed to recognize that these recommendations will potentially impact many breeding programs and are offering to provide confidential assistance and pedigree evaluation to help breeders understand their risk of producing affected dogs and to help them understand how the continued open breeding of dogs with risk will impact the future health of our breed. Our committee position is that until a DNA test is available to detect the genetic status of a dog in regard to this mutation, in consideration of the serious impact this disease has on breed health, the following measures should be taken:

1. The AMSC Health Committee has sent and will continue to send all owners of any sire or dam notification that their dog/bitch is the parent of an affected dog when an owner-disclosure of a confirmed case of systemic Mycobacteriosis is received by the committee.

2. The AMSC Health Committee recommends all dogs/bitches that produce even one offspring that is documented to be affected with systemic Mycobacteriosis be retired from public use immediately upon notification of the owner.

3. The AMSC Health Committee strongly discourages the continued use of producing dogs/bitches in private breeding programs, but at a minimum, breeders who choose to continue to use these dogs/bitches privately should consult with the health committee

for guidance.

4. The AMSC Health Committee recommends that any breeder who participates in the subsequent private or public breeding of such identified dogs/bitches with the intent of selling the offspring as pets or breeding animals advise the purchasers in a written contract of the risk that the dog they are buying is a carrier for this mutation or may become infected with a lethal opportunistic pathogen such as mycobacteria. The seller should also provide the buyer with available information on the signs of such diseases, contact information, and the information on how to participate in current research activities should the purchaser's dog become ill.

5. The AMSC Health Committee urges the owners of dogs/bitches that are identified as producers to notify all breeders who have bred to such stud dog or purchased the offspring of such dog/bitch for breeding purposes that such dog/bitch has produced an affected offspring. This notification should occur as soon as notified – the AMSC Health Committee will assist with this if desired.

6. The AMSC Health Committee may at any time deem it necessary to contact breeders who have offspring of dogs/bitches identified as confirmed producers to help educate them on the risk that their dogs/bitches may be carriers for the mutation.

7. The AMSC Health Committee is available to assist any breeder with breeding decisions or information to assist the breeder with making breeding decisions. This is offered as a service and in no way will interfere with breeding management within their respective program. Any analyses will be based on information available to the committee at the time of service and must not be considered a guarantee. Confidentiality will be maintained in all instances. Individual dogs within the pedigree cannot be identified regarding their status unless a public disclosure has been submitted for such dog by the owner or the owner has announced the dog's status publically via a club venue such as a board meeting or club newsletter.

8. The AMSC health Committee strongly encourages open dialogue among breeders regarding this defect so that all breeders will have access to pertinent information.

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loose or frayed wires, proximity to the tree's water supply, or evidence of short circuits." Electrical shock that could result can cause burns, difficulty breathing, abnormal heart rhythm, loss of consciousness, and death, the website warns.

4. Alcohol. 'Tis the season to be jolly, but not that jolly! Letting your pet have sips of your drink intentionally, or leaving cups of holiday cheer where dogs (they're more tempted by food and drink than cats) can reach them, is a "disaster because pets are not accustomed to drinking alcohol," according to Dr. Hohenhaus. An owner who is careless with alcohol may find their dog "in a coma from alcohol intoxication."

5. Plants. "Poinsettias are probably overrated as being toxic to pets, but it's still worth being careful about," says Dr. Hohenhaus. "Mistletoe has some toxins, but it's normally hung up high, so it's not as big an issue." The lesser-known risky seasonal plants include amaryllis lilies, red azaleas and paper whites. While cats are less likely to be "chowhounds," they'll "mow down a plant in a second," cautions Dr. Hohenhaus. The ASPCA has a [searchable database of plants that are toxic and non-toxic to pets.](#)

6. Presents. If you have packages filled with treats that tempt your dog's olfactory senses, don't leave them out while your dog is alone at home. Not only could the food items be likely to affect your dogs, the packaging could be a cause of upset too. Surgery may even be required to remove the materials from your dog's body, Dr. Hohenhaus warns.

7. Christmas tree water. If you treat your

tree's water bowl with chemicals meant to extend freshness, be sure to read the label to make sure it is safe for pets who might want to drink it, cautions Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine's [website](#). Potpourri is another seasonal staple to keep hidden from pets.

8. Snow globes. Pleasing to look at, easy to break. If ingested, [the liquid inside could pose a risk to cats and dogs](#), according to Pet Poison Helpline's website. Imported globes, found to contain antifreeze, may be even riskier. "As little as one teaspoon of antifreeze when ingested by a cat or a tablespoon or two for a dog (depending on their size), can be fatal," adds Pet Poison Helpline's website.

9. Unattended medication. Even the most attentive pet parents are likely to get distracted during this time of year, and Dr. Hohenhaus says the riskiest result of this carelessness is "pets eating the owner's medication" that didn't get picked up or put away as neatly or quickly as it might have otherwise. The ASPCA has a list of [human medications that are most toxic to pets.](#) These include ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), naproxen (Aleve, Midol), acetaminophen (Tylenol) and various antidepressants.

10. Being given as a present. "This is really is not a good idea because if people are not expecting a pet they're not prepared," says Dr. Hohenhaus. "Everything is crazy at this time of year." The new owners are not likely to be able to pay their full attention to a new arrival, she adds. Last year, Paw Nation reported on the tragic trend of gifted puppies and kittens [winding up in animal shelters](#) after the holidays are over.

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Our committee has developed and reviewed these recommendations with the best interests of our breed and our breeders in mind. We see no other means of curbing what appears to be an increase in our carrier and affected rates for this devastating and potentially zoonotic disease in the absence of a DNA test. We are sponsoring a free seminar (which will be videotaped and available on DVD) with a professional veterinary geneticist who will be addressing breeding management principles in genetic defects and will specifically target MAC in our breed. Research efforts continue at the University of Pennsylvania to isolate this mutation in

the hope of developing a DNA test. Those interested in providing samples for this research can contact Dr. Urs Giger as giger@vet.upenn.edu or any health committee member at

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AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLER SERIES INAUGURAL**END-OF-YEAR COMPETITION SLATED FOR DECEMBER 2013**

New York, NY – The inaugural AKC National Owner-Handler Series (NOHS) end-of-year competition will be held in conjunction with the 2013 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando, Florida. The competition will be open to the top owner-handled dogs from two qualifying periods. Dogs that finish ranked in the top ten (plus ties) for their breed for the 2012 or 2013 qualifying years will be invited to compete in the competition.

"AKC created the AKC National Owner-Handler Series as a pilot program in January to celebrate the dedication and enthusiasm of our owner-handler exhibitors, and we're very pleased with the support the program has gotten since it was opened to every All-Breed club this spring," said AKC Director of Event Operations Bobby Birdsong. "Since the Series has existed for less than a full year, we've scheduled the year-end event for December 2013 to allow exhibitors extra chances for competition and time to qualify."

The qualifying period for the 2012 qualifying year is January 1, 2012 through October 10, 2012. The qualifying period for the 2013 qualifying year will be October 11, 2012 through October 9, 2013.

Rankings are compiled based on the AKC Owner-Handler Series [Point Schedule](#) for Best of Breed, Group and Best in Show placements. The rankings are available on the [AKC website](#).

Once the results from the 2012 qualifying year have been processed, AKC will recognize the top 2012 dogs on a new webpage.



Trick or treat?

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By their nature, emergencies are never planned, and they always seem to happen at the worst time. They range in severity from mild to life-threatening, and they can be due to unexpected allergic reaction, poisoning, burns, electrical shock or trauma.

Many diseases also present as emergencies. Consider the following scenarios: a Great Dane with a twisted stomach; an eight week old Pomeranian with parvovirus; a Jack Russell Terrier with a rubber ball obstructing its intestine. It is your intuition that determines if you do or do not need immediate veterinary assistance.

The hallmark of many emergencies is **shock** triggered by a severe drop in blood pressure.

Blood loss from internal or external bleeding, severe dehydration, allergic reactions that cause blood pooling in internal organs, toxins, and even intense pain can cause shock. The body's first response to falling blood pressure is to speed up the heart so that more blood can be pumped. Next the blood vessels that supply the extremities (feet and ears) constrict, to shunt the blood to the interior of the body so it can nourish the vital organs. This conservation technique is initially protective, but eventually so much blood pools in the internal organs that the extremities starve for oxygen. There are two important signs of shock that you can recognize in your companion at home. The first is a change in pulse. Take your right hand and cup it around your dog's upper right hind leg so that your fingers rest on the inside surface. The femoral artery can be felt coursing down the center of the limb, strongest at the top of the leg. Feel the strength of your dog's pulse while he is healthy and count the number of beats in a minute. During shock, your dog's pulse will change to rapid and weak.

The second important sign of shock is a pale gum color, with poor capillary refill time (CRT). Lift your dog's lip and check his gum color - it should be a healthy pink. Pale pink or white gums reflect poor circulation. To test CRT, press firmly on the gum with a finger and then release. The blanched or white area that you made should disappear in less than one second. If it takes longer, your dog's pressure is down and shock may be a factor. Body temperature falls during shock (normal is 99 - 101oF) and, in later stages, weakness and depression develop. In early shock, dogs may be restless or anxious. When untreated, severe shock will be fatal if the brain and heart muscle don't get enough oxygen to function

adequately.

The first step in shock treatment is to keep your dog warm by covering him with blankets. If you are outside, get your dog into a car and turn the heat up. Once you arrive at the hospital, your veterinarian will treat shock with warmth and intravenous fluids to boost blood pressure.

Before getting to the hospital, it may be necessary to initiate first aid, especially in cases of **severe bleeding**. The best way to control bleeding is to apply direct pressure to the bleeding area, using a compress (a face cloth, sanitary napkin or gauze pad), either held in place manually or bound to stop movement.

Once a blood clot forms, do not disturb it. If blood soaks through the compress, simply add another one on top. In a pinch, you can use your finger or bare hand to stop bleeding.

Arterial bleeding, which is bright red blood pumping from the wound, can be further reduced by applying pressure to the main artery supplying the limb. For rear-leg bleeding, pressure is applied to the femoral artery, and for front-leg bleeding, the brachial artery. Both arteries course down the center of the inside surface of the appropriate leg. Apply pressure over the supplying artery as close to the body as possible.

If bleeding is life-threatening, a tourniquet can be applied, but it should be reserved for a limb that is not expected to be saved. A wide piece of cloth is loosely wound around the leg and knotted. A stick or similar object is put under the loop and twisted until the cloth tightens around the leg sufficiently to slow the bleeding. If the limb is to be saved, the tourniquet must be loosened every five minutes, for a two-minute interval, to allow some blood flow to the tissue.

Luckily, most wounds that dogs get are not severe enough to induce shock. **Simple wounds** can be initially managed at home. The first order of business is to stop the bleeding. Leave the compress in place for as long as it takes to stop the bleeding completely. Don't disrupt the clot too soon or you may initiate bleeding again. Compresses also help protect the site from further contamination.

Once you have bleeding under control, you can clean the wound with warm water and an antibacterial product - e.g., chlorhexidine (Hibitane), Povidine iodine (Betadine) or 3% hydrogen peroxide. Finally, pat the wound dry with a sterile gauze or cloth. The final step is to cover the wound.

Though it sounds easy, applying a bandage to a dog's leg can be a challenge. Begin by covering the wound with gauze, one of the compresses mentioned earlier or a Telfa pad. This can be held in place by cling gauze wrapped loosely around the leg. The bandage

cover needs to be adhesive so it will stay in place. Elastoplast is an excellent choice. It should cover the cling gauze and the area above and below it. Adherence to hair will ensure that the bandage stays on.

Once the wound is protected, the dog should be taken to a veterinarian so that treatment can be completed. Some wounds may require continued bandaging and antibiotic therapy. Others may need to be sutured.

Dogs do occasionally get burned. If you witness a **burn**, apply a cold wet compress to the site for at least 30 minutes. Change the compress frequently to ensure it is always cool. Veterinary help should be sought for all burns.

Allergic reactions are most commonly initiated by insect bites, but can occasionally be induced by vaccinations, medications or foods. Reactions to injected allergens, such as bee stings, can range from mild to life-threatening.

The worst reactions, which occur within minutes of the bite, involve shock-like symptoms or edematous swelling of the larynx, which can obstruct breathing. These reactions can be rapidly fatal but, thankfully, are rare.

The most common type of allergic reaction is swelling of the face (called angioneurotic edema). The lips, eyelids and sometimes ear flaps will thicken so much that a dachshund can look like a Shar-Pei. If you see this reaction, you should be relieved because it is too late for either of the fatal

reactions to occur. Facial edema is usually evident one to six hours after the insect bite.

The last symptom of an allergic response is hives, technically known as urticaria. Though hives are easy to see on short-haired dogs, the bumps may not be evident if your companion has a thick coat. Even if you can't see them, you know hives are there because your friend will be extremely itchy all over.

Allergic reactions are treated according to their severity. The first two reactions (shock or laryngeal edema) are emergency situations needing immediate veterinary help. If your dog has ever suffered one of these reactions, you should consider carrying an injection of epinephrine (as a bee kit) with you wherever you and your dog go. Milder allergic reactions are treated with antihistamines and possibly corticosteroids.



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