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#### SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Sharon Edwards

- BSW Attaway Dots and Dashes/ Drost
- BOSSW Carmel Get Lucky/ Ewer
- BVSW CH Sterling's Patent Pending/ Ericson/LaSalle/Diaz

#### **REGULAR CLASSES**

Judge:Michael Dougherty

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WB...Repitition's Simply Spectacular of

Hardinhaus/Blackburn/Garmaker RWB...Sunny's Navigator/ Wang

BOB/G4...Yanga's All The Time/Martinez SEL...GCH ALLARUTH CARMEL STILL

KIDDING V SOLE BAYE, Phelps/Ziegler/Ewer AOM...GCH JOKER LAND'S GLACYKA/Uryu/

Fallowfield

AOM...CH SPARX RICH DARK N DELICIOUS/ Krohn

OSBBE...GCH MINUTEMAN SWEET JUSTICE/ McMillan/Houck

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Your Your dog is constantly licking one area of skin.

It becomes inflamed.

The sore spot can't heal because the dog is constantly licking it. That leads to itching. And more licking. It's a vicious cycle of itching and licking.

This is a lick granuloma, an injury to your dog's skin caused by chronic licking. The condition is also called acral lick dermatitis (the word "acral" simply pinpoints the location of the problem to a limb or other extremity).

The most common location for a lick granuloma is on the front limbs between the elbow and toes. Chronic lick granulomas are typically raised areas of ulceration that show hair loss and thickened skin around the lesion. Middle-aged, large breed dogs are most often affected.

Secondary conditions that can result from lick granuloma are bacterial infections, yeast infections, furunculosis (ruptured hair follicles) and ruptured apocrine glands (a type of sweat gland). Any of these secondary problems can make your dog's itching worse and prolong the itch-lick cycle.

#### What Causes Excessive Licking?

Many veterinarians believe itchy skin triggers the excessive licking that creates acral lick dermatitis. It's also possible that a painful condition is the genesis of the itching. It might be trauma to the leg, a fracture, post-surgical discomfort, osteoarthritis or peripheral neuropathy. Additionally, chiropractic problems such as nerve impingement or referred spinal pain may also contribute to excessive licking. A bacterial or fungal infection can also set things in motion, as can an infestation of skin mites. Sometimes incessant licking has a psychological cause such as canine obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Persistent licking may trigger the release of endorphins, and so the dog learns to repeat the behavior to induce a pleasant sensation.

Other psychological factors involved in obsessive licking include boredom, stress and separation anxiety. It's important to determine the cause of your dog's licking so it can be successfully treated.

#### **Diagnosing Lick Granuloma**

The first step in diagnosing lick granuloma is to rule out any potential underlying allergic diseases. For example, if your dog has recurrent skin or ear infections, hot spots, or itching in other areas of the body, he quite likely has a generalized allergic condition that must be addressed. A possible allergy to fleas, food, or something in the dog's environment should be investigated. Completing sensitivity testing such as Dr Dodds' Nutriscan can highlight food sensitivities that can be exacerbating your dog's inflammatory response.

Several tests are necessary to confirm a diagnosis of lick granuloma. These include deep skin scrapings (to check for mites) and skin cultures to check for infection. And rarely, skin biopsies may be necessary to rule out other pathological issues, such as cancer.

Most lick granulomas involve a bacterial infection.

Generally speaking, if your dog has no behavioral abnormalities beyond the constant licking, and while the licking may escalate to an obsessive level over time, chances are the condition isn't rooted in OCD or another psychological disorder.

#### **Treating the Wound**

I use a variety of topical remedies to speed the healing of lick granulomas because no one remedy works for every dog. A few options to try include:

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#### NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Report all changes to the Roster to treasurer@AMSC.us Bonnie Keyes 511 River Terrace Endicott, NY 13760 (607)742-3828

#### The Society of Theriogenology in conjunction with Penn Vet is hosting a seminar for interested Breeders on various topics related to reproduction and breeding management and associated behaviors.

Several of the researchers featured are on THE cutting edge of current research in these areas. This is a real unique opportunity at such a reasonable cost it would be well worth attending. Hope to see you there!

AMSC Health Committee

Please share this information with breeders and breed clubs that you may know.

AT PENN VET

Saturday, October 24, 2015

#### TIME

8:00 AM registration and breakfast

 $9{:}00\,\text{AM}-5{:}30\,\text{PM}\,\text{sessions}$ 

#### LOCATION

Claudia Cohen Hall, Room G17249 S. 36th St., Philadelphia, PA 19104

#### REGISTRATION

Register in advance - \$99

On-site registration - \$125

#### Register at http://bit.ly/1Ktwj14

Breakfast and lunch provided

Proceeds benefit the Theriogenology Foundation and Penn Vet

SCHEDULE

**9:15 AM "Canine Reproductive Advancements and Considerations for the Future"** – Cindy O'Connor, DVM, DACT, Staff Veterinarian at Slade Veterinary Hospital

**10:30 AM "Stud Dog Infertility: Who Dropped the Ball?"** – Margret Casal, DVM, PhD, Associate Professor of Medical Genetics at Penn Vet

11:45 AM "Advances in Canine Genomics Lead Advances in Canine Genetics" – Luncheon Keynote with Elaine Ostrander, PhD, Chief & NIH Distinguished Investigator of the Cancer Genetics and Comparative Genomics Branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute

**1:00 PM "Why a Breeding Program is Important for Working Detection Dogs"** – Cindy Otto, DVM, PhD, DACVECC, DACVSMR, CCRT, Executive Director of the Penn Vet Working Dog Center

2:15 PM "The World According to Dogs: Insight into Dog Cognition, Perception, and Emotion" – Carlo Siracusa, DVM, PhD, DECAWBM, DACVB, Director of Penn Vet's Animal Behavior Service

**3:30 PM "Mother Nature Meets Mother Nurture: Perinatal Influences on Dog Development and Behavior"** – Gayle Watkins, PhD, President of Avidog International and Gaylan's Golden Retrievers

**4:45 PM "The Microbiome in Canine Health and Disease"** – Dan Beiting, PhD, Research Assistant Professor of Pathobiology at Penn Vet

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## MTAC is so much fun... it would be nice (and appreciated) for more AMSC breeders and Board members to support the companion/performance Mini's and stop by as you travel to the M&E, Hatboro, Devon and MCKC breed shows.

AMSC member Robin and her dogs at the winning booth!







MONDAY: Congratulations to the following teams that competed in agility on Monday, Sept 28 and had great results. Even a judge stated "Schnauzers Rule" after 4 Mini's in a row had qualifying scores. Miniature Schnauzers were well represented and accounted for over 50% of the dogs running in some classes.

QQQ

Debbie Hoy and Rosy

Denise Baker and Gabby

Sue Churn and Gunner

Ruth Toppler and Obie

Teri Olsen and Ketch

Sandy Conley and Abbey

QQ

Loretta Gould and Rio

Kaye Kirk and Reagan

Sandy Conley and Nike

Lynn Baitinger and Kelsie

Q

Loretta Gould and Sugar

Joan Baker and Pepper

TUESDAY: Tuesday is the only day that Rally and Obedience trials were done at MTAC. AMSC Obedience and Rally awards will be provided on Sunday for the MCKC Obedience and Rally trials.

Congratulations to the following teams:

Ruth Toppler and Obie - Rally Excellent B and Rally Advanced B Lynn Baitinger and Connor - Rally Excellent B and Rally Advanced B Leslie Cromer and Percy- Rally Advanced A Denise Baker and Gabby - Rally Advanced Denise Baker and Wilder - Rally Advanced Leslie Cromer and Shatzi - Rally Novice B AMSC awards for Tuesday results were presented that evening at a potluck dinner at the Montgomery Terrier Agility Cluster (MTAC) trial site. Many breeders on this list are fortunate to have their dogs placed in these wonderful, active homes.

Tuesday Q's are as follows:

QQQ and Mach 4 title- Sue Churn and Gunnar

<u>QQQ</u>

Leslie Cromer and Percy

<u>QQ</u>

Loretta Gould and Sugar

Loretta Gould and Rio

Barbara Cochran and Mercedes

Sandra Conley and Abbey

Sandra Conley and Nike

Debbie Hoy and Rosie

Ruth Toppler and Obie

Kaye Kirk and Reagan

Teri Olsen and Ketch

<u>Q</u>

Sue Churn and Pieper

Lynn Baitinger and Kelsie

Tuesday was also the day the breed village contest judging occurred and proud to say the Mini's won with our Oktoberfest theme.

#### MiniPalooza Schedule

(As of August 17 2105)! !

#### Wednesday, March 30!

AMSC Board Meeting!

• Seminars (Purina Center)!

• Eva Furrow, DVM, 2014 AKC Canine Health Foundation Clinician-Scientist Fellow from the University of Minnesota Presentation on Calcium Oxalate stones and Hyperlipidemia!

• Mini Schnauzer Coat Rolling Demo/ Workshop!

• OB/Rally fun runs!

• Informal Welcome/Meet & Greet Party at Purina (Evening))!

#### : Thursday Ma

Thursday, March 31! • Greater Cincinnati MSC Specialty and Sweepstakes !

Barnhunt Intro!

 Companion Schnauzer Grooming Demo/ Workshop!

#### Friday, April 1!

• Mini Schnauzer only Barnhunt!

- Gateway MSC Specialty and
- Sweepstakes !

• AMSC National Specialty Agility (Mini Schnauzer only)!

- Gateway MSC Obedience & Rally Trial!
- Schnauzer of the Year Competition (Evening)!

#### Saturday, April 2!

Mini Schnauzer only Barnhunt!

• All-Breed AMSC Agility !

- Twin Cities MSC Specialty and
- Sweepstakes !

Twin Cities MSC Obedience & Rally Trial!
AMSC Cocktail Party @ hotel (Evening)!

#### Sunday, April 3 !

• AMSC National Specialty and Sweepstakes !

AMSC National Obedience & Rally Trial!
Presentation of the "MiniPalooza Total
Dog" Award!

All-Breed AMSC Agility!

#### JUDGES:

Cincinnati MSC - Lloyd Amodei Gateway MSC - Margo Klingler Twin Cities MSC - David Kirkland AMSC - Carol Weinberger

In addition, health testing will also be included during the week. Timing for that is being finalized. More detailed information on the events and hotel info will be posted soon in AMSCope and on the website. We have a full week so plan and ahead!

Carole's Corner

Hello Club Members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who don't know me and to say hello to those that do! My kennel name is Bandsman and I've been a Schnauzer breeder since 1972. I've had my good times and I've had some bad, but I've never lost my love for our wonderful breed. As many of you know, I make guilts, and have made one to raffle at the MiniPalooza. I call it "A Dog for all Reasons" and it is a collage of Minis and some of the roles that they play, from plaving with toys, being a show dog, and competing in Performance events. This is the theme for my time as President of our club. We come together because of our love for our breed, whatever the roles these little guys play in our lives.

The Miniature Schnauzer is our common bond, regardless of our education, our professions, or our ages. Our dogs may be conformation dogs with Group and Specialty wins; they may be Performance dogs with titles in Agility, Obedience, Tracking, Barn Hunt, Earthdog or Rally; they may just exist to sleep in our beds and keep us warm at night; truly this is a dog for all reasons. We don't want to forget this; the very least this breed deserves is a home and family who loves them!

Some have expressed concern over the shrinking numbers of entries at the dog shows and wonder what we can do about it. Where have all the breeders gone? I think this will one of the challenges we face during the next few years. What can we do to encourage new people to become interested in Miniature Schnauzers? I don't know, but I want to hear all your ideas.

This is YOUR club and I want to hear from you. Don't just sit there frustrated with what's happening! Let us know what your concerns are and let's see if we can do something about it.

My email is bandsmanms@gmail.com and I welcome your comments and suggestions. We can't fix everything, but we can try to fix the things we can.

Your AMSC President, Carole Luke Weinberger

#### To All Clubs Eligible to hold AKC Agility, Rally and Tracking

Events:

At the September 10, 2015 AKC Board of Directors meeting, the AKC Board approved a recommendation to allow deaf dogs to participate in AKC agility, rally and tracking events.

This change is effective for all trials held on or after **October 1**, **2015**. The following regulations will be modified to reflect this change:

Regulations for Agility Trials

Chapter 1 – Section 3. Eligibility of Dogs . (Change to paragraph 7)*Rally Regulations* Chapter 1 – Section 15. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs. (Change to Paragraph 2)*Tracking Regulations* 

Chapter 1 – Section 13. Disqualification, Ineligibility, Excusal, and Change in Appearance of Dogs. (Change to Paragraph

2)Comments may be sent to agility@akc.org.

Sincerely,

Pamela Manaton, DirectorObedience, Rally & Tracking



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#### Licking...from p.1

• Manuka honey applied to the wound three to four times a day. You'll want to have an E-collar or Bite Not collar in place before you apply medical honey to your dog's leg.

• Willard's Water sprayed on the wound six to eight times daily

• Bee propolis salve (Pavia Natural Wound Care Cream) applied twice daily

#### **Tackling Psychological Causes**

If you suspect your dog's licking is caused by psychological or emotional factors, you'll need to address those to prevent the problem from recurring. Often a good place to start is by increasing the amount of exercise your dog gets. Large breed dogs need lots of physical activity, and any dog can develop behavior problems if he spends a lot of time alone or doesn't get opportunities to exercise.

Changes in your dog's environment can be stressful and trigger behavioral issues. For example, perhaps another pet in the household has died or a new pet has been added. Try to insure everyone in the family pays extra attention to your dog during periods of change or stress. Activities such as a K9 Nose Work class can be incredibly beneficial for stressed dogs.

It's also important to try to resolve any conflict in your dog's life such as separation anxiety, problems between animals in the home or long periods of confinement or boredom.

To be well balanced, your dog also needs playtime, activities that stimulate his brain, a balanced species-appropriate diet, a consistent daily routine and regular interaction with you.

Crating or otherwise confining a dog for several hours a day leads to loneliness and boredom, which can aggravate anxiety-based behaviors like chronic licking. If you're gone from home for long periods during the day, consider doggy day care or a dog walking service to give your pet opportunities for companionship and exercise in your absence.

It's not uncommon for conventional veterinarians to prescribe anti-depressants or anti-anxiety drugs, either short or long term, for dogs with lick granulomas. These drugs are powerful and have undesirable side

effects. I recommend trying natural antianxiety nutraceuticals first. These include: Ltheanine, GABA, 5-HTP, melatonin, valerian and Chinese herbs to calm the shen. There are also several homeopathic remedies that can be very beneficial, depending on your dog's specific symptoms. Work with your holistic vet to find the right protocol.

#### **Prevention Tips**

1. The best way to prevent your dog from developing acral lick dermatitis is to deal with obsessive licking behavior at the first sign of it. Some lick granulomas can develop very quickly –

within a matter of hours. Others take longer to appear.

2. If you can avoid it, don't wait until there's an obvious injury to your dog's skin before seeking advice from your veterinarian.

3. Develop the habit of running your hands over your dog – especially down the front legs – to check for damp fur or sensitivity.

4. If your dog tends to place himself outside your line of vision, check on him frequently to ensure he isn't hiding his obsessive licking from you. Stained fur is a sign he's licking.

5. If he's licking a certain spot but there's no injury yet to the skin, try lightly wrapping the area in an Ace bandage to discourage further licking. Sprinkling the area with an all-natural lick deterrent such as lavender essential oil can also reduce the urge to lick.

6. You'll still need to see your holistic veterinarian to identify and deal with the underlying reasons for the licking, but in the meantime, anything you can do to prevent your dog from selfinjury will be beneficial.

Sharing is caring

About Dr Karen Becker

Karen Shaw Becker received her degree in veterinary medicine from the Iowa State School of Veterinary Medicine. She also completed exotic animal internships in California and at the Berlin Zoo, Germany, and is certified in Veterinary Acupuncture and Homeopathy. Dr Becker is also licensed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to rehabilitate injured and orphaned endangered species through her non-profit organization, Covenant Wildlife. Dr. Becker often lectures about species appropriate nutrition and has coauthored the Whole Dog Journal's Best Homemade Diet Book of All Time award, "Real Food for Healthy Pets." Dr. Becker is also the veterinary consultant for Mercola Healthy Pets, the largest pet wellness website on the internet, with over a million monthly visitors.



It is with great sadness that I have to announce the passing of

#### Gloria Lewis,

**Royalcourt Miniature Schnauzers** of Greenacres, Florida... Gloria lost her battle with COPD, Emphysema, Lung Cancer and Pneumonia yesterday, Saturday, 10/03/15... Gloria was so much a part of the Miniature Schnauzer world for so many years...

She has been a formidable competitor, a caring mentor to so many and a Judge... Gloria has mentored so many of our present day competitors with great dedication in an effort to get new people i nto the fancy...Gloria was a member of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, a founding member of the Central Florida Miniature Schnauzer Club and in years past, a member of the Everglades Terrier Club... Gloria was so dedicated to the betterment of the Miniature Schnauzer and also co authored a book titled "Miniature Schnauzers" with Beverly Pisano...

I know I will miss Gloria very much as she was a very good friend and a mentor to me...Rest in Peace Gloria...

Jacquelyn Ebersbach, Saxony Miniature Schnauzers

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#### Dogs Adept at Reading People's Minds

### Study found they use that to their advantage when begging for food.

By Amanda Gardner, HealthDay News

**FRIDAY, July 15 (HealthDay News)** — To anyone who is familiar with the eerily humanlike qualities of man's best friend, the news that <u>dogs</u> can read your mind shouldn't come as any surprise.

The latest research adds to growing evidence that dogs can interpret both human body language and general behavior, *and* use it to their advantage.

"Dogs and [human-raised] wolves are capable of distinguishing between a person looking at them, someone who's paying attention and someone who's not," said Monique A.R. Udell, lead author of a study published recently in the journal *Learning & Behavior*. "They're more likely to beg [for food] from someone paying attention to them."

Researchers have been learning more and more about the surprising capabilities and intelligence of *Canis lupus familiaris*, better known as the domestic dog.

One recent study found that dogs have the developmental abilities of a human 2-year-old, with the average dog capable of learning the meanings of 165 words.

"Over the last five years or so, we've been trying to understand how dogs and relatives of dogs such as wolves respond to <u>social</u> companions," explained Udell, who was a researcher at the University of Florida in Gainesville when the study was conducted.

"The idea behind this particular study was to try to understand how it is, for example, that dogs can use cues of attention to predict what we're going to do next and use that information to decide to <u>beg for food</u> from one individual and not another?" she continued. "How is it that dogs make us feel that they know what we're thinking?"

The study involved groups of <u>pet</u> dogs, stray dogs from a shelter and hand-raised wolves (named Tristan, Miska and Marion, among other monikers) who were comfortable around humans.

Two people stood about 6 meters apart, one of them looking directly and continuously at the dog or wolf. The other person had their

vision blocked, either with a bucket over their head, a book obscuring their face or because their back was turned. Both humans held a piece of food.

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"On average, both dogs and wolves were significantly more likely to be begging from the person looking at them when the other person's back was turned," said Udell.

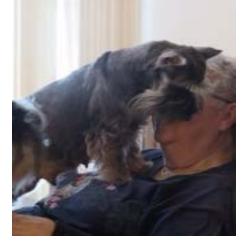
But levels of sensitivity did vary by how domesticated the dog or wolf was.

"Domesticated dogs were more likely to beg from someone paying attention to them, but shelter dogs and wolves who don't often see a person reading books were not likely to get that cue," Udell related. "So it does seem like specific life experiences really do matter in this context."

The findings, said Udell, are "important because previous research suggested that something happened to dogs during genetic domestication that made them begin to think like humans. This shows that wolves are capable, if reared with humans, of [picking up human cues]."

"Animal people in the scientific community have known for some time that dogs are pretty smart and very good at reading our body language," said Adam Goldfarb, director of the Pets at Risk Program of the Humane Society of the United States. "This shows that something about dogs or wolves inherently allows them to read humans far better than other animals can."

Hold still! I'm reading your mind!



#### 10 Human BehaviorsThat Stress Dogs Out

#### By Dr. Becker

Your dog can become stressed for a variety of reasons. For example, <u>dogs on</u> <u>leashes</u> typically feel stress when they encounter other dogs – especially if the other dog is off-leash. This is probably because it's difficult for our canine companions to greet each other in natural doggy fashion while tethered to us.

But what many people don't realize is the extent to which we, as pet guardians, can create stress in our dog. The veterinary publication dvm360 has compiled a list of stress triggers for dogs... and I think some of them may surprise you.

#### 10 Ways to Stress Out Your Dog

1. Punish him for behaving like a dog. Your canine companion is a creature of opportunity, and when you give him opportunities to "misbehave" by leaving tantalizing items within his reach, he'll take advantage. Translation: don't leave food or scraps where he can smell or see them.

> Don't leave him in the bedroom alone with your slippers or socks. Insure the only opportunities you provide your dog are ones he can succeed at.

2. Tell her "no" over and over. If your dog is doing something she shouldn't be doing, telling her "no" will probably cause her to stop the behavior temporarily. But saying no to a dog without offering an alternative turns your "no" into merely an interruption, not a request or demand.

> Unless you show your dog what you want her to do instead of what she's doing, chances are she'll be right back doing it sooner or later.

3. Give her a variety of verbal commands for a single behavior.

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Many pet guardians assume their dog or cat knows English, and therefore knows that "drop it" and "leave it" mean the same thing, or that "get it" and "bring it to me" are the same.

Train your dog to respond to simple, preferably single-word commands (sit, stay, come, down, pee, poop, etc.) and then use those words, and only those words, to communicate. Otherwise, you'll create stress in your dog because she knows you want her to do something, but she doesn't know what based on the words you're using.

4. Tell him "it's okay." Many dog guardians tend to say this phrase to their pet when something decidedly not okay is about to happen. For example, you're driving your dog to the groomer, which is a place he's not fond of. You've driven him there often enough that as always, he starts to whine when the grooming shop comes into view.

> And as always, you say, "it's okay" in an effort to comfort him. The second you utter those words he knows without a doubt where he's going, and his stress level shoots through the roof.

"It's okay" becomes a verbal cue to panic. Instead, help your dog learn to relax and cope with anxietyproducing situations.

5. Pull his leash. A dog that has been properly trained to walk on a leash doesn't typically do a lot of pulling, so if you feel the need to constantly yank the leash to redirect him, it's probably time to refresh your pet's leash manners.

> It's also important to anticipate that your dog will naturally stop and sniff as often as possible, and pull in the direction of someone or something interesting. Be kind and understanding – allow your furry friend a reasonable amount of time to smell-inspect his outdoor territory and pick up his pee-mail without yanking him toward your destination.

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6. Hold him while you hug or kiss him. Canines really don't get these human expressions of affection and can be confused by them – especially when the hugger or kisser is a relative stranger. Also, since dogs are typically being held (restrained) during the bear hug or smooch-fest, it increases their stress level.

> Imagine how you would feel if someone large and in charge grabbed hold of you and wouldn't let go. It's not a good feeling and does nothing to generate trust, right?

Unless your dog is remaining contentedly still on his own while being hugged or kissed, it's best to stick to stroking and<u>petting</u>, which most dogs can't get enough of.

7. Stare at her. Most people are uncomfortable being stared at by other people, so it's easy to imagine how unsettling it might be for your dog. The canine species views staring as a confrontational sort of a "Let's get ready to rumble" signal, which naturally triggers a stress response. There's no need to stare at your dog unless you're <u>returning her</u> <u>gaze</u>.

8. Point or shake your finger at her. The finger pointing/shaking thing is a universal stress inducer for dogs (and many humans). That's probably because it's usually done while you're standing over your pooch in a menacing posture, or while you're speaking in a tone of voice that signals your displeasure.

Many a <u>guilty dog look</u> is the result of the finger-pointing thing, but your pet isn't so much feeling guilty as uncomfortable, wary, confused, and yes... stressed.

9. Tell him to "get down" when he jumps up. If like most people you use the verbal cue "down" to ask your dog to go from a sit to a liedown, it's not going to work in situations where he's jumping up on you or someone else (or a piece of furniture). Train him to stop jumping with the verbal command "off" or "paws on floor" instead. You'll save your dog the confusion and stress that comes from trying to understand your command, and you'll potentially save yourself or a guest from a friendly mauling.

Wake her up. Unless there's a pressing reason to awaken your fourlegged family member from a nice snooze, try to avoid it. Being shaken

or shouted awake is stressful for all

#### AMSC MiniPalooza 2016 RV Reservations

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| RV Parking |  |  |  |

Fee is \$40/night with electric, water and sewage hookups in Purina's camping area directly adjacent to the Arena Building. NOTE: Campers wishing to be together should send in their reservations on separate forms but submit all forms by one person.

Contact person: Barbara Donahue, 203 Elmwood Lane Coatesville, PA 19320; Cell 215-896-9666 Email: barbaramd\_2000@yahoo.com

Make checks payable to AMSC and mail to the above address, or send payment via Paypal to barbaramd\_2000@yahoo.com Outside USA reservations: All outside US requests will be paid through Paypal. Conversion to US Dollars to cover \$40/night is required.

Check if Handicap Parking is required \_\_\_\_\_ State & License of Unit\_\_\_\_\_ Type of unit: Class A \_\_\_\_\_ Class C \_\_\_\_\_ Fifth Wheel \_\_\_\_\_ Travel Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ Pop-Up \_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Nights \_\_@ \$40 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed for RV Parking \$\_\_\_\_



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#### **UPCOMING SPECIALTIES**

Greater Columbus MSC Nov. 14, 2015 Regular classes: Robert Stein Sweeps: Carol Ann Patterson Cincinnati MSC March 31, 2016 Regular Classes: Lloyd Amodei Sweepstakes: Richard Isley Lone Star MSC July 7, 2016

Regular Classes: Sally George Sweepstakes: Darlene Davis

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April 1, 2016 Gateway MSC Regular Classes: Margo Klinger Obedience: Virginia Kinion Sweeps: Brian Bogart Roving Specialty-Purina Farms Apr.3 2016, Regular classes, Carol Weinberger Sweeps-Janet Taylor Great Western June 26,2016 Regular classes, Linda More Sweeps-Mary Paisley Oct.9, 2016 Montgomery Co. Regular classes: Jon Cole Sweeps:Linda Drost Roving Specialty-Portland Jan 21,2017 Regular classes: David Alexander Sweeps: Bonnie Keyes June 25, 2017 Great Western Regular Classes: Peggy Beisel McIlwaine

Montgomery County Oct. 8, 2017 Regular Classes: Joan Huber Sweeps:Brian Bogart

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