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# SPECIALTY WINS

Portland MSC July 14, 2006 Sweepstakes Judge: Ollie Click Best in Sweeps.All Wright So Nifty/Wright BOS in Sweeps...Jubilee's Kaos of Augusta/Sousa Regular Class Judge: Judy Webb WD/BOW/BOS..Jubilee's Kaos of Augusta/Sousa RWD...Maplecreek's Magic Moment/Shroyer WB...Orchard Hill Sing Halleluia/Alfano/Christofaro RWB/Best BBE...All Wright So Nifty/Wright BOB..Ch.Regency's Black 'n Bling Bling/Verna

# **Central Florida MSC**

Sweepstakes Judge: Anthony Lopez Best in Sweeps. Axcium's Superfly/Haakensen BOS in Sweeps...Royalcourt Topsy Turvy Doll/ Lewis

Regular Class Judge: Margo Klingler WD/BOW ... Axcium's Superfly/Haakensen RWD...Lakeside's A Sharp Dressed Man/Bond/ Kreseki WB..Savanna's Magic in my Shoes/Bessemer RWB...Myla's Love Potion #9/Bialek/Garmaker BOS...Ch.Destineez Smoooth Jazz/Rohrer/Houck/

Pendleton BOB..Ch. Bravo's Thr Great Gatsby/Hill

#### **Metropolitan Cleveland MSC** August 4, 2006

Sweepstakes Judge: Patricia Larissey Best in Sweeps.. Ward Creek's Hot Tip/Schnetzer BOS in Sweeps...Mystique's Pink Cadillac/Lyons/ Rohrer

**Regular Class Judge: Charlotte Patterson** WD/BOW ... Char N Co Start Your Engine/Stukey RWD...

WB.. Char N Co Need For Speed/Santure RWB... Ward Creek's Mustang Sally/Schnetzer BOS...Am/Can Ch Carbor Hot On The Trail/ Weixlmann/Borrelli

BOB...Ch.Destineez Smoooth Jazz/Rohrer/Houck/ Pendleton

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# AMSC Board Meeting DRAFT

Minutes – June 23. 2006

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club October Board Meeting was called to order by Vice President John Constantine, at 7:00 PM, at the Airport Marriott in Long Beach, CA.

Officers Present: John Constantine - Vice President, Terrie Houck - Secretary Board Members: \_\_\_ Susi Atherton, Wyoma Clouss, Kathy Colby, Linda Drost, Jinx Gunville, Gerald Mager, Carla Nickerson, Bev Verna.

Committee Members Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Catherine Rohrer Local Club Delegates Present (if different than those already listed in attendance): Vera Potiker (Southern CA), Marcia Feld (Chicago)

Members and Guests Present: Patricia O'Brian, Glendora Norwood, Carol Hafner, Pam Satlof, Rich Edwards, Sharon Edwards

Vice President John Constantine welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the board of the Policy set June 17, 1983, "Voting Procedure at Board Meetings".

It was determined that there was not a quorum (need 11 members and 10 were present), so official club business could not take place. Committee reports were submitted, reviewed and discussed.

Report of the President: Lanny Hirstein: Suggest that three year pins be distributed to deserving members who have expressed that they have not received them. The board members present thought it was a good idea and suggested that an announcement be placed in AMSCope asking for members to notify the membership committee of their interest in getting a 3 year pin. There would be an option of picking it up at Mont. County or having it mailed to them. There was also some discussion of having membership recognition for 10 years, 15 years, etc., as an example.

**Report of the Secretary: Terrie Houck** 1. A printed report of the specialty clubs and shows was provided within the body of the agenda.

2. Membership - As of June 16, 2006 our membership totaled 543 Regular, 3 Life, 56 Foreign (w/voting privileges), 7 Foreign (w/o voting privileges), 0 Junior, and new membership applications (regular 6, foreign 2), for a total of 617.

3. Local Clubs - There are presently 21 local clubs that are active and licensed to hold specialty shows.

4. Correspondence (Received) - (1) AKC - a) Announcement regarding Responsible Dog Ownership Day, September 16, 2006; (2) Various Newsletters/Magazines; (3) Announcements offering a wide variety of professional services; (4) Hotel/Facility advertisements; (5) Miscellaneous a) Lanny Hirsten's letter to William Magee, NY State Assembly Agriculture Committee Chair, urging the committee to vote against bill A11242 (non crop/dock bill); b) Letter from David Ritza, Show Sec. of the Schnauzer Club of NSW, requesting recommendations of American/Canadian judges to judge all three schnauzer breeds at their specialties in 2007 & 2008. All recommended judges must be gualified to judge all three sizes; c) Written information regarding the AMSC membership application of Dennis Gorrebeeck. The pending membership has been removed at the request of Mr. Gorrebeeck; d) Letter from Mack Ledgerwood to Dr. Mary Whitely of Dogenes, Inc., informing her of an enclosed check for \$7,500 to be utilized in her research of JRD in Miniature Schnauzers.

5. Correspondence (Sent) - None 6. AMSC Fall Specialty - Was held in conjunction with the Louisville, KY circuit on Saturday, March 18, 2006, Ms, Bolivia Powell judged 24 puppy and 0 veteran sweepstakes entries. Mr. Robert Moore judged 78 regular class entries.

7. Beth Santure asked that I read the following statement and include it in the minutes. "Beth Santure is absent from the March 17, 2006 AMSC board of directors meeting because she is exhibiting at the AMSC obedi-

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\*DECALS & PINS. You can get AMSC decals (\$1.00) and Replacement pins (\$7.50) from: Nancy Banas 660 Ash Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60194

\*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...send a copy of your newsletter to the following members of the Local Club Bulletin Committee:

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\*E-MAIL...If you would like to send your wins to AMSCOPE via E-MAIL, use the following address: CBORR@AOL.COM

> The deadline for the October issue is September 20th.

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ence trial. It is unfortunate that the trial and board meeting are scheduled at the same time. She regrets her absence but chooses to support the entry at the obedience trial."

**Report of the Treasurer: Mack Ledgerwood** During the period March 1, 2006 through May 31, 2006, the Club had an income of \$11,312.76 and expenses of \$18,755.24, leaving a net loss of \$7,442.48. During this time, we had an extraordinary expense item of \$7,500.00 to Dogenes, Inc. for research into Juvenile Renal Dysplasia. The account balances as of June 1, 2006 were:

Checking	\$11,524.56
Trophy checking	3,641.00
PayPal	974.63
Health Fund	3,982.38
Rescue Fund	4,734.32
Savings Fund	34,847.81
Total assets	\$59,704.70

Both the Maryland Property Tax Return and the US Tax Return have been filed.

**Report Of The AKC Delegate: Don Farley** See appendix A at the end of the minutes.

Committee Reports A. Special Committees 1. SPRING SPECIALTY: Marcia Feld Judging panel will be finalized soon.

**Roving Specialty:** John Constantine The next Roving Specialty Will be held in Portland, OR on Saturday January 19, 2008. Portland MSC will be the Host Club with Chris Levy serving as the Roving Specialty Chairperson. Joint planning meetings with Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club will begin shortly.

2. SUMMER SPECIALTY: Vera Potiker Great entry!

# 3. FALL SPECIALTY: Brian Bogart, Linda Drost, Vicki Kubic, Bonnie Keyes

• AKC approval has been received to hold our Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes as well as our National Specialty at the Montgomery County Kennel Club Show.

• Trophy list and the list of AMSC Officers, Directors and Regional Delegates has been submitted for publication in the MCKC Catalog.

B. STANDING COMMITTEES 1. AMSCOPE: Carla Borrelli No Report

2. AWARDS: Susan Atherton, Geri Kelly, Linda Drost

As a start, the awards committee is making a recommendation to award the breeders of the Top Dog/Bitch as well as the breeders of the Top Producing Dog/Bitch. The award winners will be determined based on a calendar year and based on the Schnauzer Shorts system. The awards will be presented at the annual meeting to the previous year's winners. Awards will only be presented to the breeders who are members of the AMSC.

A. Versitilty: Beth Santure, Lynn Baitinger No Report

3. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: John Constantine No Report.

**4. DINNER/ANNUAL MEETING: Cathi Rohrer** The annual meeting and dinner will be held on Saturday October 7, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Fort Washington, PA. The Dinner will start at 6:30 PM followed by the annual meeting at 9:00 PM. Watch for the announcement in the next issue of AMSCope.

# 5. EDUCATION, JUDGES: Wyoma Clouss & Chris Levy

March 18, 2006, John Constantine and Wyoma Clouss presented the AMSC Judges Education program, providing materials followed by ringside tutoring, in Louisville, KY, in conjunction with the AMSC Specialty. There were 12 attendees, and those names and judging numbers were submitted to the AKC judges department for their appropriate credit. I received positive feedback from attendees there and afterward on the combination of program and ringside.

John Constantine presented the AMSC Judges Education Program at the the Princeton Dog Show Judges Association on May 18, 2006 and had 9 attendees, giving each attendee an Illustrated Standard. For the future, I request that the Board approve presenting attendees at our official AMSC Judges Ed with copies of our AMSC Breed Standard CD to take home for their individual study.

6. ELECTRONIC MEDIA: Mack Ledgerwood No Report

**7. ETHICS: Gerald Mager, Susan Atherton** The board members present thought it would be a good idea for all current AMSC members to receive a copy of the updated ethics pledge and that a copy should be included as a part of the new member's welcome packet.

9. FINANCE: Mack Ledgerwood

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No Report

**10. FUND RAISING: Vera Potiker** No Report.

**11. GUIDELINES: Jan Taylor** A suggested agenda item for the October meeting, all guidelines need to be reviewed and updated or written where applicable. Guidelines for all positions and committees should be placed on a file on the AMSC Board LISTSERV so that they can be readily accessed.

**12. HEALTH:** Health: Overall Committee Chair, Vera Potiker; General Health Committee, Errolyn Martin (chair), Kennalea Pratt, Flo Hinkley, Cindy Molieri; Eye Committee, Kurt Garmaker (chair), Carole Weinberger; Urinary Committee; Patty Ledgerwood (chair), Kennalea Pratt; Health Resource Committee, Gwen Mulheron. No Report

**13. HISTORIAN: Richard Isley** Just a reminder to the membership that the AKC monthly reports, "Titles" and "Stud Book" are available upon request. Send request to Greystonek@aol.com or 317-738-4460.

14. INSIGNIA: Nancy Banas No Report

15. JUDGES SELECTION: Eunice Revsbech No Report.

**16. LEGISLATVIE LIAISON: Jack Kashirsky** See Appendix B at the end of the minutes.

**17. LOCAL CLUB BULLETIN: Barry Christy, Carole Hanson Baws, David Hallock** No Report.

**18. MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Banas, Mack Ledgerwood, Wyoma Clouss** Mary Ann Shandor, Decatur, AL, has expressed serious interest in working on the membership committee. Lanny Hirsten and Wyoma Clouss have talked with her and have corresponded with her by email, and feel she should be a good addition to the membership committee.

We have new talent and interest coming into our club with each new member, information that is included on the membership application but which no one is seeing. As I mentioned on the AMSC Board email list, other clubs include a summary of new member applications in their newsletter. We could have a membership committee person write a summary paragraph of the information from the application - name, sponsors, areas of interest, and so forth - for publication before our Board meetings. This would solve the method of distribution of information, eliminating the difficulty of scanning files that we discussed earlier. It has been suggested that the names of the three year pin recipients be published in Amscope prior to the annual meeting.

After a lengthy discussion on our current membership application process it was suggested that the membership committee make recommendations for updating the guidelines and materials received by new members at the October meeting.

19. PERFORMANCE: Sonny Lelle No Report.

20. POLICY: Jinx Gunville No Report

# 21. PUBLIC AWARENESS: Amy Gordon, Patty Ledgerwood, June Shanklin

 $\cdot$  For the time period of 1/1/05-5/31/06, this account saw an income of \$1,335.00 and expenses of \$1,676.27 for a deficit of \$341.27.

• A short while ago, the prices for individual copies of the Grooming Chart and Illustrated Discussion where raised to \$10 and \$8 respectively. The prices for multiple copies where not changed. The committee proposes the following changes:

Illustrated Discussion: Lots of 25 or more previously was \$3.40 each, New Rate \$5 each.

Grooming Chart

Lots of 10-24 previously was 4.50, New Rate \$7 Lots of 25 or more previousy ws \$4.25, New

Rate \$6.00

Due to the fact that a quorum was not present, the above agenda item was tabled until the October meeting.

• Puppy calls average between 2 and 4 telephone calls a day, It doesn't make any difference if it Sunday or a holiday they keep calling. On e-mail between 5 and 6 a week.

22. PUBLICITY: Beth Santure No Report

23. RESCUE: Michele Smith No Report

24. SPECIAL PROJECTS: Millie Schultz No Report

**25. TROPHIES: Teresa Handlen, Joann Toft** The trophy co-chairs want to thank everyone who has donated to the trophy fund raiser so that the club can furnish the shows with some great awards. So far the club has raised over \$3900.00 for awards and engraving and shipping costs. The awards for the GWTA have been sent. Good luck too all exhibitors

26. USE OF THE M.S. IN ADVERTISING & WHITE M.S.: Shirley Cole Regarding item #2 from the President's report from 3/17/06, advertising the AMSC website in the classified section of local papers. This is an excellent idea. I recommend the AMSC draft an Ad to be sent to all local Specialty Clubs. Each club should have the option to place the Ad in their local newspaper at the top of the pet column.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** 1. Due to the fact that there wasn't a quorum present, new membership applications eligible for a vote were tabled until the October meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nominating Committee Report 2007 Officers:

President – John Constantine, Vice President – Carole Weinberger, Secretary – Amy Gordon, Treasurer – Sharon Edwards.

Class of 2010:

Marcia Feld, Kurt Garmaker, Wyn Hagmaier, Lisa Sarvas

Respectfully Submitted by Terrie Houck, AMSC Secretary

#### Appendi A Report from AKC Delegates' Meeting, Raleigh, NC, June 12-13, 2006

AKC Business:

Votes:

1. The proposed change to allow "professional judges", defined as those who charge a fee over and above their expenses, to be eligible to serve as Delegates, was defeated. Professional judges will continue to be ineligible to serve as Delegates, and current Delegate judges may not begin charging a fee for judging.

2. The proposed elimination of the "Nominating Committee" was sent back to committee, to have the proposal restructured into it's three components, so each may be voted on separately: 1) elimination of the Nominating Committee, 2) changing the deadline for submission of nominations from December 1, to no earlier than October 1 and no later than November 15, and 3) changing the number of petition signatures required for a nomination from 20 to 50. This motion carried and the proposed revisions will go back to the Delegates Bylaws Committee.

The following items were read into the Minutes, as required, which allows them to be voted on at the December meeting: (Please note that most of these do not pertain to miniature schnauzers, but I've included them so our membership has some idea of what went on **continued on p. 4, column 1....MINUTES** 

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at the meeting.)

a. Revision to Article VI: Delegates, Section 5: this revision would prohibit those with a significant interest in organizations that are in competition with AKC from becoming part of AKC's governing body. The change states: "(e) has a significant interest in a dog registry, dog even-giving organization or any organization deemed to be in competition with AKC or in conflict with its objects. significant interest would include but not be limited to, ownership in, employment by, a directorship of, and holding office in."

b. Revision to Chapter 16, Section 4, of the rules Applying to Dog shows: Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility: the revision will clarify the requirements to become a Champion of Record. The change states: "Of these 15 points, two wins of three or more points are required under two different judges. the remaining points must be won under at least one other judge."

c: Revision to Chapter 3, Section 8, for the field Trail Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers: the revision is intended to actually state the conflict distance between trials, which is being reduced to 200 miles from 350 miles previously used. The intent is to reduce the entry size in the All-Age stakes by providing trials in closer proximity.

d. Revision to Chapter 14, Sections 9 an d10 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers: the revisions are to ensure the correct identification of the stakes involved.

e. Revision to Chapter 14, Section and 10 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers: the revision is to encourage interested hunting test competitors to enter and compete in licensed field trials.

f. Revision to Chapter 14, Section and 11 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers: the revision is intended to provide authorization for an earlier start and therefore additional time to complete the stake and in certain circumstances for the approving of a third, All-Age trial in a calendar year.

g. Revision to Chapter 14, Section and 18 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers: the addition of "Section 18" is to provide rules governing junior handlers.

I also attended the Parent Club Committee meeting. In that meeting the major items discussed were: Crop and Dock bill in New York, procedures for revising a breed standard, the 2007 Parent Club Conference, and using the Title of Record report as leads to solicit new

#### club members.

Some of the salient points from the discussion:

Crop and Dock: AKC is providing support and will help disperse information about legislations, but they feel it's up the individual parent clubs and allbreed clubs to talk to the legislators. The AKC feels they have no standing in individual states, but that the club members are the constituents and, therefore, carry the clout.

There are 42 crop/dock breeds. But we need to enlist the help of the non-crop/dock breeds to fight these legislations. If this bill passes, the point was made about how long would it be before things like removing dew claws were added. All breeds need to be aware of the dangers of this type of legislation.

Crop and Dock not only affects pure bred dogs. Dairy cattle in some areas are regularly docked as are sheep. We need to enlist individuals in the agriculture community to help us fight these legislations.

AKC has a new legislative Director, Walt Bebout. As someone else stated, he seems to "get it" about how serious these types of legislation are, and is making strides to help us fight. At his direction, his staff generated a list of everyone in New York who has registered a puppy in cropped and/or docked breed in the past three years, and sent them a letter about the legislation.

### **Revising a Breed Standard:**

Mary-Beth Oneil, AVP Special Services, did a short presentation on the procedure for revising a breed standard. She encouraged any parent club that wants to revise their standard to communicate with her department and work with them throughout the process.

She also explained that once any change was made and approved, there is a 5-year moratorium on making any other change to the standard. The moratorium applies to the entire standard, not just the revised portions.

One point she stressed: we can revised just a portion of the breed standard without opening up the entire standard for reapproval by the AKC. I specifically confirmed this with her, that we could revise specific sections or paragraphs, or even sentences, without opening the entire standard.

I mentioned to Mary-Beth that there was an understanding that if we wanted to revise part of the standard, that the AKC would require us to make additional revisions to other sections which the AKC would like to see changed, e.g. our height disqualifications. She said that was absolutely untrue, and has not been true for as long as she can remember.

Conclusion – the AMSC no longer need worry about the AKC forcing us to remove the height limitations if we want to revise other portions of the standard.

#### Parent Club Conference 2007:

There has been approval to hold another Parent Club Conference in 2007. I will contact Pat Laurens, chair of the Parent Club Committee, to get more information on the past conferences, who attended, what they discussed, etc., and I'll share that with the Board.

#### Title of Record Report:

There is a standard report available to all Parent Clubs, that provides a listing of all titles recorded for that breed in the past 30 days. John Lyons of the AKC suggested that this could be a tool for any club trying to identify potential new members.

If the AMSC wants this report, we can have it sent on a regular basis to whomever the AMSC designates. We just need to send a letter to them with instructions as to who they should send to.

#### Other items:

I was approached at the end of the meeting by David Roberts, AKC Registrations and Certifications. We briefly discussed the option of "white" as a color option on our registrations. He would like to propose some changes and he is going to send me some thoughts he has on the subject. Once I receive those, I'll share them with the Board.

My discussion with David, did prompt a couple of questions which I will investigate further with him. But if any of you have the answers or know where I can find them, I'd be very appreciative of the information:

1. Does the AKC have any rules about registering a puppy with an observable disqualification, e.g. white? I'm guessing that the AKC could care less when it comes to registering the puppy if it can be shown or not.

2. Can an animal with a limited registration be shown? If the purpose of conformation shows is to evaluate breeding stock, can an animal whose progeny cannot be registered, be shown and therefore considered breeding stock?

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Appendix B Legislative Liaison Committee

### Follow up on Long Beach California Long Beach Lifts Breeding Ban

The City of Long Beach voted this week to repeal its long-standing ban on breeding in favor of a more moderate breeder permit program. The change comes as a result of nearly two years of collaborate work by local fanciers, kennel clubs, and city officials.

The American Kennel Club opposes unreasonable breeding restrictions, and we support local clubs' efforts to work with city officials to find reasonable compromises that work best in the their communities. We are pleased that Long Beach has reconsidered its position on a total ban of breeding.

Los Angeles County approves a new Spay/ Neuter Ordinance NEW SPAY/NEUTER AND MICROCHIP ORDINANCE

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LOS ANGE-LES COUNTY CODE REGARDING DOGS In an effort to improve public safety and reduce the number of stray dogs overwhelming our animal shelters, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has passed an ordinance that requires all residents of unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County to have their dogs spayed or neutered and have an identification microchip implanted in each dog. The measure applies to all dogs over the age of four months kept in unincorporated (non-city) areas of Los Angeles County.

#### Spay/Neuter

This ordinance was passed to promote and protect public safety from the threats presented by stray dogs, as well as to reduce the number of dogs flooding our animal shelters that are subsequently euthanized. Low cost services are available and financial assistance is available to qualified individuals.

Unsterilized dogs are creating a crisis in Los Angeles County. Stray dogs are public safety hazards, and unsterilized dogs are more likely to stray. Stray dogs can bite or attack people or other animals, cause traffic accidents, spread disease, damage property and harm the quality of life for residents in a community. During the last fiscal year 23,799 stray dogs were impounded by this department.

Unneutered males search for mates and are attracted in packs when female dogs come into heat. One female in heat, even if confined, can make an entire neighborhood unstable by attracting packs of male dogs intent on breeding. These situations often become dangerous. Unsterilized dogs can create unplanned litters, and there are not enough available homes to absorb this surplus. The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control is overwhelmed with dogs. In Fiscal Year 2004-2005 the department impounded 40,174 dogs, more than any other animal care and control agency in the nation. During that year 18,804 dogs were euthanized. Despite strong efforts to place dogs into new homes and reunite lost dogs with their owners, there are still not enough adoptive homes available. This department is committed to a "no-kill" philosophy. However, in order to reach that goal we must first greatly reduce the numbers of dogs flooding our shelters. This ordinance will help us reach that goal by reducing the number of dogs born or running loose in Los Angeles County.

Spaying and neutering also presents many health benefits for dogs. Certain types of cancers in dogs are eliminated by spaying and neutering. Sterilized dogs are less likely to roam and therefore less likely to be lost, hit by a car, injured in a fight, or abused.

By spaying or neutering your dog, you are helping solve the problem of pet overpopulation and protecting your dog from potential harm. However, since some dogs cannot be spayed or neutered for certain reasons, this ordinance has exemptions for these cases. These are:

• Dogs which are unable to be spayed or neutered without a high likelihood of suffering serious bodily harm or death due to age or infirmity. Written confirmation from a licensed veterinarian is required to qualify for this exception.

· Dogs used by law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes.

· Service or assistance dogs that assist disabled persons.

• Competition dogs. A Competition Dog is a dog which is used to show, to compete or to breed, which is of a breed recognized by and registered with the American Kennel Club (AKC), United Kennel Club (UKC), American Dog Breeders Association (ADBA) or other approved breed registries. The dog or owner must also meet ONE of the following requirements:

o The dog has competed in at least one dog show or sporting competition sanctioned by a national registry or approved by the department within the last 365 days; or

o The dog has earned a conformation, obedience, agility, carting, herding, protection, rally, sporting, working or other title from a purebred dog registry referenced above or other registry or dog sport association approved by the department; or

o The owner or custodian of the dog is a member of a department approved purebred dog breed clubs, which maintains and enforces a code of ethics for dog breeding that includes restrictions from breeding dogs with genetic defects and life threatening health problems that commonly threaten the breed.

If you believe your dog meets one of these exemptions, please complete and return an Exemption Application.

### **Microchips**

Under this ordinance all dogs must have an identification microchip. Microchip implantation and registration is available to all dog owners FREE of charge thanks to a generous donation from the Found Animal Foundation. You may obtain your free microchip and registration at any Los Angeles County animal shelter. Please call ahead to confirm microchip clinic hours.

Positive identification that cannot be lost, falsified or altered is essential to reuniting lost pets with their families. Microchipping of animals has become a customary practice – millions of dogs and cats, horses, livestock, birds, wildlife and endangered species are chipped. Microchipping is a simple, non-surgical procedure.

The microchip, which is approximately the size of a grain of rice, is injected underneath the skin with a needle. There is no anesthesia required, and even the smallest animals such as fish, puppies and kittens are safely microchipped. Each microchip as a code number embedded in it. When a special, handheld scanner is passed over the area where the microchip has been implanted, the scanner "reads" the microchip and displays its unique code number. That number is stored in a database that contains the owner contact information.

Hundreds of thousands of lost pets have been reunified with their distraught families because the pets were microchipped. While tags can become lost or damaged and tattoos can fade or be altered, microchips provide permanent identification with unique numbers that cannot be changed. Due to the presence of a microchip, this department has reunified owners with pets that had been missing for as long as five years.

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# Low-Cost Assistance

Part of this new ordinance includes a \$50 voucher program for senior citizens and lowincome residents who have a state-issued California Advantage Card. Our agency also has a list of veterinarians who offer low-cost spay and neuter surgeries and accept the vouchers our agency will issue as part of this program.

We also will conduct low-cost spay and neuter programs for dogs at many of our County shelters and we are working with a wide variety of animal welfare groups who are active in lowcost spay-and-neuter efforts. Ongoing spay/ neuter opportunities will be made available, and we encourage you to check our website and with your local County shelter to find out opportunities in your area.

In addition, Actors and Others for Animals currently provides FREE spay or neuter services for all Pit Bulls and Rottweilers. Call (818) 755-6045 or (818) 755-6323, or visit their website at www.actorsandothers.com for more information.

# **Effective Date of Enforcement**

This ordinance will become effective on June 3, 2006. This department will provide a 90-day grace period to allow dog owners to comply with the new requirements. However, owners of stray dogs that are impounded at a County shelter during the 90-day grace period will be required to comply immediately. After the grace period has ended, dog owners will be expected to be in compliance with this ordinance.

# **Fines and Penalties**

A first violation of this ordinance is an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250. If the owner fails to correct the underlying cause of the violation within 30 days after being notified of the violation, it shall be deemed a second violation. A second violation is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six months or by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each subsequent violation shall be considered an additional misdemeanor.

# Terrie V. Houck

# AKC Launches Veterinary Network Certificate Program

AMSCOPE

— No Cost Vet Visit Offered to All Newly Registered AKC Puppies —

New York, NY - The American Kennel Club ® is pleased to announce the launch of the Veterinary Network Certificate Program which offers all puppies newly registered with the AKC ® a complimentary first veterinary office visit with one of the 2,000 practices enrolled in the program. The AKC encourages owners to register their puppy as soon as possible in order to receive the certificate in time for the dog's first vet trip.

The AKC Registration Application will feature information about the offer both online and in hard copy versions. Certificates for the complimentary office visit will be sent to new puppy owners when they submit the application and provide an email address. The certificate, as well as a list of participating veterinarians in the registrant's area, will be emailed to the dog owner shortly afterwards.

Veterinarians participating in AKC's Veterinary Network program receive the latest information on purebred dogs and canine health research from the AKC. They are also a helpful source for AKC materials on many other topics including training, breeding, competitive events, permanent identification and pet health insurance.

"The AKC realizes that it takes a lot of time and research to select the right purebred puppy for your family, and the decisions do not stop once your puppy comes home," said Debra Bonnefond, Director of the AKC Veterinary Outreach Program. "This program enables us to make new dog owners' lives a bit easier from the start and to emphasize the importance of routine veterinary care throughout a dog's lifetime."

Newly registered puppies are also eligible for a complimentary 60-Day Trial AKC Pet Healthcare Plan through PetPartners, Inc.

For more information on the Certificate Program as well as a complete listing of veterinarians registered in AKC's Veterinary Network, please visit www.akc.org/vetnet/.

# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES FULL LITTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club ® today announced the launch of the Full Litter Registration Application pilot program. Breeders now have the option to register an AKC ® litter and individually register each puppy in the litter all at the same time using one easy application form. The full litter registration application offers breeders discounted litter and dog registration fees.

"With this new simplified process, breeders can register the entire litter in their name, select puppy names, and ensure accuracy of additional information like color, sex, and markings of each pup," said Assistant Vice President Registration / Customer Service David W. Roberts. "Breeders should find this very helpful in regards to record keeping, overseeing breeding stock and selling AKC-registered puppies to pet owners."

By combining the litter and individual registration applications, breeders not only help AKC fulfill its mission to preserve the integrity of its registry but create value to the new pet owner by offering them an AKC-registered purebred puppy. And new puppy owners still have the option of changing a puppy's name with the breeder's consent.

"Our core constituency asked us for a streamlined process when it comes to registering a whole litter of puppies. We are happy to reward fanciers in their role as breeders of AKC purebred dogs with this new full litter registration application," said President and CEO Dennis B. Sprung.

The full litter application form joins other AKC registration options with the breeder in mind such as online litter registration. By encouraging AKC registration, breeders help contribute to many important AKC initiatives such as donating towards canine health research, promoting responsible dog ownership and protecting the rights of dog owners.

The full litter application is now available as a downloadable form on the AKC web site at: http://www.akc.org/pdfs/masterform.cfm . Breeders who use the full litter registration application can register litters for a flat \$25 fee plus \$12 per puppy. Discounts on pedigrees are also available. Currently, this registration option is only available via a paper application. The pilot program will be administered for approximately one year.

# **Carol Somers**

Carols Somers passed away. Carol was not a big name in the sport of purebred dogs, not because she didn't breed fine dogs, but because she didn't have a selfpromoting bone in her body. When I met Carol over 20 years ago, she kept blind Miniature Schnauzers in her kennel as part of a program of test breeding to clear her dogs of a genetic eye problem. She routinely drove dogs down to Ohio State for the eye checks. Over the years, her breed dealt with one and then another eye problem, and Carol always played by the rules, even when it forced her to spay and neuter some of the best dogs in her breeding program. What I will always remember about Carol was her good-natured acceptance of the challenges that came with a serious breeding program.

She never complained about the unfairness of it all and she never blamed other breeders for the problems. She just accepted that her chosen sport was a hard one and moved forward.

When I moved to Kalamazoo, I was not much of a joiner. Carol called me every month to remind me of Kalamazoo Kennel Club meetings. She was always so friendly and pleasant that it was impossible to make an excuse to skip the meetings. The next thing I knew, I was a member, then a director and then an officer, all with Carol's helpful nudging. It was pretty hard to say you didn't have time to work for the club, when Carol was always there. No job was too big or too small. Just last Memorial Day weekend, Carol spent 12 hours on the job as our Chief Ring Steward because so many of our members can't take one day off to work for the club. As she got older, grooming Schnauzers became more difficult for her so she started showing and breeding Cairn Terriers. She was just as successful in her new breed and enjoyed extending her circle of dog friends. Although she was primarily active in conformation, she had just started some earth work with her Cairns and was looking forward to a new challenge.

Carol was 83 years old and lived a full and productive life. She was a cheerful, optimistic and modest woman who represented the very best of our sport. Few of us will leave behind more grieving friends than Carol. Godspeed, my very good friend.

Cindy Cooke Anstamm Scottish Terriers

# Black Ribbons

Ch Hillock Renaissance, CDX (Ch Hillock Hot Shot x Hillock Hussy)

9/26/90 - 8/7/06

Wren was bred by and co-owned with Sharon Piette of Hillock Kennels. All she ever wanted to be was my pet. She finished her Championship and her Companion Dog Excellent titles only because I wanted her to. She loved to go for walks, go camping, to sleep at the foot of my bed and to loaf on the couch. She had three litters and I own one of her granddaughters. Even though she was frail this past year, she stayed pretty spry and still liked to go for short walks. She never missed a meal and was always "up" for a cookie. A dog who lives with you for almost 16 years becomes an integral part of your life. I miss her so much. Lynn Tamms

# Am Can Ch Empire's Indigo Moon ROM CD, CGC

(BIS Can Ch Empire's Dorado x Can Ch Feldmar-Empire Edge Of Night)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a great little dog, "Indi". Everything Indi did she did well. She was a fabulous show dog, a fabulous obedience dog, a great mother and a top producer. First and foremost she was a perfect, intelligent, loving and protective companion. Owned, trained, loved and sadly missed of Beverley Grant, Heilandor Miniature Schnauzers, British

Heilandor Miniature Schnauzers, British Columbia Canada. Indi left a great legacy for Empire Miniature Schnauzers and we miss her too. March 23, 1994 ~ June 13, 2006.

Vicki Stephens

# THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR 2007 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

# AMSC member, Louis Auslander

New York, NY- Today, the American Kennel Club ® announced the nominees for the ninth annual AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards. The awards honor individuals whose efforts have made significant contributions to the sport of purebred dogs on a national level.

As in the past, this year's honorees were selected by AKC ® member clubs that cast their votes for one person in each of the following categories: Conformation, Companion Events and Performance. Three individuals who receive the most votes become nominees in each category. In a final round of voting, member clubs will vote for one finalist in each category. Ballots are due no later than September 15, 2006.

The AKC is honored to present the nine finalists who were selected by their peers in recognition of their exemplary actions and contributions to the sport and preservation of purebred dogs.

# Nominees in Conformation:

# Louis Auslander

From Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, Auslander has been involved in purebred dogs for most of his life. He started a kennel with his late wife, Seme, in the 1960s and has bred Miniature Schnauzers, Whippets, Borzoi, Fox Terriers, and Welsh Terriers. They have produced numerous Champions, including winners of over 50 Groups and several Bests in Show wins. Auslander served on the AKC Board of Directors from 1983 through 1992 and was Chairman for the last five years of his tenure. For seven months he did double duty as both AKC President and as a Board member. Auslander was also a founding member of the AKC Museum of the Dog. Auslander has been an AKC judge for over 30 years. His current eligibility includes the Sporting, Working, Hound and Terrier Groups as well as Best in Show. His assignments have taken him all over the world and he has judged Best in Show at Westminster, Montgomery County and International Kennel Club of Chicago, a club for which Auslander has held the position as AKC Delegate since 1982.

Other Nominees in Conformation: Damara Bolté, Jane Kamp Forsyth

Nominees in Companion Events: Fernandeze (Wes) Cartwright, Lynn Eggers, Marian Mason Hodesson

Nominees in Performance: Kenneth A. Marden, Mario Palumbo, Carl Ruffalo

The American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Award winners will be announced at a special presentation held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach, California in December 2006.

If you need a Membership Application or if you have changed your email address, mailing address or phone number, please contact Carla Borrelli cborr@aol.com 716-627-3206

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\* Can Ch. Handiapil Remember When (Am/ Can Ch Carbor Mountain High x Am/Can Ch Carbor Wanna Have Fun). Jackson completed the requirements for his Canadian title in one weekend at 8 months of age with two Group placements. His co-breeders and coowners are Diana Perry, Phil Perry and Carla Borrelli.

\* Can/Sw. Ch. Scandals Heartbeat To Evalill completed the requrements for his Swedish title. he was also no. 2 mini in Canada in 2005. Bred by Gail Wilford and owned by Eva Monsen. Sired by Am./Can. Ch. Karlshof Kudos and dam is Can. Ch. Scandals Amazing Grace.

\* Can Ch.Evalill Everlasting Kudos JR completed the requirements for his Canadian title finish his Can. champion title a son of Am./ Can. Ch. Karlshof Kudos which is Kudos 28th. Can. Champion and the dam is Can. Ch. Evalill Exquisite Black Pearl. Pearl's 2nd. Champion. Bred by Eva Monsen and co-owned by Dave Forwell.

\* Evalill Esset completed the requirements for her Canadian title on July 7 from bred by class to win the MSCC National Specialty Best of Winners, Best Puppy, and Best of Breed. His sire is Can/Sw. Ch. Scandals Heartbeat To Evalill it is his second champion and the dam is Can. Ch. Evalill Exotic Mika and this is Mika's first champion. He is owned by Eva Monsen.

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\* Can CH Carbor Back Talk, NA, OAJ, NAC, NJC, TN-N (Can CH Carbor On The Road Again x Can CH Boxdema Memory of Carbor) earned three agility titles at the NADAC trial in Freeville NY on July 22 & 23. Sassy earned her Novice Agility, Novice Jumpers and Novice Tunnelers titles. Then she earned her AKC Open Standard Agility title on August 5 at Little York, NY. Sassy is owned by Judy Russell, is handled by John Russell, was bred by Carla Borrelli and is loved by all three.

\*Ch. Nite's Just Like This (s/p) finished the requirements for his championship on 7/6/06 at the Naugatuck Valley KC show. "Justin" earned all his points from the bred-by class shown by Rebecca Dorn and is the first champion for his sire, Ch Sterling' Nite's Like This and dam, Ch Adamis Nite's Btwn The Sheets.

\*Ch. Empire's Pi In The Sky (Am Can Ch Minuteman 100 Rifles ROM x Can Ch Empire's Reach For The Moon ROM )"Pi" completed the requirements for her AKC title. She needs 2 single points to complete her Canadian title. Bred by Vicki & Greg Stephens. Co-owned, loved and shared with Katie Lo & Jason Lee.

**RESCUE** always needs a hand! Michele Smith should know what the Local Clubs are doing about rescue. Please contact her. **Michele Smith** 1954 First Street. #230 Highland Park, IL 60035-3124 847-926-9920 msmith@cmscrescue.com

\* Can.Ch.Minuteman Fixation finished his title on August 6 at the Alberta Kennel Club shows at 7 1/2 months of age. "Focus" is the second Canadian champion for both Am/Can. Ch.ToMar's The Fix Is In and .Ch.Minuteman Faster Pussycat. Bred by Catherine McMillan and Jennifer East.

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\* Am/Can. Ch. Sensations Storm Watcher (Can Ch. Sensations Next Rep X Canch Sensations Huricane Requizition) "Radar" completed the requirements for his AKC championship on Saturday, July 15th. He was breeder, owner handled all the way by Irene Wessler.





Deadline - October 1st

Holiday Inn-Fort Washington 432 Pennsylvania Avenue Fort Washington, PA

Saturday, October 7, 2006

6:30-7:30 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m. 9:00-10:00 p.m.

Social Hour/Cash Bar Dinner **Annual Meeting** 

Menu

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Warm Apple Cobbler w/Vanilla Ice CreamØ		Coffee Tea, Decaf, Iced Tea		
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# **Montgomery County** MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday, October 6, 2006 7:00-11:00 p.m. **AMSC Board Meeting** Holiday Inn – Fort Washington 432 Pennsylvania Avenue Fort Washington, PA (215) 643-3000

Saturday, October 7, 2006 9:00-10:00 p.m. AMSC Annual Board Meetina Hoilday Inn – Fort Washington 432 Pennsylvania Avenue Fort Washington, PA (215) 643-3000

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# FLEAS....A Dirty Trick to Play on a Clean Dog from the Canine Chronicle

#### By Brenda Thoma

Clean and healthy dogs are first class realestate for fleas. Even the most meticulously groomed dog can pick up fleas from dog shows, dog parks (even if no other dogs are around), training school and even your own backyard. An adult flea can lay eggs within hours of finding herself on a host and can literally populate a dog with an entire colony of fleas in just a few weeks. Fleas have powerful jumping legs and as adults they easily travel from their surroundings onto a host or from host to host. Although fleas are tiny and fast moving, they can often be seen on your dog, frequenting areas such as the throat and chest and between the front legs. Even if you don't see the insects themselves, they leave telltale signs of their presence, most commonly small red marks from their bites and flea dirt which resembles black pepper sprinkled into your dog's coat.

Flea infestations can plague pet owners for years causing discomfort, allergies and weight loss in dogs; fleas can even carry diseases and other parasites. Familiarize yourself with the available treatments and products; consult your veterinarian's advice and formulate a plan that will effectively rid your dog of these dirty little pests.

Fipronil is the effective ingredient in Frontline®, developed by Rhone Merieux. This commonly used product effectively kills adult fleas before they have a chance to lay eggs. Applied as a spray or more often as topical drops, Fipronil pools and dries in the sebaceous glands and hair follicles and continues to effectively kill fleas for several weeks and ticks for a month or more following application. This product can be used on puppies as young as 10 weeks old and is generally safe to use on dogs receiving other medications. Fipronil is resistant to water and has an excellent safety and efficacy (effectiveness) record. Imidacloprid is the insecticide used in a product called Advantage®, manufactured by Bayer. Similar to Fipronil this product also pools and dries in the oil glands of the skin and kills adult fleas on contact, before they are able to lay eggs. Advantage® is applied to the skin over the back where it diffuses through the skin over the rest of the body. The treatment works quickly; 98-100% of adult fleas are killed within 24 hours after application. Advantage® is not effective against ticks. Imidacloprid continues to be effective after bathing or swimming and has an excellent safety and efficacy record as well.

Selamectin is a multi-purpose insecticide produced by Pfizer and is typically sold under the name Revolution®. A topical treatment that is applied to the skin, Selamectin not only effectively kills adult fleas but destroys flea eggs and larvae. Other active ingredients prevent heartworm disease and control ear mites and mange. Available only by prescription, Revolution® is considered to be safe and relatively free of side effects.

Lufenuron is the effective ingredient in a systemic treatment called Program®, offered by Novartis Animal Health. It is administered orally every 30 days in a palatable chew or pill. Program® controls fleas by use of a hormone that renders fleas sterile. Data by Novartis Animal Health states that "virtually 100% of the eggs laid by female fleas failed to hatch". Lufenuron doesn't actually kill adult fleas but rather can eradicate flea colonies by destroying their ability to reproduce. This product is safe and effective in controlling flea infestations but it is not appropriate for dogs with flea allergy dermatitis because the flea must bite the animal to be rendered sterile.

Novartis also produces a product called Sentinel® that consists of Lufenuron combined with other drugs to control heartworms and internal parasites. Sentinel® is available by prescription only.

Nitenpyram, a flea treatment manufactured under the name Capstar by Novartis Animal Health is an oral medication as well, which begins to kill adult fleas on dogs within 30 minutes of administration. It must be used in conjunction with environmental controls (Reference A) in order to break the flea cycle. In research first published by The Veterinary Record, Vol. 147, Issue 25; "Fleas started to fall from the (trial) animals 30 minutes after treatment with Nitenpyram and after six hours the efficacy of the drug reached 96.7 percent". No adverse drug reactions were recorded during the trial. Capstar can be used on puppies as young as 4 weeks of age and is very effective in providing immediate relief from biting fleas.

ProSpot is a somewhat outdated flea control product that is generally considered to be unsafe due to the toxic effects of the insecticide it contains. Don't confuse ProSpot with TopSpot which is a safe and effective product.

Proban, another old school product that disables fleas by affecting their nervous system function is not commonly recommended due to the fact that the drugs involved can wreak havoc on the nervous system of the host animal as well. Whippets and Greyhounds are particularly vulnerable to the toxic effects of ProSpot and Proban. Dips are made of highly concentrated insecticide preparations and may be effective at controlling fleas, but are not generally recommended because of their highly toxic nature. Many contain organophosphates, which can cause adverse reactions such as excessive tearing of the eyes, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, muscle tremors, seizures, coma, and death. If dips are used, they should not be used more than once a week, and pet owners should follow the instructions carefully.

Pyrethrin-based flea sprays contain a natural chemical derived from chrysanthemums. Sprays can be effective but they only work for about one day per treatment. Longer-lasting synthetic pyrethrin flea sprays are also available but aren't as risk-free as the natural products. For complete control of fleas, the pet itself as well as its environment (Ref.A) need to receive regular treatments. Pyrethrin can cause adverse reactions in some pets, such as depression, increased salivation, muscle tremors, vomiting, ataxia (muscle incoordination), dyspnea (labored breathing), and loss of appetite.

Pyrethrin-based powder contains many of the same ingredients as the sprays but in a powder form that stays active on the pet's skin and in the environment for longer periods of time. Application can be a problem for some people as inhalation of the powder should be avoided and it can discolor household items that it comes in contact with them. Both sprays and powders are ineffective after contact with water.

Flea shampoos contain insecticides that vary in their effectiveness. The goal is to remove the fleas that are present on the animal at the time of shampooing. To be effective, the shampoo must stay on the animal for at least 10 minutes before rinsing. Many flea shampoos contain a natural insecticide called D-limonene that is fairly effective but is a volatile oil from citrus fruits and can cause irritation to the skin and excessive dryness. Environmental control (Ref. A) must also be used in conjunction with flea shampoos.

Flea Collars as described by Consumer Reports Magazine in August of 1991 "are not effective in repelling or controlling fleas and we consider them to be a waste of money". The insecticide in the flea collar is designed to contact the flea as it travels from the body to the animal's facial mucus membranes to drink. Of course, fleas randomly jump on and off of animals and as many as 85% of the fleas on a dog will never come in contact with the collar. Newer collars containing a product called IGR (insect growth regulator) inhibit flea eggs from

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hatching and are somewhat more effective at flea control but are not comparable in effectiveness to the spot on products.

Chemical and drug free alternatives may temporarily repel fleas and ticks from your dog with no side effects. Although not scientifically proven as effective repellents, some dog owners create their own safe and natural products when their dog may be in an environment that harbors fleas. Lemon oil or lemon juice mixed with water can be misted on your dog before taking a trip out. Fleas are thought to be irritated by the acid of the lemon juice and will find a less sour host. A drug free flea collar can be made by soaking a piece of cotton rope or a bandana in a mix of water and various therapeutic oils. Oils that are recommended as a repellent include Tea Tree, Citronella, Lavender or Geranium, Neem oil, Cedarwood and Sage are also recommended. While these oils may or may not be effective in repelling fleas, they are completely harmless and have the added benefit of making your dog smell good!

Flea combs and ionic brushes will distribute oils throughout your dog's coat, remove dead hair, stimulate circulation and make your dog look and feel better, but as a serious treatment for fleas they are ineffective. While flea combs and brushes may indeed remove some fleas from the coat, many more escape the comb's teeth to lay eggs and repopulate. Removing fleas from the dog is completely ineffective without using the environmental controls.

Fleas are indeed opportunistic insects that have a bag of tricks to effectively secure the continuation of their species. Flea eggs can remain dormant in almost any environment until conditions are right for hatching, larvae can develop through their lifestages without a host and the newly developed flea can jump 5' or more to secure a meal on even the cleanest dog. With the safe and effective products available today it is easier than ever to eradicate fleas and defend your dog against their dirty little tricks.

# The AMSC website has a list of breeder judges in the Judges' Page.

http://amsc.us/mentors.html

# Treating your environment for Fleas (Reference A)

Removing fleas from your dog is just the first step in eradicating them from your life. If you chose an insecticidal product offering continued protection, the flea population in and around your home will slowly but surely subside. Adult fleas must have a host to feed on before laying eggs; if all the animals in your home or kennel have been treated with a long lasting insecticide the life cycle is interrupted. If you chose a short acting insecticide that kills only the fleas that are on your pet at the time of the treatment (dips, shampoos and Nitenpyram) you will also need to remove as many fleas, eggs and larvae from the environment.

· Insecticide spray treatments can be used in carpets to reduce numbers of fleas. Products on the market target the adult flea. Methoprene (Precor) and Pyriproxyfen (Nylor, Archer) are growth regulators that prevent eggs from hatching and the larval fleas from pupating into adults that reproduce. Methoprene will reduce flea populations up to 95% in 14 days while pyriproxyfen, due to its ability to remain stable in sunlight, lasts in carpets for many months. Because these products do not kill adult fleas, products that contain both an insecticide and growth regulator are more effective. • Wash pet bedding in hot water. If animals sleep with a family member, all bedding must be washed. Vacuum carpets thoroughly everywhere the infested pet is allowed to inhabit and especially near where the animal sleeps. In addition, cleaning carpets with a steam cleaner should kill some of the larval fleas, and also remove the bits of organic matter that accumulate in carpets that the larvae feed on.

• Foggers were once the standard cure for flea infestations but have fallen from favor



due to their toxic nature, poor effectiveness and unpleasant effects such as smell and a sticky residue that are often left behind. The insecticide is released into a mist which dissipates in the room. While foggers do cover every surface in the room in which it is used; fleas, eggs and larvae generally inhabit covered areas and burrow into carpet and bedding rendering foggers ineffective against them.

• Remember to treat the outdoor environment as well. Treat the yard around your home or kennel with an insecticide containing an insect growth regulator, such as pyriproxifen. This growth regulator does not breakdown as quickly in daylight and remains effective for a longer period of time. Inert (non-chemical) products such as boric acid, diatomaceous earth and silica are often effective in deterring fleas as well. Although evidence is anecdotal, many kennels use these products with great success. Inert products are not dangerous to animals and remain stable in their environment for 6 to 8 months.

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Milshore MSC July 28, 2006 Sweepstakes Judge: Anne Barlow Best in Sweeps. Rampage's Jewel Thief/ Gonzalez/Ramel BOS in Sweeps...Rampage's Triple Crown/ Hudziak/Ramel Regular Class Judge: Judy Thill WD/BOW ... Repitition's Southern Stuff/ Garmaker RWD...Repitition's Kiss This/Garmaker WB.. Repitition's Chyna Black/Brown/ Garmaker RWB...Myla's Love Potion #9/Bialek/Garmaker BOS...Ch.Rampage's Kandy Kizzez/ Gonzalez/Ramel BOB...Ch. Gentry Cattivo Nicola/Contrino/ Kniola

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# NEW APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Tarha Ahlgren 10319 Northwestern Ave Franksville, WI 53126 Phone: 202-886-3183 Email: tarja@forgiant.com Sponsors: Lynn Tamms Karen Brittan

Tarha has 20+ years involvement with dogs and is active in Conformation, Agility, Obedience and Tracking, as well as breeding dogs for 10 years. Tarha has been Vice President and Trial Secretary of Cream City Canines in Milwaukee, ID and the agility chair for the 2006 National Agility trials. She is a member of the Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Finland's Giant Schnauzer club and the Finnish Kennel Club.

Ms. Sheri Bailey 131 Bakers Bridge Circle Douglasville, GA 30134 Phone: 770-489-0681 Email: baileyhouse@mindspring.com Sponsors: Kurt Garmaker Errolyn Martin

Ms. Bailey is a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Atlanta. She has been actively involved in the Obedience ring with her Schnauzers since 1995. She has judged matches and taught Obedience classes. She participates in the Conformation ring and is the Assistant to a Professional Handler.

Denise Baker P. O. Box 911 Waynesboro, PA 17268 Phone: 717-762-0615 Email: dbaker17268@earthlink.net Sponsors: Kathy Colby Vera Potiker

Ms. Baker is active in Agility, attending 20+ Trials each year and 5+ seminars yearly. She is a member of the Blue Ridge K9 Training Club, maintaining their membership listing and finances, as well as their newsletter. She is also an Agility instructor. She is not a breeder.

Stacy & Donald Conrad 1618 Devlan Lane Signal Mountain, TN 37377 Phone: 423-886-9080 Email: stacyod@yahoo.com Sponsors: Terrie Houck Paula Steele, DVM

Ms. Conrad is active in Conformation and is interested in Agility and Obedience. She is a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Atlanta and the Chattanooga Kennel Club where she is the Membership Clerk. She attended 32 shows in 2005 and various seminars. She is an Optometrist and is enjoying her first show dog.

# Stephanie A. Davis-Rae

148 Dover Way Vacaville, CA 95687 Phone: 707-469-7900 Email: vaca-snow@pachbell.net Sponsors: Beverley Pfaff Sandra Bonifeld

Ms. Davis-Rae is a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Northern California and serves on the Newsletter Committee. She is also a member of the Chief Solano Kennel Club in California. She is active in Agility and Obedience, attending 12+ shows each year. Michael & Barbara Doyle 49-305 Hwy 74 #102 Palm Desert, CA 92260 Phone: 760-837-9378 Email: mdoyle1@dc.rr.com Sponsors: Jerry S. Riedy Cheryl Lyons

The Doyle's have been actively involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 7 years. They are members of the Southern California Miniature Schnauzer Club. They have been involved in Conformation for 2 years have bred both Labs and Miniature Schnauzers.

Debi Durst 6546 Middleway Pike Kearneysville, WV 25430 Phone: 304-725-6794 Email: debinmartin@netzero.net Sponsors: Laurese Byrd Katen Ann Hughes

Ms. Durst has over 35 years experience with Miniature Schnauzers. She has Been active 14 years in the Conformation and Obedience rings and has 11 years Experience breeding Miniature Schnauzers. She is a member of the Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club in Silver Spring, MD. She was an AMSC member in 1995-96 as Debra Harbaugh before she married and now wishes to rejoin AMSC.

Mrs. Marie Edwards P. O. Box 1114 Echuca Vic, Australia 3564 Phone: 0354822007 Email: snauzr@bigpond.com.au Sponsors: Mack Ledgerwood Patty Ledgerwood

Mrs. Edwards has been involved in Conformation and breeding of Miniature Schnauzers for 23 years. She is a member of Schnauzer Club of Vic serving as Committee Show/Secretary, the Echuca Vis Kennel Club, serving as President the last 7 years, the Schnauzer Club of New South Wales, Schnauzer Club of South Australia and Schnauzer Club of Queensland.

Andrea Farris 102 Hamilton Circle Harrisburg, PA 17111 Phone: 717-564-4530 Email: noahsark224@verizon.net

Sheila Cairns

Sponsors: Sandy Wagner

Ms. Farris has participated in Conformation and currently is involved in Obedience and Rally events. She is a past member of the Dauphin Dog Training Club of Harrisburg where she served on the Board and was an Obedience Instructor with that Club. She plans on applying for membership in that Clubonce again. She is a retired school principal.

Debbra A. Herrell 13551 Phal Road Grass Lake, MI 49240 Phone: 517-522-4173 Email: debdel@modempool.com Sponsors: Beth Santure Cheryl L. Coffman

Ms. Herrell is a past member of AMSC (20+ years). She is a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan and Jaxon Kennel Club. She has held all positions including President for several years. She has been involved in Conformation and in breeding miniature schnauzers for 30 years as Sercatep Kennel. She also has Smooth Fox Terriers.

# NEW APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP continued

Kaye M. Kirk 5528 North Barnes Oklahoma City, OK 73112-7729 Phone: 405-245-2099

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Sponsors: Kennalea Pratt Carolyn Carine

Ms. Kirk is involved in Obedience with her Schnauzers. She is a member of the Oklahoma City Obedience Training Club and is currently their Corresponding Secretary. She is an Attorney - State of Oklahoma.

Clay & Nancy Lincoln 46 Green Number 6 Drive St Charles, MD 63303 Phone: 636-947-7522 Email: lincolnbow@aol.com Sponsors: Sonny Lelle William Oxandale

The Lincoln's have been involved with Miniature Schnauzers for 15+ years. They have participated in Agility for 12 years and in Obedience for 15. They are also active in Hospital Pet Therapy through support dogs. They are members of North St. Louis County Obedience Training Club where Clay is the Training Director and on the Board and Nancy is the Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and also on the Board. They are also members of Gateway Miniature Schnauzer Club and Gateway Terrier Association.

#### Denise Moreno

2512 Palo Verde Avenue

Email: doggie2doodoo@yahoo.com

Long Beach, CA 90815 Phone: 562-430-6507 Sponsors: Kathy Colby Vera Potiker

Ms. Moreno is a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Southern California. She has been a Board member for the past 2 years. She is active in Conformation and attends approximately 10 shows each year.

#### Midori & Kenzo Nakahara

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Sponsors: Tim Doxtater Danielle Joncas

The Nakahara's are members of the Japanese Kennel Club and have had Miniature Schnauzers for 12 years. They are owners of a dog boutique. They have bred four litters in the past five years and are interested in Conformation.

Harriet Catalina-Meschi 340 Fisher Road Rochester, NY 14624 Phone: 585-247-7117 Email: harriet@rochester.rr.com Sponsors: Althea Millar Brenda Fishburn

Ms. Catalina-Meschi has been associated with the American Quarter Horse Association and is involved with her Schnauzers in Conformation and Breeding. She attends 7-10 dog events yearly. She believes in genetic testing and wants to breed dogs that are healthy with good temperaments and look good.

Pamela M. Schott

2605 Tyson Avenue Willmington, DE 19804 Phone: 302-633-9306 Email: Tbird3232@aol.com Sponsors: Laurese Byrd Katen Ann Hughes

Ms. Schott is a member of the Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club. She is active n the Conformation ring and breeding. She attends 12 to 16 dog shows yearly.

Robin & Tom White 1247 East Fountain Street Mesa, AZ 85203-5017 Phone: 480-834-3553 Email: tassajara2@cox.net Sponsors: Patti S. Howard Harvey A. Howard

The Whites' have both Giant and Miniature Schnauzers. They are involved in Conformation and in breeding. They currently belong to the Giant Schnauzer Club of America and have assisted with the Western Specialty. They have assisted in Rescue and also have an interest in Obedience and Agility.

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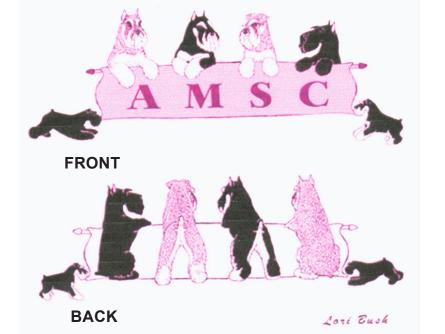
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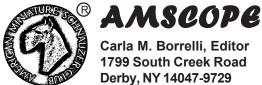
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