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The Heartbeat

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Prez Sez

Dear Schnauzer enthusiasts I hope your summer has been enjoyable thus far. We are quickly approaching HSSC of the GTC's Regional Specialty. The Specialty will be held in conjunction with St. Croix Valley Kennel Club's all breed show, Saturday August 26. We have reserved a party room at Kourhy's Restaurant, 6588 Cahill Avenue, Inver Grove Heights <<http://www.khourysrestaurant.com>>. This is for dinner Saturday night. I hope to see all of you there.

As always we are looking for activities for the club to do. I encourage you to let me or any board member know what you are thinking. Sunny Lambert has written some good information in this newsletter and there is a copy of meeting minutes. So enjoy and I'll see you all Saturday August 26. Until then be well.

Steve Schloesser

HSSC Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11, 2006

Location: Steve & Gail Schloesser's Home

6:00 PM the meeting was called to order by Steve S.

Agenda:

- 2006 HSSC Regional Specialty
- Review 2006 Calendar/Activities
- New Business

2006 HSSC Regional Specialty

2006 HSSC Regional Specialty will be held on Saturday, August 26 as part of the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club's All Breed Dog show. Confirmation, Obedience and Agility events will be supported. A morning show time will be requested. The same events will be supported by HSSC on Sunday, August 27. Carol Smith is setting setup ribbons, trophies and prizes for the weekend events. The annual dinner will be held that Saturday night. Steve S. will reserve a room at a local restaurant. The dinner will include an auction and drawing. A featured drawing item will be a pop-up 12' x 12' green "Quick Shade" canopy.

2006 Calendar/Activities:

January 07 – Annual Holiday Party and Meeting at Steve & Gail Schloesser's Home

February 04 – HSSC Meeting at Steve & Gail Schloesser's Home 6:00 PM

March – Grooming Seminar

April 29 – Helping Paws Run & Romp; HSSC contact is Greg Dineen

May – Agility & Rally Workshop; HSSC contact is Sunny Lambert

August 26 – HSSC Regional Specialty and Annual Dinner

November 04 – HSSC Dog Walk, HSSC contact is George Huddle

New Business/Open discussion:

A request is being made to any member interested in becoming a club officer or participating in the 2007 Club Officers Nominating Committee. Please Contact Steve S.

Members are encouraged to ask others interested in Standard Schnauzers to join HSSC.

Future HSSC activities will continue to be for members and their Standard Schnauzers who have both "pet" and "show" interests. All members are encouraged to participate.

The high cost of event insurance continues to be a concern. The cost has prevented HSSC from holding independent events. George H. will review options.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted by John Limpert

Grooming Seminar

The grooming seminar at Bloomington Obedience Training Club, March was a great success. Karen Brittan, Britmor Miniature Schnauzers showed us grooming principles with about 10 people and 12 dogs. We learned about the importance of weekly stripping the coat in order to maintain a show coat. Karen brought one of her miniature schnauzers to show a pattern of stripping. We talked about the reasons for stripping the sides of the necks tight, how to groom the head; she showed us examples of viewing the head and neck from behind the dog as well as from the front of the dog and what



to look for when doing that. We also discussed accentuating rear angulation to match front angulation.



Ruth Rustad was there with her Giant Schnauzer, Zorro; Gretchen Castle and her husband with their dog, Tina. Marilyn Polsfuss with her dog; George Huddle and Carol Krueger with their dogs, Kohle and Katie; Steve Schloesser with Rosie and Rocky the short legged schnauzer (dachshund), Kara Maytag with Baylee and I was there with Brody and Beata.

Bloomington Obedience Training Club is a wonderful location for a grooming seminar because there's plenty of space and numerous mirrors. Hopefully we can do this again next year and we'll show off what we learned this year after having time for practice.

Run & Romp

Steve Schloesser

HSSC of the GTC volunteered to help Helping Paws on their Run and Romp event this year. Greg Dineen was the HSSC club coordinator for this event. We were assigned to the gift pack T-shirt table. It was a cold, rainy day and we were thankful for an "under the shelter" detail. The event attendance appeared to be hindered by the inclement weather but the Help Paws organization assured us that pre-registrations had made the event a success. As for us HSSC volunteers we made our way to a local restaurant to share a warm meal. Of course we probably would have had a meal together no matter what the weather. Nothing like good-dogs, good-times and good-eats, yup nothing.

Helping Paws is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization

whose mission is to further the independence of people with physical disabilities (other than blindness or deafness) through the use of service dogs. Founded with the help of the Center to Study the Human-Animal Relationship & Environment (CENSHARE) at the University of Minnesota, Helping Paws has been a part of the Minnesota community for more than fifteen years -- and part of Northeastern Wisconsin since the Fall of 2000.

Helping Paws service dogs promote self-sufficiency and empower people with physical disabilities. The dogs are not just companions; they are hardworking partners that allow many of our graduates to live more free, unconstrained lives both at home and in public. The dogs not only help with daily living tasks but also give added confidence and renewed self-esteem. The friendship and companionship of a Helping Paws service dog is priceless. Financial gifts of any size help defray the cost of food, training equipment, veterinary expenses, etc.

Rally Agility Fun Day

What is Rally: Rally O is an obedience course planned out by the judge. Prior to the competition, the human part of the team gets to do some practice walks through the course that's marked with signs about what the team is to perform at each station. It's a hybrid of obedience and agility. During the walk through the entrant can simulate how they will handle the obstacle with their dog when they perform the course. The person can talk to their dog during the entire course as there's not a limitation of commands or directions to be given the dog. Some of us carry on conversations with our dog while doing rally. Each course is timed as well as judged for accuracy by a judge. There are sits, about turns, right turns, left turns, left about turns, walking as weaves through cones, down your dog, fast and slow heeling.

For our event, May 20th some people had trained in rally and others had not. Some dogs had been well trained in obedience and were very comfortable doing the courses. Others, some puppies, were having a good time inspecting signs and cones. Some performed very professionally and some were very comical so there was lots of laughter. That meant we all enjoyed it whether we were in the ring or observing. Feedback was that people were enthusiastically endorsing the event and

some said, "we need to do this again." This was held at Dick Van Keuren's Dog Training School, K9 Sports, just outside of River Falls, WI; just a perfect facility for this activity. The rally event was held in the morning and Jan Tomlinson, obedience instructor at K9 Sports, acted as the judge. She gave ribbons and placements for our winners.

After a big lunch with salads and sandwiches and desserts, we ventured outside to the agility ring. There were jumps, tunnels, a dog walk, an A Frame and a tire jump. The dogs were introduced to the equipment in sections where they got to practice the obstacles for awhile and then move on to the next obstacles. It was fun to see the dogs attitudes change about how much fun they were having. And there was a short legged schnauzer, black and brown, who was running around on all of the equipment having a grand time. That was Rocky, the miniature wire-haired dachshund. Toward the end it was evident all the dogs were catching on and enjoying themselves. But, we had to quit as it started to sprinkle. We had about an hour with agility so we got a good taste of it.

Everyone, please talk about it you want to do this again next year. It was reasonable in cost and the facility wasn't costly so it's an option for us.

The Winners!!



The following article is from NAIA, National Animal Interest Alliance archives. Recently Animal Rights organizations are making noise about things that affect us and the standard schnauzer breed. For example, there are numerous states attempting legislation to prevent ear cropping, licensing and charging very high fees for dogs who are being shown and being bred. Some of this legislation is a threat to the well being of our breed as we know it today. I thought this article would be important for people to see again. NAIA is an important organization in the legislative scheme of things. And, there's a great deal of information on their website: <http://www.naiaonline.org/index.htm>. Bookmark it and research some of your favorite issues.

Animal Rights, Animal Welfare: Which Is It?

Throughout the first half of the 20th Century, animal owners improved standards of care for their livestock, lab animals, and pets, tossing out harsh, ineffective, and inefficient methods and embracing a kinder, gentler stewardship of animals. Some people talked about the "rights" of animals to food, water, shelter, and care, but the emphasis was on improving the lives of animals utilized by people, not on eliminating human use altogether.

However, by the late 1960s, the term animal rights had taken on new meaning. Giving rights to animals had become a social and political cause, a moral imperative, which demanded that society adopt a new ethic for human/animal relationships. This new philosophy opposed all use of animals, no matter how humane, no matter how responsible, no matter how much benefit was lost to humanity and other animals from such avoidance.

Today, despite the public's rejection of animal rights as demonstrated by their own continued use of animals, animal rights philosophy is a dominant factor in popular culture. This disconnect is caused because many people, even people who label themselves as animal rights supporters, don't understand the true beliefs and goals of the animal rights movement.

To bring this topic into clearer focus, NAIA offers this quick tour of the differences between animal rights and animal welfare, two distinct philosophies.

Animal welfare celebrates the bond between animals and humans; animal rights wants to sever that bond.

"It is time we demand an end to the misguided and abusive concept of animal ownership. The first step on this long, but just, road would be ending the concept of pet ownership." - Elliot Katz, President, In Defense of Animals, "In Defense of Animals," Spring 1997

Animal welfare grows and improves as we learn more and more about animals, their behavior, and their management. Animal rights remains stagnant with its dogma of "no more animal use ever."

"Let us allow the dog to disappear from our brick and concrete jungles--from our firesides, from the leather nooses and chains by which we enslave it." - John Bryant, *Fettered Kingdoms: An Examination of A Changing Ethic* (Washington,

DC: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PeTA), 1982), p. 15.

Animal welfare is inclusive; its belief in stewardship of species and individual animals embraces a human connection to the Earth through interaction with animals. Animal rights is divisive; by separating the destiny of man from the destiny of animals, the movement shows it cares nothing for the Earth.

"...the animal rights movement is not concerned about species extinction. An elephant is no more or less important than a cow, just as a dolphin is no more important than a tuna...In fact, many animal rights advocates would argue that it is better for the chimpanzee to become extinct than to be exploited continually in laboratories, zoos and circuses." (Barbara Biel, *The Animals' Agenda*, Vol 15 #3.)

Animal welfare makes room for a broad spectrum of animal relationships that include raising and using animals for food, fiber, labor, and medical and behavioral research; managing animal populations by hunting; keeping animals in zoos and other educational venues; and enjoying animal sports and animals in movies, circuses, and on stage.

Animal rights opposes all traditional relationships with animals, from eating meat and wearing leather and wool to biomedical research, pet ownership, dog and cat breeding, circuses, zoos, hunting, trapping, ranching, fishing, and learning about animals by hands-on experience.

"If the death of one rat cured all diseases, it wouldn't make any difference to me." -Chris DeRose, director, Last Chance for Animals, as quoted in Elizabeth Venant and David Treadwell, "Biting Back," *Los Angeles Times*, April 12, 1990, p. E12.

"My dream is that people will come to view eating an animal as cannibalism." - Henry Spira, director, Animal Rights International, as quoted in Barnaby J. Feder, "Pressuring Purdue," *New York Times Magazine*, November 26, 1989, p. 192.

"Founded in 1980, PETA operates under the simple principle that animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on, or use for entertainment." - PeTA's website, August 2000

Animal welfare requires humane treatment of animals on farms and ranches, in circuses and rodeos, and in homes, kennels, catteries, laboratories, and wherever else animals are kept. Animal welfare endorses a quick death when death

is inevitable and a scientific approach to commercial use and management of wild populations.

Animal rights works for the day when we will have no interactions with animals but will view them from afar.

"I don't approve of the use of animals for any purpose that involves touching them - caging them" - Dr. Neal Barnard, Physician's Committee for Responsible Medicine

"We don't want cleaner cages, we want empty cages." - Tom Regan, animal rights leader

In short, animal welfare works to enrich and celebrate human/animal interactions in an atmosphere of concern for animal well-being; animal rights yearns for the day when human life will be impoverished because we can no longer enjoy the company of non-human animals.

**HSSC Specialty at St. Croix Valley Kennel Club Show
Lake Elmo, MN
Saturday August 26th
Conformation, Obedience and Agility**

**Dinner at Khoury's August 26th.
Big Prizes**

Grand Prize



**Chances to Win:
One for \$1
Seven for \$5
Fifteen for \$10
Twenty four for \$15
Thirty six for \$20**