



THE HEARTBEAT

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PREZ SEZ

Spring is here! The snow is gone and the rains have started. All those little surprises that your dog has been leaving in the winter snow now have to be picked up. Early spring is one messy time of the year with wet paw prints in the house. But soon the grass will dry out and flowers will bloom.

We hope to see many of you with your Standards at the Helping Paws of Minnesota Run & Romp on April 28. The club will be helping out but it would be great to have a good representation of Standards participating in the event.

Planning continues for the club events in 2007. Thank you to those who have made suggestions on dog friendly events for all club members and their Standards. If you have any

suggestions or would like to help out, let me or any of the HSSC board members know.

The HSSC Constitution and By-laws are being reviewed and recommended updates will be sent out in time for a vote at our annual meeting in August. Also, we will be putting together a nominating committee for the 2008 slate of club officers. Please let me know if you would like to be on the committee or be a club officer.

I encourage you to do something fun with your Standard. You'll both have a good time.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

~ John

HELPING PAWS 2007 RUN & ROMP

On Saturday, April 28th, Helping Paws will be having it's 6th Annual Run & Romp at 1:00 p.m., *rain or shine*. It will be held at the Shoreview Community Center. The HSSC volunteers should be there at 11:00 to pass out t-shirts and bags to those entered in the

Run & Romp. Please come out and join us as we volunteer at this very worthwhile event. For more information, check out their website at www.helpingpaws.org.

See you there!

*Anybody who doesn't know
what soap tastes like,
never washed
a dog.*

~ Franklin P. Jones

PET FOOD RECALL

By now most of you are very aware of the recent dog and cat food recall. If you are looking for more information or updates, you can visit the following websites: www.menufoods.com or www.fda.gov. You will find the list of companies, foods, etc. that are included in the recall.

Below is an excerpt from testimony on the FDA's website regarding the recall:

Scope of the Pet Food Recall

"To date, manufacturers have voluntarily recalled more than 100 brands of dog and cat food across the nation. Manufacturers participating in the recall of pet food products include: Menu Foods, Hill's Pet Nutrition, P&G Pet Care, Nestle Purina PetCare Company, Del Monte Pet Products, and Sunshine Mills. The importer, ChemNutra, has also recalled the raw ingredient, wheat gluten. Although this is one of the largest pet food recalls in history, according to the Pet Food Institute, a trade association representing pet food manufacturers, the product recalled currently represents less than one percent of all dog and cat food on the market. This indicates that consumers have

access to an ample supply of pet food to meet the needs of their pets. Nonetheless, we recognize the serious risks that the contaminated pet food represents to pets that consume this food, which is why we are devoting the resources needed to assure the success of the investigation and the pet food recall.

To ensure the success of the pet food recall, FDA is working with the recalling firms and with our many public health partners. We are cooperating with the 50 state departments of agriculture, health authorities, veterinarians, the Association of American Feed Control Officials. FDA is also conducting recall effectiveness audits to ensure manufacturers and other recalling firms remove the recalled product from the pet food supply chain."



Wishing good health and happiness to you and your pets.

Want to know what we've got planned for the rest of the year?

Check it out:

HSSC 2007 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	DESCRIPTION
January 5	◆ Holiday Party and Board meeting @ Steve & Gail Schloesser's house
January 14	◆ Board meeting @ Greg Dineen's house
January 28	◆ Grooming seminar at C&E Dog Training; Sunny Lambert is the contact for this event
March 3	◆ Board meeting; George Huddle's house
April 28	◆ Helping Paws ; visit their website for more information at: www.helpingpaws.org
June 9	◆ Board meeting following the Minnetonka Show; location TBD
August 25	◆ HSSC Regional Specialty—St. Croix Kennel Club Cluster Show, Lake Elmo, MN ◆ HSSC Annual meeting and potluck dinner to follow Specialty; more information soon
November 3	◆ HSSC Dog Walk around Lake Harriet —George Huddle is the contact; ◆ Board meeting to follow the walk; location of the meeting TBD

2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE PAST DUE !

Have you forgotten something? If you haven't paid your 2007 dues yet, they are ***past due now***. Please check the website for current renewal forms and mail your payment to George Huddle (address is on

the form). Please email us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support!

HSSC REGIONAL SPECIALTY AND ANNUAL DINNER

Our 2007 Regional Specialty is planned to be held on Saturday, August 25 as part of the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club's All Breed Dog show. Confirmation, Obedience and Agility events will be supported. The same events will be supported by

HSSC on Sunday, August 26. Look for more information on the website about this event as we get closer to August.

SSCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

This year's SSCA National Specialty will be held at the Porter County Expo Center & Fairgrounds in Valparaiso, IN from June 21—June 24, 2007. The show premium is now available at **www.royjonesdogshows.com**. This is an All Breed show with Obedience and Rally, as well. The banquet will be held on Saturday evening along with the yearly club meeting.

Registration is due to Sunny Lambert by Tuesday, May 15th including the pizza party, box lunches, banquet, general trophy donations and the raffle for the quilt. The form is located on the SSCA website at the Registration link.

Would you like something from the Specialty Store before you head to the show? You can pre-order

items by May 1, 2007 to be shipped *prior* to the Specialty. Otherwise, the deadline for ordering items to be picked up at the Specialty is May 11, 2007 (see the SSCA website for more information).

This year's Educational Seminar is on Friday, June 22nd from 6—10 p.m. and is free. Dr. Robert Hutchinson of Ridgeville, OH will be presenting a seminar on Canine Reproduction.

Also, if you are interested in making a trophy donation, there are still several to choose from, so check it out!

Keep visiting the SSCA website for up-to-date information on the show.

Photo Gallery

Some of our members have been kind enough to send in some favorite photos of their Standard Schnauzers. Feel free to submit some of yours, and we will include them in our upcoming issues. In the meantime . . .

Enjoy!!



HSSC MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on March 3, 2007 at 8:20 P.M. The members, directors and officers present included John Limpert, Kristin Hauser, George Huddle, Linda Limpert, Greg Dineen, Judi Hornbacher and Carol Kruger.

Old Business

The minutes from the January 14, 2007 meeting were reviewed, and there being no objections or additions, they were approved as read.

The membership has grown and the secretary will send the updated list to all of the officers and directors. It was recommended and agreed that we will also prepare a contact list of individuals who may have an interest in the club, such as new puppy owners, former members, etc. They will be added to the list of individuals who receive the electronic newsletter.

August, 2007 Specialty

George Huddle has received some preliminary information from Sue Stoterau regarding the requirements for awards needed for our club Specialty in August. He noted that the deadline for a response specifically describing our awards is April 1, 2007.

Discussion continued regarding possible awards on hand, their quality and quantity, and whether there was a need for additional items.

{John mentioned that a secretary is needed for agility}

Further information is needed on exactly what type and quality of awards are acceptable to the Lake Elmo club officials.

Additional contact information is also needed for rally and obedience, and John and Linda will follow up with Sue Stoterau to obtain that information.

Previously a motion was approved to provide a sup-

ported entry on Monday, and at this time a motion was unanimously approved to also provide a supported entry for Sunday.

Following further discussion a motion was passed to provide upgraded ribbons on both Saturday and Sunday. A motion to provide a toy to each entrant in both sweepstakes and regular entries was made and passed unanimously, along with a motion to provide a gift package of treats and toys for all participants in Sweepstakes.

It was determined that upgraded ribbons will be provided to all of the following regular classes:

- Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winner's Dog, Winner's Bitch, Veteran's Dog, Brood Bitch and Stud Dog.

In Sweepstakes upgraded ribbons will be presented for Best Puppy and Best Veteran.

Additional Items of Discussion:

Any information regarding the Helping Paws Walk on April 28, 2007 can be found on their website at www.helpingpaws.org.

A supported entry donation for the Northstar Working Group Association was approved.

Fundraising ideas, including shirts with the club logo, etc., were briefly discussed. It was decided that an article should be inserted in the newsletter to see if there is enough interest on the part of the membership. In general more information is needed on both interest and costs.

There was a brief discussion of our insurance coverage, and John Limpert will continue to gather information for discussion at the June meeting.

At the same time we will discuss ideas on necessary revisions or updates to the Bylaws.

We need to prepare a letter to the AKC requesting

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permission to hold our Specialty. Also, Carol Kruger has agreed to be the club chairperson for this event (with George as the general contact person).

We need to submit a recommendation for a judge for the Specialty and the following were some of the

names mentioned: Cheryl Meyers Egerton, Neil Graves, and Margaret E. Robertson. It was agreed that Carol, George, Linda, and John will serve on a committee to determine the recommendation.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was passed and the meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.



Rain, rain go away . . .