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READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Greetings!

As hard as it is to believe, Fall is indeed upon us. Is there anything better than watching a Standard Schnauzer barreling through a pile of leaves? Hopefully yours are enjoying this cooler weather as much as mine. It truly is a wonderful time of year to get out for walks, runs, and just playing with your dog(s).

These past few months have been very successful for our club. At the invitation of Penny Duffy and the Prairieland SSC, our board approved holding a Specialty in conjunction with SSCA National in Bloomington, IL over the Memorial weekend. Judi Hornbacher, Carol Smith, me and my two daughters all made the journey down to Bloomington, IL to put on the Friday Specialty. It was quite an amazing event, with an outstanding group of Standard Schnauzers!! Thank you to Judi, Carol as well as Penny, Kathy Kohler and the Prairieland group for all your support and hard work. Hundreds of hours over the last year were put into planning and organizing the multitude of details, meals, trophies, ribbons, etc. needed to put together the day, and without their efforts, it would not have been the success it turned out to be. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Our second major event was our annual Regional Specialty held on August 27th in conjunction with the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club All Breed Show. The field of entrants was one of our largest in a very long time!

Another huge thank you to Carol Smith and Judi Hornbacher for their endless efforts in planning, organizing and running the show, continuing to make it a successful one. Also thank you to Carol Kruger (show chair), Roger Eriksen (hospitality), Gary Smith (grill master), and George Huddle (show site coordinator) for their time and efforts.

We had a lovely lunch on site following the show on Friday that was well attended by most of the day's entrants, and on Saturday we held our annual potluck/silent auction. It was wonderful to see some new members as well as many long standing ones. Thank you to Deb and Joe Axmacher for the blanket they donated for our main prize. It was very beautiful, and garnered tremendous interest! Also, thank you to all who donated items, as well, as it makes the event a lot of fun.

Moving forward to the remainder of the year, we have some general meetings and our famous Dog Walk on October 24th. This date is different from previous years, and hopefully the weather will continue to favor us! The Activities Committee is planning forward into 2011, so watch for updates in your email and check the website regularly. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. In the meantime, enjoy this beautiful Fall weather.

I wish you and your family all the best,
Kristin

HSSC Specialty was held Friday, August 27th, 2010 in conjunction with the St Croix Valley Kennel Club Show in Lake Elmo, MN

This year the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club show was held for 4 days; Friday the 27th through Monday the 30th. As the title of this article alludes to and confirmed by the write up on our web page including awards, our Standard Schnauzer Specialty was held in conjunction with the show on Friday. The extended dates of the show along with being (luckily) blessed with beautiful weather drew an extremely nice turnout of dogs, handlers and observers.

Ms. Victoria Barker judged our Specialty on Friday with 11 S.S. competing in the Sweepstakes as well as 4 S.S. in the veterans Sweeps. Judging confirmation was Ms. Lydia Coleman Hutchinson. Appearing before her on Friday were 33 S.S, 2 veteran dogs, 1 veteran bitch, 3 stud dogs, and 1 brood bitch.

Grooming/show prep started about 7:00 am with the HSSC volunteers supplying a continental breakfast of coffee and pastries. As the clock ticked by and approached 9:30, the usual mad rush heated up to add the finishing touches to the dogs and do a quick change of clothes to be ready for the Sweeps ring at 10:00. Confirmation judging was to immediately follow the Sweeps at approximately 10:45.

Following the wrap up of the confirmation judging and photo shoot of the winners, the HSSC members/volunteers provided a luncheon on site for our guests, judges and members. In addition to the dishes provided by our members, the club supplied burgers and weenies with all the fix'ens grilled under the skilled spatula of Gary Smith. The uninvited guests (flies) were kept at bay and all invited guests appeared to get well fed and satisfied.

A very special shout out and heart felt thanks go out to Steve Schloesser and George Huddle for providing transportation for our confirmation judge, Judi Hornbacher & family for lugging ring furnishings, etc. around, Carol Smith for her ring coordination and lastly a huge 'high five' to Les Gagner (Siggi's adopted dad) who took the day off work just to be able to observe all of the fantastic dogs that were competing and was mainly responsible for setting up all the tables, chairs, table clothes and setting of the tables for the luncheon so it looked well prepared and appetizing. There were many, many folks that pitched in to pull off this event and we wish to thank one & all for their efforts.



Wagging Rights

We would love to recognize all the wonderful milestones you and your Standard Schnauzer accomplish! And also just the mundane cute moments. Not only to promote what has been accomplished, but to also know our membership better and most importantly, about your SS. Did you recently finish an obedience class? Earn points toward you CH? First impressions of starting agility or rally? Anything you wish the rest of the club to be able to share? We would love to hear about it! Send us the information and we will include it here. Feel free to email pictures of you with your S.S. or just of your dog if you are camera shy!

Special Wagging Rights for this edition go to the following:

Congratulations to **Denise Buckley** and Brando on their very successful showing during our August Specialty. It was the first time Denise had shown and she and Brando walked away with a 1st place. Way to go!!!

Julie Fogarty and Willow (CH Sketchbook Spring Willow) finished up the HSSC Specialty weekend with Willow earning her new title of Grand Champion! Congratulations!!!!

Marjana Callery notes that Finn (CH Jordan Charlemagne of Windtree, CD, RE, NA, NAJ) received his 3rd, 4th, and 5th Double-Qualifiers towards his Rally Advanced Excellent (RAE). He's almost there!

Local Resources

Animal Inn Training School has expanded the daytime schedule, now puppy and beginners on Wednesday mornings. Beginning October 20th, we are offering a beginners obedience class at 9:45am and a puppy kindergarten class at 10:45. For more information go to www.animalintraining.com/ for the details on all levels of training classes. Confirmation classes are usually held on Tuesdays. A new Agility session begins in October 20th.

C & E Dog Training Center: Check out their web page and class schedule for puppy, beginning obedience, advanced obedience, intermediate, novice, pre-open/open, utility, rally, agility as well as conformation classes at www.cedogtraining.com/schedule.html.

St. Paul Dog Training Club holds obedience run thrus for practice for trials typically on Friday evenings at 6:00 PM. Fee is \$7.00 for the first dog and walk-ins are welcome. Check their calendar at www.spdte.com. A not-for-profit organization, SPDTC is run by a volunteer board, whose members willing share their time and expertise to ensure high quality classes and an encouraging environment where you and your canine companion can excel at what ever activity or level in which you participate.

Total Recall, Check out the info at their newly redesigned web site at <http://trdogs.com>. Total Recall offers a full plate of training opportunities starting with puppy classes, obedience at all levels, agility, tricks and therapy dog training. A TRAINED DOG IS A JOY TO HAVE!!!!

Dog Works, to see details go to www.dogworksinc.com. Dog Works offers Confirmation run thrus. Obedience and Rally Obedience is available at Dog Works!! Testing for Canine Good Citizen if come up soon on their schedule.

Bloomington Obedience Training Club The Bloomington Obedience Training Club (BOTC) is a dog training school that has been serving the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area for more than 50 years. BOTC is run by a group of dedicated volunteer members committed to helping you train your dog to be a well mannered family dog or a competition dog by using a variety of positive motivational techniques.

Tails Up Dog Training in Burnsville offers training in Obedience, Puppy Kindergarten, Agility & Confirmation classes taught by highly experienced instructors. They use innovative and motivational training methods and limited class sizes ensuring personal attention to help your dog learn while keeping them eager and willing. Visit www.tailsupdogtraining.com for the scoop on what's happening with up coming trials, Canine Good Citizen certification and pet photography.

Performance Corner

By Roger Eriksen

Agility 101

We were able to get into an Agility basic class this late summer. At the particular school where we wished to train, there was a waiting list because the basic class is so in demand. We understand that the class gets a bit less crowded as one makes progress, but getting in on the ground floor was not easy.

The initial week or two were quite boring. 16 dogs and handlers with only two instructors, so one would stand around and wait while half of the class took turns doing something and we did nothing. We posted our opinion on FaceBook and two club members were quick to respond with their encouragement. Sunny & Kara wrote that the very beginning stages were slow and as the class performance improved, so would the pace. They were both exactly correct and we are very glad to hang in there during the first stages of training.

The pace quickened as the dogs and handlers learned more and more of the basics. We are laying the ground work and learning the fundamentals upon which to build. Each session, one could see the progress of the better worked dogs. It was very evident, just as in obedience training, which handler was working with their dogs at home or not.

Ruger is the perfect candidate for agility, as he loves to run and jump and be very active. However, we learned last week that he is no longer the star of his class. His natural talents and interest had fallen behind one of his classmates who had been training harder than we had. (My bad!) We love to be competitive, but also need to be humble when it is in order. 'Dad' spent a lot of time at the dog show recently and not so much in practice with Ruger and it showed.

The obstacles are starting to be linked together and taken in sequence. The pace is picking up and that is just what we complained about in the very beginning, so it is time to get to work. It is very inspiring to see other dogs doing well in class and it has been a wake up call for us to keep up. 'Beating' another team is not the goal, but performing at an excellent level is our goal. We are now really enjoying the process now and no one can beat that!

" When a man's best friend is his dog, that dog has a problem."
– Edward Abbey



"Rex, come here and mark your territory."

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An Open Letter From Your Editor

We have a couple of items to address in this edition of *The Heartbeat*. First of all is the fact that it has been entirely way too long since our last edition was published. Personally we have had some very concerning health issues in addition to shifting responsibilities in the club. Whatever the **reasons** for the delayed circulation of this newsletter are, they are simply reasons, not **excuses**. You, our members deserve better. I wanted this job and need to step up & 'git 'er dun.' With that said my friends, I intend to do my part to keep this publication fresh and alive.

Let's be clear on the matter of current events and communications. Our web page communicates & announces upcoming events. Or what **is going** to happen. The newsletter is supposed to communicate other information not contained on the web page including **what has** happened. Stay tuned for more!

The other issue we wish to address is member participation. We have received a couple items in the way of articles, photos and items for the [Wagging Rights](#) column. The increase in member's participation is very encouraging and most welcome. If you simply wish to read & hopefully enjoy the newsletter; blessings upon you, because that is our intent. Alternatively if you wish to submit a short bio on yourself as perhaps a new member to introduce yourself and your S.S., that would be really great. We are having a very difficult time believing that few have a submission for our Wagging Rights column based on all the great dogs we had at our Specialty. If you have an idea for a topic that you would like the club to address, send it in!!!

Thanks very much & let's keep this ball rolling!

"Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking dog news items, which, if they are especially urgent, are often continued in the next yard."

—Dave Barry

Canine Nutrition and Feed Supplements

By Roger Eriksen

We have continued the feeding regimen and food brand established by our breeder when we adopted our S.S. The puppy version has been replaced by the adult maintenance version of course, but the flavor and brand continues to be fed. Ruger has clear eyes, an incredibly shiny coat, maintains his weight consistently, enjoys regularity without overdue bulk and more energy than we can keep up with especially in the wintertime. So are there any faults we can find in his diet? No. Are there any other foods on the market that would help him do better? Perhaps, but that is unknown. He is doing very well on his present diet and a change 'may' be slightly better for him, but we can't see how. Ruger gets no people food at all, so he is a perfect specimen with which to judge the success of his dog food.

One of the latest editions of the *Chuck & Don's Pet Food Warehouse's* mailings promoted fully 28 different varieties of dog food. How is an owner to attempt to wade through all of the offerings and select the one that may be perfect for their S.S.? Without a recommendation from your vet or someone in the know, it would be a guess. Marketing is a great thing, but it creates different flavors, colors, bag sizes, kibble shapes, formulas, percent of usable protein, blah, blah, blah. Similar to the vast variety of fishing lures on the market, they are meant to catch fishermen not necessarily fish. Fancy marketing and pretty printing on the bag means nothing to our dogs because as another commercial ad reminds us of our dogs, "I can't read!" If your S.S. is happy, healthy and nutritionally satisfied, you must be doing something right. If your S.S. doesn't seem totally healthy and diet is suspected, what is to be done?

The dog food market is experiencing the inclusion of additives that claim to boost digestive health. Prebiotics and probiotics are being touted as assisting gut health in canines, livestock as well as humans. They are 'good' bacteria or an assisting agent to those bacteria, which may promote improved intestinal health and digestion.

Prebiotics are non-digestible ingredients that pass through the dog's system. It is not that they are useless, as they are carbohydrates that stimulate the growth of a limited number of beneficial bacterial species. They basically feed the good 'bacteria' (Bifidobacteria) in the dog's colon that helps to squeeze out the 'bad' bacteria. Most of the prebiotic supplements are chicory root based and are long chain sugars. Some studies have shown the prebiotics to be better suited for large breed dogs or those prone to bloating.

Probiotics on the other hand (known as DFMs or direct feed microbials) are the actual living organisms that are administered either as an additional nutraceutical ingredient in the dogs' food or as a liquid drink. These bacteria are the 'good guys' that assists the animal to better digest and absorb the nutrients for its food. The bacterial strains considered being the good guys are *Lactobacillus acidophilus* and *Enterococcus faecium*. These living bacteria become ineffective when heated and thus need to be kept refrigerated. Probiotics can be helpful when the dog is recovering from clinical enteritis (small intestine bacterial infection) or if it is having difficulty digesting its food.

There are several sources of probiotics for introduction into your dog's diet. A cheap alternative is to simply add live culture yogurt to your S.S. food. Because the amount of the helpful bacteria is much lower, this method may be best for prevention of digestive issues. However, if your S.S. is showing signs of major stresses, a more concentrated form may be better.

This is an interesting and complicated subject. We will continue to do our homework and research for possible additional articles. In the meantime, check with your vet to see if probiotics could be beneficial.

Novice Showmanship

By Kara Maytag

I officially entered the world of Standard Schnauzers on Jan 1, 2005 when I became the proud owner of 9-week old Jordan Baylee of Windtree. I had no clue how she would change my life! I was looking for a dog as a companion. A partner to run around the lake with. A guardian for the house. I knew nothing about showing and competition. I hadn't even owned a dog before! Sure, I enjoyed watching Westminster and other televised dog shows, but never thought I would be on the other end of the lead. Sunny Lambert, Baylee's breeder, asked me if I would be interested in showing Baylee. I said I would think about it. I knew I wanted to learn how to groom and in my eyes Baylee was just the cutest dog EVER. How hard could this showing thing be?

The rest is history. Baylee and I embarked on her show career. We went to conformation classes to learn how to move around the ring, how to stack, how to free bait. These classes were very helpful (mainly to me) to get us comfortable with the sequence of events that would occur in the ring. Even with all the prep, I still remember my nervousness on the day of our first show. We made our debut at the Cambridge Kennel Club show when Baylee was about 8 months old. Believe me, I had dreams of terrible things happening. What if I tripped and fell in the ring? What if Baylee wouldn't stand still? What if she pulled at the lead too much? So many possibilities! We went into the ring when our number was called. Baylee stood nicely for the judge and let her check her bite. We did our down and back. We moved around the ring. Whew. Was that it? That wasn't so bad. We didn't win anything that day, but that was ok...I survived! Nothing terrible happened. It wasn't nearly as traumatic as I thought it might be...it was actually kind of fun. I was out there with my dog and we were having fun. We had been bitten by the show bug!

Slowly but surely we became a better team in the ring. One thing to remember is that you aren't always going to win...and that is ok. Each judge has different attributes they prioritize. Some like small. Some large. Their top priority might be movement, coat, topline, expression, etc. There is no such thing as a perfect dog. Well, of course except for my [insert your dog's name here]! Sometimes you will feel rejection, and that isn't easy. It can be frustrating. On the flip side you will also feel great joy and pride when you get those wins! Being involved in Conformation was very helpful in the socialization and bonding with Baylee and it helped make her into the great all-around dog she is today. Baylee got her AKC CH title at the Land O' Lakes Kennel Club show in January of 2007. She only needed a single point to finish, but we finished in grand style by getting a 5-point major!

If you have a new puppy and are thinking about Conformation, I say Go For It! If possible, find yourself a mentor that can help teach you the ropes. Be a gracious loser as well as winner. Most of all...**Have Fun!** Once you have that title at the beginning of your dog's name, you can start working on the other end!

Kara Maytag & CH Jordan Baylee of Windtree CD RA AX AXJ

***Editors Note:** Kara was kind enough to submit the preceding article to assist new handlers in the conformation ring. Kara is well versed in the ring at this point and is just now 'blessed' to be starting to campaign her beautiful little girl Harper. There are new handlers just once, but to be humbled, start with a new puppy.*



“Perfection and excellence are not synonymous. The former is an unattainable ideal while the latter should be our goal is everything we attempt.”
-- Roger Eriksen

St. Croix Valley Kennel Club Show And our HSSC Potluck Dinner - Auction

Following the wrap up of activities at the show on Saturday, the club sponsored a potluck dinner for members and guests. This year the dinner was held at a public park under a pavillion very close to the show site. This iste worked very well thanks to the wonderful weather we enjoyed and the menu which suited itself nicely to the facilities at hand. Volunteers again brought a little of this and a little of that and we just HAD to try them all. The meal and company was very good and most welcome. Judi Hornbacher, Kristin Hauser and girls supplied the club’s contribution as well as coordinating the event.

Then on to the really important aspect of the gathering. The silent auction and bidding war for the main prizes. This year the main prizes included a beautiful dog themed cozy blanket with hand tied fringe donated by Deb & Joe Axmacher and a Schnauzer wind chime donated by Keith & Judi Hornbacher. As very nice as they were, we still missed the Axmacher’s & Keith’s company the most!

Many, many other items were provided by the attendees to be bid upon either directly or through a raffle style drawing. It seemed that there was a pattern to the winners developing with some folks at another table picking up several winners and a fellow on our side of the room taking up the slack. We went home empty handed but with a full tummy, a smile on our face from the good-hearted teasing and a warm memory of the really nice dear friends with whom we were able to share the evening.



Your Activities Committee

The HSSC Activities Committee met recently to discuss possible events for the club membership and the meeting's minutes were presented to the Board for consideration. If you have suggestions of what you would like the club to be doing for and with the membership, please submit them to Kara Maytag.

Several activities that have been successful in the past with the club were discussed and 'mapped' out on a calendar for potential months to present the activities. These suggestions included gatherings at a local dog park, 'crashing' an area training school that accepts visitors, herding classes, grooming and the Minneapolis area lake fall dog walk. The committee's recommendation for this fall's dog walk was to hold the event earlier than usual. The weather in November can be a huge question mark. Although there are no guarantees in October, it was thought that the chances would be better for nicer weather and also be able to enjoy the colors of the surrounding trees. More information to follow on this subject on our web page.

One item for your consideration is the annual general membership meeting that is held right after the first of the year. Among other issues on the agenda is the proposed formation of a nominating committee which will present a list of potential new Board officers for election. Do you feel you have the interest in serving on the club's Board? Perhaps serving on the nominating committee? Submit your name and desires to serve to the current Board for consideration. Remember that club dues are to be paid *before* the general membership meeting in January for you to be eligible to vote. Please contact our treasurer, George Huddle for details.

Be sure to check our club's web page for updates on the Board's actions and recommendations pertaining to the Activities Committee's recommendations. Speaking of communications, be advised that our club now has a presence on Facebook. Simply do a search for Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club and sign up as a friend.

Fun at the Specialty



Show Results for Some of the Windtree 'Kids'

Jordan Gabriel of Windtree won a 5 point major on Saturday, August 28th at the St. Croix Valley KC Show. This puts him at 10 points with both majors. He went home to Arizona and will continue his trek toward Champion at the shows in AZ. Gabriel is owned by Don and Deanna Palmer and Sunny Lambert.

Sunday, August 29th at the St. Croix Valley KC Show, Jordan Gregor of Windtree, (Logan) won a 5 point major with his owner Joanna Hall at the other end of the leash. This puts Logan at 14 points needing one more major. He lives in Rochester with Landis and Mederic and Joanna Hall. Both dogs get to go to work with Joanna most days. She works at nursing homes as a physical therapist. The boys get to visit with the patients. Watch for Logan at upcoming shows in Minnesota. Logan is owned by Mederic and Joanna Hall and Sunny Lambert

Sunday, September 5th, Jordan Gable of Windtree won a major at the Grass Valley, CA show, handled by Mary Ann Lambert. Gable has recently started his show career and this is his first major. On Saturday, Gable also completed his title Beginner Novice obedience. Gable is owned by Sunny and Mary Ann Lambert.

July 25th, CH Jordan Envoy of Windtree RN (Enya) earned her Grand Champion title in California. Enya will be coming home to Minnesota to be bred. We will be expecting puppies toward the end of the year. Enya is owned by Sunny and Mary Ann Lambert.

At the Des Moines dog show the weekend of the 11th & 12th, McKay went Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite over Ecco for a 3 pt major!! Woohooooo! It's her first major! Ecco got her first select points.

McKay got her second major on Sunday the 12th so she's sitting on 12 pts with 3 to go. Ecco got Best of Opposite so she now has 2 majors toward her Grand Champion! **Good weekend!**

Dog Walk October 24th

We are hoping for just a bit warmer weather this year so the annual Dog Walk has been moved up into October. Here in the great white north of Minnesota there are no guarantees, but we are trying! Wear your shorts or a parka and come on out for a walk around lake Harriet with your Standard Schnauzer(s). A general membership club meeting will be held at the band shell at 11:00 AM and off we go on our trek on the paved path around the lake at noon. Refreshments will be provided by the club at the half way point for a bit of a breather. A volunteer or two may still be needed. The Miniature Schnauzer Club and the Giant Schnauzer Club have been invited to join us as usual so we can visit with our distant cousins and their owners.

On past walks, it has really been a lot of fun listening to the comments of other general public walkers talking about what a handsome breed our Schnauzers are as we 'take over' the walking paths. Folks are curious about our Standards because, of course, they are more familiar with the minis. It is a great opportunity to share the great virtues of our breed with the public and observe their delight when they see how well behaved and social they are. Come on out & join in on the fun!



Welcome To Our New Members

The Buckleys!

Jeff and Denise Buckley live in Victoria, MN with their two sons, Jared (6) and Grayson (4). Although they had previous experience with purebred dogs and dog obedience, they didn't feel ready to bring a dog into the family until the children were of a more appropriate age. They spent all of 2009 researching various breeds. Jeff is allergic to dogs, so that definitely influenced their choice. However that was only the beginning of their requirements: A medium-sized dog that would be a good guard dog, yet also gentle with children - nearly impossible to find! A dog that was intelligent, athletic and dignified. All of these qualities describe the Standard Schnauzer.

They purchased a puppy in March 2010; Sketchbook Sharp Dressed Man ("Brando"). They are more than pleased with him; he is now part of the family and is growing into a beautiful dog with a wonderful temperament.



He fits their active lifestyle; he loves playing Frisbee and soccer with the kids, and has been a great companion on hiking and camping trips.

Denise and Brando are currently attending Intermediate-level obedience classes; they also "got their feet wet" at the HSSC Regional Specialty in Lake Elmo this past August. Agility may be their next endeavor... or maybe tracking... time will tell. One thing is for certain: The Buckley family is grateful for all of the mentoring and support they've received from several members of the Standard Schnauzer community. They look forward to participating in future HSSC events!

The Andersons!

My wife Tracy and I just joined the HSSC along with our son Otis. We had an Irish terrier for 15 great years. When it came time to find a new member to join the family we were drawn to the Giant Schnauzer. After doing some research, we thought that a Standard would be a better fit for our home and lifestyle. After communicating with Sunny Lambert through her website we were invited over to visit her puppies. We were sold on the breed at that point, but we weren't quite ready to add a puppy to our household.

Once we decided on the breed we contacted a number of Standard Schnauzer breeders and owners to ask questions and to meet the breed. We were lucky to find that the Standard Schnauzer community in the Twin Cities was a lot larger than we would have thought.

A few months later Otis joined our family. We passed the CGC early this summer and are working towards agility and obedience and looking forward to having a lot of fun with Otis.



Grooming Workshop

The HSSC is sponsoring a grooming workshop to be held at the Animal Inn Training Center in Lake Elmo on November 14th from 1 to 4 PM. This event is fully sponsored by your club and is offered at no cost to you. Several professional and show ring experienced groomers will be on hand to assist you with your stripping or clipping needs.

How do you trim those ears and pluck the hair from the insides to make your Schnauzer look so well groomed and handsome? How can you trim around the feet to make them look small and petite like they are standing up on their tip-toes? Everybody has their opinion about how your dog's beard and eyebrows should look.

Want to learn how to do all these tasks and more? Come on out for the grooming workshop on 11-14 and find out how it is done! We would love to see you and your SS there!



"Unlike cats, I don't have 9 lives, so I have to take care of the one I have. So get off your lazy butt and take me for a walk."

(New Members continued) Jeffrey Vorwald and Ross Long!

We are happy to be members of HSSC once again. We lived away from the Twin Cities for 11 years, moved back 3 years ago, needing to get back to our roots and be closer to family for a while. We lost our first two Standard Schnauzers in 2007, Maddie was 15 and Kuzak was 12 (litters from Tony Pekovitch and Carol Smith). They were our precious, loyal, reliable companions up to the very end. With specific career goals in sight, we agreed to go a year without even thinking about getting another dog. We lasted only 4 months before we discovered a litter soon to be available on Sunny Lambert's website.

We went to look at Sunny's pups, and while we were there, she told us Steve Schloesser had pups that were a bit older and ready to leave the nest, so we went right from Sunny's to Steve's, and came home with our boy, Aggie Ghanoush, that very day!

A backyard fence was built within two days and we couldn't be happier with our wonderful boy, a.k.a. Champion Pip Tales Mount Vernon Aggeus. Although present circumstances might not allow us to be as active as we'd like in our re-affiliation with HSSC, we support the club, its activities and its philosophy, and we hope to meet new members and get re-acquainted with the charter members that we knew when it all started.

Ed. Note: Warmest welcome back Jeffery and Ross.

*Each issue of **The Heartbeat** newsletter is a means for the club to communicate, inform and hopefully, entertain the readership. All club members are invited to submit articles, photos, editorials or simply your comments on the dog related news items and happenings that you wish to share. "Letters to the editor" and op-ed pieces are your 'take' on what is important to you that you feel the club members should be aware.*