

## PREZ SEZ

by Kara Maytag-Kaszas

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READ ALL ABOUT IT!



Hello to all of my Standard Schnauzer loving friends! I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a great new year and to share my thoughts and excitement about this upcoming year for the Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club of the Greater Twin Cities. I am honored to be serving as President of the club this year. We are planning on delivering some exciting events this year for the membership. There is an AKC All-Breed Obedience Fun Match on March 6<sup>th</sup> and so we will be looking for volunteers for that event. If you have been training in obedience, this is a great way to "get your feet wet" in the competition arena. Back by popular demand, we are starting to plan another Herding event with Susane Hoffman. She has been amazed at the ability of our SS and she enjoys the opportunity to work with us. Other activities on the roster include canine massage, grooming and fun days to introduce members to activities such as agility and tracking. If you have other ideas, please feel free to contact me at [president@heartlandstandardschnauzerclub.org](mailto:president@heartlandstandardschnauzerclub.org) as I value our member's opinions and thoughts on what they would like to see the club doing.

***April 1<sup>st</sup> is All Fools Day. It is also the deadline for members to pay their 2011 club dues. Thanks!***

In addition to myself, we have a significant number of new faces on the HSSC Board of Directors this year and I am looking forward to working with this enthusiastic and hard-working team. Welcome to our Vice President Pam, Secretary Marjana, BOD Roger and BOD Kelli as well as thanks to George for providing some continuity as Treasurer. We will be having a general club meeting in April and I encourage you to come out to meet the new board members and other members of the club.

I would also like to thank Roger Eriksen for serving as the Newsletter Editor. He has been doing a great job and I would like to encourage everyone to participate and make *The Heartbeat* something interesting and entertaining to read. The plan is to get an issue out every other month and so we would love to have input from our members on accomplishments, interesting topics, training, etc!

Looking forward to a great 2011...and hopefully some warmer weather on the horizon!

Respectfully,  
Kara Maytag-Kaszas,  
HSSC President

***"Mr. T sez, "Pity the Foo dat is late with their due!!"***

# **“COACHING THE CANINE ATHLETE”**

## **Seminar with Chris Zink, DVM, PhD**

NWGA will host a two-day seminar with noted author and lecturer Chris Zink on **March 19-20, 2011**.

Dr. Zink is a consultant on canine sports medicine and the design of individual training and conditioning programs for competition dogs. She has put more than 70 obedience, agility, retrieving, tracking, and conformation titles on dogs from the sporting, herding, working, terrier, and hound groups. Her books include Peak Performance: Coaching the Canine Athlete; Jumping from A to Z; Smart Trainers: Brilliant Dogs; Dog Health & Nutrition for Dummies; and The Agility Advantage. She has recently released a DVD, Building the Canine Athlete, demonstrating thirty strength, stretching, endurance, and body awareness exercises. In her spare time, she is a professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

This seminar is for competitors in all dog events and for anyone who wants to know more about keeping their active dog in great condition.

By now everyone should have received an e-mail with seminar details, pricing information, and a registration form. Please contact Diane Levin (952-469-2830; [SerendipityDanes@aol.com](mailto:SerendipityDanes@aol.com)). We are thrilled to be able to present this great program and hope to see many members at the seminar. Additional information and applications are on the Northstar Working Group Association website: <http://www.nwgadogs.org/>

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*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.*

### **Wagging Rights**

We would love to recognize all the wonderful milestones you and your Standard Schnauzer accomplish! Not only to promote what has been accomplished, but to also know our members better and most importantly, about your SS. Did you recently finish an obedience class? Earn points toward you CH? Share your 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 Schnauzer (or just your dog if you are camera shy) and it will be added, too. Good luck!

# “Foreign” Dignitaries

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Social networking has provided the opportunity to share the following with our membership. Through a friend on-line, we encountered a young lady that embraces two of our most dear pastimes; photography and Schnauzers. Ewa Lach has generously provided these photos showing our dog's 'cousins' enjoying a wonderful winter play time in the fresh snows of Poland.

Right: Gassira and Khagra

The photography here is excellent. With dark black subjects against the pure white snow, exposure is both critical and difficult. The fur and eyes are well defined as well as the shiny noses. The shallow depth of field creates a medium degree of blurring of the background, making the subjects the center of attention.

Thank you for sharing some great photos of your beautiful dogs, Ewa.



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Khagra at play



Khagra's attempt to disguise as a "Pepper & Salt"



# To God from The Dog

THANKS, DEAR GOD, FOR LETTING ME BE A DOG.  
BUT I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS

*Portions used by permission from the PVSSC newsletter, The Wiretap*

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Dear God: Is it on purpose our names are the same, only reversed?

Dear God: Why do humans smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another?

Dear God: When we get to heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it still the same old story?

Dear God: Why are there cars named after the jaguar, the cougar, the mustang, the colt, the stingray, and the rabbit, but not ONE named for a Dog? How often do you see a cougar riding around? We do love a nice ride!

Would it be so hard to rename the 'Chrysler Eagle' the 'Chrysler Beagle'?

Dear God: If a Dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad Dog?

Dear God: We Dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent ID's, electromagnetic energy fields, and Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Dear God: More meatballs, less spaghetti, please.

Dear God: Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

P.S. Dear God: When I get to Heaven may I have my testicles back?

*(contributed by Bob Shriner and published in the December issue of the PVSSC newsletter, The Wiretap).*

Comically speaking, we have seen churches on-line 'argue' via their lawn signs whether dogs even go to heaven because they have no souls according to traditional Christian dogma (if you will excuse the pun). We do not pretend to be a theologian or that this newsletter is the proper venue for such discussion. Whether there even is or is not such a place as heaven, please allow a bit of editorial pondering.

We recall an instance when supposedly Arnold Palmer inquired of the Rev. Billy Graham if there will be golf courses in heaven. Rev. Graham is attributed with responding that if any soul in heaven requires a golf course to meet their vision of paradise, there most assuredly will be the most wondrous golf courses imaginable with no waiting for tee times.

In the same issue of *The Wiretap*, Judy Boxer wrote a very touching memorial about the passing of her Standard Schnauzer, Kizer after 14.5 years of companionship. We don't know you, Judy, but we all have or will experience the loss of our dear canine companions. If reuniting with Kizer as you wrote 'at the Rainbow Bridge' is paradise for you, no one will ever convince us that there are no dogs in heaven. Best Wishes.

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*There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. ~Ben Williams*

*Dogs' lives are too short. Their only fault, really. ~Agnes Sligh Turnbull*

*We long for an affection altogether ignorant of our faults. Heaven has accorded this to us in the uncritical canine attachment. ~George Eliot*

*I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive. ~Gilda Radner*

*One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why. ~Author Unknown*

*Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job. ~Franklin P. Jones*

*Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made. ~Roger Caras*



# Have You Heard . . . . . ?

Three new dog breeds were announced by the American Kennel Club (AKC) on its website in January, 2011.

The new breeds are the **Entlebucher Mountain Dog**, the **Norwegian Lundehund** and the **Xoloitzcuintli**.

(Ed. – Sorry, no pronunciation guide was provided.) In 1884 the AKC started by recognizing nine breeds on its list which now grown to 170.

According to Lisa Peterson, the club's spokeswoman, dog breeders, owners and experts must have a breed club of their own which can be used in promoting a canine breed before they apply for recognition with the American Kennel Club. Photos of the three new dog breeds recognized by AKC are available at their website, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

- **Entlebucher Mountain Dog** is small, tri-colored mountain dog that originated in Entlebuch, Switzerland. They grow up to about 53 centimeters (21") in height and their coats are mostly black with white and yellow to rusty-brown markings.
- **Norwegian Lundehund** is a loyal, energetic and playful dog breed that grows to about 38 centimeters (15") in height. They have a reddish brown with white markings. It has six toes on each foot and an extra vertebra in its neck that allows it to bend backward and touch its spine with its forehead.
- **Xoloitzcuintli** is an old Mexican breed of dog that is reportedly one of the rarest breeds in the world. This breed of dogs are either hairless or coated that comes in three sizes that include:
  - toy, with less than 35 centimeters high approx. 14"
  - miniature that grew up to about 46 centimeters high, approx. 19.5"
  - standard that grew up to 58 centimeters high, approx. 23".

## More AKC Trivia . . . . .

The Standard Schnauzer has risen just slightly during the last five years or so in the number registered annually with the AKC. At the end of 2010, the S.S. was up a couple of notches to 95th place out of 167 breeds (now 170) just behind our Giant cousins. The Miniature Schnauzer just missed the top ten coming in at 12<sup>th</sup> place. As we know, such popularity is not necessarily good for the quality of the breed.

By chance, we found a listing of the 50 most popular breeds in the U.S. on Breeders.net. So being curious, we checked out their list. There the Miniature Schnauzer was listed as the 22<sup>nd</sup> most popular and the S.S. didn't even make the top 50 list. No surprise there, but #50 was. In their research, Breeders.net listed the Biewer as being in 50<sup>th</sup> place. Again being curious and never even having heard of this breed, we dug a little deeper.

It seems there are perhaps 4 varieties of Biewer all of which are based on teacup Yorkies. None of them are recognized by the AKC and the only entity we found that did recognize the Biewer as a distinct breed is in Germany. Now is the S.S. *really* that obscure to the general public? On one paw, our ego is slightly bruised, but on the other, we are grateful that one cannot buy all the S.S. they want every Sunday out of the want ads.

There exists plenty of opportunity for our Club to promote our breed without getting to the point of 'too much of a good thing'. Being beaten out in popularity by a 'designer' breed isn't so bad because isn't demand being simply driven by popularity? The excellent qualities of the Standard Schnauzer will make it as popular as it should be.

## -- New Test Allows All Dogs the Chance to Experience the Fun and Excitement of Lure Coursing --

Check out the [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) website for details on this exciting development for a new titling event. The Coursing Ability Test awards CA, CAA and CAX titles.

# Performance Corner

by Roger Eriksen

Have you ever seen a fully decorated full dress military uniform and wondered what all the medals and ribbons meant? We can assure you that the bearer of all that “fruit salad” surely knows and is rightly proud of each and every one. They are not only reminders of one’s own accomplishments, but badges of achievement to display for others to admire. For acknowledgement to occur, others must be aware of what has been accomplished to earn the recognition and for them to fully appreciate the difficulty or sacrifice required to earn it.

It is here that we must confess to being more than a little ignorant of the alphabet soup that follows dog’s names that perform well and progress in agility. A ‘CH’ preceding our dog’s registered name is easy to grasp and a ‘CD’, ‘CDX’, or even at ‘UT’ following their name is possible to decipher. However, if you are new to modern canine athletic competition, let’s look a bit closer at the agility titles and their acronyms.

**NA:** Novice Agility, an AKC agility title awarded to dogs who earn three qualifying scores from at least two different judges in Novice A and/or B Agility class.

**OA:** Open Agility, an agility title for dogs who receive three qualifying scores from at least two different judges in Open Agility class.

**AX:** Agility Excellent, an AKC agility title for dogs who earn three qualifying scores from at least two different judges in Excellent A Agility class.

**AXJ:** Excellent Jumpers with Weaves, an AKC agility title that requires three qualifying scores from at least two different judges in Excellent A Jumpers with Weaves class.

**MX:** Master Agility is a suffix agility title for dogs that have earned the Agility Excellent title and have qualified the required number of additional times in the Agility Excellent class at AKC agility trials.

**MXJ:** Master Jumper with Weaves, an AKC agility title that requires 10 qualifying scores in Excellent B Jumper With Weaves Agility class under two different judges.

**MACH:** Master Agility Champion, an AKC agility title a dog earns by achieving a minimum of 750 championship points and 20 double qualifying scores obtained from the Excellent B Standard Agility class and the Excellent B Jumpers with Weaves class. The MACH title is often placed before the dog’s full name.

As good fortune would have it, our club president submitted the following article on agility titles to expand on the subject.

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## Jumping Through the Hoops of Agility

By Kara Maytag & CH Jordan Baylee of Windtree CD RA MX MXJ

For the past 2.5 years, I have been having a great time competing with my girl Baylee in agility. For those of you that have never been exposed to agility, let me give you a rundown. There are currently 3 classes offered in AKC Agility: Standard (STD), Jumpers with Weaves (JWW) and FAST. All of the classes use a basic set of equipment to set up courses which include jumps, tunnels, chutes, weave poles and the contact obstacles which consist of the dogwalk, a-frame, teeter and table. Jumpers courses only consist of jumps, tunnels and weaves. The standard courses add all of the contact obstacles and the chute into the mix. The FAST class is a relatively new class similar to a standard course, but it incorporates a distance challenge for the dog and handler. (This class is not offered very often here in the MN area.)

## Hoops of Agility (cont.)

For each class, there are three levels of competition: Novice, Open and Advanced. As you progress the courses incorporate more obstacles and fewer faults are allowed to earn a qualifying score, which is referred to as a "Q". At the Advanced level, the dog and handler must navigate the course with NO errors and within the standard course time allotted. To earn the basic Novice, Open and Advanced agility titles, three qualifying runs are required. The next level after Advanced is Masters which requires ten qualifying runs.

The ultimate title is the MACH, or Masters Agility Champion. For this, I have to introduce the Double Q. A Double Q is earned when the dog qualifies in both the STD and JWW courses on the same day. In addition to earning the Double Q, points are accumulated equivalent to the number of full seconds under standard course time that the team completes the run. To earn a MACH requires 20 Double Qs and 750 speed points. Multiple MACHs can be earned and are indicated by the number proceeding the MACH title. The individual titles are placed at the end of the dog's name and typically only the highest title earned is listed. The MACH title is placed in front of the dog's name.

So where do Baylee and I stand after 2.5 years? We have had 51 qualifying runs which includes 12 Double Qs and have earned 352 speed points putting us about halfway towards our MACH. She sailed through the Novice and Open classes and we have been working on perfection at the Advanced level with periods of great success and also spans of unfortunate "miscommunications" between the two of us. No matter what, we always have fun on the course! And if you decide to undertake the sport of agility, that is my best piece of advice. Qs will come and go, but you and your dog will find the challenges and relationship you build to be the most rewarding part!

To those of you already having fun in agility, I would like to share a software program that is available for free (they ask for a \$10 donation to a rescue organization, and I would suggest SSCA Rescue) to track your progress. It is called Agility Record Book and can be downloaded at <http://www.agilityrecordbook.com/>. There are also apps available for your iPhone and other mobile devices. Also for more details about AKC agility, the AKC website is a great resource. Check it out at [www.akc.org/events/agility](http://www.akc.org/events/agility).

Baylee on the move & on target!



Powered by the Breakfast of Champions.



**Baylee sez, "Your membership dues need to be paid by April 1st".**

## Local Resources

**Animal Inn Training School** has a nice facility in Lake Elmo. Check out their webpage at [www.animalinntraining.com](http://www.animalinntraining.com) for the details on all levels of training classes. They have a newly expanded day-time schedule.

**Bloomington Obedience Training Club** in Bloomington (where else would you expect them to be?) offers a wide variety of classes. For more information visit [www.botcmn.org](http://www.botcmn.org).

**C & E Dog Training Center:** Check out their web page and class schedule for puppy, obedience, rally, agility as well as conformation classes at [www.cedogtraining.com/schedule.html](http://www.cedogtraining.com/schedule.html) located in New Hope.

**Dog Works** is located in Eden Prairie. See [www.dogworksinc.com](http://www.dogworksinc.com) for their class offerings.

**St. Paul Dog Training Club.** Check their training and events calendar at [www.spdte.com](http://www.spdte.com). Their facility is in South St. Paul.

**Tails Up Dog Training** is in Burnsville. Visit [www.tailsupdogtraining.com](http://www.tailsupdogtraining.com) for the scoop on what's happening.

**Total Recall,** Check out the info at their newly redesigned web site at <http://trdogs.com>. The facility is located in Hugo with Sue & T.R. hosting the Northstar Working Group Association seminar March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.nwgadogs.org](http://www.nwgadogs.org) to register.

**Twin Cities Obedience Training Club (TCOTC)** is a non-profit organization training out of their facility in Minneapolis. See [www.tcotc.com](http://www.tcotc.com).

### *Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club of the Greater Twin Cities presents **O B E D I E N C E   F U N   M A T C H***

**When:** Sunday, March 6, 2011

**Where:** C & E Dog Training  
3965 Quebec Avenue North, New Hope, MN

**Registration:** opens at 8 AM for all classes

**Judging:** starts at 9 AM

## *Novice -- Open -- Utility*

**Why not get a group together from your training facility  
to come out and have a great time?**

**Club members:** Ring stewards and assistance with registration is in **need of volunteers**. Contact show chair, Sunny Lambert at [sunnylambert@me.com](mailto:sunnylambert@me.com). Thanks very much!!



# 2011 SSCA National Specialty

Seaside Park--By the Beach--Ventura, California

Show Dates	July 6, 2011 through July 10, 2011 Wednesday, July 6: SSCA Agility Trial Thursday, July 7: SSCA Sweepstakes Friday, July 8: Channel Cities K C - Supported Entry Saturday, July 9: Santa Maria K C - SSCA National Sunday, July 10: Ventura DFA - SSCSC Specialty
Closing Date	Wednesday June 22, 2011
Location	Seaside Park Ventura County Fairgrounds Ventura, CA
Host Hotel	Residence Inn by Marriott 2101 W. Vineyard Ave, Oxnard, CA 93036 Telephone: 805-278-2200 Reservations made directly with hotel Special Standard Schnauzer Club Rate
Specialty Chair Person	Carol Karas
SSCA Specialty Judges	
Regular Classes	Mrs. Madge Fish
Junior Showmanship	Mrs. Madge Fish
Obedience	Shirley Indelicato
Agility Trial Secretary	Linda Tjarks <a href="#">Linda Tjarks</a>
Sweepstakes	Joy Roth
Parade of Champions	
Specialty Website	<a href="#">SSCA 2011 National Specialty</a>
Superintendent	<a href="#">Jack Bradshaw Web Page</a>



## Q1, 2011 Treasurer's Report

Previous balance:	\$1,900.23
Bank balance as of January 31, 2011	\$2,016.33
Deposits of:	\$116.02
Interest	+ .08
Total	\$116.10

Check total to HSSC  
from St. Croix Valley  
Combined Specialties  
(2010): \$91.02



## New Arrivals courtesy of Jordan Standard Schnauzers

Enya is a careful, protective, good mother; attentive to her pups and rightfully leery of strangers. She took about the right amount of time to check out the strange visitors come to see her offspring, but then seemed to accept that safe, part-time 'daycare' was there and she could take a break. She lay down outside the whelping box with her back against the mesh for scent and warmth if needed.

Her pups were only three weeks old, yet they have their eyes open already and two of them have 'found their voices' too. Think those are the girls? The first born certainly is and she thinks she needs to speak up for the others. Wobbly little legs and blurry vision make for a humorous adventure wandering the whelping box to us observers who just can't resist the helpless charm and innocent beauty of a tiny Schnauzer puppy. The spouse was quickly whisked away as was the checkbook. Thanks so much for the visit Enya. You done way good!!!



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## ... Also Coming Soon to a Whelping Box Near You ...

**von Rose Standard Schnauzers** announces, "In January 2011 CH Cedar Hills Enchanted Yellow Rose - "Ellie" was bred to Magic. We are very excited about the expected litter in the latter part of March. This litter should produce some exceptional puppies. We are taking reservations and screening potential owners for these puppies now. Please contact us at ... [Jon1Rosenberg@Yahoo.com](mailto:Jon1Rosenberg@Yahoo.com) if you are interested in one of these special puppies."



## "Bone" Appetit

Recipe submitted by Kara Maytag-Kaszas

These are Baylee and Harper's most favorite treat for agility! They end up being a great fudgy consistency that is easy to break into pieces. Enjoy!

### **Tuna Fudge**

2 6-oz cans tuna, do not drain. (I have also used salmon, turkey, chicken..use your imagination!)

1 1/2 cups flour (I usually use whole-wheat)

1 T garlic powder or minced garlic

2 eggs

1/4 C grated or shredded parmesan cheese

Process tuna, garlic and eggs in food processor or blender (or mix in a bowl). Add flour and mix to a brownie-like consistency. Spread into a 9x9-inch greased pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 20 minutes. When the brownies are done, they will have a putty-like texture and the edges will pull away from the sides of the pan.

Cut into squares. They will stay fresh in the refrigerator for 4-5 days. Excellent to freeze in small baggies and thaw as needed.



## **2011 IL SPECIALTY WEEKEND**

*Submitted by Penny Duffee*



Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual specialty in Bloomington, IL over Memorial weekend, May 27-30, 2011. In spite of any rumors you may have heard, the shows will be held at the same site as in the past, although not sure which building yet.

Jack Onofrio Dog Shows will be the superintendent. Entries will close on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Entry fees have been rolled back - to \$24 with sweeps and puppy classes fees at \$18.50. Conformation and Junior Showmanship will be offered all 4 days, with obedience and rally on Saturday and Sunday. See the Onofrio website soon for additional information [www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com).

The Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club (PSSC) specialty will be Sunday, May 29, 2011. The breed judge will be Mrs. Rita Holloway and sweepstakes (puppy and veteran) will be Claudia Seaberg. Our dinner (along with our wonderful raffles and auction) will be Sunday night. Because of changes at the show site and the closing of the kitchen, our dinner this year will be off-site. Barry Conder has secured the VFW for the evening. We will provide transportation from the show site for those who need it (staying in motorhomes, etc.) The sign-up will be in the grooming area. We are working on some other activities for the weekend - stay tuned for more details later.

The other breed judges for the weekend are Mr. Doug Holloway Jr. on Friday, Mr. Brian Meyer on Saturday and Mr. Richard Lashbrook on Monday.

Thanks for the info. Penny! Looking forward to hearing more details as they come together.