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HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

PREZ SEZ

The summer solstice has finally brought with it some more summer like weather to us! Hope everyone is enjoying some time in the great outdoors. I think I have finally recovered from the rush of activity leading up to Schnauzapalooza and of course all of the excitement that happened during the event! It truly turned out to be an amazing event and it was a thrill to see so many Schnauzers all in one location!

Thanks to all of the club members who helped with tasks along the way and that were there to help out the day of our Specialty. It was a resounding success and I have received some wonderful feedback on the prizes and the club members who were there to help. Thanks again everyone!

And so now that we have made it through that, we can gear up for our next Specialty that we will be holding on Friday, Aug 23rd in conjunction with the St Croix Valley Kennel Club show. If you want to volunteer or are willing to help out, contact myself or any board member!

Hope to see you and your bearded ones soon!!

Best Regards,
Kara Maytag-Kaszas
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It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking and I saw a little boy staring in at me.

"Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked.

"It sure is," I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then toward the back of the van. Finally he said, "What'd he do?"



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HSSC Business

Upcoming club events are detailed in the Board Meeting minutes below.

Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club of the Greater Twin Cities

Board Meeting Minutes: June 5, 2013

LOCATION: Kelli Mullett's and Laura Lindenfelser's home, Ham Lake, MN

- Meeting called to order at 7:14 pm by Kara Maytag.
- **ROLL CALL:** **Present:** Kara Maytag, Marjana Callery, Laura Lindenfelser, Kelli Mullett, Kris Gagner, Pam Ziegenhagen
- Minutes of last meeting approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Club insurance for 2013-2014 paid and insurance company acknowledged renewal of insurance. Club received thank-you letters from obedience and agility High-in-Trial winners of embroidered chair offered by HSSC at Schnauzapalooza.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$3912.90 currently in account. Have not yet received revenues from SSCA for May 12 Specialty at Schnauzapalooza.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

2013 Regional Specialty at Schnauzapalooza: Was a smashing success with many compliments from exhibitors and SSCA.

June/July Fun Day?: We will skip the Fun Day this year because of the closeness of the May and August Regional Specialties. We will plan an indoor play day instead, probably associated with a grooming day or possibly a holiday party.

HSSC Specialty with St. Croix Valley Kennel Club: We will be holding our annual specialty on Friday, August 23. Kara is still looking for a Sweepstakes judge. Board members have offered to bring meat for luncheon and will build a menu around it. **ACTIONS:** 1) Will need to schedule a work day to prepare prizes. 2) Kara will contact Peg Nolz re: sharing some food items with TCMSC.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day (RDOD): Will be held September 7, 9 am – 3 pm at Washington County Fairgrounds. Our club will not have a booth at the event this year because of the extra work and time commitment already by members for the two Regional Specialties the club is holding. We want to schedule other club activities instead that are centered on our members.

Garage Sale?: Do we want to have one this year? **ACTIONS:** 1) Kara will send email to ask members if anyone can host in a different part of the metro area from the first 2 sales. 2) Marjana will check on the cost to hold a garage sale in Woodbury in conjunction with the huge Lions Club garage sale.

Schnauzer Walk: The walk will be held on Sunday, September 29 this year. Will meet at 11:00 am at Lake Harriet Band Shell and get started around 11:15 am. Kris Gagner will chair it and provide the mid-way snacks.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Tony and Kelly Griebie have been voted in as members.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Action postponed to future meeting due to other activities needing attention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Board Meetings: Next Board meeting will held just prior to the next general meeting.

General Meetings: The next one will tentatively be held Thursday, July 18.

ADJOURN MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted for approval by Marjana Callery, Secretary.

AKC PRESS RELEASES

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-- Making a Difference for Canine Health and Well-Being --

New York, NY – At the March Delegates meeting, Article III of the American Kennel Club Bylaws was amended to include the following: “The objects of the Club shall be to advance canine health and well-being...” Someone unfamiliar with the AKC might see this as a beginning. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, this amendment signals the commitment each of us has to the never-ending journey begun decades ago by our responsible breeders and breed Parent Clubs - a journey that is making a difference for dog health and well-being, but one that is not truly understood by the public.

Probably the most well-known product of the journey is the AKC Canine Health Foundation, which was instituted by the AKC in 1995 and is the largest funder of exclusively canine health research in the world today. Since its inception, the AKCCHF has funded almost 600 grants, totaling nearly \$30 million – all addressing the health needs of dogs during their lifetime by focusing on all aspects of their physical, emotional and social well-being. What is not known by many people is that over 30 years ago the AKC was the first and the principle funder of the research that developed the vaccine for canine parvovirus, thus saving thousands of puppies' lives around the world.

There is no doubt that responsible breeders - in their efforts to protect, preserve, and improve their breeds with every litter - embrace the advances in health screening and tests. These breeders apply their understanding of the science of genetics by utilizing the screening and testing protocols designed to aid in the selection of a sire and dam. Today there are a number of health registries that support breeders in that selection process, including the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) and the Canine Eye Registration Foundation (CERF). In addition, the AKCCHF and the OFA created the Canine Health Information Center

(CHIC). Working with participating Parent Clubs, CHIC provides a centralized health database used as a resource for breeders of purebred dogs to research information on the health issues prevalent in specific breeds.

The AKC recognizes our breeders' motto of “Breed to Improve,” and offers significant information to help them achieve their ongoing quest. CHIC is but one of the many examples of available information and opportunities for advancing knowledge for the AKC breeder. The AKC offers breeders information via the website and the quarterly *AKC Breeder Newsletter* - covering a wide range of topics of interest to breeders. The AKCCHF hosts the National AKC Parent Club Canine Health Conference, affording dog breeders the opportunity to meet, learn, and share ideas with some of the most sought after researchers and experts in their fields. The latest addition to AKC programs helping breeders is the AKC Breeder-to-Breeder Workshop coming to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Orlando this December. This will be a free workshop open to all AKC breeders. Pre-eminent expert AKC breeders will share the thinking behind their successful breeding programs in a learning experience that is sure to deliver “news you can use.”

The improvements we are seeing in the health of our dogs are a direct result of responsible breeders' commitment to utilizing today's science. Our AKC Breed Parent Clubs are strongly committed to the journey of improving the health and well-being of their breeds through educational outreach and funding research studies. Virtually every Parent Club's website includes a prominent health section supporting health awareness and education in their breed, identifying beneficial screening and testing protocols, and reporting on funded studies. In the aggregate, AKC Parent Clubs have contributed millions of dollars to fund

research studies - many already yielding the science to change lives.

As George Bernard Shaw said, “We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.” By adding “health and well-being” so prominently into our Bylaws, we are re-affirming our commitment and our responsibility to ensure that every AKC dog can be a better dog and a quality pet. Our collective commitment to protecting, preserving, and improving the dogs we breed is vital and strong.

While we continue our mission, we must address a crucial issue: The fastest way to improve the lives of dogs is to connect knowledgeable puppy buyers with responsible breeders who register with the AKC. Unfortunately, we know that is not always the case. Not every dog breeder shares the motto “Breed to Improve,” and not every puppy buyer knows how to discern those that do from those that don’t.

It is imperative that we have a better informed, more knowledgeable puppy buyer – particularly in regard to health and well-being. In the spirit affirmed by Nelson Mandela, educating puppy buyers is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the destiny of dogs. We are

Sincerely,



Alan Kalter
Chairman

aggressively committed to being at the forefront of that education.

And it is imperative that we have a way for responsible breeders to identify themselves and their litters. Certainly, our 10,000–member Breeder of Merit program is one way for the public to identify breeders who certify that applicable health screens are performed on their breeding stock as recommended by their breed’s Parent Club. However, not every responsible breeder meets all of the Breeder of Merit requirements around sport participation. A manageable way of identifying all AKC breeders who certify that applicable health screens were performed is a necessary goal in our desire to help buyers find healthy puppies.

In light of the importance of improving the health and well-being of all dogs, the Delegates acted wisely by writing the commitment to both into the Objects of the AKC Bylaws. While this is a reaffirmation of our beliefs and actions for the last 100+ years, it shall be addressed with energy – much like Yul Brynner’s pronouncement from Cecil B. DeMille’s epic film *The Ten Commandments*, “So let it be written; so let it be done.”

Your comments and suggestions are most welcome atk@akc.org.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

-- Creating a New Conversation --

New York, NY – Given that I spent nearly 45 years in the advertising agency business, it shouldn’t come as a surprise that one of my favorite TV programs is “Mad Men” – the quintessential show about the advertising business in the 1960s, a time I remember well.

One episode involves the proposed demolition of Penn Station and the construction of Madison Square Garden, which at the time was a hotly contested action.

Don Draper, the creative director of the agency, gives a pep talk to the hesitant client from Madison Square Garden, who was battling protestors against the plans to tear down Penn Station and build the Madison Square Garden we all know. Draper's advice was simple, but powerful - "If you don't like what they're saying, change the conversation."

That is certainly timely advice for the American Kennel Club. Today, I will share important steps we have taken to create that new conversation and, in turn, a new understanding of who we are, what we do, the dedication of responsible breeders, and the unique aspects of purebred dogs.

In March, I reported we were committed to strengthening our public outreach, starting with creating an engaging and effective social media platform. Christopher Walker joined us in March to spearhead that effort. His performance has been more like a battering-ram moving us forward with lightning speed. At that time, we had about 100,000 likes on Facebook and about 4,000 engaged participants – and engaged participants is the true measure of the health of a brand.

Now, just 90 days later, we have almost 370,000 likes and 80,000 engaged people. While HSUS has many more likes, they only have 28,000 engaged participants. What does all that mean? Those that are with us are really with us. Supporting the AKC, talking about us, and passing along items from our Facebook page. In addition, we now have a blog which the AKC team created in a couple of hours on Good Friday and the blog has currently received over 130,000 visitors. The last piece of that puzzle is the AKC website. Chris' team is working to make it significantly more user-friendly and interesting, particularly for the general dog-loving public. As they say, "watch this space" for change you will like.

Concurrent with our expansion of AKC's social media presence and outreach, we began an extensive review of public relations/public affairs agencies. The goal of that search was to determine a partner possessing the resources, expertise, and passion to create a new,

exciting and engaging dialogue for the AKC. The team included me, Bob Amen, Dennis Sprung, Daryl Hendricks, Lisa Peterson, and was led by Chris Walker. We are very fortunate to have had Bob Amen's guidance throughout the process. His experience, knowledge, and insightful observations were of invaluable help.

The 90-day review started with a field of 19 and included in-person visits, conference calls, interim presentations, and final presentations. The participants covered both large and mid-size companies with a common thread being their strong desire to work with us.

Throughout the process one company stood out at every step and we are pleased to announce that we have unanimously agreed - and have retained Edelman as our new public relations partner, effective immediately.

Edelman is the world's largest public relations firm, with 4800 communication experts in 67 offices worldwide. Edelman combines the power of their size with the nimbleness and innovation we require.

They pioneered the first media tour; they were the first to apply public relations to building consumer brands; they conceived the first corporate citizenship program, and they were the first PR firm to establish a presence on the Web. Each achievement is directly linked to their entrepreneurial culture. Today they represent an impressive roster of global clients, including AstraZeneca, eBay, GE, HP, Microsoft, Shell, Starbucks, and Unilever.

They demonstrated a distinct understanding of our challenges and opportunities; unique capabilities in grassroots communication and mobilization; deep expertise in digital public affairs; effective legislator communication, and strong belief in the mission and work of the AKC. The team we will be working with consists of experts in a variety of disciplines, each with a purebred dog at home—one whose mother is a Breeder of Merit -and the leader of the team was formerly the spokesman for the NRA. The team works from the Edelman New York and Washington, DC offices.

Edelman will be assuming all the duties formerly performed by Rubenstein in addition to new responsibilities for public engagement to communicate our Good Works, promote purebred dogs, de-stigmatize responsible breeders, help achieve fair legislation, and promote AKC thought leadership.

In addition, Edelman has the experience and the expertise to anticipate, monitor, and respond to news attacks from the opposition or other threats to AKC's reputation 24/7. The key here is "anticipate" – something we will become expert at in short order. We have some other plans, but I believe HSUS and ASPCA are some of the most avid readers of our reports, including this one. So, rather than

reading about our plans, they can enjoy experiencing them instead.

One final point. I always admired the writings of Harvard philosopher William James on pragmatism and truth. I was particularly inspired by one thought he had – "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." That is good advice for all of us to take to heart. I know you and your clubs are doing interesting and exciting things in support of our Good Works and purebred dogs. We need to know about those efforts and make them part of our new conversation with the public and our legislators. Please, send that information to Stephanie Smith at SXS2@akc.org and be a part of helping shape the destiny of the AKC and purebred dogs.

Your comments and suggestions are most welcome atk@akc.org.

Sincerely,



Alan Kalter
Chairman





And the 'Palooza' winner is Mistic's Longfellow Serenade

Sally Marsh of the Baltimore, Maryland area posted,
"Schweitzer WON the National Schnauzer Specialty and went 'Best in Show'. I am still trying to catch my breath.

Yesterday, Schweitzer got an Award of Merit out of 74 'Best of Breed' Schnauzers under Judge Lydia Hutchinson."

The following bio on Schweitzer was written in preparation for his journey to Westminster last February:

"Mistic's Longfellow Serenade, aka Schweitzer, lives in historic Dickeyville, Maryland with his owners Sally Marsh and Alfred DeRenzis. They acquired Schweitzer three and a half years ago from

Carol Filer of Mistic Standard Schnauzers in Altoona, PA. He has been in the show ring since he was a puppy and shown by his breeder Carol Filer. Much to our surprise and amazement Schweitzer became a champion and grand champion by the time he was 14 months while showing with Carol. When not showing he is always on the lookout for the squirrels, foxes and deer that roam our neighborhood. He enjoys his long walks through the trails of Leakin Park with Sally.

Schweitzer is being presented by his handler, Shawne Imler, who began showing him in March 2012. For the past year Shawne and Schweitzer have been showing together and have achieved the #2 Breed Dog, #4 All Breed and #1 AKC Grand Championship in 2012. This is Schweitzer's first appearance at Westminster. He is looking forward to a bright future of showing in 2013."



Additional news from Schnauzapalooza and the SSCA Nationals, Kara Maytag-Kaszas shares,
"Baylee won Best Veteran Bitch at the 2013 SSCA National Specialty!! Not bad for a gal that hasn't seen the show ring since she finished her Championship in Jan 2007. She really showed like a pro and was having a lot of fun in the ring! It was a thrill to make it to the second to final cut (along with her daughter Hayden!) in a field of such fabulous dogs!

SuzAnne Garcia proudly sez,
"Magic is now Silver GCH Himmlisch Furst Magic Moment CGC.
He got his CGC at the pooloza."

CJ Ronyak and **Eve** are pictured here after Eve's 3rd place at Schnauzapalooza in the Open Bitches class of 16 entries.



First Place in the Puppy Sweepstakes went to Sketchbook Rodeo **Clown** with Julie Fogarty.

And GCH Sketchbook Spring **Willow**, placed 2nd in the 7 – 9 year bitches class out of a dozen entries.

Kris Gagner writes, "We did take 1st Place at the National Specialty in the Amateur Owner/Handler class, as well 1st Place in that class at the Prairieland SSC show. What's fun about the National win is, since it was "Nationals", at least for one day **JJ** and I were the #1 Amateur O/H team in the Nation!! Heh! Heh!"



"Picture of our donation to the SSCA Auction (a handmade Schnauzer Pull Toy made out of reclaimed oak with leather show lead and best in show ribbon)".

Thank you and a very nice job by Matthew and Julia Longtin.

Sunny Lambert submitted, "**Journey**, (Jordan Journey of Windtree) owned by Patricia Condon in Louisville, KY won Best Senior Puppy at the SSCA National Sweepstakes at Schnauzapalooza. Journey also won the 12 to 18 month bitch class the day of the National. She's presented lovely by Jody Paquette. Here's a photo from the sweepstakes win on Thursday.

I showed in the Breeders' Showcase on Thursday PM with Gable, Journey and Hayden. We came in 4th place of all the breeders there. I'm very proud of a nice showing. Unfortunately we don't have a photo of that event. Schnauzapalooza was lots of fun!"



"There were several dogs from my breeding, Jordan Standard Schnauzers, who participated in the Schnauzapalooza event in May this year. I'd like to congratulate each one of them for doing such outstanding work with their dogs. Kelli Mullet, Marjana Callery and Linda Shedd all exhibited dogs in agility with some outstanding performances. Each one of these dogs shows what working dogs really love to do. Kris with JJ, Kara with Baylee and Harper and LeAnn Tromenhauser with Hayden all showed in conformation with some big wins. Congratulations to each one of you. I'm so proud of how you're each enjoying your dog. We even had some newcomers, with Matthew and Julia Longtin who joined us with their mini, Henry doing beginner novice. And now they have Gable who is showing them the ropes in conformation and obedience. Every one of the Jordan dogs was in the ribbons. You can be so proud of your performance at the National Specialty!!"



*"My youngest bitch, **Idgy** (CH Jordan Imogene of Windtree) produced 6 lovely puppies (3 girls, 3 boys) on Wed, June 12. The sire is CH Weesbad Catch Me If You Can, who lives in Calgary. These should be dogs with wonderful temperaments and outstanding conformation."*

HSSC Specialty with St. Croix Valley Kennel Club

Annual Regional Standard Schnauzer Specialty

Friday, August 23, 2013

Washington County Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo, MN

Performance Events News from Schnauzapalooza

At the huge Schnauzapalooza held May 8-12 at Purina Farms near St. Louis, MO, HSSC sponsored the prizes for Saturday's Obedience, Rally and Agility trials. We received many compliments on the nice prizes that we provided!

High in Trial for the Obedience trial and winner of the specially-embroidered director's chair was CH OTCH Shana's Iceman UDX OM2, owned by Dr. Robert Knight & Cathryn Knight. (Photo not available.)

Highest Scoring Standard Schnauzer for the Agility trial and winner of the specially-embroidered director's chair was CH Irondogs Space Traveler AX OAJ (**Norman**, seated at the right), owned and handled by Renee Kwiatkowski.



Schnauzapalooza also provided two separate herding trials, giving beginner dogs two opportunities to earn their Herding Instinct Certificate, which requires a demonstration of herding instinct in two trials. This enabled **Finn** (CH Jordan Charlemagne of Windtree CDX GN RAE2 NA OAJ), owned by HSSC member Marjana Callery, to earn his certificate.

Our thanks and credit to Nieder Arts Photography for the performance events photos.



Rally = 1st place, 100 points – (**Dreamer**) Von Limpert Dream with Me NA NAJ - Linda Limpert

***Lake Harriet Schnauzer dog walk will be held on
Sunday, September 29, 2013. Meet at 11:00 am
at Lake Harriet Band Shell.***

Wagg'en & Bragg'en Rights

March 21st, SuzAnne shared, "Jon and our own Standard Schnauzer, the Silver Grand Champion Himmlisch Furst Magic Moment (**Magic**) went on and got a Group 4 Sunday!" This was at the Waterloo Kennel Club show during which local news station KWWL shot some video of the event. Jon & Magic were shown in the opening sequence of the program. BOS two days in the Clinton, Iowa show a couple weeks previous and followed with BOB two days in Waterloo to finish his Silver Grand Championship and possibly earning himself a well-deserved retirement. Really well done Magic!!!



Also from the Cedar Falls pack, "announcing Von Rose Masked Phantom, sired by Gold GCH Zorro."



Phantom doesn't seem to know that he is a Von Rose; not a Von Dandelion or Von Tulip. Nope! Marco & the vet confirmed that he is definitely a Von Rose and a very handsome young 'man' as well.



"Exciting weekend at the dog show (April 27-28).

Maddie (Von Hoedl's Madison) is now a GCH. Fun with friends -- and a lot warmer than last weekend. A Big Thank You to Mary Paisley and SuzAnne Garcia ,," from Gretchen Tusler Castle.

Per Julia Marie Hoffa Longtin, *"It is official; Gable is the newest member of the Longtin family! This is a picture from when he was visiting us before Schnauzapalooza; he is getting comfy on the bed with a special toy I bought him."*



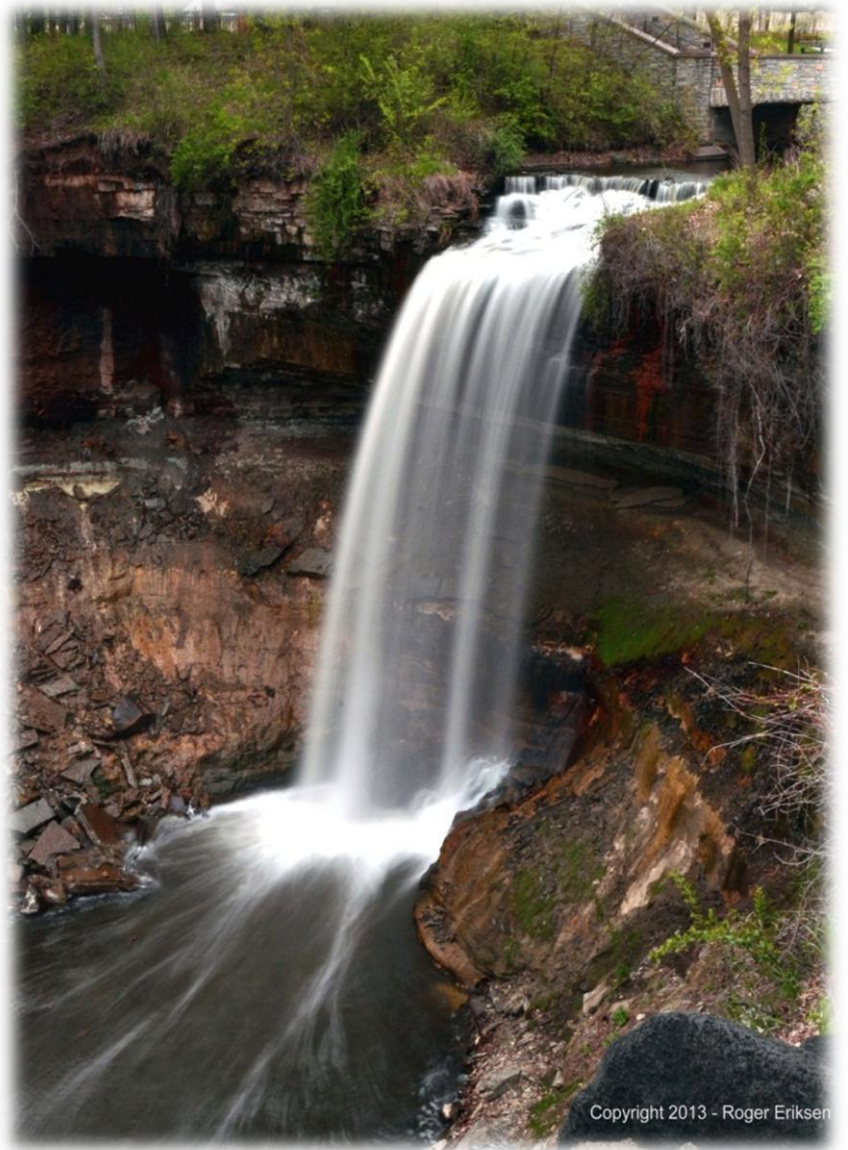
Per Kara Maytag Kaszas, *"Happy Birthday to **Baylee**'s pups!! 4 years old already! Baylee's Babies = Higgins, Harper, Hayden, Otis and Hans."*

Having exhausted our supply of 'Wags & Brags' with some page space left to fill, your editor wishes to share this photo taken at Minnehaha Falls Park. Even though the falls have been shot by thousands of others, it remains a challenge as well as the opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty of the area.

Perhaps some have visited the Minnehaha off-leash dog park located just south of the falls near 62 crosstown hwy. and Hiawatha Ave. It is a great area for some off-leash exercise fun and is a beautiful locale along the Mississippi River.

Our personal favorite is to pick up a lunch box 'to go' before-hand from Cecil's Deli across the Ford Parkway Bridge on Cleveland Ave. and enjoy a little picnic in the park.

If the club can schedule an event at the park this year, that would be great fun. However, there is no reason for you and 'the bearded one' not to visit on your own to be able to offer your vote on having a HSSC outing there. Have Fun!!



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Members Perspective on the Palooza

CJ & RJ Ronyak turned their trip to Schnauzapalooza into a mini-vacation and provided their following recap.

"We had the best time at Schnauzapalooza. It was our first time in a RV. We were only a minute walk to the show site. We meet so many fellow campers from almost every state in the US. We also got the opportunities to get to know people we had met, but really did not know very well. It was great that our club was so well represented."

"We enjoyed the cook out we were able to put on for the club members on Thursday. People were coming and going and coming back again. It gave us a break from the show and the chance to sit and chit chat for a while and relax. R J was a little nervous about keeping the grill going all day but he ended up doing just fine."

"From the food we had at the 'Meet and Greet', the BBQ, the awards banquet and even to the building itself was excellent. I wish I could show in a building like the event center all the time. My legs and feet never hurt once. It was easy grooming with the big walk in tubs for the dogs and the lighting that was like being out in the natural sun light. The changing rooms were so nice with a large bench and mirror and carpet on the floor. I felt as if I was in a luxury hotel somewhere." You can see from the photos why this was so much fun."



How's this for being a Total Winner at the Palooza?

Here is a photo by Kara behind the lens of our club members assisting at the Wag, Walk & Run.



Kelli Mullett and new members Tony and Kelly Griebie with their new pup **Ollie** whom they picked up in St. Louis at Schnauzapalooza! Now that's a 1st Class TROPHY!!!

How fun is that? Congrats & welcome to the club!

*Next general meeting is
scheduled for Thurs, July 18th.
Topic will be 'animal roles in WWII'
Presented by Kate An Hunter.
The location is yet to be determined,
but will send out a notice.*

'Bone' Appetit

Recipe courtesy of Bullwrinkle.com



Chicken N Garlic Bites

1 cup wheat flour

1 cup grated cheddar cheese

1 tablespoon garlic powder (not garlic salt!)

1 tablespoon soft butter or margarine

1/2 cup chicken broth

- Mix flour and cheese together. Add garlic powder and softened butter.
- Slowly add broth till you form stiff dough. You may not need all of the broth.
- Knead on floured board for a few minutes.

Roll out to ¼ inch thickness. Cut into shapes and place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 350 F degree oven for 15 minutes. Let cool in oven with the door slightly open till cold and firm. Refrigerate to keep fresh.

Please submit contributions for publication in The Heartbeat by the 10th of February, April, June, August, October and December for inclusion in the issue for those months. Thank you!

*Each issue of **The Heartbeat** newsletter is a means for the club to communicate, inform and hopefully, entertain the readership. All readers 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 also appreciated which are your 'take' on what is important to you that you feel the club members might like to be aware.