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**HEAR YE, HEAR YE!**

## **PREZ SEZ**

The holiday season is upon us and before we know it, 2014 will be here. As I start to reflect on 2013, our HSSC members have had many accomplishments to be proud of...make sure you check this edition of the newsletter out to see some of those recent achievements! The year is not over yet, so keep up the hard work and finish out the year with a flourish!

It was great to catch up with old friends and meet new ones at the HSSC Annual Walk and the Grooming Day we had. I look forward to these events and perhaps next year we can offer up some more opportunities for club members to get together.

Baylee and I will be heading to the AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando, FL in December and are starting to get quite excited! No matter how well we do, I know we will have a blast and that is what matters. And of course Addy is starting to get excited about seeing Mickey Mouse and all of the princesses!

I wish you and your families (including the bearded ones!) a wonderful holiday season!

Best Regards,  
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## **HSSC Business**

- *First quarter membership meeting & election of officers, January 4, 2014. Time and location to be determined. This has been a great potluck supper and entertaining get together in past years that you will not want to miss!!*

## **Participants at the 2013 Lake Harriet Dog Walk**

(Kara; is that Batman peeking around your shoulder?)



## **AKC Agility, Obedience & Rally Regulation Alts.**

Perhaps of interest to our performance event competitors are amendments to the AKC regulations mentioned in the highlights below. As noted, complete regulation changes are in the minutes of the October 2013 meeting found at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) and search for 'October 2013 board minutes'.

### ***HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER 2013 AKC BOARD MEETING***

**New York, NY** – Highlights from the October 28-29, 2013 meeting of the AKC Board of Directors are as follows. Full details on these actions, as well as other actions taken, are included in the minutes for the meetings, which will be posted on the AKC website.

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- The Board voted unanimously to designate the AKC Board Room as the Walter F. Goodman Memorial Board Room, which will be commemorated with a brass plaque.
  - The Board approved the 2014 budget.
  - The Board adopted a new policy regarding the granting of group judging eligibility with the effective date to be set at the December 2013 Board Meeting.
- An AKC judge approved to judge breeds comprising 80% of the entries in a group the previous year could be approved for the group after passing the breed standard tests and submitting a \$25 non-refundable processing fee per breed for the remaining breeds in that group.
- The group approval would be for no more than three years, dating from the first group assignment.
- The judge may not be assigned breeds not currently approved on either regular or permit basis constituting the balance of the group.
- Group status would be removed after three years if a judge has failed to gain approval for the balance of the breeds within the group.
- Effective January 1, 2014, Basset Hounds and Bulldogs are to be judged on a ramp in Group and Best in Show competition.
- Effective January 1, 2014, Miniature Poodles will be eligible to compete in AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers.
- Several amendments were made to the **Obedience and Rally Regulations**, effective January 1, 2014, affecting the size of premium lists, refunds for bitches in season, wait lists to fill openings created by withdrawn entries, and determining the size of Rally rings. The complete changes are in the minutes of the October 2013 meeting.
- Several amendments were made to the **Agility Regulations** at the request of the 2013 Agility Advisory Committee. They affect such areas as two trials in a day for breed clubs, refunds for bitches in season, determining overloads, correcting entries after closing, using video to determine the running order, when courses may be built, limits on walk-throughs, and clarifying what identifying information may be worn in the ring. The complete changes are in the minutes of the October 2013 meeting.

## *Waggin' & Braggin' Rights*



*"Here is the official picture of 'Gable's' first Best of Breed win with me at the helm! I am very glad Matt made me get this picture! Our win was at the Rochester Minnesota Kennel Club show on September 14" by Julia Marie Hoffa Longtin.*



Flat dogs, wet and tired, on their way home from a busy and rainy show weekend in Hutchinson. Julia also offers that "**Gable** got *Best of Opposite both days*. *We're making little improvements every time we show.*"



Julie Fogarty shares, "*Had a great weekend showing dogs in Thunder Bay (Sept. 20 – 22<sup>nd</sup>). **'Sully'** was *Best of Breed* all three days and now has 6 points toward his Canadian Championship.*" Pretty cool, eh?

## The Mason City Kennel Club Show . . . .

held at the North Iowa Events Center October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> was a very satisfying trip for several club members. The following are reports from the Fogartys and Limperts who now have some big bragging rights and new champions in their pack.



Julie Fogarty also writes, "*Great dog show weekend in Mason City. **'Sully'** is now a new Champion and earned a major win toward his Grand Championship today. **'Willow'** was working group 2 on Saturday!*"



Linda Limpert posted, "*We had a wonderful weekend in Mason City. We have a new Champion tonight. Von Limpert Dagwood **'Woody'** finished his championship with a 4 point major today!! On Saturday, **'Dreamer'** won her first breed points with best of winners to take the dogs 4 point major!!! Shortly thereafter, John took her into advanced rally where she completed that title!!!! On Sunday, Dreamer again took the boys 4 point major, and went on to Best of Breed over 2 male and 2 female Specials!!!!!! That girl is so fun to show!! It was fun to see everybody again.*"



"Amer GCH/Can CH Sketchbook Moonlit Madness **"Maddie"** Maddie's only litter with Scarlights Seaser TD NA produced a Best in Show winner, 2009 dog of the year, 2 group winners, 7 champions, and several agility and obedience titles awarding Maddie the brood bitch of the year title", says Julie Fogarty while Maddie 'takes the day off' on her birthday in mid-October.



Photos now available that Julie & Dan Fogarty and 'the kids' made the trip to 'Palooza' last May. They also had the opportunity to pose for a photo with Team Sketchbook.



Chicken or Rooster?

Gretchen Castle says this is Maddie getting some exercise. Looks to us as though she is playing 'Chicken or Rooster' for real.

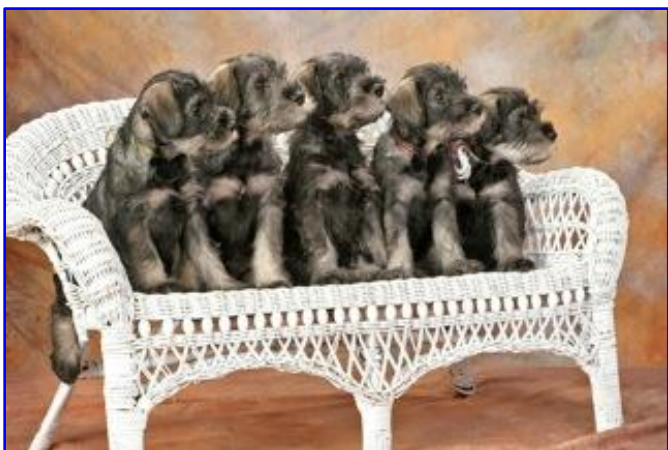


CHICKEN!!!

Per Sunny Lambert here's, **"Idgy"** winning a group 3 at the Wright County Kennel Club show in Hutchinson, MN Sunday October 6th. She'll be shown occasionally to complete her Grand Champion title."







Here's a photo of the puppies from the litter Idgy had in June, 2013; three girls and two boys. The 2 boys are staying with Sunny and will start their show careers sometime in 2014.

Photo by Laurie Erickson

Prez Kara must be in serious training mode for the curling season with this kind of workout! On Friday, Oct. 18th she says, *"Awesome agility day today! I ran 3 SS and we went 6 for 6! My girl **"Baylee"** got her MACH2 today with a speedy STD run, **"Harper"** got her first Double Q and **"Faea"** (the speed demon I am running until her usual handler recovers from a broken foot) got a QQ and her MX title!!"* Awesome is right!



Kris Gagner proudly shares, ***"JJ"** and I got our Beginner Novice (BN) Title last weekend at the Twin Cities Obedience Training Club Trial in Minneapolis. It's a miracle! We have a lot of work to do to get to the Novice level, but we are fired up!"*

Latest from Linda Limpert, *"Another fantastic weekend in agility! Three days in LaCrosse. **Dreamer** and John had 2 wonderful qualifying runs, and 4 more crazy fun runs!! **Challenge** and I got 2 double Qs!!!! Like last weekend, we qualified 5 out of 6 runs!! It's so fantastic when everything goes right!!!! We now have more than enough points for our MACH, just need a few more double Qs!!"*



*"Happy 9th Birthday to my amazingly wonderful **"Baylee"!!** So glad that you are part of our family. Gotta stop on the way home and pick up your annual birthday steak!! ♥♥♥", writes Kara. Baylee did indeed get a nice little steak for with a candle stuck in it. Addy helped blow it out 'cuz dogs can't go "pphht"!*

Roger Eriksen adds, ***"Ruger"** celebrated his sixth birthday recently. He has been such a wonderful addition to our family; being a great buddy and companion. Besides going for a ride in the truck with 'dad' he thoroughly loves running at the dog park, riding up in the bow of the boat with the wind in his face and barking at squirrels."*

***"Maddie"** also celebrated her birthday prompting Gretchen Castle to write, "Maddie is not showing right now; she is enjoying being a working farm dog! She is looking forward to resuming her assisted living visits with her cairn friend, Ellie May. She was forced to take a break while I attended my substitute teaching classes. She would also like to wish Ruger a very Happy Birthday!"*(They are litter mates.)



## Candidates Selected by our Nominating Committee

**President: Kara Maytag**



My name is Kara Maytag-Kaszas and I currently share my home with my husband Cameron, 3 children (Jordan, Lauren and Adelyn) and 2 wonderful Standard Schnauzers (Baylee and Harper). Baylee joined the family on January 1st, 2005 as a 9 week old puppy and Harper was born into the family in 2009. I have owner-handled both dogs to their AKC Championships, have competed in Obedience and currently am most active in Agility with both girls. Baylee earned her MACH2 this year and Harper is really starting to have fun playing the game!

I have served on the BOD of the Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club and have been the president for the past 3 years. For 2014, I will also be serving as Treasurer for SSCA. My vision for HSSC is to build a strong membership foundation and to offer activities and events in which members and their dogs can interact and be exposed to the wonderful things that our dogs can do. With my appointment to as an officer in SSCA, I also hope to find ways to strengthen the ties and support between the local and national clubs. I always look forward to our events and would be honored to serve as president again for 2014.



## Vice President - Kelli Mullet

Kelli has been a dog lover all of her life and a fan of the standard schnauzer since 1992, when she acquired her first standard. As is true for many admirers of the breed, Kelli made the decision to "upgrade" to the standard after living with a miniature schnauzer for many years. In the past Kelli has participated in obedience, agility and herding with her dogs and is currently pursuing the ever elusive MACH agility title with her standard schnauzer, Ch. Jordan Beata of Windtree, MX MXJ NF. This will be Kelli's third year on the Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club board and she remains committed to the breed and the club. As a goal Kelli would love to see increased involvement by the club's membership.



## Treasurer - Pam Ziegenhagen-Shefland



My name is Pam Ziegenhagen Shefland and I am married to Alan and we have one son, Gabe, who is 17 and a senior this year. We are blessed to have gotten two Standard Schnauzers from Sunny Lambert. McKay and Ecko are both 6 years old. I did conformation with McKay and Ecko helping them get their championship and grand championship respectively. I was also doing agility with both of my dogs until I got sidelined with medical issues. I am hoping to get back to doing performance with my dogs in 2014.

I have been the treasurer of the club for past two years and enjoy being on the board. HSSC, as a club, gets better every year because of our members and how they want to be involved and have fun with their dogs. I feel that the club has come a long way in the last couple of years in being more welcoming to new ideas and creating an atmosphere that is more inclusive. We have had more opportunities

for education and fun outings that have included the dogs as well. My hope for the next year is to get more people in the club involved in the wonderful activities that we do with our dogs and bring in new people to help in the planning of these activities. A healthy club is one where all people are as excited about the club as the board members are.

## Secretary - Marjana Callery

I have had two Standard Schnauzers, Duffy and Finn (plus 5 minis and 2 giants). I got my first Standard, Duffy, in 1994, soon joined HSSC, and have continued on in the Club with my second Standard, Finn. Because this breed is SO athletic, my Standards and I have been able to enjoy competing in multiple performance sports together, including Obedience, Rally, Agility and Herding. In 2011, I chaired the August Specialty, and served as Club Secretary in 2011 - 2013. I would like to continue as Secretary in 2014.





## Director - Kris Gagner

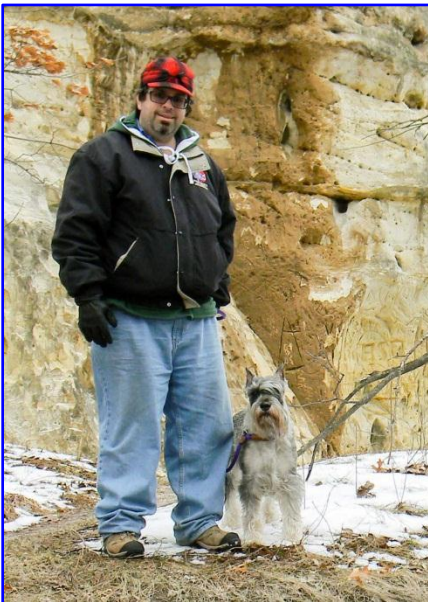
My husband Les and I have had Standard Schnauzers in our home since 1998. Our current dog is an energetic and smart 8 month old female named "JJ". She is our third SS, and this time around I am planning to participate in Obedience, Conformation and Agility with her. I am also learning to do all of her grooming. As I have begun working in these areas, I've come to realize that I'm very much a beginner and I have a lot to learn! Luckily, I have had the support of the Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club.

We have been members of HSSC since 1999, and have enjoyed meeting other dog owners and going on the Dog Walks for many years. However, this year I have truly experienced the potential benefit the Club has to offer people interested in skill-building, instruction and great fellowship. From grooming seminars and garage sales to "Schnauzer Fun Days" and dog shows---and with a lot of help from club members---the HSSC has greatly enriched my Schnauzer-owning experience. This is something I really appreciate, and I think it's worth sharing with others.

In short, I believe in the Club! I look forward to making a positive contribution to the HSSC and its mission of promoting the Standard Schnauzer breed and supporting SS owners.



## Director – Mathew Longtin



My name is Matthew Longtin and I am married to Julia Longtin. I have had miniature schnauzers since 2007 (Julie since 1998) and we have had a four year old standard schnauzer named Gable since May of 2013. Julie has been showing Gable towards his bronze grand championship and working with him in nose work classes while I have been working with him in obedience and plan on training him in therapy work. We are hoping to get another standard in the next year that we can raise from a puppy. We enjoy belonging to the HSSC for the friendship, tips and guidance we have received.

***We always have a grrrrreat grilled Thanksgiving dinner; extra crispy MilkBones. Hoping your feast will be just as tasty and satisfying to you & yours!***

**H A P P Y  
H O L I D A Y S!**



*FYI, NOT Henry and Gable pictured above!*



## Club Member Profiles



A new regular feature in *Heartbeat* begins with this issue. The intent is to have all members; both new and more established, become more familiar with our fellow members. We will be sharing a short self-bio, tell about our current canine house guests and perhaps how we got to appreciate the standard schnauzer in particular. To kick things off, this issue contains bios and photos of those individuals running for election to club office in 2014.

To 'break the ice' this month we also share a profile on Roger & Deb Eriksen.

We have been club members now for six years and not coincidentally our S.S. Von Hoedl Marcus' Ruger celebrated his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday November 8<sup>th</sup>. "**Ruger**" now shares our home with his sister Daisy, (a two year old mini schnauzer) since March 2012 and they have become best buddies.

Neither of our schnauzers are shown in conformation so Ruger has been shaved rather than stripped. Because of this he has developed a very light colored coat being nearly all silver gray which is very handsome, soft and sleek. We maintain the usual schnauzer trim of his head and furnishings. Daisy had been stripped previously and has maintained a more course, darker coat which we like too.

Deb is a lifelong all-around animal lover having 4 cats when we met. She also had a mini schnauzer at one time which caused her to balk a little when I suggested getting a S.S. once the cats were gone. She feared the over-zealous barking she remembered about her mini. After assuring her that they are different breeds and can be taught what "be quiet" means; we headed to the big Land O' Lakes show to check the S.S. out. Our first contact was with Jon Rosenberg, a HSSC member who was very helpful in sharing information & enthusiasm about the breed. After visiting a litter of pups that were available from a local professional breeder, George Huddle, who is also a HSSC member; well . . . we all know how *THAT* goes once you have held a 7 week old S.S. puppy in your arms.

Both of our dogs had been through a couple levels of obedience training. Ruger & I started doing agility which he seemed to love and took to quite well. Due to some of my health and other issues, we stopped agility for now. Both dogs are fulfilling their roles as loved, spoiled pets and companions very well.

If there ever was any doubt at all as to whom the brains and creative talent is behind producing the *Heartbeat* newsletter, this pic should answer that. If Ruger had an opposable thumb, he wouldn't need me! Ruger has allowed me the use on one hand to create our club newsletter the last couple years. He thinks he is every bit the lap dog his little sister is even though he is three times her size. He is back in my lap now as I edit this.

Deb and I have taken a turn in the "profile" section and it was fairly painless, so unless you are in the federal witness protection program, please don't be bashful when asked to share your 'story' with the rest of the club. It is pretty much a given already that you are a genius with wonderful taste & insight since you appreciate standard schnauzers, right?



Thanks also to Sunny Lambert for handling some introductions at our last grooming event!!



# 'Bone' Appetit

Recipe courtesy of Bullwrinkle.com



## Thanksgiving Turkey Treats

2 cups cooked turkey -- cut up  
2 cloves garlic  
4 teaspoons grated cheese  
1 tablespoon parsley -- freshly chopped  
2 egg  
2 cups whole wheat flour  
2 tablespoons brewer's yeast  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Combine turkey, garlic, cheese, parsley and mix well. Beat the eggs in a bowl and pour over turkey mixture. Add the flour, yeast, and oil. Stir until thoroughly mixed and all ingredients are coated. Drop into small lumps onto ungreased cookie sheet. Cook in a 350 degree oven for about 20 minutes, until brown and firm.

Store in refrigerator.

*Please submit contributions for publication in the Heartbeat by the 10<sup>th</sup> of January, March, May, July, September and November 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.*