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HSSC Business

*Have you heard about the property investment multimillionaire in China that paid nearly \$1.9 **million** dollars for a Tibetan mastiff puppy? True story. We guess some people have a lot more dollars than sense!*

Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club of the Greater Twin Cities

Board Meeting Minutes: FEBRUARY 9, 2014

LOCATION: On the Run, Ham Lake, MN

- Meeting called to order at 11:10 am by Kara Maytag.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kara Maytag, Marjana Callery, Kelli Mullett, Pam Ziegenhagen.
- Minutes of last meeting approved.

BOARD REPORTS:

- President: no report.
- Secretary: no report.
- Treasurer: \$8,130.21 in bank. 10 members have not yet sent in a membership renewal.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

2013 Awards Banquet: Will be held Saturday, February 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bloomington. Email has been sent to all members. **ACTIONS:** 1) **Kara** will print out certificates; 2) **Kara** is preparing gifts for top winners; 3) we will have a small gift at each place for all attendees; 4) we look at the possibility of having a free door prize raffle for attendees.

Obedience Fun Match: The AKC Match will be held at Bloomington Obedience Training Club on Sunday, March 2. **ACTIONS:** 1) **Pam** will manage the desk and registrations, and bring baked goods and an easel; 2) **Kara** has ordered ribbons & will bring sign-in sheets, tuna fudge, airpots and coffee, and a whiteboard; will also check on using BOTC's whiteboard & easel and will contact club re: opening at 8 am for workers; 3) **Marjana** will contact Kris or Matt to ask about bringing ¼-page flyers to TCOTC for the Mpls. KC obedience trial, to put on exhibitors' crates to advertise Match; will also contact CJ to have her bring a poster to Canine College, and will make a list of everything needed; 4) we need to get enough club members to steward (Kara, Kellie and Pam have volunteered so far).

TCMSC Walk: The Twin Cities Miniature Schnauzer Club is sponsoring a Schnauzer Walk for May 17. We will contact members when we get more details.

OTHER COMMITTEES:

Garage Sale: We still need to find a location and date.

August Specialty: Planning has started. Jim Olson has agreed to be our Sweepstakes judge. Sharon Olson will be Chief Ring Steward. **ACTIONS:** 1) **Kara** has volunteered to be Show Chair and will form a committee, and will contact St. Croix Valley KC re: using someone from their list of judges; 2) we need to find a free place for our luncheon since SCVVC has started charging for use of the Beer Garden; 3) need to start thinking about raffle prizes.

Membership: No new membership requests. **ACTION:** **Roger** will send out an email to all breeders listed on SSCA to ask them to ask buyers of their pups who live in our area to contact us about joining HSSC.

Summer Picnic: We need to find a club member to volunteer their place, and set a date.

Grooming Day: We need to find a date that doesn't clash with local shows.

Unfinished Business: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

SSCA Publications Notification: **Kara** and **Marjana** will look back in emails for this notification of free publications from SSCA.

AKC Reunite Trailer Project: AKC needs clubs to donate money and volunteers for a trailer that will travel the country for disasters, to reunite people with pets and provide food, crates, etc. HSSC will not be donating money to the project at this time.

Hosting 2016 HSSC National Specialty: A Texas group is very interested in doing it, with volunteers and detailed plans already in place, so HSSC will not pursue hosting the specialty.

ADJOURN MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Submitted for approval by Marjana Callery, Secretary.

AKC Joins Partners for Healthy Pet Campaign

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) has joined with the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AMVF) to take part in its *Partners for Healthy Pets* campaign. As a new Associate Member of the committee, AKC will support the Partnership's mission of ensuring that pets receive the preventative healthcare they deserve through regular visits to a veterinarian.

"Since our founding 130 years ago, the American Kennel Club has been dedicated to protecting the health and well-being of all dogs," said Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Assistant Vice President of Sport Services. "As part of its membership in the committee, the AKC is happy to educate its community of dedicated dog lovers about the life-changing mission of *Partners for Healthy Pets*. The collaboration of so many animal health organizations will help the AVMF's campaign make true strides in reducing the number of preventable diseases among dogs and cats across the nation."

Led by the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association, [*Partners for Healthy Pets*](#) is an unprecedented collaborative alliance of over 100 veterinary associations, colleges of veterinary medicine and animal health companies all committed to a vision of improved overall health for pets. *Partners for Healthy Pets* provides tools and resources that help communicate the value and benefit of preventive care, enhance the veterinary client relationship, improve the overall quality of preventive healthcare provided for patients and has recently launched an advertising campaign to promote the importance of annual veterinary checkups.

CONGRESS PASSES FARM BILL

- Improvements Made to the Animal Welfare Act -

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) applauds the US Senate today for passing a new five-year farm bill that addresses AKC concerns regarding recent regulatory changes to the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regarding the redefinition of retail pet stores and licensing exemptions. The House of Representatives passed the bill last week. The measure now goes to the White House for President Obama's signature.

AKC outlined to farm bill negotiators from the Senate and House Agriculture committees that although the intent of the changes to the rule was to regulate large-scale breeders and Internet pet sellers, it also would have required some small hobby breeders who maintain more than four "breeding females" and transfer an occasional dog sight unseen, to be licensed and regulated as commercial pet dealers. The regulation also would have required small hobby breeders who provide foster homes for rescue dogs to be licensed as commercial breeders if they maintain more than four female dogs and occasionally use an intermediary to transfer a foster dog to its new home.

"We believe these changes will be welcome to responsible small breeders who not only breed occasionally, but also provide foster homes for rescue dogs," said AKC Government Relations Director Sheila Goffe. "Without these changes, many could have been forced to give up their rescue activities unless they could obtain a USDA pet dealer license."

The AWA changes in the Farm Bill (HR 2642) will reduce the number of breeders and dealers required to obtain a license if the size of their

business is determined to be "de minimis" (minimal). The Farm Bill Conference Report allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to "determine if the number of animals they breed or sell or the gross annual dollar amounts earned are so minor as to merit disregard." The measure's conference report states that this will free up more USDA resources and recommends that APHIS finalize a rule regarding this change within the year.

A second measure supported by the AKC directs APHIS to clarify the term "breeding female." This term is currently used in AWA regulations to define who should be regulated as a pet dealer, but it lacks authority because it does not appear in the underlying statute. House conference managers urged APHIS to clarify that only those female animals capable of reproduction and actively being used in a breeding program should qualify as breeding females.

"We thank the many Members of Congress, Congressional staff and AKC club members whose dedicated efforts made these changes possible," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "We would especially like to thank the leadership of the House and Senate Agriculture committees, Chairman Frank Lucas, Livestock Subcommittee Chairman Rick Crawford and ranking member Jim Costa, and Senate Agriculture Committee Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow and ranking member Thad Cochran for their leadership in including these beneficial changes to the AWA in the Farm Bill Conference report."

AKC NATIONAL OWNER-HANDLED SERIES EXPANDED TO SPECIALTY AND GROUP CLUBS

New York, NY – Hosted exclusively by All-Breed clubs during the first two years of its existence, the American Kennel Club® (AKC®) National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has now been opened to local and national Specialty clubs as well as Group clubs.

“After Specialty clubs saw the success All-Breed clubs had with the NOHS at their events, we received inquiries from many different breed clubs interested in taking part. We’re pleased to be able to fulfill the requests by expanding the program,” said Alan Slay, AKC Director of Event Programs. “For Specialty clubs just now considering the NOHS, it’s very easy to add the competition to your event, even if your club is already hosting special attractions like Best Puppy, Best Bred-By Exhibitor or Best Veteran.”

The expansion to specialty and group clubs will allow owner-handlers additional opportunities to compete for year-end points and rankings. The [top ten owner-handled dogs](#) (plus ties) in each breed in the 2014 qualifying year will be invited to compete in the National-Owner Handled Series Final, scheduled to be held in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on December 12, 2014 in Orlando, Florida. In the inaugural Finals last year, more than 520 competitors entered, representing 160 breeds and 43 states and Canada.

National Owner-Handled Series Best in Show results can also now be viewed in the [Weekly Wins](#) section of the AKC website. Specialty or Group clubs interested in offering this competition can indicate it on their event application or email eventplans@akc.org. Owner-handlers can find a local event offering the NOHS [here](#).

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT **-- Progress to a Better Future --** Excerpt 3-11-2014

New York, NY – Coming originally from the Bronx and being an ardent baseball fan, I always admired New York Yankees Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra. He is not only famous for being a gifted player, but also for his gifted ability for a memorable turn of phrase – like “when you come to a fork in the road, take it” and “always go to other people’s funerals, otherwise they won’t come to yours.”

While Yogi employed malapropisms to make his point memorable, his intent was always abundantly clear. One Yogism stands out as being especially appropriate to the American Kennel Club at this time – “the future ain’t what it used to be.”

I believe our future is very different today than it was just a short time ago. On every front there are clear opportunities out there that can make the AKC stronger. Through our commitment to relentless positive action we are seizing those opportunities and creating significant positive progress. We continue to make progress in events. There are numerous ideas being vetted across all sports and many have been implemented already:

- The CGC title was launched last year and already we have applications for 17,000 dogs. The new Advanced CGC is gaining traction with over 1000 dogs titled.
- Two clubs have applied for the pilot program allowing two conformation shows in one day. One club is a perfect example of how we thought this option would work to benefit clubs and exhibitors. The club is currently allowed four shows per year, averaging less than 300 dogs per show in a remote geography. Their plan is to have four shows in three days and we believe it will be very successful.
- We have analyzed the impact of the National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS). The data demonstrates that the NOHS is a desirable and motivating offering for exhibitors. On average, those clubs that offered NOHS at their all-breed conformation shows saw a significant increase in entries versus similar shows that didn’t. No other special attraction, including Best Puppy and Best Bred-by-Exhibitor, had an impact on entries. Research with

NOHS participants around the country revealed that the availability of the NOHS competition at an event directly impacts their decision to enter. In the inaugural NOHS Finals held in conjunction with AENC last year, more than 520 competitors entered, representing 160 breeds and varieties from 43 states and Canada.

- In our quest to bring new exhibitors into Conformation, we created the 4-6 Beginner Puppy Competition. Research yields that about 50% of the exhibitors are new to the sport and 68% of those that participate go on to enter the regular puppy class when their dog is eligible.
- The AKC Agility staff is in the process of developing a new pre-novice class in order to help attract new exhibitors and keep this event growing.
- The AKC Performance Events Staff is considering a way to acknowledge a dog's lifetime of achievement and promote continuing involvement in the sport for the many dogs that run out of new titles before they run out of ability and desire.
- Innovation drives growth in events. Agility is the perfect example of this thinking. Staff is working on new events that are fun for dog and exhibitor, instinct based, and open to all dogs.

We are making progress in dog and litter registrations, also. While we are still declining, the rate of decline has dropped significantly. We believe there are three key reasons for this. The first is that we are doing a much better job of telling our story, particularly about our Good Works program and its connection to registration for sustainability. In addition, two initiatives have had positive impact.

- Late last year, AKC introduced Breeder EZReg, an online tool that gives breeders an easy way to ensure all of their puppies are registered. Breeders that use it enjoy significant discounts on fees, complete naming control, plus other advantages. More and more breeders are using this new tool to register all of their puppies.
- We are currently working on a new breeder support program that rewards breeders who perform the health testing recommended by their breed's Parent Club. This program, along with AKC Breeder of Merit, allows us to help the public find a responsible breeder. And allows the AKC to not just defend breeding, but to improve it.

Helping breeders find good homes for their puppies and prospective owners find good breeders as a source for their puppies is an important part of growing registration and sport participation. To help accomplish those goals, the AKC Breeder Classifieds is getting a major overhaul that will deliver a much more consumer-friendly experience and therefore, a better showcase for AKC breeders. Look for the introduction of this great new tool very soon.

Our progress to a better future for the AKC is real. We recognize progress does not move in a straight line all the time. There will be highs and lows, beginnings and pauses, successes and failures. Through it all, we will remain optimistic, confident, and innovative – knowing that we can succeed when we have the courage, initiative, and vision to try.

And that's where you can help. Ideas will drive our progress and I just know there are some good ones out there. We have established two easy ways for you to share your brainstorm as they happen. There is a new email address – AKCIdeas@akc.org - and a new voicemail line – (212) 696-8226. Both are open and we welcome your thoughts around anything that can help the AKC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Kalter', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alan Kalter, Chairman

Ten Dog Breeds That Shouldn't Live With Cats

By Roger Eriksen

The over the top generalities about breed traits held by the public can be frustrating to those who know better. But when an "expert" spreads their bias over the internet it can fuel even more ill-informed public opinions. The following was posted online by Yahoo! Shine written 'By: Pet360.com' whatever that may be. To illustrate just what experts these folks are; the photo that accompanied this section of the article was of a miniature schnauzer, not a standard.

#10 Standard Schnauzer: Originated in Germany to guard the family and livestock and rid farmyards of vermin, Standard Schnauzers are sociable and affectionate, particularly with children. Intelligent but strong willed, Schnauzers require daily exercise and regular obedience training. Due to the Standard Schnauzer's fearless nature and high prey instinct it shouldn't live with small pets, including cats.

It's important to remember that a dog's ability to get along with cats will depend on the individual dog and extent of its prey drive. Dog owners should use a systematic approach to introducing a cat to its new home to ensure a smooth transition.

The list also included breeds that can have a strong prey drive such as hunting breeds, sight hounds and some terriers. Now we would not suggest allowing a gerbil to scamper around the family room if your smooth fox terrier is watching from above on the couch. Or even having your pet rabbit hop freely in the backyard when your whippet is loose without precautions.

Why not list 25 breeds or just the 'most dangerous' half dozen? Narrow it down to just ten and then include such a wonderful, intelligent, loving, gentle breed as the standard schnauzer? Of course a little (un)common sense goes a long way in this situation. Instead of publishing an article full of assumptions and half-truths, simply sharing the very last two sentences would cover what anyone should really need to know. But that won't attract readers to their website, would it?



The Miniature Schnauzer Dog Walk is being held Saturday, May 17th, 10:00 AM at the Lake Harriet Bandshell. We have had the pleasure of some of their members' company at our dog walks. They have been kind enough to extend the invitation to join them, so come on out and see what (hopefully) warm weather is like at the lake!

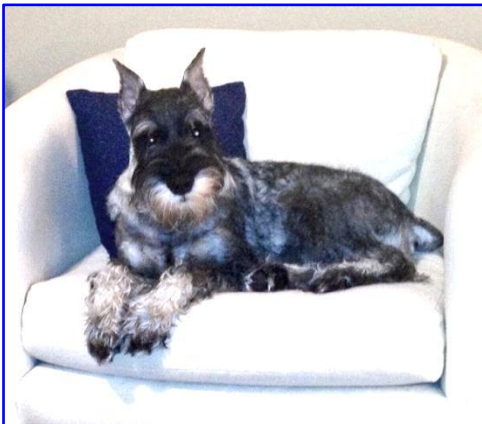
Visit www.tcmssc.com for more details on their dog walk!

Waggin' & Braggin' Rights



*"There is another birthday at our house," writes Linda Limpert. "Today (Jan. 22) is the "baby's" birthday, **Dreamer**, who turns 3 today! Happy birthday to Dreamer and all the D litter puppies!!"*

Matt Longtin and **"Gable"** qualified again in Novice B and improved on their score from yesterday, Jan. 25th and got #2! Hooray! The latest is that this great team finished their CD partnership on March 9th and will now be rocking out in the Open ring soon!



"As of today, (Jan. 29th) our household has increased by one schnauzer! 7 month old Keillor (Jordan Standard Schnauzers) will be making his forever home with me, Les and JJ in Mahtomedi. He's a very handsome, sweet little fellow and great playmate for our JJ---and he's already signed up for his first Obedience Class with Les next week. We're looking forward to lots of fun times ahead: never a dull moment!!" -- Kris Gagner

*"Picture of **"Izzy"** (Jordan Isis of Windtree) and me in Des Moines - her 5 point major "the hard way" as Liz puts it - there was no major for girls that weekend." -- Michelle Zarinelli*





"Willow" Fogarty celebrated her 8th birthday March 4th.
Happy B-Day sweet-stuff!

Kris Gagner & **"JJ"** earned their Rally Novice (RN) title today, Sunday, March 9th.



*"Challenge got her MACH today (Sat. 3-15)!!! WOW!!
We really did it! It hasn't sunk in yet.
We want to thank all our friends for their constant support
through our ups and downs. A special thanks to Alice and Renee
for all their hard work training both me and Challenge. A big
thanks to my fantastic husband John who always supported me
and kept me going." – Linda Limpert*



The Zorro/Ellie litter produced at Von Rose standard schnauzers has started making their way to their new homes and adventures. Examples of the litter are pictured with Mr. Purple on the left and Miss Pink to the right. If anyone may be interested in finding if any puppies are still available, contact them through www.vonrose.com.

Nice Easter bonnet!



Show Breeders

By Roger Eriksen

The breeder of one of our dogs shared this link (<http://rufflyspeaking.net/i-dont-want-a-show-dog-i-just-want-a-pet/>) about buying puppies only from show quality breeders (SQB). The choir thanks you for the great sermon Mary. Yes, those of us in a breed club already know the basic topics addressed in this lengthy article. However, if you wish to read through it, we think you will find that it is a well thought out argument in favor of the SQB and their puppies.

One of the goals of the Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club is promote the breed. That goal is exactly what this article is meant to do by also promoting the breeders that are working hard to improve the breed. We are encouraging prospective puppy buyers to at least consider seeking out a SQB. If some others make a different decision, no criticism meant.

We whole-heartedly agree with the intent if not some specifics of the article. We share our home with two dogs from SQB, yet neither was capable of being shown in the conformation ring. Did we get ripped off? No, we may have paid a little bit too much for one, but we received the full measure of all of the breed traits that we expected. Temperament, health, personality, appearance and all of the expectations of the breed were present with very minor exceptions.

Should/did a reputable SQB inform the prospective buyer of those ring disqualifications before the deal to take the puppy home is completed? Absolutely!! We were informed and able to 'take it or leave it' concerning our dogs if we really had wished to enter into conformation. Would a backyard breeder, neighbor or friend of a friend that has puppies for sale (needs to get rid of) inform a buyer of this information? We doubt that they would even know the breed standard in any detail or be able to identify any discrepancies in their puppies *if* they could be registered.



The one issue we had with the article was in the use of the auto analogy. It does not seem fair or very reasonable. Let's use a hamburger analogy instead that differ in quality and price just like puppies. Some people choose a White Castle slider with cheese. They are kind of sure about what they are going to get and the low price of the slider with minimal options is just fine. They feel they are getting their money's worth.

Others prefer a Fuddruckers gourmet-style cooked to order, build your own burger that one can pick and choose all of the condiments so that they get exactly what they want at a very much inflated price over the slider with cheese, pickle and 'onions'. Both buyers think they are getting fair value for their money. Both are burgers. However, they are not the same.



With a backyard bred dog, you have very little idea of what you are getting. That uncertainty and because the 'breeder' has very little invested in the pups are reasons the purchase price is so low. The pup may grow up to be a great dog no matter what it ends up looking like and the kids will be totally attached to it. Did they get their money's worth? Doesn't matter now that it is too late.

Perhaps the best way to approach this situation is to continue doing what we have been doing; promoting excellent examples of the breed. Unless the market for pet shop and backyard bred pups evaporates, they will exist to one degree or another. Hopefully we are lessening that degree by being great spokespersons for and public ambassadors of our Standard Schnauzer breed. Because our breed is not all that common, it is fun to talk with people while out at dog parks, on walks or at 'Meet the Breed' type events. When someone says, "That is the biggest mini schnauzer I ever saw" it is a wonderful conversation starter. Start the chat with how you do not condone the use of anabolic steroids in dogs, but ;-)



Club Member Profiles



Michele Zarinelli and the Tres Amigos

Michelle and Izzy are featured in our 'Wags & Brags' section celebrating a nice win at the Des Moines show. Yea!!!

I have 3 standard schnauzers - first up is Grady (Jordan Grady of Windtree), second standard is Izzy (Jordan Isis of Windtree) and last but certainly not least is Jester (Sketchbook's Fool me Once) born on April 1st, 2013.

My husband and I were primarily German shepherd owners. I have a love for that breed that goes back to childhood. My husband Alain trained in Schutzhund in Germany with the breed. After losing our male GSDs at a very old age due to cancer, I decided I wanted a breed that was smart, had fewer health problems, was smaller than GSDs (so easier to care for when they get older), was reserved so would make an excellent watch dog, and was comical. I think you know which dog fits those requirements to a "T"!

I started researching breeders (Iowa) and contacted Sunny have a male SS from a current Grady came to live with us. I so much at a dog. He stole meeting him. Grady brought house. Alain and I were still shepherd and Grady was that house needed. Grady is a gentle have ever had the pleasure of momma's boy through and much. The first time Grady side, I took him out for a proceeded to snort, run his and do a 360 and then play bow



around me (*snow zoomies* - Ed.). I laughed so hard I cried. I was actually bent over from laughing so hard. That is when this breed stole my heart and it's been laughter ever since!

When Grady was about 2, Alain and I visited Sunny for a weekend. Alain had a conference to attend in Minneapolis. We didn't intend to come home with another SS, but Izzy came home with us that weekend. Best spur of the moment decision ever! Izzy was Grady's birthday present and boy did they get have a party together - they still do! Izzy is a fireball of attitude, smart, spunky, sassy, and just a cuddle bug. I was once asked which ones is my favorite - I honestly cannot answer that because I love them equally - they are so very different but have equal holds on my heart.

who lived close to where I live Lambert. She just happened to litter that needed a home. don't think I have ever laughed my/our hearts within hours of much love and happiness to our grieving from losing our male spark of happiness that our soul, the most unusual dog I sharing a house with and his is a through - but loves Alain very EVER saw snow it was dark out-bathroom break and he head through the snow, jump up at me and then run circles



Not too long ago, I decided I was ready for a third and I wanted a black - Liz Hansen was the logical choice! Jester came home with me not long ago. He was about 5 months when I got him and his quirky personality is just now coming out. He is smart, funny and a total love bug too! He is beyond sweet with Grady and Izzy and they all get along better than I could have hoped.

When we brought Jester home, Izzy HATED him, for about a week. Now those two play SO much, she has lost weight lol

As far as activities - well we do it all, agility, rally, dabble in obedience, herding, hiking, camping, etc. We live on 20 acres in the Loess Hills and there are tons of parks and government owned land where they can run around like crazy dogs. I've only competed in

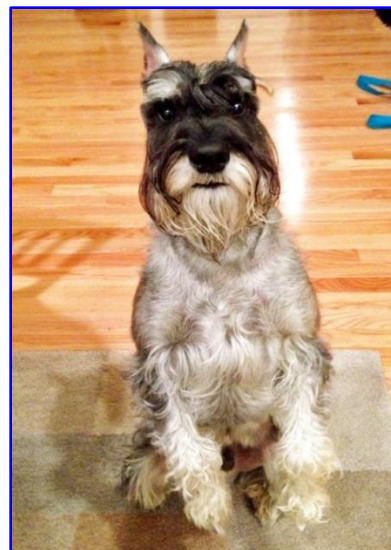
Rally and both Grady and Izzy have MORE than excelled at that. Grady ranked 5th in the nation in 2012 in APDT RL3 rally with numerous awards of excellence due to his high scores. Grady has achieved the excellent level of rally in both APDT and AKC. Izzy recently earned her Rally 1 title in APDT with an award of excellence for such high scores and it was her FIRST ever trial. To say these two are fun to work with would be an understatement.

Jester is just now getting started in his training for agility and basic obedience. I'm really just training him to focus on me and realize that I am FUN FUN FUN!

I dabble in conformation with Izzy - we have had some amazing wins and I'm looking forward to getting her championship title - only 5 more points to go! I am also working on getting Jester's championship - no points yet lol. Looking forward to many years with the three amigos! I work from home so we spend a LOT of time together!



A very recent pic of Jester.



Dex got a 'How to Levitate' yourself at home course, but he has only read the manuals front half so far!

'Bone' Appetit

Recipe courtesy of Bullwrinkle.com



Everyday Biscuits

2 teaspoons dry yeast
1/2 cup lukewarm water
2 tablespoons dry parsley
2 tablespoons minced garlic

1 1/2 cups chicken broth
1 egg
3 tablespoons honey
5-6 cups whole wheat flour

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 ° F (180 ° C).

In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Stir in the parsley, garlic, broth, honey, and egg. Gradually blend in flour, adding enough to form a stiff dough.

Transfer to a floured surface and knead until smooth (about 3-5 minutes). Shape the dough into a ball, and roll to 1/4-inch (6 mm) thick. Using small bone-shaped cookie cutters, make biscuits! Transfer to ungreased baking sheets, spacing them about 1/4 inch (6 mm) apart. Gather up the scraps, roll out again and cut additional biscuits.

Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and turn over. Bake for an additional 15 minutes, or until lightly browned on both sides. Let cool overnight. (After we finish baking all batches of biscuits, we turn off the oven, then spread all the biscuits out on one baking sheet and set them in the oven to cool overnight. The extra time in the oven as it cools off helps make the treats crispier and crunchier.)

Makes several dozen small bones that keep and freeze well. We like these biscuits because they're quick and easy and we always have the ingredients on hand to make them.

Please submit contributions for publication in the Heartbeat by the 10th 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.