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PREZ SEZ

Hello to all the members and friends. I hope this summer is bringing you many wonderful days filled with relaxation and long walks with our bearded friends! As the days are getting cooler, it is clear that fall is on our heels!

Personally, this fall will be a busy one for me. In October, I will be attending the 2014 SSCA National Specialty in Pleasanton, CA. No dogs or toddlers will be traveling with me, so I am sure I am going to have a couple of "oh no" moments when I think they should be with me but aren't! November brings our trip to New York City to watch Cam march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade with his alumni drum corps, The Madison Scouts! Then off to Florida in December with Baylee to attend the AKC Agility Invitational! How exciting that there will be two of us HSSC members representing the breed this year. Hopefully either Baylee or Challenge and Linda Limpert will "bring home the gold". =)

Best Regards, Kara Maytag-Kaszas president@heartlandstandardschnauzer.org

> Don't forget about the Fall Picnic at the Griebie's tomorrow!! It sounds like the weather should be good (hopefully the scattered showers stay away)! A main dish will be provided as well as hot dogs and nonalcoholic beverages...please bring a side dish or dessert to share! (post your intended dish on the HSSC Facebook page so we don't get 10 bowls of cole slaw!)

Dogs are welcome to come and enjoy their fabulous yard! Hope to see you there!

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AKC WEEKLY WINNERS GALLERY LAUNCHES WWW.AKCWINNERS.COM

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club[®] (AKC[®]) announces the launch of <u>www.akcwinners.com</u>, a new companion website for the more than 100,000 fanciers that receive the AKC Weekly Winners Gallery newsletter. The new website will provide more timely show results, new advertising avenues for show dog owners and an online form to promote your dog's achievements.

The "Live Results" section on <u>www.akcwinners.com</u> will provide fanciers faster access to show results - and replace the Weekly Wins section of akc.org - with same–day posting by AKC Executive Field Representatives from shows around the country. The new search function allows visitors to search by state and by dog to view individual results. The site also houses a calendar that lists upcoming show closing dates.

In addition, AKC Weekly Winners Gallery advertisers can now take advantage of additional scrolling ads on the new website's homepage. The newly added <u>online form</u> will make it easier than ever for owners to share their dog's wins with thousands of site visitors.

The AKC Weekly Winners Gallery newsletter is delivered weekly to more than 100,000 active fanciers and judges and shared with the more than 2,000,000 visitors to AKC's Facebook page. Sign up to receive it <u>here</u> or learn more about <u>promoting your dog.</u>

The amateur snapshots of the HSSC specialty held on Friday, Aug. 22 contained in this newsletter are © 2014 Roger Eriksen who gratefully acknowledges the cooperation of the on-site professional photographer; **Lennah Snell** at *PHOTOS BY LENNAH*, <u>www.photosbylennah.com</u>. For prints/enlargements of any of the entire show photos, please contact Lennah at (517) 213-9962, P.O. Box 160, Potterville, MI 48876 or email to: photosbylennah@gmail. *Thank you!*

Waggin' & Braggin' Rights

Challenge (CH MACH Von Limpert Challenge Within Me CD BN RE MXB MJB VS) placed in the top five S.S. in agility and has received her official invitation for the AKC National Agility Invitational to be held in December.

This just in: Jordan **Baylee** of Windtree has also received an invitation to the Nations. Woo-Hoo, two club member's dogs in the top handful in the entire nation!!!!!!!!





Photo from Wakan Standard Schnauzer

Julie Fogarty shared a new photo of (Sketchbook Diamond Briolette) **Bria**! What a cute lil' playful looking face! She is growing into those ears very nicely. Something we had to confront as well as a child. ;-(

CH Von Rose Masked Phantom (Zorro/Ellie) group 2 from Ottumwa IA show. – SuzAnne Garcia





Julie Fogarty posted: GCH A/C CH Sketchbook Winter Solstice (*Sully*). And in addition, "*Sully & Dan just won (on 9-6-2014) first place in gamblers at the UKI agility trial. Yahoo!*" No, Grady has not been a bad boy about his dental care. He is protectively holding a cookie in his mouth.





"We were at an Agility trial this weekend and **Luna** and I practiced her sits and downs amid all the activity. She did really well!"– Julia Longtin

Bob Smith offers, "A little news that **Jake** made at the Albert Lea Confirmation Show this past weekend (Aug.9 & 10, 2014). On Saturday Jake took Winners and Best of Breed, but was shut out in Group as they had a very strong Working Group. Sunday Jake won Winners and Best of Opposite Sex. On Saturday we had to beat a Grand champion puppy that had an agent handler to win Best Of Breed. Jake looked great and showed very, very well for me. It was a fun weekend."

Linda Limpert shares, "**Dreamer** and John got their FIRST DOUBLE Q in Masters agility!!!!!! Dreamer built up to it by getting a time to beat clean run on Friday (August 1st), another clean T2B run on Saturday, then on Sunday (no T2B class) she got two nice clean runs for her first double Q!!!! I almost fainted from holding my breath through the standard run!! **Challenge** and I also got a double Q on Sunday, as did all the Rochester teams. That was quite a day.

"Double double Q today at the SCVKC AKC agility trial! So proud of my girls Baylee and Harper!!" August 9, 2014. And then followed by on 8-16 & 17th, "Two more Double Qs for Baylee this weekend and one for Harper! And a shout out to my friend Kelli for getting a Double Q with Faea! Good weekend for the Standard Schnauzers!! Woof woof!" – Kara Maytag-Kaszas

The Gagner litter has moved on to their forever, happy homes, but a formal portrait of the lil' cuties was most definitely called for.



Portrait photo by Laurie J. Erickson



A big win for Dan Fogarty and CH GCH Sketchbook Winter Solstice aka *Sully* taking Select Dog on Saturday in Lake Elmo over a fantastic field of SS's for a 5 point major!

No, seriously Jester. Tell us how you *really* feel about the heat and humidity at the SCVKC show in Lake Elmo.



"Had a great weekend at the Lake Elmo MN show this past weekend. Von Rose Christmas Present got 2 majors one Friday and one Sunday. Friday he went Best in Sweeps also. CH Von Rose Masked Phantom got select dog 2 of the days towards his Grand Championship and is almost there. Thanks Heartland for the wonderful show!"– SuzAnne Garcia

"Dreamer and John had a wonderful weekend at the Rochester show. On Saturday, Dreamer took Best of Breed giving her another point. She then went into the rally ring earning her second rally excellent leg. On Sunday John and Dreamer earned their third leg and their Rally Excellent title!! Love having a dog who can do it all." – Linda Limpert



"At a young age of 16 months this boy has now become a Grand Champion, GCH Von Rose Masked Phantom. He is a boy with awesome attitude and energy. A joy to show." – SuzAnne Garcia

There is always room for more Wags & Brags. Please pass yours on to the editor for inclusion. Thanks!

AKC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

-- A Summer of Positive Action for AKC --

New York, NY – It is back to school time across America and students are being asked that timetested question – "What did you do over the summer?"

For my wife and I, it's a rather easy question to sum up in just five words – "We had 13 Bullmastiff puppies." Enough said.

For the American Kennel Club, answering that question takes considerably more words.

The summer yielded a large number of new initiatives to help dogs and the people who love and care for them, beyond the normal day-to-day world of certifying and recording registrations and listings; managing thousands of Conformation, Companion, and Performance events; and the current programs educating the dog owning public about responsible breeding, ownership, care, health and welfare, and training.

Summer at AKC saw a continuation of our commitment to relentless positive action.

We continue to improve our customer service quality and response times – achieving over 90% of our performance goals for the period - with no day falling below acceptable performance.

We increased the number of Customer Service Representatives with Spanish language skills to better serve this important and growing customer segment.

We leveraged technology to assure uninterrupted customer service - even when the North Carolina office was closed due to inclement weather - and to improve the user experience for breeders with our new EZ Breeder Reg service. This service is receiving strong positive reviews and eager acceptance by breeders, particularly AKC Breeder of Merit program participants.

The two shows in one-day pilot was employed three times with terrific results. The originator of the Board action allowing the pilot, Pat Cruz, participated in the first pilot at the Riverhead and Brookhaven Kennel Clubs on July 12, 2014. The other participating clubs were the Memphis Toy Dog Club and the Marquette Kennel Club in Michigan. In all three instances, the events were a success. Most interestingly, the entry at Marquette's other three shows was up almost 15%.

I directed Staff to reach out to Parent Club officers and Delegates through two online surveys requesting advice on both effective educational experiences for judges seeking approval in that club's breed and for their opinion of the breed exam and its use. Our goal is to continue to ensure we approve knowledgeable breed judges. With the help of the Parent Clubs, I believe we can accomplish that.

There are now two new Performance event titles to acknowledge higher levels of achievement – the Grand Field Champion title for Pointing breeds and the Retriever Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement title.

In response to requests for the ability to create special events, starting January 1, 2015, Agility clubs may host special events in which a club proposes a unique mix of regular AKC classes.

The AKC associated with the North American Dock Diving organization, allowing us to recognize the achievement of AKC registered or listed dogs in the growing sport of dock diving.

Participation in therapy dog work has grown, as has interest in the AKC Therapy Dog titling program. As a result of this growth, four new Therapy Dog titles were added starting July 1 to acknowledge a dog's lifetime achievement in this very valuable service to those in need.

We increased our outreach to public shelters and to owners of dogs from shelters. A major concern for shelters is their recidivism rate - the number of dogs returned. Adding a dog to one's family is a major life decision, and there are responsible and necessary questions to ask before this step is taken, no matter where the prospective owners plan to obtain the dog. Responsible breeders have long known the importance of addressing questions like these. We developed a helpful list of the most important questions to ask when getting a dog from a shelter to aid in that quest for a forever home. In addition, we are expanding our AKC Canine Partners and AKC GoodDog Helpline programs with shelters as tools to aid in lowering recidivism at their shelter.

On the legislative front, AKC Government Relations - led by Sheila Goffe - is developing two new programs to increase our visibility with legislators. We plan to award approximately 50 AKC Legislator of the Year Awards for federal and state legislators across the country who play an important role in supporting responsible dog ownership, and protecting the rights of responsible dog owners and breeders.

In addition, AKC Government Relations is developing a law school outreach program for future legislators and policymakers. Law schools are one of the primary training grounds for future state and congressional lawmakers. AKC is collaborating with other groups, such as the AVMA and Cat Fanciers Association, to develop writing contests, a speaker's bureau, and other outreach to this important segment.

Understanding the critical importance of grassroots legislative efforts, we developed the Canine Legislative Support Fund Educational Grants program in support of clubs' educational and advocacy initiatives to help protect the future of responsible dog owners and breeders.

We continue to fuel a positive, engaging, and educational conversation with our many constituents through AKC Communicates emailed every Friday; WOOFipedia, the consumer website for everyday dog owners with over one million users a month; our new content syndication with Vet Street, Pet 360, Best in Show Daily, ShowSight and Canine Chronicle – and more on the way; our new AKC Breeder Education and Government Relations pages on Facebook; and the continued growth of our Facebook page, now with over 2.1 million fans.

The AKC has had a very busy, innovative, and productive summer. So, what lies ahead for the balance of the year?

Sincerely,

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Alan Kalter Chairman

We are working on a major effort that will combine a number of initiatives all aimed at enhancing our role as the leading authority and voice on dogs, and increasing the public's ability to find a happy, healthy puppy or purebred rescue. Those initiatives include a way to identify those breeders who follow Parent Club recommended health testing. A subcommittee of the Parent Clubs Committee is responsible for assembling the information and I will make sure it is readily available on the AKC website for all those looking for a puppy. How many people was that last year? In 2013 we had 20 million individual visitors and 95 million page views, of which 3.2 million were the breeder classifieds. We will exceed those numbers this year and we are planning for even more in 2015 with the new website.

I have been working with Staff on renewing the TV broadcast of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. We have a proposal to present to the Board this week that would create a TV showcase for all the events during the weekend. I will strongly recommend the Board approve it, allowing Chris, Gina and Michael to move forward with the final negotiations.

A lot changed this summer at the American Kennel Club. A lot more will be changing in the future. Even though, as Billy Crystal said, change is such hard work, we know without change, there is no progress. With change, there is great opportunity.

As we pursue those changes, we will do so understanding those things that should change for the better and those things that must not change, so we are sure to stay true to our principles. I believe you will appreciate those changes, and like what stayed the same.

Your comments and suggestions are most welcome <u>atk@akc.org</u>.

HSSC Specialty – Friday, August 22nd, 2014

















Hot and humid grooming before the show in Bldg. D















IT'S SHOW TIME!











To view a compilation of random video clips from our club's specialty, go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59iwnean094













And the Awards Go To















Club Member Profiles



Jim, Gretchen, Maddie, Benson, Ellie May & Heidi

When Jim and I got married there were no standard schnauzers in our household. I had a Doberman and he had a Belgium Shepherd. My Doberman was diagnosed with cancer. At that time I asked my vet what dog would be a good replacement. He said a standard schnauzer, but he laughed saying they aren't easy to find. This was in the late 90's and he was right. Jim and I both lost our dogs close to the same time. We decided to look for a standard. The vet was right!

When we talked to breeders they advised us that they could put us on a waiting list and it didn't sound like anytime soon. Coming from rural Iowa, I couldn't understand this. I was used to getting a dog when you wanted. We ended up finding a breeder in Iowa that had puppies and Tina Marie came home with us.

We still had a dog living with us, a blind Pekinese named Zoe Ann. She was not happy with the new addition, but they became very good friends. As Tina got older we decided to try and get a puppy while we had Tina to help train.

This is where Madison came into our lives. She came from George Huddle. We purchased her and said we had no interest in showing or breeding. Well that didn't really work out! She ended up showing and I met some great people who helped. We established **Team Maddie!** She ended up as a Grand Champion. We also ended up breeding her to Mystic's Longfellow Serenade.



At ultrasound time it looked like there were 3 puppies. We were excited. Unfortunately at birthing there was only 1 puppy.

Larchdale's Solitary Man, *Benson*, was born Jan. 2, 2014. Living with a singleton puppy has been an experience! Benson lives with his mother, Maddie, sisters Ellie May (a cairn terrier) and Heidi (someone's throw away mixed dog).

Maddie, Ellie and Heidi like to visit the nursing home in Osage. They have been doing visits over the past 2 years. Benson has made an appearance once just so the residents could see Maddie's son. It was such a joy to see their faces and Benson was very good with the residents.

Maddie now has taken up barn hunting, achieving a RATN over the July 4th weekend. Benson is entered in a nose work clinic for Nov. and right now is attending puppy kindergarten.





He is hoping to participate in barn hunting next year. He has been practicing on the farm!

It is very true that you cannot be a couch potato with a standard schnauzer! They have

kept me very busy. We do walks in the woods, with mice hunting included of course! Ellie made sure Benson knew how to properly dig dirt. They help with horse chores, cow chores and chicken chores. Ellie supervises Benson most of the time. Actually I think she supervises everything and everyone. Must be the terrier (terror!).



Ellie demonstrates nose work for Maddie & Benson



`Bone' Appetit

Recipe courtesy of Bullwrinkle.com

Big Boy Beef Biscuits

Ingredients:

1/2 cup dry milk12 teaspoons minced garlic16 tablespoons olive oil21 small (2.5 oz) jar beef baby food1/1/2 cup rye flour11/2 cup rice flour1/For the Glaze - 1 egg, 2 tablespoons beef broth

1 egg

- 1 teaspoon parsley 2 teaspoons honey
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 1 cup cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup cracked wheat

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 ° F.

In a large bowl, combine the dry milk, egg garlic, parsley, oil, honey, baby food, and broth. Gradually blend in the flours and cracked wheat. Add enough wheat flour 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 1/2-inch (12 mm) thick. Using 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. Whisk together the egg and broth for the glaze. Brush biscuits with the glaze on both sides. Return to oven and bake for an additional 30 minutes. Let cool overnight.

Makes several dozen small bones that freeze well. Or 2 1/2 to 3 dozen large bones, depending on the size of cookie cutter you use.

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.

