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ABOUT IT!***



PREZ SEZ

by Kelli Mullett

It's my goal over the next year to make a habit of thanking people for their help. All of us associated with the club are doing it on a volunteer basis which means we are giving of our precious free time and resources. This usually means it's a labor of love but it can also mean that sometimes things don't get done as quickly or as efficiently because of other priorities. That being said, I really appreciate the time and resources individuals have put into the club and are continuing to put into the club. One example is Julia Longtin, who updated the club website and has agreed to act as webmaster. This is not a job I would want to do! So a huge thanks to Julia for taking it on and great job on the new improved club website!

I also want to thank Sunny Lambert for volunteering to be Coordinator of the Activities Committee.

Let me take this opportunity to add my voice to others and encourage people to come to the awards banquet on March 22nd. Please come! This has proven to be a fun event in the past where members have an opportunity to brag about their dogs to the one audience I can guarantee really do want to hear!

Several club members competed at the Northstar Working Group Club's obedience and rally trial held on January 24th at Total Recall. I was in attendance myself with my ten year old veteran, Beata, who delighted me by finishing her final two legs for her novice rally title. The schnauzer girls made a spectacular showing that day. Not only did we have the highest registration numbers for the working breeds but, we totaled eight qualifying scores. Congratulations to Kris Gagner and JJ, who got their first novice obedience leg, Sunny Lambert and Faea, who got their first open obedience leg, and a huge congrats to Julie Fogarty and Willow, who got two novice rally legs and two beginner obedience legs for two new titles. Wow!

If this sounds like fun to you, please consider getting involved. We are fortunate to live in an area that has a veritable plethora of activities you can do with your canine partner. Many of us are active and competing in obedience, rally, conformation, agility and herding, just to name a few. Not only do we love our dogs and love our hobbies, but we love to talk about them and share them. Sometimes, you don't even have to ask but please do if you'd like to find out more. In my opinion, there are not enough standard schnauzers out there competing! We have a very talented, athletic breed; let's showcase that great working ability!

On March 1st we held our annual obedience fun match at Bloomington Obedience Training Center. It was another successful event for our club. Thanks to all who participated and I'd particularly like to thank those who volunteered to help. This event went very smoothly this year thanks to trial chair Marjana Callery and the many volunteers who made themselves available to assist.

Mark your calendars: In April the general meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21st. Besides the general meeting we hope to learn more about barn hunt so please plan to attend. More details about location and time to follow.

Hope to see you all at an upcoming event!

Kelli Mullett, pres.

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SSCA 2015 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Richmond International Raceway, Richmond, Virginia

June 25 – June 29 2015



We have completed our survey on-line and it was an easy, quick task. Available options are to fill out on-line or print the survey form out and snail mail.

Please do your part to help out the breed we all love so much. Thank you!



SURVEY SEZ?

**Another Standard Schnauzer Health Survey
Currently taking place with a spot reserved
just for you.**

**Let's make our dogs proud –
complete the survey!**

Background: The survey of the health of our breed
was conducted in 2008; enrolled 1455 dogs.

Overall, the health of our breed was good.

Going Forward: The 2015 Health Survey

To continue to have an accurate picture of the health status of our breed, as well as the common causes of death, we again need information on a large number of dogs; the goal for 2015 is to enroll AT LEAST 2,200 dogs who were alive at any point between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2014. YES - WE NEED INFORMATION ON HEALTHY DOGS. We need data on dogs who are "pets" (are not they all), (especially) dogs who died during the last 7 years, dogs NOT in breeding programs, unregistered dogs and, yes, dogs who were enrolled in the 2008 survey (they are now 7 years older).

EVERY Standard Schnauzer enrolled provides valuable information!!

We are our dog's champions! Discuss the importance of this survey with every Standard Schnauzer family. Encourage them to participate! We need your help.

The survey form is available from the SSCA website: www.standardschnauzer.org



Waggin' & Braggin' Rights



***Baylee** and I got invited to the 2014 AKC Agility Invitational in Florida that was held in December. Unfortunately, due to an iliopsoas (hip flexor) injury just 2 weeks before the event, she was not able to compete. At 10 years old, I couldn't risk injuring her more. We still went and were able to focus on some R&R for Baylee as well as cheering on many of our friends from MN and the four other Standard Schnauzer participants! – Kara Maytag Kaszas*

***"Willow"** earned her Beginner Novice and her Rally Novice titles today (1-24-2015). In beginner novice she was 1st place in one class with a 194 and 3rd place in the other with a 193. She was 2nd place in both Rally classes with a 96 and a 98. Yahoo!!!" – Julie Fogarty*



"Just one more brag about mother and daughter both getting triple Qs on Sunday (1-25-2015) at SPDTC, the TCVessa agility trial. I'm so proud of them." – Linda Limpert

FYI to all members, the limit on bragging has officially been lifted, so everyone should feel free to submit as many as possible!



*Von Rose Enchanted Christmas Vision, "**Rein**", (Out of Ellie/Zorro). Her first major at the Des Moines show this past weekend (1-24 & 25, 2015). Great team! – SuzAnne Garcia*

Remember the "historic blizzard of the century" forecast for the upper east coast in late January? As a Minnesota boy in his formative years, **Dex** is not impressed. Just looks like a typical boring MN day to him!



Here's **Maddie** & **Bria** getting in some snuggle time together. "Boy, it really is a dogs' life, isn't it?"

Then **Willow** comes along and sez "Scoot over gals. This is a 3 butt bed!"



*"Jon and GCH Von Rose Masked **Phantom** (Zorro/Ellie) before Sundays judging. They earned Best of Breed and went on to group. Was a nice show, our first time at St Joseph MO except for the weather keeping us there an extra night, we enjoyed seeing all our SS friends." – SuzAnne Garcia*



*We did it!! MACH3!!! **Baylee** was 0.14 sec short of getting the 6 points she needed, but came through with a Q in her STD run! This is our 1st agility trial since November as she has been recovering from a strained hip muscle and I am happy to report that she ran great!! Love my Baylee!!!" – Kara Maytag Kaszas*

*"**Luna** graduated from Beginner Obedience class tonight! What a good girl. She loves working in class. We will be moving on to intermediate classes and also will be starting baby agility classes soon!" – Julia Marie Hoffa Longtin*



"Yahoo Yahoo Yahoo!!!!"

***Willow** is now a bronze Grand Champion!! Owner handled by yours truly to all 100 points. Bronze GCH Sketchbook Spring Willow BN RN and I are reaching our goals so far this year. In January 2015 we finished our Beginner Novice title with a first place and a 194 and a 3rd place with a 193. Also in January we completed our Rally Novice title with two 2nd places with a score of 96 & 98.*

In February 2015 we completed the 100 points we needed (along with 3 extra points for good measure) for our Bronze Grand Championship. Hoping next month to complete our Companion Dog CD title. Being that Willow didn't start her obedience career until she was 7 yrs. old I am very proud of her.

Also the first four years of her showing career there was no such thing as a Grand Champion title so she didn't start earning points until she was four years old. She truly is my special friend and a wonderful dog in so many ways" – Julie Fogarty

"Ellie/Zorro puppy reunion (L to R), momma **Ellie**, **Phantom**, **Spirit**, **Lilly** and **Rein**. Was great to see them together. Rein took the major Saturday, Lilly took it today. Phantom. BOS both days and Spirit got more practice. Big shout out to brother and sissy **Nick** in MN and **Holly** in Boise ID, we miss you!"
 – SuzAnne Garcia



"8-1/2-month-old Jordan Laser of Echo Lake (**Laser**) earned 2 qualifying legs in Beginner Novice at an ASCA trial at Total Recall. Fun to see a little pup sitting in a rock-solid 'sit-stay' by the judge while I walk around the ring. We're still working on a more controlled front from a Recall. Currently he comes rushing back so fast that he stops by jumping up and pushing against my legs as he comes in for his front." – Marjana Callery.
 Laser (left) is pictured here with his big brother Finn

Faea completed her CDX Saturday, March 7th.
 CH Jordan Faea-Danu' of Windtree CDX BN RE MXJ MXB MJB



Congratulations!

Can My Dog Eat That?

Reprinted from 'moderndog' magazine



Watermelon

This sweet, water-laden fruit is a great choice for sharing with your dog. It's high in vitamins A and C as well potassium and magnesium. Plus, it's low in calories and can help ward off dehydration. A win-win! Just don't feed your dog the seeds or rind.

Avocados

Avocados can cause gastrointestinal upset in dogs (think vomiting and diarrhea). The culprit is persin, a toxic-to-dogs element found in avocado fruit, seed, leaves, and bark, making avocado a no-no for dogs.



Blueberries

This antioxidant-rich fruit is loved by many dogs. Mix some into a dog cookie recipe or feed a few berries as a treat.

Grapes

Grapes (and, even worse, their dried counterpart, raisins) are a BIG no-no for dogs. Even a few can send your dog to the vet. The consequences are dire—too many grapes or raisins can cause death.



Oranges

The citrusy taste may not make them a favorite with all dogs, but oranges are safe for dogs to eat and a great source of vitamin C.

Figs

Figs have caused allergic reactions in some dogs.





Cranberries

Cranberries, which contain vitamin C, manganese, and fiber, can help fight urinary tract infections. Most dogs don't like them fresh (too tart) but stewed is another story! Cook them down in a bit of water (no sugar added), then add a teaspoon or two to your dog's dinner.



Bananas

Potassium laden bananas are a sweet treat many dogs love. Add them to a biscuit recipe or make a pup-approved smoothie. (Find a banana smoothie recipe you can share with your dog at moderndogmagazine.com/banana-smoothie.)



Apples

Apple slices make a super, crunchy treat for your dog. They are a source of vitamins A and C, as well as fiber. Bonus: apples with the skin on are full of phytonutrients thought to protect against some types of cancer in humans. Apple seeds, however, contain cyanide so your dog should not be allowed to eat the core. Though the effects of a few apple seeds will likely not harm your dog, the deleterious effects can accumulate over time if allowed to eat apple seeds regularly.

*As with all treats and new foods, remember to just give a little bit or potentially face stomach upset. A couple berries or an inch or two of a slice/segment is a good starting point for most dogs. - See more at: <http://moderndogmagazine.com/articles/can-my-dog-eat/69306#sthash.RFa7fERW.dpuf>

Care to join HSSC?

Our mission is:

- To protect and advance the Standard Schnauzer as a breed, through education of owners and the general public.
- To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of Standard Schnauzers.
- To promote the Standard Schnauzer as a family companion, show dog, obedience dog, rally dog and agility dog.

Our charter is:

To serve the Greater Twin Cities area of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota and surrounding locales.

However, any interested parties that are supportive of our mission are welcome to join the club as 'associate members' regardless of your place of residence. Our membership is comprised of many families that share their home & love with several other dog breeds (and mixes) in addition to Standard Schnauzers. Incredibly, we even have some members that keep those big, smelly, overgrown deer like things some folks call 'horses'.

We are a fun-loving, active group and hold many events each year. If you (or someone you know who might be interested) are a fun, animal lover and would like to learn more, please follow the links below. If you happen to be a crabby ol' fart with a poor attitude, please do not apply. I got the last open spot! R. Eriksen, Membership

<http://heartlandstandardschnauzer.org/>

http://www.heartlandstandardschnauzer.org/hssc/documents/HSSC_Membership_Application.pdf



Our next Specialty will be on Sunday, May 24, 2015, at the Heart of Illinois Dog Show cluster in Bloomington (Illinois Valley KC and Corn Belt KC). Jack Onofrio is the superintendent and entries close on Wednesday, May 6th.

Judges will be:

Friday – Deborah Wilkins

Saturday – Beverly Capstick

Sunday – **SPECIALTY**

Breed – Rita Biddle, Esq

Sweeps – Elise Singer

Monday – Larry Mackai

There will be 2 obedience and rally trials on Sunday this year. The morning trial will be the trial supported by PSSC as a part of our specialty activities.

During the day on Friday and Saturday PSSC will present Barn Hunt mini seminars similar to what we did last year. The Fox Terrier club will hold a Fun Test on Thursday evening. On Friday evening PSSC will assist Champaign KC with another Fun Test. So there will be lots of opportunities to learn about Barn Hunt and to be able to practice those skills. On Saturday evening there will be a potluck at the Fairgrounds – everyone will chip in for fried chicken and bring a dish to share. There will be an opportunity for SS people who have helped with the seminars or the Fun Tests to run a couple of Barn Hunt courses for practice at no charge.

Sunday evening will be our annual dinner which will again be held at the VFW. In addition to lots of good food, we will hold our auction and raffles. So be sure to bring something for the auction/raffle. . . before that evening if possible, so we can be organized for the evening.

Reservations for the dinner will be due by May 6 to Kathy Koehler KatonSS1@frontier.com
Details and reservation forms will be in the next PSSC newsletter.



Remember the Casey Jones Birthday Club? Here's an update!



Mr. **Dex** celebrated the milestone of his 4th birthday on January 20th. He is totally loved and thoroughly spoiled by Thomas & Kristin (just as he should be!)

By some strange coincidence, **Izzy** Zarinelli turned 4 years old on the very same day. Happy B-Day beautiful girl.



And we find that **Dreamer** Limpert celebrated her 4th B-Day in late January too. Looks as though she is giving mom & dad the 'stink eye' cuz Dex & Izzy both got prime rib and she only got a cookie with a candle in it. ;-)



*"Happy birthday to **Believe**. She is 12 years old today. She has the best stay with food in front of her."* – Linda Limpert.



Sketchbook Diamond Briolette (**Bria!**) achieved the milestone of her 1st birthday on Friday the 13th.



"Happy 9th Birthday to my sweet **Willow**. Bronze GCH Sketchbook Spring Willow BN RN" – Julie Fogarty

Cropped, but otherwise unaltered actual photo.



Denise Tokarcik from the Standard Schnauzer FUN page created a new game. It's called, "What The Heck Is That?" a) Bouvier des Flandres? b) Raw materials farm for Chinese Cresteds? c) Sasquatch has a dog? d) An ad for canine steroids? Nope! It is **Meshach** the S.S. who, by now is well on her way into her spring grooming so; she will be looking good and feeling cool when the summer weather arrives.



"I'm a Waskwie Wabbit."



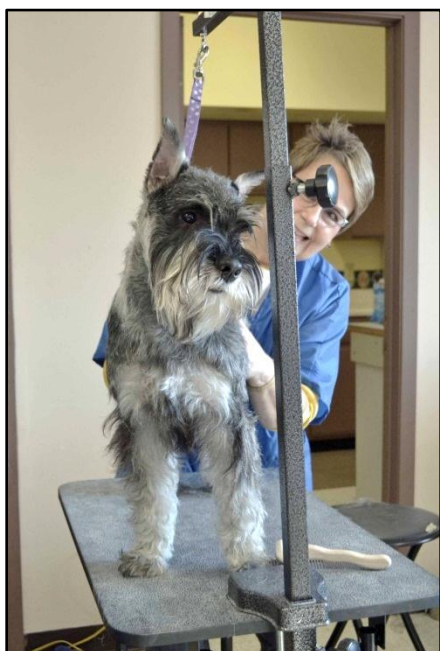
"Mom, I can't find my Easter bonnet!"



S.S. **Jack** & his 'mom' Nancy Brittle send warm Easter wishes from Virginia.



2015 HSSC Grooming Day









Club Member Profiles



Bob & Cheryl Smith **(aka) The Smith's and their two Standard Schnauzers** **De-Boy's Jake and Nicholas**



Asgard Viking Legacy call name Jake. Jake came to us from Georgia Sabean, Asgard Standard Schnauzers, Warrenton Virginia. Jake is now four years old and is shown by

owner handler me, Bob Smith in Conformation shows though out the Mid-West region. Jake has been trained at the Bloomington Obedience Training Club and holds certificates in Beginners and Intermediate Obedience. Jake enjoys a care free life of swimming in our back yard pool. Playing with his new found brother Nicholas in our back yard in Bloomington Minnesota, or enjoying our cabin in our resort at Moore's Lodge on Leech Lake, Minnesota. Jake is one of our joys in life.



Rosenberg and SuzAnne Garcia, Von Rose Standard Schnauzers, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Nicholas is just 1 year old and is attending Bloomington Obedience Training Club and already holds Beginners, Intermediate, and is currently working on his Advanced Intermediate certificate. He is a very smart boy that gives his brother Jake a new lease on life around the Smith household. Jake took Nicky under his 'wing' and let Jake become the number 2 alpha male in the pack behind myself. De-Boy's truly love each other and get along amazingly well for two male intact SS'ers. We are looking to advance Nicholas into Novas Obedience class and we are currently looking to get him into agility. We were so, so lucky to get Nicky from Jon and Suzy. They are both very, very special people. Mr. Nicholas is truly the fearless little man and the spark plug in our pack. Cheryl and I love him so.



Von Rose Little Drummer Boy call name Nicholas. Nicky came to us from Jon

My wife Cheryl will be retiring in March of this year after working 48 years in the insurance business with just two companies. She enjoys going to conformation shows, antiquing, enjoying our cabin on Leech Lake, and has been involved in obedience training Nicholas.

I have been retired for these past 2 years. After putting in 35+ years in the electronic plating business. I look forward to my wife

Cheryl's full retirement. Showing and working with our two SS'ers Jake and Nicholas. Enjoying our Resort and Cabin on Leech Lake. Along with antiquing and traveling with my wife Cheryl and our boy's.

Cheryl and I collect Standard Schnauzer porcelain statues. I think we have twenty or so. They are very cool looking and fun to collect.

Bob, Cheryl, & De-Boy's Jake & Nicholas



**See YOU at the HSSC Awards Banquet Sunday 3-22?
Brunch at Vivo Kitchen, 15435 Founders Lane,
Apple Valley starting at 11:30.**

**RSVP is required to Sunny Lambert at
sunnylambert@me.com by Wednesday, March 18.
Menu? Go to vivomn.com, click 'Menus' & click 'Brunch'**

'Bone' Appetit

Recipe courtesy of our Aunt Marlys Norve



Pumpkin Puppy Biscuits

* Brown rice flour gives the biscuits crunch and promotes better dog digestion. Many dogs have touchy stomachs or allergies, and do not, like many people I know, tolerate wheat.

Ingredients: 2 eggs
1/2 cup canned pumpkin
2 tablespoons dry milk
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
2 1/2 cups brown rice flour *
1 teaspoon dried parsley (optional)

Preheat oven to 350°.

Directions:

In large bowl, whisk together eggs and pumpkin to smooth. Stir in dry milk, sea salt, and dried parsley (if using, optional). Add brown rice flour gradually, combining with spatula or hands to form a stiff, dry dough. Turn out onto lightly floured surface (can use the brown rice flour) and if dough is still rough, briefly knead and press to combine.

Roll dough between 1/4 – 1/2" – depending on your dog's chew preferences, – and use biscuit or other shape cutter to punch shapes, gathering and re-rolling scraps as you go. Place shapes on cookie sheet, no greasing or paper necessary. If desired, press fork pattern on biscuits before baking, a quick up-and-down movement with fork, lightly pressing down halfway through dough. Bake 20 minutes. Remove from oven and carefully turn biscuits over, then bake additional 20 minutes. Allow to cool completely on rack before feeding to dog. (DUH!)

Makes up to 75 small (1") biscuits or 50 medium biscuits.

Please submit contributions for publication in the Heartbeat by the 15th 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.