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ABOUT IT!**



Winter is finally over! Although it was a relatively tolerable winter by our standards so we probably shouldn't complain, my own personal opinion is that one can always complain about winter! So glad it's over! On to all of the fun outdoor activities.

If you didn't join us for the annual awards banquet you missed a really good time and some truly excellent food. We celebrated this year at Vivo Kitchen in Apple Valley. They have a wonderful Sunday brunch with a delightfully varied menu. Thanks to Sunny Lambert, our activities coordinator, for finding such a great spot and organizing the event. And congratulations to all the award winners! Nice to see so many amazing schnauzers out there working and excelling.

It was my privilege (and pleasure!) to attend the AKC Agility National Championships with my outstanding canine partner, Ch. Jordan Faea-Danu' of Windtree, CDX BN RE MX MXB MXJ MJB T2B (owned and loved by Sunny Lambert, who generously shares this amazing girl with me!). The calibre of competition at this national event was truly awe inspiring and it was gratifying to see several standard schnauzers there competing. Although our showing was not as good as I had hoped I learned a lot about competing at that level in such a huge venue. Faea was absolutely wonderful and I hope to someday be as good a partner for her as she is for me. It's good to have goals!

As you know, our friends at Schnauzer Rescue of MN have reached out to us for assistance. They need volunteers for an upcoming event in Elk River in early June. If you are able to assist them or would like more information please contact organization president Shantel Julius at shantel.julius@gmail.com. I hope to have Shantel join us sometime over the next year so we can all learn more about her work with schnauzer rescue.

May 15th and 16th HSSC hosted a garage sale as a fundraising event. This is the third time our club has undertaken a garage sale and as was true in

the past, it was a definite success. This year the garage sale was located in Andover where we were part of a neighborhood wide garage sale event.

We had an excellent turnout, especially the first day, and were able to raise over five hundred dollars for the club. Thanks to Kris Gagner, Kara Maytag and Laura Lindenfelser for donating and working at the sale and really big thanks to Kelly and Tony Griebie for allowing us to use their garage as well as donating items and working at the sale. If you were able to donate items for the sale, thank you very much!

Okay, members, we are desperately in need of additional club member participation! Volunteers are needed for our annual August specialty held in conjunction with the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club in addition to help with some fun club events we are trying to get off the ground. Over the past few years we have hosted a number of very successful events and

have become a little more solvent as a club but we can't continue to do so without the assistance and participation of our membership. Please help, we would be so, so grateful if we could see more of you at some of these activities!

Our next club event will be on July 19th. This will be a combination grooming day and general meeting. It will be held at Animal Inn from 11:00-3:00. This is a great opportunity to groom your dog, pick up some pointers from our experts and watch the dogs enjoy some supervised play. The focus this time will be on correct stripping. For the general meeting we will have several members that participated in a recent barn hunt event educate us about this relatively new dog sport. I was not able to attend the barn hunt but it sounds like the schnauzers did remarkably well.

Hope to see you all there.

Kelli Mullett

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TWIN CITIES MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB WALK!!!!

The TCMSC hosted a dog walk on Sunday, May 3, from 1-3 PM at Central Park East, 2540 Lexington Ave. No., Roseville. Schnauzers of all breeds were welcome to participate and the HSSC standards were very well represented out of the nearly 30 dogs there for the walk around Bennett Lake.

The weather guessers were wrong as usual and the group enjoyed a beautifully sunny day. With the walk starting at 1:00 pm, the weather was a bit warm, but still very pleasant. All the dogs and people enjoyed the cool drink of water waiting at the finish in the shade. Of course, all of the schnauzers were also very eager to accept the tuna fudge treats provided by TCMSC member, Connie Daniels.

AKC ADDS NEW “URBAN CGC” TITLE TO POPULAR CANINE GOOD CITIZEN® PROGRAM

New York, NY – Giving responsible owners a whole new level of achievement for their dogs, the American Kennel Club (AKC) announced today the launch of “**AKC Urban CGC**” to the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) training program. The new title focuses on city-dwelling dogs and the special skills they require.

Since 1989, more than 700,000 dogs and their owners have been recognized by the CGC program, which rewards the dogs’ good manners at home and in the community. As with CGC, AKC Urban CGC requires a [10-step test of skills](#) that dogs must pass to earn the official AKC Urban CGC title. AKC Urban CGC skills dogs must possess include:

- Exits/enters doorways (of dog friendly buildings) with no pulling
- Walks through a crowd on a busy urban sidewalk
- Reacts appropriately to city distractions (horns, sirens, etc.)
- Waits on leash, crosses street under control
- Ignores food and food containers on sidewalk
- Person approaches on sidewalk and pets dog
- 3-minute down-stay in lobby of dog friendly building
- Safely negotiates stairs and elevators
- Housetrained
- Enters, exits, rides dog-friendly transportation (car, subway in a carry bag, cab)

“City dogs require a very special set of skills, including waiting to cross a street, ignoring food tossed on a sidewalk, behaving in building lobbies and riding elevators,” said Mary Burch, Ph.D., Director of the Canine Good Citizen program. “Urban CGC reinforces practical, everyday skills for the millions of dogs living in urban areas today, creating safer, more responsible communities.”

To be eligible for the AKC Urban CGC title, dogs must have a CGC certificate or title on record at AKC and must have an AKC number (AKC registration number, PAL number, or AKC Canine Partners number). Dogs passing the AKC Urban Dog test will earn the “CGCU” title.

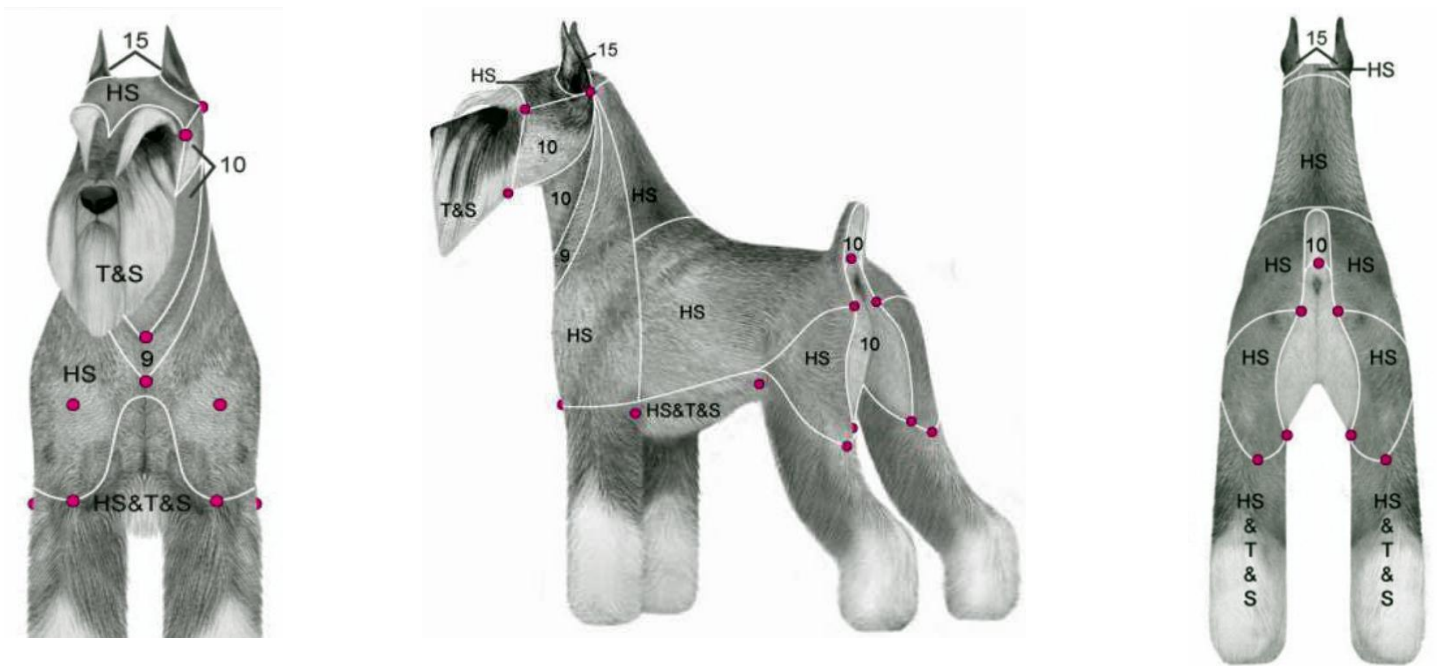
With the introduction of AKC Urban CGC, the AKC's CGC program now provides a variety of training options for dog owners and their dogs. Beginning with AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, progressing to Canine Good Citizen, AKC Community Canine and now AKC Urban CGC, the CGC program trains dogs through all stages of life and in all settings to be well-behaved in society.

Instructors can learn more about the program and begin training their students on AKC Urban CGC skills by visiting the [AKC Urban CGC page](#). Urban CGC test materials are now available in the [AKC store](#).

AKC Urban CGC testing will be administered by approved [AKC CGC evaluators nationwide](#) beginning this month.

HSSC What – Where – When

- ★ **May 22 – 25th, Agility Trial at Soccer Blast Burnsville, MN**
- ★ **May 29 – 31st, Agility Trail at On The Run, Ham Lake, MN**
- ★ **June 6 – 7th, Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club Conformation & Obedience, Scott County Fairgrounds, Jordan, MN**
- ★ **Grooming Session – Sunday, July 19th at Animal Inn, Lake Elmo. General membership meeting will be held in conjunction.**

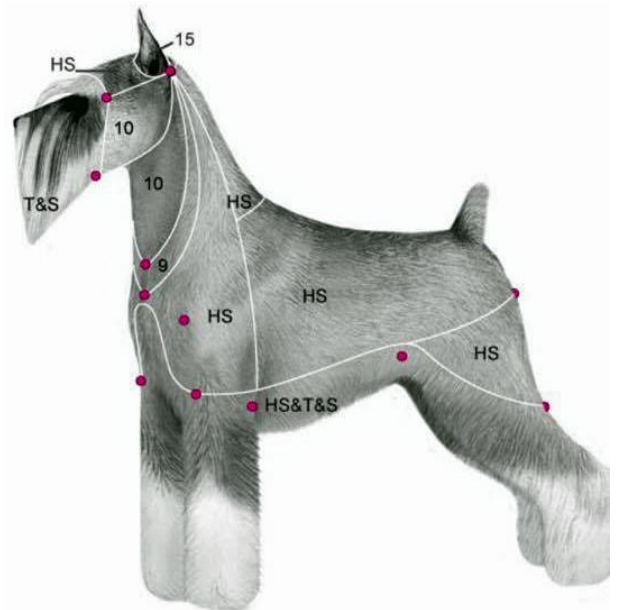


Hand Stripping Guide

Perhaps these diagrams will be helpful to visualize the patterns for clipping and hand-stripping. The acronyms used on the illustrations are; HS means 'hand strip' and T&S means 'trim & scissor'; not thin & scissor. Brigitte Isham from the *Standard Schnauzer FUN* page adds, "Anywhere you clip you are going to thin sheer to blend in the harsh line. The dots on the chest, I shave with a 4-7 blade going with the direction of the cowlicks; then blending into the shoulder. The area that is labeled 9, just thin sheer that as well."

With these guides and hopefully the knowledge gained at one of our HSSC grooming sessions, you should be 'good to go'!

Source: groomersreferece.com



Hope to see everyone at our next club hosted grooming session and member meeting on July 19th. We had an excellent attendance last time.



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The Schnauzer

A dog breed of wit and wisdom

Look into the face of a Schnauzer and it's not hard to see him as the Dumbledore of dogdom. The arched, fringing brows, the profuse, bristling beard, and the gleam of deep intelligence and, yes, humor in those dark eyes, make it easy to imagine a Schnauzer passing on sage advice to Hairy Potter, sharing a joke with his young protégé, or teaching a class in Defense Against the Bark Arts.

But are they truly wizards or just really, really smart? After all, this is the breed that their owners like to call "the dog with the human brain."



Barbara M. Dille, author of *Standard Schnauzer*, writes: "This sometimes mischievous, quick and active dog is...a sensible, honest and reliable working dog with a superbly intelligent mind."

When you consider the impressive variety of roles the Schnauzer has filled, it seems this breed must have talents beyond those of the average canine. Developed in Germany over 500 years ago as a guardian to accompany tradesmen and farmers taking their goods to market, the versatile Schnauzer has also served as rat catcher, military messenger, cattle drover, and companion, as well as assisting the physically challenged and hearing impaired, and acting as a police, security, and search and rescue dog. Hmm...loyal, very clever, and reliable, too...you belong in the Standard House.

Breed experts agree that one characteristic shared by all Schnauzers is self-confidence. Although they should not seek out a quarrel, these dogs don't back down from a confront-

ation. Related to this, perhaps, is a bit of a stubborn streak; they know best and aren't about to do something your way just because you say so.

While the Miniature is now unquestionably the best known of the varieties, ranking in the top ten in popularity among American Kennel Club (AKC) registered breeds, and even the Giant tops the Standard (at 83rd in popularity versus the Standard at 99th)*, the medium-sized Schnauzer is actually the original from which the larger and smaller varieties were developed. The Standard Schnauzer, which appears in artworks from around 1600 by Albrecht Durer and Lucas Cranach, is between 17 and 20 inches in height. The German word *schnauze* means "muzzle;" a reference to the facial furnishings that distinguish this breed. **(AKC stats for 2013 list the mini as 17th, the standard at 90th & the giant at 83rd.)*

When farmers wanted a bigger dog to drive and guard cattle, they crossed the hardy and dependable Schnauzer with Great Danes and Bouvier de Flandres to create the majestic Giant Schnauzer. At 23 to 28 inches, the Giant makes a formidable protector and is widely used today in Europe for security and police work. Both the Giant and the Standard Schnauzer are rightly classed in the Working Group in the U.S. The Miniature (12 to 14 inches), which was probably bred from small Standards and Affenpinschers as a ratter and house dog, is placed in the Terrier Group.

All three varieties (breeds-Ed.) come in solid black or pepper-and-salt color, and the Miniature may also be black and silver.



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Although solid white Minis are accepted in Germany, they are disqualified under AKC rules.

The proper coat is harsh and wiry and must be tediously “hand-stripped” rather than



machine clipped if it is to remain that way; most owners opt for the easier care and accept that

their dogs’ coats will become gradually softer over time. With trips to the groomer every six weeks or so and constant washing, combing, and trimming of the facial hair to avoid the dreaded “food face,” the Schnauzer is not a low-maintenance breed. North American Schnauzers usually feature cropped ears and docked tails; however, in many other parts of the world, canine cosmetic surgery is now discouraged or banned completely and Schnauzers and other breeds are now being seen with natural tails and ears.

In general, Giants and Standards should be sturdy and free of health problems. The incidence of hip dysplasia, which was once a major concern has been brought under control by responsible owners through testing and selective breeding. The Mini, however, is susceptible to congenital juvenile cataracts (CJC) and progressive retinal

atrophy (PRA), both inherited eye diseases, as well as to urinary tract infections and pancreatitis. If you are considering making a Mini part of your life, you should research the health concerns associated with this breed and discuss potential problems with the breeder.

Whichever size (breed-Ed.) of Schnauzer fits your lifestyle, if you choose this intelligent and personable breed for your own; you are bound to join the ranks of those who insist these dogs have special abilities that seem almost supercanine.

Case in point: “George” aka Ch. Tailgates George Vonpickle; Standard Schnauzer,

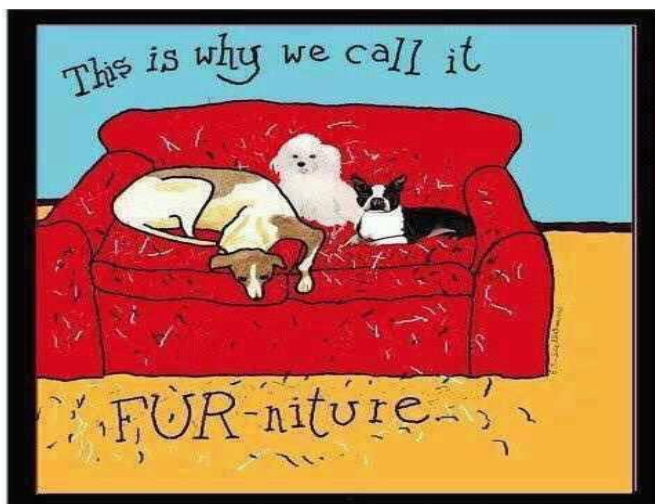


retired police bomb squad dog and now a certified Physicians Assisting Canine. George was the first dog trained to detect skin cancer through

his acute sense of smell and his accuracy record in identifying melanomas is almost 100 percent.

Now that’s magic!

- See more at:
<http://moderndogmagazine.com/breeds/schnauzer#sthash.LJzmYhfA.dpuf>



Waggin' & Braggin' Rights



The Fogarty Clan got together around St. Paddy's Day. They were blessed with sunshine and some pretty snazzy costumes too.

And then Julie shared on March 22nd, "**Willow** won first place Saturday and 2nd place Sunday completing her CD title. **Sully** earned two legs this weekend and was 3rd place on Sunday. First time in the obedience ring for either. Great day for all of us. Yahoo!!"



Bronze GCH A/C CH Sketchbook Spring Willow CD BN RN
Its official! **Willow** has earned her Bronze Medallion

Here's "**Harper** flying high over the triple! Love the focused look in her eyes! I think she wants to be a BIG dog!!" – Kara Maytag Kaszas



"**Challenge** and I had a great weekend at 'On The Run' German Shepard agility trial. She got her T2B title on Friday and a double Q on Sunday! (We didn't get in on Saturday.)" – Linda Limpert

Sketchbook Diamond Briolette (**Bria**) won Best of Breed at the Northwestern Ontario Working Dog Association Specialty. Then went on to win Best of Breed again in the afternoon at the LakeHead Kennel Club show Sunday, May 3.



Gable Longtin in the group ring following his BOB win at the Eau Claire County Fair, 5-9-2015. And proudly showing his ribbons.



*"What an excellent weekend we all had at the Indianhead Kennel Club show in Eau Claire WI. **Luna** went Winners Bitch today! **Gable** got Select Grand Champion Dog." Every single Standard Schnauzer that showed this weekend got at least 1 point. And the rain stayed away today until groups were done too. Great weekend for everyone!*
– Julia Longtin

Congrats to Kris Gagner who showed her boy **Keillor** to Best of Winners on Saturday this weekend and Sunny Lambert who showed him to Best of Winners Sunday at the Indianhead Kennel Club show in Eau Claire WI! Way to go!



"GCH Von Rose Masked **Phantom** went Best of Breed both days at Scott county dog show in Rock Island IL and a group 3 today under James White. Was a nice way to spend Mother's Day." – SuzAnne Garcia



"Saturday May 16th in Lacrosse, **Challenge** and I got another double Q. That makes MACH 2!!" – Linda Limpert

Photo courtesy of K9 Images



Finn achieved two recent achievements.....

1. Time to Beat (T2B) title.
2. First QQ in AKC agility.

(This is a big deal for us because he didn't earn his first QQ for almost 2-1/2 years after initial eligibility.)

CH Jordan Charlemagne of Windtree CDX GN RAE2 MX MXJ MJB
T2B – Shown by Marjana Callery



Laser: Rally Novice title at age 9-1/2 months.
Jordan Laser of Echo Lake BN RN

Laser: Beginner Novice title at age 9-1/2 months.
Jordan Laser of Echo Lake BN RN



Laser photos courtesy of Crystal Image Pet Photography



Izzy Zarinelli had a bit of a procedure done in April and had to wear 'the cone of shame' while she healed. We are very happy to report that all is well now, but couldn't resist including her 'frowny faced' photo.

HSSC 2015 Awards Brunch Party







Thanks so much for a great job Kelli & congratulations to all winners and attendees!!

We are quite certain that many, many of our HSSC members have completed the health survey about their dogs. However, the SSCA reports that overall, they are only at about a third of their goal. If perhaps you have not had the chance to complete the survey, please do not procrastinate too long. It seems that we get really busy this time of year as the weather warms; the yard work, gardens and dog shows are calling us all. Please take a few moments to complete the survey whenever you might have a couple of minutes.

Thanks so much!!



Standard Schnauzer Health Survey of 2015

As of April 15, 650 dogs have been enrolled in the survey. This is 30% of our goal of 2,200 dogs enrolled by September 30, 2015.

Good Start - Thanks to all who have enrolled dogs, *but we still need to enroll over 1,500 more dogs to meet our goal.*

Counting “pages received” suggests we have “heard” from approximately 260 folks, with 170 indicating membership in the SSCA. *This suggests that well less than 50% of the SSCA membership has submitted information for the 2015 Health Survey.*

Remember - Every Standard Schnauzer who was alive for at any point between Jan 1, 2008 and December 31, 2014 is eligible to be enrolled. ***Every Standard Schnauzer enrolled provides useful information regarding the health of our Breed.***

We need information on healthy dogs, young dogs, old dogs, dogs who died during this period, dogs in Conformation, Performance or Companion events, dogs in breeding programs, dogs not AKC registered, dogs enrolled in the 2008 health survey and dogs who do no more than sleep on the bed and keep you company. **YES – ALL STANDARD SCHNAUZERS!!!**

If, you have not already enrolled your dogs, take a couple of minutes to do it. The process is simple and you owe it to your friends who give so much to you. The survey form is available from the SSCA website – (www.standardschnauzer.org) download it and complete it **now.**

Also, reach out to other Standard Schnauzer Owners at dog shows and events, club meetings, in your neighborhood or who you know (for example, people who bought one of your puppies). Their participation is critical to a successful survey.

Our dogs depend on us to be their Champions – we owe it to them to do our best to maintain the health of our breed.



*"Happy 2nd birthday to **Jester** - he is indeed the court Jester in this house!" – Michelle Zarinelli*

Plenty of celebrations are going on at the Zarinelli household. Michelle adds on April 6th, *"Happy 6th birthday to **Grady** and all of the G litter!"*



While on the subject of the 'G' litter, Julia Longtin joins in with, *"**Gable** says Happy Birthday to all his G Litter brothers and sisters. He will be enjoying some yummy salmon in his supper tonight. And he will even share with his friends. What a great guy!"*

Luna Longtin achieved the milestone of her first birthday. She has becoming such a sweet, beautiful girl.



May 9th is not **Ollie's** B-Day, but in 2015 it was the two year anniversary of his 'home coming'!



Club Member Profiles



Matt & Julia Longtin

Hello! We are Julia and Matthew Longtin and we have been members of the HSSC since early 2013, we actually joined several months before we had a Standard Schnauzer! We have been married for 10 years and have been together since early 2002. We both work full time. Matt is a bus driver for Metro Transit and I am a senior programmer analyst for the United States Postal Service.

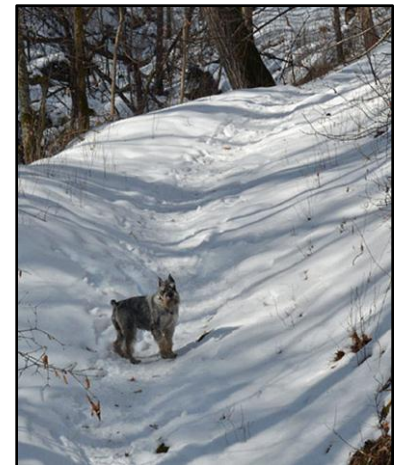
My first schnauzer was a Miniature Schnauzer named Max that joined our family in 1997. He was my second dog, the breed chosen mainly due to allergy concerns. When I moved out of my mom's house, I couldn't have a dog at my apartment and missed having a dog terribly. When Matt and I planned to buy a house, we decided that our home would not be complete without a dog. Matt had not had a dog before and also had issues with allergies so again we chose to get a Miniature Schnauzer. We found Henry at a local no-kill rescue organization; he was 6 months old and recovering from a bladder



infection. He has been a fun dog to share our lives with and he will be 9 years old in July. Max came to live with us when my mom

moved to California for a while and he moved with us permanently when my mom passed away. I never thought I would have two dogs but discovered it was a lot of fun having two. After Max passed away in late 2012, we started thinking about getting another dog. We started investigating the Standard Schnauzer breed due to it having less health issues than the Minis and also we liked the size and temperament.

We met Sunny Lambert of Jordan Standard Schnauzers in October 2012 and her dogs Gable and Idgy at a local dog park and from that point on we



were in love with the Standard Schnauzer breed. There were no puppies available at the time and we were fine with waiting for a breeding to take place. So we joined the HSSC and started getting to know the members and doing activities. During one activity getting ready for Schnauzapalooza in St. Louis, Sunny mentioned she was thinking of placing Gable. We adored Gable and so Matt and I discussed it and asked Sunny if she would consider placing him with us. Gable came to live with us on a trial basis

to see if he and Henry would get along and they hit it off, they were two peas in a pod. Gable and Henry even went on some adventures with us in St. Louis - to the famous Arch (which Gable wanted to climb) and to the AKC Museum of the Dog. Gable officially became our boy after Schnauzapalooza and we've been loving him up ever since!

I've gotten involved in doing conformation shows with Gable and he has been a pleasure to work with. I couldn't ask for a better dog to learn how to show. My first show was in Jordan, MN in June 2013. I don't think I was quite ready to show yet but Sunny had him entered and she was sick that weekend so I jumped in with both feet at the last minute and Kris Gagner and I, being both newbies, had a lot of fun showing our dogs that weekend! It has been a good time ever since, I've managed to complete Gable's Bronze Grand Championship and am currently working toward earning his Silver GCH as well. I've also met a lot of great people doing this sport not only in our breed, but other breeds as well.



I also did many nose work classes and a series of conformation classes with Gable to bond with him and Matt has done a lot of obedience training with him and has taken him through Obedience trials and qualified for the CD (Gable already had it when he

came to us but now Matt can say he qualified for it too!). Henry has also since had lots of obedience training classes with both Matt and I and we'd like to get a little more training in and then start bringing him to some trials again (our first trials didn't go so well as I think we didn't have enough training).

Who would have thought that two dogs weren't enough for our little family, we decided after much discussion that we still were interested in getting a puppy at some point. We wanted to give Gable more time to settle into our home so we weren't interested in bringing in a puppy until about a year



after Gable joined our household. With Sunny Lambert's help and guidance, we were able to get a girl from Pat White (Halcyon Standard Schnauzers) in Virginia. Luna just turned 1 year old in early May and she has been a ton of fun. All the dogs get along really well with each other and we think the boys are even happier having her around. She is very playful and has lots of energy and is extremely confident and smart. I've taken her to many classes; she has been through several puppy classes, basic obedience and is currently taking baby agility classes (her favorite thing is the tunnel). I've also started showing her in conformation and she now has two points, her most recent win was Winners Bitch at

the Indianhead Kennel Club show in Eau Claire, WI on May 10.



We enjoy doing things with our dogs; we take them to the dog park, to different stores, restaurants, etc. We take them for day trips. We even got a trailer for Matt's bike so they can join us on bike rides. Matt loves to take Gable for long hikes. We also

recently tried Barn Hunt where Luna found the rat in her instinct run!

We also love being involved with the club and feel very lucky that there is a local club here and lots of great people in the club



that love their dogs and enjoy doing things with them and are supportive of other members. Matt is currently a director in the club and I work

on the website and we enjoy doing that! Our lives have changed dramatically for the better since we joined the HSSC and brought in Gable as our first Standard Schnauzer! Thank you everyone!

Crabby Road

7-19-07



'Bone' Appetit

Recipe courtesy of www.cesarsway.com



Healthy Pumpkin Balls

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 4 tbsp molasses
- 4 tbsp water
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Mix pumpkin, molasses, vegetable oil, and water together in a bowl

Add the whole wheat flour, baking soda, baking powder and cinnamon to the mixture and stir until dough softens

Scoop out small spoonfulls of dough and roll into balls on your hands (wet hands work best)

Set the balls onto a lightly greased cookie sheet and flatten with a fork

Bake approximately 25 minutes until dough is hardened

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.