

**PREZ SEZ**

**JULY/SEPTEMBER 2016**

Wow...where has the summer gone?? I just can't believe how time continues to march on. It seems that this has been a tough year for losses hitting some people very near and dear to my heart. I cherish the friendships and relationships that clubs such as HSSC nourish. Having a support system makes the tough times just a little more manageable and tolerable.

On a more positive note, the Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club has managed to host two great Specialty events in the July and August timeframe this year!! The Specialty in conjunction with SSCA Nationals in Houston, TX was a big success. YeeHaw! We received many wonderful comments on our prizes and raffle items. Thanks to the members that lended their "craftiness" in creating our unique prizes. I want to especially thank Laura Lindenfesler for single handedly manning the Raffle/Silent Auction table! We quickly had to follow up with our Annual Specialty in conjunction with the SCVVC cluster in Lake Elmo, MN. We had a strong turnout this year with some very nice dogs in attendance. It was great to chat and catch up with some of the attendees that have become regulars.

Hope to see you and your bearded ones soon!!

Best Regards,

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Family Picture at Waukesha WI dog show on Saturday, July 27th. Sylvia with Sparky, SuzAnne Garcia with Daddy Magic, Linda with Odin.

# New AKC Agility Title

## AGILITY GRAND CHAMPION – RECOGNIZING A LIFETIME OF EXCELLENCE

By: Stephanie J. Smith

The American Kennel Club is pleased to announce a title designed to celebrate the lifetime achievement of dogs that excel across all AKC agility classes – the Agility Grand Champion (AGCH).

To earn the AGCH title, the following number of qualifying scores must be earned:

- Master Standard & Master Jumper with Weaves – 100 qualifying scores from each class
- Master Fast – 75 qualifying scores
- Time 2 Beat – 75 qualifying scores
- Premier Standard and Premier JWW – 50 qualifying scores from each class

Qualifying scores will be grandfathered and may be earned from either the Regular or Preferred classes or a combination of these classes.

“This truly is a lifetime achievement award,” says Carrie DeYoung, AKC Director of Agility. “We are looking forward to recognizing each of the teams who have demonstrated this relationship and depth of skill over their agility career.”

The new title becomes effective in July. In addition to a title certificate, a plaque will be awarded to each AGCH recipient. Stay tuned for news of the first dogs to achieve this level of excellence.

## PetBreeds.com

As a follow-up to a previous article concerning PetBreeds.com, we find they have posted another list of ‘The Best Of’ dog breeds. You may recall that lists of all sorts are compiled as to ‘the easiest trained breeds’ or ‘dogs with the most health issues’, etc. One would assume data of some sort would be used to generate such lists and not simple speculation. Published in June 2016 was their take on the 36 most intelligent dog breeds. PetBreeds used data from University of British Columbia psychology professor Stanley Coren’s *The Intelligence of Dogs*, to identify and rank the smartest dogs.

Both the Giant and the Miniature Schnauzer made the list which is certainly no surprise, but no such luck with the Standard Schnauzer. The usual retrievers, shepherds and other breeds from the working group were well represented. Other well-known canine brainy breeds also made the list such as the Yorkie, Puli, and we guess the Airedale is so smart that it is listed twice. Placing in both #13 and #37 spots on the list.

A closer look reveals that the Airedale is only pictured twice. The accompanying text relates to the Airedale in one instance and describes the Standard Schnauzer in the other coming in at #13. The photo of the Airedale was shown in place of a S.S. It is our theory that the Standard Schnauzer is so incredibly intelligent he has taken on a kind of ‘007’ mystique; always flying under the radar as though he developed stealth technology all on his own. Never openly appearing on any of the lists that we all know he rightfully belongs atop. ☺

## *Waggin' & Braggin' Rights*



*"Introducing New Champion Von Rose Christmas Vision **Ivy**. Thank you hilltop Julie Buss for being my wing woman. Tangle showed well and Mr. Phantom even being love struck went breed."* – SuzAnne Garcia

**Tangle** and SuzAnne looking good earning Best in Sweeps at the Prairieland Regional Standard Schnauzer Specialty.



*"(5-29-16) today's results 9 out of 10 runs! I messed up **Izzy's** jumpers run, but man my dogs ran great in the heat - love these dogs!" – Michele Zarinelli*

*"Mr. **Phantom** shines again. Waterloo Kennel Club show Saturday. Best of Breed, working group 1, owner handled group 1, then Best in Show owner handled. What an awesome feeling to have such a great dog. Thank you to all the judges and our SS friends for supporting Jon and Phantom. You're the best!" – SuzAnne Garcia*







"CH MACH2 Jordan **Faea**-Danu' of Windtree CDX BN RE MXG MJC NF T2B has been named Standard Schnauzer Club of America Agility Dog of the Year and Open Obedience Dog of the Year. Kelli Mullett is Faea's agility team mate and they have been turning in outstanding performances in the past year that have topped the times and excellence of all standard schnauzers in the US. I'm so proud to be part of that team. Faea is truly a joy to live with as she provides more entertainment than anyone in the house and is constantly showing us the joy of life. I'm her team mate in obedience. She exhibits the same joy for working in obedience as she does in agility. This photo shows her intensity. She's such a gift!" – Sunny Lambert



"We are having a great day (6-23-16) in Cambridge. **Bria** was BOB and **Sully** BOS and Sully just passed his canine good citizen test with flying colors. Of course we always knew he was a good citizen."

And then to top things off for Sully, "So thrilled, Sully is SSCA 2015 Novice Obedience Dog of the year."

– Julie Fogarty



Also, "Yahoo!!! Miss **Bria** is a New Grand Champion." – Julie Fogarty



"**Luna**'s official win photo from the Waterloo Kennel Club show in Waterloo, Iowa. On Saturday, June 25, she won Winners Bitch and Best of Winners! It was her first major win." – Julia Longtin

From Iowa, the Longtins and the pack headed in the opposite direction to Duluth. Julia shares, "**Gable** and I had an excellent show weekend at the Duluth Kennel Club show July 14-17, 2016. Since Gable turned 7 years old this year, I decided to enter him in Veterans on Thursday July 14 because the show had a special Veteran's day. On this day, he earned Best Veteran in Breed and also earned Select Grand Champion Dog out of the Veteran class! He went on to earn a Group 1 in the Veteran Working Dog group. We competed in the Veteran Best in Show competition which was surreal. We did not win but it was a fun experience.



For the rest of the days Gable was not entered as a Veteran. On Friday, he won Best of Breed and went on to make the cut in a very large Owner Handler Working Group and then made the cut again in an even larger regular Working Group beating out several dogs handled by professionals. On Saturday and Sunday he earned Select Grand Champion Dog. It was a great weekend for Gable and he earned points each day! I am so lucky to be showing this dog, he is a wonderful boy."



Gretchen Tusler Castle and **Benson** joined the fun in Duluth too.

George Huddle and **DD** from the Duluth Kennel Club show this past weekend. On Friday, DD went over specials for Best of Opposite and her first point.







*"**Sully** earned his novice jumpers with weaves title today at Soccer Blast in Burnsville! Yahoo!" – Julie Fogarty 7-29-16*

*"Double Yahoo!! **Sully** just qualified in Novice agility earning his Novice agility title." – Julie Fogarty*



*"**Bria** won Best of Breed today (8-25-2016) over a nice class of beautiful dogs at the Northstar Working breed Specialty." And then the very next day, "**Bria** won Best in Specialty! I am so thrilled ." – Julie Fogarty*



*CH MACH2 Jordan **Faea**-Danu' of Windtree CDX BN RE MXG MJC NF T2B Agility Dog of the Year for 2015 attended the Standard Schnauzer Club of America National Specialty in Houston, TX in July. She competed in Agility and took First place in both her Standard and Jumpers Courses, exhibiting her true #1 status! Kelli Mullet is her handler extraordinaire and they both took multiple prizes for the day!*



*"Introducing Jordan **Morgen** of Afton, owned by Bill and Arlys Kendle. At his first show he went Best in Sweepstakes at the Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club Specialty in August."*  
– Sunny Lambert



On September 10<sup>th</sup> Michele Zarinelli wrote, *"Great day of CPE agility with **Grady**! 5 runs, 4 Qs - all runs were amazing and smooth. Just love having fun with him and seeing him love running."*



GCH A/C CH BISS Sketchbook Diamond Briolette;  
**Bria** winning Best In Specialty at the Heartland Standard Schnauzer Specialty in Lake Elmo.

*"Meet CH Larchdale's Solitary Man. **Benson**'s 2nd Major at Lake Elmo!"* – Gretchen Tusler Castle



## *B-Day Celebrations!!*

*"Happy 7th birthday to **Jade**!!! She's a big ball of fuzzy energy! She's sweet as they come, but yet a fierce protector and wonderful companion! She's only been with us a short time, but it's safe to say she's found where she was always meant to be! We love you Jade!"*

– Shantel Julius





## Club Member Profiles



### Kris & Les Gagner

Les and I live in Mahtomedi, a great little town on the SE corner of White Bear Lake. We moved here over 12 years ago from New Brighton with the idea of downsizing after the last of our 3 children went off to school. Luckily we "downsized" to a home with a fantastic back yard and the proximity to many great walking trails and parks.



Many consider us as empty-nesters, but we are far from it! Our nest currently includes two Standard Schnauzers: 4 year old "JJ" (CH Jordan Janis Joplin of Windtree, BN, RN) and 3 year old "Keillor" (CH Jordan Keillor of Windtree, BN, CD, RN, RA, RE). They keep us plenty busy and we're loving it!

Our schnauzer adventure began 27 years ago with a pet miniature schnauzer, which we got as a companion for our 3 kids. Tilly was a great addition to our family and traveled with us everywhere—even to Germany where we lived for three years in the mid-nineties. After we moved back to Minnesota, Les and

I went to a dog show in Cambridge, MN and became fascinated with the Standard Schnauzer breed. That was where we met George Huddle who introduced us to the Standards, and from whom we got our first two Std. Schnauzers, both sweet girls: Schatzie in 1998 and Siggie in 2008. Although they are both gone now, we loved them dearly and will always cherish the joy their companionship brought us.

In 2012 JJ came into our lives, followed by Keillor in 2014---and they've pretty much turned our world upside down! With the encouragement and expert teaching of Sunny Lambert I learned to hand strip and properly groom our dogs for show, as well as to show them myself! We have also enjoyed working with our dogs in Agility, Obedience and Rally. Les and Keillor have proved to be a stellar team, moving their way up in the ranks of Obedience and Rally. They are now working in Open Obedience and having a great time. (Basically everything Les and Keillor do ends up being a big fun-





fest: their relationship has become a very keen mutual admiration society!)

JJ and I are enjoying working in Novice with just 1 leg left for our Title. Beautiful JJ got her Conformation Title in 2014. That whole process was new for me—a challenge and a



real attitude changer: It got me hooked for life on working with these smart and wonderful schnauzers! Keillor is also working with me in Conformation and got his

Championship last year. He's now showing as a Special, working toward his Grand Champion Title. Recently I showed Keillor at our Specialty and he really put on his swagger—He took Best of Opposite two days in a row for two 5-point Majors!

We count our membership in the Heartland SS Club a real value! Through the Club activities we have met a lot of wonderful

Schnauzer owners and gotten great advice and help as we work with our dogs. We enjoy volunteering for club events such as our Standard Schnauzer Specialty in August and occasional Grooming Day get-togethers. I've served on the HSSC Board of Directors for several years. We really believe standard schnauzer owners in our area are lucky to have an organization like HSSC to help them with their dogs.

Going forward, Les and I will continue to work with our dogs. In addition to what we are doing now, there's a lot we haven't tried yet, but think we could have fun with. These include Barn Hunt, Lure Coursing and maybe even Herding. We know JJ and Keillor are happiest when they have a job to do and a treat to earn!

We're looking forward to many great years of adventures together with them!





## Bonus Club Member Profile



### Kelli Mullett – Laura Lindenfesler

Laura and I began our journey with schnauzers in 1992. Actually, as is true for many standard schnauzer owners, we began our journey with a mini schnauzer in 1986. We bought twelve week old Chelsea out of a newspaper from a backyard breeder. She had a wonderful temperament but was unfortunately plagued by many of the health issues associated with the miniature schnauzer breed. I did obedience with Chelsea and this began my lifelong love for performance sports with dogs. Chelsea and I earned our CDX in AKC obedience. I was interested in getting a larger dog with fewer health issues so we started looking for a standard schnauzer. We eventually ended up with Clyde, a five month old male standard schnauzer from a breeder in Iowa. He was extremely under socialized and spent most of his life battling severe fear issues. I did obedience and agility with Clyde in an attempt to socialize him and build his confidence. I was able to put both an American and Canadian CD on Clyde but was never able to show him in agility. I eventually retired him when it became apparent his fear issues really were overwhelming for him. He lived out the rest of his life a happy couch potato and died at age 13.

After we got Clyde, Laura and I decided to volunteer with Canine Companions for Independence as puppy raisers. It was through that organization that we ended up with our yellow lab, Headline, and our Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Virgil. Our household at that point was up to four dogs, which is more than plenty. I did obedience and agility with Headline. He got his CD title in obedience and he completed his open agility titles before being retired. Although Virgil completed basic obedience training it was pretty clear from the beginning that he loved agility so this is where we focused our time and energy. Virgil was a wonderful agility partner and we had tons of success in agility before we lost him at age 11 to DM (degenerative myelopathy). This is a progressive disease of the spinal cord that is extremely common in the breed.

My friend Karen Marquardt, who had started Minnesota Sheltie Rescue several years prior to this, convinced us to foster a sheltie they had recently taken in. This is how Buzz joined our household. He started as a foster dog but nine years later I'm still running Buzz in agility and he has multiple advanced titles.



Two months after getting Buzz, standard schnauzer Beata (CH Jordan Beata of Windtree RN MX MXJ) joined our household. Beata was a two and a half year old that I convinced breeder/owner Sunny Lambert to place with us. Beata was a wonderful dog with a fabulous temperament. Buzz attached to her immediately and spent the next nine years following her around and pretty much being extremely annoying to her. Beata was never anything but patient and tolerant of this damaged little dog. Beata was excellent with both people and other dogs. She was a great working dog. Beata was a real sweetheart that both Laura and I adored. We lost her much too soon in April of this year to cancer.

In 2010 Laura and I adopted a second sheltie from MNSR. Keegan is a wonderful dog and has been a great addition. He loves people and gets along with other dogs. He has a very entertaining and unique personality. He also attached to Beata immediately and followed her around. I had planned to do obedience and agility with Keegan but unfortunately he gets car sick. We've tried everything to treat this but nothing works. So no traveling for Keegan.

Which brings us to Stuart (Sketchbook Christmas Mouse). Stuart is a four year old standard schnauzer that had been



placed with a retired couple in Wisconsin. He needed to be re-homed so we took him on a trial basis this past May. We made the decision to adopt Stuart pretty quickly. He is a great dog and fits into our household really well. He loves both of the sheltie boys and he and Keegan have become great friends. We are still assessing Stuart but hope to do agility, obedience and barn hunt with him.

Let me take a minute and talk about our good friend Sunny Lambert. Sunny has been gracious enough to allow me to run the fabulous Faea (CH MACH2 Jordan Faea-Danu of Windtree CDX BN RE MXG MJC NF T2B). Faea is an extraordinary working dog and it has been my privilege to partner with her in agility. Faea is the Standard Schnauzer Club of America's 2015 Agility Dog of the Year as well as Open Obedience Dog of the Year. She is currently the number one standard schnauzer in the country in agility. She is truly one in a million and most likely the best agility dog I'll ever run. I can't thank Sunny enough for this opportunity and her willingness to share this fantastic girl with me. It has been such a rewarding and enriching journey for me. I love, love, love that girl. Thank you, Sunny!

Through our journey with dogs Laura and I have discovered that there are many breeds we like, but we've also discovered that our home does not feel complete without a standard schnauzer in it.



# 'Bone' Appetit

## "Good Dog" Cookies

### Ingredients:

1/2 cup powdered milk  
1 egg, well beaten  
2 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 tsp garlic salt  
1 1/2 tsp brown sugar  
1/2 cup water  
6 tblsp gravy  
Baby food meat

### Directions:

Mix all ingredients well. Roll out on a floured board about 1/2" thick. Cut out cookie shapes with floured cutters.  
Bake at 350F for 25-30 minutes. Cool, maybe leaving them in the oven to dry. Cookies should be hard. Store in an airtight container

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*"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.*