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# THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ANNOUNCES PUPPY OF ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE PILOT PROGRAM

By: Samantha Seymour

The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest purebred dog registry and advocate for all dogs, is pleased to announce the start of its new conformation Puppy of Achievement (POA) certificate program.

The program is designed to create incremental steps of success for those participating in conformation with their puppies. POA points will be earned by winning regular puppy classes or going Best of Breed or Best of Opposite Sex in the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy (BPUP) competition. Dogs that earn 10 POA points will receive a certificate for their accomplishment. All dogs exhibited in the regular puppy classes or in BPUP competition will be eligible to earn POA points. There is no special entry requirement and no fee associated with the program. Dogs can start earning POA points at shows beginning September 1, 2017.

"We're excited to launch this program as a way to encourage new puppy owners to continue participating in the sport. Our surveys have shown that new exhibitors are encouraged and likely to continue beyond five shows when they achieve some success," said Doug Ljungren,
Vice President of Sports and Events. "The
Puppy of Achievement certificate program is
meant to provide a realistic goal new exhibitors
can strive to attain while they and their dog
gain experience. We look forward to helping
new exhibitors stay engaged and
encouraged."

"The POA program is seamless for clubs, superintendents, and judges, as points are earned in existing classes," said Bri Tesarz, Manager of Dog Show Rules and Programs. "As always, we are here to help make participation in this program as easy and enjoyable as possible."

AKC is launching the Puppy of Achievement as a pilot program. At the end of one year, all owners who have received a POA certificate will be surveyed about their experience, and next steps will be determined.

To learn more about the Puppy of Achievement program, please visit www.akc.org/events/puppy-of-achievement/. Questions can be sent to eventnews@akc.org.



## Waggin' & Braggin' Rights



"**Epic** and John got their Novice Standard Title today! (7-22-17)" – Linda Limpert

And . . .

**Dreamer**, with some help from John is the #3 AKC ranked Standard Schnauzer (regular) for 2017. They are invitees to participate in the twelfth AKC Agility International being held in Orlando, FL. Best wishes and congratulations!!!

"Here is **Gable'**s OH Group 2 picture with Judge Pat Hastings from the Duluth MN dog show on July 15, 2017. Pat Hastings does a great job smiling at the dog! Love it. It is an honor to get a group 2 under this judge, I saw her speak at Schnauzapalooza in 2013. It was a really great talk. Bronze GCH CH Jordan Gable of Windtree CD BN RE CGC — at DECC - Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center." — Julia Marie Hoffa Longtin





"Great weekend (7-29-31) at Soccerblast in MN. Lots of fun with friends and lots of amazing runs with my two buddies. **Izzy** got her Open Standard title and was the only 16 inch dog that qualified! The courses were smooth but had tricky parts - I really loved them. **Grady** got 2 first places in Excellent Standard and 1 first place on Excellence JWW. – Michelle Zarinelli "This happy fella passed his Therapy Dog International test today! Way to go **Gable** and Matt!" – Julia Marie Hoffa Longtin.





"Bria and I took a little road trip today (8-5) to Total Recall dog training in Hugo, MN. Bria showed in rally advanced and rally excellent and earned scores of 97 in both classes earning an RAE leg."—Julie Fogarty

Champion Jordan Morgen of Afton.





"**Epic** had a great day at the HSSC Regional Specialty on Friday, 8-25). He won Winner's Dog for a 4 point major."

"We had a fantastic weekend at Lake Elmo.

**Envy** took Best of Winners on Thursday; Best of Winners and Best Bred-by at the HSSC Regional Specialty on Friday; and Best of Winners on Saturday completing her title with two 4 point majors. She is now Champion Von Limpert Envy of My Dreams."— Linda Limpert





Brood Bitch photo from HSSC Specialty Friday. GCH Jordan Imogene of Windtree (**Idgy**) with her offspring GCH Jordan Kensington of Windtree (**Kensey**) and CH Jordan Morgen of Afton (**Morgen**)"—Sunny Lambert

"**Bria** and I had a great weekend at the Duluth Dog Dynasty USDAA agility trial. Bria was Championship Starters High in Trial. Thanks so much to Diane Craig for her great agility instruction. We couldn't have done it without you."— Julie Fogarty





New Title = CH Jordan Morgen Of Afton

A very popular attraction on the sidelines of the HSSC Specialty was Brook Thomas' darling puppy **Joules** (Chimera Julie Ocean).





# NATIONAL SPECIALTY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS / INFO

When: July 4th - 8th 2018 Show Superintendent MB-F Inc.

Where: Eastern States Exhibition (The Big E)

Address: 1305 Memorial Ave, West Springfield, MA 01089

Phone: (413) 737-2443

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn, Enfield CT

Address: 1 Bright Meadow Blvd, Enfield, CT 06082

Phone: (860) 741-2211

Show Chairman: Karen Hughes

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show your patriotism

Tuesday ~ July 3, 2018

**SSCA Board Meeting** 

Wednesday ~ July 4, 2018

**SSCA Supported Entry** – Judge TBD

Thursday ~ July 5, 2018

**Potomac Valley Standard Schnauzer Club** 

Supported Entry – Judge TBD

No Sweepstakes

**Educational Seminar** at the Host Hotel.

Speaker: Dan Buchwald DVM

**Topic: Movement** 

Friday ~ July 6, 2018

Knickerbocker Standard Schnauzer Club Supported Entry – Judge Robert Slay Sweepstakes – Judge Sunny Lambert BBQ and General Meeting at the Host Hotel

Saturday ~ July 7, 2018

SSCA National Specialty – Judge Bill Shelton Sweepstakes – Judge Liz Hansen Awards Banquet & Auction at the Host Hotel

Sunday ~ July 8, 2018

All Breed Show - Judge TBD



# B-Day Celebrations!!



"Happy 8th Birthday **Jade**!!! I tried to get a good ears forward picture of you. Didn't work very well!! You're such a wonderful dog and I love you so much!!! You're a beautiful girl, inside and out!!!"—Shantel Julius

# 2017 S.S. Specialty at SCYKC Show

The official show photographer was Lennah Snell, *Photos By Lennah*. Reprints and enlargements of formal posed photos of category winners are only available by contacting Lennah directly at <a href="mailto:photosbylennah@gmail.com">photosbylennah@gmail.com</a>. Visit their site on the web at <a href="mailto:www.photosbylennah.com">www.photosbylennah.com</a>. Thank you.

































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### **'Bone' Appetit**

### "BAKED SWEET POTATO FRIES"

#### Ingredients:

- 1 Sweet Potato
- 1 tbsp Coconut Oil (melted)
- Spices Turmeric, Cinnamon

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F
- 2. Wash and peel the sweet potato
- 3. Cut the sweet potato into evenly sized long skinny (fry shaped) pieces
- 4. Coat with oil and spices Mix in a large bowl or Ziploc bag
- 5. Place fries on baking sheet in one layer
- 6. Bake for 15 minutes
- 7. Flip over fries for even baking
- 8. Bake for another 10-15 minutes
- 9. Let cool before giving to your dog!

Please submit contributions for publication in the Heartbeat by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.