



# Schnauzer Tales

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## Welcome to the club!

We have two more associate members!

Judy Fletcher lives in Fort Collins and is excited about supporting the club, especially the events where she gets to bring her three minis. Carol Kalkman is from Montrose and is showing her minis in conformation.

Being an associate member is a great way to support the breed and to help sponsor events for you and your Schnauzer through out the year. Won't you join us? E-mail Linda Knilians at [Lknilians@clientfirst.net](mailto:Lknilians@clientfirst.net) for your application.

## Don't miss out on the upcoming events or meetings. *Everyone is welcome!*

### Club Events and Meetings:

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Meeting starts a 2:00 pm. Voting on Article II of the purposed revised bylaws. An interactive presentation and open discussion about Dog Foods. How much protein do Schnauzers really need? How to read the label and what really is in that food. Coupons and samples from a variety of companies. **Koelbel Library** 5955 South Holly (South Metro Denver)

**October 28<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting starts a 2:00 pm. Our Annual meeting, voting in of officers and board members. **Koelbel Library** 5955 South Holly (South Metro Denver)

**November 18<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting starts a 1:00 pm. **Bring your dog! Jefferson County Fairgrounds** The building is heated but it can be cool in there so make sure and bring a jacket.

**December 15<sup>th</sup> Members and their guests only Holiday Party!** Time and place to be determined.

**(Dogs are not allowed in the Library!)**

### Board Meetings:

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 1:00 pm Koelbel Library

**October 28<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm Koelbel Library

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 at JeffCo Fairgrounds

## We still have room!

We have room for one more person to attend the Schnauzer Seminar given by Mary Paisley October 13<sup>th</sup> ant 14<sup>th</sup> at Douglas County Fairgrounds. If you are interested e-mail [Lknilians@clientfirst.net](mailto:Lknilians@clientfirst.net) for more information and to reserve you spot!

**Last month** I told you about our international subscriber Mario Hildago from Ecuador. We have been communicating for over a month now and I thought you might find it interesting to hear what showing dogs in his country is like.

## **Showing Dogs in Ecuador by Mario Hildago**

Ecuador is a beautiful country in the North-Center of South America. It has 4 different regions, each with different weather, for example: The Coast is a hot weather climate located on the Pacific Ocean with beautiful beaches. The tropical region has humid weather, tropical forest, some exotic animals and wonderful water cascades. The cold region is in the mountains, with active volcanoes and beautiful landscapes. The finally region is the beautiful Galapagos Islands. This makes my country a fun place for all needs.

Like the USA, Ecuador has an Association who is the referent of the breed and show pure bred dogs. This association is AERCAN who is accepted by AKC and FCI filial of Belgium, for this reason the schnauzer mini is considered a breed inside of group two and not part of the terrier group, having to compete against dogs like Saint Bernard, Great Danes, Boxer, Rottweiler, Mastin Napolitano, Sharpei, Bulldog, Miniature Pinscher and of course Giant, Standard and Miniature Schnauzers. Our country has some strong breeds like Akita, Beagle, Rottwieller and German Shepherds who have gotten their championships in the USA and are World Winners.



Our Schnauzers ten years ago were at an acceptable level with imported dogs like Am, Ec, Mx Ch Adamis Aroused, or Am Ch Summerwynd, but over the years this has decreased because the groomers and the good breeders were losing interest. Four years ago the breed started with a new force importing dogs from Colombia, Chile, Argentina, USA, and Mexico and the minis now have a higher number of quality breeders in the country, which is improving the number of exhibitors. The competition is requiring that the level of grooming and showmanship improve. This is upping level of competition and making it more interesting.

The numbers of dogs in competitions is usually around fifteen or seventeen in three varieties like salt and pepper (around 12 dogs for exhibition), black and silver blacks, this last variety has few breeders and few sell, because there are few dogs in the country, the people don't know enough about the black dogs and the quality is not the same like salt and pepper. We can't breed with different varieties, is a few number of minis in show in consideration from the 200 dogs who was breeder per year.

We have 10 all breed dogs shows a year, with approximately 200 dogs per show. There are specialty shows for breeds like German Shepherds, Rottweillers, Retrievers and Napolitan Mastin, but the schnauzers do not have a club.

A championship in Ecuador is not easy we don't have mayor points; we need 20 points to finish a dog. In every exposition we have the possibility to get 5 points winning the respective category, and even more difficult is get a Best of Breed or a Best of Opposite Sex to get the championship and the almost of dogs in shows is constant and many Champions block other dogs. In my country you could obtain the Ecuadorian Champion, Juvenile Champion and Grand Ecuadorian Champion, in national shows, but you can get points for the International Championship around the world at international shows who give points CACIB, and Latino American Championship, in shows with CACLAB points.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup>  
article in a  
series  
about dog  
food.**

**by Linda  
Knilians**

We try to keep our dogs at a high competitive level by importing dogs with successful bloodlines from different countries. but prices for these dogs is very high in comparison. The problem is, puppies in Ecuador are really cheap, they don't demand the price for the quality, and this is because of the economy and the puppies without pedigrees who hurt the sale of puppies with pedigrees.

For this reason breeding and showing pure bred dogs is a beautiful but very expensive hobby.



**Anyone recognize this butt?** If you were at the Picnic in July this was one of the winning pictures of our photo contest. Can you guess what dog it is and who the owner is?

**Part 2: Everything I know about dog food** (and a few things I wish I didn't).

The packaging is very pretty, there are pictures of vegetables, fresh chicken and fruit and it even says 100% complete and balanced. Sounds good, but what is really in the dog food. The best way to start is by looking at the label. Below is the information on one of the top selling "complete and balanced" dog foods sold in the U.S. I'll start with the "**Guaranteed Analysis**".

Crude Protein (Min)	21.0%
Crude Fat (Min)	10.0%
Crude Fiber (Max)	4.5%
Moisture (Max)	12.0%
Linoleic Acid (Min)	1.5%
Calcium (Ca) (Min)	1.0%
Phosphorus (P) (Min)	0.8%
Vitamin A (Min)	10,000 IU/kg

Twenty-one percent protein doesn't sound too bad. The question is; what is the source of the protein and can that protein be easily digested? When you hear the word protein most people think of meat. The reality of this particular dog food is that a large part of the protein comes from grain products (corn and soy). The other catch is they don't have to tell you the percentage of digestible protein. (Feathers, hoofs and my old leather tennis shoes have protein in them but they aren't very digestible.) Corn and soy have protein but dogs weren't designed to graze in fields like cows, they were designed to be hunters. Proteins from non-meat sources lack the amino acids that dogs need. It just seems to me to be common sense that plant protein would be difficult for dogs to digest. Let's check out the ingredients.

**Ingredients:** Ground yellow corn, poultry by-product meal, animal fat preserved with mixed-tocopherols (form of Vitamin E), corn gluten meal, brewers rice, soybean meal, animal digest, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate, salt, potassium

chloride, L-Lysine monohydrochloride, choline chloride, zinc sulfate, Vitamin E supplement, zinc proteinate, ferrous sulfate, added color (Red 40, Yellow 5, Blue 2, Yellow 6), manganese sulfate, manganese proteinate, niacin, Vitamin A supplement, copper sulfate, calcium pantothenate, copper proteinate, garlic oil, pyridoxine hydrochloride, Vitamin B-12 supplement, thiamine mononitrate, Vitamin D-3 supplement, riboflavin supplement, calcium iodate, menadione sodium bisulfite complex (source of Vitamin K activity), folic acid, biotin, sodium selenite.

Ingredients are listed in order of wet weight. Usually the first 5 ingredients make up the bulk of the food. In this food 3 of the first 5 are grain. The only thing you can tell by this list is that there is more corn in it by weight than any other individual item. What you can't tell are the percentages. Is it 35% corn and the remainder of weight is made up of the rest of the stuff or is it 75% corn?

The first ingredient, ground corn, is the only ingredient in this food that isn't a waste by-product of some process for creating people food. Corn is relatively inexpensive, is a good binding material like flour which allows the kibble to stay in nice little shapes and it contains a fairly high protein content. (A food created with nothing but corn and corn gluten could have a crude protein as high as 20%. Not a bad level but not very digestible by an animal not designed to be a vegetarian.)

Does that mean that corn is bad? Should you avoid any food with corn in it? No, but as the primary ingredient, (corn meal and corn gluten in the first 5), this food seems to me to be more appropriate to feed to chickens than to dogs. This brings us to our second ingredient, poultry by-product meal.

**Poultry By-Product Meal:** consists of the ground, rendered, clean parts of the carcass of slaughtered poultry, such as necks, feet, undeveloped eggs, intestines and bones, exclusive of feathers. According to the FDA; Meal, whether it is chicken, beef or lamb is actually higher in protein than say a whole chicken, because there is very little water content in meal versus fresh meat and is an excellent source of highly digestible animal protein for dogs. Even though this doesn't sound very appetizing it is a better source of protein than say whole chicken. Remember ingredients are listed by wet weight, that means that if I put in a pound of whole chicken and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a pound of wheat, once I bake the moisture out of it there will be a whole lot more wheat than chicken in this food.

As for the rest of the ingredients in this dog food: Corn gluten, the byproduct of making starch. Brewers rice, the shell that is left after removing the kernel of rice used in making malt for beer. Soybean meal, the by-product of making soybean oil. Animal digest, according to the FDA is used as a flavoring agent and is made by chemically or enzymatically treating animal tissue. (Chicken flavor, beef flavor, ect.) The majority of the remaining ingredients are supplements and preservatives.

You can buy this dog food for \$13.99 for a 25lb bag. That's \$.56 a pound. Which means it probably cost them \$.23 a pound or less to manufacture. Taking that one step back the raw ingredients more than likely cost them less than \$.12 a pound. When was the last time you found anything in the grocery store for 12 cents a pound or even 56 cents a pound? (Besides this dog food.)

Could your dog survive on this food? Yes. The true question is: Could your dog thrive on such a diet?

So what do you look for in a dog food label? The answer is the first 5-6 ingredients. So here is a quiz which label is probably the better dog food?

Label 1: Chicken, Corn Meal, Ground Whole Grain Sorghum, Chicken Fat

(Preserved with mixed Tocopherols, a source of Vitamin E), Natural Chicken Flavor, Dried Beet Pulp, Fish Meal, Potassium Chloride, Dried Egg Product, Brewers Dried Yeast, Salt, Flax Meal, Calcium Carbonate,

Label 2: Corn Meal, Chicken Meal, Chicken Fat (Preserved with Mixed Tocopherols [a source of Vitamin E] and Citric Acid), Dried Beet Pulp, Lamb Meal, Menhaden Fish Meal, Chicken Liver Meal, Egg Product, Dried Cheese, Rice, Dried Kelp Meal, Flax Seed Meal, Cod Liver Oil, Yeast Culture, Linoleic Acid, Lecithin, Salt, Monocalcium Phosphate, Potassium Amino

In my opinion Label 2 would be the better choice, even though the first ingredient is corn this food has two animal source proteins listed in the first 5. The food in Label 1 sounds good, after all chicken is the first ingredient, but remember, chicken is more than 60% water. So the truth of label 1 is that it has more grain by percentage of dry weight than animal protein.

### **Next month: The protein controversy**

For more information on dog food labeling visit the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine website. <http://www.fda.gov/cvm/petfoods.htm>

## **Free Dog Food Coupons**

If you would like to try something new check these out.

<http://www.naturesvariety.com/tryit/index2.lasso>

<http://www.nutroproducts.com/yourfamily/>

## **Stained Beards**

Stained Beards just happen, if it bothers you there are some things you can do.

- Look at the food your dog is eating. Is there red food dye in the ingredients? This causes staining. Check treats also. If the store bought treats you are feeding are pretty colors you can bet there is dye in them.
- The quality of your tap water could be the problem. Water exceptionally high in minerals can cause staining. You might want to switch to filtered water.
- If your dog's beard is stained, try using Hydrogen Peroxide. (Humane grade used for treating wounds not the peroxide used for bleaching hair.) Dip a cotton ball in the peroxide and wipe the beard daily. At first the stain may turn pink but eventually it should almost whiten until it can be replaced with new growth.

## **Looking for a New Best Friend?**

The All Breed Rescue Network currently has several minis pictured on their web site. <http://www.allbreedrescuenetwork.com/Available-Dogs.php> Contact CSMSC member Susan Lummanick by phone 303.948.2526 or e-mail [Sblummanick@aol.com](mailto:Sblummanick@aol.com) for more information on their special dogs.

*Did you know?*



## Buddy Recipes

What is your favorite recipe?

Submit it to Jude at [KlynMSch@aol.com](mailto:KlynMSch@aol.com)

### Puppy Squares

- 2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup powdered dry milk
- 1 tsp. brown sugar or honey
- 6 tbs. meat or bacon drippings, cold right from refrigerator, not melted or soft!
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/2 cup cold water

Preheat oven to 350F. Lightly oil a cookie sheet. Combine flour, dry milk, and sugar. Cut in meat drippings until mixture resembles corn meal. Mix in egg. Add enough water so that mixture forms a ball. Using your fingers, pat out dough onto cookie sheet to 1/2" thick. Cut dough into squares appropriate for your dog size. Prick each cookie with fork. Bake 25-30 minutes. Remove from tray and cool on rack. Store in airtight container.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

LeAnn Tousey Sept. 24  
Kathleen Knight Sept. 24  
Marlene Phillips Sept. 29

### Laugh of the Month: by Jude Wrynski

Q: What type of poker do vampires prefer to play?

A: High stakes!

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