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Don't miss out on our upcoming events or meetings.

Everyone is welcome!

Club Events, Meetings and Programs:

August 24th: Introduction to Flyball Jefferson County Fairgrounds Barn #2 at 1:00 pm sharp, PLEASE BE ON TIME or you will miss the demonstration being giving by RUFF in barn #1. Please see **additional info** and directions on page 8.

September 21st: Discussion on: Venue change for specialty show and B matches for Rally. **Koelbel Library** 5955 South Holly (South Metro Denver) Meeting starts a 2:00 pm.

October 26th: Annual Meeting Voting on officers, board members, budget and bylaws and venue change. Appointing committee chairs for 2009. We encourage all voting member to come and cast their vote. **Koelbel Library** 5955 South Holly (South Metro Denver) Meeting starts a 2:00 pm.

Local Dog Shows/Events

Greeley CO, Saturday, August 16, 2008

[Greeley Kennel Club, Inc. \(2\) \(O\) \(R\)](#)

Greeley CO, Sunday, August 17, 2008

[Cheyenne Kennel Club \(1\)](#)

Cheyenne WY, Saturday, August 30, 2008

[Cheyenne Kennel Club \(2\)](#)

Cheyenne WY, Sunday, August 31, 2008

[Rocky Mountain All Terrier Club](#)

Greeley CO, Friday, September 5, 2008

[Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club \(1\) \(O\) \(R\)](#)

Greeley CO, Saturday, September 6, 2008

[Evergreen Colorado Kennel Club \(2\) \(O\) \(R\)](#)

Greeley CO, Sunday, September 7, 2008

Flyball- The World's Fastest Growing Sport for Canines! By Ruff Flyball club

Have you ever looked at your dog and thought of an athlete? Or wondered how to finally wear them out? Some people have dogs that are so energetic that they are difficult to manage if they do not get regular exercise and play. Flyball can take care of their excess energy and enhance your relationship with your dog.

For those that do not know about the sport, Flyball is a fast-paced, competitive, canine team sport. Relay teams of four dogs each race the clock to

Flyball!

finish first. Each dog runs down a fifty-one foot lane, leaping four hurdles, and then hits a spring-loaded box at the end of the lane that releases a tennis ball. The dog grabs the ball, turns, and races back to the finish line. The moment the one dog returns, the next starts its run, until they have all completed the course. The fastest, error free, team wins the race. Just as any human relay race, the dogs are timed as a team. The fastest current record is 15.22 seconds.



Flyball is not only for speedy dogs; any type of dog is encouraged to run. Most Flyball teams include several different types of dogs. Pure breeds and mixed breeds are equally welcome. Size is also not an issue. In fact, it is an advantage to have a small dog on your team. The shortest dog on the team is known as the "height dog." The teams' jump height is set on this particular dogs measured shoulder height. So the shorter, the dog the lower the jumps are.

This sport is played not only in the US and Canada but all over the world in countries like Australia, Japan, and Belgium. RUFF is the first official Flyball Club to be formed in Colorado. RUFF was created in September of 2000 and is now the premier Flyball club in the state. One of the clubs goals is to promote the sport and help new teams get up and running all across the region. RUFF was also formed as a charitable Colorado Non-profit corporation organized for the purposes of:

- Promoting responsible dog ownership through dog education, demonstration and organized events;
- Promoting and encouraging member involvement with animal rescue by conducting dog demonstrations at fundraising events;
- Supporting animal rescue via volunteer work and financial support.

RUFF provides Foundation, Beginner, and Intermediate Flyball educational programs. To participate in a program, RUFF has the following requirements:

- Your dog must be at least one year old to participate in the Beginner Class, in order to ensure that the growth plates are fully developed.
- Completion of a dog-training course is required, for example, obedience, confirmation, agility, or previous Flyball training.
- Your dog must be friendly towards other dogs and people. Aggressive behavior will not be tolerated for the safety of dogs and owners.
- Your dog must be up to date on all immunizations and be in healthy condition.

Not quite sure if you are ready for regular Flyball classes? Or is your dog not the requisite 1 year old yet? RUFF also offers a 4-week course that will use games to teach handlers core Flyball skills. This course will use games to teach:

- * Building tug drive
- * Focus
- * Developing ball possession
- * Basic retrieving skills
- * Foundation jumping work

* Simulating tournament conditions

This class is open to all skill levels and is designed so that you can cycle through the class more than once to continue developing these skills with your dog. It is great for owners of puppies who are not old enough to take a beginner course and for owners of an adult dog or rescued dog to make them focus on the handler, which is important for the beginner's class. Handlers that have already had their dogs through Flyball training may also benefit from these games to build their dog's drive. Puppies must have completed their shots (usually 16 weeks) and all dogs must have proof of vaccination.

For more information on the RUFF Flyball Club visit their web site at <http://www.coloradoflyball.com>

July Agility Meeting by Linda Knilans

Some times there are things that you say, "Oh my, why did I say I would do this?" When my alarm went off at 5 am on a Sunday morning this past month, that is exactly what I was saying. Eight o'clock in the morning isn't exactly my favorite time of day and since the meeting started at eight that meant I had to get up at five in order to do chores and make the 2 hour drive to Greeley to be there on time.



I pulled in to Liz Blasio's Progressive School for Dogs in Greeley with 10 minutes to spare. I grabbed Onya's favorite toy, put her on a lead and headed for the arena. Almost everyone else was already there talking schnauzer and looking at all the equipment. Liz started the program right on time by having club member Mo Donnelly do a demonstration with her dog Harley. Now Harley is somewhat notorious and isn't exactly known for being a very obedient dog, but I was amazed at how much he loved doing the jumps and tunnels and was willing to work with Mo!



Liz is an excellent instructor and in no time had our dogs doing the tunnel, jumps and even introduced us to the hardest part of the course, the weave poles. Onya and I had such a great time that the 2 1/2 hours flew by.

If ever you get a chance to take an agility class, especially with Liz, don't hesitate, even if it is at 8 am!

[http://: www.progressiveschoolfordogs.com](http://www.progressiveschoolfordogs.com)

Photos by Alan Mackey

New Champion



Specialty BOW under judge Marcia Feld)

New Champion!

CH ToMar's She's All That" (better know as Piper), finished her championship in style on June 21st by taking Best of Breed over four specials for her third major. She is by Am/Can CH Minuteman Hide The Cat – Am CH Sassy Yet Classy. Piper is currently in Canada with Connie Krohn working on obtaining a Canadian title. She is Lovingly owned by Bob & Carole Alex and Mary Paisley.

(shown taking her 2nd major with a

Breeder Referral

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If you are a member and have puppies or an older mini you are looking to forever home, or you are looking for a Mini to brighten your life, contact the clubs breeder referral persons, Carole Alex at passport-ms@qwest.net or Judi Hughes at klynmsh@aol.com.

Looking for Love

Wolfgang and Schotzie have lost their home. Their Father passed away and their Mom lost their home, so they had to go to rescue.

Wolfgang, the darker of the two, likes to snuggle and go to the dog park. At the park, he tries to catch the prairie dogs, but they are too fast for him. At home, he chases the squirrels with the same result!



Schotzie, the lighter gray of the two is the lover. He gives lots of doggie kisses and loves to be massaged. He likes to lay in your lap or beside you while you watch TV or read.

Wolfgang and Schotzie are neutered, they are up to date on their shots (rabies, distemper, and kennel cough), they have been checked out by the vet, are heartworm negative and micro chipped.

If you would like more information, contact Susan for an adoption application. Phone number; 720-320-2413, E-mail sblummanick@aol.com .

Rescues Available for Adoption

A Vet Would Know That!

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by Celeste Abell

The idea for "A Vet Would Know That" series started, as many notions do, at a dog show. A while back, club member Jerry Vaske discovered I'd gone back to school with the aspiration of becoming a veterinarian. Afterwards, every time a dog-related question came up he'd give me this good-natured but nonetheless quizzing look and comment, "A Vet Would Know That." (Jerry is a professor at CSU in Ft. Collins, so quizzing seems to come very naturally!) As best I could, I've answered the questions he and others have posed, but many times I've needed to respond "I'm not a vet yet, so I'll find out."

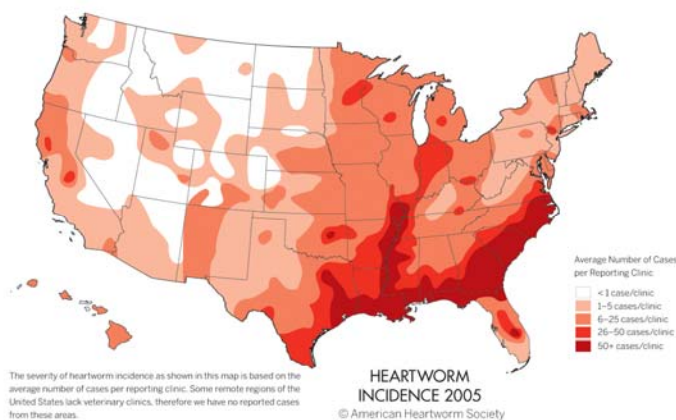
The topics I write about come from these questions and from shadowing the veterinarians at Evergreen Animal Hospital, which I have done every Saturday for some time now, and from helping another CSMSC member, Dr. Rod Hartshorn, up at Avenues Animal Clinic in Cheyenne last year. Other articles stem from lectures given by my professors at Metro State in Denver. Still other topics have their origin in personal visits to specialized vets, such as optometrists or dermatologists. In any case, I hope you find the information interesting and informative, and as always, I encourage you to discuss these ideas with your own veterinarian before changing or adding anything to your current routine. Also, if you have topics you would like me to look into, please email me at schnauzers@clientfirst.net. Hope to hear from you soon! - Celeste

Dealing with Perpetually Pesky Pests

By Celeste Abell

July and August are peak months for heartworm transmission in North America according to the American Heartworm Society. So when my Miniature Schnauzers started coming in after dinner with a dozen large welts from mosquito bites, I asked the vets at Evergreen Animal Hospital for some advice. They suggested a newer product called Vectra 3D from Summit VetPharm. This once-a-month topical treatment has been shown to ward-off mosquitoes, ticks and fleas before they have a chance to bite and spread disease. It can be used as an add-on or alternative to heartworm prevention depending on where you live and how many cases of heartworm have been reported in your area.

If you and your dog live in (or travel to) areas where ticks, fleas and mosquitoes flourish and are likely to spread viruses, bacteria or parasite (see heartworm incidence map below), Vectra 3D can add a layer of protection to your disease prevention regimen.



According to the Colorado State University Extension service, and disease in our region, well r. Even so, few of us treat for ticks. Most of us use a monthly product like Interceptor that kills heartworms, roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms, and call it

Ticks, Fleas and Mosquitoes

good.

Where I live in the foothills, most vets haven't seen a single case of heartworm this year, but instead have seen multiple dogs with ticks and tick-borne illnesses.

Here, if you don't travel with your dog, you can give a heartworm tablet once every six months starting in May, or skip it altogether. My vet suggests permethrin-based Vectra 3D June thru September to keep ticks and mosquitoes from biting in the first place, and supplementing with a de-wormer like Virbantel every six months to eliminate hookworms, tapeworms and roundworms. Whipworms aren't common in Colorado, but if you think your dog has been exposed, a two-day course of fenbendazole can rid your companion of that pesky pest.

Without question, this treatment protocol differs from what most of us have been advised for years, namely, treat for heartworm year round because it's easy to fend off but potentially deadly if contracted. At first I paused at the thought of not using a heartworm medication, but then considered the facts and decided to treat my dogs with Vectra 3D in the summer, Virbantel twice a year, and a single Interceptor tablet in May. It's about the same cost as my old year round routine but treats just what my dogs run into. (The only exception is my girl Annie who I'm taking to dog shows in heavy Heartworm territory; she's getting heartworm meds and Vectra 3D in any month we travel.)

Two weeks post-treatment, all my dogs are doing fine and haven't had a single mosquito bite that I can find. I also haven't seen any localized skin reactions or other problems occasionally reported with Hartz, K9 Advantix or Frontline. According to the manufacturer, it can safely be used on puppies older than 7 weeks old, but is not recommended for pregnant and nursing animals, or animals (or breeds like Afghans) that have a known sensitivity to pesticides. As always, talk to your vet about plans to breed your dog, and about every medication and supplement you give, before opting to use an insect repellent.

Should you ever feel that your dog is having an adverse reaction to a topical treatment, bathe the dog immediately using a mild soap like Dawn dish soap or Fair Advantage dog soap. Do not use a flea & tick shampoo since that contains the very same pesticides you are trying to wash off the skin. Signs of a possible reaction include localized itching, redness or swelling at the application sight. Much less common reactions that have been reported anecdotally with older meds are: vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, lethargy or increased excitability, loss of coordination, drooling, labored breathing, fever, disorientation, seizures or generalized joint stiffness. If you see any of these symptoms, seek your veterinarian's advice immediately. Your vet will probably suggest a blood test that will help determine the cause and course of treatment needed.

Kelly was a Champion.

Not just in conformation but in the hearts of everyone she touched.

Besides being the constant companion of Jude Wrynski, she was also a therapy



dog who seemed to like nothing better than to sit and listen to kids read to her. Her non-judgmental way of listening to children who struggled with reading help build their confidence.

Kelly past away the 23rd of July. She will be missed by her housemates J. Wrynski and J. Hughes.



Buddy Recipes

What is your favorite recipe?

Poofy Doggy Drops

- 1 pkg. dry yeast
- 1/4 cup warm water(110-115F.)
- 1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 cup flour
- 1 pkg. unflavored gelatin
- 1 cup dry milk powder
- 1/4 cup corn oil
- 1 egg
- 6 oz pet food,canned
- 1/4 cup water

Dissolve yeast in 1/4 cup warm water. Mix all dry ingredients together. Add the rest of the ingredients . (Dough will be very stiff. Drop dough by level half-teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 300F. oven 25 minutes. Leave in oven to dry and cool. Store in airtight container.

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

August 8 Bob Riley

Laugh of the Month: by Jude Wrynski

Mary decided to consult a diet doctor. "What is the most you have ever weighed?" he asked her.

" One hundred fifty-one pounds." " And the least?" " Six pounds and four ounces."

Club Board of Directors

President Judy Hughes

Vice President Linda Knilians

Secretary Carole Luzovich

Treasury Laura Hartshorn

Board Members Celeste Abell, Carol Alex and Bob Riley

If you have any ideas or would like to write an article for this newsletter, please send it to LKnilians@clientfirst.net 10 days prior to the 1st for consideration. We would love to hear how you have fun with your Schnauzer.

If you would like to be removed from this e-mail list or you know someone who would like to be added to this list, contact the Editor at LKnilians@clientfirst.net.

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Directions to Augusts Event : Intro to Flyball

Meet at barn #2 at 1:00 sharp (please crate your dogs in barn #2 instead of bringing them to the demo) The flyball dogs will get distracted if we bring 20 schnauzers with us! We will walk over together to the Demo in the pole barn.

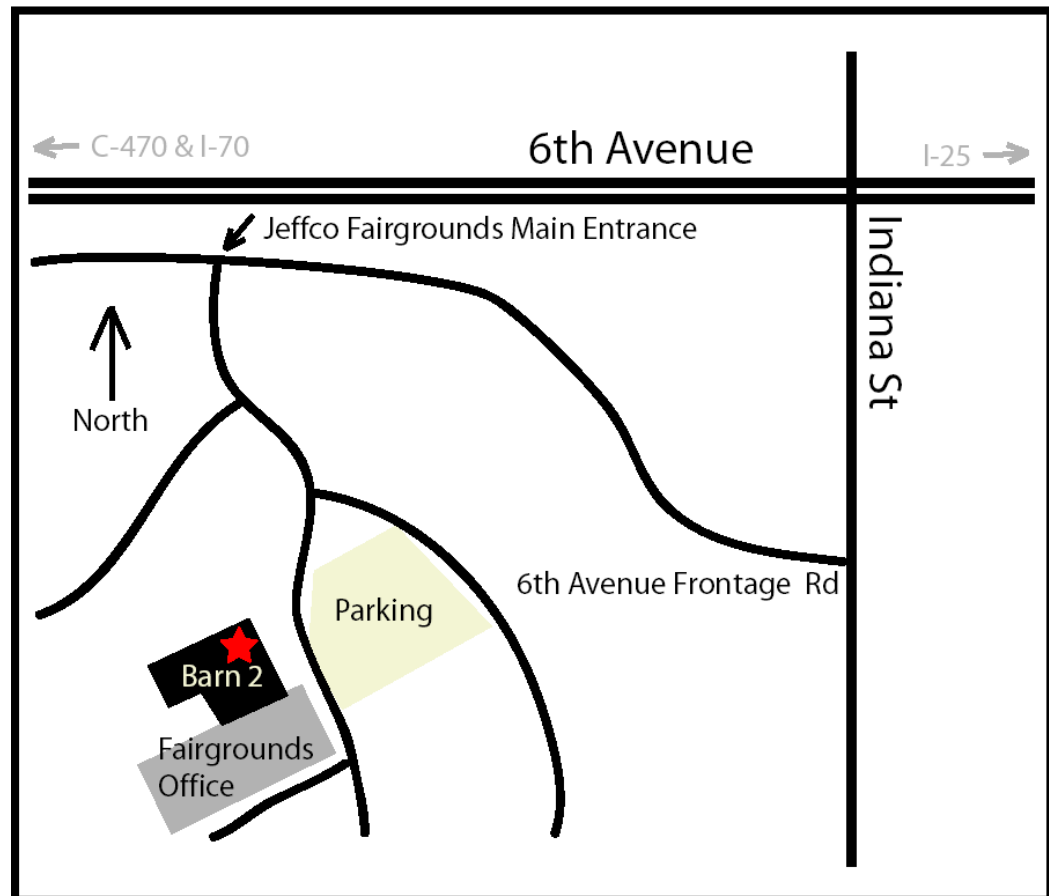
Barn #1 (just west of barn #2)

Intro Class in **Barn #2** immediately following the demo. (Right next to the office at JeffCo Fairgrounds.)

Your mini will love being around other Miniature Schnauzers and what a great opportunity to *socialize your pup in a safe environment*.

For an aerial map of the fairgrounds follow this link:

http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/jeffco/fair_uploads/fairgrounds_aerial.pdf



DIRECTIONS

From C-470: Follow C-470 West to I-70 EAST. Stay in right hand lane and take first exit which is 6th Ave East. Stay in the right hand lane as it becomes the exit ramp to Indiana Street. Take the Indiana Street exit, turn right onto Indiana Street. Go to the first stoplight, turn right, (West), onto the 6th Ave Frontage Road. This will take you to the Fairgrounds Entrance on the left.

From I-25 or Downtown Denver: Take 6th Avenue West to Indiana Street. Turn left on Indiana, you will drive under 6th Avenue and at 2nd stoplight turn right, this is 6th Ave Frontage Road. This will take you to the Fairgrounds Entrance on the left.

Membership Application to Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club

Instructions: Please complete the following sections:

- 1) Complete the **Personal Information** section.
- 2) Indicate the **Membership** type you are applying for.
- 3) Have your two club **sponsors** sign on the designated lines.
- 4) Complete the **General Information** section.
- 5) Read and sign the **Code Of Ethics**.
- 6) Make your **check payable to CSMSC** and return with your application to: CSMSC Membership Chair
Linda Knilans 10506 Snowy Trail Conifer, CO 80433 or better yet bring it to a meeting.

1. Personal Information [Please print]

First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name: _____

Kennel Name (if a breeder): _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (Please **check** the membership category you wish to apply for.)

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP \$20

Regular membership shall be open to all persons 18 years of age or older. A Regular member shall have full privileges of the club, shall have the right to vote, shall be eligible to chair and serve on committees and on the Board of Directors.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP \$10

Junior membership shall be open to all persons under the age of 18. A Junior member shall have all privileges of the Club but shall not have the right to vote and shall not serve as either a committee chairperson or on the Board of Directors.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP \$20

Associate membership is open to any individual who wishes to support the Club and the Miniature Schnauzer breed. An Associate member shall have all privileges of the Club but shall not serve on the Board of Directors or on any committee and shall not have a vote.

General Information (Please **circle** yes or no)

- Are you an active Breeder (litter within the last 3 years)? Yes No
- Are you an Exhibitor (entry within the last 2 years in any AKC event)? Yes No
- Are you an AKC-licensed Judge? Yes No
- Do you now or have you ever owned a Miniature Schnauzer? Yes No

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Sponsor: _____

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