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

Everyone is welcome!

Club Events, Meetings and Programs:

December 14th: Christmas Party Pot Luck 2:00 pm for members and guests at Leanne Tousey's home. Please contact Nora Plomondon at artpro628@comcast.net to let her know what you are going to bring. Turkey and Ham are being provided. Bring a gift (under \$15) if you wish to participate in the annual gift exchange.

January 18th: Canine Anatomy a visual presentation by Celeste Abell **Koelbel Library** 5955 South Holly (South Metro Denver) Meeting starts a **2:00 pm**. No dogs at the Library.

Board Meeting January 18th at **11:00** place to be determined

February 22nd: **Koelbel Library** 5955 South Holly (South Metro Denver) Meeting starts a **2:00 pm**.

March 15th: **Koelbel Library** 5955 South Holly (South Metro Denver) Meeting starts a **2:00 pm**.

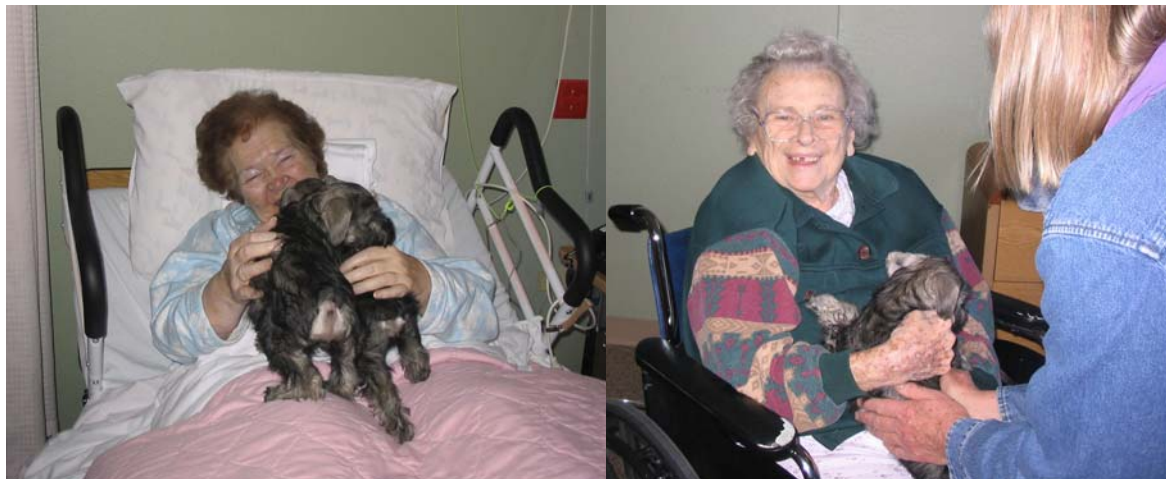
April 19th: **12:00 "Companion Grooming" and Used Equipment Sale** at **Jefferson County Fairgrounds** A hands on approach to learning how to groom your best friend and what tools you need to do it right. Bring your **bathed** dog and watch, do and learn! You might even find some bargain priced grooming tools. \$10 for the class.

May 29th: Our annual Conformation **Specialty Show** at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont. Special event; the **Companion Parade:** show off your best buddy and win the ribbons he deserves. For information on how to enter your best buddy contact Jude Wrynski at JWrynski@aol.com.

Local Dog Shows/Events

February 13-16th: All breed show at the National Western Complex. Agility, Conformation, Obedience and Rally.

*Therapy for
the Soul*



Smiling for Schnauzers

The day after Thanksgiving a few CSMSC members, Celeste Abell, Carole and Bob Alex, Linda Knilans and Judi Wrynski, gathered up six puppies and made a trip to the Evergreen Live Care Center.

What an amazing feeling, to watch as peoples faces lit up when they held the pups.

Schnauzers make great therapy dogs. For more information on how to get involved with this rewarding activity contact Jude at JWrynski@aol.com

The Puppy Mill by Linda Knilans

The website was slick, with cute pictures of puppies in all kinds of staged settings: The puppies in the wagon, in the basket, lined up with little new stuffed toys and in the lap of a young child. A blurb about their 6 month health guarantee, a statement that every puppy is handled daily, are feed a premium quality puppy food and come with a puppy pack which includes a bag of Eukanuba puppy chow and a toy. They accepted money orders and pay pal and would ship anywhere in the country.

There was also a statement that said visitors were welcome and could see the kennel by appointment.

My friend Janean was looking for a Cairn Terrier. She had visited a couple of the local show dog breeders but had been wiggged out about the \$1000 price tag that she had been quoted. "I just want a pet and these people only want \$650 for their pups. You want to come with me and look?"

It was almost a 3 1/2 hour drive from Denver, about 18 miles from the Nebraska border in the middle of irrigated farm land. The address we were given was a two story redone farm house with a fenced in yard, manicured lawn and beds of brightly colored flowers. About 300 yards from the house was a mobile home

*The Puppy
Mill*

with an 8 foot wooden fence that extended 40 feet from the side and back about 150 feet. The fence obscured the view of what was behind the structure from the road. Much like a junk yard fence, you could see there were things piled almost to the top but you couldn't quite tell what. A sign on a post read inspected by USDA. A young man was mowing the front yard and a very pregnant bulldog came to meet us as we pulled in front of the mobile home.

The first thing I noticed as we got out of the car was the smell. It was hot and the reek of dog waste attacked your nostrils. There was no visible sign of a giant compost pile of dog manure, but my nose suggested it existed just out of view. We walked up the front steps and knocked on the door. A high school aged girl greeted us with a smile and invited us in. The trailer had been turned into an office. The carpet was worn and I got the distinct impression they didn't get many visitors. Their computer and a mini "stage" with a colorful cloth back ground were set up immediately to the right. The props for taking cute puppy pictures were scattered about, a little straw hat, a basket, new stuffed toys and fresh cut flowers in a vase. This was their marketing department. In front of us were several filing cabinets and a calendar with numbers written in by the dates: 62 on the 10th, 81 on the 13th and a variety of other numbers on different dates.

Another woman probably in her 40s came out and introduced herself. She was very friendly and chatty. Janean told the two women that we had called and had come to see the Cairn terrier puppies. The girl disappeared out the back door. I asked the older woman if she was the owner. She explained the owner and her husband both worked in town. She worked there Monday through Friday. The girl was still in high school and worked for them full time during the summer months and after school and on weekends during the school year.

The girl came in carrying three little puppies in a plastic tub. All puppies are cute and these guys were no exception. As Janean picked up each puppy in turn and examined and played with them, I continued my informal interview. This was the girl's favorite time of year to work there because of all the puppies. This was her second summer and would graduate from high school next year. She wanted to be a vet tech after she graduated. They had four litters of Cairn terriers, three of Schnauzers, two of Dobermans, varying number of Golden Retrievers, Rottweilers, Bull Dogs, Poodles, Fox Terriers and a variety of "designer" breeds, Labordoodles, Schnoodles and Puggles. The list went on. Right now was pretty busy with all the births and it was like Christmas every morning seeing what new puppies had arrived over night. No one was really there in the evenings. They didn't sell a lot on line, maybe two or three pups a month. She would drive it to the Denver airport to ship it. Most of their puppies went to pet stores in Boulder and Westminster. Pet City was the name she used, there might be another one in Colorado Springs but she wasn't sure. They had a vet that would come in if they needed but they did all the dewclaws, tails, ear cropping and shots on site.

I asked about the numbers on the calendar. They were the cage numbers and the dates of the upcoming litters. The filing cabinets had all the records of the dogs. Who was bred to what dog and what the registrations were. They needed those for the AKC inspector. They had some AKC dogs but most were APRI registered. If they got a new female in and it wasn't registered they would take pictures of her and send it in to APRI and they would get a registration back in a few weeks. As long as the dog looked like a breed it would get registered as that breed and you didn't need to know anything about the background of the dog. All of the stud dogs were on site. They only kept a puppy if the mom was getting older. When I asked what they did with their older dogs, she got quiet and changed the subject.

Even though the website said you could see the kennel by appointment, when we asked if we could go out back, we were told the owner didn't allow it. I could get a glimpse of the back as the girl went in and out of the back door. All I could see was stacked wire cages.

I asked about Miniature Schnauzer puppies and the girl again disappeared out the back. She brought back a litter of two white and two she called platinum. The colors themselves spoke volumes to a breeder of pure breed miniature schnauzer show dogs. Don't get me wrong, they were very cute, but years of breeding poor quality schnauzers and possibly even a different breed mixed in to get the colors showed in the structure, coat and temperament of these pups. As I turned the pups over on their backs every one of them struggled wildly to upright themselves, this litter may have been handled daily to clean the cage, but I highly doubted they were handled more than that.

Janean had seen all four litters of cairns that they had, then she asked something that threw them for a loop. "Can I see the mom of this litter?" The girl hesitated looked at the older woman for direction and again left out the back. She brought in a female dog and set it on the floor. Janean called the dog, clapped her hands and made kissing noises, but the dog ignored her and ran around the room sniffing and smelling the place. The girl said she had never been in here before, and chased her down to catch her. I guessed the dog hadn't had much lap time.

As we were leaving I asked to use the bathroom. The website stated they fed a premium puppy food and had lead me to believe they were feeding Eukanuba since that is what they were sending home with the pups they sold on line. I guess the term premium is subjective, in the bathroom were several 40 lbs bags of one of the cheapest puppy chow brands one can buy.

We were barely out of the driveway, when Janean called one of the show breeders she had visited and made arrangements to come by and give a deposit. Her statement was "they were cute, but there is no comparison and if anything goes wrong, these people aren't going to be there to help."

A Vet Would Know That

by Celeste Abell

First Aid Stocking Stuffers

If you are looking for a gift idea for the dog person who has everything, consider putting together a first aid kit as this year's holiday present. Surprisingly few of us have the basics assembled at home let alone as part of a mobile kit for when traveling to dog shows or visiting friends and family with our canine companions. The basic kit can be assembled with items readily available from local stores. The tablets and medications fit nicely into a small cloth cosmetic bag (which stays in my purse because the heat or cold fluctuations in a car can alter the chemical makeup of the drugs). The rest of the items which aren't affected by temperature go into a fishing tackle box or art supply organizer that can stay in the car all the time.

The temperature sensitive items

- Imodium (the basic green kind)
- Baby aspirin (buffered)
- Benadryl (25 mg tablets for stings)
- Kaopectate tablets maximum strength
- Metronidazole (an antibiotic that your vet can give you for traveling)

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Know That!*

- A small bottle of Hydrogen peroxide (to induce vomiting if needed)
- Several days worth of medications your dog is currently taking

The non-temperature sensitive components

- A bottle of saline (for cleansing wounds or eyes)
- A 3-6 ml syringe to administer the hydrogen peroxide
- Triple antibiotic ointment (for scrapes and cuts)
- Iodine Wipes
- Cotton balls and Q-tips
- White petroleum jelly (for keeping wounds moist)
- Styptic Pencil with case
- Instant Cold Pack
- Hydrocortisone acetate cream 1%
- Activated charcoal tablets
- 4"x4" Non-adhesive pads (to cover a wound)
- Non-stretch gauze (to hold a dressing in place)
- Adhesive tape (to hold the gauze in place)
- Rubbing alcohol (to rapidly cool a dog's body if they get overheated)
- Digital thermometer
- Two thin 12-inch wooden rulers (to act as splints)
- An utility knife (to cut the rulers to size)
- 3" ace self-adhering athletic bandage
- Scissors with a blunt tip
- Tweezers
- Hemostat
- Small magnifying glass
- Pen light
- Blanket
- Absorbent towels
- Several handkerchiefs/scarves (can act as a tourniquet or muzzle)
- Ziploc bags (sandwich and gallon)
- Non-Latex Gloves
- Clear plastic wrap (to cover a wound or create a pressure bandage)
- The dog's health record on paper, a copy of their rabies certificate and most recent vaccinations, plus your regular vet's telephone number and the phone number and address of 24-hour veterinary hospitals near where you'll be traveling.
- A compact canine first aid book such as *Emergency First Aid for Your Dog* by Dr. Tamara S. Shearer

Celeste Abell is not a veterinarian, but is working toward becoming one. If you have a question you want investigated, please email Celeste at avwkt@clientfirst.net. As a reminder, always check with your vet before adding or changing any aspect of care you give your Schnauzer.

**Breeder
Referral**

Breeder Referral

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@gwest.net or Judi Hughes at klynmsh@aol.com.

Looking for Love

Einstein, or "Steiner" for short, is an adorable 5 year old male Miniature Schnauzer who needs to find a new home. Steiner's family has had three babies in the last 2 years and his people just don't have the time to love and care for him. Steiner has a great personality and is very loving.



Steiner is neutered, he is up to date on his shots, vet checked, 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 .

Nylon Stocking Warning!

Dress socks, panty hose, vet wrap, stretchy material of any kind, Christmas tree decorations such as plastic tinsel or ribbons and bows can be a real danger to your best friend. Dogs put everything into their mouths. That's not the problem, the problem occurs when they swallow it.

The dogs system is unable to digest the foreign material and because of the stretchy nature it can't pass it through, instead it bunches up in the intestines blocking the system completely and killing the intestine. Some of the symptoms of accidental ingestion are not eating and not eliminating. If you suspect your dog has ingested something of this kind do not hesitate, take your pet to the vet immediately.

**Rescues
Available for
Adoption**

**Did You
Know**



Buddy Recipes

What is your favorite recipe?

Chicken Liver Cookies

- 2 cups Flour
- 3 tbs. Vegetable oil
- 1 cup wheat germ or cornmeal if wheat allergies are a problem
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 2 tsp. parsley
- 1 cup cooked chicken liver, chopped

Combine flour and wheat germ. In separate bowl, beat egg with oil, then add broth & parsley, mix well. Add the dry ingredients to bowl a little at a time, stirring well. Fold in chicken livers and mix well. Dough will be firm. Turn dough out on lightly floured surface and knead briefly. Roll out 1/2" thick and cut into shapes. Place on greased cookie sheet 1" apart. Bake at 400F for 15 minutes or until firm. Store in refrigerator.

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes! By Jude Wrynski

Janet Bartus: December 14

Laugh of the Month: by Jude Wrynski

Q: Where does a one-armed man shop?

A: At a second-hand store.

Club Board of Directors

President: Linda Knilans

Vice President: Carole Alex

Secretary: Carole Luzovich

Treasurer: Leanne Tousey

Board Members: Celeste Abell, Judi Huges and Judy Wrynski

If you have any ideas or would like to write an article for this newsletter, please send it to LKnilans@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 LKnilans@clientfirst.net.

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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. Persons applying for regular membership must attend two meetings prior to being considered for membership. 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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