



# Schnauzer Tales

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### **Contact Info:**

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

*Everyone is welcome!*

#### **Club Events, Meetings and Programs:**

**September 21<sup>st</sup>:** Discussion on: Venue change for specialty show, sponsoring B matches for Rally, final nominations for officers and board members and bylaw changes. **Koelbel Library** 5955 South Holly (South Metro Denver) Meeting starts a 2:00 pm.

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

#### **Local Dog Shows/Events**

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

#### **Nominations for Officers and Board**

Nominations for Officers and Board of Directors for 2008-2009 will be heard at the September meeting. The following individuals have expressed an interest in running for the following offices.

President: Linda Knilians, Vice President: Carole Alex, Secretary: Carol Luzovich, Treasurer: LeAnn Tousey, Board of Directors: Celeste Abel, Janet Bartus, Judi Hughes, Jerry Riedy, Bob Riley, Nora Plomondon and Judy Wrynski, AMSC Delegate: Linda Wahlquist-Soos

**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](mailto:passport-ms@gwest.net) or Judi Hughes at [klynmsh@aol.com](mailto:klynmsh@aol.com).

## Looking for Love



Bridget is a sweet little girl who came all the way from MO to find a loving new home. In her previous life she had litter after litter of puppies, but now she is looking for someone who will take care of her. Bridget loves attention and laps. She is getting this house training thing down pretty well, too. After all, at the puppy mill no one cared where she went potty.

Bridget is spayed, and recently had her teeth cleaned. She is up to date on her shots, rabies, distemper and kennel cough. Bridget has been checked out by a vet, is heartworm negative and has been micro chipped.

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

**Rescues  
Available for  
Adoption**

**Junior  
Handler**



## Junior Handler Makes Her Move!

At the Cheyenne show on August 30, Megan took 1st place in intermediate novice class and got the 3 wins she needed to move up to intermediate open.

She went into the ring with CH K-lyn's Suri One Time.

## A Vet Would Know That

by Celeste Abell

### Is Your Purse Toxic?

Lately, several compelling stories have circulated the web about the dangers of the artificial sweetener, Xylitol, an ingredient found in many sugar-free gums, candies, chocolates, mints, toothpastes, baked goods and artificial sweeteners. Here is one of those stories:

*Last Friday evening, I arrived home from work and fed Chloe our 24 lb. dachshund. Ten minutes later I walked into the den just in time to see her head inside my purse. She had a guilty look on her face so I looked closer and saw a small half-eaten package of Orbit sugar-free gum. I remembered reading that some sugar-free gums contain Xylitol, which can be deadly for dogs. I jumped online to see if that brand of gum contained Xylitol. It did.*

*I called our vet and was told to bring Chloe in immediately. It was rush hour and would take more than half an hour to get to their office. In the interim, our vet found another website with treatment options since, like many vets, she'd never had a dog with Xylitol poisoning before. When we arrived, she whisked Chloe away, made her vomit and gave her a charcoal drink to absorb any remaining toxin (even though they don't know with certainty that it helps). Next, they started her on an IV containing dextrose. Xylitol causes dogs to secrete excess insulin so their blood sugar drops very quickly. It is also toxic to the liver, and if enough is present in the blood, can cause liver failure. The vet said she would call us.*

*Almost two hours later, she phoned and said Chloe's stomach contained 2-3 gum wrappers and that her blood sugar had dropped from 90 to 59 in 30 minutes; 100 is normal. She wanted to move Chloe to another hospital that had an around-the-clock critical care unit. We picked her up and drove her to the next hospital. They had us call the ASPCA poison control center for a case number and for a donation. Their doctors advised Chloe's new doctor on treatment. They were told to continue the IV, monitor her blood glucose every other hour and test her liver function in two days. She ended up with a central line in her jugular vein since the one in her leg collapsed, just as my regular vet thought might happen.*

*Chloe spent the entire weekend in critical care. After her blood sugar had stabilized, she came home. They ran blood tests just before she was released and found no sign of liver damage. Had I not seen her head in my purse, she probably would have died, and we would never have ever known why. Several vets told me we were lucky I had heard about Xylitol since they hadn't encountered it before. Please tell everyone you know about the danger of Xylitol to dogs. It could save another life.*

While the exact origin of this story cannot be verified, the account is very plausible and has a happier ending than most. Both the [American Veterinary Medical Association \(AVMA\)](#) and the [ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center](#) have reported a marked rise in the number of fatal Xylitol poisonings since 2004 – largely due to an increasing number of products containing this artificial

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sweetener. According to ASPCA toxicologist, Dr. Eric Dunayer, dogs that ingest even minimal amounts of Xylitol are at risk of developing a sudden drop in blood sugar, often in as little as 30 minutes.<sup>1</sup> Larger amounts of Xylitol are toxic to the liver and can cause acute liver failure.<sup>2</sup> Symptoms of Xylitol poisoning are depression, loss of coordination and seizures, but given how rapidly Xylitol acts to drop a dog's blood sugar, it is imperative to get your dog to a veterinarian quickly. Why is blood sugar so important? Simply put, cells don't have enough energy to function when there isn't sufficient glucose. In extreme cases, called hypoglycemia, vital systems start shutting down.

To help your pet's chance of survival, you need to get the Xylitol out of their system quickly. In the story above, Chloe's owner could have induced vomiting before going to the vet's office. It is a simple thing to do with items already in your medicine cabinet or doggie first aid kit. For a 20 pound dog, draw up 3 ml of 3% hydrogen peroxide into a syringe (2.25 ml for a 15 lb. dog). Squirt it into the back of their throat and make sure they swallow. Within 10 minutes, you should be on the road to the vet and your dog should have brought up whatever he or she ate. As unlovely a visual as this is, show your vet what they regurgitated. It may help with treatment decisions. If you think your dog ingested the Xylitol more than 2 hours earlier, whatever they ate has moved past the stomach and into the intestines. Making them vomit sadly will not help.

The best approach to preventing accidental poisoning involves five steps: 1) make sure you have your vet's number handy so you can ask whether it's appropriate to induce vomiting – not all ingested substances should be brought back up; 2) keep your doggie first aid kit readily available and stocked with fresh 3% hydrogen peroxide – replace it twice a year since it easily loses its potency and never use the type of peroxide that comes with hair coloration kits; 3) using the syringe, practice drawing up the right amount of hydrogen peroxide for your dog's weight; 4) weigh your dog so you know how much hydrogen peroxide to give; and 5) routinely perform an ingredient sweep of potentially toxic items in your purse and other accessible areas of your home and car. Besides Xylitol, the AVMA suggests you keep the following items well out of canine reach: coffee, tea bags, caffeinated sodas, chocolate, alcohol, salt, garlic, onions, macadamia nuts, yeast and yeast dough, avocados, grapes, raisins, and over the counter/prescription meds.<sup>3</sup> Your dog and family will thank you for your diligence.

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=press\\_082106](http://www.aspc.org/site/PageServer?pagename=press_082106).

<sup>2</sup> Dunayer, E.K., Gwaltney-Brant, S.M. (2006) Acute hepatic failure and coagulopathy associated with Xylitol ingestion in eight dogs, *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association* (229)7:1113-1117.

<sup>3</sup> [www.avma.org/animal\\_health/brochures/hazards/household\\_brochure .pdf](http://www.avma.org/animal_health/brochures/hazards/household_brochure.pdf).

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](mailto:avwkt@clientfirst.net). As a reminder, always check with your vet before adding or changing any aspect of care you give your Schnauzer.



## Buddy Recipes

### What is your favorite recipe?

#### Lamb and Rice Dog Food

- 1 lb ground lamb (beef or chicken if you prefer)
- 1/2 cup uncooked brown rice
- 1/2 lb frozen green beans
- 2 medium potatoes cubed
- 3 medium carrots diced
- 1 sheet kombi crumbled, (Sea Kelp, optional)

Cook brown rice per package instructions. Brown lamb in a fry pan. Boil 4-5 cups of water in a large pot or put all into a crock pot. Once boiling, throw everything except cooked rice into the pot. Cook until potatoes are soft. Throw in rice and mix well. Store in small containers and feed like canned dog food. Freezes for up to 3 months.

### Happy Birthday and Best Wishes!

LeAnn Tousey Sept. 24

Marlene Phillips Sept 29

### Laugh of the Month: by Jude Wrynski

How come married women are heavier than single women?

A single woman goes home, sees what's in the fridge, and goes to bed.

A married woman sees what's in bed and goes to the fridge.

### Club Board of Directors

President: Judy Hughes

Vice President: Linda Knilans

Secretary: Carole Luzovich

Treasurer: 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 [LKnilans@clientfirst.net](mailto:LKnilans@clientfirst.net) 10 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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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