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## We Need Your Sponsorship!

Help support our annual Specialty Show by sponsoring a class or two! Your help allows us to have a Specialty Show each year by helping pay for the expenses of putting it on, such as judges' fees and expenses, trophies, rosettes, Onofrio, EMT and Fire Marshall expenses and ring fees. Your name will be published in the program and of course here in the newsletter.

You do not have to be a member to sponsor a class and you can sponsor as many classes as you would like. For a list of classes still needing sponsors see **page 5**.

To be a sponsor **Contact Carole Alex** at **303-660-8149** or **Passport-MS@qwest.net**.

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

### *Everyone is welcome!*

### Club Events, Meetings and Programs:

**March 15<sup>th</sup>: Feeding Raw and "Home Made" diets** The good, the bad and the ugly. A visual presentation on making your own dog food including comparison of ready made commercial raw diets. **KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH** on the NE corner of 58<sup>th</sup> & Kipling in Arvada. Meeting starts a **2:00 pm**. Program starts at 3:00.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>: 12:00 "Companion Grooming" and Used Equipment Sale** at **Jefferson County Fairgrounds** Learning how to groom your best friend and what tools you need to do it right. Bring your **bathed** dog and your own grooming tools and we will help you with your dog. You might even find some bargain priced grooming tools. **\$10** for the class. **Running of the Schnauzers in the barn after the seminar.**

**May 29<sup>th</sup>:** Our annual Conformation **Specialty Show** at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont. **Special event;** The **"Champions of the Heart" Parade:** show off your best buddy and win the "Champion of the Heart" ribbon he deserves. For information on how to enter your best buddy contact Jude Wrynski at [JWrynski@aol.com](mailto:JWrynski@aol.com). **Entry form** on the **last page** of this newsletter.

## Local Dog Shows/Events

**April 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** at Adams County Fairgrounds 9755 Henderson Rd, Brighton, CO 80601 Saturday, April 11, 2009. Put on by the Terry-All Kennel Club

**May 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>** at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont put on by Flatirons Kennel Club

## Did You Know?

# UTI - Urinary Tract Infection

By Linda Knilans

If you had a UTI you would know it in very short order. Frequent urination and an itching or burning sensation when urinating would have you running to your doctor. The signs in our canine friends are the same, but often can go undetected – especially if your dog has free access to the outside via a doggie door. If you walk your buddy or open a door to let your dog out, you will have a better chance of noticing if your pet is urinating small amounts very often or suddenly seems to need to go out all the time. Whining when urinating or having accidents in the house for a dog that doesn't have a house training problem is another likely indicator of a urinary tract infection.

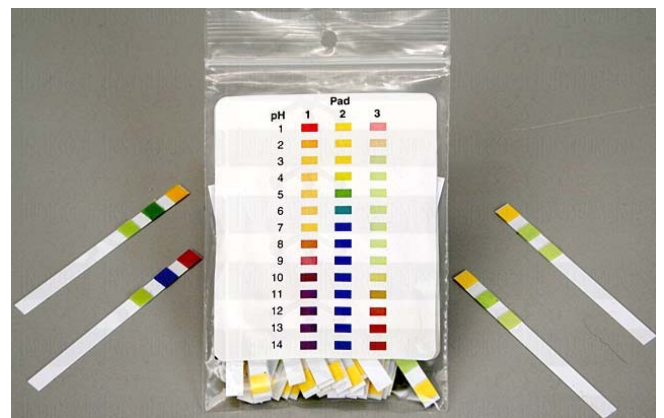
A UTI happens when bacteria gets into the urinary tract, makes itself at home in the warm moist tissues and starts to multiply out of control. The Merck Veterinary Manual states, *"Bacterial UTI is the most common infectious disease of dogs, affecting 14% of all dogs during their lifetime."* It goes on to say that left untreated, UTI's can cause other more serious problems such as struvite stones, infertility, septicemia, incontinence or eventually kidney failure.

### Prevention

While this infection is common, there are some simple ways to help minimize bacteria from getting into your dog:

- Bathe and groom your dog regularly.
- If your female gets diarrhea, be sure to wash the bum area in an upward direction, away from the vulva; for your male, keep the hair around the penis clipped fairly short to prevent bacterial build-up.
- Make sure that your dog is drinking ample amounts of clean water each day; this helps dilute the concentration of the urine.
- Take your dog out every 6 – 8 hours to allow them to urinate regularly and prevent the buildup of bacteria in their bladder.
- Walk or exercise your dog regularly as this stimulates the bladder.

You can do a simple at home pH level test to give you an indicator if your dog has problem. Testing urine is inexpensive and easy. Kits with 100 pH test strips will cost you around \$10 to \$15 and can be bought at your pharmacy without a prescription. Dip the test strip in the dog's urine sample and match the colors on the bottle or box. The goal is to keep the pH level at a base of 6.5 – 7.5. If the results show either alkaline pH (over 7.5) or acidic pH (under 6.5) it would be wise to visit your vet.



Collection of the sample brings up images of trying to put a cup or a test strip under your dog as they are squatting or lifting their leg, a difficult task at best. The easiest way is to pick your dog up immediately after urination and placing the strip on her vulva or penis in hopes of catching a drop or two. The best time to collect is first thing in the morning. This is not perfect but it is an indication of

*Photo  
Contest*

whether it is time to go your vet.

## **You Ought to be in Pictures!**

Get out the camera and start snapping away! We are now taking submissions for our annual photo contest.

We are looking for pictures to possibly use for an upcoming calendar, in our brochure and on our website.

Send your schnauzer photos to Carole Alex [Passport-MS@qwest.net](mailto:Passport-MS@qwest.net).

Members will vote on their favorite photos at our picnic in July.

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

## **Looking for Love**

### **Mr. Noodles**

Mr. Noodles is a great looking 3 year old silver gray Miniature Schnauzer who needs a great home with a little patience. He is a charming boy, very affectionate, not barks and very good with other dogs. Did I say he is really good looking? He has had a bladder infection which is cured, and bladder stones, which have been removed, and will need to be on a special diet to try to keep him from getting any more stones, but he is so worth it! He charmed all the vet techs at the animal hospital.



Mr. Noodles 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](mailto:sblummanick@aol.com).

## **Colorado Legislature**

[HB09-1172](#) FINAL VOTE - Moved to postpone House Bill 09-1172 indefinitely. The motion passed on a 10-2 roll call vote. This action kills the bill.

My guess is it will be back in ballot form for the general public to decide. If this happens look for some politicking that will be geared to get emotional responses from voters, such as the pictures they used at the hearing from out of state puppy mills, where there is little or no regulations for commercial breeders.

*Breeder  
Referral*

*Rescues  
Available for  
Adoption*



## Buddy Recipes

What is your favorite recipe?

### Green Bean Treats

- 1 bag of frozen green beans (not French cut)

Remove a frozen bean or two from the bag and use instead of high carbohydrate treats. It is healthy, your dog will love them and you can't get any easier than this!

## Happy Birthday and Best Wishes! By Jude Wrynski

March Birthdays: Judi Hughes Mar. 4  
Jerry Vaske Mar. 13  
Laura Hartshorn Mar. 14  
Mo Donnelly Mar. 16

### Laugh of the Month: by Jude Wrynski

Three guys are fishing on a lake when an angel appears in the boat with them. The first guy gets over his shock and humbly says to the angel, "I've suffered back pain for years. Is it too much to ask that you help me?" The angel touches the man's back and he feels instant relief. The second guy points to his Coke-bottle glasses and asks if the angel could cure his poor eyesight. The angel tosses the man's glasses into the lake. When they hit the water, the man's vision clears, and he can see everything distinctly. The angel now turns to the third guy, who throws up his hands in fear, "Don't touch me!" "I'm on disability!"

## 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](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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## SPECIALTY SHOW SPONSORS

class	amount	sponsor	
<b>SWEEPSTAKES</b>			
Puppy Dogs (6 mo & under 9 mo)	\$25		
Puppy Dogs (9 mo & under 12 mo)	\$25	Becky & Tod Rowles	x
Puppy Bitches (6 mo & under 9 mo)	\$25		
Puppy Bitches (9 mo & under 12 mo)	\$25		
<b>Best In Sweepstakes</b>	\$35	Linda Walquist Soos - Abacus Miniature Schnauzers	x
<b>Best Of Opposite Sex In Sweepstakes</b>	\$35	Carole Alex - Passport Miniature Schnauzers	x
<b>REGULAR CLASSES</b>			
Puppy Dogs (6 mo & under 9 mo)	\$30	Leanne (Le) Tousey - Elete Miniature Schnauzers	x
Puppy Dogs (9 mo & under 12 mo)	\$30	Becky & Tod Rowles	x
Dogs (12 mo & under 18 mo)	\$30		
Bred By Exhibitor Dogs	\$30	Robert Riley - T-Lan Miniature Schnauzers	x
American Bred Dogs	\$30		
Open Dogs Black, Black \$ Silver	\$30	Carol Luzovich - Dynasty Miniature Schnauzers	x
Open Dogs Salt & Pepper	\$30		
<b>Winners Dog</b>	\$40		
Puppy Bitches (6 mo & under 9 mo)	\$30		
Puppy Bitches (9 mo & under 12 mo)	\$30	Celeste Abell & Linda Knilans - Eclipse Miniature Schnauzers	x
Bitches (12 mo & under 18 mo)	\$30	Bruce & Terry Hinde	x
Bred By Exhibitor Bitches	\$30	Marlene Phillips - Sitzmark Miniature Schnauzers	x
American Bred Bitches	\$30		
Open Bitches Black, Black \$ Silver	\$30		
Open Bitches Salt & Pepper	\$30	Leanne (Le) Tousey - Elete Miniature Schnauzers	x
<b>Winners Bitch</b>	\$40	Judy Wrysinski & Judi Hughes - K-Lyn Miniature Schnauzers	x
<b>Best of Breed</b>	\$75	Millie Schultz - Dynasty Miniature Schnauzers	x
<b>Best Of Opposite Sex</b>	\$50	Carole Alex - Passport Miniature Schnauzers	x
<b>Best of Winners</b>	\$50	Allan & Joann Mackey	x
Stud Dog Class	\$35		
Brood Bitch Class	\$35		
Brace Class	\$35		
Team Class	\$35		
Veterans Dog	\$35		
Veterans Bitch	\$35	Judy Wrysinski & Judi Hughes - K-Lyn Miniature Schnauzers	x



**CSMSC's PARADE OF COMPANIONS  
"CHAMPIONS OF THE HEART"**

This Special Event is open to the public and takes place at the Centennial State Miniature Schnauzer Club's Annual Specialty Show  
**Friday May 29th 2009**  
Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont

**Everyone is Welcome!**

At our Specialty show we are honoring all of our very special companions. Miniature Schnauzers whether purchased, rescued, or re-homed are showcased in this special "CHAMPIONS OF THE HEART" parade. This is our way of paying tribute to these special dogs and their equally special owners. AKC registration is not required to enter this event. Each entrant will receive a commemorative ribbon with the dogs' name imprinted on it.

An **optional biography** will be read for each dog during the parade. If you chose to include it, your biography should include owner's name, dog's name and a story about your companion. Please print bios on a 3X5 inch card and limit them to no more than 100 words.

Entry Fee and biographies must be received by **May 1st 2009**.

**Mail entries to:**  
Judy Wrynski  
1130 Indiana Road  
Cheyenne, WY 82009

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**ENTRY FORM**

(Please send separate entry forms for each dog, make checks payable to CSMSC.)

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you find your Champion? \_\_\_\_\_

What is her favorite thing to do? \_\_\_\_\_