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CSMSC Member gets accepted a CSU!

Celeste Abell has been accepted at Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Congratulations Celeste! We are all very proud of you.

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

Everyone is welcome!

Club Events, Meetings and Programs:

January 17th: Parasites & Pests – Get to know the tiny “friends” your dog can pick up. A visual presentation by Celeste Abell. **KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH AT THE CORNER OF 58TH & KIPLING IN ARVADA** Meeting starts a 2:00 pm.

Mark your Calendar for 2010

We have a lot of excellent programs coming up for 2010. A hands on pet grooming seminar, canine first aid, nutrition, canine good citizenship, and an intro to earthdog to name a few. So mark your calendars and plan on joining us for fun and schnauzer education.

February 21st: March 21st: April 18th: May 23rd (not a firm date): June 20th: July 17th (not a firm date): August 22nd: September 19th: October 17th: November 21st: December 4th:

Programs, times and locations to be announced. Watch the newsletter for changes or updates.

Board Meetings:

Tentative dates for Board Meetings, agenda to be published.

February 21st: March 21st: April 18th: May 16th:

June 20th: August 15th: September 19th:

Salty Dogs: The Ins and Outs of Using Ice Melt

by Celeste Abell

With the winter months upon us and the freeze thaw cycle adding inches of ice to driveways and sidewalks, it is not uncommon for your Schnauzer to encounter ice melt products on a walk or even in a bag in the garage.

Yesterday at the clinic where I work, we had a 1-year-old schnauzer mix come in with suspected ice-melt poisoning. The owners had been moving the prior day and had poured 40 pounds of generic ice melt on the driveway to make hauling boxes and furniture less hazardous. The dog, being a very social guy, was in and out of the house all day and much of the time was spent on the driveway. That evening, the owners noticed the dog just wasn't himself, refusing dinner and his favorite treats. They chalked it up to a hectic day and went to bed. The next morning he was more lethargic, still wasn't interested in food, wouldn't drink water, his urine was very dark and his eyes were bloodshot. They decided to bring him into the vet.

The dog's blood work revealed an elevated potassium level that was high but not above acceptable limits. In all likelihood, the vet estimated the dog had licked his paws after running through the ice melt, but had not ingested enough to elicit more severe poisoning symptoms. We gave him the appropriate intravenous fluids under the skin to help restore his electrolyte balance, monitored his vitals for several hours and then sent him home once he had perked up and ate some food of his own accord. The owner resolved to find a pet safe brand to use in the future.

While many people are inclined to think that they must use only pet safe products (and there are many on the market), the most common problem associated with ice melt is skin or pad irritation caused by walking on the pellets or through slushy areas containing dissolved ice melt. This can be quickly addressed by washing the dogs paws in warm soapy water when you get home and drying them well with a towel. Or if you prefer, you can buy some booties for the dog to wear outside to minimize contact with salt laid down by snow plows or home owners.

Most ice melt products, even those not listed as pet safe, are permissible for use in areas where pets walk if you don't spread more than needed and remove the ice and slush once the product has done its job. The most serious problems reported by the ASPCA have been from dogs eating larger quantities of the ice melt that have been spilled or improperly stored, rather than from just licking their paws. The exact symptoms caused by eating ice melt will vary depending on the type of salt contain in the ice melt and can range from excessive drinking, diarrhea and depression to an irregular heart beat, vomiting, tremors, disorientation, seizures and death. Because the symptoms vary based on the type of ice melt, it is a good idea to take a closer look at the brand you buy. Typical main ingredients are magnesium chloride, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium carbonate with calcium magnesium acetate, or urea. It is also a good idea to check that the ice melt is stored securely in a bin your curious and resourceful Mini cannot get into.

If you suspect that your animal has ingested ice melt, call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 1-888-426-4435 or your local veterinarian.

Did You Know?

Eggshell Membrane for Joint Health by Linda Knilans

As our canine companions get older they can experience the same aches and pains as humans do. Arthritis is not uncommon in our aging pets. The Established treatment for joint pain and swelling has been glucosamine and chondroitin.

New research suggests that extracts from the membrane of an eggshell may improve the symptoms of arthritis, and offer an alternative that outperforms glucosamine and chondroitin sulphate. An even bigger plus is that it takes almost a third less to do the same job.



A daily supplement for humans of 500 milligrams of the eggshell membrane was found to not only reduce joint pain, but also stiffness, with effects noted after only ten days, according to results of a randomised, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial.

The study, which was funded by Missouri-based ESM Technologies and

uses the company's ingredient, is published in the current issue of *Clinical Rheumatology*.

By the end of the 60-day trial, those supplementing with the egg shell membrane had a greater range of motion (reduced stiffness in joints) and experience less pain.

There are some simple things you can do now to prevent your canine from having arthritis, these include maintaining a healthy weight level, and regular exercise (preferably moderate exercise that's low impact).

ESM Technologies is the leading supplier of eggshell calcium and eggshell membrane wellness ingredients. Located in Carthage, Missouri, the company researches, develops and manufactures high-quality branded ingredients from a traceable and sustainable supply of USDA-inspected facilities. ESM's chemical-free, patented process has allowed the introduction of innovative and unique ingredients to the marketplace: NEM® (Natural Eggshell Membrane) and ESC® (EggShell Calcium).

Source: *Clinical Rheumatology*

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"Eggshell membrane in the treatment of pain and stiffness from osteoarthritis of the knee: a randomized, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical study"

Authors: K.J. Ruff, A. Winkler, R.W. Jackson, D.P. DeVore, B.W. Ritz

Breeder Referral

If you are a member and have puppies or an older mini you are looking to forever home, or if you are looking for a mini to brighten your life, contact the clubs breeder referral person, Nora Plomondon at artpro628@comcast.net.

Breeder Referral

*Schnauzer
Rescue
Needs Your
Help!*

*Rescues
Available for
Adoption*

*Question of
the Month*

Can you lend a Hand? By Susan Lummanick

Miniature Schnauzer Rescue still needs foster homes.

If you would like to learn more about fostering a rescued Miniature Schnauzer, contact Susan Lummanick at 720-320-2413.

Looking For Love

Snuggles is a 7 year old lover! He was born on Valentines day and lives for affection from his people. He loves to sleep next to his foster Mom at night and follows her around when she is home. He gets along well with other dogs and likes to play outside in his fenced in yard.

Snuggles has had some itchy skin problems which caused him to lick , further irritating the skin. This seems to be under control now with the help of some medication.



Snuggles is neutered, he is up to date on his shots, vet checked, heartworm tested 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 or visit <http://www.allbreedrescuenetwork.com/Available-Dogs.php>.

The Schnauzer Network!

This month's question: How do I stop my schnauzer from barking?

Thanks readers for your solutions!

When in the house if Frosty starts acting like he will bark we say no wooper or you will get a time out. When he barks we repeat the command one time than leash him up away from the door or company for a short time. After 2 or three time outs he was able to control himself. In the car he barks at people in drive thru windows. We will set a treat just out of reach and tell him no woofers. If he barks we put the treat back. He learned after only one time! **Dan**

Have your dog's favorite treat within reach.

Praise the dog for barking once he starts by saying 'Good job' and then 'What's the matter?'

Tell the dog, 'Be quiet.'

Wave the treat in front of your dog's nose. Most dogs will instantly quiet down, because they will be concentrating on smelling and attempting to lick the treat, rather than barking.

Keep praising the dog. Tell the dog that he is a good dog for being quiet.

Let the dog have the treat after 3 seconds of quiet time.

Wave another treat in front of your dog if he starts to bark again. This time, try not to let your dog have the treat until 5 seconds of quiet time have elapsed. Your dog should learn that after each successful quiet-time interval, he will be rewarded.

Scold your dog every time he makes a mistake. If the dog barks, even for just an instant, as you're waving the treat in front of his nose, say 'Be quiet,' in a louder voice. Then reward the dog immediately after he stops barking.

Increase the quiet-time intervals by 3 seconds each time: from 3 seconds to 6 seconds to 9 seconds and so on. It is possible to continue to a couple of minutes of quiet time during the first session, which would mean significant progress in curbing your dog's barking habit. **Mandy**

You guys are really cool. This is a great little newsletter and I look forward to reading it every month. After I stopped laughing uncontrollably at the "Question of the Month", I had to send a solution. If you don't like your mini's barking what should you do? Get another breed! Ha ha ha. Ho ho ho. **Tim**

February's question: How can I stop my dog from scooting his butt on the carpet?

If you have a question you would like answered or if you have a good solution to this month's question please e-mail the editor Lknilians@clientfirst.net.



Buddy Recipes

What is your favorite recipe?

Throw your dog and egg!?

You have probably heard the ad slogan, "The incredible edible egg!"

Well it is true. Eggs are the most complete protein, yes even better than steak.

So boil up an egg and give your dog a healthy treat.

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes! By Jude Wrynski

Millie Shultz 13th 86 years young
Linda Knilans 22nd 22 years young
Judy Wrynski 23rd 23 years young

Please send Jude your day and month of birth (we don't need to know the year), so we can be sure to wish you a Happy Birthday. Her email is JWrynski@aol.com

Laugh of the Month: by Jude Wrynski

WHAT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE SAYS ABOUT YOU:

WHITE LIGHTS: you ask houseguests to remove their shoes.

MULTICOLORED LIGHTS: you're an extrovert.

BLINKING LIGHTS: you have attention deficit disorder.

HOMEMADE ORNAMENTS. You have lots of children.

STRUNG POPCORN: You have too much time on your hands.

RED BALLS ONLY: You wish you lived in a department store.

YELLOW STAR ON TOP: You're traditional.

GLOWING SANTA ON TOP. You shop at Kitsch 'R' us.

CUTOFF TOP. You didn't measure the tree.

VAGUE EVERGREEN SMELL: You bought a healthy tree.

STRONG EVERGREEN SMELL. You sprayed your tree with Pine-Sol.

JUST PLAIN SMELLY. There's a dead bird in your tree.

Club Board of Directors

President: Linda Knilans

Vice President: Carole Alex

Secretary: Carole Luzovich

Treasurer: Leanne Tousey

Board Members: Judi Hughes, Bob Riley 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: _____

Month and Day of Birth: _____

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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