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We Need Your Sponsorship!

Help support our annual Specialty Show by sponsoring a class or two!

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 8**.

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 21st: March Double Feature Program:

Canine Rehabilitation & Conditioning Group

Join renowned canine physical therapist Marty Pease MSPT, CCRP as she discusses how physical therapy and conditioning can help smaller dogs recover from an injured knee and arthritis, sports injuries, or simply improve overall conditioning.

Canine Good Citizenship – Part I (Training for the Test)

CSMSC will be sponsoring its first ever Canine Good Citizen test on August 15th at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. In order to pass the test you and your dog will be required to pass each of 10 tests such as staying down in place, walking through a crowd, and coming when called. This program, conducted by therapy dog owner Jude Wrynski, will review what training you'll need to do with your dog in order to pass the test with flying colors.

KING OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH AT THE CORNER OF 58TH & KIPLING IN ARVADA 1st presentation starts a **2:00 pm** 2nd presentation immediately following the meeting.

Mark your Calendar for 2010

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for fun and schnauzer education.

April 18th: Fashion Show **May 23rd:** Pet Grooming at JEFKO fairgrounds **June 20th:** **July 24th:** Annual Picnic at Fox Run Park **August 22nd:** **September 19th:** **October 17th:** **November 21st:** **December 4th:** Christmas Party

Watch the newsletter for changes or updates.

Board Meetings: Tentative dates for Board Meetings. **March 21st:** **April 18th:** **May 23rd:** **June 20th:** **August 22nd:** **September 19th:**

*February
Show*

Upcoming Events

June 4th: Our Spring Specialty Show at Boulder County Fairgrounds

September 10th: Our Designated Specialty with RMATC in Greeley, CO

Meet the Breed

Jim and Viveka showed off their "schnauzer" beards at the Meet the Breed on Sat February 13th at the Cluster show at the Denver Western complex.

Several members were available to answer questions about the breed and let people meet and greet their schnauzers. You can't ask for a better ambassador for the breed than the dogs themselves.



*Junior
Handler*



Junior Handler Wins Big!

Blade Kilbourne is one of those young men that usually walks around with a smile on his face, but when I caught up with him at the Denver Cluster shows this past February he was sporting more than just a smile, it was an ear to ear grin!

On Friday he won Best Junior Handler and finished his open junior class. Saturday was a 1st in Junior Showmanship. Sunday he won another 1st.

Way to go Blade!

Did You Know?

Schnauzers with Diabetes:

Potential Concerns for Dogs Getting Vetsulin by Celeste Abell

This past November, the FDA failed to issue a recall on Vetsulin – an Intravet/Schering-Plough product prescribed to regulate blood sugar levels in dogs with diabetes – despite ongoing problems with stability of the insulin replacement. According to the FDA and the manufacturer, production problems have led to “varying amounts of crystalline zinc insulin in the formulation... that could cause a delay in insulin action.” As such, the FDA is suggesting veterinarians either “transition their diabetic patients to other insulin products” or closely monitor their patients for unexpected fluctuations in blood sugar levels.

Three months after the FDA’s posting of this notice, the manufacturer has not released any lot numbers or expiration dates to indicate which vials may be involved. No further information has been posted on the FDA’s or company’s website to indicate the issue has been resolved.

For now, vets at the clinic where I work are recommending Humulin-N(NPH) as the appropriate alternative. With a prescription from your veterinarian, it can be purchased from any human pharmacy.

If you have been using Vetsulin with your Schnauzer, there are specific symptoms to watch for either as you continue to use the product or as you transition to a different type of insulin. Excessive blood sugar, a condition known as hyperglycemia, is marked by increased thirst and urination, weight loss and lethargy. Low blood sugar, known as hypoglycemia, can manifest as any of the following: disorientation, unsteadiness, weakness, lethargy and potentially seizures.

Diabetes is one of the most common diseases affecting the Miniature Schnauzer breed, especially in dogs that are overweight. It develops when the pancreas (a tiny gland at the beginning of the small intestines) cannot produce enough insulin. Diagnosed early, it is very treatable and can extend the life of your companion for many years.

For more information on the FDA recall, go to:
<http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/newsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm188752.htm>

Can Your Dog Pass the Canine Good Citizen Test?

In August, CSMSC will be sponsoring its first every Canine Good Citizen test. Dogs that have passed the test are not only wonderful ambassadors of their breed and well-behaved companions, but are often allowed to stay in hotels at no/low rates, and can help lower your home insurance rates since they know how to behave. The test isn’t just for dogs though. Owners pledge to be responsible for their companion by picking up after their dog in public places, maintaining good health through nutrition and exercise, and ensuring their dogs don’t infringe on the rights of others.

In March, CSMSC will be holding a brief introduction and demonstration of the

New Champions

kinds of tests you and your dog will need to pass, which include:

1. Accepting a friendly stranger
2. Sitting politely for petting
3. Allowing a friendly stranger to groom and examine the dog
4. Walking on a loose lead
5. Walking calmly through a crowd
6. Sitting and staying on command
7. Coming when called
8. Reacting calmly to another dog
9. Calm reaction to a distraction
10. Supervised separation
- 11.

A complete review of each of the above tasks can be found on the [AKC's CGC website](#). If you have questions on the event, please contact therapy dog owner and long-time club member [Jude Wrynski](#).

New Champions!

WOW!

Another Elete Miniature Schnauzer has completed her Championship. CH ELETE'S AUTUMN THUNDER sired by CH ToMar's Walk'N On Sunshine and out of CH Elete's Irish Mist, finished her championship on November 7 at the Southern Colorado Show in Pueblo Colorado. Judge Allan Pepper was the fourth judge to give this lovely girl a Best of Breed over specials and the second judge to give her a GROUP 4. Not only that but her owners Carole Alex and Leanne Tousey are proud to announce Stormy ended 2009 ranked # 18 in Miniature Schnauzers All Breed Standings. WAY TO GO STORMY!



Ch Abacus Rainmaker (Ch T-Lan's Carmel Superman x Ch Abacus No Margin For Error) finished the requirements for his AKC Championship on November 14, 2009 at the Council Bluffs KC with a Breed win from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class at 13 months old. "Maker" is bred and owned by Linda Wahlquist-Soos and has been exclusively owner handled to his title. He is shown here at the AMSC Specialty in June 2009 at just eight months old. Maker is the third champion for his sire and the first champion for his dam.



Linda says that it's been fun and sometimes very entertaining. Those of you set up near Linda and Maker at the AMSC Specialty at Montgomery County in October 2009 will remember Linda frantically trying to stop Maker "singing" the national anthem – he started howling when the vocalist hit the first note and he sang with her all the way to the end. Linda was so happy that they weren't the first class in the ring that day, Maker was in 9-12 puppy, or she would have been at ringside for his serenade. Linda says that she has more embarrassing stories, but will only tell those face to face so if you see her at the shows and want to know their most embarrassing moments, ask – Linda says that she is at least able to laugh at them now.

Maker's wins from the puppy classes included a 4 pt major from the 6-9 puppy class at the 2009 AMSC specialty at GWTA at just eight months old, a BOB and a Group Three the next weekend also from the 6-9 puppy class, a BOB and a BOS (both over a special) from the 9-12 puppy class just after his nine month birthday and a Terrier Group Four in a Best Puppy competition at eleven months old. His wins from the Bred-By-Exhibitor Class included a 4 point major soon after turning a year old and the BOB win for his title on November 14, 2009. Linda says that it's been a wonderful ride – they attended the AKC/Eukanuba championships in December 2009 as a 14 month old baby Special and have earned invitations to the next two AKC/Eukanuba Championships because he earned all his points from either the puppy class or the bred-by exhibitor class breeder/owner handed.

Linda was also very proud of him on his first weekend showing, May 9 and May 10 of 2009. Just before he turned seven months old. Maker won Reserve Best In Show Puppy Bred-By-Exhibitor in three of the four shows that weekend at the IABCA shows and Best of Breed Puppy and Best of Breed Puppy Bred-By-Exhibitor in all four shows. He earned both his International and National Jungsten Championships at those shows – so he also has the right to put IABCA Int'l/Nat'l Jungsten Ch before his name, but Linda says that it looks like he is putting on airs when she lists him as **AKC Ch, IABCA Int'l/Nat'l Jungsten Ch. Abacus Rainmaker** as he was still very much a puppy when he earned all those titles and he still has some growing up to do.

Linda tells us that she couldn't have done it without Cindy Wallace of T-Lan Miniature Schnauzers and Vicki Kallett of Bear Creek Schnauzers who have done his scissoring and coat work – Linda knows that their time is valuable and she greatly appreciates the weekly time that Cindy and Vicky gave them – it was a 2 ½ hour drive one way for Linda to get Maker to them after working a full day at her job in most cases so their evening was shot. Maker enjoyed after his grooming as he got to play with their giant schnauzers – Maker is convinced that he is as big as the giants are. This was definitely a team effort. Cindy is CSMSC member Bob Riley's daughter and Linda tells us that Cindy is a master groomer and an awesome mentor. Vicki is a "snowbird" and went to Florida soon after Eukanuba in December so Linda has been responsible for his coat work with Cindy's coaching since then.

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 if you are looking for a mini to brighten your life, contact the clubs breeder referral person, Nora Plomondon at artpro628@comcast.net.

*Rescues
Available for
Adoption*

Looking For Love

Abby #1

Aren't I just the most beautiful Miniature Schnauzer you have ever seen? My name is Abby #1 because I am the best! ...and because there were two more imposters named Abby who came into rescue after me. When I first came into rescue I looked a little rough, but now that I have been groomed I look great with my cropped ears. I learn very quickly and someone taught me to sit before I go into my crate. I get along well with other dogs, but I am a little on the large side for a Mini and I am very active, so I can be a little intimidating.



I am about two years old, spayed, up to date on my shots, vet checked, heartworm tested negative and micro chipped. I have a little patch of itchy skin on my back. Nothing to worry about the vet said, and she suggested using acne pads to keep the area clean.

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: My dog digs everywhere how can I stop him?

Thanks readers for your solutions!

Blow up some balloons and bury them in the area your dog likes to dig. When he strikes a balloon, the noise of it popping startles your dog. In some cases the negative association this produces is enough to stop your dog from digging in the future.

April's question: My puppy keeps having accidents in the house. What can I do?

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

*Question of
the Month*



Buddy Recipes

What is your favorite recipe?

Soft Beefy Cookies

- 1/4 cup Wheat germ or cream of wheat
- 1/4 cup Dry milk powder
- 3 (2.5 oz. each) jars of baby food (beef or chicken)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together in a small bowl. Roll into small balls, place on greased cookie sheet, and flatten slightly with a fork. Bake 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on wire rack before serving. Refrigerate or freeze leftovers.

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes! By Jude Wrynski

Judi Hughes March 04
Jerry Vaske March 13
Laura Hartshorn March 14
Mo Donnelly March 16

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

A wife is scrambling eggs when her husband bursts into the kitchen. "Careful," he cries. "Careful! Your cooking too many at once. Too many! Scramble them! Now! We need more butter. They're going to stick! Careful! Now scramble them again! Hurry up! Are you crazy? Don't forget to salt them. You know you always forget to salt them. Use the salt! THE SALT!" The wife turns and asks, "What is wrong with you?" Her husband calmly replies, "I wanted you to know what it feels like when I'm driving."

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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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Specialty Show Sponsorship

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Sweepstakes Classes

Puppy Dogs (6 mo & under 9 mo)	\$25
Puppy Dogs (9 mo & under 12 mo)	\$25
Puppy Bitches (6 mo & under 9 mo)	\$25
Puppy Bitches (9 mo & under 12 mo)	\$25

Terry & Bruce Hinde

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Best In Sweepstakes \$35

Robert Riley T-Lan Miniature schnauzers

Best Of Opposite Sex In Sweepstakes \$35

Judi Hughes K-Lynn Miniature Schnauzers

Regular Classes

Puppy Dogs (6 mo & under 9 mo)	\$30
Puppy Dogs (9 mo & under 12 mo)	\$30
Dogs (12 mo & under 18 mo)	\$30
Novice Dogs	\$30
Armature Owner Handler Dogs	\$30
Bred By Exhibitor Dogs	\$30
American Bred Dogs	\$30
Open Dogs Black, Black \$ Silver	\$30
Open Dogs Salt & Pepper	\$30

Carol Luzovich Dynasty Miniature Schnauzers

Joli Hines Sayasone

Mo Donnelly Paradox Miniature Schnauzers

Winners Dog \$40

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Puppy Bitches (9 mo & under 12 mo)	\$30
Bitches (12 mo & under 18 mo)	\$30
Novice Bitches	\$30
Armature Owner Handler Bitches	\$30
Bred By Exhibitor Bitches	\$30
American Bred Bitches	\$30
Open Bitches Black, Black \$ Silver	\$30
Open Bitches Salt & Pepper	\$30

Winners Bitch \$40

Best of Breed \$75

Robert Alex Passport Miniature Schnauzers

Best Of Opposite Sex \$50

Best of Winners

\$50

Non-Regular Classes

Stud Dog Class

\$30

Brood Bitch Class

\$30

Brace Class

\$30

Team Class

\$30

Veterans Dog

\$30

Veterans Bitch

\$30
