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A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please advise our secretary, Lynne Conder, of any changes to your address, phone or e-mail address. We don't want you to miss any of the PrairieLand newsletters!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . . CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2022

- January 19, 2022
- March 16, 2022
- May 29, 2022 (in conjunction with annual dinner at Specialty)
- July – TBD (Saturday) - (annual picnic)
- September 21, 2022
- November 19, 2022 - Saturday (Christmas dinner)



NEXT MEETING

The next PSSC meeting will be Wednesday, January 19th at 5:30 at Kathy & Penny's home. Watch your emails for details closer to the date.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone:

It's already December. We had a great Christmas meeting. I think everyone had a good time. The food was delicious and the gift exchange was lots of fun. In January we will be looking forward to our specialty in May. It is our anniversary year. If there are any special activities you would like to see us attempt, please email one of the officers to share at the January meeting. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

Your president,
Connie Reidner



PSSC MEETING MINUTES 12/04/21

Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club of Central Illinois MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: 8 Chrisman Lane, Bloomington, IL

Date: December 4, 2021

Members Present: Penny Duffee, Diane Kachur, Donald Kachur, Gwen Kirman, Kathy Koehler, Joe Landers, Marsha Landers, Dorothy Pazeraskis, Ronald Reidner, Connie Reidner, and Sharon Talaga.

Guests: Jenn Jobe, Darcie Mair.

Approval of Minutes: Marsha Landers made first motion; seconded by Penny Duffee. Approved unanimously.

Treasury Report: No report given. Next report will be given at January meeting.

Old Business:

Report given on the items PSSC provided for the Welcome Bags for the 2020 and 2021 National Specialties. The small mesh bags contained a note pad with PSSC logo, pen with PSSC name, and a breakfast bar. Our donations were well received.

New Business:

Wicket: The PSSC has purchased an official wicket at a good price since being a dog club. A seminar will be scheduled at the May 2022 dog show at the Interstate Center as to how to use the wicket (including the rights, obligations, and procedures in measuring a dog).



Guest Introduction: Guest Darcie Mair, who was in attendance at this meeting, was introduced to club members. Darcie comes from Indiana and is a proud owner of a miniature Schnauzer, Standard Schnauzer, and a Giant Schnauzer.

Xylitol: Information from the American Kennel Club Government Relations Department was presented on the danger of Xylitol found in various products that dogs might ingest. It is important for dog clubs and members to contact their legislators in support of HR 5261, called the “Paws Off Act,” which amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to deem foods containing xylitol as misbranded unless the label or labeling of such foods contains a warning specifying the toxic effects of xylitol on dogs if ingested.

Xylitol (or “birch sugar”) is a chemical compound most commonly used as a sugar substitute in chewing gum, dental products, peanut butter, baked goods, and other human foods. Xylitol is harmful to dogs because, unlike humans, it is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream and may result in sudden release of insulin from the pancreas. The rapid release of insulin into a dog’s bloodstream may cause hypoglycemia. In dogs, this may occur within 10-60 minutes of ingestion of xylitol and if untreated, can quickly become life-threatening.

AKC suggests that clubs and members contact their members of Congress and ask them to support or consider co-sponsoring HR 5261, the “Paws Off Act”, to require that food products in the U.S. containing xylitol include a warning label about the toxicity and potentially deadly effects of xylitol on dogs.

Epilepsy Research: Penny Duffee presented information on epilepsy in Standards Schnauzers. She has worked with the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) to establish the *Duffee Standard Schnauzer Epilepsy Research Fund* DAF that will focus on researching genetic markers suspected to be responsible for epilepsy in Standard Schnauzers. Further research is necessary to verify what DNA markers might cause such epilepsy and, if found from research, will allow breeders to identify

dogs that are carriers of the gene for epilepsy, and those that will develop the disorder. This Fund provides a foundation for ongoing research on epilepsy in Standard Schnauzers and is open for donations through the AKC CHF.

Announcements and Reminders:

Thanks: Appreciation was expressed to Penny and Kathy for hosting the Annual Christmas party and gift exchange.

Brags: Marsha Landers, Penny Duffee, Kathy Koehler, and Gwen Kirman shared winnings by their dogs over the past few months of dog shows attended.

Reminder: Don't forget to give PSSC dues to Kathy Koehler and mail in SSCA dues.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Sharon Talaga and seconded by Gwen Kirman to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

*Submitted by Don Kachur, Board Member
Prairie Standard Schnauzer Club*

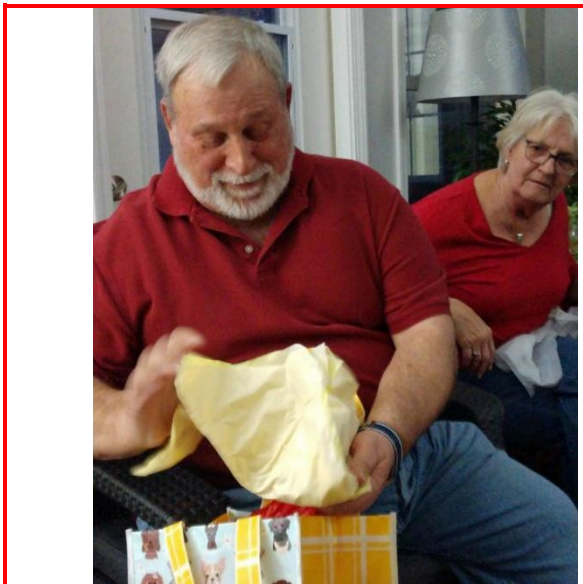
Christmas Party

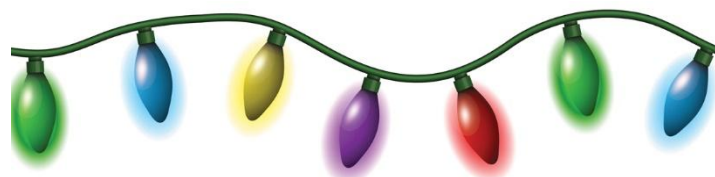


The annual PSSC Christmas party was delayed this year. . . we got together the first Saturday in December. We had 14 people for dinner. Prospective new member, Darcie Mair, joined us. As usual Kathy made the turkey, ham, dressing, noodles and gravy. All of the other great cooks in the club brought the rest of the yummy dinner!

The crazy gift exchange followed dinner. LOTS of laughs and giggles – and a few steals too! We are hoping to have more “in person” meetings this coming year. . . with the highlight being our 20th Anniversary Specialty show over Memorial weekend in May.







Prospective new member

Darcie Mair has recently moved from Indiana to Bloomington. She has a Mini and Giant Schnauzer in addition to her Standard Schnauzer that she got from Steve and Sandy Arnold, Boundary Water Standard Schnauzers. She does agility work with her SS. We are glad to have her join us!



DUES ARE DUE!!

Your dues for 2022 are due now. They must be postmarked by Dec. 20th and received by Dec. 31st to remain a current member and be listed on the membership list. Renewal forms were emailed Nov. 30th – check your email (and spam folder) for your forms. If you need another copy, please contact Kathy Koehler at KatonSS1@frontier.com

Send dues to :
Kathy Koehler
8 Chrisman Lane
Bloomington, IL 61704

Anniversary Specialty – Memorial weekend

Next Memorial weekend we will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary Specialty. Hard to believe we have been a club for that long!! We are planning some extra special activities for that weekend. Additional suggestions are welcome – we want everyone to have a “Special” weekend! Ideas and help from our out-of-town members is also welcome.

Be sure to put the dates on your calendar – May 27-30, 2022. Heartland SSC is supporting the entry on Saturday – we appreciate them joining us again this year! Our Specialty is Sunday with PSSC supporting the entry on Friday & Monday. The annual dinner will be on Sunday evening – with the usual great raffle and auction. (Start planning what you will bring!!)



Don Kachur submitted an interesting article. . .

Do You Know What It Means When Your Dog Sits on your Feet?

December 26, 2019 by [Gagan Luthra](#)

This may sound as new, but your dog does this for a reason. It could be due to loneliness or stress they are suffering from, or they want to show you how much they love you by doing this. There could be several reasons why your Standard Schnauzer sits on your feet.

- **To show their submission**

Among all the pet animals, your dog is considered as the most loyal pet. It is also proved that they carry more emotional intelligence than any other pet animal. They know how to surrender themselves in a true sense without any expectations. These qualities make them the most lovable pets. They demonstrate their total submission by wagging their tail and by licking their owners' feet. This is one way through which they want to say how much respect they carry for their owners. Also, they want to let others know that I am under the guidance of my caretaker. So, sitting at or on your feet makes them feel proud and they want to say that you are my security blanket.

- **To get your attention**

Dogs use various body language to convey their message. Many times, they are seeking your attention and want your undivided love. Dogs like to get a human touch or cuddling their bodies. This makes them feel calm. By sitting at or on your feet, they might try to communicate their needs. Perhaps, you forgot to fill their water bowl or its time for a meal.

Dogs are more attentive than a human being. Seeking your attention can have some genuine reason. They are capable to observe any incident that would prove to be dangerous much before it happens. So, it could be possible that they want to drag your attention towards any unexpected incident that can harm you. So, paying attention to a dog's body language can keep you safe.

- **To gain some information**

By nature, your dog is a very curious pet and may want to unfold the hidden reality behind every scene. Many times, it happens while having our meal something left over at our feet. And as your dogs have a very sensitive nose and they can get the smell of that piece of food, even if they are far away. If they find that smell pleasant and they will immediately run for it.

Dogs are also attracted to the sweat of our feet as its salty taste appeals to them. Whenever a dog licks or smells the sweat of human feet they try to gather information about that person and they remember it for a long time. Dogs have strong scent receptors present in their noses. That's why to catch the real culprit of crime, police use dogs to identify the criminal if they find any of the criminals belonging as evidence.

- **To comfort you**

Dogs are insanely intuitive when it comes to our own emotions. When we're feeling stressed or unwell, our dogs can often sense that and won't leave our sides. Our dogs can't share comforting words to help us feel better, but they may sit on or lay at your feet to offer you support.

- **Feeling uneasy**

Most pet owners are not aware of their dog's mental health. Many times, it happens that your dog is feeling uneasy, or something scares him. They want to feel safe and protected. So naturally right up close to your feet make them feel calm and secure. In case if you notice such scary behavior of your dog, then immediately calm them down. Give them gentle rub under the chin and reassure everything is going to be fine. If possible, offer your warm hug as it works wonder and calms them down instantly.

- **To mark their ownership**

By sitting on your feet, your dog is claiming to the world that you belong to them. Those who have more than one dog might have noticed this. They compete with each other to get the best spot near you and want to prove that I am increasingly closer to my owner. No doubt this behavior may be your dog's way to show his or her regard for you—you are the parent and guardian. Perhaps there is an element of possession, but your beloved pooch naturally feels both of you belong to each other.

- **To guard you**

Dogs are genetically inclined to guard the leaders. They know how to pay respect to their owners. By sticking close to you they believe they are guarding you. They believe they are making you feel safe and protected by being so close to you. They do all kinds of stuff to make you feel good and make your day. They feel that it is a matter of pride for them.

- **To show their affection**

By parking themselves on your feet, they want to tell you that not to go anywhere or don't leave me alone. This way, they can truly be the center of your attention. Such acts make your bond between you and your dog much stronger. No pet owners want to leave their pets alone but there are few instances where we are forced to do so. Even you might have noticed whenever you return from all day long your puppy just wants to be close to you. After all, for them you are not just a pet owner, you are the whole world.

Conclusion:

Standard Schnauzers can certainly learn that if they sit on or lie at your feet, they are more likely to get your attention. It is a normal reaction to look at or talk to your dog when they choose to sit on top of your feet. Or you dog may have learned that you give them physical attention in the form of petting or ear rubs as they sit at or on your feet. This positive reinforcement makes it more likely that your Standard Schnauzer will continue to sit on or by your feet.

Paws off Xylitol: It's Dangerous for Dogs!

Your 6-month old puppy will eat anything not tied down. Or your older dog got a hold of a cinnamon bun and got hideously ill; it turned out the glaze on the bun was made with an artificial maple syrup that contained xylitol.

Chances are you know that **xylitol**, an artificial sweetener, is toxic to dogs. But you may be surprised by what types of products can contain xylitol. While you'd never intentionally feed this stuff to Rover, accidents can happen.

You may have heard you should never leave sugarless gum or mints that have xylitol in them anywhere dogs can get them. This includes in your purse, in the car, on your bedside table, or anywhere else your dog may have access to.

Xylitol, also known as 'birch sugar' or 'wood sugar' (it's made from birch and other wood products), is more and more commonly used in products for humans. It's often used in candies and baked goods meant for diabetics. But increasingly, it's used in **regular** baked goods, because it's heat-stable and doesn't caramelize like regular sugar does. **Xylitol is frequently not listed on a food ingredient label.**

Are you aware **MANY MORE** foods, medicines, supplements, and oral health products contain xylitol?

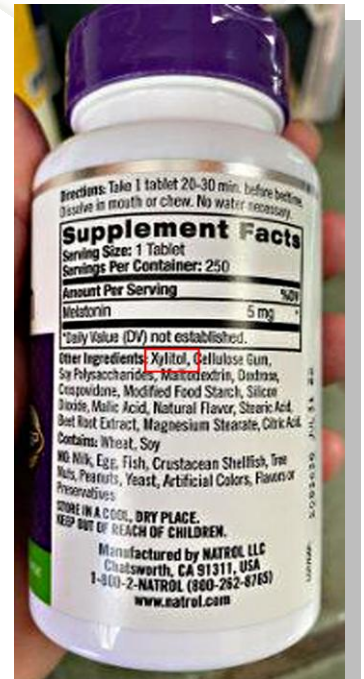
It's commonly found in:

- Peanut butters and other nut butters. This one is particularly scary since **many people use peanut butter to stuff their dogs' Kong or other food-puzzle toys**. Always check the label of nut butters and any other food you use in a Kong or food-dispensing toy!
- Toothpastes, mouthwashes, breathe mints.
- Cough syrup and cough drops.
- Children's and adult chewable vitamins.
- Supplements and over-the-counter medications. It has been found in a melatonin supplement to help with sleep; imagine if the bottle was on a bedside table and a dog helped themselves to the bottle?
- "Skinny" low-calorie, keto, or low-carb ice cream.
- "Low-calorie" desserts of any kind (cookies, cakes, "energy" bars).

It also doesn't take **very much xylitol** to seriously sicken or kill your dog.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, symptoms of xylitol toxicity in a dog include vomiting, followed immediately by symptoms associated with the sudden lowering of your dog's blood sugar, such as decreased activity, weakness, staggering, incoordination, collapse, and seizures.

In dogs, xylitol is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream, and can cause a strong insulin release, which can lead to liver failure. The increase in insulin leads to hypoglycemia (lowered sugar levels), **an effect can occur within 10 to 60 minutes**



of eating xylitol. Untreated, this hypoglycemia can quickly be life-threatening. Elevated liver enzymes and liver failure can be seen within a few days.

The FDA advises: “If you think your dog has eaten xylitol, take him to your vet or an emergency animal hospital immediately. Because hypoglycemia and other serious adverse effects may not occur in some cases for up to 12 to 24 hours, your dog may need to be hospitalized for medical monitoring.”

Prevention is key

The best way to prevent your dog from an accidental poisoning is to not buy products that contain xylitol, so they are never in your car or house.



But if you do have mints, toothpaste, cookies, or anything else in your home that contains xylitol, **you must manage xylitol like a loaded gun in a house full of toddlers.** Keep any xylitol item in a closed cabinet where the dog cannot possibly reach, never just on a counter that a dog might be able to jump up and reach. If your dog is not a “counter surfer,” you may be casual about items like toothpaste or maybe mints

on a coffee table. But a guest’s dog may be different – and all counter-surfers start somewhere, usually with some food item. You’d hate for your dog’s first foray into helping himself to a xylitol-containing food or supplement to be his last meal ever.

URGE CONGRESS TO SUPPORT NEW XYLITOL PET SAFETY LABELING REQUIREMENTS

Bipartisan legislation has been introduced in Congress called the **Paws Off Act of 2021 (HR 5261)** that would require manufacturers of any product containing xylitol to include a warning label.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Contact your member of Congress. Ask them to support HR 5261, the “Paws Off Act”.

Visit AKC’s action page at

<https://votervoice.net/AKC/Campaigns/89752/Respond>

From that page you put in your address and compose a message in support of this bill. Based on the address you enter, your message will automatically be sent to the appropriate legislators. EASY AND QUICK!

- Similar action page American Veterinary Medical Assoc <https://avmacan.avma.org/campaign/35234/>

[ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center](#) (open 24/7) at (888) 426-4435, and/or your local vet or an emergency vet. Tip: it’s a good idea to keep all these numbers saved on your phone!

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) animal poison control center, xylitol poisoning calls have increased dramatically over the last 15 years. In 2018, the ASPCA registered **6,760 xylitol-related calls**, more than 30 times the number of calls related to xylitol in 2005.

Sources: FDA, Whole Dog Journal, AVMA, ASPCA, AKC.

Info compiled by Lynne Conder



(A Standard Schnauzer Wanna-Be)



G R E A T B I G H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y W I S H E S go out to

Belated wishes to:



Joyce Ebster – October 29

**Roy Dvorak – November 23
Connie Reidner – November 27**

**Don Farage – December 1
Don Kachur – Decmeber 9
Gwen Kirman – December 15
Cheryl Wallace – December 15**

Happy Birthday wishes to:

**Dick Houskeeper – January 1
Lynne Conder – January 23**

**Caren Rohlfing – February 15
Alexis Hubbard – February 17**

If you failed to include your birthday with your renewal, please drop an email to Kathy Koehler KatonSS1@fontier.com so she can add you to the list.



SCHNAUZER TALES



This is your chance to share “tales” about your Schnauzer – show ring wins, performance wins and titles, or any other accomplishments or news that you want everyone to know about. Send e-mails (pictures welcome too!) to our editor, Kathi, himeldad@aol.com for the upcoming issues!! Remember to e-mail things as they happen. . .don’t wait for the deadline and then forget. We love reading about your Schnauzers!

What have you been up to???????????

Marsha Landers writes. . .

Anna- Katon's Here We Go Again v Morgenwald

We attended the local shows here in Springfield IL. Over the two weekends in October and nine shows, Anna received her championship the first day. Over the two weekends she received multiple BOB and a group 3 and group 4 in owner handled. We are so proud of our little spit-fire girl. We are looking forward to next year and seeing what we can do in the show ring. Joe is now working on some tracking with her and hoping to get her qualified this winter for testing.



PICKLES



Penny Duffee writes. . .

We made the trip to the SSCA National specialty near Sacramento, CA (postponed from 2020). Elin made the trip with us - over 11 years old but she handled the traveling fairly well. We took some time to do a little sightseeing along the way – the highlight was the Arches National Park in Utah, absolutely beautiful! And the worst part of the trip was later that night when we drove through a whiteout blizzard on the way over a mountain going to Salt Lake City. That was quite a day!!



On Friday Elin took a day of rest while her son, GCH CH Katon's Flying Tiger v Morgenwald made the cut in the breed competition. The following day at the SSCA National Elin showed in the Veteran Bitch 10 yr and over class. She won that class (against 2 other nice bitches – great to see the older dogs looking so good!) and topped the day by winning Select Bitch! She had not been in the ring for several years and she enjoyed every minute!! Nice win for the 11 yr old GCHS CH Katon's Eye of the Tiger v Morgenwald RATO.

Just before Thanksgiving "Hat-E" traveled to Minnesota 2 weekends in a row. The first weekend she earned one of the 4 single points she needed to finish. The next weekend she was WB for 3 points – then went Best of Breed over Specials to push the point count to a 5 pt major! Championship completed! The next day she showed as a new Special – took the breed again and then topped off the day with a Group 2. What a wonderful way to finish her Championship! She is now CH Katon's Hats Off to the Tiger v Morgenwald BCAT.





In August “Roar-E” went to the SSCA National specialty weekend in Virginia. The trip east was a lot of fun in spite of the heat. At one of our overnight stays she even got to meet the stars of the TV show “Salvage Dogs” at the Black Dog Salvage company site.

Heartland SSC had a designated Specialty on Friday. Shown in the Bred-by-Exhibitor class (as she was for all her points) she was WB and BOW to finish her Championship! She had not been in a show ring for almost 2 years – but she took it all in stride! She is now officially CH Katon’s Hear the Tiger Roar v Morgenwald.



Kathi and Roy Dvorak write. . .

Arnold . . . CH Himmlisch-Arjo's Time Of My Life DCAT ACT2 ACT1J SWN RATO CGC TKE

On September 12th at the Front Range Scent Work Club trial in Longmont, CO, Roy and Arnold earned their SWN* title! *Scent Work Novice title = 3 q's in Container, 3 q's in Interior, 3 q's in Exterior, 3 q's in Buried. They finished most of the elements with placements. Roy moved Arnold up to Advanced and earned a first placement in Container and fourth placement in Exterior.

I am so proud of these guys. Roy stepped in when I found out you can't handle two dogs in the same class on the same day in Scent Work. Roy has done all the training and handling of Arnold and they are quite the team!



Arnold and Kathi showed in some of the local conformation shows in September working on his Grand Championship. Arnold was awarded three NOH Group placements and now boasts of 26 pts. – 3 majors – 2 events w/CH defeated. . . we are almost there!



Rita . . . GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's All Time High NAJ FCAT ACT2 ACT1J SWN RATO CZ8B CGC TKE

. . . has been one busy girl!

Rita earned her SWN title on September 12th at the Front Range Scent Work Club trial in Longmont, CO with many placements. She moved to Advanced and already has a couple Q's.

September 13th Rita finished her GCH at the Evergreen KC show in Greeley CO. Along the way she earned a NOH Group 3!

On October 3rd she earned her Novice Agility Jumpers (NAJ) title with a first placement at the Front Range Agility Trial.

We headed out to the delayed SSCA 2020 National Specialty in Sacramento CA where she ran Fast CAT and finished her FCAT title on October 23rd.

November 3rd Rita earned her Crazy 8's Bronze title at the Rocky Mountain Ratters trial in Mead CO.



Lindy . . . GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's A Blast
From The Past NA NAJ OF FCAT ACT2
SWN RATCH CZ8G CGC TKE –
SSCA Leading Producer

On September 6th Lindy finished her Crazy 8's Gold title in Castle Rock CO!

Lindy earned her SWN title on September 12th at the Front Range Scent Work Club trial in Longmont, CO – most legs with placements. She moved to Advanced and already has a couple Q's. Along the way to her SWN, she earned HIGH IN TRIAL on August 29th! (see pic below)



On September 19th Lindy became a SSCA Leading Producer! Arnold and Rita had finished their CH prior to COVID. Littermate Nina finished her CH on August 23rd and littermate Poppy finished her CH on September 19th. We are very proud of this "TIME in a song title" litter!

On September 23rd we did one day of Rocky Mountain Ratters Barn Hunt (prior to conformation beginning) and Lindy finished her RATCH with a third placement!!!!



We headed out to the delayed SSCA 2020 National Specialty in Sacramento CA where Lindy ran Fast CAT and finished her FCAT title on October 22nd. She was the fastest SS bitch averaging 23.12 MPH for 6 runs.

