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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 2020

- January 15, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- May – TBA (watch for e-mail notification)
- July – TBA - (annual picnic)
- September 16, 2020
- November 21, 2020 (in conjunction with the Festival of Trees)



NEXT MEETING

The next PSSC meeting will be determined at a future time. . . watch for an email notice. Please see information elsewhere in the newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi All,

I hope this finds all of you safe and healthy. These uncertain times have given us a new reality to deal with. By now all of you should have gotten the news that our May specialty was cancelled for this year. There will always be next year to look forward to. By then we should have a vaccine and a treatment plan for this dreaded virus. Please stay virus free, enjoy your Fuzzy Face, and know this too shall pass.

I want to leave you with one more thought I borrowed from Facebook:
This quarantine has me realizing why my Fuzzy Faces get so excited about something or someone moving outside, going for a walk, or going for a car ride.

Ohhh! See you at the next meeting. I just barked at a squirrel in my backyard. I feel the need to go check him out.

Your President,

Connie Reidner



PSSC MEETING MINUTES 03/18/20

PSSC MEETING MINUTES 3/18/20

The Prairieland Standard Schnauzer meeting was held at Duffee's home in Bloomington, IL on Wednesday, 3/18/2020, 5:30 pm. After dinner, President Connie opened the business meeting.

In attendance were Kathy Koehler, Penny Duffee, Connie Reidner, Marsha Landers, and Don and Diane Kachur. Lynne Conder attended remotely by phone.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published. (Marsha/Don)

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Koehler reported income and expenses with a March balance. A full copy of the report is available by request to the treasurer. (Don/Marsha)

OLD BUSINESS

May 2020 Specialty Grooming Seminar

- Plans for the grooming seminar are progressing. Ruby stripping stones (25) and black lava stones (12) have arrived.
A PSSC logo will be added to the ruby strippers.
- The grooming seminar will be free, but there will be a charge for either of the stripping stones.
- Grooming seminar will be in a meeting room at the Interstate Center show site. Planned time is Friday afternoon, May 22, after breed judging.
- There will be a form for signup

Trophies

- Trophy planning and prep is underway. Some examples were discussed and displayed.

Fundraiser for Local Working K9s

- Don had contacted local police departments regarding a K9-related need outside of their normal budgetary constraints. It turns out local Normal, Bloomington and McLean County police departments have a joint training facility and need a piece of K9 training equipment.
- Proceeds from the May Banquet auction will be used to purchase the equipment. Any shortfall will come from the PSSC treasury. Equipment price and shipping should be approximately \$500. We are required to first buy the equipment, then donate it to them. Motion Penny/Kathy passed. We will purchase the equipment now and give to the trainers when it arrives for their immediate use vs waiting until May show. 2nd motion Kathy/Diane passed.
- Don will check on possible public presentation to a police department member during the May show. PSSC will keep the box to wrap for a public presentation. Don will ask if equipment could possibly be demonstrated as well (in afternoon in Mini Expo building). If that is not possible, maybe we could see the equipment in use at their training facility.

Pet Estate Planning Packet

- At January's meeting, Don gave an excellent report, with many handouts, on topics such as what happens to my pet if I die, providing for your pet's future, trust or will provisions, and planning for care in case of human's emergency.
- Don will assemble these materials into a packet form to be provided to each Standard Schnauzer exhibitor at our May show.
- The information may be shared later with the whole SSCA.

NEW BUSINESS

Festival of Trees

- Penny received information from the organizer Baby Fold about participating in the 2021 event. 2021 is the 27th year for the Festival.
- PSSC will participate in 2021 (Marsha/Penny). We have an abundance of supplies already so no club budget is needed for 2021.

Membership

- The Pytko family of Westchester, Illinois, has joined SSCA as new members. This is their 3rd Standard Schnauzer. Their location would make them possible associate members of PSSC.
- PSSC has no membership or historian office, so Kathy and Lynne will work together on a cover letter and application to send to the Pytkos.

Status of May 2020 show

- The May show Cluster Committee met and voted to go ahead with this year's show, unless due to Covid-19 there is a state or county mandate prohibiting the show. Fairgrounds management also said they will not cancel unless they are told the show cannot be held.

Braggs

- Gwen has shown Ace in recent UKC shows and won SS of the Year.
- Team Lynne and Kody earned two C-Wags (Canine Work and Games) Scent titles, CW-SP Patrol Level 1 and CW-SD Detective Level 2. Both titles require 4 qualifying searches, each with varying search areas and odors.

News

- Diane recently had a pacemaker put in. She continues to improve.
- Gwen's husband Art was seriously injured from a fall and has been hospitalized in ICU.
- Kathi Dvorak's father fell and was hospitalized. He is now recovering with home therapy.

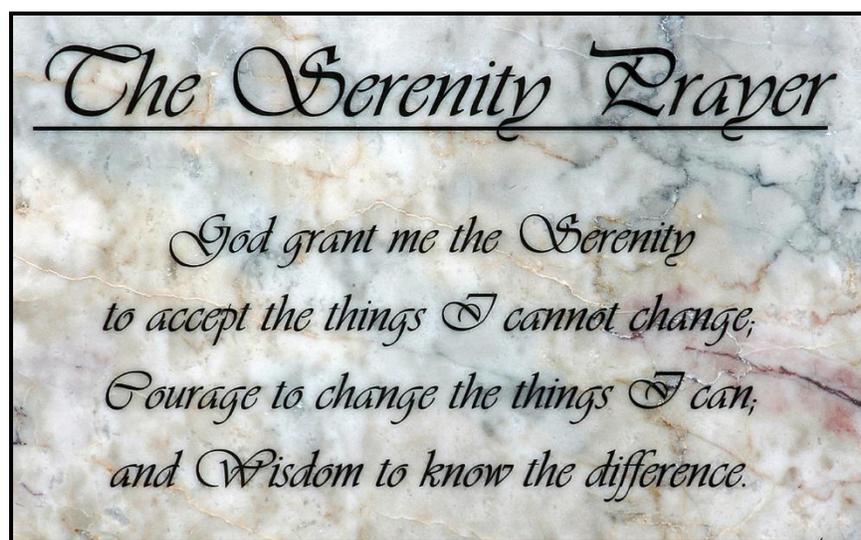
Adjournment

Thank you to Penny and Kathy for hosting.

No further business was conducted after adjournment at approximately 7:45. (Don)

Submitted by Lynne Conder

Secretary, Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club



written by the American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr



CANCELLATION NOTICE

The notice below was sent out to judges and posted on websites, etc. to inform everyone that the shows in Bloomington over Memorial weekend has been cancelled – which of course means the PSSC annual specialty has been cancelled.

This is a very difficult time in which we are living, with so many uncertainties. We have held off making a decision concerning our dog shows over Memorial weekend so that we could weigh all of our options and make an informed decision.

Unfortunately postponing our shows is not a possibility for us.

We have always kept the safety of all concerned at the forefront of our decision. At this time we feel it is in everyone's best interest to cancel our Heart of Illinois Cluster Dog Shows (May 22-25, 2020) in Bloomington, Illinois.

Please know that we did not make this decision lightly. Thank-you for your understanding

We hope everyone stays safe and healthy!

Plan to join us next year (May 28-31, 2021) for a great weekend!!

Heart of Illinois cluster committee

It is very disappointing that we won't be seeing everyone this year – but everyone needs to stay safe – and plan to come back again next year!



NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is supposed to be over Memorial weekend (at our annual dinner). However, obviously it will not be then. We will have to monitor the COVID 19 situation and make a final decision closer to the end of May. Please watch your emails for notices. The following meeting will be the July picnic. Details will be send prior to that meeting.



Changes from the AKC for NOHS and Beginner Puppy Competition

Following the February meeting of the AKC Board of Directors, Event Operations is writing to inform our clubs of recent actions taken that impact the sport and may impact your events. Any questions should be sent to eventsnew@akc.org.

Announcing the National Owner-Handled Series Level of Achievement

The AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) has been a tremendous success, viewed very favorably by the fancy as a mechanism to showcase dogs exhibited by non-professional owner-handlers. In the time since its inception, the AKC has developed an NOHS ranking system and launched the AKC NOHS Finals, an event held annually in December during the week of the AKC National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Consistent with the AKC's ongoing efforts to grow the NOHS program and the sport overall, the Board of Directors at its February 2020 meeting voted to approve the implementation of NOHS Levels of Achievement to include Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards.

The Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum NOHS Awards of Achievement will be earned by obtaining a predetermined number of NOHS points for each level and award. This will mimic the inaugural levels of recognition for the Grand Champion title introduced in May 2011.

RECOGNITION LEVEL	MINIMUM NOHS POINTS
<i>Bronze</i>	250
<i>Silver</i>	500
<i>Gold</i>	1,000
<i>Platinum</i>	2,000

For each Achievement Level, the first owner of the dog will receive a certificate to commemorate the accomplishment and a NOHS Achievement Level pin. The pin will be the NOHS logo cast to reflect the color of the Achievement Level. As this is not a titling program, it will not reflect as a prefix or suffix to the dog's AKC registered name. Dogs will be grandfathered back to the beginning of the NOHS program (2012). Dogs grandfathered would be awarded only the highest Level of Achievement certificate and pin that they have earned.

More information on the new NOHS Levels of Achievement will be sent in the near future. **The expected launch date for the NOHS Levels of Achievement is July 1, 2020.**

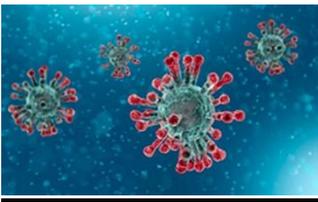
Modification to the Sanctioned Four-to- Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations

The Board at its February meeting voted to approve a modification to the Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations to allow minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers to participate in the Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition **effective immediately**.

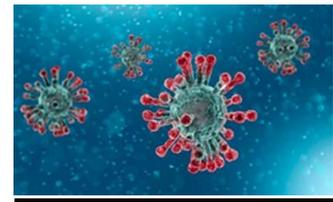
The [Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month \(Beginner Puppy\) Competition Regulations](#) posted on the AKC website has been updated to reflect the Board's action. The area of the regulations impacted by this recent change is provided below for your review.

Sanctioned Four-to-Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition Regulations Section 2. Entry and Eligibility

- Minors (under 18) with amateur status who reside with professional handlers and current assistants to professional handlers that are eligible to compete in Junior Showmanship (meet age and amateur status requirements) may personally exhibit dogs in the Four- to- Six Month (Beginner Puppy) Competition.



A FEW PRACTICAL TIPS FOR DEALING WITH THE VIRUS



This is a new world in which we live – none of us could have imagined this situation just a few months ago. There is so much information being put forth and it can be overwhelming. There are a few basic practical tips everyone can use to help keep people safe.

First – stay at home! Yes, we hear this every day – tired of it!! But that is the best way to keep yourself – and others – safe. Spring is coming and it is SO tempting to want to get out – everyone has a BIG case of cabin fever! You can go out into your own yard, enjoy your dogs and stay safe – don't invite the neighbors for a party!

If you must go out (grocery, pharmacy – hopefully not the vet!) do all you can to protect yourself.

Take your own disinfecting wipes – put a couple in a zip lock plastic bag. Press all the air out before sealing to help prevent drying out. If wipes are not available at the grocery, etc., you will have a couple in your zip lock bag to use. Also use your wipes to clean your hands, the car door handle and steering wheel when you get back into the car. If the wipe is still wet, you can reseal it into the bag and use again later.

Face masks are now recommended for everyone to use when out in public areas. The mask will not keep you from contracting the virus. Because it is possible for you to be contagious without showing any symptoms, the mask will help protect others. . . and other people

wearing masks will then protect you. If it is a cloth mask, it can be washed. If it is a paper mask, it can be sprayed with disinfectant between uses. Keep it right by the door so you remember to take it whenever you leave the house. . . along with your gloves, wipes and zip lock bags!

Ladies – don't take your purse into the store. Put credit card (preferred to using cash) and ID into your pocket. Use a paper grocery list so you aren't constantly on the phone – throw away the list when you are done. Wipe off your credit card, ID – and phone – when you leave the store.

Touch screens on most phones will work with the phone sealed into a plastic bag – another way to keep your phone clean.

If you stop for gas, either use a glove or a plastic bag on the hand using the gas nozzle (you are dog people – you always have a couple spare poop bags in your pockets – those will work just fine!)

When you take off a glove or a plastic bag, peel it off so it turns inside out and then dispose.

Keep a set of shoes on the porch – and one inside the door. Always leave the outside shoes outside. . . if they must come in, spray the soles and tops with a disinfectant spray and let them dry.

As soon as you get home, take off your clothes and put into a plastic bag. Wear clothes that button up so you do not have to pull the exposed clothing over your head and face to prevent inhaling any virus. Go directly to the shower and be sure to wash your hair too. Then put the clothes into the washer – wipe off the lid/door and the controls of the washer and then carefully wash your hands.

If you are bored, teach your dogs a couple of new tricks. . . there are lots of online videos to give you some ideas. Maybe you can even put a new title on your dog. . . but either way, you will have fun!

Editor's note: Thanks for the great ideas, Penny Duffee



Another thought for these difficult times

*Let us choose peace over panic,
faith over fear
and kindness over craziness*



Providing for Your Pet's Future Without You

By: Don Kachur

As a responsible pet owner, you provide your pet(s) with food and water, shelter, veterinary care, and much love. But what happens to your pet(s) if you unexpectedly become ill or incapacitated or die? It is critical for you to plan so your pet(s) is/are not overlooked. The importance of arrangements for care giving for the unexpected cannot be overemphasized.

Find at least two responsible friends or relatives who agree to serve as temporary emergency caregivers in the event something unexpected happens to you. Provide them with keys to your home; feeding and care instructions; the name of your veterinarian; and information about the permanent care provisions you have made for your pet(s).

If you are incapacitated or die, make sure your wishes for your pet(s) are fulfilled by making formal arrangements that specifically cover the care of your animals. It's not enough that maybe some time ago a friend or relative verbally promised to take in your pet(s) or even that you've decided to leave money for that purpose. Work with an attorney to draw up a special will, trust, or other document to provide for the care and ownership of your pet(s) as well as the money necessary for their care.

If you have multiple pets, decide whether you want your pets to go to one person or whether different pets go to different people. When selecting caregivers, consider partners, adult children, parents, brothers, sisters, and friends who have met your pet(s) and have successfully cared for pets themselves. Also name alternate caregivers in case your first choice becomes unable or unwilling to take your pet(s). Be sure to discuss your expectations with potential caregivers so they understand the large responsibility of caring for your pet(s). Remember, the new owner will have full discretion over the animal's care—including veterinary treatment and euthanasia—so make sure you choose a person you trust implicitly and who will do what is in the best interests of your pet(s).

Remember to stay in touch with the designated caregivers and alternates. Over time, people's circumstances and priorities change, and you want to make sure that the arrangements you have made continue to hold from the designated caregivers' vantage points.

You should consider giving directions to the executor or personal representative of your will for the temporary care of your pet(s) as well as for the costs for looking for a new home and transporting the pet(s) to it. The will should also grant broad discretion to your executor in making decisions about your pet(s) and in expending estate funds on the pet(s)'s behalf. Sample language for this approach is:

{Article Number} A. As a matter of high priority and importance, I direct my Personal Representative to place any and all animals I may own at the time of my death with another individual or family (that is, in a private, noninstitutionalized setting) where such animals will be cared for in a manner that any responsible, devoted pet owner would afford to his or her pets. Prior to initiating such efforts to place my animals, I direct my Personal Representative to consult _____, D.V.M. (currently at the _____ Hospital), or, in the event of Dr. _____'s unavailability, a veterinarian chosen by my Personal Representative, to ensure that each animal is in generally good health and is not

suffering physically. In addition, I direct my Personal Representative to provide any needed, reasonable veterinary care that my animal(s) may need at that time to restore the animal(s) to generally good health and to alleviate suffering, if possible. Any animal(s) not in generally good health or who is so suffering—and whose care is beyond the capabilities of veterinary medicine, reasonably employed, to restore to generally good health or to alleviate suffering—shall be euthanized, cremated, and the ashes disposed of at the discretion of my Personal Representative. Any expenses incurred for the care (including the costs of veterinary services), placement, or transportation of my animals, or to otherwise effect the purposes of this Article _____ up to the time of placement, shall be charged against the principal of my residuary estate. Decisions my Personal Representative makes under this Article _____—for example, with respect to the veterinary care to be afforded to my animal(s) and the costs of such care—shall be final. My intention is that my Personal Representative have the broadest possible discretion to carry out the purposes of this paragraph.

Although your lawyer will help you decide what type of document best suits your needs, you should be aware of some drawbacks to wills. For example, a will takes effect only upon your death, and it will not be probated and formally recognized by a court for days or even weeks later. What's more, if legal disputes arise, the final settlement of your property may be prolonged. Even determining the rightful new owner of your pet(s) can get delayed. In other words, it may take a long time before your instructions regarding your pet(s)'s long-term care can be carried out.

This doesn't necessarily mean that you should not include a provision in your will that provides for your pets. It just means that you should explore creating additional documents that compensate for the will's limitations.

Before making formal arrangements to provide for the long-term care of your pet(s), seek help from professionals who can guide you in preparing legal documents that can protect your interests and those of your pet(s). However, you must keep in mind the critical importance of making advance personal arrangements to ensure that your pet(s) is/are cared for immediately if you die or become incapacitated.

Reference: ***Providing for Your Pet's Future Without You***

<https://www.petfinder.com/dogs/bringing-a-dog-home/providing-pets-future/>



PSSC Donates Dog Training Device to the Normal Police Department

By: Don Kachur

The Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club of Central Illinois (PSSC) donated a behavior shaping device (BSD) to the Normal Police Department to be used in the training of dogs by the Normal, Illinois and Bloomington, Illinois Police Departments and the McLean County Sheriff's Office. The K9 BSD or Behavior Shaping Device can be a valuable tool in shaping detection dog behavior. The device is most effective on dogs when behavior can be controlled with ball, tug etc. in a variety of different environments. The trainer controls the training as the K-9 BSD is just a unique tool to expand positive reinforcement training.



K-9 BSD-3R, Remote Ball Launcher with Black cover

The range of the K9-BSD device is designed to eject popular reward items with enough distance and speed to engage prey drive in most working dogs.

K-9 BSD Benefits: *In training timing is everything.*

- The K-9 BSD allows split second timing of reinforcement.
- Unmatched drive and focus with a remote active reward.
- Reduces both unwanted handler cues and need for assistants.
- Delivers a variety of rewards.
- Reinforce behaviors when animal and handler are separated by large distances.

The training device was presented to K-9 Officer Shane Bachman of the Normal (Illinois) Police Department. PSSC intended to have the Normal Police Department do a demonstration of the device at the 2020 Heart of Illinois Dog Show in Bloomington, Illinois scheduled for May 22-25, 2020. However, due to its cancellation, plans will be made to do a demonstration at another time.

You can go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) to see how detection training is done using a Behavior Shaping Device. Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in under search Detection Dog Training K-9 BSD HDPE Boxes.mpg to see a demonstration of detection dog training used a Behavior Shaping Device.

Editor's note: somehow I got "off" on posting birthdays. . . please accept my sincerest apology. Happy belated birthday for those of you who have already celebrated. . . and happy birthday to those birthdays coming up. ☺

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



3-5 **Ron Lombardi**
3-22 **John Pazereskis**
3-23 **Diana Barber**
3-25 **Sharon Talaga**
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6-4 **Joe Landers**
6-21 **Larry Wallace**

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??????????

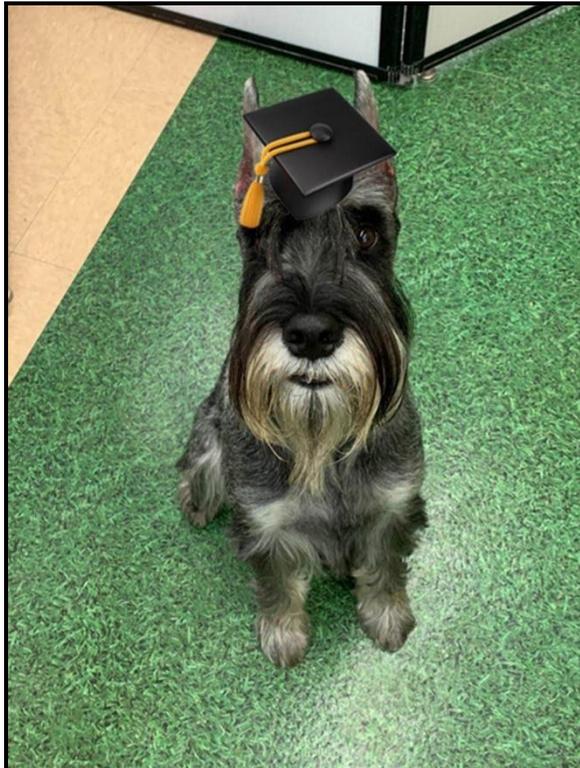
Gwen Kirman writes. . .

Katon's Flying Tiger V Morgenwald (aka: Ace)

2019 Was a good year for me.

- 1) I finished my AKC Championship Schnauzapalooza' 19 weekend
- 2) I finished my UKC Championship w/ 4 Best of Breed, 1 Group 2, 3 Group 1, and a Best in Show
- 3) I graduated from Beginners Obedience and Beginners Trick Dog classes
- 4) UKC Breed Standings Top Ten, Jan 1-Dec 31st 2019, I was #1 Standard Schnauzer I wonder..... What will happen in 2020 ??

Love, Ace



If you aren't on FaceBook, you may have missed this fantastic design. Our shirts just arrived today and they were wonderful. **This whimsical SS has his own way to deal with the virus. Disinfection at its finest!** 10% of sales go to purchasing homemade masks for our medical professionals. For more information go to

<https://inkmypug.com/collections/standard-schnauzer/products/standard-schnauzer-coronavirus-unisex-t-shirt>

(there are several other breeds available too)

