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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 2025

- January 19, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- May 25, 2025 (in conjunction with annual dinner at Specialty)
- July 12, 2025 (tentative) – annual picnic
- September 17, 2025
- November 22, 2025 (tentative) – Christmas dinner



NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Sunday, May 25th . . . this will be a very short business meeting at the banquet dinner.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Arnold taking time to smell the flowers on a recent walk in Colorado.

Hi Everyone,

Today we had our PSSC work day. All the trophies are detailed and ready for the May show. Don't forget to enter the May 2025 show so you can win one of these trophies. Remember the banquet will be in the evening on Sunday. Join us for great food and a fun raffle.

I hope you are enjoying Spring. Here, we have a few early Spring flowers poking their way threw the dirt. My fuzzy faces are enjoying the warmer temperatures, especially since the squirrels are active.

*Your President,
Connie Reidner*



PSSC MEETING MINUTES 03/19/2025

Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club met via a Zoom meeting on 3-19-25.

President Connie Reidner opened the meeting at approximately 6:30. Eight people attended – Don and Diane Kachur, Marsha Landers, Connie R, Kathi Dvorak, Penny Duffee, Kathy Koehler, Lynne Conder.

Thank you Don for setting up the zoom meeting.

Minutes were approved from the last newsletter (Marsha/Kathi).

Treasurer's Report: Kathy reported the financials were the same as prior report.

A copy of the full report is available by request to the treasurer.

Kathy K said thank you to Don for doing the club's taxes this year.

Old Business - None

New Business

May 2025 Heart of Illinois Cluster shows in Bloomington 5/23-26/25

- Penny reported the Premium is available online now.
- Onofrio is the superintendent.
- There will be a cluster raffle as previous years.
- RV reservations are online again this year.
- FCAT is offered again, hosted by Corn Belt KC, volunteers from local Town and Country Kennel Club.
- There will be vendors for food, as well as dog supplies.
- PSSC's specialty is Sunday 5/25; other days are supported entries by PSSC and Heartland.
- Our show will be dedicated to Gwen Kirman. A memorial ad is in the Premium.
- PSSC annual banquet is Sunday night, again at the VFW. Thank you Barry Conder for reserving.

We will have the usual banquet raffle too – please donate doggie and human items.

Kathi D. is bringing special treats for the dinner.

- Don K is working on advertising for the Cluster.

** PSSC member work day to prep for the show is Sunday, 4/13, 9:30 at Penny and Kathy's.

May 2026 PSSC show

- PSSC's 2026 show is our 25th anniversary!
- Please be thinking of special ideas for the show theme - silver possibly?
- Don Farage is working on special prizes for 2026.

Adjournment

- No further business was conducted after adjournment at approximately 7:10 p.m.

*Submitted by Lynne Conder
PSSC Secretary*

HEART OF ILLINOIS CLUSTER DOG SHOWS

MAY 23-26, 2025



PRAIRIE LAND STANDARD
SCHNAUZER CLUB
2025 SPECIALTY

HEART OF ILLINOIS
CLUSTER



Our specialty will be on Sunday, May 25, as a part of the Heart of Illinois Cluster in Bloomington, IL. In addition to the specialty, there will be 3 days of supported entries. A special thanks to Heartland SSC for once again supporting the entry on Saturday. . . PSSC supports the other 2 days.

The Specialty will be judged by Sherry Webster and Sweepstakes will be judged by Dr. Azalea Alvarez. The breed judge on Friday is Brian Meyer, Saturday is Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine and Monday is Debra Thronton.

Superintendent is Onofrio Dog Shows, LLC. Entries close on **Wednesday, May 7 at noon**. Website is www.onofrio.com. In addition to the regular classes, Veteran Dog and Veteran Bitch classes, Stud Dog & Brood bitch classes and Brace class will be offered for the Specialty. Because it is a Designated Specialty the Breed winner will move on to the Group competition, so entrants in the Veteran classes may not be spayed or neutered. However, Veteran Sweepstakes is open to spayed/neutered animals.

The cluster will be offering an OFA eye clinic on Saturday. Reservations may be made online (see premium list for links). Pre-registration fee is \$50. Walk-ins welcome as time permits, with \$55 cash or check fee. Minimum of 50 dogs is required to hold the clinic. If that number is not reached with pre-registrations, the clinic will be cancelled and fees refunded. This is a great chance to get your dogs up-to-date at a very reasonable cost. This vet uses a single drop (to dilate eyes) and the effects do not last very long. Testing times can be adjusted after judging schedule is posted so it will not interfere with your show plans.

FastCAT trials will be held on Saturday and Sunday – with red/white/blue rosettes for new titles! Go to www.tallyHoEvents.com for information and entry forms. These trials usually fill so make your entries soon! They try to save a few slots for Day Of entries but not guaranteed. . . make your entries now!

On Sunday evening we will have our annual dinner – very informal (not fancy!). Reservation form is elsewhere in this newsletter. Reservations MUST BE RECEIVED by **Wednesday, May 7**. Send reservation and check or money order to:

**Kathy Koehler
8 Chrisman Lane
Bloomington, IL 61704**

In addition to good food and great company – we will hold our raffle and silent auction at the VFW. It can get rather lively when several people are interested in the same auction items!! Come join the fun! If you are staying in a motorhome on show grounds, we can make arrangements for a ride to and from the dinner.

Special hotel rates are available at the Country Inn & Suites and the Ramada Limited. You must call the hotel directly and request a room in the “Heart of Illinois Dog show block” to get the special rates. See premium list for more details.

There is no reserved grooming for the cluster. However, because of the Specialty, there will be an area set aside for Standard Schnauzers. You will need to notify Kathy Koehler KatonSS1@frontier.com with the number of crates and tables you will be bringing. There is electric in the grooming area – you may have to share a little bit.

Put May 23-26, 2025 on your calendar!
make your entries
send your dinner reservations
register for the eye clinic!
See you all in Bloomington!!

*Please share this information with anyone who would like to attend but
may not receive this newsletter
We look forward to seeing you all in May!!*



RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th
(SHOW CLOSING DATE)

MAIL DINNER RESERVATIONS TO

Kathy Koehler

8 Chrisman Lane

Bloomington, IL 61704

Email Kathy at KatonSS1@frontier.com with any questions.

May 2025 ANNUAL SPECIALTY DINNER RESERVATION			
Select <u>choice of two meats</u> for each person	Beef Brisket	Pulled Chicken	Pulled Pork
Name			
Email			
2nd Name			
3rd Name			
4th Name			
Total number of dinners			
@ \$23 each	\$		
Total check enclosed	\$		
Checks payable to PSSC			

WORK DAY

On Saturday, April 13 we held a work day at Penny & Kathy's house to work on the trophies, hospitality bags and table decorations for our upcoming May Specialty. We had 9 people who accomplished a LOT that day! After some breakfast of egg casserole and banana muffins, everyone got down to work. By lunch time most of the work was done. After some lunch (this gang can provide some delicious food!), another hour of work put the finishing touches on the projects. A special thanks to Connie Reidner, Lynne Conder, Marsha Landers, Mavis Sony, Darcie Mair, Don Kachur, Diane Kachur. . . they accomplished a lot! Enjoy the pictures from our fun work day. . .



The beehive in the sunroom



Table decoration challenge



Trophy table



Even bosses need some snuggles



*The boss/princess (Elin)
hopes for a bite of lunch*



Serious discussions



Lynne checking with "the boss"



*Caught Don checking out
The Masters Tournament*



Guess who gave in to pleading eyes?!



Job done! Relaxing now!

25th ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR!!

Next year PSSC will celebrate 25 years! Hard to believe that many years have gone by since several of us sat on the steps at the Chicago International show and talked about how to get a Standard Schnauzer club going in our area. . . there are a lot a great memories from these last 25 years. We hope to share a lot of them next year. We will make plans for some extra activities – so be sure to put Memorial weekend on your calendar for 2026!!



SSCA NATONAL SPECIALTY

The SSCA National specialty will be October 27- November 2 as a part of the Hunt Cluster in Doswell, VA. They are using a Halloween theme this year. The show superintendent will be Moss-Bow. Watch the SSCA website and SSCA Facebook page for details

Vet-Approved Frozen Summer Treats for Dogs

AKC News, By [Dr. Jerry Klein, CVO](#)

(Thanks Lynne Conder for submitting this informative article)



Question:

My local drive-thru ice-cream shop offers “pup cones”; very small portions of soft serve vanilla ice cream in a tiny ice cream cone. When my Yorkie watches me with her sweet “please share” eyes on a hot day, I’m tempted. Can I feed my dog ice cream, frozen yogurt or popsicles?

Answer:

While I’m sure this ice cream shop has kind intentions, you probably made the right choice by opting out. I do have dog owners in my practice that feed their dogs dairy, but there are several reasons to avoid feeding your dog ice cream, frozen yogurt, and popsicles regularly, especially when you cannot read the ingredients.

Reasons to Avoid Feeding Dogs Ice Cream and Frozen Treats

Dairy products top the list of food intolerances for dogs. For some dogs, dairy consumption can result in vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal discomfort. For that reason, only small amounts should be offered at a time and wait to see if and how your dog reacts.

However, keep in mind that **chocolate and macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs**, so only plain vanilla or fruit flavors should ever be considered. Weight management is key to a healthy dog and added sugars in high levels such as in ice cream and other sweet treats can cause weight gain and dental issues.

Another hidden potential hazard is **Xylitol**. Many ice creams, frozen yogurts, and popsicles contain this HIGHLY toxic and potentially deadly ingredient. You should ask if there are any artificial sweeteners in the ice cream before offering it to your dog, especially since your dog is such a small breed.

Additionally, popsicle sticks can become lodged in a dog’s mouth and possibly cause severe splintering or intestinal dangers.

The good news is that you can still spoil your dog on a hot day with vet-approved frozen treats and dog-friendly “ice cream” options you can prepare and store in your freezer.

Favorite Dog-Friendly Frozen Treats to Make at Home:

- Frozen green beans, banana chunks, strawberries, blueberries, and peach chunks are a quick treat. If you’re purchasing packaged frozen items from the grocery store, be sure to read the labels to ensure there is **NO added Xylitol**.
- Combine ripe banana, pumpkin or sweet potato and plain yogurt (see note below) or coconut milk together and freeze in a mold or ice cube tray.
- Use a blender or food processor to puree watermelon, cantaloupe or honeydew. Fill ice cube trays or silicone molds and freeze.

- You can also use the pureed melon to make “ice cream” by stirring frozen yogurt (see note below) or coconut milk into the pureed fruit and freeze in a freezer-safe bowl.
- Fill an ice cube tray with pureed bananas and add a dollop of fresh ground peanut butter on top and freeze. The best way to make sure the peanut butter you use is **Xylitol-free** is to use only fresh ground peanut butter, often available at natural food stores.
- Combine grilled chicken, yogurt (or chicken broth), and cooked carrot in a food processor and freeze.
- Fill your dog’s [favorite chew toy](#) with one of the above recipes and freeze for added chew time.

****Yogurt Note:** While yogurt is a dairy product and it’s best to steer clear of dairy with dogs, fresh plain yogurt with good bacteria is often easier for dogs to tolerate. To avoid dairy altogether, substitute coconut milk (read the label to check for **NO xylitol** or other harmful ingredients).



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



Happy Birthday wishes to:

Diane Kachur – May 7
Kathi Dvorak – May 9
Marsha Landers – May 23
Kathy Koehler – May 25
Dorothy Pazereskis – May 26

Joe Landers – June 4
Larry Wallace – June 21

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.



Happy Easter – Happy Spring – Happy Happy Everything!



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???????????

Kathi & Roy Dvorak write . . .

ARNOLD. . .

GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo’s Time Of My Life
RA OA OAJ OF FCAT2 ACT2 ACT2J SWN
RATO DN CGC STR TKE FITG

03/21/25 – Arnold earned his
RA (Rally Advanced) title via the AKC Rally
Virtual Program.



Stay Healthy. . . Stay Pawsitive

