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## NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

<u>Copy Deadline</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
February 7	February 15
April 7	April 15
June 7	June 15
August 7	August 15
October 7	October 15
December 7	December 15

## 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 2024

- January 17, 2024
- March 19, 2024
- May 26, 2024 (in conjunction with annual dinner at Specialty)
- July 13, 2024 – annual picnic
- September 18, 2024
- November 23, 2024 (tentative) – Christmas dinner



## NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> . . . this will be a very short business meeting at the banquet dinner.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone,

Hope this finds everyone well this Spring. We just had our March Zoom meeting. We talked about the upcoming event PSSC is involved in, for the K-9 Cop project. We also have a work day coming up for our May specialty. Please read the meeting minutes for all this information. Our next meeting will be in May at the annual dinner/raffle at the Bloomington VFW Hall. Be sure to sign up for dinner.

*Your President,  
Connie Reidner*



### **PSSC MEETING MINUTES 03/10/24**

The Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club met Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 6:30 pm CT, via Zoom.

This was our first 2024 meeting. Thank you to Don Kachur for arranging the Zoom meeting.

Attending: Connie Reidner, Kathy Koehler, Penny Duffee, Gwen Kirman, Marsha Landers, Don and Diane Kachur, Darcie Mair, Mary Thome, Kathi Dvorak, and Lynne Conder.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy gave an updated report. Report was approved as presented.  
(Gwen/Marsha)

Kathy also noted the club's previous tax preparer has retired, so this year's return was done by Penny and Don. A copy of the full Treasurer's report is available by request to the Treasurer.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The slate for 2024 was accepted by affirmation. (Penny/Don)

Vote carried for all officers and board to serve again in 2024.

- President – Connie Reidner
- Vice President – Marsha Landers
- Treasurer – Kathy Koehler
- Secretary – Lynne Conder
- Board Members – Diane Kachur, Don Kachur, Gwen Kirman
- Newsletter Editor – Kathi Dvorak

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **SSCA National Specialty 2024, Purina Farms, St. Louis**

- Penny reported progress is happening on many levels, although some areas are not yet available.
- 2024 Specialty website updates are being made as information is available.
  - The site is <https://www.standardschnauzer.org/ssca2024/> - A link is also available from the homepage of SSCA.
  - Specialty site has a PDF version of the Event Schedule.
  - Host hotel and RV parking info are up.
  - Trophies link is up.
- Connie is working on the Ways and Means store.
- Penny also designed a t-shirt which will be available.

### **2024 MAY Shows, Bloomington**

#### **Memorial Weekend May 24-27**

- PSSC specialty is Sunday, May 26.
- Onofrio is superintendent this year. Premium is available there.
- If you plan to setup in SS grooming area, contact Kathy Koehler.
- PSSC annual banquet is Sunday evening, May 26 at the Bloomington VFW. The dinner reservation form will be in the newsletter and food is planned from Bandanas again this year. Deadline for dinner reservations is 5/8, same as show closing date. Join the annual raffle and silent auction again too!
- There will be a table display for donations to the McLean County Adopt a K-9 Cop, along with a possible demo of a dog team on 5/25.
- A work day for show prep will be organized on Sat. 4/20.

#### **Adopt a K-9 Cop - Tennis Ball Sales**

- Don has arranged for PSSC to have a table at the Bloomington Farmer's Market on Sat. June 22, 7:30-12:00. \$5 donations for the tennis balls will be taken. These funds are being used for additional supplies for a new McLean County Adopt a K-9 Cop dog.
- A QR code for donations to the GoFund page is available as well.

- Don read a nice thank you letter from McLean County Sgt John Albee thanking the club for these efforts. He said the County Sheriff's department is getting a new dog handler and the new dog is now anticipated in the near future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PSSC Facebook page**

- Don and Alicia Farage are the admins for our Facebook page, but have requested an additional backup member. Thank you new member Mary Thome for stepping up to help with this!
- Don Kachur will supply updated info about the K-9 Cop project.
- Send news, brags, photos, etc, to Don, [faragehome@gmail.com](mailto:faragehome@gmail.com).
- Don Farage is also our webmaster and will update our website if you send him information.

### **SS Rescue**

- Penny told about 6 Standard Schnauzers near us in Danville, IL needing rescue homes. The owner is relinquishing the dogs due to her health issues.

### **Brag**

- Penny, Kathi D., Marsha, and Lynne shared brags.
- Also don't forget to send Kathi Dvorak, [himeldad@aol.com](mailto:himeldad@aol.com), brags, photos (conformation, humorous, etc) for our newsletter.

### **Next meeting**

- The next meeting is a very short business meeting at the May banquet dinner.
- The summer 'picnic' potluck meeting date is Sat. July 13, at Don & Diane Kachur's.

*Minutes submitted by Lynne Conder, Secretary*



### **Work Day coming up!**

Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Work Day to get everything ready for the May Specialty. We will meet at 10 a.m. at Penny & Kathy's house. An email will be sent out for everyone to sign up for food to bring. Projects will include putting together the welcome bags for the annual dinner and working on the final touches on the trophies. Everything will be ready for the shows.

Our specialty will be at the Heart of Illinois cluster in Bloomington, IL – our usual location.

The shows are

**Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> - Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

The PSSC Specialty will be Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Heartland SSC will support the entry on Saturday and PSSC will support the other 2 shows.



Judge for the Specialty (on Sunday) will be Joan Liebes. Sweeps and Veteran Sweeps will be judged by Kent Meyer. Other judges are Gary Sparschu on Friday, Eric Liebes on Saturday and Pat Jenkins on Monday.

**NOTE:** New superintendent this year. The superintendent will be Jack Onofrio Dog Shows [www.onofrio.com](http://www.onofrio.com) and entries close Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Extra events offered are FastCAT on Saturday and Sunday. There will be two Rally trials on Saturday and two on Sunday. See the premium list for information on both of these events.

Our annual informal dinner will be on Sunday evening at the VFW – thanks again to Barry Conder for his connections there! Because everyone seemed to enjoy the food last year, we plan to use the same caterer again this year. Cost for the dinner is \$23 per person. Reservation with payment deadline is May 8<sup>th</sup> – the show closing date. The reservation form is elsewhere in this newsletter. Send form and money to:

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

Menu will be choice of two meats - pulled pork, pulled chicken or beef brisket with a variety of BBQ sauces to add to the meat. Sides will include potato salad, cole slaw and baked beans – plus Texas toast. Our usual desert will be birthday cake to mark the many birthdays that our members are celebrating right around the Specialty time.

Don't forget the raffle and silent auction! We always have a lot of great things. . . and sometimes the competition for specific items can be pretty intense! Everyone is encouraged to bring items – either doggie or people. We appreciate the great things donated – and look forward to seeing what shows up this year!

Please share this information with anyone who is not a member of PSSC and will not receive this newsletter.

Please plan to join us – even if you don't have a dog to show, just come and visit with everyone!

**SEE YOU IN MAY!!**



## **PRAIRIELAND SSC ANNUAL SPECIALTY & DINNER**

Our annual informal dinner will be Sunday evening at the VFW, thanks again to Barry Conder's connections.

The raffle and silent auction will be a special part of the evening. We already know there are a couple of special things that will be available. Everyone who attends is encouraged to bring something - doggie or human related. Every year our attendees come up with really neat items

. . . and we can't wait to see what arrives this year!

### **SUNDAY, MAY 26<sup>th</sup> - SPECIALTY**

Sweepstakes Judge – Kent Meyer

Breed Judge – Joan Liebes

(Supported entries other 3 days)

**NOTE: New superintendent this year will be Jack Onofrio Dog Shows**

SUNDAY EVENING May 26<sup>th</sup> - INFORMAL DINNER & RAFFLE will be held at the VFW, about 10 minutes from show site. Same location as in the past.

**Transportation can be arranged for those staying in motorhomes.**

Dinner approx. 6 p.m. – definite time announced after judging times are posted.

Menu - (same caterer as last year) Choice of two meats: Beef brisket, Pulled chicken, or Pulled pork. Plus variety of BBQ sauces, Sides: potato salad, cole slaw and baked beans, Texas toast.

Dessert: Birthday cake to celebrate the many birthdays our members have around the Specialty.

**COST \$23 per person - RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup> (SHOW CLOSING DATE)**

**Reservations must be confirmed with the caterer on May 10<sup>th</sup> . . . get them sent now!**

Our Raffle and Silent Auction always has some great "goodies"! Please bring something for the raffle – either a doggie or people item.

*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 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**(SHOW CLOSING DATE)**

**MAIL DINNER RESERVATIONS TO**

**Kathy Koehler**

**8 Chrisman Lane**

**Bloomington, IL 61704**

**Email Kathy at [KatonSS1@frontier.com](mailto:KatonSS1@frontier.com) with any questions.**

<b>May 2024 ANNUAL SPECIALTY DINNER RESERVATION</b>			
Select <u>choice of two meats</u> for each person	<b>Beef Brisket</b>	<b>Pulled Chicken</b>	<b>Pulled Pork</b>
<b>Name</b>			
<b>Email</b>			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Name</b>			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Name</b>			
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Name</b>			
<b>Total number of dinners</b>			
<b>@ \$23 each</b>	\$		
<b>Total check enclosed</b>	\$		
<b>Checks payable to PSSC</b>			



## **2024 SSCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

The SSCA National Specialty will be at Purina Farms, just west of St Louis, MO, August 20-25. It is not another Palooza – but the Giant Schnauzer Club will be sharing the show site with us. Many of the activities will be shared by the 2 breeds – and then opened up for all-breed entries to fill the trials. Ed Watson (from California) is the show chair – he has been doing a lot of hard work to make a successful specialty! His assistant show chair is Suzanne Garcia. There will be something for everyone!! All events will be at Purina. The schedule is still somewhat tentative.

Conformation will include the SSCA National on Saturday (Sweepstakes will be Thursday) with Heartland SSC Specialty on Friday and Potomac Valley SSC Specialty on Sunday. All 3 specialties will include Sweepstakes and Junior showmanship.

Performance/companion options are extensive. Obedience, Rally and Agility will be offered on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Barn Hunt will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All of these will be hosted by SSCA. FastCAT will run all 5 days. Scent work will be Wednesday and Thursday; CGC/Trick Dog on Saturday and Fetch on Sunday – all hosted by GSCA.

Move-in/set-up will be on Tuesday. People will be permitted on the grounds (RV parking, etc) at 2 p.m. but no access into the building until 4 p.m. The committee needs enough time to get the grooming areas covered, marked and ready for exhibitors to set up. A Meet/Greet will be held on Wednesday evening with cash bar and complimentary pizza, However, reservations will be required so they can plan correct amount of food. Educational Seminar and Judges' Ed seminars will be on Thursday afternoon. Friday will be our annual meeting preceded by an informal dinner. Saturday night will be the annual awards dinner followed by the Auction and Raffle.

For more details and updates, see the SSCA website, [www.standardschnauzer.org](http://www.standardschnauzer.org) and click on the "2024 SSCA National Specialty" at the top of the page. Thanks to Roy Dvorak, another PSSC member, for doing the website again this year. Kara Maytag (Heartland SSC) has spent a lot of time developing the forms for the website. It takes a lot of people working many long hours to make a successful enjoyable Specialty!



### **SSCA National Specialty Store**

Be sure to go to the SSCA 2024 National Specialty website store and look at all the wonderful items that are available – there is quite a variety with a lot of unique items (not just the usual things)! Our member, Connie Reidner, is chairing the store again . . . she has done a great job each year she has handled it! The deadline for ordering will be June 15. There are some items with a limited supply – so don't delay making your orders!! So many great functional mementos from the National!

### **SSCA Auction/Raffle**

One of the main sources of financial support for the National is the Auction and Raffle at the Awards dinner. It is also a great opportunity to get some exceptional and unusual items! In addition to the silent and live auctions, there will also be a "Brown Bag" raffle with tickets available during the dinner.

We depend on people donating some great items for the auction – whether some special items or items for the bag raffle. You can look at the Specialty website and find the form to submit with information about your donated item. (That form will be posted soon – if not there when you look, please check back again soon.) We would like a picture of the items – especially those for the silent and live auction – which can be emailed or texted to Penny Duffee. Those will be posted on the Specialty website to raise interest in the auction ...and give others some ideas for donations.

We will also need help the night of the dinner/auction – set up, help with the bidding records, deliver items, paperwork, etc. It takes a lot of man/woman power to make it successful!

## Update on AKC Grant to McLean County Sheriff's Department

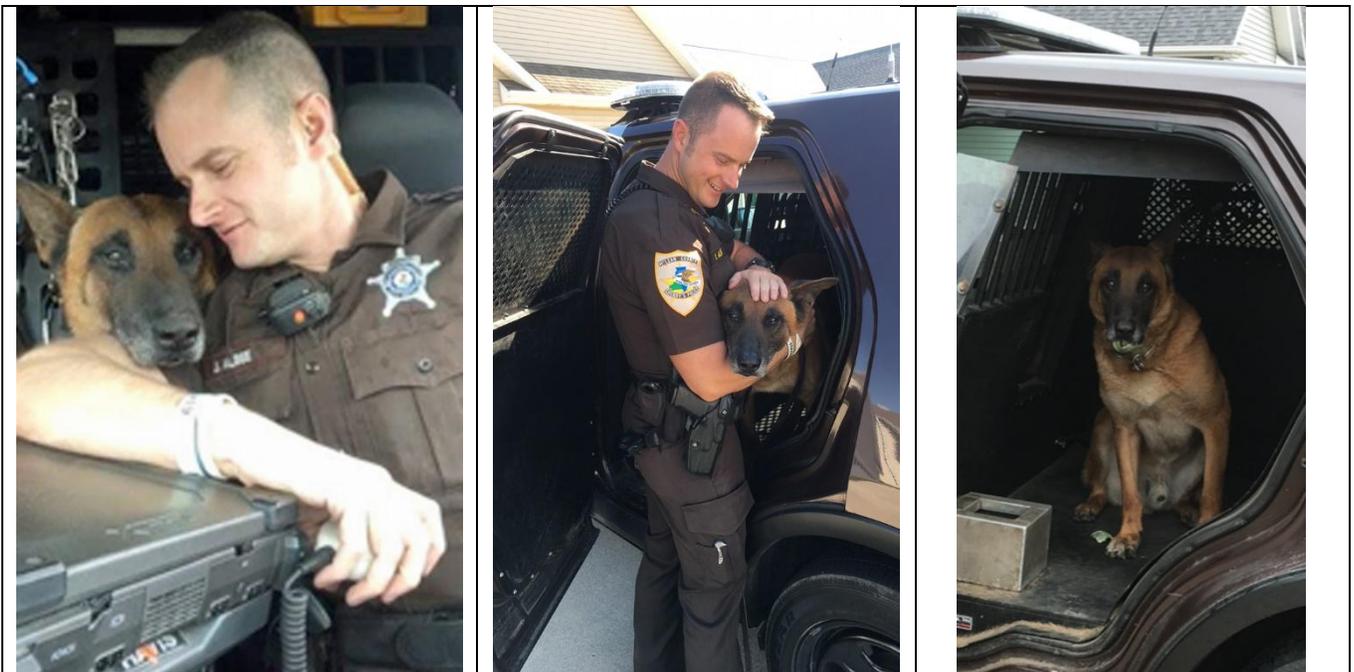
*From Don Kachur*

As reported in a previous newsletter of PSSC, the McLean County Sheriff's Department was awarded \$10,000 toward the purchase of a K-9 cop. This purchase involved a grant award from the American Kennel Club (AKC) in the amount of \$7,500 with a matching of \$2,500 (\$1,000.00 from the Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club of Central Illinois and \$1,500 from the Corn Belt Kennel Club).

The latest news from the McLean County Sheriff's Department is that they have the police car for the new dog and are in the process of ordering related equipment to complete the outfitting of that car. They plan to purchase a K-9 Cop and select their third handler this spring. Presently the Sheriff's Department has two dogs recently reassigned and back in service with their agency.

The PSSC and Corn Belt Kennel Club are working on plans to promote this spring fundraising for the Adopt a K9 Cop project. Possible sites for promotion include the Bloomington Farmers Market and the special adoption and vaccination events at PetSmart and Petco. Presently there is a gofundme *Adopt a K-9 Cop* account.

The two local dog clubs are planning on purchasing tennis balls with a dog logo that can be provided as a memento to those who make donations to this project. For further information on this project, feel free to contact Don Kachur at 309-824-4561 or at [dskachu@ilstu.edu](mailto:dskachu@ilstu.edu).



**Thanks Lynne Conder for keeping us informed with the following information:**

## **February 2024 Update to Clubs**

### **Regional National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) Only Event Pilot Program**

A pilot program has been approved to allow up to eight NOHS Regional events to be held by all-breed clubs. The events will be structured like the NOHS Finals in Orlando, except they will not be an invitational. All owner-handlers eligible for the NOHS program may participate. A communication was sent to all-breed clubs that provides more details of the pilot program. Proposals to host a NOHS Regional must be submitted by March 31, 2024. The pilot program will run from September 19, 2024, through September 17, 2025. Any questions about the program or application process can be directed to [clubdevelopment@akc.org](mailto:clubdevelopment@akc.org).

### **Exhibition Only in the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy (BPUP) Competition**

The regulations for the 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy (BPUP) competition have been modified to allow professional handlers to exhibit dogs they own for exhibition only. Dogs must be marked as exhibition only on their entry form and are subject to the entry fees and eligibility requirements of the class. The exhibition only status of an entry may not be changed after the closing of entries. Exhibition only entries will be judged (examined and gaited) as all other entries but will not be considered for awards. Exhibition only entries will not be included in the calculation of Certificate of Merit (CM) and Puppy of Achievement (POA) points. Exhibition only entries in BPUP is available for events occurring on or after July 31, 2024.

### **Modifications to Exhibition Restrictions on Sweepstakes and Futurities Judges**

The exhibition restrictions on sweepstakes and futurity judges were modified to provide more options for exhibiting. The exhibition restrictions were narrowed to only impact the breeds they are judging. The new policy, effective for

judging held on or after March 6, 2024, is: *Sweepstake/Futurity judges may not exhibit the same breed in conformation at events held on the day(s) they judge within 200 miles of their assignment. Sweepstake/Futurity judges may exhibit in the same breed the day before and the day after the event they judge. A multi-day show is considered one event, and the restriction will apply for the duration of the event.*

## Uploading Premium Lists and Judging Programs

Clubs can use the Public Documents tool within the [Online Event Management](#) system to upload and attach their premium lists, judging programs, and other public documents to their events within the AKC system. Once the club has uploaded a document and attached it to an event, a link to the document will be available as part of the event information within the [AKC Event Search & Results](#). We encourage clubs to upload their documents to provide exhibitors access to information about their events. If a club needs assistance accessing the Online Event Management system or uploading their documents, they should contact [eventplans@akc.org](mailto:eventplans@akc.org). Superintendents are responsible for uploading the documents for the events they fully manage.

## AKC Event Operations Blog

The AKC Event Operations team maintains a blog that contains these, as well as other, updates to clubs. The blog is a useful resource of information and can be found at <https://akceventoperations.wordpress.com/>.

Please contact the Event Operations department at [eventnews@akc.org](mailto:eventnews@akc.org) with any questions.



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## Will County Emergency Management

*Submitted by Lynne Conder*

May 8<sup>th</sup> is National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day, and we'd like to encourage you to participate in the observation of this day. This is a great opportunity to showcase the importance of being prepared for the unexpected. At this time of year, natural disasters increase, and families are either forced to leave their homes immediately or shelter in place. Emergencies can happen at any time, so it is crucial that people have a plan for themselves as well as their beloved pets.

Important reminders for pet owners include having their pet's information on hand as well as a portable emergency supply kit. We encourage pet owners to have our Pet Emergency Guide in their supply kit, [www.akcreunite.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/AKC-Reunite-Pet-Emergency-Guide.pdf](http://www.akcreunite.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/AKC-Reunite-Pet-Emergency-Guide.pdf).

It is also imperative that not only are pets microchipped but also enrolled in a national 24/7 recovery service like [AKC Reunite](http://www.akcreunite.org). If a pet is already microchipped and enrolled it's worth double checking that the information listed with that pet is up to date. Enrolled microchips increase the chance of finding pets post-disaster and having them returned home safely.

As you own an AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer, we encourage you to help bring awareness on this day whether that be with social media or news posts, training events, microchipping clinics, check the chip clinics, or email blasts. It's a great opportunity to remind the community how well you, their emergency management first responders, are prepared.

Hopefully, none of us will experience a disaster that will require extreme measures but it always better to be safe than sorry. Taking the small steps now to ensure pet safety and security in a moment of crisis can make a world of difference.

Please let us know if you plan to participate in any way on this day. If there is anything you'd need from AKC Reunite to help kick off an event for this day, please let me know that as well. I'd love to help!

Some information you may want to share with community:

<https://www.akcreunite.org/disasterpreparedness/>

<https://www.akcreunite.org/importance/>

<https://www.akcreunite.org/whyregister/>

\*Sponsoring Clubs, we'd also love for you get involved with your community and show your support and gracious involvement that helped bring in the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer.

Thank you clubs for sponsoring!

Siberian Husky Club of Greater Chicago

Kishwaukee Kennel Club

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois

Golden Retriever Club of Illinois

Standard Schnauzer Club of America

Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club of Central Illinois

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# PET EMERGENCY PLAN

Pet Name:

Veterinarian & Phone Number:

Microchip #:

Emergency Vet Hospital & Phone Number:

Date of Birth:

Local Animal Shelter/Boarding Facility & Phone Number:

Pet's Medical Notes:

Pet Friendly Hotel & Phone Number:

Out of Town Emergency Contacts Name & Phone Number:

## PACK A PORTABLE EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

A waterproof backpack or suitcase on wheels works great!



Collar with your pet's current identification and rabies tags, as well as a secure leash/harness



Bowls, lots of water and food for at least three days, as well as items for clean up like plastic bags or a litter and litter pan



Blanket, flashlight and batteries, liquid soap and baby wipes



Collapsible crate or pet carrier, blanket or sheet to cover the crate for pet's solitude and your pet's favorite toy for comfort



Human and animal first aid kits. Don't forget to pack prescribed medications for you and your pet, too! Flea and tick treatment is also important for a hurricane aftermath and any other significant rain/flooding water event



Fully-charged cell phone. Scan this QR code to add AKC Reunite to your contacts so you never miss our call



# BEFORE AND WHEN EVACUATING, KNOW WHAT TO DO AND WHERE TO GO

*IMPORTANT! The safest place for your pet is to be with YOU!*

If conditions are not safe for you, then it's not a safe place for your pet either! Always follow all evacuation orders and NEVER leave your pet behind at home.

Go to [www.redcross.org/get-help](http://www.redcross.org/get-help) to find a list of open emergency shelters in your area. Call ahead for guidance on safe pet sheltering options for both you and your pet.

## DON'T FORGET IMPORTANT PAPERWORK TO HELP PROVE OWNERSHIP TO ENSURE YOUR PET'S CARE!

*TIP! Create a folder on your mobile phone with photos of these records so they are always accessible.*

- Current photograph of you and your pet together to show to authorities in case you and your pet are separated.
- Medical records that indicate dates of vaccinations and your pet's microchip ID number.
- List of any medications your pet takes and why.
- Proof ownership, including copies adoption/purchase paperwork, registration information, microchip enrollment confirmation.



## AT THE FIRST MENTION OF A PENDING DISASTER

- Bring your pets inside so you won't have to search for them if you need to quickly evacuate.
- Make sure your pet's collar is securely fastened with legible collar ID tags.
- Have your Portable Supply Kit ready to GRAB-AND-GO with supplies needed for you and your pet. Consider making duplicate bags — just in case!
- Call emergency shelters ahead of time to confirm pet-friendly accommodations.
- Confirm your contact information is up to date with AKC Reunite.



Scan this QR Code to add AKC Reunite's contact information directly to your cell phone's address book. This way, when your pet is found – you will know to take our call!



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# CPR for your DOG or CAT

CPR includes **chest compressions** to get blood flowing, and **rescue breaths** to deliver oxygen to the organs.

If you find your pet unresponsive, attempt to stimulate him by shaking or calling his name. If he doesn't respond, check for breathing. If your pet is breathing, get him to the closest veterinary office.

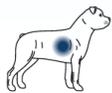
If your pet isn't breathing, check to make sure her windpipe is clear. Pull the mouth open, grasp the tongue, pull the tongue toward you and get a look all the way to the back of the throat. If you see something in there, gently try to remove it. Be careful not to push it further into the airway. If this invokes a response from your pet, stop! Beware of bites.

If a response is not elicited, call for help. CPR is a team sport and remember, your primary goal is to get your pet to the closest open veterinary hospital. So ask your helper to go and get the car immediately while you start CPR.

Start by doing **30 chest compressions**, pause to deliver **2 quick breaths**, then immediately **repeat** both steps.

## Chest Compressions:

### Find Your Compression Location



**Dogs with round chests**  
(such as Labrador Retrievers)  
Lay the dog on his side and focus the chest compressions over the widest part of the chest.



**Dogs with narrow, deep-chests**  
(such as Greyhounds)  
Lay her on her side, but push directly over the heart to try to squeeze it.



**Small dogs and cats**  
(generally all have a narrow chest)  
Focus your compressions directly over the heart. To minimize the chance of squeezing too hard, you could do compressions with one hand, rather than the two-handed approach.



**Dogs with squishy-faces** sometimes have flat chests (like English Bulldogs)  
Try laying them on their backs. Put your hands directly over the breastbone and push on the solid piece of bone. If the dog doesn't easily stay on his back, lay him on his side and do compressions as you would for a round chested dog.

### Get in Position

1. Kneel or stand behind your pet.

2. Put one hand on top of the other with the fingers interlaced.

Focus the force of your compression on the heel of the hand that's touching the chest.

3. Place your shoulders directly above your hands and keep your elbows locked.

Bend at the waist, not at the elbows.

4. Compress at least 1/3 and no more than 1/2 the width of the chest.

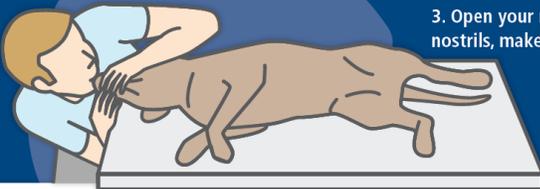
For medium to large breed dogs, you'll have to push hard to compress the chest by 1/3! In small dogs and cats, it's easy to push too hard, so be sure not to compress more than 1/2 the width of the chest!

5. Aim for about 100 – 120 compressions per minute,

or about two compressions every second. Sing a song in your head to keep the right beat such as "Stayin' Alive".



## Rescue Breaths



1. Close the mouth.

2. Make sure your pet's windpipe is as straight as possible.

Head should be flat on the table or floor and the tip of the nose should be aligned with the spine.

3. Open your mouth, put it over both of the pet's nostrils, make a seal, and deliver a breath.

4. Allow the pet to exhale and repeat for one more breath.

Blow hard and quickly and make sure that you see your pet's chest move.

### Tip

If you have another person to help, one person should do chest compressions and the other should deliver rescue breaths. After two minutes, switch positions. Chest compressions are tiring!

As soon as someone is available with transportation, load your pet into the car and continue CPR as you travel to the nearest vet.

CPR requires manual skills that are best learned from an expert. That's why it's best to get certified in Pet CPR before there's a crisis! Learn more at: [ecornell.com/courses/veterinary-courses/pet-cpr/](http://ecornell.com/courses/veterinary-courses/pet-cpr/)



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There's also a video at -

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=FWAjvNuu-pY&feature=shared>

## 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 BELATED Birthday wishes to:

Ron Lombardi – March 5  
John Pazereskis – March 22  
Diana Barber – March 23  
Sharon Talaga – March 25  
Judy Houskeeper – March 26

Penny Duffee – April 6

### Happy Birthday wishes to:

Diane Kachur – May 7  
Kathi Dvorak – May 9  
Jeanne Greenwalt – May 10  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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???????????***

**Penny Duffee writes. . .**

Penny & Kathy have ventured into the world of agility – with **CessEE** (Morgenwald's Recipe for Success v Katon). After 2 sessions of 8 week classes CessEE is really enjoying it! Actually – she may be having almost TOO much fun – Zoomies in the ring are still a part of her “course plans!” They did go to a basic trial – and she earned her ACT 1 title (in spite of her handler) and one leg on her ACT 1J . She would have earned that title too, but NQ due to a handler error! All learning together.



**Lynne Conder writes. . .**



**Mac** (Himmlish Maximum High Time Together TKN) earned his AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC) in March '23. We're improving our work together as a team; I'm so proud of him! And he loves to be friends with everyone, human or K9!

Mac has been staying busy with nosework, working toward ACEs in 3 levels of C-Wags.

The next adventure Mac is sticking his nose into is urban rapping. That looks to be hilarious fun!



**Kody** (CH Katon's Eastman Kodak Picture This CGC TKI RATO) says **Wow!** (from one of our Fall walks.)

**Kathi & Roy Dvorak write . . .**



**Rita . . .** GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's All Time High OA AXJ OF FCAT3 ACT2 ACT1J SWN RATO CZ8B CGC TKE FITG

12/17/23 – Greater Cocker Agility Trial at Boulder County Fairgrounds  
Rita finished her **OF** (Open FAST) title with a first placement.

01/21/24 – Denver Samoyed Agility Trial at Boulder County Fairgrounds  
Rita finished her **AXJ** (Excellent Agility Jumper) title with a first placement.

**Lindy . . .** GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's A Blast From The Past NA NAJ OF FCAT4 ACT2 SWN RATCHX2 CZ8P CGC TKE

12/31/23 – Rebel Ratters at Dougco County Fairgrounds Lindy earned her **RATCHX2** (Barn Hunt Master Champion 2) title with a 4<sup>th</sup> placement.



03/23/24 - Harmony Dog Sports FCAT event in Greeley, CO . . . Lindy finished her **FCAT4** (Fast CAT 4) title averaging 21.43 mph.



**Arnold** . . . GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's Time Of My Life NA NAJ OF FCAT2 ACT2 ACT2J SWN RATO DN CGC TKE

12/17/23 – Greater Cocker Agility Trial at Boulder County Fairgrounds Arnold finished his **OF** (Open FAST) title with a second placement! He also got his first q in Open STD with a first placement! (16 in Open class and only 2 q'ed...Arnold's time was the fastest).



03/24/24 – Harmony Dog Sports FCAT event in Greeley, CO . . . Arnold finished his **FCAT2** (Fast CAT 2) title averaging 20.40 mph. Arnold had some of his best runs this weekend! Arnold doesn't get a handicap...calculation goes by height...so it takes him longer to accumulate points.

**ROO . . .** Von Rose Koalas & Kangaroos V  
Himmlisch

03/07/24 – Roo graduated from her AKC  
S.T.A.R. Puppy program earning her Star  
puppy certification.



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**Merry** went to heaven on January 18, 2024. Losing Merry was not on our radar. . . but the geosers came and it was time for her to fly. She now sleeps at the foot of God's bed, with all our other loves that have gone before her. You are missed soooooo much beautiful Merry. We love you!



*Stay Healthy. . . Stay Pawsitive*

