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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 18, 2023
- March 15, 2023
- May 28, 2023 (in conjunction with annual dinner at Specialty)
- July – TBD (Saturday) – annual picnic
- September 20, 2023
- November – TBD (Saturday) – (Christmas dinner)



NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone!

Hope you had a great holiday! It's hard to believe that 2022 is almost over. As we look forward to 2023, here is hoping we all stay healthy and happy.

Your president,
Connie Reidner



I hope cute and lovable is open to interpretation.
This photo is Caper, Ziggy, & Major (l-r) on Christmas morning in 2013.
Thanks Diana Barber for the picture!



PSSC MEETING MINUTES 12/17/2022

Attending: Connie Reidner, Ron Reidner, Joe Landers, Marsha Landers, Gwen Kirman, Kathy Koehler, Diane Kachur, Don Kachur, Penny Duffee, guest Jennifer Jobe, and guest Eric Joslov.

Call to order

Minutes of last meeting (as printed in newsletter)

Treasurer Report – Kathy

Old business:

- Project with Corn Belt Kennel Club – Police project – Don and Penny

New Business:

- Website: Any updates? Need to send to Don Farage
Don K. – writing something on Adopt a K-9 Cop Project
Penny – writing update on Memorial shows – send to Don
- Club communication reminders
- Election of officers for 2023 – Current members run again
- Members dues/SSCA dues for 2023

Announcements, Brags, News, and Reminders

- Brags – you or your dog
- Thank you, Penny and Kathy for hosting our Christmas Dinner/Meeting
- Newsletter was moved to the week after Christmas

Adjourn:

Minutes submitted by Diane Kachur



Kody – 2014

Thanks Lynne Conder for the picture!

CHRISTMAS PARTY FUN!



Welcome to the party!



The lull before the storm. . . lots of gifts just waiting for the exchange – and stealing!!!



With full tummies, everyone took time for a brief meeting before the crazy gift exchange.



The biggest gift. . . gnomes were popular!



What do we have here???



Which one is the next to be stolen?
The wood desk set at the bottom of the picture was a popular gift.



Cool! Schnauzers on the bottom of the
gnome pillows.



This lighted snowman wine bottle really made the rounds – stolen several times.



Watch out – another steal about to happen!



All good things must come to an end . . .
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

PURCHASING K9 DOG



The Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club of Central Illinois (PSSC) provides a variety of projects in support of animals. One project it is closely monitoring is the possible grant funding in 2023 from the AKC Reunite Adopt a K-9 Cop (www.akcreunite.org/k9) to purchase police K-9s. A police dog is specifically trained to assist members of law enforcement. The commonly used breeds are German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois.

PSSC has been in contact with Lieutenant Jon Albee, Patrol Division Commander of the McLean County Sheriff's Office. He supervises their K9 Unit. He is a previous

handler and has been fortunate enough to train with several other agencies including the National Police Canine Foundation. The McLean County Sheriff's Office currently has 2 dogs and plan to add in the near future a 3rd dog. Lieutenant Albee informed PSSC that they are looking at purchasing a dog in the coming year and would very much appreciate any grant money to aid in the purchase of the dog, equipment, and training.

PSSC will work with Corn Belt KC, the local all-breed club that hosts the dog shows over memorial weekend, to secure the grant once grant funds again become available and do community fundraising for the purchase and equipping of the K-9 officer.



Barry and Mani waiting for Santa - 2000
Thanks Lynne Conder for the picture!

Thank you Don Kachur for submitting this article. . .

Does a Dog Recognize a Person's Face?

Dogs do recognize people that they have seen before. . . by face, or smell or the person's whole being.

My ex-neighbors moved away from me and got a dog, a yellow lab mix. She was very sweet, but liked to run down the street all the time, and their neighbors always threatened to call Animal Control on them, and have Sabrina picked up, so they found a new home for her.

Sometime later, I was visiting a friend of mine that I hadn't seen in a while. She had a new dog named Bree, and every time that I visited, Bree was always hanging around me, right in front of me, always looking at me right in my face.

One time when we were in her front yard, my friend told me the story of how she got Bree, and that her real name was Sabrina, but that she didn't like that name, so she called her Bree. I asked her who she got her from, and it was my ex-neighbors!

When I realized that it was Sabrina, I looked at her and excitedly said, "Sabrina"!!! and I started singing the song that I always sang to her when I used to visit my friends.

She started dancing and twirling around, smiling a big smile, so incredibly excited that I finally realized who she was. She knew who I was before I knew it was her, and she was trying to tell me who she was without words. She definitely recognized me even though the place, and the people she was with, were completely different.

So, dogs do remember and recognize people from their past, people they have seen before, and people that they love.



Arnold and Rita - 2022
Thanks Kathi Dvorak for the picture!

Thank you Don Kachur for submitting this article. . .

Kerri Kershaw - Former Dog Trainer

Why do dog experts say not to punish a dog as they can't remember anything; yet they hide in the bedroom after tearing through the trash?

Actually that “guilty” behavior you’re seeing is your dog beautifully displaying what are called **calming signals**.

You may notice when your dog doing some or all of these when you’re being too (to a dog) confrontational.

- Turning the head away
- Head down
- Licking the tongue out
- Yawning
- Sniffing a spot on the floor

You may even notice that your dog sometimes licks and looks away from the camera/phone when you want to take pictures. The camera and you aiming right at him is just naturally a little uncomfortable to most dogs. They tolerate it fine but you might have to make a noise or hold something to distract them into looking.

Calming signals are how dogs prevent and resolve social issues. These behaviors are how they de-escalate confrontation. Your dog is trying to calm you and make everything ok again. Not because of what he’s “done” but because from a dog’s perspective, you’re acting very confrontational, even if you are giggling too. Punishing after the fact because you, as a human, take his correct canine communication skills as straight guilt, will only cause stress and possibly traumatize your dog and put stress on your relationship. It certainly won’t keep your dog from raiding the trash in the future. Honestly, the best solution for that is a trash can with a lock, and sufficient exercise and different, appropriate activities to keep your dog happy and out of trouble.



Lindy says HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2022
Thanks Kathi Dvorak for the picture!



Mac - 2022

Thanks Lynne Conder for the picture!

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Happy Birthday wishes to:

Dick Houskeeper – January 7
Lynne Conder – January 23

Caren Rohlfig – 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??????????

Kathi and Roy Dvorak write. . .

Lindy . . . GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's A Blast From The Past NA NAJ OF FCAT2 ACT2 SWN RATCH CZ8P CGC TKE

On October 16th Lindy earned her **FastCat 3 (FCAT3)** title at the Cairn Terrier Club of Denver's trial in Cheyenne, WY. Her fastest run of the weekend was 23.22 mph (8.81 seconds).



Rita . . . GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's All Time High OA NAJ FCAT2 ACT2 ACT1J SWN RATO CZ8B CGC TKE

On November 5th - Rita earned her **Open Agility (OA)** title with a first placement at the Flatirons Kennel Club agility trial in Longmont, CO.

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

On November 20th – Arnold earned his **Novice Agility Jumpers (NAJ)** title at the Mile High Agility Club of Boulders trial in Lakewood, CO.

Then, on December 18th – Arnold earned his **Novice Agility (NA)** title at the Cocker Spaniel agility trial in Longmont, CO.





Nixie . . . Himmlisch The Tide Is High, TKN
Russell . . . Himmlisch Way Up High, TKN

On December 7th – Nixie and Russell earned their **AKC Novice Tricks (TKN)** title by completing 10 tricks!

On December 15th – Nixie and Russell completed the requirements for their **AKC STAR Puppy** recognition.



Back row l-r Arnold, Rita, Russell, Nixie – in front lying down l-r Merry, Lindy



Stay Healthy. . . Stay Pawsitive

