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A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please advise our secretary, Lynne Conder lynnejack99@frontier.com, 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 Wednesday, March 19, 2025 . . . more information as the date gets closer.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Valentine's Day!

Hi Everyone,

I hope your new year (2025) is going well. February is fast approaching. We just had our January meeting as a Christmas dinner meeting. The weather and busy schedules delayed us this year.

A note from the National Specialty in August. . . The Specialty Store sold almost all of its merchandise. The auction/raffle brought in a lot of money. A lot of fun was had by all who attended.

Our current offices and board members were voted to stay the same. The empty position on the board was filled by electing Thomas Mair. Thank you, Thomas. Be sure and read the minutes in this newsletter to see all that was discussed at our meeting.

At our next meeting, we will discuss this year's May specialty.
Stay warm and safe the rest of this Winter.

*Your President,
Connie Reidner*

*Our hearts go out to Joe and Marsha
Lander's for the loss of Joe's mother*





PSSC MEETING MINUTES 01/19/2025

Attendees: Connie Reidner, Ron Reidner, Penny Duffee, Mavis Soney, Thomas Mair, Darcie Mair, Kathy Kohler, Diane Kachur, and Don Kachur.

Meeting called to order by President Connie Reidner.

Minutes of July 13, 2024 meeting approved (Don Kachur motion; Darcie Mair second).

Treasurer's Report (Kathy Kohler); Balance for the year at \$7,684.08.

Old Business:

Income: Dues, Heartland rosette reimbursement, show rebate - Expenses: picnic, website, workdays, trophies

Treasurer's Report accepted. (Thomas Mair motion; Ron Reidner, second).

Old Business:

There was discussion of the store, raffle and auction at the National. SSCA will be revising a way to share some of the profits from a National with local clubs that hold a specialty in conjunction with the National. Suggestions are welcome before the Feb SSCA board meeting.

New Business:

Board Election: All the officers and board members remained the same except for Thomas Mair replacing Gwen Kirman's position. Board approved: (Kathy Kohler motion; Darcie Mair, second).

AKC Personal Conduct policies and on-line training were discussed.

Welcome new member Mavis Soney.

Brag: Members shared any winnings and awards from dog shows.

May Dog Show: Need to think of 2026 as it will be the 25th anniversary of PSSC. Also Corn Belt KC, the local all-breed club which hosts 2 of the shows over Memorial weekend, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary that same year. Need to come up with some ideas for that celebration.

Adjournment: (Kathy Kohler, Motion; Ron Reidner, second).

*Respectfully submitted,
Diane Kachur (serving in the absence of the secretary)*



**PRAIRIELAND STANDARD
SCHNAUZER CLUB
2025 SPECIALTY**

**HEART OF ILLINOIS
CLUSTER**



Our 2025 Specialty will be Sunday, May 25, 2025 at the Heart of Illinois cluster in Bloomington, IL. Put that date on your calendar!

Heartland SSC will have a supported entry on Saturday, May 24. We appreciate their continued support for our shows! PSSC will support the entry the other 2 days. The superintendent will be Jack Onofrio Dog Shows.

Sunday evening will be our annual dinner - informal gathering with good food and our raffle and silent auction.

Judges for the weekend will be:

- Friday - Brian Meyer
- Saturday - Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine
- Sunday - Sherry Webster
- Monday - Debra Thornton

We are beginning to look forward to our 2026 Specialty which will be our club's 25th anniversary. There will be some special activities that year.

So, put May 25, 2025 and May 24, 2026 on your radar!! Plan to be in Bloomington. . .watch for more details coming soon!



WORK DAY

We will have a work day in April to put together the trophies and other items for the May Specialty. Watch your email for detail. We always have a good time which makes the work much lighter! And there is always lots of good food too!



CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had our annual Christmas party on Sunday, January 19. . .what??? Christmas party in January??? Yep! Our usual late November date was postponed because several people were unable to come. Then we had the only big snow storm of the winter on the December date. We finally had the party in January, and even then, we had a couple of people who were not able to join us. However, we did have a new member, Mavis, join us that day.

As usual "Chef Kathy " fixed the turkey & ham, as well as the noodle and gravy. Everyone brought food to share - so we all had plenty of great food!

After dinner we had the gift exchange. While stealing is always encouraged, the gifts were all so good this year that there was only one steal.

The next "party " will be our dinner after the specialty in May. . . and then the picnic in July.



How to Get Skunk Smell Off a Dog - What to do when your dog gets sprayed by a skunk.



By Dr. Eileen Fatcheric, DVM from Whole Dog Journal

(Thanks Lynne Conder for submitting this informative article)

Skunk smell can last on your dog and anything else it touches for up to three weeks! The sooner you begin to remove the smell, the better.

This homemade recipe is the absolute best remedy for removing skunk odor from your dog. Nothing else comes close. Don't waste time heading out to purchase commercial products while your dog stinks up your home. Keep these ingredients on hand at home in a spare storage space.

Ingredients:

- 1 quart FRESH 3% hydrogen peroxide ("fresh" means a new, previously unopened bottle)
 - ¼ cup baking soda
 - 1 tbsp liquid dish soap (preferably Dawn)
- You must NOT wash your dog with water BEFORE using the formula. Water will start to chemically alter the thiols (see info below) and make interaction with the "magic" formula slightly less effective.
 - First, bathe your dog with Dawn dishwashing liquid to remove as much of the oily film as you can.
 - Next, mix all ingredients in a bucket or large bowl and use the entire contents, rubbing it into your dog's coat for 5 minutes, focusing heavily on the areas directly sprayed. Use a sponge or washcloth to thoroughly wet your dog. Then rinse.
 - If the dog was sprayed in the face, you have to be extremely careful around eyes, nose, and mouth. Hold the eyelids closed while washing. Try to keep the solution on that area for at least 1 minute and rinse this area first.
 - As long as you have treated every area hit by spray, your dog should be fresh as a daisy and good to go.

Remember that:

You CANNOT mix this anti-skunk smell recipe ahead of time. DO NOT mix and store the mixture.

Do NOT leave this remedy on the dog longer than 5 minutes as it may bleach the coat.

It is OK to repeat as needed if necessary, rinsing between.

Background Info from another article -

Decades ago, a chemist named Paul Krebaum (may his name be honored forever) cracked the chemical code of the stinky, sulfur-containing substances called "thiols" that are in the musk that skunks spray to defend themselves.

According to an article first published in the *Chicago Tribune* in November 1994, Krebaum, who worked for a company called Molex Inc in Lisle, Illinois, wasn't trying to solve the skunk-spray problem at the time. He was looking for a substance that could neutralize the smell of other thiols, which are also present in decomposing flesh and fecal matter.

In an effort to neutralize foul-smelling thiols in his lab, Krebaum harnessed the power of oxidation, formulating a solution that changes the odorous thiols into odorless acids. He had been using the formula in his lab, but he shared the recipe with a workplace friend who had been complaining about the smell of his cat, who had been skunked. Soon, other scientists heard about the formula and it went viral!

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 belated wishes to:



Darcie Mair – November 10
Roy Dvorak – November 23
Connie Reidner – November 27

Don Farage – December 1
Don Kachur – December 9
Thomas Mair – December 15
Cheryl Wallace – December 15

Dick Houskeeper – January 7
Lynne Conder – January 23

Happy Birthday wishes to:

John Pazereskis – March 22
Judy Houskeeper – March 26

Penny Duffee – April 6

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.



Stay Healthy. . . Stay Pawsitive





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??????????

Darcie Mair writes. . .

Livie (Von Rose Olive Oyl NA NAJ OF CGC) finished her Novice Standard Agility title at the National Specialty last August. She now moves into Open for JWW and STD.



Livie also got High in Trial/Class with a 16 sec Q in Barn Hunt Novice!

Lynne Conder writes...

Mac (Himmlisch Maximum High Time Together CGCU, TKN) had a flurry of activity Fall of '24 getting some activities accomplished before cold weather. **Wow, I'm so proud of him!**



9/14/24 - our first entry in a CPE nose work trial (Canine Performance Events). Mac had a great day earning his Level 1 title with 6 passes, including a 2nd place.

10/26/24 - Mac continued gathering Q's toward C-Wags ACE titles with 4 Q's and a High in Trial for one level.

10/29/24 – Our training club TCKC offered CGC Urban testing for the first time. The setting was through downtown Bloomington and inside our History Museum. Mac did a

super job, made new friends inside the Museum, and got to add CGCU as a new title. Mac earned his CGC title in March '24.

11/2/24 – And the frosting on the cake! Mac earned his Nose Work 1 title in NACSW (National Assoc of Canine Scent Work). He got a 2nd place in Interiors with a 7 seconds alert! Plus 2 of his searches were "Pronounced" which is a judge's optional recognition of exceptional team work.



Penny Duffee writes. . .

CessEE (Morgenwald's Recipe for Success v Katon BCAT ACT1 CGCU FITB) loved the FastCAT trials at the SSCA National Specialty at Purina Farms. She was the fastest SS the 3 days she ran - the day of SSCA supported trial as well as the Heartland SSC and Potomac Valley SSC supported trials. Her winning speeds were 24.95 MPH, 24.82 MPH and 25.20 MPH. She still loves her bunny that she won - and carries it around (trying to sneak it out into the yard!). We appreciated all of the trophies, especially the charcuterie board which we used at the PSSC Christmas party!



CessEE also won her first major at the Heartland SSC specialty the day before the National - RWB earned a 3 point major. Her brother, Morgenwald's Rhythm of the City v Katon was RWD the same day (but the entry was 1 dog short of the Reserve major - bummer!)

Thanks to Kathi Dvorak for making the special photo backdrop for everyone to use for informal pictures at Purina - it was great and used by a lot of people!



And their sister, GCHG CH Morgenwald's Reach for the Sky v Katon FDC CGCA, was BOS at the SSCA National and the Heartland SSC Specialty. She has had a great 2024 show year - #1 SS all systems! And along the way she had 6 all-breed BIS wins and 2 RBIS wins. One weekend she had 3 BIS back-to-back-to-back! We are proud of her - and thankful to her owners Pat Ames, Mason Campbell as well as Felicia Cashin and Alex Geremia. She has been shown by Christian Rangel. . .she loves being with them because she has a 4 yr old girl to play with!

In October we took the whole crew to Paducah, KY for FastCAT trials. . . with only CessEE and HatEE entered. **HatEE** finished her **DCAT** title and **CessEE** added a lot of points toward her Title. The other dogs were excited watching - so we entered them that day. **RaorEE** and **Ace** both had good runs - and Ace even had such a good time that he pulled free while waiting and ran along the outside of the fence!! The "old lady/Princess **Elin**" is 14 yrs old so she was just supposed to watch. BUT - she went crazy watching everyone else run. SO. . . we set her up for a half-course ("bunny hop") - and she ran over 11 MPH for the 50 yards. Not bad for a 14 yr old!! Too bad she didn't have any FastCAT when she was younger



Elin having the time of her life running FastCAT at 14 years young!!!!

Both **HatEE** and **CessEE** earned their **FITB** titles that weekend too.



"Flash" (CH Katon's Firecracker v Morgenwald) now lives near Nashville, TN. He and Lori have explored many different activities. He earned his first Trick dog Title (TKN). He loved Barn Hunt. . . but too much of that hunting instinct carried over to their early morning walks with all the bunnies along the way! So. . . Lori redirected that nose into scent work. He currently has his SCN, SIN and SBN titles. If he gets the last leg on his Novice Exterior title in a couple weeks, he will have completed all of his Novice titles - and will begin work on Advanced titles. One of his main responsibilities is serving as an emotional support animal for a very anxious Standard Poodle - she has become much more outgoing since Flash's arrival. The pink ribbon in the picture of Flash with the rosettes was awarded as Judge's Choice for Great Teamwork at a trial. Obviously he and Lori make a great team - we miss Flash but we are so proud of them!



Happy St. Patrick's Day

SuzAnne Garcia & Jon Rosenberg write . . .

FLICKA . . .GCHB CH Von Rose Flickering Fire Fly BCAT THDN CGC had a wonderful time during the National Specialty weekend. She was Owner Handled by SuzAnne all three days and was awarded SELECT BITCH on Friday at the Heartland SS Club local specialty and made several of the cuts the other days.

Flicka was awarded Brood Bitch at all three specialties including the SSCA National Specialty with an entry of 6!



Flicka pictured with her son "Dingo" and daughter "Roo" – both 13 months old.

In December SuzAnne and Flicka traveled to Orlanda Florida for the National NOHS competition. Flicka was awarded BOS!

DINGO . . . Von Rose Dingo On A Walk-A-Bout V Himmlisch was awarded Best in Sweepstakes at the SSCA National Specialty from the 12 to 15 month class.



Kathi & Roy Dvorak write . . .

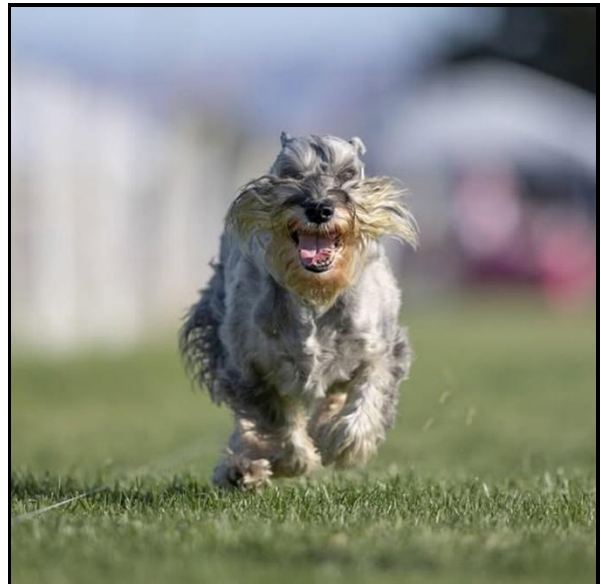
LINDY . . .

GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's A Blast From The Past RN NA NAJ OF FCAT5 ACT2 SWN RATCHX3 CZ8P CGC TKE FITG

08/23/24 – SSCA National Specialty Weekend – Purina Farms Missouri. Lindy earned her **RN (Rally Novice)** title!

09/29/24 – Harmony Dog Sports – Grand Junction Colorado. Lindy earned her **FCAT5 (FastCAT 5)** title!

10/23/24 – Lindy finished her three rounds of Stereotactic Radiation Therapy (SRT) at the Colorado State University Cancer Research Center in Ft. Collins Colorado. She has a grade 2 soft cell sarcoma in her right shoulder that is inoperable. We celebrated on the way home with ice cream. Recheck end of February.



01/26/25 – Lindy turned 11 years old. She requested a “barn hunt” theme birthday and that is what she got. I loved the cake. . .and so did the kiddos – YUM!



ARNOLD. . .

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

08/23/24 – SSCA National Specialty Weekend
– Purina Farms Missouri.

Arnold earned his **RN (Rally Novice)** title with
placements on all three legs!



9/20/24 – Front Range Agility
Association – Denver Colorado.
Arnold earned his **OA (Open Agility)**
title with a first placement, perfect
score of 100 and 12.52 seconds under
standard course time.



NIXIE. . .

CH Himmlisch The Tide Is High RN FCAT
RATI STR TKI FITG

09/29/24 – Harmony Dog Sports – Grand
Junction Colorado.

Nixie earned her **FCAT (FastCAT)** title!

12/16/24 – Nixie earns her **TKI (Tricks
Intermediate)** title.

01/10/25 – Add **RN (Rally Novice)** to Nixie's
titles.

01/24/25 – Nixie attended her first Barn
Hunt trial and earned her **RATI (Rat
Instinct)** title plus her first leg toward her
novice title with a third placement!



RITA. . .
 GCH CH Himmlisch-Arjo's All Time
 High RN OA AXJ OF FCAT4 ACT2
 ACT1J SWN RATO CZ8B CGC STR
 TKE FITG

08/23/24 – SSCA National Specialty
 Weekend – Purina Farms Missouri.
 Rita earned her **RN (Rally Novice)** title
 with placements on all three legs!



09/27/24 – Harmony Dog Sports – Grand Junction
 Colorado.
 Rita earned her **FCAT4 (FastCAT4)** title!



RUSSELL . . .
 GCH CH Himmlisch Way Up High FCAT DN STR
 TKN FITG

09/29/24 – Harmony Dog Sports – Grand
 Junction Colorado
 Russell earned his **FCAT (FastCAT)** title!



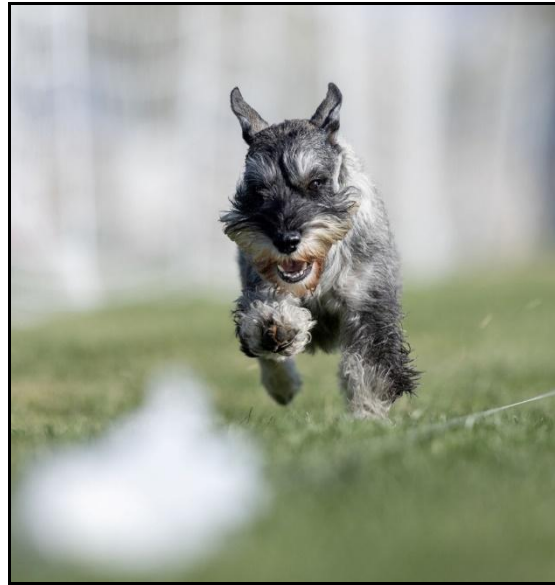
Sometimes life just doesn't make any
 sense. On 11/22/24 we lost Russell to
 GME
 (Granulomatous Meningoencephalomyelitis).
 It is a rare, inflammatory disease of the
 central nervous system. Run free my
 boy. . . it is not fair you are gone at just 2
 ½ years old.



ROO. . .

Von Rose Koalas & Kangaroos V Himmlisch
RN BCAT RATI ACT1 ACT1J STR TKI
FITG

08/25/24 – Roo was awarded Best of Opposite Sex at the Potomac Valley Standard Schnauzer Club puppy sweepstakes (during the SSCA National Specialty weekend).



09/28/24 – Harmony Dog Sports – Grand Junction Colorado

Roo earned her **BCAT** title!

11/8/24 – With the BCAT title, Roo completes the requirements for her **FITG (Fit Dog Gold)** title!

11/25/24 – We can add **TKN (Tricks Novice)** title to Roo's name.



12/01/24 – Team Spirit Agility – Arvada Colorado

Roo earns her agility pre-novice titles, **ACT1 (Agility Course Test)** and **ACT1J (Agility Course Test Jumpers)**.

12/16/24 – Roo earns her **TKI (Tricks Intermediate)** title.

01/10/25 – Add **RN (Rally Novice)** to Roo's titles.

01/23/25 – Roo attended her first Barn Hunt trial and earned her **RATI (Rat Instinct)** title plus her first leg toward her novice title with a **FIRST** placement!