



## Standard Schnauzer Club of Northern California

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**P r e s i d e n t ' s   N e w   Y e a r ' s   R e s o l u t i o n*****It is that time of year — The New Year's Resolution ....***

The dread, the horror, the good intentions...the infamous 2014 Resolution—*not to make any more Resolutions....*

With the help of the Club Members .... My resolution for 2014 and SSCNC is to ensure that we have more than just a couple Club Events intended to put the "FUN" back into our club.

2013 was a year of adjustments and changes in professional and personal lives for the Board and we (me) collectively dropped the ball in engaging the entire club for help in determining activities and what we want to see happen; so in 2014, we (me) resolve to do better — including resurrecting our Web Site with **Timely information** (*thank you Roy and George for your efforts in recent updates to the site*) and I'm thrilled that you are both willing to support SSCNC in the future.

Paul Davis and John Adiletti volunteered to help host the 2014 Specialty Hospitality Room so hopefully they will be available to help with the *Meet and Greet* in lieu of a Hospitality room with this year's National Specialty. The *Meet & Greet* event will be on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at the Hilton Hotel, if you want to mark your calendars.

As I mentioned at our Brunch, I am proud of the Conformation and Performance/Companion work by our club members. With

many traditional sports - Obedience and Agility and Herding, there are new sports and activities that our Breed is excelling in — Lure Coursing, Barn Hunts and K9 Nose work. There are plenty of activities for dogs and humans to do together that we are exploring for club activities in 2014. As well as just a good-old-fashion *get together* to walk and share a slice of pizza or a BBQ'd burger from the local food truck or café, so look for some fun events in 2014 for our club members to attend.

At the Holiday Brunch, SSCNC Member, Joyce Mullan volunteered to be the Events Coordinator for 2014 and organize some activities and educational events for ALL OF SSCNC to enjoy. The Board will be taking up this idea and how best to utilize this position at our February Board Meeting and to select dates for events to be coordinated around.

Given our breed is never what you would call shy and quiet and our members share their dogs' enthusiasm for life, the 2014 SSCNC Board welcomes all ideas from our members on things to do. So far we have:

Joyce Mullan and Dottie Michelmore plotting to ensure we have one of our Fun Days at the *Performance Dogs in Action* facility in Pleasant Grove, California. A popular venue with our club members.

I have contacted a puppy buyer of mine who is avid (aka: *ravid*) participant in the sport of Flyball and

have inquired to see if her club would be willing to host a demo and *Flyball 101* event for our club.

We can also request another *K9 Nosework 101* Introduction since it has been a couple of years since we shared that sport with the club membership.

Also, within this edition of "The Stripper", is a summary of the sport entitled "Barnhunt" that is proving to be very popular event.

Please let us know if you want to help with these events and/or if you have ideas of what you would like our club to do in 2014 on a social scale.

The Board has only seven brains, so we are counting on members' ideas and we look forward to hearing about what you would like to do in 2014.....

***When Schnauzers Go Bad***

*Lest your Schnauzer create a new game during the winter months entitled **hide and seek with the pig ears...***

## 5 Things You Don't Want in Your Dog's Food

*Jean Hofve, DVM, author of the upcoming book Paleo Dog*

You may not realize it, but pet food is made primarily from leftovers from human food production, such as animal products that are unwanted or are condemned for human consumption. The type and quality of pet food ingredients can vary widely.

While it's true that, in many cases, you get what you pay for—the cheapest pet food is most likely to contain the lowest-quality ingredients—in some cases you may actually be paying a premium price for mediocre foods from makers who spend a bundle on advertising and promotion.

That said, there are a few ingredients to look for on a pet food label that give a good indication of the food's overall quality.

### Animal Fat

Animal fat, also called tallow, is a product of rendering. In the rendering process, pieces, parts, and even whole animals are put through a gigantic grinder, then boiled in vats for 30 minutes to several hours. High heat is necessary to kill bacteria, viruses, molds, and other pathogens. The boiling process also allows the fat to separate and float to the top, where it is skimmed off for use in cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, industrial lubricants, and, of course, pet food.

When a pet food company is using fat from a single species, it will say so, but when the ingredient is an inexpensive amalgam of whatever came through the door, the general term "animal fat" must be used. It's not something you want your pet to be eating!

### Meat and Bone Meal

Meat and bone meal, or MBM, is another

product of rendering. It's a single ingredient, and the term doesn't infer a combination of "meat meal" (which is defined separately) plus bone meal. At the renderer, once the fat is removed from the cooking vat, the remaining material is pressed and dried to yield a fluffy brown powder—that's MBM. It is a high-protein powder commonly used in lower-cost dog and cat foods. MBM is a generic term that can include any one species or a variety.

Both animal fat and MBM may come from any species of animal or from a wide variety of sources, including outdated supermarket meat, livestock that died on the farm, and restaurant waste, such as used grease from deep-fat fryers.

For many years, it's been rumored that euthanized dogs and cats were being processed into pet food, although the pet food industry has always adamantly denied it. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration found no dog or cat DNA in the foods it tested. However, it did conclude that animal fat and meat and bone meal were the ingredients most likely to be associated with the presence of sodium pentobarbital—the drug used by veterinarians and shelters for euthanasia—in the food.

### Animal Digest

This ingredient is a flavoring agent commonly sprayed on dry kibbles to make them enticing to dogs and cats. It's made from a stew of animal parts broken down with the use of enzymes or chemicals. Again, the use of the term "animal" means that it may be derived from any one or from many species. This can be a problem if your pet is allergic to a particular animal protein.

### Corn Products

Many forms of corn are found in pet foods, including whole grain corn, ground yellow corn

(also called corn meal), corn grits, corn bran, corn flour, and corn gluten meal. It's used primarily as a source of "energy," which is simply another word for calories. The vast majority (85 percent) of corn in the U.S. is genetically modified (GMO). Moreover, most poultry and livestock in the U.S. are themselves fed GMO corn, so the chicken, beef, and other meat products in pet food are giving our pets double trouble. Corn gluten meal is especially problematic because it is used primarily as a cheap substitute for meat. Cats and dogs are by nature carnivores and do best with a meat-based diet.

### Chemical Preservatives

Many pet foods still contain synthetic preservatives, such as BHA, BHT, propyl gallate, and ethoxyquin. Such chemical preservatives have been linked to a variety of health conditions, including cancer. Opt for foods that use only natural preservatives, such as ascorbic acid (vitamin C), Tocopherols (vitamin E), and rosemary oil.

### Summary

It definitely pays to be a label reader and to choose foods made from good-quality ingredients. By paying attention to what's in your pet's food, you'll be ensuring your pet a long and healthy life.



## ODDS AND ENDS

The annual SSCNC Holiday Brunch was held on Sunday, December 8th at the Pleasanton Hilton and was well attended by 40+ members.

The unusual cold snap and winter weather conspired to keep long time Auctioneer, Don Just, snow bound so John Adiletti filled in for this year "sale" and the Club raised over \$1,400.00 from the Auction, that was, to say the very least, a highly spirited event this year with



some definite battles being waged over many of the donations

The Annual Members meeting was held ahead of the Auction and several items of business were completed.

SSCNC's welcomes the newest members Sandy Zehnden and Bob Warner from Folsom California, to our club.

2013 Board will continue on in their current capacities in 2014.

The members were thrilled to welcome back Jerry and Louanne Quilici to this year's brunch and to hear that they are also back with "Spencer" in the performance rings.

The members passed the motion to donate this year's auction proceeds to charity. It was decided that one half of this year's auction proceeds will be donated to **Take the Lead**— which for the last 20 years has provided direct services, support and care for people in the sport of purebred dogs who suffer the devastation of life-threatening or terminal illness. The other half of the auction proceeds will be do-



nated to the **University of California at Davis School of Veterinary Science**, Comparative Cancer Center which specializes in the diagnosis, treatment, and clinical care of animals with cancer.

*Photos by Ken DalBusco*

## On The Health Front

### Mutation causing Dilated Cardiomyopathy in Standard Schnauzers Identified

The research team from the Animal Molecular Genetics Lab at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine is pleased to announce the discovery of a mutation responsible for development of Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) in young Standard Schnauzers. A whole genome sequence (WGS) was run on an affected Standard Schnauzer, and analysis of the WGS data revealed a mutation in a gene associated with DCM in humans and laboratory mice. DNA from all the DCM-affected Standard Schnauzers in the UMC collection was tested, and the mutation was present in 9 of the 9 confirmed cases. Where available, DNA from relatives of the affected dogs was analyzed and all tested parents were found to be carriers, while other related dogs were a mixture of normal and carrier results, as was expected.

Random testing of Standard Schnauzer DNA samples in the UMC research collection or CHIC DNA Bank shows that this mutation is present at a relatively low level, but widespread throughout the samples. The mutation is not restricted to one or two family groups or distinct bloodlines, or to one coat color. As of the publication of this announcement, 397 SS's have been tested for the DCM mutation. Of these, 292 tested normal (have 2 normal copies of the gene), 96 tested carrier (have one normal and one mutated copy of the gene), and 9 tested affected (have 2 mutated copies of the gene). As stated above, these 9 dogs with the mutation are all confirmed cases. No dogs have tested affected and not shown clinical signs of the dis-

ease.

With this discovery, a DNA test is now available that will allow concerned Standard Schnauzer breeders to screen potential breeding partners for the mutation causing DCM. Wise use of this test will allow breeders to avoid the possibility of pups destined to be affected with DCM in future generations, and still maintain a healthy and diverse gene pool. Early in 2014, testing will be available through OFA, using a cheek swab and bar-coded card to collect and send DNA for the test. An announcement will be made when testing is available through OFA. Dogs that are currently DNA banked at the University of Missouri for this or other research projects, or are in the CHIC DNA Bank via blood sample can be tested now and are eligible for a reduced testing fee of \$35. Owners who wish to test dogs that are not currently DNA banked, and do not want to wait for the test to be available through OFA can send a blood sample directly to the UMC lab for testing. The DNA testing fee for new samples is \$65.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

- SSCNC/SSCA will be holding CHIC blood draws at our National / Regional Specialties in Pleasanton October 18 and 19, 2014.
- More information about the DCM research and the next SSCA Health Survey will be discussed at the Schnauzer Forum on Thursday, October 16, 2014



# Barn Hunts



**Open to all Breeds and mixed Breeders**

The purpose of Barn Hunt is to demonstrate a dog's vermin hunting ability in

finding and marking rats in a "barn-like" setting, using straw/hay bales to introduce climbing and tunneling obstacles in the dog's path. Barn Hunt is based on the skills historically used by itinerant "rat catchers" in traveling the countryside, ridding farms of vermin, thus helping conserve and preserve food grains and cutting down on disease.

While rat catchers often used breeds such as Jack/Parson Russell Terriers, they also used other non go-to-ground breeds such as Manchester Terriers, Rat Terriers, and a variety of non-span able breeds (breeds whose chests cannot be spanned by two hands, a mark of many go-to-ground breeds) of small to medium size. These breeds have never had an officially licensed test which truly emulates their traditional working task. Barn Hunt will fill that role.

Barn Hunt is also for any breed or mix of dog who loves to hunt and who can fit through an 18" wide gap between two hay bales. It will test speed, agility, and sure-footedness. While not specifically targeted

at larger dogs or dogs without a vermin hunting history, Barn Hunt is all inclusive and fun for any dog and human who wishes to play the game.

Barn Hunt is a sporting event, and as such there will be levels of difficulty, titles, and championships to be attained. While it can be used as an instinct test, there is also a handler component in that the handler must signal when the dog has reached the desired target PVC rat tube; thus, the handler must know and have a partnership with their dog. Teamwork will win the game.

Barn Hunt can be held indoors or outdoors, in a barn-like setting or on any piece of level ground approximately 20 x 30 feet that can be enclosed securely by gating/fencing.

As a sporting event, all participants in Barn Hunt are expected to operate within a code of good sportsmanship. No punitive or corrective training is allowed on trial grounds. Any handler who verbally or physically abuses his or her dog either in or out of the ring can face discipline from dismissal from class to dismissal from show grounds and expulsion from future events, depending on the severity of the action. Any handler who displays lack of sportsmanship toward the judge, stewards, or fellow competitors can also face disciplinary action. Barn Hunt is a family sport and should be treated as such. Curse words uttered during the

dog's hunt will mean an instant Non-Qualifying run.

At all times, the safety of the dogs, handlers, and rats is to be of paramount importance. Rats will be humanely handled and safely confined in aerated PVC tubes; Barn Hunt is not intended to harm or kill rats.

Although AKC does not yet sponsor Barn Hunt events, they do recognize Barn Hunt Association titles on the dogs who have successfully participated in these events.

Because Barn Hunts are not sponsored by AKC, your dog must be registered with the Barn Hunt Association to participate in Trials.

For those who may



want to look into this sport you can check for trials in your area at their website (<http://barnhunt.com/bha-events/>)

Local trials in Santa Rosa at the Sonoma Fairgrounds on January 11 & 12; Absolute Dog Training in Damascus, Oregon on Jan 25/26; St. Helens Oregon on March 15/16 and Reno, NV on April 19/20.

WE'RE ALSO ON THE WEB  
WWW.STDSCHNAUZER.COM

*Dedicated to preserving the health, welfare and working heritage of the Standard Schnauzer by promoting responsible Ownership and demonstrating true Sportsmanship among our members and within the Dog Showing Communities*

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### Next SSCNC Activity

February 2, 2014  
**SSCNC BOARD MEETING**  
Mary's Pizza Shack  
Dixon CA. 11:00 to 1:30

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YOUR SSCNC MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY

**MARCH 31, 2014**

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