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Prednisone for Veterinary Use

by Barbara Forney, VMD

Basic Information

Prednisone is a synthetic corticosteroid used for many conditions in both human and veterinary medicine. Its anti-inflammatory activity is approximately four times that of hydrocortisone. Corticosteroids are extremely effective anti-inflammatory drugs because they affect the inflammatory process at so many different levels. Prednisone is rapidly converted to prednisolone in the liver and, in most instances, these drugs are considered to be roughly equivalent. Corticosteroids have strong beneficial effects but a definite potential to cause negative side-effects if abused. Prednisone may be given by injection, orally or topically.

Dogs and Cats

Prednisone is used for a wide variety of conditions in both dogs and cats. It may be used in emergency situations including, anaphylactic reactions, spinal-chord trauma and many forms of shock. It is used to manage and treat immune-mediated disease such as immune-mediated hemolytic anemia or thrombocyto-

penia; many CNS disorders; some neoplasia; dermatologic diseases; allergic reactions such as asthma, hives and itching; inflammatory orthopedic diseases; endocrine disorders including Addison's Disease; respiratory disease with an inflammatory component; inflammatory bowel diseases; and many other conditions.

Cats may require higher doses than dogs in order to achieve clinical response but they are less likely to develop adverse side-effects.

Prednisone Side Effects

Systemic side-effects of corticosteroids generally are dependent on dose and duration of treatment. Short-term use of prednisone is unlikely to cause adverse effects. Adverse effects are more common in animals on immunosuppressive doses.

Dogs: Side effects seen in dogs include excessive thirst and urination, poor hair & coat, GI disturbance, diarrhea, increased

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Highlights from the SSCNC Board Meeting

Highlights from the April 17, 2010 Board Meeting.

Board has completed its review of changes it would like to see to the SSCNC web site. These changes and fees were submitted to Roy Dvorak in May and work will be posted to the SSCNC web site after the SSCA Specialty at the end of May, due to Mr.

Dvorak's workload with the National Club.

Treasurer's Report:

\$10,029.69 in Operating Budget

\$3,852.32 is in the Rescue Fund

Seven new applicants have been processed since January with several applicants

ready for a Vote of the General Membership.

Board gave approval for Embroidery costs associated with the Specialty Trophies and for the renewal fees for the Web Page.

Having received no opposition from the membership, the Board has moved for-

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News — On, For, or About our Members

New Applicants:

David & Gina Terwilliger of Danville of Rocklin own "Riley" (Von Shaman Velvet Hammer) from Kathleen Fitzgerald. They enjoy local traveling & hiking and are fans of Lake Shasta. They have owned a Giant Schnauzer in the past. They are interested in Conformation, Herding, Agility and grooming. They are sponsored by Mark Allen and Don Dalton.

Naomi Ramsden of Atherton owns "Fido" (Blackhawk Fidelio of Fenway Park). After losing her beloved Standard Poodle, Naomi had to find a new breed that matched her lifestyle and found the Standard Schnauzers to be a wonderful breed. When she and Fido are not out hiking, Naomi and her husband enjoy fly fishing, opera and bridge—*no doubt Fido will be able to sit in for a quick bridge hand in the future.* Naomi is sponsored by Paul & Rhonda Davis

Zac & Tessa Rigdon of Concord own "Luca" (Wunderkind's Susan Lucci) and are interested in Conformation and Herding with their new girl. They like the Standard for their size and activity level which works well for their swimming, hiking and running activities. They are sponsored by Mark Allen and Don Dalton

Anna & Chris Cullen of Napa own "Rolex" (Wunderkind's Sylvester Stallone) and are interested in grooming. Their household includes 4 children and a Standard Schnauzer has been a part of their home in the past. They are Sponsored by Mark Allen and Don Dalton.

Congratulations to Dorla and Don Morse of Fair Oaks and Judith and David Gibbs of SLO who are now Full Members of SSCNC after a vote by the general membership at the April and May Membership meetings.

A special congratulations to

Don Dalton and Mark Allen and their BBE Girl, *Prada* and also to Kim and Melinda Eaton with their boy, *Havoc*. These owners and dogs received invitations to compete in the 2011 Cruft's Dog Show in England because of the wins in the BBE Category and the AOM at Eukanuba in December of 2009.

Congratulations also to the following Club Members and their Dogs who earned their Canine Good Citizen Certificates recently

"Max" Morse (Don and Dorla)

"Bebe" McLaughlin (Sharon)

"Maverick" Semple (Paul & Lisa)

"Lana" Studley (Kim & Lonnie)

"Gina" Gaffney (Mary)

"Zeus" Shenk (Roy)

"Gimli" Doud (Ladonna & Tom)

"Fib" Hemsworth (Corri)

Highlights from the SSCNC Board Meeting (cont)

ward with adopting the Golden Bridge with two schnauzers as the Specialty and Club Logo.

A couple of noted changes for the 2010 Specialty were approved—see Page -4- for details

SSCNC has investigated several reported Std. Schnauzers in rescue or shelters and all have been determined to be miniature schnauzers or mixes. Dottie Micheltore expressed her gratitude to the Club Members who have gone out on their own time to verify the

true nature / breed of these dogs. SSCNC currently has no Applications from persons interested in Rehoming a Standard Schnauzer. A gift to Rescue by SSCNC Member Vince Shantz was noted.

There were no highlights from the State Legislature to bring to the Board's attention.

May Fun Day was well underway and AKC has approved the All-Breed CGC event in association with the Fun Day.

Educational Day this year will be on Sunday, August 29th in Modesto, Ca. and will feature Sally George and a day of learning to groom your Standard Schnauzer for the home and the show ring. (See the enclosed Flyer for this event and further details)

Submissions for the SSCNC Activities and highlights were sent for the SSCA Pepper n Salt and upcoming Newsletter editors.

FUN DAY PHOTOS



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2010 SSCNC SPECIALTY PLANNER

Specialty Update

Procedural Changes

Board accepted the proposed Puppy Sweeps Language changes for 2010 as presented.

1. Awarding of a Best in Sweeps and a Best Opposite to Best In Sweeps winners in 2010
2. To change the cash award percentage that is shared among the Best in Sweeps, Best Opposite and First place winners in the Classes
3. Judge will award a One through Four Placement in each of the male Sweeps Classes and then proceed to each of the Bitch Sweeps Classes.
4. 1st place winners from each of the Dog and each of the Bitch Classes will compete for Best in Sweeps and Best Opposite - having up to 8 puppies will be in the ring for the Best in Sweeps Competition.

Board accepted the proposed Stud Dog and Brood Bitch competition Language changes for 2010 as presented.

1. Stud Dog or Brood bitch may have **up to THREE** of their Get.

Board accepted the proposed Language changes for Supported Entries by the 2010 Harvest Moon Classic Committee and will support only High Scoring Standard Schnauzer in Obedience and only Conformation at each the All-Breed Events. Conformation supported entries will be BOB,

BOW and BOS.

Board approved language for the SSCNC Specialty Premium to include the awarding of trophies and prizes after Conformation Judging at our Specialty to all First Place Winning Standard Schnauzers that competed in the All-Breed Agility, Obedience, and Rally trials on Friday, October 22, 2010. To treat these scores as our Specialty Trials.

Trophies

All trophies are purchased except for Veterans and we are waiting for final cost and entries so as not to over purchase. Approval was given by Board to use GozaGear in Livermore to do embroidery work on prizes needing additional embroidering. GozaGear work with SSCNC in 2008 when we hosted the Nationals.

Catalog Ads

Board discussed and accepted the idea to provide a discount to anyone who submit their SSCNC Specialty Catalog ads before August 10, 2010.

The "Early Bird Special" Pricing shall be \$35.00 for a Single Page ad and a Double Sided ad (side-by-side) would be \$65.00.

After August 13, 2010 the pricing would be \$45.00/Single Page Ad and \$80.00 for a double page ad.

Ads for the Catalog Cover will not receive the discounted pricing. Deadline for all ad submissions is September 10, 2010

Important Dates to Keep In Mind

1. June 10th—Trophy Dona-

tion Deadline to be mentioned in the Premium List

2. August 13th—Catalog Ad *Early Bird Special* Deadline
3. September 10th—Catalog Ads and Trophy Donation Deadlines for Specialty Catalog
4. October 6th—Entries for all events Close with MB-F or ABBADOGS (for Agility)
5. October 9th—All Box Lunch and Specialty Dinner forms are due with payment.
6. October 21st—Harvest Moon Classic Starts
7. October 23rd—SSCNC Specialty

We are still seeking VOLUNTEERS to help with THE GROUNDS for the Specialty. Many hands make for like work. Job entails moving the trophies and decorations from the storage unit in Livermore to the fairgrounds and setting up the ring and various displays for Saturday's Specialty. Includes boxing of the items and returning them to storage before end of show on Sunday. Does not require the same people do all the work, but if you can volunteer to help set up or take down, **please contact Linda Adiletti.**



Dorina and Baron Agility Workshop



Baron finds a new girlfriend



You can look at the pretty birdies but you can't taste or touch



Spencer is watching the fun



Wanna wrestle?

SSCNC MAY 8TH FUN DAY

Many thanks to our Club Photographers at the Fun Day including *Dorian Chong, Christine Dunn, Emilie Hogan, Allen Lange and Dorina Mazzucchi*. You can see many of their pictures throughout this edition of the Stripper.

Congratulations to the following Winners of the Games....

"Zeus" and Roy Shenk for Running the Gauntlet Retrieval

"Prada" and Donald Hogan in the Musical Mats

"Fido" and Naomi Ramsden in the "My Dog Will Eat That" contest.

Special note by Ladonna Doud for Haley's 9th Birthday on May 8th with peanut butter cookies for all the dogs. Which got us thinking about the other Senior Citizen dogs in attendance that day, which included: *Schnoz Menise (9), Beau Davis (10), Senate Nunzir (10), Sophie Davis (11), and Zimmer Doud (12)*

A quick Membership Meeting was held to keep everyone up on the Specialty planning and to elect new Members.

Special recognition to the SSCNC Members who helped make this day a HUGH hit with the attendees: *Mark Allen, Dottie Micheltmore, Mary Gaffney, Roy Shenk, Kim Studley and Nanci and Rich Menise*.

We had a 100% pass rate for all the dogs who took the Canine Good Citizen exam—CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL in raising such polite dogs.

We had some real standouts in the herding pen with the youngsters *Lana Studley and Shelbie Chong* and some promise with several other of the Standards Schnauzers who took to the ring

that day — well done! It is not an easy sport to undertake.

The Intro to Agility crowd seemed to be going through their paces with ease and lots of treats. Many of the dogs were already tired from the impromptu races in the exercise yard, swimming and exploring the pond, and just hanging out with so many of their friends and family at one place and at one time. There were many a happy schnauzer asleep in the backseat of their cars for their rides home.



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**Celebrating 67 years of
providing quality
Education, and Guidance
for Responsible
Ownership of the
Standard Schnauzer**



*Shelby Chong and her
Sheep — a very nice
showing by this 5 month
old City Girl*

With all the renewed
interest in Herding,
SSCNC may have to
start a Herding Co-Op
in the East Bay just for
our Members to learn
and practice on ...



Prednisone for Veterinary Use (cont)

appetite, vomiting, weight gain, GI ulceration, pancreatitis, lipidemia, elevated liver enzymes, diabetes mellitus, muscle wasting and possible behavioral changes. Polyuria, polydipsia, polyphagia may be seen in dogs even on short-term therapy.

Cats: Although cats are less likely to develop side effects than dogs, occasionally excessive thirst and urination and hunger, weight gain, GI disturbances and behavioral changes occur.

Corticosteroids can cause or worsen **gastric ulcers**.

Precautions

Chronic or inappropriate use of corticosteroids, including prednisone, can cause life-threatening hormonal and metabolic changes.

Adverse effects due to corticosteroid treatment usually occur with long-term administration of the drug, especially when high doses are used. Alternate-day therapy with short-acting preparations is preferred. Animals that have received long-term therapy should be withdrawn slowly by tapering the dosage and prolonging the interval between doses.

Corticosteroids suppress immune response. Animals receiving systemic corticosteroids may

be more susceptible to bacterial or viral infections. Systemic corticosteroids can mask signs of infection, such as an elevated temperature.

Systemic corticosteroids are contraindicated in patients with systemic fungal infections. The treatment of Addison's Disease may be considered an exception.

Prednisone must be converted to prednisolone in the liver. Animals in hepatic failure should receive prednisolone rather than prednisone. Corticosteroids should be avoided or used very carefully in young animals both because of immune suppression and the risk of GI ulcers.

Corticosteroids should be avoided during pregnancy and lactation unless the benefits outweigh the risks. Large doses in early pregnancy may be teratogenic. Corticosteroids can induce labor and have been used to terminate pregnancy in bitches.

Drug Interactions

When amphotericin B or diuretics such as furosemide are given with corticosteroids, there is an increased risk of electrolyte imbalances due to calcium and potassium losses.

Digitalis and potassium levels should be monitored closely in animals taking prednisone.

Corticosteroids may increase insulin requirements. Estrogen may potentiate the effects of corticosteroids.

Drugs that may cause drug interactions with prednisone include salicylate, phenytoin, phenobarbital, rifampin, cyclosporin, erythromycin, mitotane and anticholinesterase drugs such as neostigmine and pyridostigmine.

The immune response to vaccination may be reduced when corticosteroids are given at the same time.

The risk of GI ulcers may be increased if corticosteroids and other drugs prone to causing ulcers such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are given at the same time.

Overdose

Short-term administration of even large doses is unlikely to cause serious harmful systemic effects due to adrenal suppression. Problems associated with long-term administration of prednisone relate to suppression of normal adrenal function, iatrogenic Cushing's Disease and metabolic crisis due to abrupt withdrawal