

# The Lone Star Miniature Schnauzer Club of Dallas



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## Message from the President

If you missed the last meeting you missed a very good program presented by Dr Bill Sanders. Dr. Sanders spoke on Canine First Aid for your Pet. He fielded various questions regarding health, canine diets and also problem behavior. We always enjoy having Dr Sanders speak to our group.

Our March 20 Specialty Show in Ft. Worth is fast approaching and everything is in place.

If you are available to help in any area of the specialty, please let me or George Armstrong know. He is our Austin member and will be our chief ring steward. We will also need someone to help sell catalogs as well.

The club also wants to thank Bolivia Powell for her endless dedication in "spreading the word" about all the City Ordinances across the country and how to help fight them. Please keep up the hard work Bolivia.

**Gary Hoover**  
**President**

## Club Events

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, at 7:00 pm.** Our next club meeting will be held at Back Country BBQ located at 6940 Greenville Ave. Dallas, TX 75231.

Topic of discussion will be our March 20 Specialty Show in Fort Worth.

**Board Members:**  
There will be a Board meeting at 6:30 pm prior to our regularly scheduled

## Upcoming Shows

### ONOFRIO DOG SHOWS:

Feb 28-Mar 1: Wichita Falls, TX

Mar 5 – 8: San Antonio, TX; Garden City, KS

Mar 14-16: Houston, TX

Mar 20-22: Fort Worth, TX (our Specialty on Fri)

Mar 28-29: Claremore, OK; Navasota, TX:

Apr 2-5: Midland, TX; Valley Center, KS

# **LSMSC NEWS**

## **Show Results**

**Jan 24 – Abilene - BB**

CH. Tejas Beentheredonethat – Owned by Bolivia Powell

## **Champion News**

**December 2008**

Congratulations to Anne Lockney!!! CH. Ruedesheim's Adonis "Otto" (B&S) has just added champion # 10 to his progeny. He is currently available at stud with Anne. Among his Champions are CH. Garlyn's Special Edition "Eddie" owned by Evelyn Hoover and CH. Ruedesheim's Hailey's Comet "Hailey" owned by Carol and Carl Benson. There are others on their way. Keeping them coming, Adonis!!

## **2009 Ft Worth Specialty**

We are looking forward to our 2009 Specialty Show. Judging our Specialty will be Bolivia Powell with Thomas H. Barrie judging the Breed on March 20.

We are asking for volunteers to sell catalogs and be available to help where needed. Contact George Armstrong at [Armstrong@infohwy.com](mailto:Armstrong@infohwy.com).

We are having our "After Show Dinner" on Friday, March 20 at 6:30 pm at Dos Gringos just down road from the Show Site. Please make plans to be there. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

## **AKC Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show 2009**

Who hasn't heard of one of the greatest dog shows on Earth? On Feb. 9 & 10, WKC hosted its 133<sup>rd</sup> event – the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest sporting event in this country.

You may already know that the Terrier Group has the distinction of winning Best in Show at Westminster more than any other group – a total of 44 times. You may know that the Wire Fox Terrier has won BIS 13 times since it was first shown at WKC in 1883 – more than any other breed.

You probably know that the Mini Schnauzer has never won BIS at the show but there has been a single Group 1 back in 1947. That breed icon was Dorem Display. Miniature Schnauzers have placed in Group 2 twice, Group 3 twice, and Group 4 twice. The Mini Schnauzer, CH. Earthsong's Remedy for the Blues won a Group 4 in the 2009 show - the first Group placement for our breed since 1975. (Quoted from January 2009 "The Mini Magazine")

## **Miscellaneous info**

### **Top Ten Pet Poisons of 2008**

Sometimes we need to be reminded that our pets can be poisoned by things that are in our daily lives. Here are the top 10 Pet Poisons of 2008, a list from the ASPCA.

1. Human Medications – Last year, the ASPCA managed more than 50,000 calls involving prescription and over-the-counter drugs, such as painkillers, cold medications, antidepressants and dietary supplements. Pets often snatch pill vials from counters and nightstands or gobble up medications accidentally dropped on the floor, so it is essential to keep meds tucked away in hard-to-reach cabinets.

## Miscellaneous News and Quips (continued)

2. Insecticides -- In our effort to battle home invasions of unwelcome pests, we often unwittingly put our pets at risk. In 2008, our toxicologists fielded more than 31,000 calls related to insecticides. One of the common incidents involved the misuses of flea and tick products – such as applying the wrong topical treatment to the wrong species. Thus, it's always important to talk to your pet's veterinarian before beginning any flea and tick control program.
3. Human Foods – Grapes, raisins, avocado and certain citrus fruits can seriously harm pets; they accounted for more than 15,000 cases in 2008. One of the worst offenders – chocolate – chocolate contains large amounts of methylxanthines, which, if ingested in significant amounts, can cause vomiting, diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst, urination, hyperactivity, and in severe cases, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors and seizures.
4. Rodenticides – Last year, the ASPCA received approximately 8,000 calls about pets that had accidentally ingested rat and mouse poisons. Many types of bait used to attract rodents contain inactive ingredients that are attractive to pets as well. Depending on the type of rodenticide, ingestions can lead to potentially life-threatening problems for pets, including bleeding, seizures and kidney damage.
5. Veterinary Medication -- Even though veterinary medications are intended for pets, they are often misused by well-meaning pet owners, In 2008, the ASPCA managed nearly 8,000 cases involving animal-related preparations such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, heartworm preventative, de-wormers, antibiotics, vaccines and nutritional supplements.
6. Plants -- Common houseplants were the subject of nearly 8,000 calls to the Animal Poison Control Center in 2008. Azaleas, rhododendrons, sago palm, lilies, kalanchoe and schefflera are often found in homes and can be harmful to pets. Lilies are especially toxic to cats, and can cause life-threatening kidney failure even in small amounts.
7. Chemical Hazards – In 2008, the Animal Poison Control Center handled approximately 5,500 cases of pet exposure to chemical hazards. A category on the rise, chemical hazards -- found in ethylene glycol antifreeze, paint thinner, drain cleaners and pool/spa chemicals—form substantial danger to pets. Substances in this group can cause gastrointestinal upset, depression, respiratory difficulties and chemical burns.
8. Household Cleaners – Everybody knows that household cleaning supplies can be toxic to adults and children, but few take precautions to protect their pets from common agents such as bleaches, detergents and disinfectants. Last year, the ASPCA received more than 3,200 calls related to household cleaners. These products can cause serious gastrointestinal distress and irritation to the respiratory tract **simply by inhalation!!**
9. Heavy Metals -- Lead, zinc and mercury accounted for more than 3,000 cases of pet poisonings in 2008. Lead is especially pernicious, and pets are exposed to it through many sources, including consumer products, paint chips, linoleum and lead dust produced when surfaces in older homes are scraped or sanded.
10. Fertilizer – It may keep your grass green, but certain types of fertilizer can cause problems for outdoor cats and dogs. Last year, the ASPCA fielded more than 2,000 calls related to fertilizer exposure. Prevention is really key to avoiding accidental exposure, but if you suspect your pet has ingested something lawn-side, please contact your veterinarian or the Animal Poison Control Center's

**24-hour hotline at (888) 426-4435**

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