Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada c/o Secretary, Box 579, Delisle, SK SOL 0P0

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Re: Requested revision to Miniature Schnauzer breed standard

Dear Yvette,

Thank you for your patience in waiting for our club's reply in this matter.

At a meeting that concluded last week, the membership of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada voted to oppose the request of the Ear Cropping, Tail Docking & Dewclaw Removal Committee to amend the wording of our Breed Standard.

The primary concern was that the proposed change would only open the door to more. Also, the suggestion that the tail "may" be docked turns the intent of our Standard upside down: the Miniature Schnauzer is a breed that has a docked tail -- not a tailed breed that "may" be docked.

While we sympathize with the challenge faced by exhibitors in jurisdictions that prohibit docking of tails, we have noted a number of undocked Miniature Schnauzers have nonetheless finished championship titles under the current Standard. These competing interests seem well enough served by the status quo.

Yours truly,

Catherine McMillan, Secretary Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada