

# Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada



## Fall 2013 Newsletter

**The Board requests your attendance!  
We are investigating means to enable all regular voting  
members to attend our online meetings in real time.  
Please watch your email for details in the coming days.**

*2014 Membership Renewals are now due.  
See back page of newsletter for form.*

Newsletter Editor - Kate McMillan

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# Notice Board....

## You're Invited

The MSCC Board is investigating means to permit all voting members to attend our online meetings as observers. Stay tuned for announcements.

## Join The MSCC Email List

The MSCC has an email list for Board announcements, general discussion, notices of puppy availability, equipment for sale - anything club or schnauzer related! Send an email to [kate@katewerk.com](mailto:kate@katewerk.com) if you wish to be added.

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Half page (\$15) and full page (\$25) advertising space is available if you wish to promote a product, service, stud dog, upcoming litter, or advertise your kennel in a more comprehensive fashion.



## From the President.....

As 2013 is quickly coming to an end, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our board members for consenting to stay on for the coming year. A big welcome to Krystal Mason and Brian Kruse for stepping up to the plate, and offering to serve.

This is your club, and a club is only as good as the participation of its members. As we are facing the cropping and docking situation more and more, we need you, as members, to talk or write to your veterinaries about your

CHOICE in this matter. We must be active and as vocal as the organizations that oppose our right to choose.

This newsletter marks the last one for Cathy McMillan, and I would like to thank her for dedication she has given to this huge job. We would also like to thank Melody Fraser for offering to take over the publication of our newsletter. Please support her with your suggestions and brags.

I would like to wish everyone a great Christmas and New Years, and may the year 2014 be the very best for all. - *Kay Deveyrac*

## From the Editor.....

As I put my final newsletter to bed, I want to thank those of you who have helped fill our pages with your contributions. Finding good content is the hardest part of putting a newsletter together, and I hope everyone supports Melody Fraser in her new job.

I will continue on as webmaster for the MSCC.ca website for the foreseeable future, so if you have changes or note errors, please send them on to me. - *Kate McMillan*

### 2014 National - Request for Volunteers

The National will be held in conjunction with The Renaissance/Auld Lang Syne Dog dog show cluster in Cloverdale BC on April 18th. At this time we are looking for volunteers to head a few sub committees:  
Trophies, Raffle, Clothing Orders, and Banquet.

If you are interested in helping out please contact Brian Kruse [brian@krusekennels.com](mailto:brian@krusekennels.com)

# Minutes.....

Note: A Board Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm, August 8th 2013. Present: Kay Deveyrac (President), Kate McMillan (Secretary), Lynda Berar, Vicki Stephens. Meeting failed for lack of quorum, cancelled at 7:15.

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## An online meeting of the MSCC Board of Directors was called to order Aug.25 ,2013 at 1:07pm

### 1. Identification of members

Present: Kay Deveyrac (President), Vicki Stephens, Kate McMillan, Melody Fraser, Elaine Allen.  
8-25-14 Minutes: Vicki moved minutes be adopted as published, Melody seconded. Carried.

### 2. Correspondence:

Letter from CKC re: breed standard revisions for tails

### 3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting

**Motion #1-8-2013** : Vicki moved minutes be adopted as published, Melody seconded. Carried.

### 4. Business arising from minutes:

Kate McMillan; RE Crop/Dock

*"Responses to the CKC initiative to rewrite our breed standard to include a description of the undocked tail were published in the Summer newsletter. We received a number of member responses, and I republished the Board members comments as well. The overwhelming majority are not in favour of changing the breed standard, but there was no general concensus on how to prevent it from happening. My personal opinion is that we write the CKC, explain that a description of a undocked tail will only serve to add another selection pressure to our breed that our very small gene pool cannot afford, and that therefore we prefer our breed standard to remain silent on this matter."*

Kay requested the Secretary draft a letter for board approval after the meeting, to be forward to CKC without delay.

Kate McMillan: Treasurers Books, etc.

*"I finally received the club's financial records from Kathy Wood's husband. Unfortunately, they were in a basement that had flooded and there is some water damage. I am sorting through them now, and will discard old and irrelevant material, with the permission of the Board."*

*I also discovered some correspondence on our Paypal situation, and I may be able to resolve it with a copy of a voided cheque. I'll give it a shot.*

*The ING information is here too, I suspect. There's quite a lot of stuff here, including club promotional items."*

**Motion #2-8-2013** Vicki moved, that Kate have permission to discard dated and irrelevant materials from the club's records. Elaine seconded. Carried.

### 5. Financial Report - Vicki Stephens

Total Assets \$15,926.18  
Liabilities \$0  
Net Worth \$15,926.18

*"It seems we are not receiving anything on the ING Direct Account. I went through the papers and found an ING direct online statement at the back of it so I have an account number. There is also a PayPal account with \$116.67 in it that I know we've chatted about in the past. Again, if anyone can give me some history on this that I'll note for the next treasurer I'd appreciate it."*

*It's a lot of money to not have access to or control over. Does anyone have any information where it might be other than ING somewhere in Canada.?"*

Elaine: *"In the last newsletter there was a motion made & carried (Motion 2-1-2013) to have an audit done. Has one been done? I think before a new treasurer takes over there s/b an audit done."*

As the audit had not yet been completed, The President directed this be done asap.

Vicki Stephens - "An audit for 2011/12 year had never been done. That was noted in the January 2013 minutes and a motion made to do one. In the meantime we have had RBC banking issues to work out, which we have and I have been working on getting all the information together to do that and might as well include the 2012/13 year in the process.

We need to finalize the ING and PayPal bookkeeping before it can be accomplished.

[There have been] Very very few transactions. I could pretty much recreate the RBC chequing account transactions from the bank statements as there are cheques attached (no descriptions). I had the bank print off historical copies for me and I'm now receiving copies each month in the mail. When I did the deposits I tried to keep detailed descriptions of those too.

ING should be a full 2 years of interest accruing and no other transactions."

**Motion #3-8-2013:** Kate moved the financial report be approved. Elaine seconded. Carried.

## 6. Membership

As there were no objections to the membership application published for Ted and Carol Ann Greene, the Board is pleased to confirm their membership to the MSCC.

## 7. Nominating committee

Kay Deveyrac - "I have received word Caroline, Elaine, Barbara, Gail, Lynda, Cathy will stay on. I will stay on it needed. Also, I have been in touch with Krystal and Brian and they will run for the board."

Melody Fraser volunteered to take over the Newsletter.

**Motion #4-8-2013:** Kate moved that Kay Deveyrac and Barb Bell be appointed to the nominating committee to retain or fill the remaining board positions. Elaine seconded. Carried.

## 8. New Business

### 2014 National Specialty

**Motion #5-8-2013:** Kate moved that the Board confirm our informal approval of a National Specialty to be held in April of 2014 at Chilliwack, BC (Indoor) in conjunction with the RENAISSANCE DOG ASS'N. Brian Kruse will manage the event. Elaine seconded. Carried.

**Motion #6-8-2013:** Kate moved we donate some of the club promotional items to be used at the National for prizes. Elaine seconded. Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm

### Treasurer's Report

Bank balance at August 16, 2013

Opening balance on July 18, 2013	5,051.41
Bank charges:	-8.00
Expenses:	0
Various: McMillan	-109.48
Closing balance on August 16, 2013	4,933.93

At August 25, 2013	4,933.93
Deposit re: booklets	40.00
Deposit re: membership	40.00
Cheques to write: Booklet expenses (Bell)	-27.26
Balance as of August 25-13	4,986.67

# Cropping, Docking and the Breed Standard: Letter to CKC, CKC Response

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada  
c/o Secretary,  
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Mr. Elio Furlan  
Director Events & Operations  
Canadian Kennel Club  
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Re: Requested revision to Miniature Schnauzer breed standard

Dear Mr. Furlan;

After consultation with our Board of Directors and members at large, we are writing to inform the Canadian Kennel Club that the overwhelming majority of our membership is opposed to any change in the Miniature Schnauzer breed standard that adds a description of the undocked tail.

The reasons are numerous, and include deep concern that doing so only empowers the same animal rights activism that will return to demand other changes in our standards, with the ultimate goal the eradication of the purebred dog.

There is a more practical concern, however – that of the potential consequences of new and narrow selection pressure to our very limited gene pool.

The Miniature Schnauzer has been a docked breed for over 100 years, and was developed from other docked breeds – the Standard Schnauzer, Affenspinscher, Miniature Pinscher among them. The genetics for a straight, erect tail as called for in other long-legged terriers may not be present in many families. Any description of the “preferred” tail would place breeders forced to discontinue docking at an unfair disadvantage in the ring, and would result in the eventual loss of these lines, further damaging our breed's already limited genetic diversity.

Thus, the MSCC response to the CKC request to amend our standard is as follows:

*The 'natural' tail serves no purpose in the Miniature Schnauzer breed, and is not part of its historical background. As such, there is no “correct” description available for the undocked tail, should one be exhibited.*

Any amendment forced upon the Miniature Schnauzer breed standard must be limited to this explanation and appear in italics, as rewarding any one type of tail over another would ultimately cause only harm.

Kay Deveyrac, President  
Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada

October 18, 2013

Kay Deveyrac  
President, Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada  
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Dear Kay:

I acknowledge receipt of your September 03, 2013 letter in response to previous correspondence to The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada on the subject of docking, cropping and dewclaw removal.

In the face of increasing challenges to purebred dogs from veterinarian associations, governments and societal changes, preserving and protecting our breeds and the sport of dogs is of mutual concern. From the beginning the CKC has been at the forefront of these challenges. The CKC's position on this topic has consistently been, that cropping, docking and dewclaw removal is an important and significant part of many breed standards and that this practice should continue to be available for historic, safety and hygienic reasons. However, legislative and societal changes have demonstrated that this position can be to the detriment of the breed and those wishing to participate in CKC events, simply because some of these procedures cannot be done in some parts of the country. Recognizing this threat, there is a need to accommodate those who may chose or cannot have the procedure done not to crop, dock or remove dewclaws.

We have discussed with the judges through our Event Officiating committee the possibility that judges should judge dogs taking into account local bans. The committee, after garnering feedback from judges stated that judges will only judge a dog in accordance with its breed standard. This would put many who wish to participate in CKC events at a disadvantage.

In checking the FCI standard for the Miniature Schnauzer it states the following:

**TAIL : Natural; a sabre or sickle carriage is sought after.**

We suggest that the club incorporates both docked and undocked descriptions in its standard

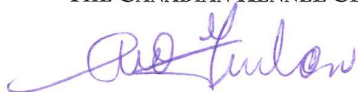
In the course of this year, we have communicated with all of the breed clubs who are the experts in the field that require in the standard for the breed to be either be docked, cropped or have the declaws removed or as a disqualification; many of these clubs have accepted the need to accommodate and have amended their standard to provide an option. Once we have received responses from the affected clubs, the amended official standard will be published at a later date.

Kay, in the face of increasing challenges, we are seeking a balanced and cooperative approach to protect our Club, our dogs and the sport. We want to collaboratively work with the club on this very important issue.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

**THE CANADIAN KENNEL CLUB**



Elio Furlan  
Director Events & Operations

cc: L. Novak, Executive Director, CKC  
C. McMillan, Secretary, Miniature Schnauzer Club of Canada

# Minutes.....

**A meeting of the MSCC board of directors was called to order at 5:30pm MST on Nov.13, 2013.**

## **1. Identification of members**

Present: Kay Deveyrac (President), Kate McMillan, Gail Wilford, Louise Gordon, Mari Szauerzopf, Barbara Bell, Krystal Mason. Elaine Allen

## **2. Minutes**

**Motion #1-11-13:** Louise moved minutes be adopted. Gail seconded. Carried

## **2. Correspondence**

- Letter from the CKC regarding breed standard change to describe tail
- CKC invoice for club renewal

## **3. Financial report**

Vicki Stephens: No report

**Kate McMillan:** *"I was able to get into the Paypal details between Kathy and Sharon, and found that the Paypal balance had been resolved. The ING materials I only scratched the surface of, before leaving for show circuits in September and October. I'll try to make more headway in the coming days."*

## **4. Business arising from Minutes**

**Furlan letter re: breed standard/tails.** The board discussed the response from CKC and found it to be unacceptable. After a brief discussion, the President directed the secretary to draft a response for board approval after the meeting close.

**Club Records** *The secretary reported* that the club records received from Kathy Wood's husband have been sorted, with damaged and dated materials removed. These materials will be incinerated.

## **5. Reports**

### **National Specialty**

Brian Kruse: *The National will be held in conjunction with The Renaissance/Auld Lang Syne Dog dog show cluster in Cloverdale BC on April 18th. Aida Rivera Franco from Bogota Columbia will be judging. The Cluster runs from April 16th to April 21st with 9 sets of points available to Miniature Schnauzers (6 all breed shows, our National, BC All Terrier & Terrier Breeders Association of Canada).*

*At this time we are looking for volunteers to head a few sub committees: Trophies, Raffle, Clothing Orders, and Banquet. If you are interested in helping out please contact Brian Kruse [brian@krusekennels.com](mailto:brian@krusekennels.com)*

*A flyer will be made once we have our logo finished so that we can invite breeders and exhibitors of Mini Schnauzers from all over the world to attend. This is an opportunity to have a Canadian National with a large entry. Thank you in advance for stepping up to the plate to help!*

### **Newsletter**

Kate McMillan: *Thanks to everyone who's helped support my tenure as editor over the past few years. I have the Fall 2013 edition nearly ready to go to print, and gratefully hand off the task to Melody Fraser!*



## 6. Elections

Kay Deveyrac: "Barb and I sent out a notice to all the members of the club asking for anyone interested in being on the board. We would like to thank Krystal and Brian for stepping up to the plate. Never received any other replies. So I guess we are the Board again. I would like to thank those that offered to stay on."

## 7. New Business

**Motion #2-11-2013 - Merchandise:** Louise moved that Kate be granted permission to price merchandise items. Mari seconded. Carried.

**Motion #3-11-2013 - Open meetings:** Kate moved that a) all electronic Board Meetings be opened to the regular membership, should they choose to be included as observers, and that b) the Secretary shall look into a means by which to do this. Krystal seconded. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

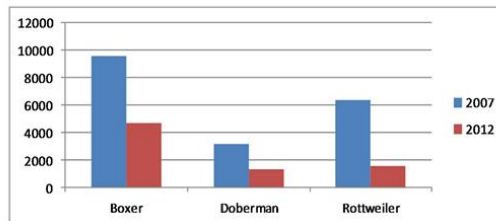
### How a ban on tail docking has affected the Working Group registrations in the United Kingdom

In 2007 the United Kingdom introduced a nationwide ban on tail docking. They have recently provided stats on registration numbers; there has been some fluctuation over the entire working group however the numbers remained relatively stable prior to the ban.

COMPARATIVE TABLES OF REGISTRATIONS FOR THE YEARS 2003-2012 INCLUSIVE

WORKING	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Alaskan Malamute	341	586	718	899	1,161	1,245	1,195	1,232	1,295	1,053
Beaucaron (imp)	26	0	24	16	20	9	25	1	31	19
Bernese Mountain Dog	839	812	768	792	631	680	706	613	730	494
Bouvier des Flandres	126	132	159	103	96	87	71	105	98	57
Boxer	9,542	9,889	9,566	9,666	8,191	7,353	5,947	5,699	5,277	4,222
Bulmastiff	1,768	1,896	1,523	1,600	1,594	1,390	1,149	1,169	1,044	949
Canadian Eskimo Dog	8	0	7	4	3	12	11	7	1	15
Doberman	0,171	3,341	3,316	3,388	2,437	1,871	1,600	1,678	1,457	1,346
Dogue de Bordeaux	1,238	1,593	1,951	2,361	2,543	2,452	2,790	2,841	2,895	2,431
Entlebucher Mountain Dog (imp)		5	0	1	1	6	6	7		11
German Pinscher	20	19	10	14	15	16	1	12	11	13
Giant Schnauzer	259	339	270	313	216	276	196	244	204	207
Great Dane	1,892	1,728	1,688	1,839	1,897	1,419	1,306	1,429	1,323	1,281
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog (imp)						5	24	23	26	22
Greenland Dog	14	10	17	20	5	2	5	9	1	14
Hovawart	33	12	38	27	41	18	45	4	34	11
Leonberger	315	348	353	438	383	446	306	399	356	298
Mastiff	580	484	476	483	354	299	252	157	173	140
Neapolitan Mastiff	317	295	316	263	255	205	114	109	209	99
Newfoundland	978	838	1,080	1,145	957	1,046	898	1,026	862	921
Portuguese Water Dog	67	39	41	83	46	74	91	139	97	125
Pyrenean Mastiff (imp)	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Rottweiler	6,369	6,726	6,692	6,575	4,257	2,631	2,156	1,959	1,951	1,554
Russian Black Terrier	91	136	129	129	93	54	35	57	66	75
Siberian Husky	1,491	1,527	1,753	1,993	2,000	2,094	2,072	2,209	1,940	1,684
St Bernard	762	771	797	674	777	714	608	570	592	557
Tibetan Mastiff	28	37	30	60	57	59	48	40	63	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,279</b>	<b>31,323</b>	<b>31,823</b>	<b>32,276</b>	<b>28,030</b>	<b>24,457</b>	<b>21,657</b>	<b>21,738</b>	<b>20,745</b>	<b>18,102</b>

Between 2007 and 2012 registrations decreased drastically, a total loss of 10,767; a staggering 83% of the total losses were traditionally docked or cropped breeds. The three most popular breeds in the working group have suffered the greatest losses: Boxer's down 43%, Doberman's down 45% and the Rottweiler is down 64%. The graph below shows what that means in terms of real numbers.



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# Flea and Tick Remedy

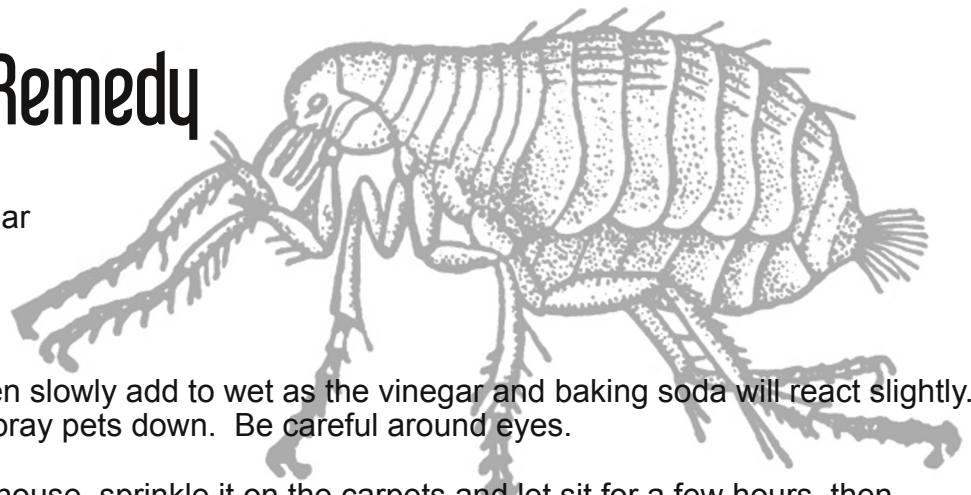
You will need:

- 8 ounces apple cider vinegar
- 4 ounces warm water
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda

Mix dry ingredients first then slowly add to wet as the vinegar and baking soda will react slightly. Put into spray bottle and spray pets down. Be careful around eyes.

Use Borax throughout the house, sprinkle it on the carpets and let sit for a few hours, then vacuum. This should kill all the fleas and ticks in your home and on your pets.

Sandi Malcolm, Mimicker Miniature Schnauzers



# Braggs.....

## Am.GCh.Can.Ch. Minuteman Toxicology

"Doc" enjoyed a successful fall outing, taking three breed wins in Utah to finish his AKC Grand Championship title. Two weeks later, he was Best of Breed at Devon, and earned three Awards of Merit at the two Hatboro shows, and at AMSC Montgomery County.

Doc is breeder-owner handled by Kate McMillan and co-owned by Karen Prokopetz.



## New Can.Ch.Kaydees Kryptonite

(AmCan.Ch.Kaydees When Yur Hot Yur Hot ex Ch.Minuteman Barracuda)

"Clark" began his show career in the US, scoring 7 points from the 6-9 class, including a 5pt major at Hatboro and a Best Puppy in Show at the Terrier Club of Michigan. Returning to Canada, he quickly completed his title with several puppy groups and a Best Puppy in Show. Clark was owner handled by his breeder, Kay Deveyrac in Canada and by his co-owner, Kate McMillan, in the US.

**MBISS Am Gold GCH Can CH Kruse's High Interest** is pictured going group 3rd after winning Best In Speciality Show #5 in California ,October 18th under Mrs. Stacy at Skyline Dog Fanciers Of San Mateo County.

"Banks" was bred by Brian P. Kruse, and co-owned by Marilyn Lande. Handler Jorge Olivera



## Ch Mimicker Dreaming

**Jackpots** attained her Canadian Championship in August on the island circuit. Thanks to judge Grant Townsend for her final points, it was a fun day.

Jackpot is sired by Am.Can.Ch Mystique's Smooth Sailing ex Ch MimickerDaydream Believer

Sandi Malcolm,  
Mimicker Miniature Schnauzers



## New Am.Can.Ch Empire Creator Pi Ala Mode

Am.Can.Ch Annfield Oh For Sure ROM ex  
RWW 06 Am.Can.PI.Ch Empire's Pi In The Sky

"Allie" earned her final point owner breeder handled, at the Whidby Island K.C. on November 16th, under respected terrier breeder judge Ms. Betsy Dale. Owned by Vicki and Greg Stephens.

## New Am.Can.Ch. Empire's Vanilla Bean

owned by Vicki & Greg Stephens.

Am.Ch Dry Dock Making Waves ex Am.Can.Ch Barbuca Astronaut

"Bean" completed the requirements for her title with 4 majors. Breeder/owner handled to 14 points (3 majors), she was sent out with Kate McMillan to find her final point, which she did at the Bonneville Basin K.C. going Best of Winners, Best Opposite for 5 points under Judge Darryl Vice.

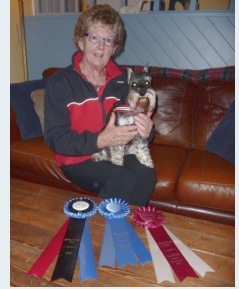


## *News from the Performance Ring!*

Micah and Andrea have been having fun in the Agility ring lately and have earned CKC Agility Novice and Intermediate titles as well as Intermediate Jumpers with Weaves. Micah is also soon to start trialing in Utility.

**Ch Brandenburg's Madrigal CDX, AgI, AgIJ, FGDCh40 (NAFA)** is bred, owned and loved by Andrea Walli

**Glenmeadows Elina** "Aila" earned her Nose Work 2 title in Elmira, Oregon on November 9, 2013 on her first attempt at this level. She was the only dog out of 34 dogs entered to pass all four elements in the allotted time and thus earned High in Trial and came in second in the exterior search. Aila is just 2 and 1/2 years old and has passed all 3 odour recognition tests for birch, anise and clove that is required before trialing at the different levels and passed Nose Work 1 on her first attempt as well. For Nose Work 2, Aila had to find 1 or 2 hidden odours in two elementary classrooms, in about 25



containers like suitcases, satchels and boxes in a large gymnasium, on one of 4 vehicles and in an exterior location that included a garden, a large grassy area and doors at the end of a chain link fence with the slight wind dispersing the odour away. Each element had set times like 2:30 or 3:00.

The National Association of Canine Scent Work has been hosting odour recognition tests, trials and classes since 2006 in the US and schnauzers have been doing well in trials. There is another organization getting started in Canada using different odours and rules and regulations. Dogs love the activities since dogs make sense of their world through their nose and they get immediate rewards for finding the odours.

Aila is owned by Eileen Tuulos, Burnaby, BC and was bred by Donna Stewart

# Empty Collars....



## **Am.Can.Ch. Carbor How Sweet It Is**

July 22, 2003 - November 6, 2013

Gleason went to the Rainbow Bridge after a 3 month battle with hemangiosarcoma. He is now happy and healthy and chasing squirrels. Already missing him.

-Barbara Bell

# Are Docking and Cropping Bans Really for Animal Welfare?

The majority of ethical, responsible breeders in Canada strongly oppose the actions that have been pushed along under the banner of animal welfare, and are at a loss as to why Canadian Veterinarian Association leaders feel justified selecting certain routine procedures out of the many preventative procedures that veterinarians perform and try to deem them as unethical. Cropping ears, docking tails and removing troublesome dew claws from certain breeds are no more inhumane than spay/neuter, removing warts and cysts, cherry eye surgery, debarking, declawing and many other accepted surgeries that veterinarians do.

With so much information coming forward about the damage done to a dog when spay or castration is performed it truly bemuses me that there is still so much push by veterinary associations to alter dogs before puberty while at the same time pushing the idea that docking, cropping or dew claw removal is an act of cruelty unless it is done after damage has occurred. I have seen posters full of misinformation in vet waiting rooms and posted by veterinarian associations online. What is the hidden agenda that is pushing for these bans by using misinformation and propaganda? We vaccinate to prevent disease, we neuter to prevent unwanted pregnancy, we de-claw to prevent furniture damage: but to dock, crop or remove dew claws to prevent injury that has empirical evidence that injury will occur to many of these breeds becomes something that is touted as an act of cruelty and needs to be stopped in the name of animal welfare? Where is the logic?

Refusing access to good veterinary care for breeds that require these routine procedures will inevitably bring harm and pain to many of their futures. European studies in countries that have had the bans in place long enough to gather information have shown that certain breeds of dogs like the GSP need to be docked to spare them the pain and suffering of constant tail injury and amputation at a later age.

*“In the autumn of 1990 when the dogs were 1 - 1.5 years old, 27% of the dogs had suffered from tail injuries. The investigated group consisted of 44 litters, 299 individual dogs. In the autumn of 1991 when the dogs were 2 - 2.5 years old, 35% of the dogs had suffered from tail injuries.”*

Research also shows that ear cropping, rather than jeopardizing the welfare of the breed, actually prevents future ear problems as well as giving the dog the added ability to do its intended job more proficiently.

*“An un-cropped ear is easily wounded, and ear wounds will bleed heavily. If a working dog ends up being dragged down by his own ears, and/or blinded by its own blood from an ear wound, that dog is put at a serious disadvantage, its ability to perform may be compromised, and the dog itself may be endangered.”*

Most docked and cropped breeds are working or performance animals. They have the right to exist and flourish and owners have the right to expect professional veterinary care for them. Refusing to provide care for their unique veterinary needs goes against what animal welfare is.

Many countries that have banned their veterinarians from performing these procedures followed by law changes to make these procedures illegal are now looking at reversing these laws. Governments are waking up, realizing that disallowing these procedures is not in the interest of the animals that they thought they were ‘protecting’.

*“In Belgium the congress of the European Parliament organized a petition / request calling for a legally annul all the countries of the European Union ban on kupirovku tails and ears of dogs kupirovka on terms that will be a professional doctor with general anesthesia and without causing pain to an animal, meaning legally annul the law for the sake of aesthetics and beauty.”*

Some countries have exempted service dogs and working breeds clearly demonstrating that these procedures truly do both protect the dog and allow it to do its intended job more proficiently. Since these bans have gone into effect gene pools have shrunk and many breeders have simply quit breeding rather than produce a puppy that is very likely to sustain damage due to the bylaws of their veterinary associations or laws of their country. Some traditionally docked/cropped breeds face the threat of extinction in some countries that have adopted the activist's opinion of these once-routine procedures.

*"In the United Kingdom between 2007 and 2012 registrations decreased drastically, a total loss of 10,767. A staggering 83% of the total losses were traditionally docked or cropped breeds. The three most popular breeds in the working group have suffered the greatest losses: Boxer's down 43%, Doberman's down 45% and the Rottweiler is down 64%".*

These breeds didn't naturally become less popular. This change was forced upon breeders and has caused some breeds that were once very popular to slide right down to the bottom of registration lists, some to the brink of extinction. How does animal welfare include wiping out a complete sub-species?

CVMA has finally posted some reference material for their position statement condemning these procedures as cruel and purely cosmetic. With 13 references listed, one would think they have really researched this. I took the time to read all that could be found and am amazed that professional people can believe that these references are enough to push Canadians to support these bans. Is the CVMA expecting or hoping that no one will actually take the time to read these?

All references are listed at the bottom of this article.

- 1) All references pertain to the docking of tails, none address cropping of ears.
- 2) One reference is outdated and is only relevant to 2007.
- 3) Incredibly, the 'professional' who wrote this paper seems to inaccurately compare the nervous systems of a neonatal puppy, whose nervous system is not fully developed at birth to a piglet or lamb that is born with all nervous systems intact. He also readily states that there are no studies to back up his opinions.
- 4) Two are merely Breed Standard pages from the Australian Kennel Council and England's Kennel Club.
- 5) The study that is stated as reference (Risk factors for tail injuries in dogs in Great Britain) even states "The present study suggests that dogs that are docked are less likely to sustain a tail injury. This supports the findings of the study conducted by Houlton (2008)"
- 6) Another is a study of 'dog communication' using a robot dog to make their case. I am pretty sure that most dogs can readily tell the difference between a robot and a real dog and there are so many other factors that go into dog communication that this study is not something that should be cited in support of any canine decision let alone one that is so important to docked dogs.
- 7) Many of the stated references cannot be read by non-veterinarians or are not available at all.

Breeders and owners of docked and cropped breeds in Canada do not want to wait 10 or more years witnessing the decimation of gene pools, loss of good healthy lines, and loss of great ethical and responsible breeders due to activist driven views for our country to wake up. Canadians need to wake up now and stop being naïve about the realities of the real agenda that is pushing for these bans. Do some research and rethink your stand on these procedures before we find ourselves in the same boat as those in European countries; with fewer healthy puppies for pet owners from health tested lines. Docking and cropping bans are not a case for animal welfare, but an opinion put forward by animal activists.

Sincerely  
Joanne Scott

RRCD – a volunteer organization made up of breed clubs, breeders, pet owners and veterinarians dedicated to retaining the rights of breeders and the preservation of purebred dogs.

#### References:

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# Legislative News .....

Hello All

Just a quick update to let you know what has happened in the world of Retain our Rights to Crop, Dock and remove dewclaws (RRCD). As there were two thoughts on where the path of RRCD should focus, two separate groups have been formed. We maintain the original RRCD website and have a new facebook page. RRCD Retaining our Rights to Crop, Dock.

Jean Berghuijs has started another group called the Association for the Protection of Purebred Dogs (APPD) and they will be expanding the original cause to include many of the animal rights activists situations and purebred dogs in general around the world. We will focus on protecting the docked and cropped breeds and working towards stopping the bans from continuing in Canada.

We know that our two groups will be able to work together for the protection and preservation of our wonderful breeds.

Please go to the site and join. Nothing is expected of you, no time to volunteer, no money, we simply need members from all breeds. This includes non crop, dock, dewclaw removal breeds. Strength and accountability are in numbers. More updates will be forthcoming regularly now, but the best way to keep up to date is on the facebook page, or the RRCD website.

Welcome to all.

Enter "RRCD Retaining our rights" into the Facebook search box or go to:

**<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cropdockdewclawdebateforum/>**

Special thanks to MSCC member Sandi Malcolm for keeping us informed of these sites and developments. All members must be vigilant and proactive towards efforts that threaten our breed standard and personal freedoms.

For updates and contact information bookmark the RDCC and K9 Alliance websites:

**<http://www.rdcc.ca/>**  
**<http://www.k9alliance.com/>**

# Register of Merit .....

This form has been provided to assist members make application to the MSCC Register of Merit. ROM's are awarded at the Annual General Meeting, but applications may be submitted to the Secretary at any time. The names of current ROM dogs, along with the application requirements are available at: <http://www.mscc.ca/registerofmerit.html>

Application to the MSCC REGISTER OF MERIT is hereby made on behalf of:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

CKC # \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this dog a Canadian Champion of Record? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this dog born in Canada ? \_\_\_\_\_

Please detail points earned in the space below. A minimum of 10 points are required:

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I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
certify that the information provided is true and factual, and acknowledge that admission of this dog to the Register of Merit is subject to an affirmative vote of the membership.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Does your Mini Schnauzer qualify for the MSCC Versatility Award?  
Contact the Secretary for forms and details.**



# 2014 Membership Renewals

The MSCC membership year ended October 31st. Renewals should be sent directly to the Treasurer:

Vicki Stephen - Treasurer  
3894 205a Street  
Langley, BC  
V3A 2A1

Individual Dues are \$25.00 per year for Regular members and \$20.00 per year for Associate members. For two (2) members residing at the same address, a joint membership of \$35.00 Regular or \$30.00 Associate is available.

Only one newsletter shall be sent per address. Individual Regular members are entitled to one (1) vote. Joint Regular members are entitled to two (2) votes.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle:

Individual Regular   Joint Regular   Individual Associate   Joint Associate

Has there been any change to your contact information? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If "yes" please note any address or contact information changes here:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Colours bred \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Please publish my contact information on the MSCC.ca breeder's page: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

I would like my website linked on the MSCC.ca breeder's page: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed:

Membership dues \_\_\_\_\_

Trophy fund donation \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please do not send cash in the mail.)