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Second Quarter 2023

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Candid Picture of the Quarter

See more pictures in the *Candid Picture* section



CH Irondogs Black & White
'Metro'
Owners: Anne & Paul Barber

Membership Dues Reminder

Submit the completed [KSSC Yearly Dues Renewal and Code of Ethics*](#) form along with dues check payable to **KSSC** on **September 1st, 2023**

Next KSSC Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be **VIRTUAL** on **AUGUST 4TH, 2023**, (B) 7:00PM & (G) 7:30PM.

Important Dates to Remember

- 🐾 **SUPPORTED ENTRY – SEPTEMBER 8TH**
Tuxedo Park KC, North Branch Park, Bridgewater, NJ
Judge: Desmond Murphy
- 🐾 **SPECIALTY – SEPTEMBER 9TH**
Somerset Hills KC, North Branch Park, Bridgewater, NJ
Sweepstakes Judge: Michael Canalizzo
Specialty Judge: Bob Busby
- 🐾 **SUPPORTED ENTRY – SEPTEMBER 10TH**
Westchester KC, North Branch Park, Bridgewater, NJ
Judge: Andrew Ritter
- 🐾 **FAST CAT – OCTOBER 21ST & 22ND**
Colonial Park, Pine Grove Pavilion, Somerset, NJ

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Message from our President – Elizabeth Rogacki

SECOND QUARTER 2023

Seeing a great many of you at the Match and Awards meeting recently was wonderful. The weather held out & was almost great. Personally, I had thought the ground would have been much wetter but fortunately I was wrong. We got to meet two new Schnauzers from the Czech Republic & their owners as well as a couple of guests of Lauren's also attended. Speaking of Lauren, she almost needed a trailer to bring home all the awards she earned with Edge & Ava. Greta was not far behind.

Our next meeting on August 4th in the evening, will be virtual. We haven't done this on a Friday evening which is a change. More details to follow.

We will be looking for volunteers for our Specialty show in September as well as, more critically, our Fast CATs on October 21st & 22nd at Colonial Park. Please mark your calendars.

Enjoy the Spring weather when it finally reliably arrives, hopefully with less pollen.

Elizabeth Rogacki

Annual Sanctioned Match – April 22nd, 2023

PETER TWILL (Chair) organized another successful Sanctioned Match, on April 22nd, in Bridgewater, at North Branch Park's Pavilion. Special recognition to Sandy Ostrander (Conformation Judge) & Lauren Keltos (AKC Evaluator - Canine Good Citizen & Trick Dog).



2022 Annual Awards & Achievements – April 22nd, 2023

The **Knickerbocker Standard Schnauzer Club** is pleased to present the following Owners & Schnauzers with 2022 Awards & Achievements. **Congratulations** to all.

2022 Awards

CH ARBOR'S CARSON EDGE OF THE SEA RN OA NAJ CGC TKN

"Edge"

Owner: Lauren Keltos & Klare McNeil



- 🐾 Dog of the Year
- 🐾 Owner Handled Dog of the Year
- 🐾 Rally Dog of the Year
- 🐾 Dual Award
- 🐾 Champion (New Title)
- 🐾 Rally Novice (New Title)

CH CENTARA PLATINUM PEARL FDC CA BCAT CGC TKN

"Greta"

Owner: Laura Smith



- 🐾 Best of Opposite Sex to Dog of the Year
- 🐾 Owner Handled Best of Opposite Sex to Dog of the Year
- 🐾 Dual Award
- 🐾 Champion (New Title)

CH ARBOR'S AVA ADORE CD BN RE MX MXB MXJ OF CGC TKA

"Ava"

Owner: Lauren Keltos & Klare McNeil



- 🐾 Agility Dog of the Year
- 🐾 Master Agility Jumpers (New Title)
- 🐾 Master Agility Bronze (New Title)

2022 Achievements

Castlewood's Morrigan LeFay BN FDC FCAT4 THDA RATM CZ8B CGCA TKE VHMA

"Morrigan"

Owner: John Schweska & Peter Twill

- 🐾 New Title: FCAT4
- 🐾 New Title: THDA



Uhlan Sixth Sense

DCAT

"Cleo"

Owner: Rosemary Kucher

- 🐾 New Title: DCAT



Castlewood's Morrigan Le Fay

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Morrigan, A Gift of Joy

First, a big thank you for reading our story about Morrigan with its ever-evolving developments & insights.

For starters, Morrigan is a gift of joy & comfort to so many. Of her 23 AKC titles to date, **Advanced Therapy** stands out for us. It allows Morrigan's gentle nature to bring consolation to kids in stress, children learning to read, store workers on break, & senior citizens living alone or struggling with varied challenges.

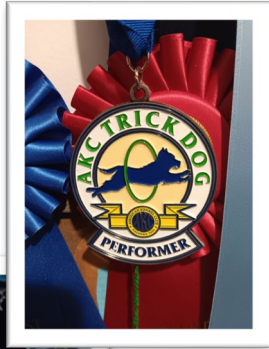
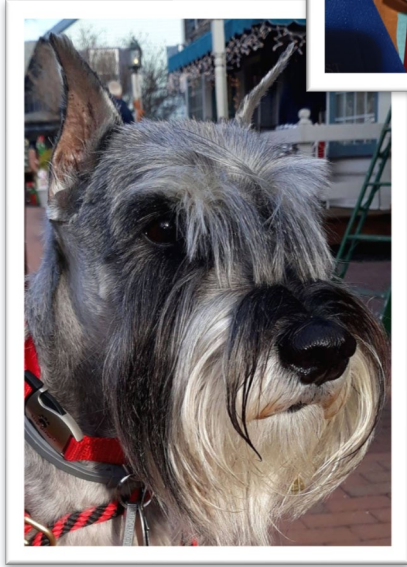


Team Morrigan

For us, as co-owners, work & play with Morrigan is a concerted effort to give her a full, happy & balanced life. Peter & I also enjoy seeing her represent the breed; likewise, we both feel humbled & privileged to teach others about the wonders of the Standard Schnauzer, as well as to be supportive & offer encouragement for those on their own Standard Schnauzer journey.

Morrigan is a true companion. She is welcoming, playful, adaptable & requires daily mental stimulation. She is successful in performance-based sports due to her athleticism & eager-to-please attitude helping her learn new activities easily.

Morrigan enjoyed **Barn Hunt** for a full year going quickly up to a Master level. She runs enthusiastically with a steady pace & has persevered through ninety-four (94) 100-yard dashes earning her **FCAT4**.



Trick Dog "Elite Performer"

To say the least, we were very excited about Morrigan getting her Trick Dog "Elite Performer" title. It amazingly represents the culmination of at least 50 tricks, each increasing in difficulty as we advanced in its ascending titles. The final "Elite" title involves an approved AKC written story script & video in which Morrigan acts out the storyline along with human characters, specific required & creative props.

AKC confirmed that Morrigan is the **5th Standard Schnauzer in the USA to win this title!** We were really overjoyed thinking about all the rapport-building, mutual love & work gone into it all! Morrigan looked forward to practice each morning for the video & she still does today. She anticipates doing a host of tricks each morning about 10am...but not all 50!

Certified Farm Dog

The Farm Dog (FDC) title perfectly befits all Standard Schnauzers as a working breed originating from the lush Bavarian landscape during in the Middle Ages. The Certified Farm Dog title may seem like a simple feat to earn with 12 exercises typical to a farm environment. It can prove to be a challenge to retrain & learn new reactions to other animals. However, I encourage all to give it a go!

Morrigan was a former "pheasant herder" prior to being re-homed to us in 2018. We had to teach her to exhibit new benign behaviors in front of feathered creatures. Additionally, Morrigan had to remain perfectly still & obedient to commands in front of nearby horses, walk through a gang of noisy chickens, serenely pass by a large working tractor, wait silently & patiently in a locked stall, as well as maneuvering over a variety of unusual surfaces such as plastic, metal grating & uneven wooden boards. Quite an accomplishment on her part!

Our training adventures to various farms in the year leading up to the trial was another opportunity to love, build trust, create task-oriented activities, as well as share Morrigan with many admirers while in training. These are all values & commitments we had vowed, in 2018, to Margaret Haar when Morrigan was entrusted to us.

Morrigan, A Gift of Joy – Cont'd

Divine Healing

The summer of 2023, we had an awful health scare with Morrigan. We were really worried about her. I was near panic mode even with being a Therapist for families in crisis.

Morrigan received excellent care from her Doctor & an amazing hope-filled young Surgeon resolved her issue. Morrigan bounced back in weeks & is showing great signs of ongoing health.

I attributed it all to prayer & it's power! The angels & saints were at work in full force.



Back in Action

In early Fall, Morrigan was back training a new sport from scratch – achieving **Beginner Novice Obedience**. We are working towards her *Graduate Novice* title & then on to **Rally** classes.

Thank you ... Miss M

It has been a tremendous life experience for us. A total joy to have Morrigan, to love her, to share her with others, as well as being part of Clubs that honor her breed. Morrigan is ready to keep shining for you & for us as we share her intelligence, skills & love with all.

“Team Morrigan”: Karen Hughes, Fred Cuozzo, Peter Twill & me (helicopter SS Dad) ... none of the above was or is possible without you.

Thanks for reading & sharing this good news with others. This is not a brag story at all, but a real Standard Schnauzer love story!

John “JP” Schweska & Peter Twill



Castlewood's Morrigan Le Fay – Photos



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US Congress: Animal Rights Groups Are Lobbying for More Restrictions on Dog Breeders. Congress Needs to Hear Your Voice Too.



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What is happening?

- 🐾 This week, animal rights/ “protection” groups are actively lobbying Congress to restrict & limit the activities of dog breeders.
- 🐾 They are making unsupported claims that there are “tens of thousands of puppy mills” in the United States, & asking members of Congress to advance arbitrary, one-size-fits-all mandates that could require small hobby breeders to place their dogs in industrial, commercial-style kennels & undermine quality breed-based care.
- 🐾 Though labeled as commercial breeding regulations, the one-size-fits-all requirements also apply to some small hobby breeders.

How can I help?

- 🐾 Your action is urgently needed to stop the animal-rights supported Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 1624) & Goldies Act (H.R. 1788).
- 🐾 Review the touchpoints in this [AKC Government Relations article](#) & contact your lawmaker(s) to act in protecting the future of our breeds & the integrity of responsible, expert breeders.

Learn more & get involved:

- 🐾 [AKC’s Legislative Action Center.](#)
- 🐾 [Proposal Would Undermine Animal Welfare](#)



Your voice does make a difference 🐾

Plant Guide for Pet Owners

Pet Friendly		
Alyssum	Echeveria Succulents	Polka dot Plant
Blue Daisy	Gerber Daisy	Rose
Boston Fern	Gloxinia	Snapdragons
Bottlebrush Tree	Impatiens	Spider Plant
Camelia	Marigold	Star Jasmine
Canna	Nasturtium	Sunflower
Celosia Plumosa	Pampas Grass	Sword Fern
Christmas Cactus	Persian Violet	Viola
Coreopsis	Petunia	Zinnia

Toxic		
Aloe	Cosmos	Iris
Begonia	Dumb Cane	Mother-In-Law Tongue
Bird of Paradise	Elephant Ear	Pansy
Bougainvillea	Fleabane	Peace Lily
Calla Lily	Gardenia	Pink Dianthus
Carnation	Geranium	Plumbago
Chrysanthemum	Hibiscus	Poinsettia
Coleus	Hydrangea	Primrose

List courtesy of
**Home Depot
Garden Club**



Poisonous	
Azalea	Easter Lily
Castor Bean	Star Gazer Lily
Cyclamen	Sago Palm
Daffodil	Tiger Lily

Foods Your Dog Can Eat

Fruits		Vegetables
Apples	Peaches	Broccoli
Bananas	Pears	Carrots
Blueberries	Pineapple	Celery
Cantaloupe	Raspberries	Green Beans
Cranberries	Strawberries	Peas
Mango	Watermelon	Spinach
Oranges		

Foods Your Dog Cannot Eat

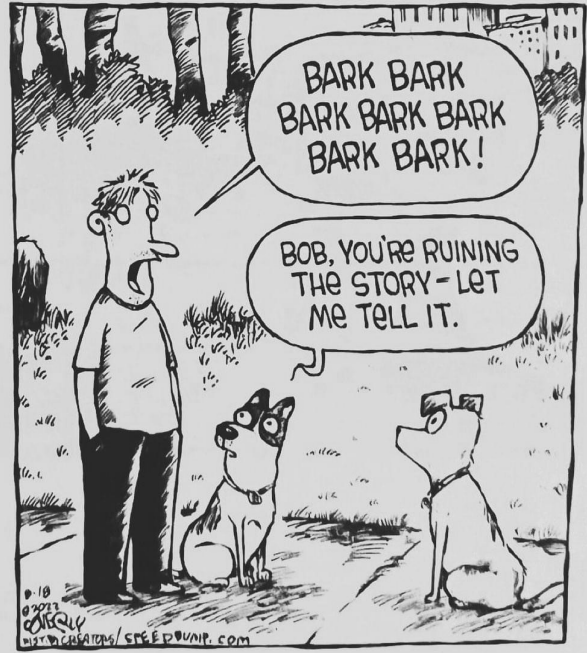
Fruits	Vegetables
Avocado	Asparagus
Cherries	Brussel Sprouts
Grapes	Mushrooms
Tomatoes	Onions

Everyday Fun and Laughter with our Standard Schnauzers



SPEED BUMP

DAVE COVERLY



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by Mark Parisi



Dog Event Etiquette

DOG EVENT ETIQUETTE

Compiled so you can have more fun and less stress with your dog

Please remember you represent a breed and fellow fanciers of that breed
Get there early enough but not too early so you are not in anybody's way
Be polite to everyone you come across even if they are not nice to you
Pay attention to your surroundings and announcements
Check your ring for any posted announcements about time or judge changes
Do not block ring entrances or aisles
Remember you are not the only exhibitor that is entered do not be a distraction
You and your dog are no more important than any of the others entered
Do not have a conversation with your judge prior to your competition
Read the premium list for every event that you plan to enter
Read the AKC rules for every event you plan to enter
If you do not like the rules then do not enter but if you do then you must abide by the rules whether you agree with them or not
Understand that there are certain protocols and practices that cannot be easily changed
Always have control of your dog on a short leash or in a crate where they can rest
If you are unsure of something please ask, never assume anything
When unloading/loading please move your car ASAP so others can move in or out
Never set up your grooming table and crates in a handicap parking spot
Never use a Flexi lead or prong collar at an AKC event
Soft crates are usually not allowed - read the premium list
Never move another exhibitors equipment or chairs without permission
Do not crowd another's space
Do not put or allow children in a crate at a dog event (can cause legal issues)
Never leave a dog alone or unsecured on a grooming table
Never leave your dog in a car with windows closed
Never practice in the rings at any AKC event
Be a gracious winner and a humble loser
Always pick up your dogs poop
Pay attention to what your dog is doing at all times
Never let your dog lift it's leg on another's property
Do not let your dog jump on anyone
Do not let your dog approach another dog without permission
Do not practice your exercises near anyone else or near a ring
Do not eat your food at ringside
When picking up your number never say your dogs name, just ask for the number
Do not throw bait in the ring unless you pick it up
Always leave space between you and the exhibit in front of you
Keep your squeaky toys and voice to a minimum
Ladies please wear undergarments and clothes that keep you presentable
Remember that you may need to bend over
Never wear high heeled shoes or sandals in the ring
Please try to avoid wearing hats in the ring, it can scare some dogs
Clean up the hair and trash from your grooming area before you leave