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With the **2026 Fall** edition we bring you an update on happenings in the Standard Schnauzer world and deliver a quarterly message from the KSSC President.

Message from the President

Dear Standard Schnauzer Community,

Welcome to Fall! FastCATs are around the corner. Barbara is looking for volunteers to work the event on October 17th and 18th. Astro will be there both days seeking to complete his DCAT. Please try to be there at least one of these days. We need people to learn the jobs to successfully put on Fast CATs in the future and for coverage for people running their dogs.

Great success was had in Canada for Astro's brother Colt owned by member Carol Filer. He came home with his Canadian Championship. I enjoyed facilitating Carol's trip and Colt's success. Colt continues to find success in the Owner-Handled series here in the US.

Astro is starting two new endeavors. He's taking classes in Rally this Fall to hopefully enter Rally Novice soon. He is also trying his paw at Herding. He's entered in a Herding Instinct test in November.

Our next big event after the FastCATs is Meet the Breeds in January 2027. Karen will be looking for volunteers.

We are also pleased to announce that Astro seems to have worked through his dock diving dry spell. Right after he qualified for Dock Junior this summer, he stopped jumping. We couldn't convince him to jump. We were told by many that this is quite common. One judge told us her Golden Retriever didn't jump for a year. At least Astro only quit for a couple of months. We are off to a good start to the 2027 season. He finished as the #2 Standard Schnauzer in distance jumping for 2026.

Elizabeth Rogacki

KSSC Key Members

President: Elizabeth Rogacki
Vice President: Karen Hughes
Treasurer: John Saylor
Secretary: Barbara Saylor
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2026 EVENTS

October 11

Annual Meeting & Elections (virtual)

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate for your consideration:

- President - Elizabeth Rogacki
- Vice President - Karen Hughes
- Treasurer - John Saylor
- Secretary - Barbara Saylor
- Board of Directors class of 2028 - Paul Barber, Ann Belostock, Leah Socker

October 17 & 18

Fast CAT - Somerset, NJ
Colonial Park

November – December

 **Happy Holidays!!!** 

January 23 & 24

Meet the Breeds - NYC

April (date TBD)

Match & Meeting



KSSC SPECIALTY – SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

BOB: GCH CH Earnhart Thunder of Wisdom

OS / BOBOH: GCH CH Mystic's Smokin' Gun
Owned and handled by Carol Filer

Select Bitch: CH Oakwood Prima Donna BN RATN

Select Dog: GCH Straw Hat Let Love Rule

Best Veteran Sweeps: CH Centara Platinum
Pearl FDC CAA BCAT CGC TKN
Owned and handled by Laura Smith





KSSC SPECIALTY – SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 (continued)





KSSC SPECIALTY – SEP TEMBER 5, 2026 (continued)



*Couldn't have asked for better weather this year.
It was a lovely day and the trophies were beautiful.
Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible and huge
congratulations to the winners!*



KSSC SUPPORTED ENTRY – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

BOB: GCH CH Earnhart Thunder of Wisdom

OS: GCH Straw Hat Let Love Rule

Select Bitch: GCHB Kinobi's Promises To Keep

Select Dog: GCH CH Mystic's Smokin' Gun
Congratulations, Carol Filer!





MEMBER NEWS

Carol Filer has exciting news and beautiful show photos to share...

*Have to brag about a trip I took with our President E-Jay, my chauffeur, took me to Canada to show **Colt** at the Canadian National. Crossed the border, which I never did before, stayed with her sister and husband, who were wonderful hosts. Felt very Royal being near many important buildings and places of Royalty. Folks were extremely nice. Show was beautiful; outdoors, lawn was manicured, and weather co-operated. The rings are twice the size of ours, so be prepared to run! With E-Jay's expert handling, **Colt earned his Canadian championship—our main goal.***



Carol and Colt



MEMBER NEWS

(Continued from Carol Filer)

*The icing on the cake was, **I was able to meet up with two of my dogs who are living with Jair Garcia, who lives in Canada.** He brought my girls for me to see and to compete against me with the one that was bred by our editor, Leah. Her name is **Cora** and is the #1 SS in Canada and she won the breed at the Canadian National. **Colt took Breed that morning 8:00am and got a regular Group 3 at lunchtime, Opp Sex at the Canadian SS National in the afternoon, all that same day.** They had two shows that day and our day started extremely early. 8:00 ring time is very early, especially when you drive almost an hour to the show. It was **EARLY** rise and shine.*

We were tired after the 8:00 show and were going to skip the Group as we figured we didn't have a chance at the group! Well in Canada, (FYI), if you don't go to Group, they take away the points you accrued that day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Jair Garcia with Cora and Carol with Colt



MEMBER NEWS

(Continued from Carol Filer)

The National club had a very nice get-together with a raffle and a meal, lots of fun. E-Jay was the lucky one and walked away with a ton of stuff she won! Got to meet new folks and touch base with old folks that I haven't seen for years. We did not show the following day even though we were entered. Had enough points for the CH and we were bushed. Took off after a day's rest and back to the USA!

*Headed to the Knickerbocker Specialty and **Colt got Opposite Sex and Owner Handled Breed**. Nothing in group, even though the club supported us with applause. You know, it is important to support the SS, no matter who wins, as that is what we, as a club, should do and it means something to the person who is representing our breed in the Group. So many times I have gone to Specialties and the SS people do not support the SS in Group. So very important for the breed and bringing attention to the dog that won and just good sportsmanship. The HOST club should support the dog that won breed and OH breed. So, thanks for the support!!!!!! Great job! Your luncheon is very nice gesture, too, great touch to make folks feel welcomed. We cannot have a specialty if we do not work at getting folks to come to NJ to show and feel welcomed.*

***Colt is now a Canadian CH which makes him an International Champion!** He is also **#2 SS in Canada** beside his niece who is #1, she was sired by Barron, so it was all in the family, all good, Ha, ha. Colt is also #1 Owner Handled in USA and hopefully we hold that till the end of Sept. Colt is very important to me as my Smokey's son. I know he could be doing much more, if I was 20 yrs. younger, but I'm not. I am thrilled to what we have accomplished, and God has been good to me with my dogs, over the years.*

Thank you to all the support and the folks that made this adventure happen. It was on my bucket list!

Carol Filer, Mystic SS

Note from the editor 😊

Thanks, Carol, for the shout out about our Cora –
Crusade Ray of Sunshine Coral Haze

Sire: GCHS CH Mystic's Early Rizor "Barron"

Dam: GCHB CH Crusade Silver Lining BCAT "Greta"



BARBARA'S RECIPIES

As always, Barbara's salads were the hit of the specialty luncheon. Due to many requests, she is kind enough to share her recipes.

From the kitchen of Barbara Saylor

Since there were quite a few requests for these at the specialty luncheon I decided to give up my secrets!

Cucumber salad.

Mini cucumbers washed and sliced (don't peel)

Fresh dill snipped (use dried if you can't get fresh)

Sugar

White vinegar

Water

Depending on how much you are making adjust the ingredients. I used 3 packs of cukes (which was about 15 pcs), about 3 tbs of dill, 3 tbs of sugar, 1/4C of vinegar, 1/4C of water

Add more dill, sugar or vinegar to taste.

Combine all the day before for best taste.

Pasta Salad

Your choice of macaroni 1 box cooked al dente

1 can of kidney beans (drained and rinsed)

1 can of black olives halved

2 cups of chopped fresh broccoli

1 carrot shredded

Bell pepper of your choice, red, green, yellow or all 3 (diced)

1 bottle of Ken's Zesty Italian dressing

Combine all and enjoy!



AKC UPDATE ON SENATE FARM BILL

Update: AKC Lauds Committee Approval of Senate Farm Bill 2.0 with vital Priorities for Pet & Public Health

By [AKC Government Relations](#)

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Yesterday, the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee voted to advance the Senate Farm Bill, The *Agricultural Act of 2026*, to the Full Senate for passage. This measure accompanies and shares important positive priorities with the recently-passed House Farm Bill (H.R. 7567, the *Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026*. The bill reauthorizes key U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs through 2031 and serves as an important vehicle to address federal priorities in the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

The American Kennel Club Executive Secretary & VP Government Relations Sheila Goffe commented, “We are extremely grateful for the leadership of Chairman John Boozman and the professional staff of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry. After many years without a farm bill, they have demonstrated exceptional care and bi-partisan efforts in shepherding a bill that not only supports crucial U.S. agricultural programs but also supports important priorities that advance pet and public health and protect responsible dog owners.

AKC is also grateful to committee and staff leadership in avoiding extreme ‘feel-good’ proposals that could restrict or undermine responsible, science-based dog care and training practices.”

Dog-related highlights of the bill’s base text include:

- Expands USDA’s electronic health documentation requirements for pets entering the United States to protect pet and public health. This reflects language in the Healthy Dog Importation Act (H.R. 3349/ S 1725) by requiring electronic records documentation on dogs prior to their importation that confirms the dog is in good health; microchipped; has received all necessary vaccination and parasite treatments, demonstrated negative test results, and has a health certificate from an accredited veterinarian; and in the case of a dog intended for transfer, is at least 6 months old. Exceptions are provided for dogs that are personal pets of United States origin returning to the United States; United States military working dogs; for research purposes; and coming to the United States solely for veterinary treatment; among several others. This measure provides an alternative to the current CDC blanket prohibition, which bans the import of all puppies under the age of six months. The Healthy Dog Importation Act would allow for the import of personally-owned puppies younger than six months that meet the above health and reporting requirements.
- Protecting Animals with Shelter. Reauthorizes funding for transitional shelters that allow victims of domestic violence to seek safety without leaving their pets behind.
- National Detector Dog Training Center. Authorizes the USDA National Detector Dog Training Center to establish additional training facilities to prepare specially selected dogs and their handlers to detect invasive pests and diseases that threaten American agriculture.

AKC urges the Senate to pass the Agricultural Act of 2026 quickly and without amendment to title 12, which advances important canine, pet and public health priorities.
