



KNOSHABOCKER

Knickerbocker Standard Schnauzer Club Newsletter

We are happy to bring you the **WINTER KNOSHABOCKER** issue, give you an update on happenings in the Standard Schnauzer world and deliver a quarterly message from the KSSC President.

Dear Standard Schnauzer Community,

Having passed the winter solstice, we are moving on to longer, warmer days. I, for one, look forward to it and to getting out with my dog. I've been busy today starting to strip him out of his blown coat. It won't be long until our club's match this spring at the end of April. Astro has been busy with Barn Hunt, Fast CATs, and walking to earn his Fit Dog title. He's planning on doing some backpacking in the spring. I know that some of our members have been doing great things. Please be sure to send pictures for the website and the newsletter. Lastly, be sure to submit your forms for club title recognition to Barbara Saylor and/or Lauren Keltos (conformation or performance respectively) before the deadline. The forms are available on our website. See you in the Spring! Don't forget our meeting in two weeks! It will be a virtual meeting. Barbara will be sending out the information on the Teams link.

Elizabeth Rogacki



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We'd love to see your Schnauzer in the next Newsletter! Get your cameras ready and send your pictures & stories to the [Editor](#).

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2025

JANUARY 19

Club meeting - virtual

7:00 pm Board meeting

7:30 pm general membership meeting

The meeting link will be sent out a few days in advance

JANUARY 25 & 26

AKC Meet the Breeds – volunteers needed

Location: Jacob Javits Center, NY

Contact: Karen Hughes

MARCH 14

Annual Awards application deadline

Awards applications available on the club web site

APRIL 26/27

(date to be confirmed)

AKC 2024 Annual Sanctioned Match

Location: North Branch Park at the Pavilion, NJ

APRIL 26/27

(date to be confirmed)

Annual Awards Presentation

Location: North Branch Park at the Pavilion, NJ

SEPTEMBER 5

Supported Entry

Location: Tuxedo Park KC, North Branch Park,
Bridgewater, NJ

Judge: TBA

SEPTEMBER 6

Annual Specialty

Location: Somerset Hill KC, North Branch Park,
Bridgewater, NJ

Sweepstakes Judge: TBA

Breed Judge: TBA

SEPTEMBER 7

Supported Entry

Location: Westchester KC, North Branch Park,
Bridgewater, NJ

Judge: TBA

OCTOBER 18 & 19

Fast Cat Weekend

Location: Colonial Park, Pine Grove picnic area
Somerset, NJ

Celebrating Achievements



CH Blue Berry od Dalajského potoka aka “Berry”

Born in in the Czech Republic, Berry is a 2021 EDS Hungary European Winner & BOB, Czech Junior Champion, Czech Champion and National Winner. Berry also holds Czech Regional Schnauzer Club Champion, Best of Breed and Best Standard Schnauzer Title and an AKC Conformation Champion with 17 points, 4 Major wins and total of 25 NOHS points.



Mistic’s Ring of Fire aka “Astro” Best of Winners in August at the SSCA National Specialty at Purina Farms in Missouri. Select Dog at the KSSC supported entry of Tuxedo Kennel Club show on 9-6-24 and again at the KSSC Specialty on 9-7-24. Listed no. 22 on the NOHS annual list. Completed BCAT!



Featuring: *We love Lucy*

One of the weekends before Thanksgiving I was at a Fast Cat with my good friend Mary and her dog Bodhi. Upon arriving home I noticed the windows in my house were all open. When I went inside I could smell the smoke, but everyone was ok. The story goes like this..... The hubby had something in the frying pan on the stove. He noticed a neighbor coming to the front door so decided in true schnauzer ownership to get there before the bell was rung. He went outside to talk with said neighbor who was dropping off something. Unfortunately he forgot about the frying pan and got involved in a conversation with the neighbor as they walked down to the end of the driveway. The smoke started to build and Lucy ran upstairs and blasted through my son's bedroom door and jumped up on his bed to wake him. Just as she was bugging him to get up the smoke alarms went off and all heck broke loose. Her response was faster than the smoke detectors. My son ran downstairs to a smoke filled kitchen and shut off the stove. He then noticed the hubby outside chatting with the neighbor. He didn't hear the alarms. I don't know if my son would have slept through the alarms going off. He is a sound sleeper, but thanks to Lucy he didn't have that chance. I am proud of all the titles that Lucy has before and after her name, but I know she was our hero that day at the ripe old age of 13&1/2 yrs. CH Von Schatten's Mardis Gras DCAT CAX RATN Achiever Dog & HERO! I'm so proud of this girl and I know her breeder and my friend Leona would be too. Thanks Lucy we love you more than you will know!

Barbara Saylor & Family



Baking Corner

This time I am sharing dried jerky treat making steps. Jerky can be easily made at home and it can be a good treat for dogs when made with safe, healthy ingredients and used in moderation. Wait when you start making the jerky, you will have the helpers in the kitchen in no time.



Jerky treats

Ingredients:

Lean meat (chicken breast, beef, turkey, or lamb) I use mostly beef and I freeze it a little, it gets easier to cut thin slices.

Quality control: Ensure the meat you choose is free of any additives, preservatives, or seasonings that could be harmful to your dog.

Prep the Meat:

Choose a lean cut of meat such as chicken breast, turkey breast, beef flank steak, or lamb. These meats are low in fat, which is ideal for jerky.

Trim any excess fat from the meat, as fat can spoil faster and doesn't dry well.

Cut the meat into thin strips (about 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick). The strips should be long enough to be easily handled but small enough for your dog to chew.

Portioning:

Jerky should be considered an occasional treat rather than a regular part of your dog's diet.

Drying the jerky

Using a dehydrator:

Lay the strips of meat in a single layer on the dehydrator trays, ensuring they aren't overlapping. Set the dehydrator to 160°F (70°C), which is the ideal temperature for drying meat safely. It will take anywhere from 4-6 hours to fully dry the jerky.

Using an oven:

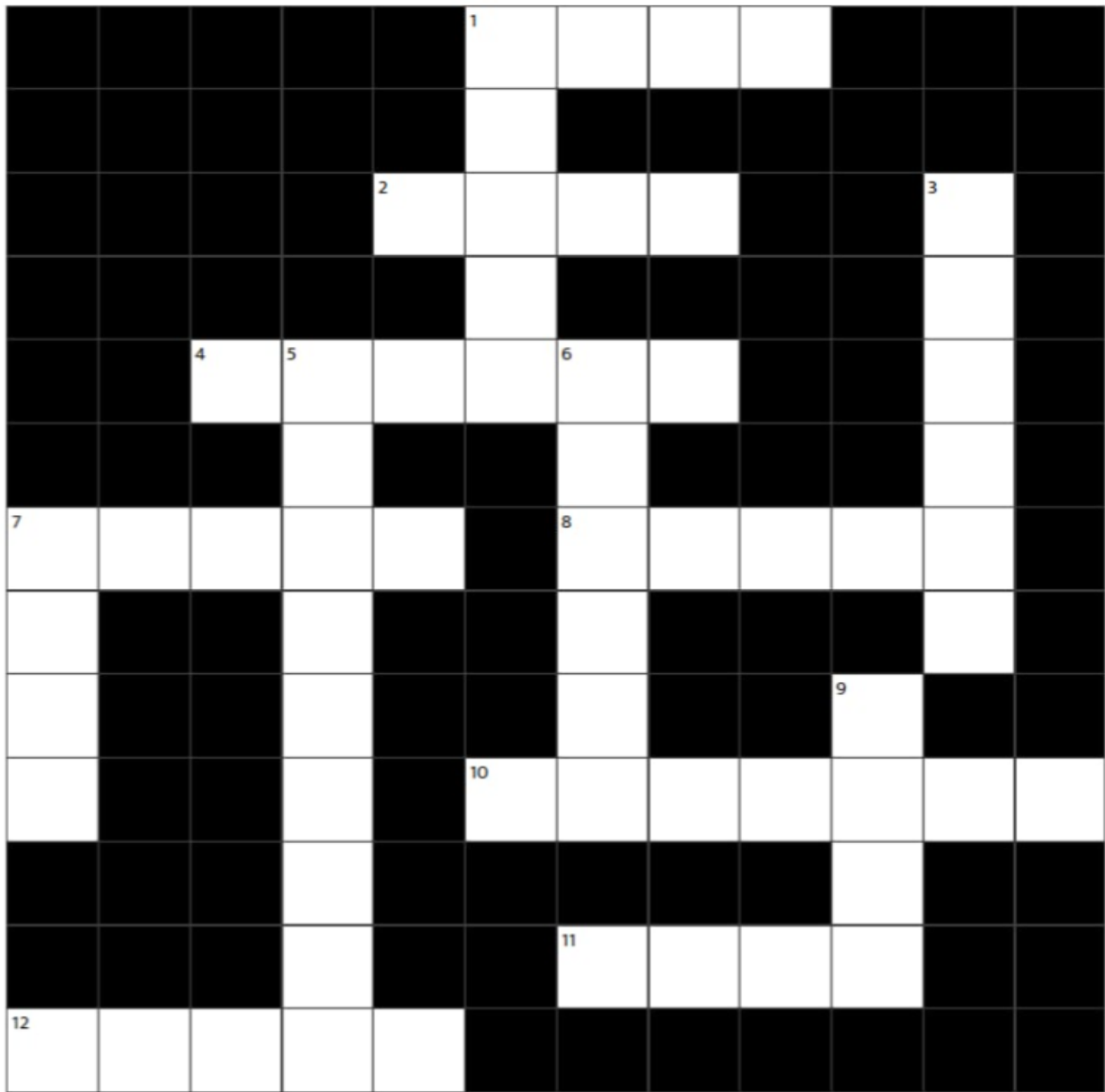
Preheat the oven to the lowest setting, usually around 170-180°F (75-80°C). Place the meat strips on a wire rack or baking sheet, ensuring the strips are not overlapping. Leave the oven door slightly ajar for ventilation to help moisture escape. Drying time in the oven will take about 3-5 hours, but check frequently.

Canine Crossword Agility

Can you solve this AI created crossword puzzle in 30 seconds?

You can find the solution in the next Newsletter.

Solution from **Fall edition: Schnauzer**



Across

- 1 A dog's favorite toy often has this shape
- 2 A dog's wagging body part
- 4 Popular dog breed with a curly coat, often in 'toy,' 'miniature,' or 'standard' sizes
- 7 The type of coat Schnauzers are known for
- 8 Dogs use this sense to recognize people and places
- 10 Schnauzers originate from this European country
- 11 The sound a dog makes
- 12 Command for a dog to stop barking

Down

- 1 Schnauzers are known for this facial feature
- 3 Smallest of the hound breeds, often with a loud bark
- 5 Puppy training school
- 6 Famous TV collie
- 7 Schnauzers were originally bred for this purpose on farms
- 9 Special leash-free area for dogs



AKC Breeder of the Year 2024 – Working Group

Liz Hansen is AKC Breeder of the Year 2024 Working Group Awardee

Each year since 2002, the American Kennel Club has recognized and celebrated an outstanding purebred dog breeder with the Breeder of the Year Award. The Breeder of the Year award honors breeders who have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs. At a presentation during the AKC National Championship presented by Royal Canin on Saturday, December 14, 2024, a breeder(s) is recognized in each of the seven Groups. At the conclusion of the presentation, one of the seven Group recipients is recognized as the Breeder of the Year. A canine portraitist will be commissioned to commemorate a prominent dog from the Breeder of the Year's kennel, and their name will be added to the perpetual trophy. All group recipients will receive a medallion in recognition of their achievements.

In addition to the conformation award, the AKC® also acknowledges individuals breeding dogs that have proven to be outstanding in one of 12 other AKC Companion and Performance sports. The commitment to preserve, protect and improve a breed represents the very essence of the AKC and the Breeder of the Year by Sport Award recognizes those who have dedicated themselves to improving the health, temperament, and performance of dogs in a given sport through long-term dedication to enhancing breed instincts and breeding sound dogs.

As presented in the press release below, the AKC has announced the Breeder of the Year selections for each of the seven conformation Groups.

The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is pleased to recognize extraordinary breeding programs from each of the seven groups as 2024 AKC Breeder of the Year group honorees. "It is our pleasure to honor this array of esteemed breeders," said Dennis Sprung, AKC President and CEO. "These individuals have made important contributions to the sport and to the betterment of their breeds, with a strong commitment to temperament and health. Dogs bearing the honorees' kennel names are a testament to their excellent and responsible breeding programs."

The Breeder of the Year awardee for the Working Group for 2024 is Liz Hansen of Sketchbook Standard Schnauzers. The highlights of her work and accomplishments of her breeding program are described as follows:

The Standard Schnauzer that would become the foundation for Sketchbook entered Liz Hansen's life in 1977. Today, there are more than 160 Champions, dozens of Grand Champions and more than 250 performance titles earned by dogs wearing the Sketchbook name. From the start, dogs who are both beautiful and capable workers have been a priority, and many of the dogs have titles at both ends of their names.

A member of the Standard Schnauzer Club of America and local all-breed clubs through all these years, Liz served in many offices, taught numerous classes, served as show chair, stewarded, presented judges' education seminars, and mentored prospective judges.

Sketchbook dogs have consistently ranked in the top 10 for the breed over most of the past 40 years. CH Scarlights Seasar TD NA, a son of Sketchbook Foreign Diplomat, who was exported to Sweden as a puppy, came back here to become #1 SS in the nation & SSCA Dog of the Year three times, BB at Westminster four years in a row, multi-BIS winner, and #14 Working dog in the country in 2005 – all completely owner-handled. As a sire, he is a SSCA Hall of Fame Producer and has been Stud Dog of the Year multiple times. Seasar's son, Vegas, GCHS Sketchbook Neon Lights HSAs is the youngest BIS winner in the breed. A grandson, Zack, GCH DC Sketchbook Stack The Deck RA HSAX HIAx HXAXM is the first Standard Schnauzer to go High In Trial at an all-breed herding trial, the first dual CH when he earned his Herding Trial CH, and is also a Group placing dog. Many have earned SSCA annual awards as the top in the breed for Obedience, Rally, Agility, Herding, and other performance events. Ten Junior Handlers have presented Sketchbook dogs, and four of these were the top Junior in the breed for multiple years at a time. Several dogs have become service dogs, as diabetic alert and gluten detection dogs for their owners, and literally changed their owners' lives.

Liz is the second Standard Schnauzer Breeder to be recognized as the Working Group Breeder of the Year. Jim and Renee Pope of Geistvoll Standard Schnauzers were recognized in 2019.