Knickerbocker Standard Schnauzer Club Newsletter

We are happy to bring you the **2025 FALL Edition**, give 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,

Astro was a busy schnauzer in the months of July and August. He earned his Dock Novice title. He loves dock diving and swimming. He met next up with his breeder Carol Filer at the Lebanon shows to warm up in the ring and get polished up for a trip back to the Great White North. He was unsuccessful at Lebanon but finished his Canadian Championship. He's holding at the #4 SS in Canada.

The passing of our beloved companions continues. Sadly, Barbara's Millie passed away in early August. Gone much too soon.

Our specialty on September 6th was well received. We had a big turn out compared to last year. One of our own won the inaugural Barbara Dille Award at the Westchester KC show on September 7th. Congratulations to Lauren Keltos and Cove!

The Fast CATs on October 18th and 19th will be held at North Branch Park. This is an all hands on deck event. We need lots of support from our membership to pull this off. Little or no experience required. Let Barbara Saylor know when you can help.

Elizabeth Rogacki

- In Memoriam Heartfelt tribute to Millie
- Fall Events Mark your calendar and volunteer with us!
- Member Milestones
- © Call for Content: Send us your brags, photos, and schnauzer stories!
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PLEASE, if you have not done so already, send your dues which were due September 1st.

If they are not received by the 28th September meeting you will not be able to vote.

The meeting is our annual meeting and we will be holding elections.

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 2027
Glen Belostock, Sandy Ostrander, Peter Twill

SEPTEMBER 28 KSSC Virtual Meeting

Board 7 pm, General membership 7:30pm

The link for it will be sent out a few days in advance

OCTOBER 1 Morris & Essex KC Supported Entry

Location: Colonial Park - Somerset, NJ *Sweeps Judge: Mr. George Wright*

Breed Judge: Mr. John Constantine-Amodei

OCTOBER 18 & 19 Fast Cat Weekend

Location: North Branch Park in Bridgewater, NJ

OCTOBER 31 Warrenton KC Supported Entry

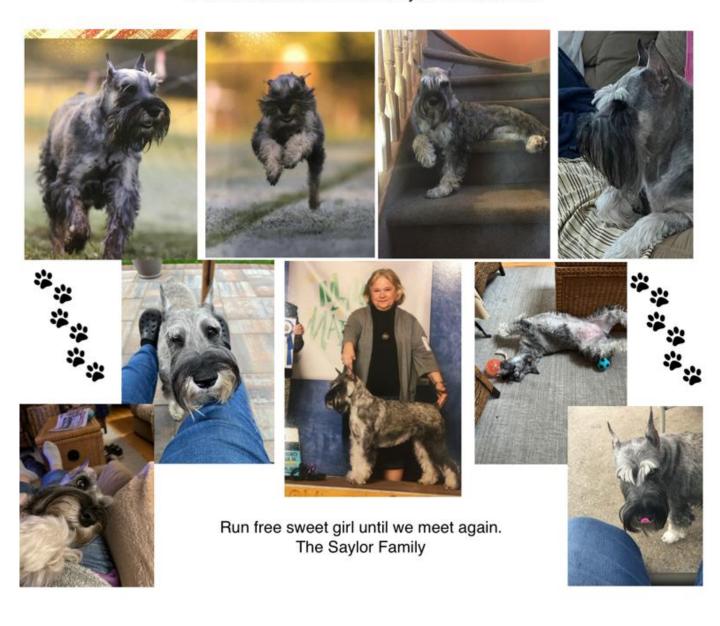
Breed Judge: Mr. Paul Lawless

"Millie"

Ch Das Kinder's Masquerade CA FCAT

12-1-2014 -- 8-7-2025

Millie left us way too soon and our hearts are broken . She was loved and is missed by all that knew her.





CORRESPONDING DATE TABLE

The chart below contains the Corresponding Dates starting with 2023 and ending with 2036. The column to the far left indicates the week of the year. Each succeeding column represents a separate year and gives the Corresponding Date for every Saturday or Sunday of that year.

Corresponding Dates throughout the year are based on the dates of the first Dog Event Weekend. The first Dog Event Weekend and the first calendar weekend do not always coincide. The first Dog Event Weekend is the first weekend to occur in which Saturday's date is neither January 1 nor January 2.

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Health Testing

Delaware Valley Havanese Club is hosting an all-breed health clinic in Macungie, PA on **Sunday, October 26th** and we will be offering BAER testing, Cardiology doppler echocardiogram, heart auscultation, and CERF eye exams.

Many of these tests are for CHIC as well as common tests for performance breeds. In the event you want to take advantage of the low-cost screening, registration is online at

https://delawarevalleyhavaneseclub.com/page-1health-clinic. The page contains registration/contact information and pricing.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the clinic chairs at dvhcclinic24@gmail.com and they'd be happy to help.

Delaware Valley Havanese Club All Breed Health Clinic



When: October 26, 2025 Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Macungie Memorial Park 50 N. Populart St. Macungie, PA 18602

Pre-Registration is required!

Deadline October 16th

To Pre-Register, access form through the DVHC website:
www.delawarevalleyhavaneseclub.com
or email us at: dvhcclinic24@gmail.com

Payment options: Checks and Square

Please mail checks to: 1169 Darrah Rd Warminster, PA 18974 Check payments must be received by: 09/21/2025

CARDIOLOGY
Megan King
VMD,DACVIM
Echocardiogram
(Doppler)
\$310
Auscultation
\$55

BAER TESTING
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EYES Brad Holmberg DVM,MS,PhD, Diplomat AVCO \$50

Breeder Spotlight: An Interview with Carol Filer – Mistic Standard Schnauzers



In this edition of the Standard Schnauzer Club of Canada newsletter, we are pleased to present an interview conducted by Jair Garcia, one of our members, with longtime breeder and exhibitor Carol Filer. Through her kennel, *Mistic Standard Schnauzers*, Carol has had a lasting impact on the breed in North America. In this conversation, she reflects on her journey, celebrates her proud moments, and offers valuable wisdom for the next generation of breeders.

Q1. To begin, tell us a bit about yourself. What drew you to the Standard Schnauzer, and how did your breeding journey begin?

"I grew up on a 300-acre farm near Allentown, Pennsylvania, surrounded by animals of all kinds. We always had Collies, so a love of dogs was natural for me. Later, after marrying my husband Joe, a Pennsylvania State Trooper, I was introduced to Schnauzers. Joe already had a Miniature Schnauzer, but one day while investigating an incident, he met a Standard Schnauzer for the first time. He came home so excited that he had found where we could get one—back then. Standards were rare!

Our first Standard, Levi, came from the old German Von Halwag line, and soon after we rescued his sister, Ellie. While they weren't destined for the show ring, they lived long, happy lives and opened the door to my future in the breed. Around that time, I became close friends with my mentor, Linda Dobbie of Centara Standard Schnauzers. I learned grooming, structure, and movement from her, and together we traveled to specialties, showed dogs, and supported the Standard Schnauzer community.

My first champion, Misty, became the foundation of my kennel name, Mistic Standard Schnauzers. She was a leading producer, and through her I became more deeply involved in showing, breeding, and even campaigning dogs. From the start, my vision has always been to produce dogs that represent the true Standard Schnauzer as written by the national club—not just what happened to be winning in the groups at the time.

I never set out to be a breeder, but through mentorship, friendship, and a deep love for this breed, my journey found its way."

Q2. How many Standard Schnauzers do you currently have in your home?

"I have seven dogs. Six are retired champions, and two are still being shown on a limited basis — Barron (GCHS, GCH.CH Mistic's Early Rizor), a multiple Group placer, and Colt (GCH, CH Mistic's Smokin' Gun), also a Group placer and Owner handled RBIS winner.



Barron (GCHS, GCH.CH Mistic's Early Rizor)

Colt (GCH, CH Mistic's Smokin' Gun)

Q3. Over the years, how many champions have you produced?

"I have produced many champions, most notably through my stud dog Smokey (MBIS, MBISS, MGW, CH Centara Under Fire), a Hall of Fame Producer, #1 in the U.S. in 2007, and National Specialty winner, always owner-handled. Smokey sired over 45 American and 2 Canadian champions. From my own bitches, I produced 17 champions. Barron has sired 12 so far, with more coming, and Schweitzer (MBIS, MBISS, MGW, GCHP, CH Mistic's Longfellow Serenade) has produced at least 10."



Smokey (MBIS, MBISS, MGW, CH Centara Under Fire)

Q4. Could you share the names of two dogs from your program who far exceeded your expectations?

"Schweitzer (MBIS, MBISS, MGW, GCHP, CH Mistic's Longfellow Serenade, CGC),
Smokey's son, was #1 Standard Schnauzer in the U.S. for three years. He won three National
Specialties, many Regionals—including his first at just two years old—and even Best in
Show at one of the largest shows in the country. He won the breed at Westminster, too. He
was a true show dog—never let me down, loved the ring, loved to travel, and had the
attitude and substance every exhibitor hopes for.



Schweitzer (MBIS, MBISS, MGW, GCHP, CH Mistic's Longfellow Serenade)

Luna (MBISS, MGW, GCHG, CH Mistic's Magic Moon) also surpassed expectations. Though her career was limited, she won the breed at Westminster, multiple Regional Specialties, and earned both her championship and grand championship in a single month. She was bred using semen stored from Smokey since 2004, producing outstanding pups—including Colt, who finished his championship at just seven months, and Astro, who won WD and BOW at the 2024 SSCA National and later his Canadian title. Their sister Stella also finished her Canadian championship with group placements. Luna had everything I wanted to preserve from my line."



Luna (MBISS, MGW, GCHG, CH Mistic's Magic Moon)

Q5. Looking back on your show career, which wins are you most proud of?

"Without a doubt, winning the SSCA National in 2007 with Smokey. That weekend set us on the path to becoming #1 in the U.S., with 87 Best of Breed wins, 48 Group placements, 18 Group 1s, and ultimately a Best in Show.

Another priceless memory came in 2010 when Smokey won BIS under Michelle Billings after taking the Pittsburgh Regional Specialty from the Veteran's class—two years out of the ring. She had given him his first WD as a young dog years earlier, and awarding him BIS later was a phenomenal, unforgettable moment."

Q6. Did you have a mentor when you started out?

"Yes. I learned so much from **Linda Dobbie of Centara Standard Schnauzers**, who kept me humble and pushed me to work harder. My friend Robert <u>Fadick</u> of <u>Hartgersotten's</u> SS was also an incredible source of encouragement and remains like a schnauzer brother to me. A network of knowledgeable people is essential."

Q7. The breed standard gives us a framework, but what qualities do you strive for when producing a 'special puppy'?

"Every breeder has their own vision, but unless you've studied the SSCA Standard in detail, you can't truly understand what you're trying to achieve.

For me, temperament and soundness come first. I spend time with any dog I consider breeding to—I need to see them both relaxed and under stress. Movement is critical: correct reach and drive, parallel hocks, compact feet, balanced proportions, good bite, strong bone and substance, and a proper coat.

I want a dog that can walk into the ring, stop four-square, and move forward with balance

and power. No sidewinding, cow hocks, sickle hocks, or exaggerated angulation—just a balanced, moderate, correct Standard Schnauzer."

Q8. Are there traits or trends in the ring today that concern you?

"Yes. I see too many dogs lacking bone, with incorrect movement—open hocks, cow hocks, sidewinding, and poor balance. Some are oversized, and though that issue is being addressed, judges sometimes overlook it instead of measuring."

Q9. What are some of the breed's strengths today, and where is there room to improve?

"Overall, coats are decent, and temperaments are much improved—we've worked hard to make Standards better companions than they once were. But structure and movement still need significant improvement. Temperament must always remain a focus."

Q10. When evaluating a litter, what makes you think, 'This one has <u>show</u> potential'?

"Structure, balance, attitude, bone, and size. I watch them constantly—movement, personality, how they interact. I always groom puppies before evaluating; that's the only way to truly see what you have.

Not every promising puppy goes to a show home. Many go to wonderful pet homes instead, and that is most important. Sometimes the best show dog ends up being someone's beloved companion."

Q11. What advice would you offer to new breeders or exhibitors?

"Breeding Standard Schnauzers is a serious commitment. It requires time, effort, knowledge, and genuine love for the breed. Puppies are not commodities; they are lives entrusted to us. The goal should always be to improve the breed.

Never choose breeding stock from a photo—dogs must be evaluated in person for structure, temperament, and movement. Support your puppy owners, guide newcomers, and remind them that win or lose, the best dog always goes home with them.

Whether in conformation or performance, the most important thing is time spent together. Responsible breeding and thoughtful mentorship will ensure the Standard Schnauzer thrives for generations."

Q12. Finally, is there anything else you'd like to share with our readers?

"When you see the dog that truly checks your boxes, that's when the work begins: training, socializing, and building a bond. When your hearts beat as one, you know it's a great one. Standards give you their heart and soul, which makes losing them so hard—they are true 'heart dogs.'

This breed has given me so much—friendship, love, support, and unforgettable experiences. I hope it can do the same for others who love it. Always remember: there is no perfect dog, but you can get close. Be honest, stay humble, learn from others, and breed with the future in mind."

"When your hearts beat as one, when the dog knows exactly what you are asking, when you both love like you have never loved before — then you know it's a great one." – Carol Filer

Schnauze Serving Size: Larger tha	
Amount Per Serving	
	% of Daily Values**
Stubborness	300%
Listening Skills	0%
Farting	150%
Intelligence	200%
Loyalty	400%
Acting Skills	330%
Eating Skills	290%
Kissing	350%
Love	1,000%
* May be peeing in the house, over	eating and cuteness.

** Percent Daily Values are based on number of Schnauzers owned.

Milestones

Cove - Westchester KC Show Bridgewater Groups







Astro - Canadian CH, Maxville Ontario



Annual Specialty





