

Beard 'n Brows

Winter 2018

Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club, serving Maryland, Virginia & Washington, DC since 1955

“Celebrating the spirit of the Miniature Schnauzer”

The Mount Vernon Miniature Schnauzer Club is affiliated with the American Miniature Schnauzer Club & the American Kennel Club.



2017-2018 Leadership Team

President: Paula Tibbs
Vice President: Shawne Imler
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Treasurer: Kelly Radcliffe

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Membership: Kelly Radcliffe
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December 2017 Holiday Party



Beautiful table arrangement



Trophy Fund Silent Auction

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President's Letter

Dear Members,

Hope everyone has managed to stay warm in this strange weather we are having. And maybe warm weather will be here soon.

Show season is in full swing and we will be supporting Columbia Terrier (April), Hatboro (October) and our Specialty in October. Any one that would like to volunteer to help with handing out trophies it would be greatly appreciated. Just let anyone on the board know which show you can help with.

Anyone that would like to host a club meeting is more than welcome to volunteer. Just let Leslie Cromer (304-283-7726 or lesliecromer@aol.com) know and we can get all the information out. It does not need to be at your home. It could be a restaurant, library, coffee shop, dog park, etc.

Have a great Summer and hope to see some of you at the shows.

*Paula Tibbs
President*



MVMSC Members, WE NEED YOU!

Did you recently learn something new about the breed? About canine health or nutrition? House-training? Have a new litter? Did you help your best friend cross the Rainbow Bridge? About a new dog sport? New Titles in conformation or dog sports? If it interests you, it will probably interest other members too! Please share by submitting an article for the next edition of the newsletter on any canine topic.

Please contact Barbara at Barbara MD_2000@yahoo.com.

Events Calendar

Columbia Terrier Show, April 21, 2018

MVMSC Supported Entry

22nd Annual Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland All-Terrier Dog Show and Obedience Trial (Unbenched), Timonium, MD

Hatboro; October 6, 2018

MVMSC Supported Entry

Hatboro Dog Club Show, 576 Penns Park Rd; Wrightstown, Pennsylvania 18940.

MVMSC Specialty; October 14, 2018

Catonsville Kennel Club Dog Show Howard County Fairgrounds, (Club luncheon following the show!)

Pups In The Park

Skip the dog park and come to Nationals Park! Pups in the Park Presented by Budweiser is a unique opportunity to bring your dog to a Nationals game. You and your dog will both get to enjoy the game with other dogs and dog lovers from seats in our pet-friendly Outfield Reserved section.

There are 5 remaining Pups in the Park games in 2018:

Sunday, April 29 at 1:35pm vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

Saturday, May 19 at 7:05pm vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

Saturday, June 23 at 4:05pm vs. Philadelphia Phillies

Friday, September 7 at 7:05pm vs. Chicago Cubs

Tuesday, September 25 at 7:05pm vs. Miami Marlins

Dogs and their owners are invited to join the Nationals for a special pregame parade around the warning track on Saturday, June 23.

Proceeds from the dog tickets benefit the Humane Rescue Alliance.

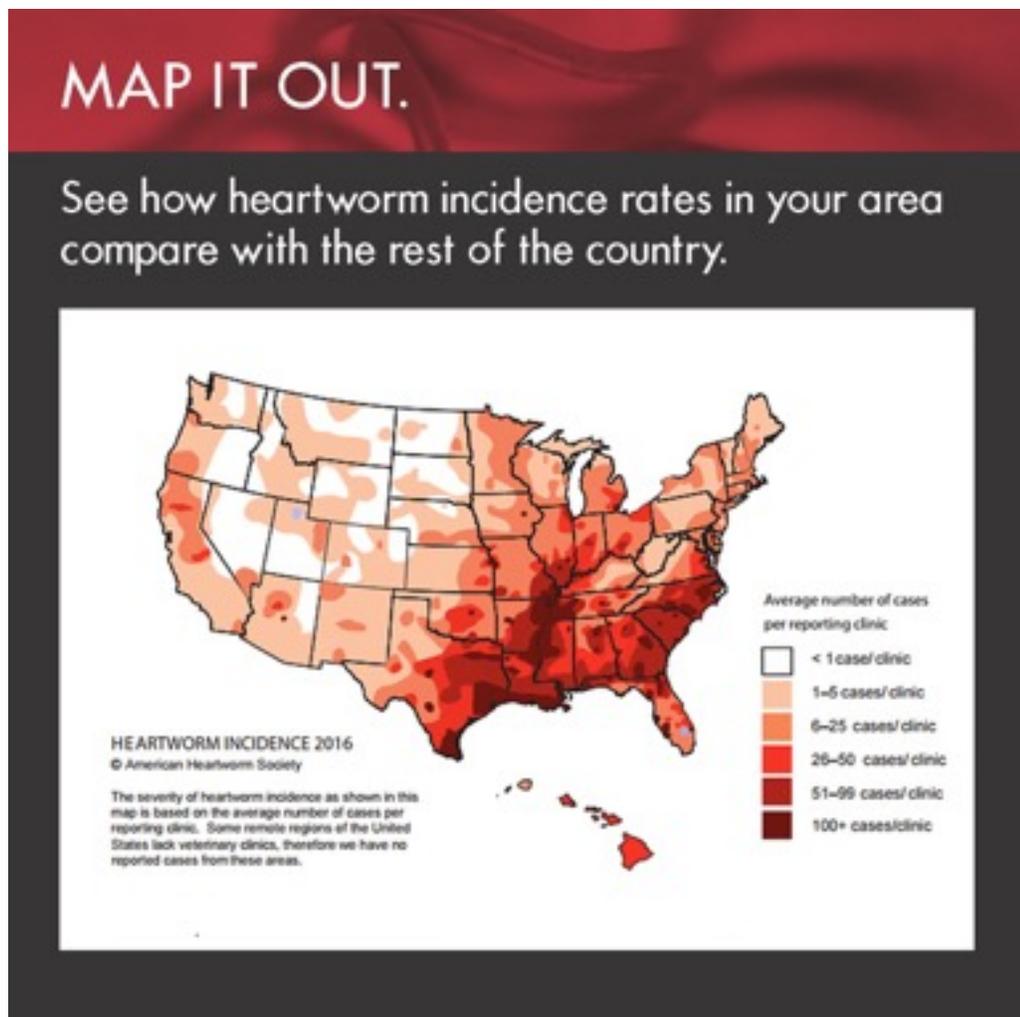
For additional information, visit the Nationals website (<https://www.mlb.com/nationals/tickets/promotions/themes/pups-park>).

Canine Health Corner

American Heartworm Society (AHS)
www.heartwormsociety.org

Heartworm Prevention:

The fact is that heartworm disease has been diagnosed in all 50 states, and risk factors are impossible to predict. Multiple variables, from climate variations to the presence of wildlife carriers, cause rates of infections to vary dramatically from year to year - even within communities. and because infected mosquitos can come inside, both outdoor and indoor pets are at risk. For that reason, the American Heartworm Society is recommending a year-round prevention program. But talk with your vet to discuss what's best for your dog and your lifestyle. Every three years, the American Heartworm Society (AHS) gathers heartworm testing data from thousands of veterinary practices and shelters which s used to create a detailed map showing the average number of heartworm-positive cases per clinic



MVMSC Club Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 10, 2017
Rich and Sharon Edwards Home
21301 Golf Estates Drive
Laytonsville, MD 20882

Members Present: Randy Tibbs, Paula Tibbs, Kelly Radcliffe, Leslie Cromer, Barbara Donahue, Lisa Lavender

1. Meeting called to order at 12:49 by President Paula Tibbs. No President Report

Kelly motioned to amend minutes to approve new board. No new nominations were made for new board members. Randy seconded the motion. Approved

2. Treasurer's Report was handed out and approved by board. The ending balance was 9,260.35, not including 451.37 remaining from last year's trophy fund. Also, there are still 13 - 14 new membership dues to be deposited. Treasurer, Kelly Radcliffe, is preparing to file the MVMSC's 2016 income status. (501C-4)

3. Unfinished Business: None

4. New Business: President Paula Tibbs expressed her concerns related to having the club's Specialty at Hatboro. We would need 80 - 100 trophies, and that would be too expensive for our club. Since we already have a supported entry at Columbia Terrier and Catonsville, along with our luncheon, Treasurer Kelly Radcliffe moved to reverse the motion from the previous meeting to move Specialty to Hatboro, and to instead stay at Catonsville. Randy Tibbs seconded the motion. Approved

Kelly Radcliffe suggested our club send out quarterly newsletters, and Barbara Donahue volunteered to be the newsletter editor.

Possible fundraising ideas through our website were discussed.

Kelly Radcliffe motioned to adjourn, and Randy Tibbs seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

Delicious Refreshments Were Served!
Fun was had by all in the member gift exchange!
Thank you to our hosts, Sharon and Rich Edwards!

Saying Good Bye Is Hard to Do...

Yesterday evening, February 15, I lost the best dog EVER... Leo was sweet and hopelessly devoted to me and anything I wanted to do with him. When he came home with me I knew he was special. It was like he was born knowing the rules...an old soul. When I walked Leo people were drawn to him. Total strangers would cross the street just to meet him. He had friends, human friends, that he'd want to stop and visit with on our evening walks. He would turn right up their driveway; he knew their homes and was visibly disappointed when they weren't outside. The first class we took he became the dog the instructor used to help fear aggressive dogs learn to trust. As we moved through classes I had signed up for just to socialize him, instructors all said he was really special and we were a good team. They said I should show him in obedience. The first show we entered, we won! We did better than 43 other dogs! Once we'd finished showing, I had someone tell me he'd be a great therapy dog so we signed up, took the test and started visiting patients at Fairfax Hospital. We participated in Fantasy Flight to the North Pole at Dulles Airport, an event for severely ill children and their families. He was really good!

Everyday Leo made me smile. He was both a goof ball and a thinker. His favorite things besides eating and going for walks were wrestling with me, stealing my socks expecting me to chase him, and working on obedience skills with me. He loathed swimming and playing with a ball..in fact although he tried he never understood why I'd toss a ball at him and expect him to catch it.

He was my sidekick through some of the greatest & toughest times in my life including the deaths of both my parents. I cried a lot of tears on his back. I have always said that if he'd been a human boy he would have been the one in the knickers and the bow tie. He was truly an old soul. Through his life he made me a better person. Godspeed my sweet little man...I will miss you so much. Leo 6/1/04-1/26/18

Cindy Sanders

On April of 2018 we lost our beloved salt and pepper Miniature Schnauzer, Vandal. He performed at least one daily inspection of our backyard that was detailed enough to be considered a certified audit. Vandal kept vigilant guard against squirrels and the occasional raccoon or possum. A particular nemesis of note were the deer that wonder into our neighborhood from Rock Creek Park.

Vandal loved bedding down in our bed and digging in the bedding; the higher the thread count, the better. He could fall asleep in less than a minute and was a loud snorer. For someone who did not talk, we was a very noisy animal. He would shake, grunt, jingle, bark, smack his lips, snort - we always knew where he was and he was usually close by. When he needed to be noisy, he wasn't. One time we thought we had lost him; it turned out he was locked in a walk-in closet in the attic for 3 hours, in the dark, and never made a peep. Vandal loved running on the no-man's land beach between Rehoboth and Dewey and chasing gulls. He liked barking at ducks from the safety of a canoe, and he loved hiking in the woods.

In the summer, he'd go in our pool. He was trained as a puppy to always exit the pool from the steps - and that this was the only way out. This training paid off because we saw him fall in by accident one time and he turned himself around and swam to the steps. His swimming was, at times, alarmingly vertical, but he was good for a pool's length. While he never trusted cats, he did reach a detente with a few of them when necessary. His favorite vacation was to the Russian River in California, as a puppy, where he met a large, friendly turkey named Cornnut. He was a very loving, gentle and easy companion. We will miss him dearly!

Scott Mitchell