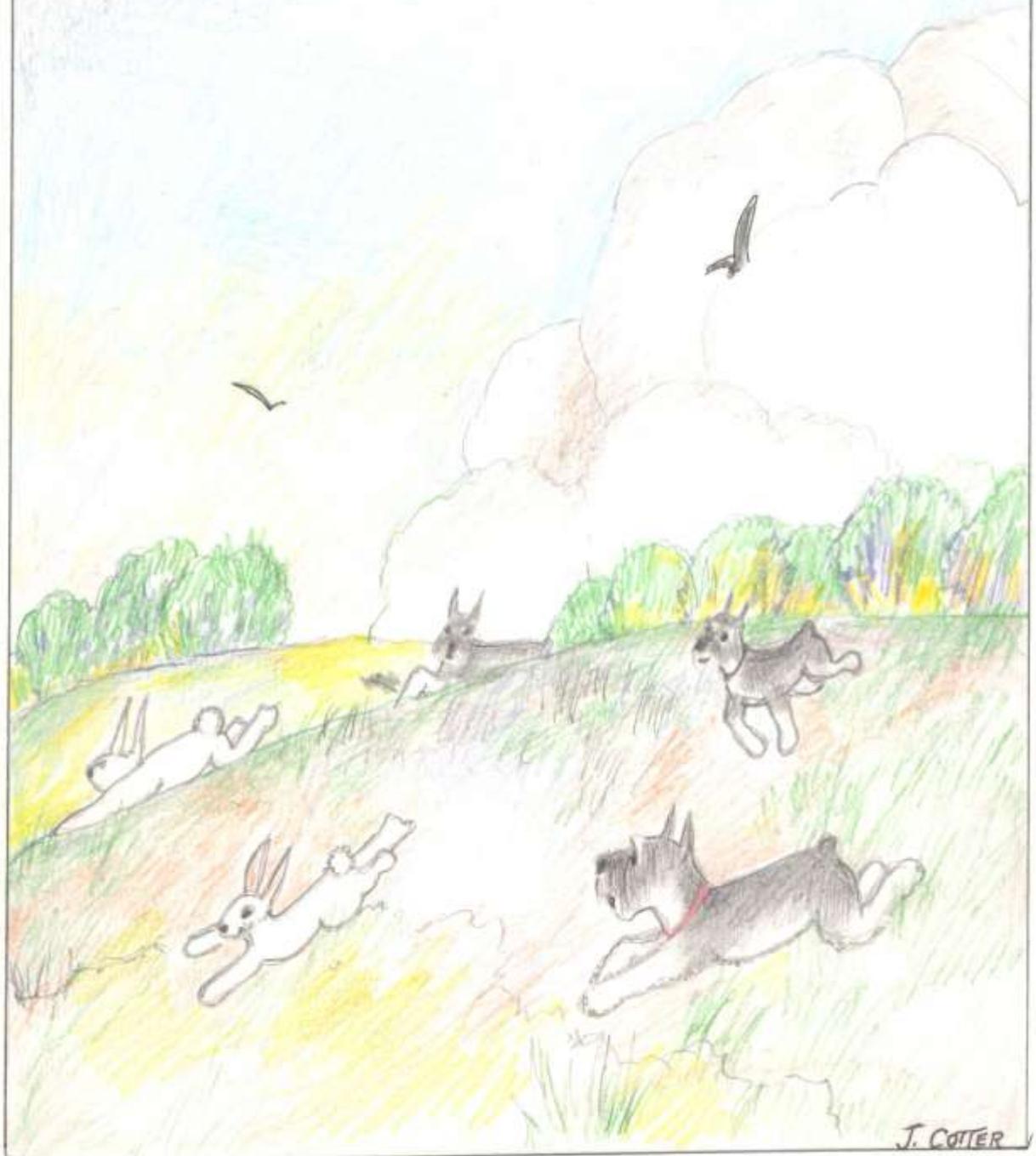


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## SSCA 2009 National!

We would like to congratulate all the winners of the national specialty this year. We hope you all had a great time!

From the cards and emails we have received (too many to type up in this newsletter), we know many people enjoyed themselves. There was an overwhelming supply of thank you notes from everyone regarding the GPSSC's efforts in hosting this show and our efforts were greatly appreciated!

I would like to personally thank those of you who were on the committee and took on the job of working with a very novice person in charge of this project! All of your efforts have been noted and if I have not said so before. THANK YOU!!!!

The show was a success and I know we made lots of money for rescue, the

GPSSC, and the SSCA. All the bills should be paid soon and we will be able to close out the books by the end of August.

I would also like to thank those of you who came up for the nation. It was great to see old friends and make so many new ones as well! I am glad everyone enjoyed themselves.

Author: Diane R Mitchell



Halcyon's She's Gone With the Wind  
Submitted by: Diane R Mitchell

## AKC & GPSSC Want Your Photos

We're opening up the email box for your photos! The theme of this year's photo call is "On Vacation" -- we want the best shot you have of your dog enjoying your favorite vacation spot. If your photo is chosen, it will appear in an

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upcoming issue of *YourAKC*.

Photos must be submitted by email in the form of a .jpg or .gif file. Outdoor shots are preferred. Please include the name and breed of the dog, the name of the location, and the name of the photographer. One photo per reader, please. We cannot confirm receipt of your photo, but we will notify you if it is selected to appear in *YourAKC*. By submitting your photo, you are agreeing to these [terms and conditions](#) for AKC.

Send your photo to [enewsphotos@akc.org](mailto:enewsphotos@akc.org).

If you want your photo in GPSSC's newsletter, please send to [dinamyt@zoominternet.net](mailto:dinamyt@zoominternet.net). We will include them in the next Der Schnurrbart!

Reference: [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)  
Author: Diane R Mitchell



Promise

Submitted by: Diane R Mitchell

## Door Bell

Does your standard schnauzer go nuts when the door bell rings? Do you have a hard time opening the door to talk to who ever is on the other side? It is true in this day and age, we want our dogs to alert us when someone is at the door, but do we really want them to stay in barking mode when we open the door and are trying to talk to the folks? I for one don't and I don't put up with it in my house. So, you ask, how can you stop this in yours?

Start by setting your dog up. Recruit some help of friends or family members that the dog usually barks at when they approach the

house or come in the door. Once you have help, get a bunch of great tasting small treats. Cut up chicken or hot dog work well and the chicken, if cooked properly make a healthy snack for the dog.

Now, have your helper ring the doorbell while standing outside the door as if they were a new person walking up. Once your dog starts barking, tell them it is OK, or what ever word you use, and then dog sit back from the door. Wait until the dog stops barking and then give them a treat. You can use verbal commands to get them to stop barking if necessary.

Once you have gotten the dog to stop barking, have your helper ring the doorbell again and repeat the process. Only keep this up for about five to ten minutes at a time and then take at least an hour break.

Once the dog does not bark more than one time when the doorbell rings, you can move to actually

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opening the door. If the barking starts back up at any time, reset the situation and start over. The dog will eventually get the idea that the only way they can see the stranger is if they are quiet. It make take a couple of days of practice before the dog gets the idea, but it can and will happen if you are willing to work through to the end.

My dogs no longer bark at birds, squirrels, or ground hogs in my front yard. They just get very tense, but other than the first alert bark, they know they are not allowed to go crazy after the critters in the front of the house. Now the back yard is another issue. Since I am not usually out there, they are free to bark as much as they want, but when “Mommy” comes outside, the barking had better stop! It always does! I can now have a conversation with delivery people without having to apologize for the dog’s noise. They still bark when the people move away or try to

get out of their vehicles, but I have deemed that acceptable and the dogs know that. So, it is possible to train your dog not to bark at something, it just takes time and effort.

Author: Diane R Mitchell



Ch. Asgard Rose Garden (Promise)  
Submitted by: Diane R Mitchell

### **Tummy Problems**

Almost 7 years ago, when I bred my last litter of standard schnauzers, we had a problem. My girl only had 3 pups and one of them was born by C-section. That pup came into this world screaming and did not stop for three days. After having trouble getting him to nurse or do anything other than fuss, my vet recommended I give him Acidophilus to

help bring his stomach and intestines back into balance. It only took one day of Acidophilus to get him back on track and he started acting like his brothers. Since that time, I have done some study of the effects of Acidophilus on dogs and have determined that it can be a very beneficial product.

Dogs and humans have natural bacteria in our intestines that help break down our food. These bacteria need to eat in order to work properly. Acidophilus contains food these bacteria need to flourish and process our food more efficiently. If the bacteria in a dog’s system are not at the proper levels, it won’t get all the nutrition it can from its food. Too much or too little food to help these bacteria flourish can make a dog sick. Too much can cause gas and the possibility of bloat. Too little will keep the dog from getting all the nutrition out of it’s food. Giving your dog the proper amount of the cor-

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rect food for this bacteria can be beneficial to it's health.

I suggest giving your dog half the suggested dose until you are sure how they are handling it. Too much can cause gas and too little can still cause digestive problems. Check your dogs' food and any vitamin supplements you give them for Acidophilus, Lactobacillus, Bofidobacterium, bifidum, or other combinations of this type of herbal supplement to ensure you are not already giving them this without your knowledge. If any of your food contains these, then reduce the dose you give your dog to account for the fact that they are already getting some.

There is also something out there called Prebiotics available in health stores. This is another way to feed your dog's bacteria. It can help if none of the Acido-philus type medicines don't. Again, just make sure you don't give too

much. From experience, I know it can help to give your dog Acidophilus if their digestive track is off because of eating something they should not like rabbit or goose feces!

Author: Diane R Mitchell



Dinamyt's Country Gal  
Submitted by: Diane R Mitchell

### **New Drug Fights Cancer in Dogs**

Palladia approved to treat dangerous skin tumors

WEDNESDAY, June 3 (HealthDay News) -- Palladia (toceranib phosphate) is the first drug to be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration specifically to treat cancer

in dogs, the agency said in a news release Wednesday. The drug has been sanctioned to treat canine cutaneous mast cell tumors, which account for about one in five cases of skin tumors in dogs. While these tumors may appear small, they can be life-threatening if not treated and removed, the FDA said. Palladia, among a class of drugs called tyrosine kinase inhibitors, kills tumor cells and cuts off the tumors' blood supply. The drug's side effects may include diarrhea, loss of appetite, weight loss and bloody stools. Palladia is produced by New York City-based Pfizer Animal Health Inc.

Reference: US News and World Report website USNEWS.COM  
Submitted by: Diane R Mitchell



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Submitted by: Diane R Mitchell

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**10:30 am**

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At 2nd stop sign, turn Right on Edgewood Road

318 Edgewood Road is about 5 houses up on the Left, brick with sage green siding

Park on Left Side of Road

If coming from the East:

Exit 8B, Forest Hills/Wilkinsburg Exit

Merge onto Route 30 heading West and immediately get in the Left Hand Lane

At light, make a U-turn reversing direction on Ardmore Blvd (it's legal)

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