



## Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club

The Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club (PMSC) was formed in 1967 with the purpose of promoting education, responsible breeding, and holding dog shows and obedience trials. The PMSC is affiliated with the American Miniature Schnauzer Club and the American Kennel Club.

The PMSC holds several major events each year, among these are a dog show and obedience trial in January and a second one in July. We sponsor the entry of miniature schnauzers in obedience, agility and performance events in late November/early December. In August we host an all breed health clinic for OFA testing for eyes. Our community outreach event, the Schnauzer Walk, is held in July or early August. The dog shows are only for Miniature Schnauzers and usually have an entry of 30-50 dogs who compete for championship points and Best of Breed and for obedience and Rally points and titles and High Scoring Miniature Schnauzer. In the late November event all breeds compete in obedience, rally, agility, and various performance events. The PMSC supports the entry of miniature schnauzers at this event.

The Schnauzer Walk is for all schnauzer lovers of all schnauzer sizes, members or not, and their dogs to get together for a day of fun. There are usually about 100-150 schnauzers of all sizes at the Walk. Activities include a walk around the park, contests, rescue parade, confidence course, barn hunt, grooming, and leash training. A portion of the profits from the Walk go to Miniature Schnauzer health research.

All club members are willing to devote time to educate each other and Miniature Schnauzer owners in general. Get to know the members and you will find willing membership sponsors or mentors.

You are welcome to attend meetings as our guest, and later to apply for membership if you're interested. Our meetings are posted on the calendar of our website ([pmsc2.org](http://pmsc2.org)) or contact any member of the club or the Secretary.

**Eligibility and Election to Membership:** There are currently 5 types of membership open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with the AKC and who subscribe to the purposes of this club. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area. The membership types are as follows:

1. **Regular (Individual):** Enjoys all club privileges including the right to vote and hold office.
2. **Household:** Two (2) adult members residing in the same household, each eligible to vote and hold office.  
*All prospective members applying for Regular or Household memberships will be required to attend at least two meetings as a guest prior to receiving a membership application. After their application is received the applicant can attend the next meeting where their application is read. At the next scheduled membership meeting the application will be voted on by the membership present at that meeting and it is requested that the applicant not attend that meeting. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws and Code of Ethics of the Club and the rules of The American Kennel Club.*  
*Each applicant must have two sponsors sign their application. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after such rejection. Any regular member who does not attend any meetings during an annual year shall be moved to Associate status. Those members will need to reapply to change back to regular status.*
3. **Associate:** For those individuals who are unable to attend meetings but wish to support the club. Associate members are not eligible to vote or hold office or chair committees and must pay dues set by the Board of Directors not to exceed 80% of the amount paid by regular members.  
*Prospective members applying for Associate Individual shall apply on the same form as regular members. Applicants need not attend meetings to apply or maintain membership. The application shall be read at the first meeting after it is received and voted on at that first meeting, and it is requested that the applicant not be present at that meeting. Each applicant must have two sponsors sign their application. If any Associate member desires to move to Regular status, they must reapply under the Regular rules for membership.*
4. **Life Membership:** This is for individuals who have been PMSC members for at least 25 years. Life members pay no dues but are eligible to vote and hold office.
5. **Honorary Membership:** An individual who has made significant contributions to the Sport, Breed or the Club. Honorary members pay no dues and are not eligible to vote, but can maintain regular or regular household membership if they pay dues.
6. **Junior Membership:** This one is open to children under 18 years of age. It is a non-voting/non-office holding membership which may automatically convert to regular membership at age 18.

Our Club strives to encourage and promote the breeding of quality purebred Miniature Schnauzers and to do all possible to bring they're natural qualities to perfection. We urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by The American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Miniature Schnauzers shall be judged. We promise to do all in our power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging Sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and performance events. We will conduct sanctioned matches, dog shows, obedience trials and performance events under the Rules and Regulations of the AKC. Members are required to sign a code of ethics.