



# TOPLINES

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*"Regret is an appalling waste of energy. You can't build on it; it's only good for wallowing in." - Katherine Mansfield*

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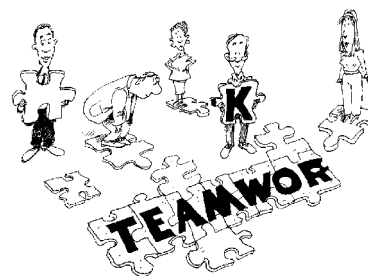
## Your Breed Club Needs You

-----Joanne Forster

Breed clubs have membership in varying numbers. More often than not, they are held together and run by only a few. These members "carry" the club by attending and volunteering at every club function or event, serving as officers, and chairing and/or serving on multiple committees. Many give monetarily as well as their time. Others are content with just simply paying their dues. What makes an inactive member an active member? I'll be the first to admit that when I joined my local breed club, I was one who just paid my dues. I rarely attended meetings or club events and didn't volunteer or serve on any committees. My only monetary contribution was pay-

ing my dues. In my case, as my passion for my breed grew, so did my interest in the club. The more involved I became in my breed, the more involved I became in the club. Everyone has their own certain areas or interests that they do well in that can be useful to a club. My personal interests include computers and crafts. I am now the editor of our club newsletter and make all of the updates and changes on our club website. I have often made trophies and fundraiser items of different crafts. I now attend all of the meetings (weather permitting) and volunteer and help out wherever I can. Offering up your own personal skill can be put to use in many ways. If you are knowledgeable in an area of breeding, training, grooming, etc....volunteer to be on the education commit-

tee or write a column for your club's newsletter. If you are great at planning and giving parties, volunteer on your Hospitality committee and plan your club's next Christmas party. If you like to shop for that perfect gift while on a budget, volunteer for the Trophy committee. The possibilities of what you can do to help are endless! Joining a club says that you want to be a part of it. Playing an active part in your club is what keeps it going. Don't just be a member, be an ACTIVE member!



# **Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan**

## **Fun Day**

**August 12, 2006**

**At the home of Beth & John Santure  
200 Begole Rd Milan, MI 48160**

**Come and join us for a fun filled day!**

**—Starting at 11:00 am—**

**Agility equipment will be available to play on  
There will be dog games, a costume fun class  
and great food!**

## **POTLUCK LUNCH**

**At 1:00 pm**

**Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for the lunch; salad, vegetable or dessert. Please RSVP Beth at (734) 439-8331 or email at [bj santure@peoplepc.com](mailto:bj santure@peoplepc.com) to let her know if you are planning to attend and what dish you are bringing.**

**GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!**

**Remember to bring lawn chairs, exercise pens, & dog treats.**

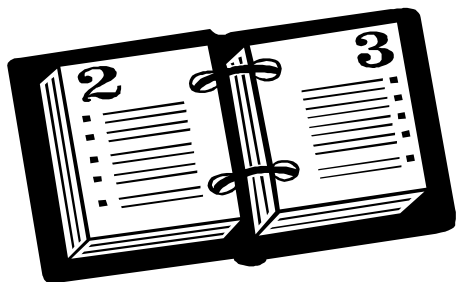
## **MSCM GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWING LUNCH**

**If you are planning to donate items for the September Specialty Auction, bring them with you to the meeting**

### **DIRECTIONS:**

**South on US-23 to Exit 31 (Willis Rd.), Right (west) onto Willis Rd. to Platt Road (4 way stop). Left (south) on Platt Rd. for 2 miles to Begole Rd. Right onto Begole Rd, over RR tracks, only house on the right.**

## 2006 Calendar of Important Events



### AUGUST 12 (date change)

Outdoor MSCM Fun Day & Potluck Meeting- Milan, MI Home of Beth & John Santure

### SEPTEMBER 29

MSCM Fall Specialty Show- Monroe, MI-Monroe County Fairgrounds

### OCTOBER 6-8

Montgomery County Weekend- Pennsylvania

### OCTOBER 21

MSCM Dinner Meeting at Clara's Restaurant in Battle Creek

### DECEMBER 10

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing

*"Today don't procrastinate, don't wait for the perfect moment or the perfect day or the perfect time to get off work, just DO it because there never is going to be that illusion of a perfect day. Don't wait for it to come to you, go to it. Create it. Only you can."*

*- Aisha Elderwyn*



### MSCM TROPHY DONATION FORM

Amount-\_\_\_\_\_

Check Number\_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

Lynn Baitinger  
5400 Orion Rd.  
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### The Whelping Box

**No Litters to report at this time**

### Fundraising

We still have MSCM T-Shirts available! Sizes Small and Extra Large. As soon as we sell all of this design, we can order more with a different design. Email me with your order or save shipping and attend a meeting where I always have them with me!





## Performance Corner

by Lynn Baitinger

Seminars This has been my year for agility seminars and I have attended several wonderful ones. However, the best one was unplanned and really not on my “list”. I was told by a friend that instead of staying home for one weekend and *resting*, I should get off my duff and see about attending this certain seminar. She had I heard that there was a last minute opening. She also mentioned that Connor and I needed some work coming together as a team (understatement!). So, I emailed just for the heck of it and got in (there went my housecleaning agenda, once again!). Some things just fall into place and this was one of them.

Have you heard the philosophy that *“we may think we are teaching the dog one thing, but in truth, the dog is learning something entirely different”*? Well, one of the best lessons I took home from that seminar fit that philosophy perfectly. Except this philosophy applied to me! The three day seminar was divided into three groups of about 10 people with a different instructor for each group, each day.

My group included all Border Collies, one Sheltie and one Miniature Schnauzer – Connor! Talk about odd man out. I thought oh, boy, this will be hard - they’ll hate the two little dogs. Because I was a late participant, I didn’t know the names of the people in my group till that first morning. When I read the list and saw the handlers, I was blown away. They were world team members, prominent seminar givers themselves and other wonderful handler and dog teams. I was definitely in over my head with these guys! Thank heavens the day started with the big dogs working first.

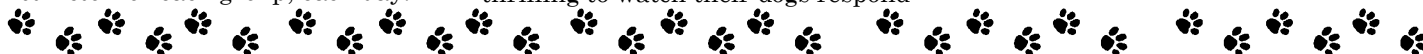
What an eye opener it was watching these fantastic trainers, handlers and instructors in their own right, turn into students. Their mistakes were the same as mine! They had the same learning curve I do! They stumbled, goofed, laughed and tried again. I was so impressed with the trainers in my group, it changed me forever. For three days I watched how these individuals treated their dogs, processed new ideas and tried and tried to get it right. They put in to practice what they teach and it was thrilling to watch their dogs respond

to them.

I don’t think I’ll ever be nervous again attending a seminar and feeling that “all eyes are on you” type of nervousness. I will try my darndest to take their lead and work with my dog and help my dog thru my learning curve so that in the end we will both be better for it.

Being a student is a good thing for all of us, even the best in their field seem to know that. It is a lesson I hope I never forget.

And, by the way, you may be wondering how the “real” seminar was. It was simply the best I’ve ever attended! I felt comfortable and was able to learn – I had such good examples to follow in my group. I kept my dog happy and worked with him and did not worry about how I looked or worry about making an error or my dog making an error. Heck, the course sequences were set up to almost force to us make mistakes, and then learn from them! We all made many of the same errors – we were *all* students. It was wonderful learning *more* than what was being taught !



It has come to my attention that some clients feel they are being overcharged because their grooming bill exceeds their beautician’s fee. To help you understand the difference in price, please take a few moments to consider the following questions:

- 1) Is your regular session with the beautician a “whole body experience”, i.e., does she rid you of unwanted head, facial, arm, leg and body hair?
- 2) Is it necessary for your beautician

- to restrain you with a loop to the barber chair or shampoo bowl.
- 3) During the shampoo process, are you regularly treated for ticks, fleas or other insects?
- 4) Do you shake your head fiercely after shampooing, wetting down everyone within a five foot radius?
- 5) Does your beautician empty your anal glands?
- 6) Is the hair pulled from your ears? Are they cleaned and checked for infection?
- 7) Have you ever had your hair completely shaved due to a badly matted condition?
- 8) Have you ever urinated (or worse) in the barber chair?

- 9) Do you vigorously pull your hands away from the parlor’s manicurist as she attempts to clip, file and polish your nails?
- 10) Do you lick, bite or drool on your beautician?
- 11) If any of the above occurred, would your beautician love you anyway?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, you should be paying your beautician the same fee as you pay me!

—Author Unknown



## Member Profile-Diane Gardner

My name is Diane Gardner and I live in Mount Morris, Michigan with my 11 year old Miniature Schnauzer named Peppy. I have been a member of MSCM for about 9 years, I believe. I also belong to Companion Dog Training Club of Flint, Canine Combustion Dog Agility Club, DogSports of Genesee County and the American Miniature Schnauzer Club. My activities with my dogs have been performance (obedience and agility) in AKC, UKC, CKC and NADAC. Mostly my dogs have been pets.

My first Miniature Schnauzer was purchased with my mom at a pet store in the mall. I know, not the best way to get a dog. But we had been in there several times to look at the different puppies and nothing ever clicked until we saw Sparky. He came home with us on 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend 1989. He had some separation anxiety issues at first but was truly a sweetheart for the short six years I had him. He was supposed to be my mom's dog but she used to tell me he would go upstairs and sleep on my bed most of the day while I was at work. Just about the time I would normally be home he would come downstairs and wait by the door. He helped introduce me to the world of dog obedience training. He earned his AKC CD in 4 tries and earned his AKC Canine Good Citizen title at one of the first events for it held in Michigan. He was a good travel companion, even on long trips, and a lot of our invitations stipulated

Sparky was expected too.

My second MS was a puppy I got from Debbie Herrell. Peppy the puppy was an expert at finding any nook and cranny he could to escape from my yard. At some point he finally figured out he wasn't going to have it much better anywhere else and decided to stay in his yard. He is now 11 years old and has settled into a relaxed routine. Although some days you have to be careful he doesn't slip out the door on you because he wants to go for a car ride too. Peppy started obedience as a young puppy and he is pretty game to try anything. He earned his Canadian CD in one weekend. He has agility titles in two different organizations. Currently he is retired and



enjoying his yard. We had the pleasure of sharing our home for a while with Stephi who was also retired. She tried obedience and agility – what she lacked in skill she made up for in enthusiasm. Both Peppy and Stephi easily passed their CGC tests and went on to become registered therapy dogs with Therapy Dogs International. Stephi died a couple years ago but I still have the neighborhood kids tell me they miss her because she was always available to be petted. Now that I am no longer traveling all over for dog shows, I am in the process of finishing my master's degree in library and information science from Wayne State University. I should be finished by May of 2007. In my spare time I like to read, do cross stitch. I have taken up a running program this summer to train for the 10 mile Crim road race held in Flint each year. Like Stephi what I lack in skill I try to



make up for in enthusiasm. I also try to stay active in the different dog clubs I belong to because I feel that they have helped me gain so much knowledge about my dogs over the years that any help I can provide helps to continue that cycle for others. I work in the Medical Library at McLaren hospital in Flint and frequently have people drop by to ask me a dog-related question. My best advice for anyone starting out with a dog is, sign up for an obedience class and have a good veterinarian and groomer you can talk to. Once they have taken a couple obedience classes it is amazing to see what good companions they become and they enjoy going someplace once a week where they can just talk about their dogs.



### !AUCTION ITEMS!

Don't forget your donated auction items! Let's keep making our annual auction a huge success!! Get your items in early to either Beth or Joanne. (at the August Meeting!!)

As always, we are looking for members to pitch in and help where needed! (Setting up, bake sale, selling raffle tickets, cleaning up, etc...)

## MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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The objective of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan is to advance the principals and scientific practices in the breeding of purebred Miniature Schnauzers: foster co-operation between breeder, owner, and veterinarian; encourage the exchange of information and experience among the club members and between show-giving clubs; to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and matches; and to encourage the adherence to the high standards of conduct and to the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.



We're on the Web!  
[www.mscom.org](http://www.mscom.org)



Our Specialty is once again set for the last Friday in September and some wild and wooly club members thought up a really fun and unique theme! We are having a "Christmas in September" theme for our fall specialty. The date is Friday, September 29, 2006 and; as usual, our specialty is held in conjunction with the All Terrier Specialty at the Monroe County Fairgrounds

All of our breed and obedience prizes are holiday oriented; we have Schnauzer tree ornaments, Schnauzer stockings and holiday Schnauzer artwork. In addition we have some wonderful auction items that are guaranteed to make you open your wallet – all Christmas and Schnauzers.

Member's help is needed to complete our theme. We are looking to borrow Santa Hats for the ring stewards, holiday lights, red bows for the ring gating, holiday table cloths and decorations for our trophy table, etc. etc.

Also, auction items that fit our Christmas theme are most welcome. Schnauzer ornaments would be one idea, but there are many holiday items with a Schnauzer theme that would be perfect.

Our annual picnic held at Beth and John Santure's place is Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. That would be a perfect time to bring your holiday items. All items on loan will be returned, of course. Auction items would be much appreciated then too as well as the day of the Specialty. Christmas themed items would be wonderful, but of course, all are accepted. Put your thinking "Santa" caps on and help us out, please!  
Thanks! Oh, and Happy Holidays! It's Christmas in September!

Lynn Baitinger—Email: [otchmx@comcast.net](mailto:otchmx@comcast.net)



**Removing Stains and Odor Recipe**

Hydrogen Peroxide

Liquid a Ajax dishwashing soap

Arm & Hammer Baking soda

Empty plastic bottle to put solution in once it is mixed up

Item you will need to find all the old urine spots that have dried but still smell:

A long slim black light (these are called stink finders in pet stores, and sometimes people sell them on ebay) You probably have these items in your home already, if not they can be purchased at any local store such as Wal-mart or Target, even dollar stores.

Using any plastic container (not metal) mix the solution as follows:

12 oz. 3% hydrogen peroxide

1/2 teaspoon Ajax dishwashing liquid soap

1 1/2 teaspoon A & H baking soda

Mix well using a plastic spoon (not metal). If you have a large area or more than one area to clean you may want to use a bigger bowl and mix enough solution according to your needs. Once it is mixed put into your empty plastic bottle. Always discard unused portion because the oxygen in the peroxide mixed with these other items can make it explode, (I found this out the hard way) It had bubbled out all over my countertops one night when I left it setting out. Now on to the fun part. You have to find all the old stains and odors because they give off an odor to your dog or cat that has them coming back to do their business in the same places. I found this works great for me and you don't have to get down on all fours smelling your carpet. If you have a black light shut off all the lights in your home and turn on the black light. The urine in the carpet or on the furniture will glow. I did not believe this until my I tried it and it really works and let me tell you I could not believe at all the urine spots on my carpet. There was places I hadn't even realized my dog could get to. I wanted to just sit down and cry.

I was ready to have it all removed and new carpet put down, but I couldn't afford that. No wonder my house didn't smell very good. Once you find the urine spots, then pour the solution evenly on the whole spot, making sure to saturate the carpet and the padding under the carpet (you may want to do a spot test on your carpet or furniture first, but it has never left a stain on anything I have used it on.) Once the whole urine area is saturated block it off to keep people or your pets from walking on it until it is completely dry. Do not blot up any of the formula because the stains need to be saturated thoroughly and then dry on its own. After it has dried, vacuum spot to remove any white powder left over from the baking soda. Scotch guarded carpet takes a while to absorb the liquid, but after it sits there awhile it will absorb into the carpet and padding. You may have to pour a little extra solution on this type of carpet. I found this out because my carpet is scotch guarded but my area rugs are not, and I noticed one was soaking in a lot faster than the other. If your carpets are as bad as mine were, it may

**Cool Websites!**

Check these out!

<http://www.upei.ca/~cidd/intro.htm>

**Canine Inherited Disorders Database**

<http://www.doggonegood.com/>

**Cool dog stuff!**

take a few days to clean room by room but it will be well worth it in the end. If you have large areas to clean you can even mix up enough of this to go in a carpet cleaner and clean all spots at once. After I had cleaned every room in the house and the carpets had dried, I noticed my puppy trying to smell out his marked territory but he just kept walking around in circles because his smell was no longer there. That let me know he was ready to go outside and this is how I was able to house break my dog. Now he scratches on the door when he needs to go out. Just remember with older odors saturate really well with the solution and let stand until dry.

This solution has worked on both fresh and old odors for me. Now when you walk in my home pet urine IS NOT the first thing you smell. The main ingredient in this is the peroxide because it works the same on the stains as it does on a cut or sore, it brings the urine to the top of the carpet and it is removed by the oxygen molecules. Thanks again and I hope this works for you.

Just an note: if you have a large area to clean then the smell may get worse before it gets better because the solution is pulling all the hidden and old odors to the top of the surface so that they can be dissolved for good.

—————*From the DogKitchen.com*

**Brag**

This is not a dog related brag (didn't have any of those submitted)....but in 3 months time I dropped my overall cholesterol from 285 to 237 without the use of any drugs! My secret? Cinnamon Bark! I take 1210mg (2 caps) 2-3 times a day.

**The "Unofficial" List of Titles for Dogs**

AD- Attention Deficit  
ARB- Ace Refrigerator Bandit  
BW- Butt Wagger  
BWX- Butt Wagger Excellent  
CC- Cat- Courser  
CCX Cat-Courser Excellent  
CP- Couch Potato  
CPX- Couch Potato Excellent  
CSX- Counter Surfer Extraordinaire  
GFIY- Go Fetch It Yourself  
HHP- Household Pet  
IDDI- I Didn't Do It  
ILF- I Like Food  
ILLF- I Like Lots Of Food  
IWFF- I Work For Food  
LD- Lap Dog  
LDX- Lap Dog Excellent  
TBF- Thick But Friendly  
TGS- Terribly Good Snorer  
TSIM- That Seat Is Mine  
TTIM- That Toy Is Mine  
UNCD- Under The Covers Dog  
UNCDX- Under The Covers Dog Excellent  
WM- Who Me?

**The Purina Diet**

I used to have a Labrador Retriever & was buying a large bag of Purina at Wal-Mart, waiting in the check-out line. A woman behind me asked if I had a dog. On impulse, I told her that no, I was starting The Purina Diet again, although I probably shouldn't because I'd ended up in the hospital last time. But, I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

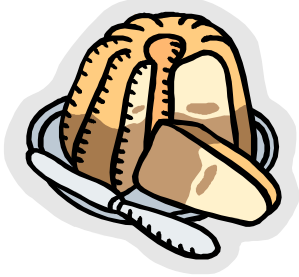
I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry, as the food is nutritionally complete. So, I was going to try it again.

I have to mention here that practically everyone in the line was by now engrossed in my story, especially a tall heavy man behind her. Horrified, she asked if I'd been poisoned.

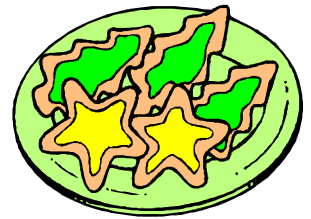
I told her no; I'd been sitting in the street licking myself and a car hit me.

The big guy nearly had to stagger out of the store, oxygen-depleted from laughter. I paid for the food and left a lot of smiles behind me.

-author unknown



**THE MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB  
OF MICHIGAN  
SPECIALTY SHOW  
! BAKE SALE !**



Sept. 29

It's that time again! It's been such a success in the past that we are doing it again! As always, success depends on members getting involved!

We need:

Breads

Muffins

Cookies (X-mas Cookies)

Pies

Cakes

Brownies

Dessert bars

Remember to package items for individual, or serving size sales (ex. Piece of cake or pie, 3 or 4 cookies or brownies, 2 cupcakes, etc) Items can also be sold whole, such as:

Loaf of bread

Whole pie

1 doz. Cookies

Etc...

(we will have zip -loc bags available if needed)

