



TOPLINES

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With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts.
-Eleanor Roosevelt

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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

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The 10 Human Medications Most Dangerous to Dogs

Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald | September 06, 2016

One of the most dangerous rooms of the house with regard to accidental poisonings is the bedroom, on account of the nightstand next to the bed. Many adult dogs and teething puppies sleep in the bed with their humans, and thus have easy access to the drugs on that nightstand. Medications left on counters in kitchens and bathrooms find their way into the stomachs of bored dogs, too.

If your dog ever does happen to ingest human medication, bring the original container to the veterinarian. The original bottle or package can tell you which drug is involved, what strength, how many pills or tablets were in the container, and possibly the manufacturer's recommendations concerning poisoning.

Dangerous Drugs

The most common human medications to cause poisoning in dogs include:

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10 Most Common Human Medications Harmful to Dogs

1. Aspirin
2. Ibuprofen
3. Naproxen
4. Indomethacin
5. Acetaminophen
6. Xanax
7. Ambien
8. ACE inhibitors
9. Beta Blockers
10. Adderall

Pet Poison Hotline

Keep this number on your fridge should your pet ingest a poison or medication*:

855-764-7661

24/7 Animal Poison Control Center

*fee applies

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

Meeting/Picnic

June 17, 2017

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

—Potluck Lunch at Noon—
Business Meeting to follow



Bring x-pens, shade for sun/cover for rain and chairs

Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for the lunch. Please RSVP Beth by email at bsanture@gmail.com to let her know if you are planning to attend and what dish you are bringing.

Guests are ALWAYS welcome!

DIRECTIONS:

US-23 to Exit 31 (Willis Rd.). West onto Willis Rd. to Platt Road (stoplight). Left (south) on Platt Rd. for 2 miles to Begole Rd. Right onto Begole Rd, over RR tracks, only house on the right.



Club News:

Thank you to Dr. Schultz for speaking at our April meeting. The topic was pancreatitis, and as always the presentation was very entertaining.

Braggs

Loneacre Bottoms Up "Fanny" won a major at the Saginaw KC shows. Fanny picked up her 2nd major Kalamazoo weekend. Fanny is owned by Sue Quinn & Beth Santure. GCHB Loneacre's Grand Slam CD,BN,RA,AX,AXJ,NF "Dodger" earned his PCDX title at Kalamazoo shows. Owned by Sue Quinn.



2017 Calendar of Important Events

June 17-

MSCM Meeting @ Beth Santure's House, Milan, MI

July 28th-

MSCM Agility Trial, All Dogs Can, 2040 N. Lapeer Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

August 12-

MSCM Meeting @Joanne Forster's House, Elkton, MI

September 29th-

MSCM Specialty, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI

October 2-5-

All Terrier Agility Trials, Pennsylvania

October 5-8-

Montgomery County Weekend, Pennsylvania

October 21-

MSCM Meeting/Fun Match @ Canine Workshop, Fraser, MI

December 9-

MSCM Meeting & Christmas Party , East Lansing, MI

MSCM Agility Trial



Friday, July 28, 2017

All Dogs Can LLC
2040 North Lapeer Road
Lapeer, MI 48446

REMINDER FOR THE TRIAL!!

Members should bring raffle and silent auction items to the June meeting. These items will be used to prepare for our annual raffle/auction at the July agility trial. Already prepared baskets are desired but not necessary. Individual items will also be accepted. Silent auction items should be designated as such with an opening bid attached. Items should be new or "like new" and in clean, good condition.

Terri is looking for a volunteer to help package baskets & help the day of the trial. Please contact Terri if you can help out.

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The **nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)** are widely used and readily available — many of these can be purchased over the counter. These drugs are used to treat pain, inflammation, and fever in people. Examples of NSAIDs include **aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, and indomethacin**. In dogs, orally ingested NSAIDs are rapidly absorbed. Most achieve peak concentrations in the blood within three hours. The most commonly seen side effects of these medications are gastrointestinal irritation and damage to the GI tract.

At recommended dosages, NSAIDs have little effect on the kidneys, but in cases of overdose (and also with chronic usage) renal damage has occurred. The simultaneous use of two NSAIDs can lead to kidney dysfunction. Additionally, NSAID overdose has caused clotting problems and liver disease. These drugs can also react with other drugs.

Another readily available human medication often used to treat pain and inflammation in dogs is **acetaminophen**. This drug, sold as **Tylenol** and other brand names, can be obtained both over the counter and in some prescription preparations. Exposure to dogs usually occurs through administration of acetaminophen by uninformed but well-meaning owners intending to treat fever, pain, or inflammation in their animal. Poisoning can occur from a single exposure to a large dose or from chronic exposure to a low dose.

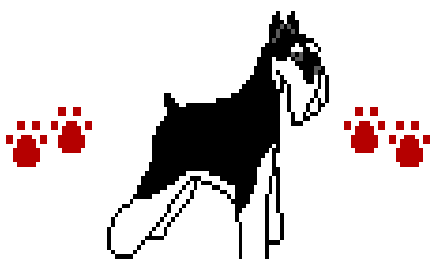
Acetaminophen poisoning in dogs causes injury to the liver and, in high enough dosages, even liver failure. Clinical signs can include lethargy, loss of appetite, belly pain, and jaundice. Swelling of the face and paws is also commonly seen. Cats are even more sensitive than dogs to acetaminophen — clinical signs can result from ingesting a single tablet.

Medications used for attention-deficit disorder and hyperactivity contain **amphetamine**, a potent stimulant. Ingestion of these medications by dogs can lead to life-threatening tremors, seizures, elevated body temperature, and even cardiac and respiratory arrest. **Blood pressure medications**, like ACE inhibitors and beta blockers, can cause weakness, stumbling, and dangerously low blood pressure. **Medications designed to aid with sleep, like Xanax, Ambien, and Valium**, can cause dogs to become lethargic, seem intoxicated and, in some cases, have dangerously slowed breathing rates. Some dogs become severely agitated after ingesting these drugs.

Treatment

The vast majority of these accidental intoxications can be successfully managed with early treatment. For poisonings, the best outcomes involve seeking immediate advice from your veterinarian followed by aggressive, proactive treatment, if necessary. Your vet may suggest making the animal vomit if ingestion just occurred, but your pet may also need intravenous fluid support or treatment with specific medications and antidotes to combat the toxin. Always check with your veterinarian before starting any treatments to neutralize the poison.

It's important to note that time is of the essence for many of these poisonings, and most treatments are best done at a veterinary hospital.



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.



Learning To Listen To Your Dog

The dog training world has become much more aware of the significance of a dog's body language communication in recent years. Actively "listening" to your dog is important in building a relationship of mutual trust and respect, and can greatly enhance your success in training and competing with your dog.

Dogs are primarily body language communicators. While they are able to understand many of the words we speak to them and are capable of vocal communication (especially at feeding time!), their first language is "body talk". The better we are at understanding how our dogs express themselves with their bodies, the more effective we will be in our training.

Some things to look for when we want to understand what our dogs are thinking or feeling are:

Their Tail:

Tucked under: Appeasing, deferent or fearful

Low and still: Calm, relaxed

Low to medium carriage, gently waving: Relaxed, friendly

Low to medium carriage, fast wag: Appeasing or happy, friendly

High carriage, still/vibrating or fast wag: Tension, arousal, excitement; could be play arousal or aggression arousal

Their Ears:

Pinned back: Appeasing, deferent or fearful

Back and relaxed. Calm, relaxed, friendly

Forward and relaxed: Aware, friendly

Pricked forward: Alert, excitement, arousal, assertive; could be play arousal or aggression arousal

Their Eyes:

Averted, no eye contact: Appeasing, deferent or fearful (avoidance); may be a subtle flick of the eyes, or may turn entire head away. A dog displaying these signs may not be receptive to training.

Squinting or eyes closed: Appeasing, happy greeting

Soft, direct eye contact: Calm, relaxed, friendly

Eyes open wide: Confident, assertive

Hard stare: Alert, excitement, arousal; could be play arousal or aggression arousal. Watch for this one when you have your dog at a group class or at a show. Some people are mindful of when their dog is giving another dog a hard stare, many are not. If your dog is on the receiving end of this type of eye contact he may react to it.

Their Mouth:

Lips pulled back: Appeasing or fearful. May also be lifted in submissive grin or aggressive grin.

Licking lips, yawning: Stressed, fearful or tired. This is one that can appear in even the most experienced agility dogs from time to time. If your dog is displaying this behavior, try to give him some extra support with your handling.

Lips relaxed: Calm, friendly

Lips puckered forward, may be lifted in a snarl: Assertive, threat

Their Hair:

Raised hackles: Arousal; can indicate aggression, fear, uncertainty or engagement in excited play

Body Posture:

Behind vertical, lowered, hackles may be raised: Appeasing or fearful

Vertical, full height: Confident, relaxed

Ahead of vertical, standing tall, hackles may be raised: Assertive, alert, excitement, arousal, possibly play arousal or aggressive arousal

Shoulders lowered, hindquarters elevated: Play bow - clear invitation to play

Unfortunately, many of the body language communications can have multiple meanings. We need to look at the dog's whole picture. A dog with ears pricked forward and hackles raised accompanying a play bow is sending a different message from the dog with ears pricked forward, hackles raised, standing tall and ahead of vertical and giving a hard stare.

Learning to read your dog's natural body language will pay big dividends during training and competition. At competitions it's not unusual to hear handlers say things like: "My dog blew me off on that line" or "There was no reason for him to pop out of the weaves". Maybe the dog was uncomfortable or inattentive for reasons the handler couldn't perceive with her human senses. When we understand and are aware of our dog's body language, it can help us understand why things sometimes don't go as planned.

Enjoy developing your communication with your dog on all levels. The time will be well spent in your relationship and training.

SHOW CALENDAR

2017

July 7-9 Breed/Obed/Rally

Ann Arbor KC

Monroe, MI

Closes 6-21

July 15-16 Breed/Obed

Holland/Battle Creek KC

Marshall, MI

Closes 6-29

July 28-30 Obed/Rally

Kalamazoo KC

Kalamazoo, MI

Closes 7-12

Aug. 4-6 Breed

Sturgis/Berrien KC

Marshall, MI

Closes 7-19

Aug. 11-13 Obed/Rally

Obed. TC of Greater Lansing

Lansing, MI

Closes 7-26

Aug. 19-20 Breed
Macomb Kennel Club
Davisburg, MI
Closes 8-2

Aug. 19-21 Obed/Rally
St. Joe Valley Agility Club
Buchanan, MI
Closes 8-2

Agility 2017

July 1-2
MI Boxer Club
Midland, MI
Closes 6-16

July 7-9
Central MI Agility Club
Midland, MI
Closes 6-23

July 14-16
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI
Closes 6-30

July 20-23
Southern MI Weimaraner Club
Lapeer, MI
Closes 7-6

July 28
MSCM
Lapeer, MI
Closes 7-14

July 29-30
GWP Club
Lapeer, MI
Closes 7-14

Aug. 5-6
Capital City Club
Williamston, MI
Closes 7-22
OUTDOORS

Aug. 12
MI Boxer Club
Midland, MI
Closes 8-4

Aug. 19-21
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
Lapeer, MI
Closes 8-4

Aug. 25-27
Companion DTC
Grand Blanc, MI
Closes 8-11

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