



# TOPLINES

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**Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan**

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Officers 2018

President: Mark Jaeger  
 Vice Pres.: Sue Quinn  
 Secretary: Donna Giles  
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**Plaque Off** By: *Lynn Baitinger*

The following is a consumer recommendation:

I started using this product almost a year ago after Kelsi had a regular teeth cleaning. It was recommended to me by a friend. Being a bit skeptical as well as worried about side effects, I first asked my Board Certified Dental Veterinarian her opinion. She offered to look into this product for me. She talked with the company itself and investigated the ingredients. She found that it was a reputable product and the ingredients were safe.

Personally, I have only good things to say about this product. It is so easy to use – simply sprinkle a very small amount of the granule like substance onto their food. I give it Kelsi her with her evening meal.

Kelsi’s teeth have remained very clean and tarter free. My friend, who started her BC on it without first having a dental cleaning has also had good results.

I really like this product and wanted to share with the club.



MSCM BRUNCH,  
MEETING & FUN MATCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

11 AM –3 PM

The Canine Workshop

34300 Klein Road, Fraser, MI 48026



Brunch @ 11 am, meeting & fun match to follow.

The agility obstacles will be geared toward puppies/young dogs. Rally/obedience and conformation practice will be on the other side.

If you are working a dog on the floor, the club is asking for a \$5 per dog donation to help offset the cost of the building rental.

Please RSVP Sue Quinn at [quinndixie@gmail.com](mailto:quinndixie@gmail.com) or 586-532-0725 or Yahoo group. Please mention what you are bringing for the brunch & which activities you would like to try with your dogs.



## Club News:

Thank you club members for all of your help with our first 3-day agility trial. The trial was a great success. Many exhibitors had wonderful comments about our trial.

High In Trial from the Regular Classes was Sue Quinn with Dodger. High In Trial from the Preferred Classes was Earl Nagle with Blaze.



## 2018 Calendar of Important Events

### October 13-

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

November 30-

MSCM Membership expires today, if dues are unpaid

### December 8-

MSCM Meeting & Christmas Party , East Lansing, MI



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**[www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org](http://www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org)**



## Keep Your Dog's Drive Alive

“My dog doesn’t want to play with me!” “He simply isn’t food motivated!”  
 “My dog’s favorite reward is playing with other dogs!” “I think my dog has ADD!”

Just a few of the many exclamations you might hear from exasperated dog owners who can’t seem to get their dog to want to work. There is often a single underlying thread that ties these dog-to-owner relationship issues together - a lack of work ethic.

A work ethic isn’t a natural drive or instinct that compels our dogs. Dogs aren’t born with engagement and focus. It isn’t a natural personality trait. On the contrary, it must be shaped and maintained....and it’s our job to do it.

We want our dogs to be engaged, willing, and focused on us, not the butterflies flitting through the yard or the occasional dog that passes by. But if we fail to establish this enthusiasm in advance, teaching basic behaviors will likely become an exercise in frustration.

You need to bring the passion and enthusiasm to your training if you want it from your dog in return. If you want to give your dog’s work ethic a boost, here are some things to keep in mind.

**Be present** – Turn off your cell phone, get focused, and engage with your dog. If you put in what you expect to get out of your dog, you’ll see tremendous results.

**Don’t allow disengagement** – If your dog starts to lose focus, change the game, increase your enthusiasm, and win his focus back. This means you can’t disengage either. So make the commitment to stay focused during your entire session.

**Don’t let your dog engage with dogs or people during training**, and don’t engage with other dogs or people during training yourself unless absolutely necessary.

**Don’t let your trainer pull your focus** – If you have to stop to talk with your trainer, do so after your work is finished – not in between behaviors. Or, put your dog up, or ask him for a down stay while you stop to chat. Don’t let your dog chase butterflies or totally check out.

**Put your dog on a leash** – Prevention is key. If you don’t want your dog to disengage and wander off to find all sorts of awesome rewards in the environment, a leash will help prevent it.

Every time your dog finds and engages with something better than you, you can bet he’s going to remember it and it’s going to pull his focus the next time it comes around. He’ll find those awesome rewards like good smells, other dogs, and friendly people when he’s off leash, or when you aren’t paying attention.

If you want your dog to focus and commit, you have to focus and commit too . Remember that you really can’t expect your dog to give you things you aren’t willing to give him in return. Stay in the moment and Happy Training!

## Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan Specialty Results

September 28, 2018

Sweepstakes-Judge: Tamra Green

Best in Sweeps-Minuteman Life Is Sweet, Owner: Vickie Boechler & Catherine McMillian

Best Opp Sex in Sweeps-**Wards Creek's Rocket Fuel, Owner: Gale Schnetzer**

Regular Classes-Judge: Brian Bogart

Winners Dog/Best of Winners-Jacqueminot JF Mind Boggling, Owner: Cheryl Coffman

Reserve WD-**Repitition's Invincible, Owner: Kurt Garmker**

Winners Bitch/BOS-Stonewood Real Azul, Owner: Karla Hench & Madi Sierra

Reserve WB-Loneacre Girls Go Dream Cruisin, Owner: Beth Santure

Best of Breed-GCHB Minuteman Safety Last, Owner: Krystal Mason & Catherine McMillian

Select Dog-**CH Sercatep's Proud N Persuasive, Owner: Debra Herrell**

Best of Bree Owner/Handled-**Wards Creek's Rocket Fuel, Owner: Gale Schnetzer**

Best Puppy/PG2-Minuteman Life Is Sweet, Owner: Catherine McMillian

Many thanks to all of the club members for making our specialty successful.

## Braggs

*Congratulations!*



NEW CHAMPION-Jacqueminot JF Mind Boggling, Owner/Breeder: Cheryl Coffman  
Finished on Friday, Sept. 28, also won Select Dog on Saturday, Sept. 29.

NEW CHAMPION-Loneacre Juicy Couture, Owner/Breeder: Beth Santure  
Finished on Saturday, Sept. 29, won Winners Bitch, Best of Winners,  
BEST OF BREED, Best of Breed Owner/Handled

## SHOW CALENDAR

### Breed/Obed/Rally

2018

Nov. 3-4 Obed  
CDTC  
Flint, MI  
Closes 10-17

Nov. 8-11 Breed/Obed/  
Rally  
Various Kennel Clubs  
Kalamazoo, MI  
Closes 10-24

Dec. 1-2 Breed  
Ingham Cty KC  
East Lansing, MI  
Closes 11-14

Dec. 8-9 Obed. & Rally  
OTCGL  
East Lansing, MI  
Closes 11-21

### Agility

Nov. 2-4  
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club  
Lapeer, MI  
Closes 10-19

Nov. 8-11  
Southern MI Weimaraner  
Lapeer, MI  
Closes 10-25

Nov. 16-18  
Mt. Pleasant KC  
Midland, MI  
Closes 11-2

Nov. 23-25  
Canine Combustion  
Lapeer, MI  
Closes 11-19

Nov.30-Dec.2  
Capital City Agility Club  
East Lansing, MI  
Closes 11-15

Dec. 6-9  
Wolverine Belgian Terv Club  
Midland, MI  
Closes 11-22

Dec. 14-16  
Central MI Agility Club  
Midland, MI  
Closes 11-30

Dec.21-23  
Various KC  
Midland, MI  
Closes 12-7

Dec. 28-31  
Central MI Agility Club  
Midland, MI  
Closes 12-14

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.

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