



TOPLINES

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Officers 2021

President: Sue Quinn
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Secretary: Sue Procter
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The August 2021
meeting has
been cancelled.

The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan Agility Trials were held July 30-August 1, 2021. The club's first FAST CAT Trials were held on July 31 & August 1. A food truck was also on site. The weather was beautiful right up until late Sunday afternoon when things were wrapping up. A huge thank you to all of the club members who contributed to a successful weekend, whether it was at the trials, behind the scenes, or donating to the raffle. Another great trial weekend for MSCM!

Congratulations to JoAnne Scott & Nova (Loneacre's Coming In Hot AX,AXJ,MXJ,T2B), the HIGH IN TRIAL winner from the regular classes. Nova is owned by JoAnne and bred by Beth Santure.





Club News:

MSCM fall conformation specialty is Friday, October 1, 2021, held in conjunction with the Terrier Club of Michigan show at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

Monroe County KC shows are Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 2nd & 3rd.

Mini Judges are:

Friday Specialty-Classes-Todd Clyde

Sweeps-Marie Pletsch

Saturday-Fred Bassett

Sunday-Randy Garren

2021 Calendar of Events

August 14-CANCELLED

MSCM Meeting

October 1-

MSCM Specialty, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI

October 23-

MSCM Meeting, Location TBA

December 11-

MSCM Meeting/Christmas Party, East Lansing, MI

BRAGS

GCH CH Loneacre Bottoms Up RN,CA (Fanny) earned her Rally Novice Title at the Ann Arbor Kennel Club Shows with 2nd & 3rd placements. Fanny also earned her 1st leg in Beginners Novice Obedience with a 4th place. Fanny is owned by Sue Quinn. Bred by Beth Santure & Marcia Coffman.



We're on the Web!

www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org



CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE:

MSCM LOGO DECALS and MAGNETS \$10-\$15

IRON ON RHINESTONE SCHNAUZERS \$10

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Why Does My Dog Do That?

Have you ever wondered why your dog engages in specific behaviors? If so, I hope you'll enjoy this month's installment of "Why Does My Dog Do That?"

Why do dogs howl?

Howling can be traced back to dogs' common ancestor, the wolf. Wolves howl to communicate with their pack and other animals. Although our dogs are running around living rooms and not in the wild, they still have their howling instinct.

The meaning of howling depends on the situation. Wolves used to howl to guide their packmates home. If your dog hears you approaching the house, he may howl to try to guide you home.

Wolves also howl to tell other animals to stay away. Your dog may let out a warning howl if he hears strangers or unusual noises.

Howling is also a way of crying. If your dog is usually quiet and rarely howls, but starts howling out of nowhere, he may be hurt. Contact your vet if you think your dog is injured.

Why does my dog lick and chew his paws?

Seeing your dog with his paw in his mouth can seem a little strange to us humans. This can be harmless grooming, but it can also be a sign of a more serious problem.

The first step you should take is to inspect your dog's paws. Check for outside debris, such as burrs or grass, that could be stuck in between his toes. You will want to check for ticks as well. Your dog may be trying to remove these irritants.

If your dog's paws are red, bleeding, or cracked, then contact your vet immediately. Your dog may be injured, had an allergic reaction, or burned if he was walking on hot pavement. A vet can help you find the best treatment.

Your dog could also be anxious or bored. If the area becomes inflamed from licking or chewing, talk to your vet about medication. You can also work with your vet to identify the cause of anxiety.

In less extreme cases, some dogs just like the way it feels. But if the habit becomes excessive, then this could be the result of an underlying disease, such as arthritis. Talk to a vet to determine the issue. Luckily, most causes are treatable.

Why does my dog lick my face?

Just like howling, this behavior can be traced back to wolves. Wolf puppies lick their parents' mouths to get them to regurgitate partially digested food. This helps the wolf puppies transition to eating solid food.

There are a few reasons why your dog loves licking your face, and all of them are normal. This is a way for dogs to try to groom you or submit to you, since they see you as their pack leader. He might just want your attention or wants to tell you he adores you!

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Luckily, there are minimal health risks from dog saliva, but if your dog licks a wound on your skin, then this can lead to infection. You may want to wash your hands or face right after a dog decides to show you how much he loves you.

Why do dogs eat grass?

Most people think that dogs only eat grass when they're not feeling well. While it's true that dogs do sometimes eat (or — in this case — gulp down) grass to tickle their throat and help them throw up when their stomachs are upset, many dogs also enjoy eating grass because they like the texture and are looking to add a bit of roughage to their diet.

Unlike cats who are strictly carnivores, the modern dog enjoys plant matter as well, usually in the form of fruits and veggies, which have become common ingredients in commercial dog foods and are often fed as healthy treats. Fruits, vegetables and grass all contain vitamins, minerals, and fiber that are healthy for our pooches.

If you have a dog who enjoys nibbling on grass, some experts suggest buying a tray of grass just for him to eat, which will help prevent him from ingesting any chemicals like pesticides. You can also introduce raw herbs or cooked vegetables into his diet (most dogs prefer their veggies cooked rather than raw).

If, however, you notice your dog suddenly eating large amounts of grass — especially if it's accompanied by repeated vomiting — it's time to find a vet and call right away to make sure it's not a symptom of an underlying health problem.

Why do dogs sniff each other's rear ends?

When we meet someone new, we generally smile, say hello and perhaps shake hands. Dogs, on the other hand, bury their noses in each other's you-know-where. To us, it's the ultimate faux pas, but to them, it's as polite as can be. But why?

The answer is quite simple — dogs have an unbelievably powerful sense of smell, and taking a good, long whiff of a stranger's rear end tells them everything they need to know.

An average dog has a sense of smell that is about 100,000 times more sensitive than his owner's, partly because dog noses contain 150 million olfactory receptors while human noses only have 5 million. Dogs devote about one third of their brain mass to the detection and identification of odors, while humans utilize a mere five percent for olfactory purposes.

The “butt factor” comes into play due to two small glands on either side of a dog's anus. These glands are very similar to a skunk's, but since the glands are usually emptied when dogs defecate, most owners aren't even aware of them. Dogs certainly are, however, and it's these secretions that they're smelling when the butt sniffing occurs.

Dogs sniff butts as a form of greeting and obtain vital information from the anal secretions. Is this dog friend or foe? Is he going to be a good date? Will he be aggressive? Is he feeling ill? Because the odor is unique to every dog, two dogs can quickly determine if they've met before. That aroma emanating from the anal region is a unique form of canine identification.

So there you go — disgusting to us, but perfectly normal for dogs.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MSCM MEMBERS WHO EARNED TITLES IN 2020

AKC GCH CH CKC CH UKC CH IABCA HNRS CH Mythago's Royal Blue RATN 2020
Breeder/owner Lisa Martin

CKC CH Sercatep's Blue By You AX AXJ RN BN RATS
2020
Bred by Debbie Herrell and owned by Lisa Martin

CH Loneacre's Pint of Guinness
2020
Bred by Beth Santure and Katherine McMillan
Owned by Susan Quinn and Beth Santure



GCH CH Stonewood Real Azul
2020
Breeder/owner Karla Hench

CH Stonewood I Dare You
2020
Breeder/owner Karla Hench

Loneacre Down On Main Street SCN SCA SIN SIA SEN
2020
Bred by Donna Klaus, owned by Lynn Baitinger

MACH8 PACH Loneacre Found A Peanut BN RE MXC2 MJS3 PJD MXPB MJP3 MJPB PAX
MFS TQX MFP T2B2 CA SWM SCME SEME SBME
2020
Bred by Beth Santure, owned by Lynn Baitinger

GCH CH Loneacre Girls Go Dream Cruisin'
2020
Breeder/owner Beth Santure

CH Sercatep's On The Road Again
2019
Breeder/Owner Debbie Herrell

Loneacre's Coming in Hot AX, AXJ, MXJ T2B
2020
Breeder Beth Santure, owner JoAnne Scott

SHOW CALENDAR

Breed/Obed/Rally 2021

Sept. 3-5 OB/Rally
Kalamazoo KC
Kalamazoo, MI

Sept. 10-13 **Breed**
Genesee Cty & Saginaw KCs
Corunna, MI

Sept. 11-2 OB/Rally
English Cocker Club
Howell, MI

Sept. 17-19 **Breed**, OB, Rally
St. Clair KC
Goodells, MI

Sept. 17-19 **Breed**, OB, Rally
Marquette KC
Marquette, MI

Sept. 17-19 OB, Rally
Grand Rapids Agility Club
Kentwood, MI

Sept. 25-26 OB, Rally
Tri Cities TC of Saginaw Bay
Saginaw, MI

Oct. 1-3 **Breed**, OB, Rally
TCM & Monroe KC
Monroe, MI

Oct. 9-10 Obed/Rally
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI
Oct. 16-17 OB, Rally
Marshbanks Golden Club
Ann Arbor, MI

Oct. 29-31 Obed/Rally
Sportsmen's DTC
Warren, MI

Agility 2021

Sept. 2-6
Various Clubs
Midland, MI

Sept. 10-12
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI

Sept. 17-19
Grand Rapids Agility
Kentwood, MI

Sept 17-19
Fort Det. Golden
Lapeer, MI

Sept. 23-26
Various clubs
Midland, MI

Oct. 1-3
Grand Traverse KC
Midland, MI

Oct. 7-10
Midland MI KC
Midland, MI

Oct. 15-17
Oakland Cty KC
Lapeer, MI

Oct. 22-24
FDGRC
Lapeer, MI

Oct. 28-31
Various clubs
Midland, MI

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