TOPLINES

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MSCM Annual Awards 2021

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The Miniature Schnauzer Club

of Michigan,

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Loneacre Down On Mainstreet NA NAJ SCE SCM SIE SIEE SEA SEE SEEE SBN SBA SBE, owner Lynn Baitinger, breeder Donna Klaus

MACH JoFor's Katy Zoomer Koz MXS MJG XF T2B3 SWN SIA SBA <u>SCNE SBNE</u>, owner MaryAnn Kozlowski, breeder Joanne Forster (2019-SCN SIN SEN SBN SWN SIA SBA)

MACH Loneacre's Coming In HOT MX MXB MJB T2B2 RN, owner JoAnne Scott, breeder Beth Santure

GCHB CH Loneacre's Grand Slam CD PCDX BN RA MX MXJ OF T2B <u>SWN</u>SCA, owner Susan Quinn, breeder Beth Santure

GCH CH Loneacre Bottoms Up <u>BN RN</u>CA, owner Susan Quinn, breeder Beth Santure

CH Stonewood Truth or Consequences, breeder/owner Karla Hench

CH Stonewood Double Dog Dare HellIllcat, breeder/owner Karla Hench

CH Stonewood Jane Walker Special Edition, breeder/owner Karla Hench

GCH CH Loneacre Girls Go Dream Cruisin' <u>NAJ</u>, owner Beth Santure, breeder Charlotte Stukey & Beth Santure

CH Loneacre Play Harder, breeder/owner Beth Santure

CH Sercatep's Don't Look Back, breeder/owner Debbra Herrell

CH Sercatep's On The Road Again RN <u>BN CGC</u>, owner Joanne McCallum & Debbra Herrell, breeder Debbra Herrell (2020-CH RN)

Char N Co Wastin Away In Margaritaville NA NAJ CDX, owner Pat Heinzelman, breeder Charlotte Stukey





Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan Meeting/Picnic Saturday, June 11, 2022 At the home of Beth & John Santure 200 Begole Rd. Milan, MI 48160 Can arrive at Noon Potluck at 1pm Business Meeting to follow

AGILITY TRIAL RAFFLE- Members should bring raffle donation items to the June meeting. These items will be used to prepare our annual raffle/auction at the July agility trial.

Already prepared baskets are desired, but not necessary. Individual items are also welcome. Items should be new or "like new" and in clean, good condition. Gift cards are great too! Contact JoAnne Scott with any questions, ja.scott@comcast.net

Thank you!



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.

CM Agility Trial Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 29,30, 31 All Dogs Can LLC 2232 North Lapeer Road Lapeer, MI 48446

Our agility trial is scheduled to take place, July 29,30,31 2022. The raffle will be on Saturday this year. Water & snacks will be offered for exhibitors.

A FAST CAT trial will also be held on Saturday & Sunday.

June 11 (Saturday)-

MSCM Meeting at Beth Santure's Milan, MI July 29,30,31-MSCM Agility Trial & FAST CAT Trials, All Dogs Can, 2040 N. Lapeer Road, Lapeer, MI 48446 August 17 (Wednesday)-**Evening Zoom Meeting** September 30 (Friday)-MSCM Specialty, Monroe Cty Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI October 19 (Wednesday)-**Evening** Zoom Meeting December 10 (Saturday)-Note new time 11 am.

MSCM Meeting/Xmas Party, Coral Gables, East Lansing, MI

SHOW CALENDAR

2022

July 8-10 Breed, Obed, Rally Ann Arbor Kennel Club Monroe, MI

July 17-18 Breed **Battle Creek Kennel Club** Marshall, MI

July 22-24 Obed & Rally Shetland Sheepdog Club Flint, MI

July 29-31 Obed & Rally Kalamazoo Kennel Club Kalamazoo, MI

August 5-7 Breed Various Kennel Clubs Marshall, MI

Aug 12-14 Obed & Rally Obed Club of Gtr Lansing Lansing, MI

Aug. 19-21 Obed & Rally St. Joe Valley Agility Club Buchanan, MI

Agility

July 1-3 Various clubs Midland, MI

July 7-10 Various clubs Midland, MI

July 15-17 AADTC Whitmore Lake, MI

July 21-24 Southern MI Weim Club Lapeer, MI

July 29-31 **MSCM** Lapeer, MI Aug 5-7 **Capital City Club** Lansing, MI

Aug. 11-14 Various clubs Midland, MI

Aug. 19-21 **Rhodesian Club** Whitmore Lake, MI

Aug. 26-28 CDTC Lapeer, MI





Dogs and Cataracts

As your dog ages, you may notice a bluish haze developing deep in his eyes, in the lenses, behind the pupils. More than likely, if your dog is still able to see, this bluish haze is not a cataract, but a common normal, aging change called lenticular sclerosis or nuclear sclerosis.

Healthy lenses are completely transparent, and all light that hits them passes easily through to the retina. With lenticular sclerosis, the lens fibers become compressed and somewhat degenerative over time, resulting in translucency where lenses are hazy or cloudy, allowing only partial passage of light. Lenticular sclerosis will not make dogs blind. They may not see fine details, but they will always see well enough to navigate without difficulty.

In contrast, cataracts are completely opaque and no light can pass through to the retina, resulting in blindness.

Cataracts can develop in young and old dogs alike. Causes include inheritance, metabolic disturbances (such as diabetes), trauma, poor nutrition, and chronic uveitis, an inflammatory disease of vascular tissue deep in the eye.

Chronic cataracts can cause excruciatingly painful, unmanageable secondary issues within the eye, for which the only recourse is surgical removal of the eye. This happens because the lens continuously degenerates over time, sparking chronic inflammatory changes around it. These secondary issues include lens-induced uveitis, glaucoma and lens luxation (dislocation of the lens within the eye). Chronic cataracts can also cause retinal detachment, which frequently results in permanent blindness.

Restoring eyesight and avoiding the associated problems are the two main reasons to consider cataract surgery for your dog. There are also reasons to not pursue cataract surgery such as the general health of the dog, the condition of the eyes, the ability of the owner to commit to post-surgical care and the temperament of the dog.

If you elect surgery, your dog will have an electroretinogram (ERG) done to make sure that the retinas are healthy. If your dog is a good candidate, small incisions are made in the cornea and the lens capsule. High frequency vibration is used to essentially pulverize the lens, which is then removed by vacuum. An artificial lens is inserted and the cornea is sutured closed.

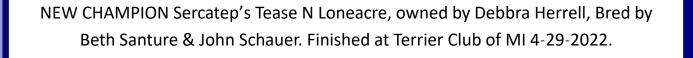
After surgery, your dog will probably stay at the hospital for close post-operative monitoring for several days - longer if complications arise. Once your dog is home, expect to be treating him with several eye drops four to six times daily and several oral medications. Your dog cannot be allowed to rub or scratch at his eyes and activity is restricted. Follow-up exams are performed frequently in the early post-operative period, and patients generally require at least one topical medication and routine examinations for the rest of their lives.

To avoid complications and ensure a good outcome, don't wait once your dog has been diagnosed with cataracts. Cataracts mature with the passage of time. Post-operative complications are more likely from surgery on mature cataracts. Mature cataracts are also more likely to cause lens-induced intraocular in-

flammation, lens instability, and loss of lens capsule integrity, which are all things that may make your dog a poor candidate for cataract surgery. If surgery is performed these complications may lead to a poorer prognosis for vision and comfort following surgery and may interfere with the successful placement of an artificial lens.

If you or your dog are not good candidates for this don't lose hope. Talk to your veterinarian about instituting topical therapy with anti-inflammatory drops, to try to prevent cataract associated ocular disease, and have your dog's ocular pressures checked for glaucoma every four to six months.

Finally, do everything you can to make life as easy as possible for your blind companion. Many years ago I had a Mini Schnauzer that went blind due to diabetes. It was amazing how well he could navigate around our house and yard. He learned to jump in and out of his favorite cozy chair. He still loved to go out for walks with me around the neighborhood. He and I learned together how to use pressure on his leash to let him know when he needed to go up or down a curb. A resource worth checking out is Living With Blind Dogs: A Resource Book and Training Guide for the Owners of Blind and Low-Vision dogs, by Caroline D. Lev-in.



NEW CHAMPION Loneacre Luminous, owned by Beth Santure, Bred by Beth Santure & John Schauer. Finished at Grand Rapids Kennel Club 5-58-2022.

NEW GRAND CHAMPION CH Loneacre's Pint of Guinness, owned by Susan Quinn & Beth Santure, Bred by Beth Santure & Kate McMillian.

ongratulations!

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. TOPLINES is a bi-monthly publication January-February March-April May-June July-August September-October November-December Editor-Susan Quinn