



TOPLINES

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Officers 2023

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Congratulations to all of
the specialty winners!
Thanks for supporting
our specialty.



MSCM TCM Specialty Results—Sept. 29, 2023

Best in Sweeps & Reserve WD: Loneacre Come And Take It, owner Beth Santure. **Best Opp Sex Sweeps:** Carmel Sky High Smart Cookie, owner Carma & Galen Ewer.

Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best Puppy, Puppy Group 2: Scandals Harry Bosch, owner L Gail Wilford. **Winners Bitch:** Montage Lady Mercury From Repitition, owner Beverly Barrone & Erica Barrone. **Reserve WB, Best Bred By, Bred By Group 1:** Stonewood She Bee Stingin'Laila, owner Karla Hensch.

Best of Breed: GCH Minuteman Life Below Zero, owner Cathi Rohrer & Catherine McMillan. **Best of Opposite:** CH Cherry Fields Super Fly, owner Hiromi Ueki. **Select Dog:** Sercaptep's Star Bound, owner Debbra Herrell. **Select Bitch & Owner/Handled:** CH Carmel Sky High Make A Wish, owner Carma & Galen Ewer.

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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

Lunch/Meeting

Saturday

October 14, 2023

New Location for the meeting

At

NOON

Valiant Bar & Grill

1120 S. Main Street

Chelsea, MI 48118

Reservation is under Debbie's name in the bar area.

RSVPs by Wednesday, October 11, to the google group, email:

quinndixie@gmail.com , or Sue Q. at 586-532-0725.

AS ALWAYS GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!



2023 Calendar of Events

December 9—MSCM Meeting/X mas Party, East Lansing, MI.

Club News:

A big thank you to all of the members who helped make our 2023 Specialty a success.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Annual Dues are payable by October 1st.

\$20.00 per person or \$30 per family

Send to:

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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.



Words Matter

The definition of the word “command” is “an authoritative order”. Even when we use gentle training methods, if we think “commands”, our brains connect to the authoritative definition and we are likely to speak in a louder, harsher (commanding!) tone of voice. In contrast, a cue is an invitation to perform a behavior for which your dog can be reinforced with a treat, play, praise, or the opportunity to perform a behavior the dog enjoys. We are far more likely to speak softly and gently when we use “cues.”

Words to Avoid

“Command” is just one of many words that we force-free trainers avoid. Here are others that interfere with the message of kindness and mutual respect we want to send to our dogs.

“It”. This word is used to refer to non-living objects. Dogs (and other animals) are living, thinking, feeling beings. Use he, she, him, and her rather than “it” when referring to a dog. When you acknowledge the sentience of non-human animals, you’re likely to treat them better.

“Breaking.” Breaking evokes force, and we’re not “breaking” anything, we’re “training” – so we use “house training”, not house breaking, and say we are training desirable behaviors, not breaking bad habits.

“Obedience”. We want a partnership with our dogs – a happy willingness to offer behaviors we ask for, not their submission to our authority. That’s why we offer good manners training or family dog training rather than obedience classes.

“Make”. We don’t make our dogs do things. “Make” suggests force and coercion. Instead, we ask our dogs for certain behaviors, invite them, help them, and encourage them.

“Bad.”

Dogs aren’t bad and they don’t do bad things – though occasionally they may do something inappropriate. When we think of them as bad, we give ourselves tacit permission to punish them. But when we frame their behavior as “inappropriate” we’re more likely to think in terms of management and teaching appropriate behaviors rather than punishment.

More Pejoratives. I cringe when someone refers to a dog as stupid, stubborn, disobedient, or any other negative adjectives, placing the blame for any unwanted behavior directly on the dog’s shoulders. When a dog doesn’t do what you ask, it may be because she can’t for some reason—she doesn’t understand, she’s too stressed, was distracted, didn’t hear you, is in pain or otherwise physically unable, you haven’t made the consequence of the behavior reinforcing enough, or you haven’t generalized it well – you haven’t trained

her for that behavior.

Respectful Language

Think carefully about the words you and/or your instructor use to discuss training and your dog. Your words connect to your thoughts and influence your behavior. If your words align with your philosophy of creating a kind and nurturing relationship with your dog based on mutual trust and respect, you're likely to behave accordingly – and you and your dog will be well on your way to achieving that pinnacle.



Brags

GCH CH Loneacre's Pint of Guinness TKN SCN
"Dublin"

Earned his AKC Scent Work Novice Containers
Title at the Grand Traverse KC Trial. Owned by
Sue Quinn & Beth Santure.

Congratulations!



We're on the Web!

www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org

SHOW CALENDAR

Breed/Obed/Rally

2022

Nov. 3-5 O,R

CDTC

Flint, MI

Nov. 9-13 B,O,R

Various Kennel Clubs

Kalamazoo, MI

Dec. 2-3 Breed

Ingham Cty KC

East Lansing, MI

Dec. 8-10

OTCGL

Lansing, MI

Agility

Nov. 3-5

UP N Over

Lapeer, MI

Nov. 9-12

Weim Club

Lapeer, MI

Nov. 16-20

Various Clubs

Midland, MI

Nov. 24-26

Canine Combustion

Whitmore Lake, MI

Dec. 1-3

Capital City

East Lansing, MI

Dec. 7-10

Various Clubs

Midland, MI

Dec.14-17

Various Clubs

Midland, MI

Dec. 29-31

Various Clubs

Midland, MI



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