



# TOPLINES

## Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

"All things come to those who go after them."  
- B.J. Marshall

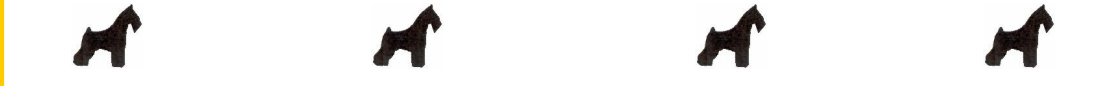
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### Observations in Agility from a Conformation Person

Recently I had the opportunity to spend a few days with good friends at an Agility Trial. My prior experience with Agility consisted of taking one of my Minis through a couple of agility classes years ago. Reba loved the whole idea but I found that it required a lot of energy and a good memory for remembering the sequence of the course. Lacking in both of these areas, I never pursued it any further. When I was showing in Conformation I would on occasion watch a friend compete in agility. This is the first time that I had spent the better part of 2 days at the agility arena.

One of my first observations was that I was very much overdressed! In my jeans, Leather jacket, and Cowboy boots, I was out of place in a sea of stretchy pants and loose tops! (ok that's how the ladies dressed, not the men!) But of course, they needed unrestrictive clothing to do their running, and I needed to look good to watch them

{ besides at this point in my life I don't own any "loose" clothing ;-) }

I also expected to see everyone there competing to be tall & thin with perfectly fit, athletic bodies. After all, this is a sport based on speed. What I found was that agility people come in all shapes and sizes! Of course, so do Conformation people. The big difference here is that all of the agility people CAN and DO RUN!!!

I saw a lot of camaraderie among the exhibitors, with everyone seeming to know everyone. There were no angry people or "sore losers". You could see the disappointment on their faces if their run didn't qualify, but they still left the ring hugging or patting and kissing their dog for the good he had done while sporting a "Better luck next time" attitude. I was impressed by that. It also impressed me that after every run, whether the "team" qualified or not, the

crowd AND THE JUDGE APPLAUDED!!!

Most impressive to me was when I saw a team finish a run and before they left the ring, the judge ran over to the very last jump and handed the top bar to the handler. The man, holding the bar above his head, then ran around the ring (with his dog jumping the jumps beside him) while the ENTIRE CROWD stopped what they were doing, rose to their feet, and CHEERED for the team that had just earned a MACH (Master Agility Champion) title!!

What novel idea! Wouldn't that be great, when finishing a conformation Champion, we were given a large sign proclaiming our "NEW CHAMPION" and were to parade our sign and dog for a lap around the ring for all to clap and cheer for us!!

OK....so I'm dreaming!!  
 —Joanne Forster

# Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

## MSCM SUNDAY BRUNCH

February 19, 2006

11:00 a.m

\$12.00 per person



### *Coral Gables Restaurant*

2838 E. Grand River Ave.  
East Lansing, MI  
Phone 517-337-1311

General Meeting to follow the Brunch  
With a Board Meeting to follow the General Meeting

**Directions:** Take I-96 to exit 110 (Okemos Rd.). Go north on Okemos Rd. to M-43 (Grand River Ave.). Businesses on that corner include: Bennigan's Restaurant, Marathon gas station & BP/Amoco station. Turn left on to M-43 (Grand River). After the bridge over the railroad tracks, there is a traffic light at Park Lake Rd. and another at Northwind Dr. (there's a Farmer Jack's on southwest corner of intersection). **Coral Gables** entrance is the fourth on the right following this light (after Tom's Party store, a Hollywood Video, & the new Oriental Market). If you get to Brookfield Shell gas station, you've gone too far.

**From the North:** From Business 69 left onto Park Lake Rd. Right (East) onto M-43 (Grand River Ave.) Follow directions from there as detailed above.

Please contact Karin Jaeger for additional information  
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## GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!

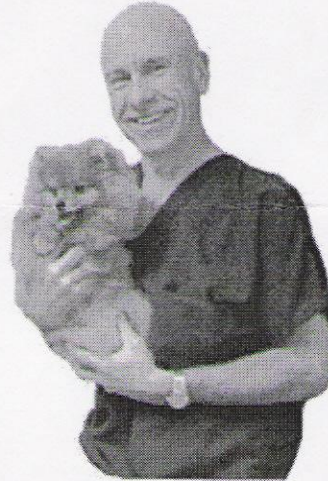
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**NEONATE CARE & PEDIATRICS SEMINAR  
 FOR BREEDERS by  
 Robert Van Hutchison, DVM**



Sponsored by Marshfield Clinic Veterinary Diagnostic Services

**Saturday, April 8, 2006**

- 8-9 Check in, refreshments, souvenir sales
- 9-12 Seminar
- 12-1 Lunch provided
- 1-4 Seminar
- 4:30 Tour of Leader Dog kennel



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City/State/Zip:	
Phone:	Email Address:
Box Lunch provided. Please circle preference:    Chicken    Tuna    Beef    Vegetarian	
Registration deadline: March 25, 2006.	Registration fee: \$60.00 X _____ = \$ _____ # registering
	Charitable Donation \$ _____
(Donations received will be used to support Leader Dog programs and services. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.)	
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Card Number: _____	Expiration Date: _____
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Makes checks payable to Leader Dogs for the Blind and remit to:	
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## 2006 Calendar of Important Events



### FEBRUARY 19

MSCM Brunch  
(General & Board  
Meetings)  
11:00 a.m.  
Coral Gables  
Restaurant East  
Lansing

### MARCH 16-19

AMSC Roving Specialty Weekend, Louisville, Ky.

### APRIL ?

MSCM Dinner Meeting- Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

### JUNE ?

Annual MSCM Outdoor Potluck Meeting & Eye Clinic-Place to be announced

### AUGUST ?

Outdoor MSCM Fun Day & Potluck Meeting- Milan, MI Home of Beth & John Santure

### SEPTEMBER 29

MSCM Fall Specialty Show-Monroe, MI-Monroe County Fairgrounds

### OCTOBER 6-8

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

### OCTOBER ?

MSCM Dinner Meeting-Place To Be Announced

### DECEMBER ?

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Place to be Announced



## Canine DNA work may help humans

From the smallest Chihuahua to the biggest Great Dane, all dogs emerge from the same basic set of genes. Scientists announced today that they'd deciphered this doggie DNA and begun detailed comparisons between breeds and with humans. The work should help researchers find genes that make dogs and people vulnerable to such illnesses as cancers, heart disease, cataracts, epilepsy, blindness and deafness. And it already has hinted that people may have fewer genes than scientists thought. The work used the DNA of a female Boxer

named Tasha, said Eric Lander, director of the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT and senior author of the analysis in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. The DNA project was led by Kerstin Lindblad-Toh of the Institute. Tasha was chosen from more than 100 candidate dogs because her DNA looked especially amenable to the task of identifying its 2.4 billion chemical building blocks. But it turned out that any other dog would have worked just as well, Lander said. The results are more complete than those announced in 2003 for the DNA

of a male Poodle named Shadow. Scientists also have deciphered the DNA of mice, rats, chimps, and chickens. At the DNA level, 2 randomly chosen dogs differ by only about as much as 2 randomly chosen people do, yet the variation in appearance, size, and behavior in dogs is "just mind-boggling," Lander said. Much of the answer involves differences in turning gene activity on and off, he said, and further study could help scientists understand what produces big differences in

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## The Whelping Box

No Litters to announce at this time

**The quality of your litter should not only be evaluated by the best in the litter....but by the least. If you are breeding quality animals, even your pets should be good examples of the breed!**

## Fundraising

We still have MSCM T-Shirts available! Sizes Small through Extra Large. As soon as we sell all of this design, we can order more with a different design. Email me with your order or save shipping and attend a meeting where I always have them with me!



## Member Profile-Pat Heinzelman

Pat has been a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan for approximately 8 years. She lives in Fenton, MI with her husband. She has 2 sons, is retired, and enjoys her dogs and sewing.. She has been in dogs for about 25 years. Her accomplishments with dogs has been in Conformation, obedience and agility. She has earned Conformation Championships, UDX's, MX, MXJ's-MACH, FDX, Canadian OTCH, UKC-U-CDX's. Pat is a member of

the Ann Arbor Dog training Club and Companion Dog Training Club of Flint and teaches obedience classes. She has the honor of owning and training the FIRST CH. MACH Miniature Schnauzer, Ch. MACH Mythago's Moonlight Mirage UDX a/k/a "Raja".

**We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.**

-M. Acklam



Pat & Raja



## Performance Corner by Lynn Baitinger

### AKC - Eukanuba Championships – Conformation, Obedience & Agility

This past January I was fortunate enough to attend the National Championships in Tampa, Florida. This time I was a spectator, not an exhibitor! I went along as "unpaid kennel" help and traveled with a friend who was showing four dogs in the Agility Championships! With three rings running at once in a huge hall, it was certainly hectic!

It was nice to see an event through the eyes of a non-competitor, even though I did experience a very painful and surprising withdrawal by not having a dog with me to show! To make it through, I played a mind game with myself and decided to consider the weekend an educational one and view it as a "Seminar"! It did help. I was much more relaxed and could view the agility courses with an eye and mindset that was relaxed and open to various handling maneuvers because I did not have the stress of actually running the course. I hope to be competing at these types of events soon and although I certainly enjoyed attending, the next time I want my dogs with me!

This event was easily the best dog show that I have ever been to! The Tampa Con-

vention Center is in downtown Tampa and literally on the bay. You could walk outside very quickly and hop down the steps and within 30" you were waterside with beautiful walkways. What a great place for a mental break. Negatives: Lots and lots of steps and long unloading lines. In the convention center, there were the conformation rings, obedience championships, agility championships, meet the breeds booths galore, vendors galore, educational kiosks and health and information booths. All of this was spread over three floors, but very open and you could quickly go from one area to the other via escalators or steps. The conformation rings were beautiful with bright blue carpeting, maroon velvet ring roping and great lighting. I was fortunate in that I was able to see the Mini's compete – all 9 of them! My only negative comment is that the conformation area was very crowded with spectators and it was hard to get to the rings or even move through while the dogs were being shown. In the evening each Group was televised live, but in a different building! (The group winners had the "honor" of packing up their dogs and grooming items and re-locating just down the street, where the telecast was broadcast from.)

The obedience competition this year was held in the same hall as the conformation. And, though I felt that this enabled many more spectators to see the best of the best,

the noise factor was a big negative. When a cheer went up in the breed rings it was very loud and a bit disconcerting for many of the dogs.

In the adjoining hall the Agility rings were set up and this is where I was most impressed. What a high tech world we have entered. Several large plasma TV's were mounted in the area with a showing of the World Agility competition running. Announcements to the exhibitors were posted on these TV's and came in quite handy. But the huge display on a main wall was fantastic – the top 10 in all jump heights ran continuously with changes made as the dogs ran! We always knew where our friends stood!

On Saturday, late afternoon, Animal Planet literally rolled in and created a TV stage out of the main ring. Bright lights, booms, microphones and tons of cable were laid for filming the agility finals. In Europe, Agility is very much a spectator sport and the level of noise they make is off the chart. Whistles, horns, chants, and cheers are all the norm. I can't say that we equaled their noise level, but the crowd came pretty close in cheering on all the final competitors and I do think that the spectators had as much fun as the competitors! Look for me cheering when the National Agility Championships are shown on the Animal Planet Channel on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. EST. I'm in the stands having a ball!

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## One More Dog

One dog is no trouble  
and two are so funny.

The third one is easy,  
the fourth one's a honey.

The fifth is delightful,  
the sixth one's a breeze.

You find you can live  
with a houseful with ease.

So how 'bout another?

Would you really dare?

They're really quite easy,  
but oh my, the hair!

With dogs on the sofa  
and dogs on the bed.

And crates in the kitchen,  
it's no bother, you said.

They're really no trouble,  
their manners are great.

What's just one more dog  
and one more little crate?

The sofa is hairy,  
the windows are crusty.

The floor is all footprints,  
the furniture is dusty.

The housekeeping suffers  
but what do you care?

Who minds a few nose prints  
and a little more hair?

So let's keep a puppy,  
you can always find room.

And a little more time

for the dust cloth and broom.

There's hardly a limit  
to the dogs you can add.  
The thought of a cutback  
sure makes you feel sad.

Each one is special,  
so useful, so funny.

The food bill grows larger,  
you owe the Vet money

Your folks never visit,  
few friends come to stay.

Except other dog folks  
who live the same way.

Your lawn has now died  
and your shrubs are dead too.

Your weekends are busy,  
you're off with your crew.

There's dog food and vitamins,  
training and shots,

And entries and travel  
and motels which cost lots.

It is worth it you wonder?

Are you caught in a trap?  
Then that favorite comes up

and climbs in your lap.

His look says you're special  
and you know that you will

Keep all the critters  
in spite of the bill.

Some just for showing  
and some just to breed.

And some just for loving,

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.



they all fill a need  
Winter is a hassle  
but the dogs love it true.  
And they must have their walks  
tho' you're numb and blue  
Late evening is awful,  
you scream and you shout.  
At the dogs on the sofa  
who refuse to go out  
The dogs and the dog shows,  
the travel, the thrills.  
The work and the worry,  
the pressure, the bills.  
The whole thing seems worth it,  
the dogs are your life.  
They're charming and funny  
and offset the strife.  
Your lifestyle has changed,  
things just won't be the same.  
Yes those dogs are addictive  
and so is the dog game!

Author Unknown





## Tips

### Ear Infections Solution for Treatment

#### "The Dixie Dog Ear Treatment"

INGREDIENTS: (Available at any pharmacy)

16 Oz. Isopropyl Alcohol

4 Tablespoons Boric Acid Powder

16 Drops Gentian Violet Solution 1%

Mix ingredients into a plastic squirt type bottle, these work best to dispense the solution to the effected ears. Shake this solution every time you use it to disperse the Boric Acid Powder. Your dog will not object to even the first treatment. The Boric Acid Powder soothes the ear. The Gentian Violet solution is an anti-infection agent.

TREATMENT: Evaluate condition of ears before treating and if very inflamed and sore do not attempt to clean out ear at all. Wait until inflammation has subsided which will be about 2 days. Shake the bottle each time before using. Flood the ear with solution (gently squirt bottle), massage gently to the count of 60, wipe with a tissue. Flood again on first treatment, wipe with a tissue, and leave alone without massage. The dog will shake out the excess which can be wiped with a tissue, the Gentian Violet does stain fabrics.

SCHEDULE: of treatment is as follows: Treat 2x per day for the first week to two weeks depending upon severity of ears.

Treat 1x per day for the next 1-2 weeks.  
Treat 1x per month (or even less frequently, depending on the dog.)

The Success Rate for this treatment is 95-99%. You MUST complete the schedule.

Should an infection persist in the treated ear after the above course of treatment, you may also have some bacteria in the site. This can be eradicated by using a gentle flush of raw apple cider vinegar and water (warm). Use 2 Tablespoons of vinegar to one cup of water, 2 times per week.

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body plans between species. The new work also identified signposts along the canine DNA that will help in finding genes that predispose dogs to certain diseases, some of which they share with humans. The dog genes should point the way to their human counterparts, Lander said. In fact, it may be vastly easier to find disease genes in dogs than in people. Intensive breeding has left it's mark in the dog genome so that finding DNA regions that contain disease genes "is like hitting the side of a barn," Lander said.

*"Successful people are not superhuman. Success does not require a super-intellect, nor is there anything mystical about it, and it isn't based on luck. Successful people are just ordinary folks who have developed belief in themselves and what they do. Never, never, sell yourself short."*  
—David J. Schwartz

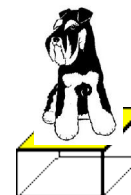
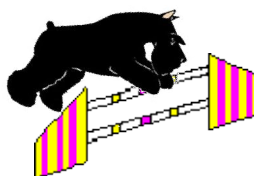
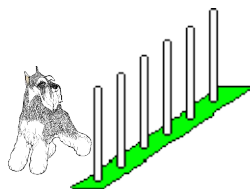
## Braggs

Lynn Baitinger's Loneacre's Firecracker, NA, OAJ, AD, a/k/a Connor, earned his OAJ Agility Title (Open Jumpers with Weaves ) at the Capital Cities Canine Club in East Lansing, on Nov. 26th.

Lynn Baitinger's Am Can CH Loneacre's Small Town Girl, a/k/a Morgan, earned her RN Title (Rally Novice) on Sunday, Nov. 27th at the Ingham County Kennel Club.

Joanne McCallum's R-Jo's Diamond in the Ruff, a/k/a Diamond, earned her 3rd leg in Rally Advanced B at the OTC of Greater Lansing Rally Trials on Friday, Dec. 9, 2005 The same day, Diamond's daughter R-Jo's Trendsetter Bootsie earned her 1st leg in Rally Advanced B On Saturday, Diamond earned her 1st leg in Rally Excellent with a score of 97.

Sue Quinn's Win-Gro's Fields of Daisy CDX OA OAJ a/k/a Daisy, earned her first leg in Rally Novice B with a score of 99 and a Second Place on Saturday, January 21 at the Oakland County K C show. Daisy also earned her second Rally Novice B leg with a score of 94 on Sunday of the Oakland County K C shows.



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