



# TOPLINES

## Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

*"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can ever go wrong."*  
- Ella Fitzgerald

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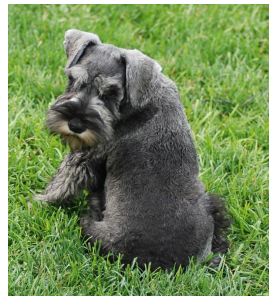


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## Breeder Seminars

**Officers 2008**  
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**Breeders Forum: Structure in Action**  
**1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester**

Leader Dogs for the Blind is hosting the one-day workshop, Structure in Action, on Saturday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pat Hastings, a well-known breeder, handler and judge, will present on the Puppy Puzzle and discuss the value of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, as well as working trials or performance competition. Hastings is also the creator of the video, *Puppy Puzzle*, and author of *Another Piece of the Puzzle: Puppy Development* and *Tricks of the Trade: From Best Intentions to Best In Show*. Dr. Comrie, a graduate of Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, will provide a veterinarian's perspective on reducing the risk of structural injuries in working and performance dogs. In 1999, Comrie opened Rogue Valley Veterinary Hospital, a full-service small animal practice located in Rockford, Michigan. Comrie gradually developed a canine rehabilitation section of the practice - later named K-9 sport Med-Hab - with the aim of providing services specific to performance injuries and conditioning to prevent injuries in performance dogs. Comrie is fulfilling requirements for completion of the University Of Tennessee Canine Rehabilitation Certification.

For more information about Structure in Action, please call (248) 650-7113.

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2008  
 Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Breeder's Symposium: Columbus, Ohio**  
**Hosted by the Ohio State University**  
**Presented by the American Kennel Club and AKC Canine Health Foundation**

Saturday, April 5 & Sunday, April 6, 2008  
 College of Veterinary Medicine  
 Veterinary Hospital Auditorium  
 601 Tharp Street  
 Columbus, Ohio 43210  
 Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Breakfast at 7:30 am)  
 Sunday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Breakfast at 7:30 am)  
 Registration opens Saturday at 7:30 am  
 Cost \$135.00  
 Includes Conference Material Featuring the ABC's of Breeding, and Breakfast & Lunch Saturday & Sunday  
 Topics to include:  
 ABC's of Breeding - Claudia Orlandi, PhD  
 Urinary Incontinence - Mary McLoughlin, DVM, DACVS  
 Canine Ophthalmology - David Wilkie, DVM, DACVO  
 Inherited, Congenital & Acquired Heart Disease - John Bonagura, DVM, DACVIM  
 Orthopedic Disease - Laura Nelson, DVM, MS  
 Canine Behavior - Traci Shreyer  
 Renal Disease - Dennis Chew, DVM, DACVIM  
 Parasites - Cliff Monahan, DVM, PhD  
 Nutrition - Ana Hill, DVM, PhD  
 And others!  
 To register, go to: [https://secure.qgiv.com/cps\\_donors/index.php?key=akcfound&event=134](https://secure.qgiv.com/cps_donors/index.php?key=akcfound&event=134)

# Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

## MSCM SUNDAY BRUNCH

February 24, 2008

11:00 am {Brunch}

12:00 Noon {General Meeting}



### *Coral Gables Restaurant*

2838 E. Grand River Ave.

East Lansing, MI

Phone 517-337-1311

Brunch

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!!**

## 2008 Calendar of Important Events



### FEBRUARY 24

MSCM Brunch & General Meeting  
11:00 a.m.  
Coral Gables Restaurant East Lansing

### MARCH 1 & 2

Detroit Kennel Club, Cobo Hall

### APRIL 26

MSCM Dinner Meeting- Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

### JUNE (28 or 29)

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

### AUGUST 16 (?)

Outdoor MSCM Fun Day & Potluck Meeting- Elkton, MI Home of Joanne F. Learn to Massage your dog plus Physic readings!

### SEPTEMBER 26

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

### OCTOBER 3-5

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

### OCTOBER 18

MSCM Dinner Meeting-Italia Gardens, Flint, MI

### DECEMBER 6

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables, East Lansing

## MSCM Annual Awards for 2007

### Lynn Baitinger

Ch. Loneacre's Small Town Girl, CDX, RA, MX, MXJ, NF  
Loneacre's Firecracker, CD, RA, MX, MXJ, NF, OF, XF

### Carol Beagle

Ch. Blackwitch Moonshine (2006)  
Ch. Blackwitch Gilda Gold (2006)  
Ch. Blackwitch Lola Lou  
Ch. Blackwitch Too Shine

### Joanne Forster

Ch. Jofor's Here For The Party

### Donna Giles

Ch. Jacqueminot Jolie

### Lisa Martin

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### Joanne McCallum

R-Jo's Trendsetter Bootsie, CDX, OA  
R-Jo's U-R-My Sunshine, RN, NA, NAJ

### Susan Quinn

Daisy's Frizzleface Duke, UD, RAE2, AX, AXJ, NAP, OJP

### Beth Santure

Ch. Loneacre's Sugar Rush



## 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!*

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### Get On the Ball !!!

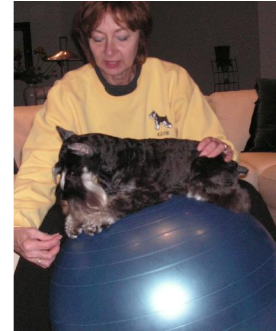
Performance Dogs are fit and lean dogs in the best of health; but in the winter in Michigan, it is very hard to keep them – or us - in condition. I was fortunate enough to learn about this exercise program for our dogs that is fast and fun for both of us.

To tell you the truth, I didn't quite "get it" at first. I thought that these exercises would be too simple and do nothing for their physical condition. I was lucky to see a demonstration with a Springer Spaniel, and I was thoroughly convinced after watching this dog "workout" on the ball.

These exercises target the dog's core – his stomach muscles, back muscles and of course his "twitch" muscles. In a sense, this is a perfect example of "cross training". The dog is working his muscles but in a different way than running for agility, or jumping for obedience. We performance people tend to focus too much on our chosen sport and tend to train and exercise the dog in that sport only. That puts just that much more wear and tear on the same muscles the dog uses in his sport. Swimming is a perfect example of a great cardio workout – you are using muscles and getting your heart rate up, but you are not putting any strain on those muscles as you would if you were running.

The exercises that I do are easy for my dogs as they've been trained on wobble boards and do agility; so they are comfortable on moving objects. They just jumped on and got a treat. I brace the exercise ball (mine is a human "resist a ball" brand) between my legs as shown in the photos and my feet keep it from rolling away. I have treats in my hand and ask them to lay down as I feed them. Then I gently bounce the ball up

## Performance Corner by Lynn Baitinger



and down. I mix up the maneuvers – I keep them moving around and on the ball. They stand, lay down, sit, stretch, bow, etc. I also turn their head to each side as far as it will go to stretch their shoulder muscles. I then gently roll the ball from side to side asking them to stay on the top, or gently roll it away and back, having them again keep their balance on the top of the ball. What is amazing is how quickly their exertion rate goes up. Their four feet are constantly moving and "balancing" on the ball. This is where their "twitch" muscles come in to play. If you feel their tummies and back you can easily tell how much effort they are putting in to these exercises – their little bodies heat right up. I generally stop after 3 to 5 minutes – perfect during those long commercials if watching TV!

To start a new dog, you must go slowly, as not every dog is eager to jump right up and start moving. They may only want to put their front paws on the ball at first. That is fine – give them a treat and see if you can stretch those forelimbs a little bit. If you decide to pick your dog up and place him on the ball, make sure the ball is steady. Treat and take off, then repeat if the dog is willing. Go slowly and only treat on the ball. It is also important to keep a hand on the dog to help prevent them from falling off the ball. Some other hints are putting a book on the floor to keep the ball from rolling too far, or keeping it close to a wall to allow only minimal roll.

My article's purpose is to introduce you to this wonderful form of exercise but not to give complete instructions. For that, a perfect place to learn about Ball exercises

is to visit the web site of Debbie Gross Saunders, MSPT, OSC, CCRP – a certified canine rehabilitation practitioner with a facility in Colchester, Ct. There she runs *Wizard of Paws Physical Rehabilitation for Animals, LLC*. She is also the author of several DVD's, "Get on the Ball", "Strengthening the Performance Dog", and "Stretching The Performance Dog". Please visit her web site at [www.wizardofpaws.net](http://www.wizardofpaws.net).

Another DVD that is very educational and easy to follow is called "Pilates for Pooches", by Sarah Johnson, MA Exercise Physiology and Andrew Sams, DVM, MS, Diplomate ACVS. This DVD works on strengthening the dogs' core by using stretching and strengthening exercises on various boxes, wobble boards and flatter disc like balls. Sarah's 12 year old Border Collie *won* the 2006 USDAA Agility Veteran All Around Class at the National Competition, surely proving that these exercises work! You can visit [www.cleanrun.com](http://www.cleanrun.com) also to purchase any of these DVD's.

It wouldn't seem right if I ended this article without addressing the human part of the performance dog team. A quick workout we humans can do with the ball is called the "Alphabet Drill". I saw this on "Regis and Kelly", and thought it looked like fun. You simply take the ball between your two hands, and hold it out in front of you at shoulder height. Stand with feet apart about shoulder width. Now, "air write" the letters of the alphabet with your ball - from A to Z – in big, capital letters. You will be out of breath after this for sure!



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## Dog Show Terminology 101

**Angulation-** Degree to which dog handlers will bend over backwards to impress judges.

**Balance-** (a) How to arrange the check-book so your husband won't know how much money you spent on dog shows last month. Usually done in the bathroom with the door locked;

(b) Ability to hold coffee, danish, leash, treats and entry form all at once.

**Bitch-** (a) Proper name for a female dog; (b) Name often heard at dog shows, not always to describe a female dog.

**CGC-** Canine Gastrointestinal Catastrophe {aka GAS}

**Coat-** The hairy covering of a dog that usually falls out about one week before the Specialty show.

**Crabbing-** What you do when the judge doesn't like your dog.

**Dam-** (a) A female dog with puppies; (b) Expression frequently overheard at dog shows as losers leave the ring.

**Distemper-** Shown by those competitors who just lost to someone they can't stand.

**Dog-** To chase a judge from show to show in an effort to attain more breed wins.

**Elbow-** Method of getting to ringside quickly when late.

**Expression-** "Sweet" look adopted by hungry dogs while staring ravenously at chunks of liver.

**Fancier-** Degree to which some gentlemen handlers dress more than others.

**Feathering-** What winners are accused of doing to judges' nests.

**Front-** Part of the dog often facing the outside of the ring.

**Guard Hair-** An activity in which one watches intently as the dog's hair falls out, in clumps, just after entries are mailed.

**Heel-** (a) What you feel like when your dog beats the one you had just sold to an eager novice;

(b) Expression often screamed to attract the attention of deaf dogs.

**Hock-** A way of financing your dog shows by the use of jewelry such as wedding rings.

**Kennel-** Where you go when the kids fight and your husband is in one of his moods.  
**Litter-** Trash left all over the building and parking lot after a dog show.

**Mask-** What to wear when you have to show your gorgeous pick of the litter that fell apart a week before the show.

**Muzzle-** What to put on your kids at a dog show to prevent them from calling your

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.



competition what they overheard you call him last night.

**Overshot-** Running so fast as to pass the 1st place ring marker and plow into the judge and the stewards.

**Pedigree-** Dog food with lots of coupons.

**Points-** Minute, invisible awards for winning which you cannot convince your spouse are more important than cash prizes.

**Puppies-** Small, dog like food-processing machines with the ability to stink up an entire house and collectively deafen a band of magpies. (These creatures have not yet been perfected, as they come with leaky systems, and can also be dangerous to weak hearts and bank accounts.)

**Qualifying Score-** Justifying the 170.5 you got in obedience today.

**Ribbons-** What competitive exhibitors with distemper (see above) will cut you into when your dog places over theirs.

**Specialty-** Whatever your dog is good at, like bringing home dead cats or chewing on walls.

**Type-** What your dog has... if you turn down the lights and squint a little.

**Utility-** The kind of vehicle you need to haul around your dogs.