



# TOPLINES

## Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

*Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."*

—Henry Ford

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## Picking and Training the Show Puppy

*Answers to my questions from well known, respected breeders*

#### **Charlotte Stukey-Char N Co**

My training starts with picking of a puppy, of course I look for Body, bone, head, shoulders and the rest of the things I want in a puppy, then I look at attitude and confidence. A puppy with attitude is so important. I might even give up something else to get attitude. I start at 4 weeks of age, I get them on a blanket and get down with them and see who interacts with me, who is brave enough to look around. I pick my pup at 8 weeks of age, then my training starts. I do not over train, I think the Miniature Schnauzer is so smart that they get bored with over training. After all conformation is just walking around the ring, standing on a table and baiting. I try to socialize my pups as soon as they have had their vaccinations. I take them to dog shows with me, I have my grandchildren come to visit, and I take them to work with me. Anything I can do to socialize them. When I leash train them I simply want them to walk with me, I don't care where they walk just so they go. Then I will start to ask them to walk on the left and practice stopping and baiting. I try to do this where there are

things that will attract their attention. I try to make time on the table short and rewarding at this age. At the dog shows I walk them around the building at night. Sometimes I can take them in a ring and just play with them. I always take another puppy or adult with them in the ring to give them a distraction from the ring and the confidence to do it. I also put them on the table at the shows to give them the experience of seeing all the commotion. When they are actually entered in a show, no matter what age they are, it is important to let the puppy interact with other things in the ring, not just having to focus on me. If I am lucky they could get looked at and win :-)

#### **Beth Santure- Loneacre**

My puppies are raised in the kitchen where they can see and hear many things and get a lot of handling from me and others. I have a pretty good idea of what puppy or puppies I like as soon as they start walking around. The ones that carry themselves well and have a natural stance of course catch my attention. I try not to be too critical until they are 8 weeks old and then each puppy is measured and their structure is evaluated by feeling with my hands and looking at the pups in a mirror while stacked on a table. Of course the pups I like

best stacked must also be as pleasing to me when on the ground standing naturally or moving about. If the litter is a spring litter then they get to go outside and I can see them move the best there. Puppies with any major faults, i.e. too big, too little, bad bite etc., are eliminated right away. I will not keep a puppy with a bad top-line or poor side gait. I will not keep a puppy with a soft temperament either. Even the most beautiful puppy that will not show itself off will not make a good "show" puppy. I pick what I feel are the best two puppies in the litter keeping in mind what I need to improve on in my breeding program and keep those puppies for awhile longer. As they grow many times I decide which of the two puppies is the better dog and keep only that one. I don't want to own more dogs than I think I can devote the time too. My grooming table is just around the corner from my kitchen so these puppies get stacked a lot, have their mouths looked at, are brushed and toenails cut often. They also get treats on the grooming table too. They feel very comfortable on the grooming table at a young age. I think lead breaking little puppies is

#### Officers 2011

President: Beth Santure  
Vice Pres.: Sue Quinn  
Secretary: Donna Giles  
Treasurer: Sue Schauer



# Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

## MSCM Board/General Meeting

February 20, 2011

2:00 pm {Board Meeting}

3:30 pm {General Meeting}



### *Don Pablo's Restaurant*

G3145 Miller Road, Flint, MI

phone: 810-235-2262

**Directions from the South** : North on I-75 to the Miller Rd. Exit. Right to the first light (1/2 block) and turn right again. Restaurant behind the Gas Station.

**From the North**: South on I-75 to the Miller Rd. Exit. Left onto Miller Rd to the light after the overpass. Right at the light. Restaurant behind Gas Station.

Please contact Diane Gardner for additional information  
Phone (810) 789-6605 or email at: [gardnerdiane@hotmail.com](mailto:gardnerdiane@hotmail.com) and let her know that you are coming!

**GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!**

## 2011 Calendar of Important Events



**FEBRUARY 20-**  
MSCM Board &  
General Meeting  
2:00 pm. Don  
Pablo's, Flint  
**APRIL-**

**JUNE 26-** Annual MSCM Outdoor  
Potluck Meeting & Eye Clinic

**July 23-** Grooming Seminar

### Titles earned in 2010

#### For Terri Harmon

U-Ch Loneacre Tinkering With Chance  
2010

#### For Joanne McCallum

R-Jos Shasta, CDX, RA, NAJ, OAP, OJP,  
AJP, NAJS, U-CDX  
2010

R-Jos Bootsie, CDX, RE, OA, NAJ, ANP,  
NJP, OJP, NAJS  
2010

**JULY 29-** MSCM Second Agility Trial,  
Dexter, MI

**AUGUST-**

#### SEPTEMBER -

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

#### OCTOBER -

Montgomery County Weekend-  
Pennsylvania

#### OCTOBER -

MSCM Dinner Meeting-

#### DECEMBER -

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-  
Coral Gables, East Lansing

#### For Donna Giles

Ch Donnella's Enchanting Sabrina  
2009

Ch Jacqueminot J'Escarlet Pour  
Donnella  
2010

#### For Sue Quinn

Loneacre's Dixieland Express, CD, RN,  
AX, AXJ, XF  
2010

#### For Lynn Baitinger

Loneacre's Found A Peanut, NA, NAJ,  
OA, OAJ, AX, AXJ, MX, MXJ, NF, OF  
2010



### The Whelping Box

Born December 18, 1-B/S male and 1-B/S  
female

Sire: Ch. Loneacre's Chances Are  
Dam: Jofor's Only One Too



# MSCM Agility Trial

Friday, July 29, 2011  
Canine Sports & Recreation Center  
Dexter, MI

Member volunteers needed! If you can't make it to the  
trial, volunteer to make food to feed the workers!  
More info on the trial to come later

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[www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org](http://www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org)

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BUT PROBABLY DON'T.....

1. Money isn't made out of paper, it's made out of cotton.
2. The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper.
3. The dot over the letter "i" is called a "t i t t l e".
4. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.
5. Susan Lucci is the daughter of Phyllis Diller.
6. 40% of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.
7. 315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.
8. The 'spot' on 7UP comes from its inventor, who had red eyes. He was albino.
9. On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents, daily.
10. Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister.
11. Chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system; a few ounces will kill a small sized dog.
12. Orcas (killer whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.
13. Most lipstick contains fish scales (eeww).
14. Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.
15. Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.

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.



16. Upper and lower case letters are named 'upper' and 'lower' because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the upper case' letters were stored in the case on top of the case that stored the smaller, 'lower case' letters.
17. Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time, hence, multi-tasking was invented.
18. Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.
19. There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
20. The name Wendy was made up for the book Peter Pan; there was never a recorded Wendy before!
21. There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple, and silver!
22. Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors. Also, it took him 10 years to paint Mona Lisa's lips.
23. A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make it instantly go mad and sting itself to death.
24. The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was a Captain Kirk mask, painted white.
25. If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19 You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar (good to know.)
26. By raising your legs slowly and lying

on your back, you can't sink in quicksand (and you thought this list was completely useless.)

27. The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law, which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than you thumb.
28. The first product Motorola started to develop was a record player for automobiles. At that time, the most known player on the market was the Victrola, so they called themselves Motorola.
29. Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with. It's the same with apples!
30. Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!!
31. The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher.
32. Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.
33. Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a space suit damages it.
34. George Carlin said it best about Martha Stewart ... "Boy, I feel a lot safer now that she's behind bars. O. J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant are still walking around; Osama Bin Laden too, but they take the ONE woman in America willing to cook, clean, and work in the yard, and they haul her fanny off to jail."

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easiest. I usually put a Resco lead on them and encourage them to come with me using food treats. They bounce, run, balk, hop and skip. When they "trot" they are praised and given a treat. When I stop and they stop squarely and look at me I give them a treat. These are always short sessions because I don't want them to get bored with it. When they have at least 2 or 3 vaccinations in them they go with me places, to a dog show, to my mom's house, to an agility trial etc. They are walked on grass, pavement and rubber matting. When they are older like say 5-6 months I take them to a local conformation class a few times. When they can gait and show there pretty well I usually stop taking them because I want them to save some for the real show!

**Debbie Herrell-Sercatep**

A "pick of the litter" puppy has the same desirable attributes whether it is going to be a conformation prospect or a performance dog. When a breeding is planned the breeder should be aware of the imperfections that need to be eliminated in the coming litter and this should be the reason for doing the breeding. A breeding should be planned with complimenting parents. This means the prospective sire and dam should each have the qualities needed by the other. A line breeding will be more likely to set the good or bad qualities. If you are not familiar with the dogs in the pedigree, find someone that is. A bad front bred to a bad front (even if it is a few generations back) will produce a bad front. There are occasional litters

**Conformation****March 5 & 6**

Detroit Kennel Club  
Cobo Hall, Detroit  
Closes 2-16

**March 16-20**

Louisville KC  
Louisville, KY  
Closes 3-2

**April 9 & 10**

Saginaw Valley KC  
Birch Run, MI  
Closes 3-23

**April 22-24**

Bloomington Indiana KC  
Terre haute, IND  
Closes 4-06

**April 29**

Terrier Club of MI  
Birch Run, MI  
Closes 4-13

**April 30, May 1**

Progressive Dog Club  
Birch Run, MI  
Closes 4-13

that have one outstanding puppy that will let you know without a doubt that it is "the one". It will be the one that you watched nurse with its neck arched and tail straight up and wagging. This puppy will be the first one to come across the whelping box to you when it can barely stay up on all fours. It will love to stack and will keep that posture while playing with, and outwitting, the rest of the litter. The choice is easy, but only time will tell if size, teeth and coat will also be correct. What happens if you, or a breeder you are working with, have established a successful line over many generations and know what to expect in the litter? The majority of the litter could have the desirable attributes as a young puppy and will not be as easy to pick out. Now you can look for the puppy that has the qualities that you bred the litter for. A better head, top line, front, rear, coat or shoulders might be some of things you need to improve upon. In this case pick the best two or three puppies and give them time to develop. Find out what this line should measure at eight weeks and four months of age. This will help to sort out the under and oversized puppies. Remember to use your brain not your heart to make these decisions!

## Braggs

MACH Loneacre's Found a Peanut, OF x CH Loneacre's Chances Are & CH Char N CO Need for Speed earned her Master Agility Championship on December 4, 2010 at Capital City Canine Club's trial in Lansing, Michigan. "Kelsi" went from Novice to MACH in one year! She entered her first trial with this club the previous year and managed to earn two double Q's for her Mach one year later, at 2 1/2 years old. "Kelsi" was bred by Beth Santure and is owned, loved, trained and spoiled by Lynn Baitinger of Rochester, Michigan.

\*R-Jos Firecracker Born on July 4, (Uncle Sam) earned his AKC CGC on 11-17-10 at TCDTC in Saginaw, On 12-11-10 another new title at the Lansing Kennel Club his CD. His mother R-Jos U-R-My Sunshine Shasta CGC, CDX RA, NA, NAJ, OAP, OJP, AJP earned her AJP (Excellent JWW Pre.) on 10-9-10 at the MMKC with a first place. On 3-20-10 Shasta earned our ASCA Jumpers standard Novice at the Midland Fairgrounds. On 11-20-10 Shasta earned her UCDX at the CDTK in Flint. (New Titles) Shasta's Mother R-Jos Trendsetter Bootsie CGC, CDX, RE, OA NAJ, NAP OJP ASCA earned her ASCA NAV (Novice Agility Veterans title on 3-20-10 at the Midland Fairgrounds.

All are owned by Joanne McCallum

## Show Calendar

**Obedience & Rally**

**March 5, 6** Obed & Rally  
Detroit KC  
Detroit, MI  
Closes 2-16

**March 12, 13** Obed

St. Joe Valley Agility Club  
Buchanan, MI  
LIMITED Closes 2-23

**March 25** Rally 26, 27 Obed

CDTC of Flint  
Flint, MI  
Closes 3-9

**April 1, 2** Rally 2, 3 Obed

Kalamazoo KC  
Kalamazoo, MI  
Closes 3-16

**April 8, 10** Rally 8, 9 Obed

Saginaw Valley KC  
Birch Run, MI  
Closes 3-23

**April 30, May 1** Obed

Progressive Dog Club  
Birch Run, MI  
Closes 4-13

**Agility**

**March 5, 6**  
Sportsmen's DTC

Grand Blanc, MI  
Closes 2-11

**March 18, 19, 20**

Oakland Cty KC  
Dexter, MI  
Closes 3-2

**April 1, 2, 3**

Bouvier des Flandres Club

Dexter, MI

Closes 3-18

**April 15, 16, 17**

Siberian Husky Club

Dexter, MI

Closes 3-30

**April 23, 24**

AADTC

Whitmore Lake, MI

Closes 4-8

**April 29, 30, May 1**

Ibizan Hound Club

Dexter, MI

Closes 4-15

**April 23, 24**

AADTC

Whitmore Lake, MI

Closes 4-8

**April 29, 30, May 1**

Ibizan Hound Club

Dexter, MI

Closes 4-15