



TOPLINES

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

"Make sure you have finished speaking before your audience has finished listening."

Dorothy Sarnoff

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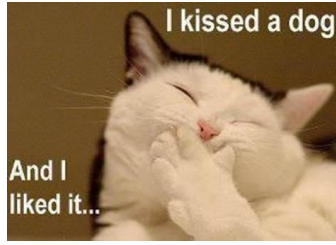
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Did you know that more than 80% of show dogs are handled by their owners? To celebrate the dedication and enthusiasm of owner-handler exhibitors the American Kennel Club has created the new AKC Owner-Handler Series. This non-titling competition will be held at select dog shows across the country. The AKC Owner-Handler competition will be conducted following Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. All dogs in the BOB competition (including WD & WB) will stay in the ring after the judge makes their placements in BOB competition. The ring steward will ask all professional handlers to leave the ring and then the judge will then select the Best Owner-Handler (BOH). The dog and its owner will continue to accrue points for any group placements or Bests in Show. The top-ranked dogs from the AKC Owner-Handler Series will be posted on www.akc.org and the Top 10 owner-handled dogs of each breed and variety will be invited to compete at an "end of year" competition show. Rankings of the dogs competing in the series will be

compiled based on the Best of Breed, Group and Best in Show placements in this specific series competition. Dogs owned or exhibited by professional handlers are not eligible for this competition. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay. Judging Procedures for the Owner-Handler Series Best of Breed is determined as follows: Judging to determine Owner-Handled Best of Breed is held immediately following regular judging of that breed or variety in the same ring. If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is Owner-Handler competition eligible, it will automatically be Owner-Handled Best Of Breed/Variety and be eligible to compete in both the regular as well as the Owner-Handler group. If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is Owner-Handler competition ineligible and the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety is eligible, the Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety will compete against the eligible Best of Breed exhibits of the other sex to determine

Owner-Handled Best of Breed/Variety. If the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed/Variety are both Owner-Handler competition ineligible and Select Dog & Select Bitch are both eligible, the judge is to choose Best Owner-Handled exhibit from the Selects and eligible Winners Dog or Winners Bitch. If one of the Selects is eligible, excuse all dogs of the same sex and then choose Best Owner-Handled exhibit from the remaining dogs of the opposite sex including the eligible winner. If Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog & Select Bitch are not eligible, the judge may choose any eligible dog remaining in the ring including Winners Dog or Winners Bitch as Owner-Handled Best of Breed/Variety. The breed will not be represented in the Owner-Handler Group if there is no eligible dog competing in the Best of Breed or in Best of Winners competition. Best Owner-Handler Group & Best In Show is determined as follows: Owner-Handled groups may be judged in separate



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MSCM SUNDAY BRUNCH

February 19, 2012

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

Phone (517) 351-0412 or email at: karinjaeger@voyager.net and let her know that you are coming!

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!

2012 Calendar of Important Events



FEBRUARY 19-
MSCM Meeting,
Awards & Brunch-
Coral Gables, East
Lansing

APRIL-28-MSCM
Meeting, Bavarian
Inn, Frankenmuth

JUNE 26- TBA

JULY 27- MSCM Third Agility Trial, Dex-
ter, MI

AUGUST 18- TBA

SEPTEMBER 28-
MSCM Fall Specialty Show-Monroe,
MI-Monroe County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 5-7-
Montgomery County Weekend-
Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 27-
MSCM Dinner Meeting-TBA

DECEMBER - 8

MSCM Christmas Banquet Coral Ga-
bles, East Lansing

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rings. The order of these groups may be adjusted to prevent and delays or interference with the regular group judging. Best Owner-Handled Dog In Show competition may be judged prior to or after regular Best in Show competition.

Point Schedule for Owner Handler Series
Note: Owner-Handler Series points do not contribute to championship points

Best in Show—100
Group 1—30
Group 2— 20

Group 3—15

Group 4—10

Best of Breed—5

For more information about the series or if you have questions about hosting these events, please contact the AKC Events department at (919) 816-3514 or gjt@akc.org.



The Whelping Box

Born January 24 -1Black male, 1-B/S male, and 2 B/S females
Sire: Ch. Char N Co Highway to the Danger Zone (Detour)
Dam: Jofor's Only One Too (Jewel)



MSCM Agility Trial

Friday, July 27, 2012
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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LEGISLATIVE CORNER

I don't have to tell you but in an election year with nine months to go until we elect a President, I am sure many of us are already sick of hearing the ads, the bickering and the mudslinging that goes along with the process. With all of this going on do you wonder how they get anything done? The legislative process is a very complicated one and I was not aware until last year that with every new legislature that we elect, (at least in Michigan), the bills that were introduced during the last session die and need to be reintroduced again in the new legislature. I may have been the only one sleeping during civics class in the ninth grade but the MSCM Board thought it might be helpful to members to have a section in Toplines which discusses not only legislation that pertains to dogs and animals but also talks about the process. In this article, I would like to address the free service of the Michigan Legislative Council, the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate which will notify you of any legislation that is being introduced, discussed or passed regarding animals.

This free service is available to anyone that has access to a computer. The Michigan legislature will send out an email alert whenever there is a bill being introduced, voted upon, discussed etc. in reference to animals. You can also sign up for other legislative topics that you may be interested in such as children, agriculture and health care. A complete list of available topics is on the Michigan Legislature website.

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.



To access the free service, enter into your browser www.legislature.mi.gov. When the page comes up, you will see a prominent "Welcome" on the home page. To sign up for the free notification service, you will need to register. Therefore, you will need to click on the word "register" which is on the line directly underneath the picture of the Capitol Building in Lansing. This will take you to the "Create New Registered User Account" page. Once you are on this page, you may want to see and hear a short tutorial on directions to register. This is quick and easy with a 5 minute and 13 second overview of the registration process. I highly recommend this. To access this tutorial, click on the word help in the line directly above the "create new user account". A page will come up with the title "Michigan Legislature Website Help". Below this is a box entitled "website overviews". The seventh topic down in blue is entitled "overview of the notification service." Click on this topic and a very friendly woman will walk you through how to complete the registration page as well as assist you in entering the categories you are interested in such as the topic "Animals" and then the subcategory "Dogs." I listened to this tutorial a couple of times. Don't forget to use 1 capital letter and 1 number in your password. Once you have registered and set up your password, you will click on "create user account" and you will automatically be logged in. At this point in the process you are NOT finished. You will still need to click on the word

"notify" (again in the line directly under the picture of the Capitol Building in Lansing). This will take you to the page where you will need to enter the information that you want to be notified about. There are 3 areas that need to be completed on this page. The first section entitled "notification preferences" addresses the type of text that will be sent to you. The second section entitled Notification Selection is where you will enter the word "Animal" in the Category section and the word "Dog" in the subsection category. The third section entitled "Notification Functions" is where you can suspend notification if you are on vacation or unsubscribe. Again, the tutorial help section goes into this area in detail.

Now, whenever there is activity on animals and dogs you will receive an email from the Michigan Legislature which will say "Update" in your in box and under the subject, (my email says), "Michigan Legislature Email Update." The list of topics will be in alphabetical order. Consequently, animals will be listed first. However, I received an email this week pertaining to animals and it was under the section "Crimes- animals." Therefore, be sure to scroll through the entire email to be sure you see all the legislative activity related to animals.

I hope you find this helpful. In the next Toplines we will look at the bills in Michigan that have been introduced during this legislative session addressing Animals.

Mary Ann Kozlowski

Show Calendar

Obedience & Rally

March 3-4 Obed & Rally
Detroit Kennel Club
Detroit, MI
Closes 2-15

March 10-11 Obed
St. Joe Valley Agility Club
Buchanan, MI
Closes 2-22

March 23-25 Obed & Rally
CDTC
Flint, MI
Closes 3-7

March 30-31, April 1 Obed & Rally
Kalamazoo KC
Kalamazoo, MI
Closes 3-14

April 6-8 Obed & Rally
Saginaw Valley KC
Birch Run, MI

Conformation

March 3-4
Detroit Kennel Club
Detroit, MI
Closes 2-15

March 15-18
Mid Kentucky KC, Louisville KC,
Evansville KC
Louisville, Ky.
Closes 2-29

March 23-25
AMSC, LSMSC, Ft Worth KC
Fort Worth, Texas
Closes 2-27

April 7-8
Saginaw Valley KC
Birch Run, MI
Closes 3-21

April 27-29
TCM, Progressive KC
Birch Run, MI
Closes 4-11

Closes 3-21

April 27-29 Obed & Rally
Progressive Dog Club
Birch Run, MI
Closes 4-11

Agility

March 2-4
Sportsmen's DTC
Lapeer, MI
Closes 2-11

March 9-11
Oakland Cty KC
Lapeer, MI
Closes 2-15

March 31, April 1
Bouvier Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 3-14

April 13-15

Siberian Husky Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 3-28

April 20-22
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI
Closes 4-4
OUTDOORS

April 27-29
Ibizian Hound Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 4-12

