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"Along with success comes a reputation for wisdom."

Euripides

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The Types of People Who Show in Conformation.

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Owner Handler
Easily recognizable by their pant-suits and haggard demeanor, the owner-handler is the bread and butter on the AKC's plate of money making ventures. Not to be confused with the Breeder Owner Handler, the Owner-Handler owns the dog outright and puts points on their dog the old-fashioned way... dumb luck. And like training, presentation, and having a nice dog and all. These are the people you need to buy a drink. They're supposed to have done the work themselves, and if they really have? Rain-check. They're exhausted.

Breeder Owner Handler
The Breeder-Owner-Handler, has a similar status as the owner-handler. Unlike the OH however, the BOH rarely if ever actually lives with the dog in

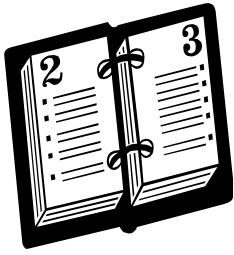
question. Instead, they pawn the dog off on a poor unsuspecting puppy buyer and Co-own till the dog is finished and occasionally bred. These people are more easily spotted by watching the edge of the ring for the dog's actual owners. They can usually be seen peeking out behind poles and talking about how cute Pookie is.

Pro Handler
You absolutely cannot miss the pro-handler. They are the least flustered people in the ring. Every movement is smooth and designed to highlight the strong points of their dog... at least the good ones. When not performing a figure skating routine with their dog (your dog, Martha Stewart's dog... whatever) they can be seen shouting at their legion of lackeys and storming around their RV, looking for their perfect sequin jacket to match the sensible pumps.

Rich Folk
What do Martha Stewart and Bill Cosby have in common (besides being really really rich)? They both own champion show dogs. While Martha loves Chows and Bill has a soft spot for Dandie Dinmonts, both celebrities have been involved in the dog world for years and have both had dogs compete at Westminster. With money to spare, rich folk can hire the best of the best to show their dogs (see pro handler above). You will very rarely see a Rich Folk-type at a run of the mill dog show but they can often be spotted in the stands at the big events, like Westminster or Eukanuba.

My Kid Outgrew 4-H
These people have gotten in way too deep. It started with the kid taking Scruffy

2015 Calendar of Important Events



FEBRUARY 14-
THE C-Pub in Can-
terbury Village,
Lake Orion

APRIL 25-
MSCM Meeting,
Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth

JUNE 27-
MSCM Meeting, Beth Santure's

residence in Milan

JULY 24-
MSCM Agility Trial, Dexter, MI

AUGUST 22-
MSCM Meeting, Joanne Forster's
residence in Elkton

SEPTEMBER 25-
MSCM Fall Specialty Show-Monroe,
MI-Monroe County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 2-4-
Montgomery County
Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 18-
MSCM Meeting, Sue Quinn's
residence in Macomb

DECEMBER 5-
MSCM Christmas Banquet, Coral
Gables, East Lansing

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to the local fair and now they've spent the kid's inheritance campaigning their first homebred champion. The kids are often not seen anywhere near a dog show once they graduate out of juniors.

Cross-over Sports People

It starts out so innocently. You have such a nice dog and you want another from the breeder who you have stayed close with all these



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 litterbut by the least. If you are breeding quality animals, even your pets should be good examples of the breed!

years, showing your dog in your sport of choice. The breeder is elated! They've got the perfect puppy for you, they had planned on keeping him themselves. If you agree to show him, he's yours. How hard can it be? Way less training than the sport you're already successful in. You've just gotta wear a skirt suit for a few weekends, take a few grooming lessons from the breeder, simple right? Now you're hooked, you poor schmuck. Might invest in a panel van and a bumper sticker that says "A Well Balanced Dog Has Titles on Both Ends".

Fabulous Gay Men

Think Stefan and Scott from "Best in Show" (sidenote: if you haven't seen this movie, you seriously need to re-evaluate your life). With immaculately groomed dogs and properly fitted suits, Fabulous Gay Men are a staple in the conformation world.

The Intrepid Breeder

"For the good of the breed." is their mantra and it's what gets them out there every weekend, showing their own dogs. They spend money to show the dogs, so they can spend money to breed

the dogs so they can MAYBE break even. We're pretty sure this is the actual definition of insanity

The Rank Novice

You can spot them from a mile away, but no one is really sure how they got there. They've got the wrong shoes, the wrong clothes, the wrong dog even. They thought it'd be a fun lark to enter. Now they are in the ring and you can see the "Oh, Shit!" look on their face. Their dog won't stack, they've realized the fashion faux pas of wearing pants that match the dog, and you can tell... they are never coming back. Until next weekend.

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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.



Coming soon!
We are bringing back the
Performance Corner.
Thanks new member
JoAnne Scott!



Show Calendar

Obedience & Rally 2015

March 7-8 Obed & Rally
St. Joe Valley Agility Club
Buchanan, MI
Closes 2-18

March 20-22 Obed & Rally
CDTC
Flint, MI
Closes 3-4

March 27-29-Rally
Kalamazoo KC
Kalamazoo, MI
Closes 3-11

April 3-4 Obed & Rally
Saginaw Valley KC
Birch Run, MI
Closes 3-18

April 25-26 Obed & Rally
Progressive Dog Club
Birch Run, MI
Closes 4-8

Agility 2015

Feb. 27-28, March 1
Sportsmen's DTC
Lapeer, MI
Closes 2-12

March 6-8
Oakland Cty KC
Lapeer, MI
Closes 2-13

March 20-22
Central MI Agility Club
Midland, MI
Closes 3-6

March 28-29
Bouvier Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 3-14

April 3-5
German Wirehaired Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 3-18

April 10-12
Siberian Husky Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 3-25

April 17-19
Midland MI Kennel Club
Midland, MI
Closes 4-3

April 24-26
Ibizian Hound Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 4-10

Conformation 2015

April 4-5
Saginaw Valley KC
Birch Run, MI
Closes 3-18

April 24-27
TCM, Progressive KC
Birch Run, MI
Closes 4-8

Braggs

Can Ch.Sercatep's Blue By You O.A., A.X.J., RATI, RATN, T.D.I., N.T.D , "Kaia", completed the requirements for the Barn Hunt Instinct title (RATI) on January 15th at the Great American Dogs trial in Novi. Kaia went on to complete the Novice Barn Hunt title (RATN) with a first and a second place on January 17th. On January 18th Kaia moved up to the Open class in Barn Hunt, earning her first qualifying score and going first in her class as well as High Score in Open with a time of 49 seconds. Kaia is owned by Lisa Martin



All donations for
the Agility trial
Raffle must be in
to Terri by the
June meeting!