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2005

"Make the most of all
that comes, and the least
of all that goes."
- Sara Teasdale

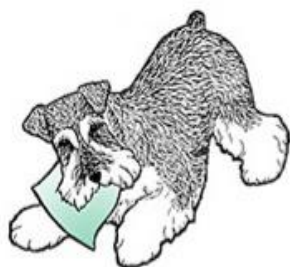
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Updates on 2 Recent Rescue Dogs!

You may remember the story of Izzy in TOP-LINES a couple of months ago. Shortly after that issue went out, Izzy went to her forever home. A very good friend of mine, Fred, a well respected breeder/AKC Judge of German Shepherd Dogs, had been toying with the idea of getting a puppy from me for a house companion. He really liked the all black mini, (I have only S/P) and loved the look of natural ears. He wasn't sure that a young puppy would be right for him and felt a young adult might suit him better. As if "someone" was listening, Izzy came into MSCM Rescue! She is an all black mini with natural ears, young adult (3 1/2 yrs), and already spayed and housebroke! As it must have been destined, they took to each other immediately. Izzy now has her own room to sleep in, on a futon, and is covered with a blanket by Fred every night at bedtime. At 9:30 am every morning she barks to wake him up and is let outside while he cooks



her breakfast (a scrambled egg). In return, Izzy warns Fred of possible intruders from her lookout post on top of the sofa. On a recent visit to see Fred and Izzy, we walked the 6 acre, fully fenced "yard" that is Izzy's. Her self proclaimed duties are to keep the vermin population down (1/2 dozen moles and an opossum so far), and letting every GSD in the kennel know that she is the dog in charge! Fred found the companion he was looking for and Izzy found her forever home!



Bandit came into MSCM Rescue in late June from the animal shelter right next door to me. It just so happens that it is run by my brother-in-law so I have immediate access to any schnauzer that is turned in. Bandit is almost 12 years old and was turned in because his owners were moving and couldn't take him with them. A vet visit found him to be in perfect health for his age! A kind and gentle, and surprisingly active senior, he needed to be fostered until the perfect home for him could be found. Club member Bethany stepped up and welcomed him into her home. He got along wonderfully with her senior schnauzer and 2 cats, and stole the heart of her fiancé, Mike. Needless to say, Bandit has found his forever home with Bethany and Mike who have adopted him!



**Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
Fun Day
August 20, 2005**

**At the home of Beth & John Santure
200 Begole Rd Milan, MI 48160**

Come and join us for a fun filled day!

—Starting at 11:00 am—

**Agility equipment will be available to play on
There will be dog games, a costume fun class
and great food!**

**POTLUCK LUNCH
At 1:00 pm**

**Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for the lunch; salad, vegetable or dessert.
Please RSVP Beth at (734) 439-8331 or email at bjsanture@peoplepc.com to let her know
if you are planning to attend and what dish you are bringing.**

**Guests are ALWAYS welcome!
Remember to bring lawn chairs, exercise pens, & dog treats.**

**MSCM GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWING
LUNCH**

**If you are planning to donate items for the September Specialty Auction, bring them with
you to the meeting**

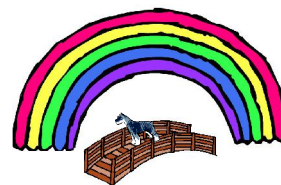
DIRECTIONS:

**South on US-23 to Exit 31 (Willis Rd.), Right (west) onto Willis Rd. to Platt Road (4 way
stop). Left (south) on Platt Rd. for 2 miles to Begole Rd. Right onto Begole Rd, over RR
tracks, only house on the right.**

"Risk more than others think is safe. Care more than others think is wise. Dream more than others think is practical. Expect more than others think is possible."
- Claude T. Bissell



Our condolences go out to member Bethany Gazella for the loss of her beloved Mandy on July 29, 2005 at 13 years young.



2005 Calendar of Important Events



AUGUST 20

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

SEPTEMBER 30

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

OCTOBER 7-9

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 22

MSCM Dinner Meeting held at the Ramada Inn, Battle Creek

DECEMBER 10

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing

"Never grow a wishbone where your backbone ought to be."

- Clementine Paddleford



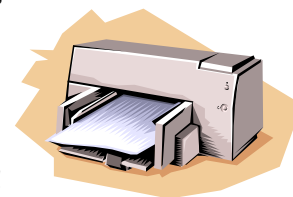
Fundraising

!RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE!

Starting at the June meeting, raffle tickets will be available for members to buy and sell for our fall specialty fund raiser. We do pretty good with the raffle, but we can do MUCH better if everyone would commit to selling
at least 5 books each!!



A reminder to save your empty printer cartridges and get them to Pete Molter. He has the mailing envelopes and will send them all out at once for reimbursement. Get them from friends, family, and work! Toner cartridges also! Bring them to the next meeting or get them to someone who is going to be there!



!AUCTION ITEMS!

Don't forget your donated auction items! Let's keep making our annual auction a huge success!! Get your items in early to either Beth or Joanne.

As always, we are looking for members to pitch in and help where needed! (Setting up, bake sale, selling raffle tickets, cleaning up, etc...)



Member Profile—Lynn Baitinger

I live in Rochester, Michigan and joined MSCM probably about 10 to 12 years ago.

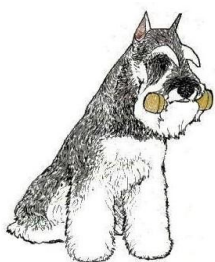
The first dog that Ron and I owned was a Mini we bought from the Macomb County Animal Shelter back in the late 70's. We saw this cute little well groomed male, waited a week to see if he would be claimed, and picked up a matted mess! The dogs slept on straw back then!

I've been "In Dogs" since Shannon (a "newspaper" pup) came into my home in 1986. By chance one of the gals that temped in the law office where I worked trained dogs. We were lunch friends, but I never knew she trained. She strongly suggested I take this little bearded brat to a puppy kindergarten and train it. She trained Belgian Tervurens at high levels of obedience competition. I followed her advice and was hooked almost immediately. She was my mentor for years and she didn't even *like* Schnauzers. I started showing Shannon in obedience and often entered the Schnauzer Specialty in Milan; and even though she never looked anything like a conformation

mini, I was impressed with the kindness and encouragement from club members. I always felt welcome. That is the main reason I joined the MSCM. When I took Katie into my home I got to know Beth Santure and the wonderful bratty dogs from Loneacre Kennels. Agility started informally about 1988, and I'm hooked on that too. The last area of dog sports to enter the picture was conformation, and I was fortunate to show a bit in that when I purchased my little bitch Morgan. Finishing her with Beth doing the grooming and most of the handling was a real eye opener and was very satisfying. My hat is off to breeders and conformation exhibitors – there is so much to know to breed and show a good dog.

I am now owned by three B/S Minis – having lost Shannon at 13 1/2 in 2000. She was "my claim to fame" in the obedience world having earned her OTCH 6 times over! In fact her record was just broken in May of this year. My feisty, joyous Katie 13! She just ran her last agility run in May, and we both enjoyed that. Katie earned so many titles – her USDAA ADCH (agility championship), her AKC MACH and UDX, and her Ca-

nadian UD. Morgan is 4 and has her Am and Can CH, as well as a CD in obedience and an MX MXJ in Agility. Lastly is my 2 year old, Connor. He is my first boy to train for competition and he is so much fun – a little barking fun dog. I look forward to an exciting future with him in both obedience and agility. I've been married to the same man, for 37 years! That is very hard to confess to as I don't feel older than 37, let alone married for that long. I'm so lucky in that Ron is the best "dog dad" in the world. My only complaint is that he spoils them too much. When we go out for the evening, I am the one who has to put them in their crates!!!! What a softie!



You've got to *know your dog*.

As a Novice trainer with my first dog I just wanted the **"The Recipe"**. I wanted my obedience instructors to just tell me the steps. Please give me instructions for #1 thru #10, etc., so I could go home and train exactly that way. Way too often I was told, *"Well, it depends on your dog"*, or, *"You have to know your dog"*. Many years and four trained minis later, I totally understand that phrase, but I still don't like it – as I'm the kind of person who always follows recipes when cooking,

Performance Corner—by Lynn Baitinger

for god's sake!

Breeders intrinsically understand this concept and that every puppy is an individual. They raise a litter with many personalities and see firsthand how each puppy develops and how differently they respond to stimuli.

Of course, there are basic training steps that we all start off with, but very quickly subtle differences in technique may need to be used. Jack Godsill, an old time trainer often said, "Dog training is 90% thought and 10% doing." He felt that the most productive dog training was done sitting in a chair *thinking* about it – then going out and training the dog!

Golden Retrievers are famous for "having read the book" while in the puppy pen. These types of dogs love repetition and enjoy longer training sessions. Most Schnauzers can think of 100 things to do rather than retrieve a

dumbbell 10 times in a row – and they'll show you too if you repeat an exercise too many times! Also, some dogs train great with food as a reward and others love that tug toy – *"you've got to know your dog"*!

Training a dog is a puzzle with thousands of pieces and what works for one dog could very well be totally wrong for another. Each of my minis have had completely different personalities and trying to apply the same training techniques to each has gotten me into much trouble over the years, but thank heaven's they've let me know in no uncertain terms!

I really do dislike this phrase and dislike it even more when I find myself using it when helping a student or friend; however, it is one of the truest statements in dog training. *Knowing your dog is the key to successful training.*

TIPS

HOT SPOT REMEDIES

**Tinactin Anti-Fungal Powder (not spray)

**Equal parts of Witch Hazel, Yellow Listerine & water

**Gold Bond Medicated Powder

**Sea Breeze

**Spray a mixture of 1/3 Clorox bleach & 2/3 water to affected area 2 or three times daily

**Dissolve 2 aspirin in 2 T hot water. Soak a tea bag in this. Apply tea bag to affected area

**Absorbine—directly on the spot several times a day

DIARRHEA REMEDIES

**Solid Pack Pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix). Add a few spoonfuls in food

**Give Rice cooked with apple in it

**Bene-Bac gel

**Acidophilus tablet

**Potato flakes (plain, generic brand) sprinkled over food

"Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are."
- John Wooden



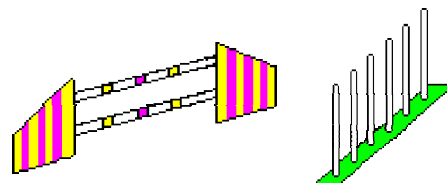
BRAGS

On May 7, at the TCDT of Saginaw, Joanne McCallum's Diamond and her daughter, Bootsie earned their first leg in AKC Rally Novice B.

On June 11 in Mt. Pleasant, Diamond and Bootsie both earned their second leg in Rally Novice B.

On June 18, in Traverse City at the TBKC Trial, Diamond and Bootsie again both earned their 3rd leg earning them their Rally Novice title!

CONGRATULATIONS!



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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.



2005 Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan Fall Specialty Show-September 30

It getting near that time for our fall specialty show. September is right around the corner!

TROPHIES

Lynn, again, is doing an EXCELLENT job on the trophies. This year our trophy "theme" is travel items for people and dogs. Featured are a First Aid travel kit, 12 volt travel mugs, crate fans, and more!

BAKE SALE

Again this year we will be having the bake sale. All members are urged to participate in bringing goodies for the sale. They don't have to be home-made items if you don't have the time. Box mix brownies, cakes, muffins and desserts are just fine. Baggies will be provided to package them into individual servings. Every little bit helps, so let's get baking!!

RAFFLE

Our Specialty Raffle this year has added a 2nd and 3rd prize! Now 3

people can be winners! First prize is a custom made, 48 inch high stuffed Mini! Second prize is an adorable 12 inch stuffed Mini, and third prize is 2 B/S Miniature Schnauzer Ty Beanies! Let's make this another successful Raffle, so members— start selling tickets! If every member can commit to selling at least 5 books of tickets, the Raffle will again be a great success!

AUCTION

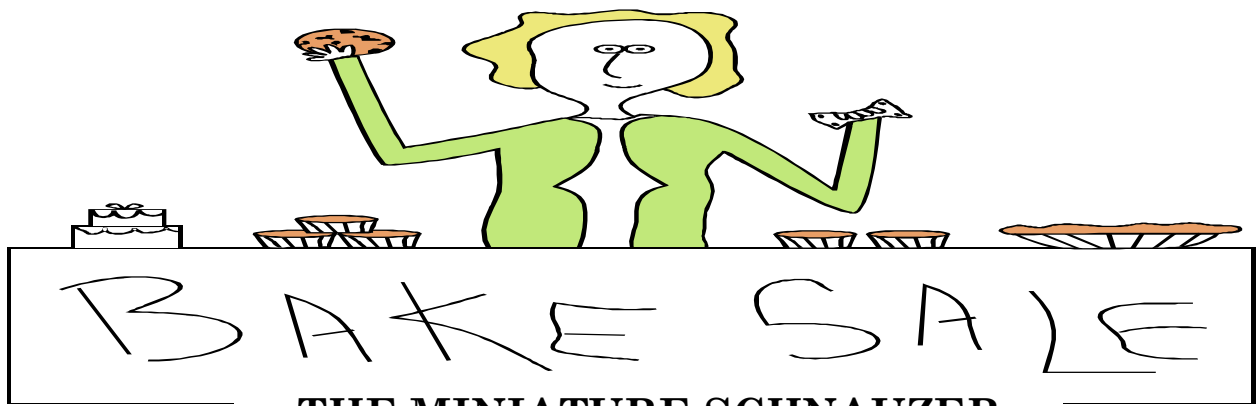
As always members come through with lots of wonderful items for the auction! Every year it seems to get bigger and better. Let's keep it up! Bring items to the next meeting or early the day of the show.

POTLUCK

A fellow exhibitor once said to me after a potluck "Boy, you Michigan people sure know how to eat!!" That's probably why our Specialty Lunch for our exhibitors always goes over so

well! We enjoy good food and good company! Let's continue to make our exhibitor lunch memorable! Cook up your favorite dish (or 2) and bring for the potluck. Just remember to let Sue know what you are bringing so we don't end up with several of the same dishes !(like at last years June meeting?? 4 potato salads!!) LOL Help is always needed from members in setting up the eating area, trophy table, and bake sale & auction tables. Lend a hand if you aren't busy! Help will be needed also to clean the place up when we are done!





THE MINIATURE SCHNAUZER
CLUB OF MICHIGAN
SPECIALTY SHOW

! BAKE SALE !

Sept. 30

It's that time again! It's been such a success in the past that we are doing it again! As always, success depends on members getting

involved!

We need:

Breads

Muffins

Cookies

Pies

Cakes

Brownies

Dessert bars

Remember to package items for individual, or serving size sales (ex. Piece of cake or pie, 3 or 4 cookies or brownies, 2 cupcakes, etc) Items can also be sold whole,

such as:

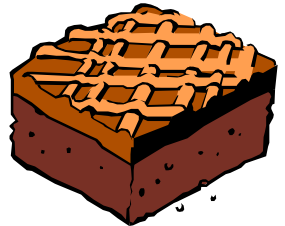
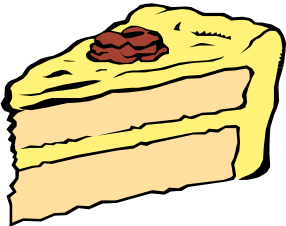
Loaf of bread

Whole pie

1 doz. Cookies

Etc...

(we will have zip -loc bags available if needed)



MSCM June Eye Clinic/Meeting Grooming Seminar



**Debbie & Del's neighbors, the
Sandhill Cranes!!**



**Rescue dog, Bandit, making
friends.**



**Beth demonstrating clipping
the head**



Scissoring eyebrows.....



Debbie is showing how to work a rolled coat

