



TOPLINES

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

*"We must look for the opportunity in every difficulty, instead of being paralyzed at the thought of the difficulty in every opportunity."
- Walter E. Cole*

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1) PETA president and co-founder Ingrid Newkirk has described her group's overall goal as "total animal liberation." This means no meat, no milk, no zoos, no circuses, no wool, no leather, no hunting, no fishing, and no pets (not even seeing-eye dogs). PETA is also against all medical research that requires the use of animals.

2) Despite its constant moralizing about the "unethical" treatment of animals by restaurant owners, grocers, farmers, scientists, anglers, and countless other Americans, PETA has killed over 14,400 dogs and cats at its Norfolk, Virginia headquarters. During 2005, PETA put to death over 90 percent of the animals it collected from members of the public.

3) PETA has given tens of thousands of dollars to convicted arsonists and other violent criminals. This includes a 2001 donation of \$1,500 to the North American Earth Liberation Front (ELF), an FBI-certified "domestic terrorist" group responsible for dozens of fire-bombs and death threats.

4) PETA activists regularly target children as young as six years old with anti-meat and anti-milk propaganda, often waiting outside their schools to intercept them as they walk to and from class-without notifying parents. One piece of kid-targeted PETA literature tells small children: "Your Mommy Kills Animals!" PETA brags that its messages reach over 2 million children every year, including thousands reached by e-mail without the permission of their parents. One PETA vice president told the Fox News Channel's audience: "Our campaigns are always geared towards children, and they always will be."

5) PETA has used a related organization, the PETA Foundation, to fund the misnamed Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), a deceptive animal rights group that promotes itself as an unbiased source of medical and nutritional information. PCRM's president also serves as president of the PETA Foundation.

6) PETA runs campaigns seemingly calculated to offend religious believers. One entire PETA website is devoted to the claim-despite ample evidence to the contrary-that Jesus Christ was a vegetarian. PETA holds protests at houses of worship, even suing one church that tried to protect its members from Sunday morning harassment. Its billboards taunt Christians with the message that hogs "died for their sins." PETA insists, contrary to centuries of rabbinical teaching, that the Jewish ritual of kosher slaughter shouldn't be allowed. And its infamous "Holocaust on Your Plate" campaign crassly compares the Jewish victims of Nazi genocide with farm animals.

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**Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
Annual CERF Clinic
August 18, 2007**



**Dr. Patricia Gearhart ACVO
—Starting at 9:00am—
\$25 per dog**

Your dog's registration information will be needed for eye checks

RALLY DEMO— given by Sue Quinn



POTLUCK LUNCH-Starts at 12:00 Noon

Please call Debbie at (517) 522-4173 or e-mail at debdel@modempool.com with reservations for eye checks and lunch. Please let her know what you plan on bringing for the potluck

Remember to bring lawn chairs, exercise pens

Business Meeting-Immediately following Lunch

If you wish to discuss a matter, have your information ready. Committees, be ready with your reports. This will help to keep time to a minimum.

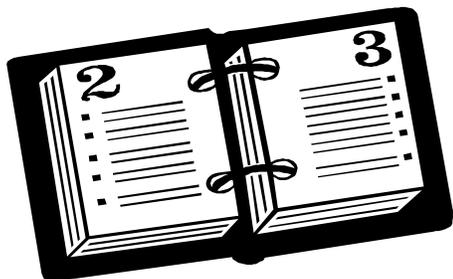
This is held at the home of Debbie & Del Herrell
13551 Phal Rd, Grass lake, MI 49240

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!

DIRECTIONS: I-94 from the East: Exit 157 Pierce Rd. – at the end of the exit turn left (old US-12 Michigan Ave.) Go 4 1/2 miles to Francisco Rd., turn left. Go to stop sign. Turn right on to Grass Lake Rd. Go 1/2 mile to Fishville Rd. Turn left. After S curve is Phal Rd. Turn right (only goes to the right) to the second house on the left (farm)

I-94 from the West: Grass Lake Exit (Mt. Hope Rd.) at the end of the exit turn right onto Mt. Hope Rd. Go to the stop light. Turn left on to Michigan Ave. Go approximately one mile to Norvell Rd. Turn right, continue through 4-way stop to the next cross road. Turn left onto Phal Rd. Go 1 1/2 miles. Farm is on the right.

2007 Calendar of Important Events



AUGUST 18 (location change)
CERF Clinic, Rally Demo, Business meeting, and lunch at Deb and Del Herrell's, Grass Lake

SEPTEMBER 28
MSCM Fall Specialty Show-
Monroe, MI-Monroe County Fair-
grounds

OCTOBER 5-7
Montgomery County Weekend-
Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 20
MSCM Dinner/ Meeting at Clara's
Restaurant in Flint

DECEMBER 8
MSCM Christmas Banquet &
Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant,
East Lansing

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7) PETA has repeatedly attacked research foundations like the March of Dimes, the Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and the American Cancer Society, because they support animal-based research that might uncover cures for birth defects and life-threatening diseases. PETA president Ingrid Newkirk has said that "even if animal research resulted in a cure for AIDS, we would be against it."



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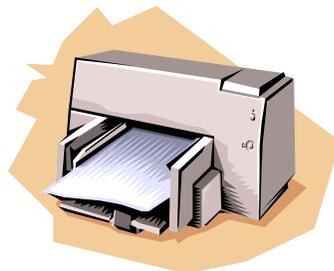


The Whelping Box

No Litters to report at this time

Fundraising

A reminder to save your empty printer cartridges and get them to Joanne. Get them from friends, family, and work! No Toner Cartridges, please! Bring them to the next meeting or get them to someone who is going to be there!



MSCM Fall Specialty Show September 28, 2007

It's that time again for our Fall Specialty Show. That time again to volunteer your services to help make this another successful show! As always, our lunch is a big hit. That wouldn't be possible without our members collectively providing all of the good food! So put on your aprons !

Just as big of a hit as the food is our Auction! Members bring your items for the auction with you or send them with someone who is coming

Don't forget, volunteers are ALWAYS needed for setting up , cleaning up, and tearing down afterward, along with scores of other tasks. Just ask were you can be of help!!

Come support your club! See you there!!



Sometimes It's Just NOT Positive Training Curve "Flat Lined" Our Goals vs. Our Reality In a Slump Training Plateaus Not Connecting With our Dog "Life" Gets in the Way – You know, our Real Lives Handler Issues Dog Issues

Pick any of the above for the title of this column. In this age of "positive" dog training, it is not considered "politically correct" to use negative training with our dogs; nor is it politically correct to speak any negative statements about others, ourselves, our dogs, etc. regarding training methods, goals, issues, etc. Everything is "focus on the positive", ignore the negative.

For example, in Agility runs the "positive" response after a failed run should be to "re-play" that run in your

Performance Corner by Lynn Baitinger

mind, but in your imagination you are performing the course beautifully and your dog is wonderful and perfect as well. The reasoning for that is so that in the future you will go into the ring with positive thoughts and great runs to reinforce your mental attitude and therefore the outcome.

Well, someone forgot to tell the dog, or forgot to tell the weather man, or forgot to tell your knees, or forgot to tell the judge J Sh*t happens and all the positive thoughts in the world won't fix it.

Over the last few days I've heard about Conformation people traveling hundreds of miles to finish a dog – it didn't happen; a wonderfully talented trainer and Obedience dog working so hard for that coveted OTCH– slow in coming; dogs that haven't Q' in a year; a well trained dog who inexplicitly jumped out of the ring over the 4 ft. high fencing – no Q there; and I'm fighting tons of struggles in Agility with my Mini, Connor - perfect start line stay one run, broken the

next, clingy in one run, working well ahead in the next – sooooo frustrating. (Ok, one of the above IS funny –you can pick J)

Yup, sometimes it's hard to stay positive; in fact this morning I don't like that word at all! I'm struggling, frustrated, and perplexed.

My stubborn solution, or should I say, *resolution*, is to dig in, pull myself up by my bootstraps and figure it out. In other words – just keep trying.

After all, the bottom line is – **I love my dogs.**

.....and, yes, thank you - I would like some cheese with this "whine".

Author's Note: Look for Part Two of Great Starts with Patty Terrio in the next issue of Toplines.

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DEDICATION

DEDICATED - A word frequently used to describe pious people, politicians, eager beavers, and very frequently used in the dog world to describe what might appear to be mass insanity.

DEDICATION is:

Being able to unclench your teeth when you are fifth in a class of five.

Giving you last Cloret to a friend in the ring while your tongue is glued to the roof of your mouth.

Rushing into the ladies room for five minutes before ring time to change your crummy slacks for your dashing new outfit, only to find no doors and a half grown boy waiting for his mommy. How come daddies never take daughters into the men's room?

Meeting your friends at 5:00 am while strolling around the parking lot wearing a dirty raincoat over your nightie.

Buying a \$35 picture where you look like something left over from Halloween, but the dog looks great.

Getting down on your knees one more time and feeling your last pair of pantyhose shredding.

Crawling into the van and cleaning up the results of nervous diarrhea in the middle of summer.

Resisting the impulse to abandon on the expressway the idiot who upchucks in his crate after you spent half the night grooming.

Crying your head off after selling a puppy, and two weeks later the ungrateful wretch doesn't even remember you.

Spending three weeks preparing a super whelping box, then watching her whelp behind the couch.

Packing three suitcases for dog, and a shoebox for yourself.

Not taking the deep six when number two bitch comes in season two days before number one bitch goes out.

Not screaming when the P.A. system

goes berserk and you wind up scraping your dog off the ceiling!

Not strangling the clod behind you who steps on your heels and suddenly you are wearing only one shoe.

Riding 300 miles home after losing a major to a friend and still being friends.

Sleeping scrunched into a 2 x 2 foot ball, while tomorrow's star sprawls in total comfort in your bed.

Rolling out of a warm bed and crawling into a cold wagon on Sunday morning.

Warm puppies, wagging tails, and good friends who share what to others seems mass insanity.



It's all about the puppies...

I did something this year that I have never done before. I had two bitches bred at the same time. In the back of my mind I rationalized that only one would probably take or they both would have small litters. When it became evident that both bitches were in whelp, my good friend, who had possession of one of my bitches, agreed to whelp her litter and keep them until they were 6 weeks old for me. Whew! Lucky me! Since I have a rather small house, finding room for TWO whelping pens was going to be a challenge! The bitch with me whelped 3 days early and had 5 healthy babies. Three days later, the other bitch whelped 6 healthy babies!! ELEVEN!! How was I going to be able to do justice to raising eleven puppies? Shoot me, I told my friends, if I ever breed 2 bitches at once again!!

The first few weeks were the easiest, when mom had to do everything. Weaning went off without a hitch. It was easy to snuggle and kiss only 5 pups at this point. Then came the day the "other" six came. The new puppy pen took up residence in the "dog room" where the 5 adults are housed in their "Condo." A little crowded now, but doable. The other puppy pen remained in the living room where those pups had been since birth. Once the second litter arrived, everything was just a blur....Puppies (ALL of them) woke at daybreak. At first I could carry 3 and sometimes 4 outside at a time. Over the next few weeks, this became much like a fitness work out—Stair Stepper with weights!

They all caught on fast that outside was to potty, but they all wanted out RIGHT NOW! LOL After several trips to 2 different X-pens (didn't want to mix them up) I ran back inside to quickly clean the pens. After all the puppies pottied they were brought back in and fed. While they were eating the adults got to go out. Then the adults came in and ate. From then on, in between the naps, eats, potties and cleaning of pens and outside kennels, I somehow managed to groom a few other people's dogs and sort of clean my house. When the work was done, it was play time. I varied from playing with each group to each puppy individually. Some days there just wasn't enough time :- (And some days other things were put on hold while we played. Part of my backyard is a Puppy Park! It's littered with all types of toys, soft platforms to play on AND underneath, puppy tunnels, and lots of room for running! As the time neared to Puppy Evaluation day

(a planned weekend with the help of my friends) I decided the only way to keep track of who was who was to number each puppy Numbers 1 thru 5 for the first litter and 6 to 11 for the second. A felt pen on the belly worked fine and made things much easier. It was determined that I would keep 4 of the eleven for myself.

As of last weekend, 4 of the puppies went to their new, wonderful homes. Early reports are that all are doing well with their new owners! Hearing how well they are doing and how much their owners love them, makes it all worthwhile to me. A labor of love. Something you won't get from a puppy mill! ;-)



Katy at her new home in her new bed!



Our sympathies are with member Del Herrell on the passing of his mother.

Loss of Mother Poem

Now that I am gone,
remember me with smiles and
laughter.
And if you need to cry,
cry with your brother or sister
who walks in grief beside you.
And when you need me,
put your arms around anyone
and give to them what you need to
give to me.
There are so many who need so
much.
I want to leave you something --
something much better than words
or sounds.
Look for me in the people I've
known
or helped in some special way.
Let me live in your heart
as well as in your mind.
You can love me most
by letting your love reach out to
our loved ones,
by embracing them and living in
their love.
Love does not die, people do.
So, when all that's left of me is
love,
give me away as best you can.

~ Author unknown



EXERCISE

Physical exercise is good for you. I know that I should do it daily, but my body doesn't want me to do too much, so I have worked out this program of strenuous activities that do not require physical exercise. You are invited to use my program without charge.

- 1) Beating around the bush
- 2) Jumping to conclusions
- 3) Climbing the walls
- 4) Swallowing my pride
- 5) Passing the buck
- 6) Throwing my weight around
- 7) Dragging my heels
- 8) Pushing my luck
- 9) Making mountains out of molehills
- 10) Hitting the nail on the head
- 11) Wading through paperwork
- 12) Bending over backwards
- 13) Jumping on the bandwagon
- 14) Balancing the books
- 15) Running around in circles
- 16) Eating crow
- 17) Tooting my own horn
- 18) Climbing the ladder of success
- 19) Pulling out the stops
- 20) Adding fuel to the fire
- 21) Opening a can of worms
- 22) Putting my foot in my mouth
- 23) Starting the ball rolling
- 24) Going over the edge
- 25) Picking up the pieces
- 26) Pushing the envelope
- 27) Rounding the corner
- 28) Hedging my bets
- 29) Shooting the bull
- 30) Putting my foot down
- 31) Putting out brush fires
- 32) Keeping the pedal to the metal
- 33) Crunching numbers
- 34) Pulling together
- 35) Going over the edge
- 36) Keeping my ear to the ground
- 37) Nosing out the competition
- 38) Keeping my eye on the ball
- 39) Monday Morning Quarterbacking
- 40) Chewing the fat

Happy exercising. :-)