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"There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment."

—Norman Vincent Peale

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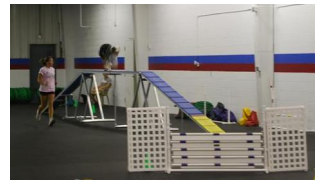
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On July 25, 2008, the MSCM held it's first ever All Breed AKC Sanction Agility Match! Having never done this kind of thing before, it took a combined effort of several members to successfully pull this off!

With a starting time of 6:00 pm, several members arrived early to help with set up. Some of us (namely me) arrived just before start time because of accidents and road construction delays on SB I-75. With a limited entry of 75, we managed to get 71 entries! And out of all that showed at the match 14 qualified. I'm not familiar with agility matches, but it sounds like decent numbers to me!

It was exceptionally nice to see the number of members that came to help with the match. The majority of us were not

learn to help out in any way. A few of our members that do participate in agility (Beth, Lindsay, Pat) ran their dogs and worked the match. Par for



the course, there was a nice spread of food available for the workers and participants. Many thanks to Pat and the other members that brought the food for everyone.

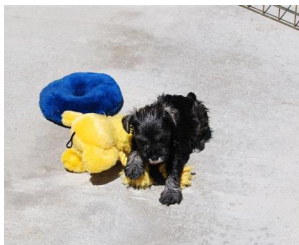
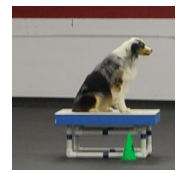


The MSCM would like to extend a thank you to Mandy and Debbie for all of their help and for the use of the wonderful facility, The Canine Sport and Recreation Center in Dexter, MI.

Many thanks also to our Match Judge, member Lynn Baitinger! She seemed to be thoroughly enjoying her job!



Although the event was a combined effort, it could not have been possible without all of the extra hard work and planning that MSCM President Beth Santure put forth. With the match requirement being completed, the next step is our first Agility Trial in 2009! Hope to see you there!



ones that participate in agility, but were eager and willing to

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN BUSINESS MEETING

August 16, 2008

Home Again Microchip Clinic

\$25 per dog (\$20 for 2nd dog/same owner)

Learn Basic, Relaxing Massage for your Dog!

Mini Agility Equipment to play on!

POTLUCK LUNCH-Starts at 1:00 pm

Please call Joanne (989)375-4106 or email : jofor@airadv.net and let her know how many dogs you are bringing to be microchipped and what you will be bringing for the potluck. Bring lawn chairs, exercise pens, and a bathing suit!

Sleepovers are welcomed! :-) Please let Joanne know in advance if you will be staying. Come for the day or stay for the weekend!



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 keep time to a minimum.

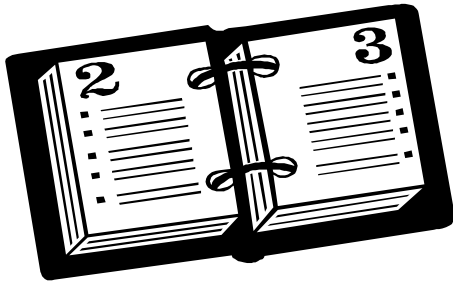
**This is held at the home of Joanne & Rod Forster
2186 S. Elkton Rd., Elkton, MI 48731**

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!

Directions from the Southeast.- Take M-53 North to Sebewaing Road (flashing yellow light) Turn left on Sebewaing Rd. and follow to South Elkton Rd. Take this to the RIGHT. In one mile there will be a detour to the left (Canboro to Farver to Kilmanagh Rd.) This will bring you right back out to S. Elkton Rd. Turn left. We will be the 3rd house on the left hand side of the road, right after the Thumb Animal Shelter. Light grey house, black shutters, fenced back yard with a pool, paved driveway.

Directions from the South & Southwest- Take I-75 North to the M-81 Exit (Exit #151) (There will be construction and detours right before the exit, just stay in the left lane as instructed to get to M-81) Turn right off of the exit, heading East. Stay on M-81 through Reese, Caro, and into Cass City. At the only stoplight in Cass City you will turn left, heading north. The name of the Road starts out as Seeger, changes to Cemetery Rd, then changes to S. Elkton Rd. Stay on this road until the detour signs. Then follow the directions as printed above. NOTE: The 3 mile detour is on gravel roads, but they have been graded and are heavily brined so there is no dust.

2008 Calendar of Important Events



AUGUST 16

MSCM General Meeting, Microchipping, Dog Massage at Joanne Forster's home, Elkton Mi. (Details on page 3)

SEPTEMBER 26

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

OCTOBER 3-5

Montgomery County Weekend- Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 18

MSCM Dinner/ Meeting at Italia Gardens restaurant in Flint

DECEMBER 6

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



Our sympathies and belated condolences are with member Del Herrell on the passing of his father Glen Herrell, 87, on May 18, 2008

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The Whelping Box

Born on July 28th (Del's birthday) at Sercatep were 4 girls 3 boys, all are black and silver. The breeding is Am. & Can. Ch Sercatep's Simon Says x Morris's Simply Daring.

Fundraising

The recent fundraiser of shirts with a Michigan MSCM logo proved to be a great success! Many thanks go to the members of the MSCM that bought shirts., and to the MANY non-members that bought also!! Our furthest buyer came from Pennsylvania! Thanks to those who spread the word to the non members! Anyone who did not purchase a shirt and wants one now, (or if you already have on and want another) contact me asap and we can gather up another order! Thanks again for your help in making this a success!!!

New Member Profile- Karen O'Rourke

My name is Karen O'Rourke and I am glad to finally become a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan!

I live in Southfield, MI , and have wanted to become involved with Schnauzers and the people who are knowledgeable and truly care about them. It's been a while since I have had my 2 female Miniature Schnauzers named Lovey and Pippin. I hope to, as soon as possible, get some more. Due to school delays and finances, it's been on hold..

I bought my Lovey and Pippin from breeders. Lovey was from Helen Alsays and Pippin was from former MSCM member Linda Duke. Both dogs were great companions and did manage several obedience classes. Lovey was a salt & pepper and an extremely docile and quiet schnauzer who put up with a lot from her new owner and others. Pippin was a bit more vocal with the famous schnauzer howls, but still managed to be on the quiet side for a schnauzer. Both loved all sorts of toys, treats, and food. They were a delight in every way and each was a special joy to me. I miss them terribly! Growing up I had various sorts of small animals as pets to include

fish, hamsters, turtles and cats. My grandfather had a farm with pheasants, hunting and sporting dogs, and horses. The dogs were companions that I used to hunt with the pheasants. My favorite was a Weimaraner named Mocha. My sister and I became very involved non-professionally with horses and Western horseback riding.

I have a degree in Dance Therapy/ Psychology, but I have returned to school in hopes of finishing an Occupational Therapy Assistant program. I am in the process of changing schools, but in the meantime, in the fall of 2008, I will be enrolled in a Central Service Technician program. My interest in Occupational Therapy is to work in Hippotherapy with disabled persons by using horses.

In January of this year I auditioned and became a member of the Michigan/Ohio Concert Choir . I'm looking forward to being in my first concert called "Christmas in Color" to be presented in Dearborn, Clinton Township, Flint, Saginaw, Lansing, Brighton, Grand Rapids, and Toledo, Ohio.

The other activities I enjoy are church, and volunteering for the

Michigan Humane Society, where I fostered and then adopted my Cubby. He is the funniest looking Miniature Schnauzer and definitely not what I expected to be adopting. Cubby is a 5 year old black and tan Standard Smooth Dachshund that I have had for approximately 2 years. We are working on Cubby becoming a Therapy Dog. He is a good boy but has many health problems.



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Toxic Plants For Dogs

Alocasia	Corydalis	Jasmine (berries)
Aloe Vera	Crotalaria (seed)	Java Bean (seed)
Amaryllis (bulb)	Croton	Jerusalem Cherry
Andromeda	Crown of Thorns	Jessamine
Apple (leaf & stem)	Cuban Laurel	Jimsonweed
Appleseed (cyanide)	Cycad	Jonquil (bulb)
Arrowgrass	Cyclamen	Kalanchoe
Autumn Crocus (bulb)	Daffodil (bulb)	Laburnum
Avocado (seed)	Daphne	Larkspur
Azalea	Death Camas (bulb)	Laurel
Bird of Paradise (seed pod)	Delphinium	Lilly of the Valley (bulb)
Bittersweet	Dieffenbachia	Locoweed
Black Locust	Dumb Cane	Lupine
Bleeding Heart	Easter Lily	Manchineel
Boxwood	Eggplant (not fruit)	Marble Queen
Buckeye (seed)	Elephant's Ear	Marigold
Buddhist Pine	English Ivy	Marijuana
Buttercup	Elderberry	May Apple (root)
Caladium	Fava Bean (seed)	Medicine Plant
Calamondin Orange	Fiddle-Leaf Fig	Mistletoe (berries)
Calla Lily	Finger Cherry (fruit)	Monkshood
Castor Bean	Foxglove	Morning Glory
Cherry (leaf & stem)	Ground Cherry (not fruit)	Mushrooms
Cherry Pit (cyanide)	Hemlock	Narcissus (bulb)
Chokecherry	Holly (berries)	Nightshade
Christmas Rose	Hyacinth (bulb)	Oleander
Chrysanthemum	Hydrangea	Onion
Cineraria	Indian Tobacco	Pea
Climbing Lily Cordatum	Iris (bulb)	Peach
Corn (Cornstalk) Plant	Japanese Yew	Pencil Cactus

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Toxic Foods For Dogs



CHOCOLATE: Best to remember – dark chocolate, especially baker's chocolate, is the worst when it comes to this type of "poisoning". Chocolate contains a substance called Theobromine (similar to caffeine), which in toxic doses can cause heart attacks. As little as 2 oz baker's chocolate can be fatal for a small dog. If you suspect your dog has gotten into chocolate call your vet immediately.

GRAPES/RAISINS: Surprisingly, this is a toxic fruit for dogs. They contain an unknown toxin, which can cause acute renal (kidney) failure. As little as a handful at a time can be deadly.

ONIONS: A substance in onions, disulfide, is harmless to humans but toxic to not only dogs but cats, horses, sheep and cattle. It causes hemolytic anemia, and as little as 2 slices a week can damage red blood cells, impairing their ability to carry oxygen.

NOTE: Garlic and onion are in the same family, while small amounts of garlic will not harm your dog, too much is not good.

LIVER: In small amounts liver is very good for your dog (less than 3 servings a week). Large amounts cause vitamin A toxicity (hypervitaminosis A). This can lead to bone problems, weight loss and anorexia. Also, never feed liver if your dog is taking vitamin A supplements, and always cook it before feeding.

BONES: Sterilized bones that are purchased aren't the problem. Raw meaty bones and chicken bones are prone to splinter and lodge in the throat, or worse, the intestines, in which case they can perforate the lining causing internal bleeding and possibly death. This doesn't mean "no bones" – ask the butcher for soup bones, bring water to a full boil then cook the bones for approximately 20 minutes (depending on size).

NOTE: The first time I did this I removed much, not all, of the fat and meat from the outside of the bone. My dog's stomachs weren't used to such a treat and I didn't want to cause diarrhea. However, I did save the scraps and fed them on their food at a later date.

RAW EGGS: Cooked eggs are a very healthy treat for dogs, raw egg whites contain a protein called Avidin. This protein depletes your dog of B vitamins, specifically Biotin, which is essential to growth and coat condition. Also, raw eggs may contain bacteria, such as Salmonella.

RAW MEAT/POULTRY: Once again bacteria are the main problem – Salmonella and Clostridium, both can be very serious and costly to treat. Just remember, if you feed meat, cook it first.

NOTE: Best to avoid pork, especially bacon (which contains sodium nitrate).

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS: FYI, 50% of dogs are lactose intolerant (just like people!) – they don't produce the enzyme Lactase, therefore they are unable to break down Lactose (milk sugar). This can cause gas, diarrhea and abdominal discomfort.

NUTS: Walnuts can cause gastroenteritis and are considered poisonous to dogs. Macadamia nuts contain an unknown compound, which can cause muscle tremors, weakness and paralysis of the hindquarters – luckily these symptoms last a short time. In general, nuts are high in phosphorus and may contribute to the formation of bladder stones.

NOTE: Peanuts are a legume, "from the earth", not grown on trees. They are not harmful when used in small amounts.

POTATO: Cooked and mashed potatoes are good for dogs. However, poisonous alkaloids (Solanum) are present in green sprouts and green potato skins.

NOTE: Poisonings occur in people as well as dogs!

TOMATO PLANTS: Stems and leaves contain oxalates, which can cause bladder stones. **NOTE:** The fruit itself is not the culprit, however high amounts of vitamin C can cause gastrointestinal distress.

RHUBARB: This plant (especially the leaves) also contains oxalates.

TURKEY SKIN: Known to cause acute Pancreatitis in dogs.

PIPS: Found in the seeds of apples, pears, plums, peaches and apricots – ALL CONTAIN ARSENIC!

NUTMEG: Is a hallucinogen in dogs.

BABY FOOD: When I worked as a veterinary assistant we commonly gave chicken baby food to dogs and cats that wouldn't eat. Just be careful that the baby food you are feeding doesn't contain onion powder – some do. See [onion poisoning](#) for more information.

MUSHROOMS: In all honesty, any wild growing mushroom scares me, and if my dogs are anywhere near some, I go the other way – you just don't know. Store bought mushrooms are fine, but do you really want your dog to develop a taste for them?

BROCCOLI: There has been a bit of confusion where broccoli is concerned. Broccoli is very good for dogs, however, if the daily intake exceeds more than 10% of the animals diet – problems can occur. The toxic substance is isothiocyanate and can cause gastrointestinal irritation.

NOTE: Broccoli toxicity was first noted in dairy cattle raised in California. When there was an over abundant broccoli crop, it was fed to the cattle. Problems may have occurred because cattle have rumens and digest things much more thoroughly, therefore taking in more of the toxic substance.



TICK REMOVAL



A School Nurse has written the info below -- good enough to share And it really works!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's some times difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me.

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Peony
Philodendron
Poinsettia
Poison Ivy
Pokeweed (root)
Potato (not tuber)
Precatory Bean
Primrose
Privet
Rayless Goldenrod
Rhododendron
Rhubarb
Snow on the Mountain
Star of Bethlehem (bulb)
Stinging Nettle
String of Pearls/Beads
Taxus
Toadstool
Tobacco
Tomato (not fruit)
Tulip (bulb)
Walnuts
Water Hemlock (tuber)
Wild Aconite
Wisteria
Yew

Braggs

On Sunday August 3, 2008, at the Jaxson Kennel Club Show in Marshall, under Judge Alfred Ferruggiaro, Sercatep's Devil In A Blue Dress "Blue", went Winners Bitch for her first point! Blue is bred, owned, and showed by Debbie Herrell

On Saturday, June 21 in at the Michiana Kennel Club show in Valparaiso, Indiana, under Judge Richard Lashbrook, Jofor's Dream It Anyway aka "Tina" completed the requirements to earn her Championship! Tina (owned by Joanne Forster) earned all of her wins from the Bred By class, picking up 3 majors, all on one coat at 13 months of age!

Congratulations!
Congratulations!



MSCM Fall Specialty Show September 26, 2008

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 !

We are bringing back our Bake Sale so ask Bethany what you can bring for that! 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!!