



# TOPLINES

## Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

"Once we discover how to appreciate the timeless values in our daily experiences, we can enjoy the best things in life."

Harry Hepner

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## A Simple Solution to a Nasty Habit

If you were to poll dog breeders on what is their dog's most disgusting habit, hands down it would be "poop eating". We can all agree there is nothing more disgusting than seeing your dog eat poop! Their own or others, most don't differentiate. I'm not talking about a mother dog cleaning up after her puppies, but our healthy adult dogs snacking on waste products. They seem to take the utmost pleasure in it and teach it to the young dogs!

Over the years we've all heard the reasons the "experts" give for why our dogs find poop a delicacy..

- \*They are lacking something in their diet.
- \*They are bored
- \*It's instinct
- \*Medical problems
- \*They are anxious or stressed
- \*(my personal favorite) Dogs

that have been punished by their owner for defecating inappropriately start to think defecation is wrong so they try to eliminate the evidence (WHAT???)  
And the list goes on....  
Bottom line, DOGS EAT POOP! Not all dogs, but many. And they LIKE it! So...how do you stop it?

- Here's what I have tried:  
Keep it picked up (not always possible for me to be there when it hits the ground)  
\*Put an additive in the food that says it will stop stool eating (does not work!)  
\*Cover stool with bad taste, i.e. tabasco sauce, cayenne pepper, habanero sauce, etc..( they ate with gusto like it was beef gravy!)
- \*Diversion-find something that is more fun for the dog than eating poop (you mean there's something MORE fun than POOP???)
  - \*Eliminate stress (I'm thinking

the only stress they might have is from me waving the pooper scooper at them and yelling to stop eating poop!)

Well, finally after YEARS of trying to figure out and trying to stop this nasty habit, I have stumbled upon a website of a product that makes the claim and backs it up with results!

On another dog list people were talking about the benefits of Diatomaceous Earth for dogs. So what the heck is that? you ask. Let me tell you....

Diatomaceous Earth or DE isn't dirt, or even earth. It is ground up microscopic shells of tiny critters called diatoms (related to algae) that lived long ago in the oceans and lakes and died in groups so massive that they can, today be mined, milled and processed for a variety of uses.

# MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN BUSINESS MEETING

August 21, 2010

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



Dan Edwards, the personal trainer is going to do a seminar from 9:30 am to 11 am. The cost for the seminar is \$40 per person. His seminar will cover exercises for strength and flexibility. Good for everyday activities and not just for dog stuff. Seminar participants will also receive a booklet, that includes everything he covered. Participating in the actual exercises at the seminar is optional.

## **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](mailto: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**

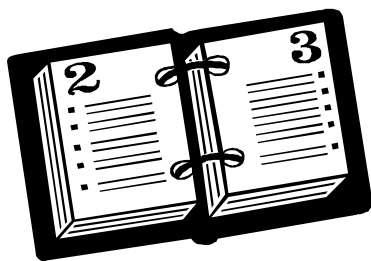
If you are planning to donate items for the September Specialty Auction, bring them with you to the meeting

### **DIRECTIONS:**

**From the North** US-23S 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.

**From the South** US 23N to Exit 27 (Carpenter Rd). Right onto Carpenter. Left onto E. Willow Rd. Right onto Platt Rd. Over Stony Creek Rd. Left onto Begole (only goes to the left) House on the right after the RR tracks

## 2010 Calendar of Important Events



**AUGUST 21-** Santure House in Milan  
(Details on page 3)

### October 1

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

### OCTOBER 8-10

Montgomery County Weekend-  
Pennsylvania

### OCTOBER 23

MSCM Dinner/ Meeting

### DECEMBER 11

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

## Brags

U-CH, U-CD, URO1, UAG1 Loneacre's Dixieland Express CD, RN, OA, OAJ, NF "Dixie" At Ann Arbor KC show July 10th, finished her AKC CD title, with a 2nd place in the first trial and a 3rd place in the second trial. Dixie also earned her UKC CD on July 24th. Dixie is owned by Sue Quinn

On May 15, 2010 R-Jos Trendsetter Bootsie and I earned our Title Open Pref Standard with a 1st placement at Midland Kennel Club

On July 30, 2010 R-Jos U-R-My Sunshine Shasta and I earned Our New Title in Open Pref Standard with a 1st placement and another New Title in Open Pref JWW. with another 1st placement at our MSCM first Agility Trail in Dexter

Bootsie and Shasta are owned by Joanne McCallum



## Don't Forget to Send in your Trophy Donation!!

### MSCM TROPHY DONATION FORM

Amount-\_\_\_\_\_

Check Number\_\_\_\_\_

Donor's  
Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
Lynn Baitinger  
5400 Orion Rd.  
Rochester, MI 48306-2549



## The Whelping Box

Ch. Donnella's Enchanting Sabrina and Ch. Char N Co. Speed Limit  
5 puppies born July 7th - 4 boys 2 BS, 2 SP; one girl SP.

Owner Donna Giles



*"When one door closes  
another opens. But often  
we look so long so  
regretfully upon the  
closed door that we fail to  
see the one that has  
opened  
for us."*

*Alexander Graham Bell*

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[www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org](http://www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org)

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.



## MSCM Fall Specialty Show October 1, 2010



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!!

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Pool Grade DE (for use in pool filters) is toxic for animal and human consumption . Food Grade DE is safe for animals and humans to ingest. It's a natural and safe way to kill internal parasites without chemicals. The microscopic shell particles of DE are sharp enough to cut the parasites without harm to humans and animals. When DE comes in contact with external parasites ( fleas, ticks, etc) and insects (aphids, ants, etc), the sharp edges cut the waxy exoskeleton while the powdery earth absorbs the body fluids causing death from dehydration.

The uses and benefits of DE for animals and humans, are plentiful, too many for me to list here. Visit websites that sell DE for more detailed information, uses and benefits.

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wolfcreekranch1.tripod.com/  
defa.html](http://wolfcreekranch1.tripod.com/defaulta.html)

[http://  
www.earthworkshealth.com/  
How-Diatomaceous-Earth-  
Works.php](http://www.earthworkshealth.com/How-Diatomaceous-Earth-Works.php)

Or simply Google  
"Diatomaceous Earth" for hours  
worth of websites to read :-)

So, back to the poop eating....

After starting my dogs on the DE  
(and myself) I continued to visit  
the Wolf Creek Ranch website,  
(one of the most informative

sites I found) finding out more  
and more information with every  
visit. In the section that discusses  
Coccidia/Giardia I came across  
this statement " If your animal is  
eating stools, it will continue to  
reinfect itself. Stool eating is often  
eliminated by feeding food  
grade diatomaceous earth  
daily. Feed Food grade DE in  
your animals daily food at double  
the recommended daily  
dose once a day for 30 days,  
then back off to the daily recommended  
dose. "

As I read this I realized that  
lately I had been picking up  
whole stools instead of half  
eaten ones! Just to make sure I  
wasn't dreaming this, I hid and  
peeked out the window to  
watch when the dogs were put  
into the potty yard ( you know  
this isn't easy to do with Schnauzers  
because they KNOW you  
are still there even if they can't  
see you!!) One by one they  
would walk by a fresh stool, sniff  
and walk away!! EUREKA!! After  
years of trying every product  
and suggestion, I finally found  
what really works. I don't know  
how or why, but it does.

Sad fact that anything about  
dog poop can make a grown  
woman happy, but I'm now enjoying  
the kisses from my  
Schnauzers without the odor of  
yard snacks!

*Toplines Editor*

## Performance Show Calendar

### Obedience & Rally

Sept 3,4,5 Obed & Rally  
Marquette KC  
Marquette, MI  
Closes 8-18

Sept 4,5 Obed  
Jaxon KC  
Marshall, MI  
Closes 8-18

Sept 10 Obed  
English Cocker Club  
Howell, MI  
Closes 8-25

Sept 11,12 Obed & Rally  
Pontiac KC  
Davisburg, MI  
Closes 8-25

Sept 18,19 Obed & Rally  
St Clair KC  
Goodells, MI  
Closes 9-1

Sept 18 Obed, Sept 19 Rally  
Grand Rapids Agility Club  
Kentwood, MI  
Closes 9-1

Sept 23, 26 Obed & Rally  
English Springer Club  
Davisburg, MI  
Closes 8-8

Oct 1 MSCM Obed Specialty  
Monroe, MI  
Closes 9-15

Oct 1 Obed & Rally  
Monroe KC  
Monroe, MI  
Closes 9-15

Oct 8 Rally, Oct 9,10 Obed  
Ann Arbor DTC  
Whitmore Lake, MI  
Closes 9-22  
Oct 23 Obed, 24 Obed &  
Rally  
Gldn Rtvr Club  
Ann Arbor, MI  
Closes 10-6

Oct 29,30 Rally, 30,31  
Obed

Sportsmens DTC  
Warren, MI  
Closes 10-13

### Agility

Sept 9,10,11  
Ann Arbor DTC  
(OUTDOORS)  
Whitmore Lake, MI  
Closes 8-26

Sept 17,18,19  
Grand Rapids Agility  
Club  
Kentwood, MI  
Closes 9-1

Sept 25,26  
Weimaraner Club  
Dexter, MI  
Closes 9-7

Sept 25,26  
St Joe Valley Agility Club  
Buchanan, MI  
Closes 9-8

Oct 1,2,3  
Grand Traverse KC  
Traverse City, MI  
Closes 9-8

Oct 9,10  
Midland MI KC  
Midland, MI  
Closes 9-25

Oct 15,16,17  
Oakland Cty KC  
Fenton, MI  
Closes 10-1



## HSUS Defined

HSUS stands for the "Humane" Society of the United States. It is a corporation in the United States that does not own or control any animal shelters and it does not represent humane societies in the United States, other than itself.

While HSUS began an animal welfare organization back in 1954, its current focus is toward legislation that severely impedes or eliminates domestic animals and animal ownership. HSUS disguises its political campaigns as attacks against "puppy mills," animal cruelty, and "hoarding." HSUS claims that it only targets "puppy mill" breeders and not "ethical" breeders, but the definition of "ethical" provided by HSUS makes breeding of animals impossible.

HSUS defines "animal cruelty" in the broadest sense that essentially defines nearly \*all\* human contact and control over animals as cruel. HSUS has defined "hoarding" as a mental disorder where a person owns more than the "typical number" of animals and does not care for them in the way HSUS thinks they should. HSUS has further described the "typical number" of animals owned by the typical animal owner as being about 2 and it provides definitions for "proper care" that unreasonable in the broadest sense.

Additionally, HSUS recommends

and encourages unhealthy treatment of animals by promoting its vegan dog food (which is untested as being healthy) and by advocating spaying and neutering, which are medical procedures that carry long term health risks and prevent breeding of quality, healthy animals. Ironically, HSUS opposes animal research, but by placing its vegan dog food in the stream of commerce without testing the long-term safety of its product for dogs (which are naturally meat eaters) on a small test population, HSUS is testing its vegan dog food on the unsuspecting mass consumer population. So, HSUS is conducting animal research on a large scale.

HSUS has also been involved in campaigns to take animals away from innocent people, it advocated the killing of adoptable puppies because they once belonged to Michael Vick, who later took a job with HSUS, and it regularly campaigns for donations to help victims of natural disasters, while offering no aid to those victims.

When HSUS "rescues" animals, it will only collect a few of the stranded animals for photo opportunities to show the corporation as a "rescue" organization. HSUS typically sells the cute animals and disposed of the less marketable animals in area animal that are usually burdened by the disaster themselves. HSUS makes no attempt to reunite animals that it col-

lects with the owners of the animals and it usually discusses the conditions of the animals as "deplorable".

Recently, the HSUS heavily campaigned for donations after the Haiti earthquake. The corporation solicited funds and sent a "team" of people to Haiti to "analyze and assess" the situation. Haiti is a financially poor country with people who cannot readily afford the luxury of "pets." Most of the dogs in cats in Haiti function as scavenger animals, which are the predecessors of modern pets. Scavengers perform a function of consuming human and animal waste and of killing and consuming vermin. Removing these free-roaming animals from Haiti after a disaster would only add to the disaster.

HSUS should have studied these facts before wasting resources to "analyze and assess" the situation overseas. HSUS returned about a month after landing in Haiti and brought back four dogs. Two of the dogs "rescued" from Haiti originated in the United States and accompanied employees of a company owned by HSUS who were evacuating Haiti, but failed to follow the proper protocol for bringing their dogs back.

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# MSCM Meeting-June 19 Grass Lake

