



TOPLINES

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

*"Of all the properties which belong to honorable men, not one is so highly prized as that of character."
Henry Clay*

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I consider him a rescue...

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Here's how it goes:
 Person A shows up with a puppy. Person B says "Oh, such a cutie! Where'd you get him?"
 Person A says "Well, I got him from a pet store, but they said he was getting so old that they were going to send him back to the broker!"
 or
 "I got him from somebody selling puppies online, and when I got there the conditions were so bad I had to buy him!"
 or
 "I called a breeder about puppies in the Want Ads, and she said that she had a puppy she was going to put down because he was sick!"
 or
 "When I got there, I knew I shouldn't buy him, but I bonded instantly with him and I had to take him!"
 and they always, ALWAYS end with
 "So I consider him a rescue."

Well, I consider my hand to be a pumpkin pie, but so far reality has not responded to my wishes.
 That was **NOT** a rescue. That was a **PURCHASE**. And it is a purchase that rewarded, usually amply, the person selling the puppy.
 My next favorite part is when person B says something like the following:
 "Well, it doesn't matter where dogs come from, as long as they find love!"
 or
 "I am sure you couldn't have left him behind!"
 or
 "I am so glad that you gave him this wonderful happy ending!"
 or
 "I can't believe nobody bought him before you! Good for you for buying him!"
 Two words:
BULL
PUCKY.

Do you REALLY think it doesn't matter where dogs come from, as long as they get carried off into the sunrise, surrounded by butterflies and the sound of an autoharp? Seriously?
 Do you think it does that person a BIT of good to have their PURCHASE given your stamp of approval? Because here's who DOESN'T go off into the sunrise:
 – All the other dogs in that pet store, which can continue in business another day because YOU just paid their rent and salaries and covered the pittance they paid for that puppy.
 – The next corgi puppy or Lab puppy or Shepherd puppy who gets ordered from Hunte Corp. because YOU showed them there's a market for this breed, so we'd better get two next time.
 – The other dogs in that breeder's home, who will now
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MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN BUSINESS MEETING

August 22, 2015

Blessing of the Animals

By

Ruthmary "Lucky" King



Starts at 11:00 am

Bring as many pets as you wish, not limited to just
dogs (no snakes or spiders!)

POTLUCK LUNCH-Starts at 12:30 pm

Please call Joanne (989)375-4106 or email : jofor@airadv.net and let me know what you
will be bringing for the potluck. Bring lawn chairs & exercise pens

BUSINESS MEETING– Immediately following Lunch

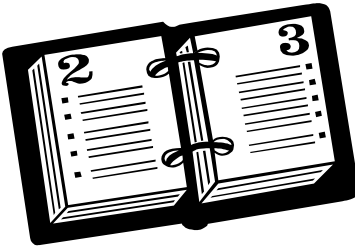
If you wish to discuss a matter, have your information ready. Committees, be ready with your reports.
This will help keep time to a minimum.

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. Go North 2 1/2 miles. We will be the house on the left hand side of the road, right after the Thumb Animal Shelter. Light grey house, black shutters, fenced back yard, paved driveway.

Directions from the South & Southwest– Take I-75 North to the M-81 Exit (Exit #151) 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 through 2 stop signs. The second stop sign crossing road does NOT stop. After the 2nd stop sign we are 2 1/2 miles on the left hand side of the road, right after the Thumb Animal Shelter.

2015 Calendar of Important Events



AUGUST 22-

MSCM Meeting @ Joanne Forster's Residence, Elkton. See page 3 for details

SEPTEMBER 25 -

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

OCTOBER 2-4-

Montgomery County Week-end-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 11-

MSCM Dinner/ Meeting. Sue Quinn Residence

DECEMBER 5-

MSCM Christmas Banquet at Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing



Congratulations to Mary Ann and Katie HIT at the MSCM agility trial. Congratulations to Cristy and Blaze HIT preferred!

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be bred again because wow, she just covered six months of electric bill in a single day thanks to YOUR check, so she WILL breed those dogs again.

– The mother dog in the puppy mill somewhere in the Midwest, who will be bred again because Hunt Corp got a ton of orders for corgis or Labs or Shepherds or Poodles this month.

– The other dogs in your puppy's litter, who were sold to who knows what people with zero screening or any qualifications other than a credit card.

There is a sacred rule upon which our entire society is built: The end does not justify the means.

It is a GOOD thing that the puppy is going to have a good life. That does not justify the tens or hundreds or thousands of BAD things that had to occur to get him to that point.

Your dog is a rescue if he came from a rescue. A rescue is an organization desperately trying to put itself out of business. Your dog is NOT a rescue if he came from a pet store. A pet store is a place trying to STAY in business.

Your dog is **NOT** a rescue if he came from a breeder. And that includes a good one; my puppies are not "adopted" or "rescued" or anything of the kind. I SELL puppies. The difference is that a good breeder doesn't view anything she does as a business, and if she did she'd be the worst businessperson on the planet. She sells puppies based on the accomplishments of their parents and she loses money. A bad breeder is trying to make breeding their business, selling puppies based on the value of cuteness and maximizing profits however is possible. But even when you buy from the best breeder on earth, **YOU ARE NOT RESCUING.**

And STOP mouthing those hideous platitudes about how it doesn't matter where a dog comes from as long as it's loved. You do no one any favors when you justify giving hundreds or thousands of dollars to a machine that grinds up dogs and spits them out dead. When you buy from a pet store or puppy mill or bad breeder, you create pain ten times the size of the good you've done. When you encourage that purchase, you're scratching the chin of a business that can only be called evil.

STOP IT.

If you did something wrong, if you made a mistake, even if you knew it was wrong and said heck with it, I'm doing it anyway, OWN IT. Say "I did something really stupid, something I hope you don't ever do, something I hope nobody ever does." If somebody comes to you chirruping about a puppy, say "He's gorgeous, but you can never, never do that again and here's why." Will it offend people? Absolutely. Will they think you're mean and uncharitable and go away saying "I don't regret a single thing I did! I'd do it again!" For sure. But the thing is, they WON'T do it again. The next time they stop in front of a pet store window, they'll hear your voice and they'll feel just a little bit ashamed, and they will NOT go back in. They may attribute the wiggle in their gut as a desire for Cinnabon that's greater than their desire to see a Beagle puppy, but the result is the same. A puppy does not get purchased. And if enough are not purchased, that pet store will go out of business. Don't think it can happen? It does all

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Show Calendar

Obedience & Rally

Sept. 11-13 Obed & Rally
GRAC
Kentwood, MI
Closes 8-26

Sept. 12-13 Obed & Rally
St. Clair KC
Goodells, MI
Closes 8-26

Sept. 25 Obed & Rally
Monroe KC
Monroe, MI
Closes 9-9

Oct. 2-4 Obed & Rally
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI
Closes 9-16

Oct. 17-18 Obed & Rally
Golden Ret. Club
Ann Arbor, MI
Closes 9-30
Limited Entry

Oct. 23-25 Obed & Rally
Sportsmen's DTC
Warren, MI
Closes 10-7

Oct.30-31,Nov. 1 Obed & Rally
CDTC
Flint, MI
Closes 10-14

Agility
Sept. 4-6
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI
Closes 8-20

Sept. 12-13
Fort Detroit Golden Retriever
Lapeer, MI
Closes 8-28

Sept. 11-13
GRAC
Kentwood, MI
Closes 8-26

Sept. 18-20
Fort Wayne Obed TC
Dexter, MI

Closes 9-5

Sept. 26-27
Grand Traverse KC
Midland, MI
Closes 9-11

Oct. 2-4
Midland MI KC
Midland, MI
Closes 9-18

Oct. 9-11
Oakland Cty KC
Grand Blanc, MI
Closes 9-23

Oct. 16-18
Ibizian Hound Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 10-2

Oct. 23-25
Central MI Agility Club
Midland, MI
Closes 10-9

Oct. 10 & Nov. 1
RRRR
Dexter, MI
Closes 10-16

Conformation

Sept. 12 & 13
St Clair K C
Goodells, MI
Closes 8-26
(Desmond Murphy, Norm Patton)

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the time. When I was a kid, everybody got every pet from a pet store, and there were little mom and pop pet stores in every town. Now, I can think of only four or five within two hours of me. Those are staying in business because they have the tiny designer dogs of the moment; I haven't seen a big dog in a pet store in New England in

Sept. 25-27
Terrier Club of MI, Monroe KC
Monroe, MI
Closes 9-19
(Shirly Cole, Karin jaeger (Sweeps), Linda Wells (Prov), Sean Delmar)

Oct. 10 & 11
Mad River Valley KC
Urbana, OH
Closes 9-23
(Marjorie Underwood, Richard W. Powell)

Oct. 24 & 25
Delaware OH KC
Delaware, OH
Closes 10-07
(Cindy Meyer, Rhonda Davis)

Oct. 28 – Nov. 1
Pontiac KC, Greater Muskegon KC, Kalamazoo KC, Grand Rapids K C, NE Indiana KC
Closes 10-14
(James Reynolds, John R Newson, James Frederickson, Gloria Geringer, Peggy Beisel-McIlwaine)

years. IT'S WORKING. And if enough pet stores go out of business, Hunte will go out of business. And when that happens, thousands of puppy mills will simply shutter their doors. There will be a massive increase in dog auctions for six months and then they'll blessedly go away. And THAT is the true end we want.

Don't settle for anything else!

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WE ARE ON THE WEB!
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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.



MSCM Fall Specialty Show September 25, 2015



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!!

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

Come support your club! See you there!!

Performance



Owner

Barn Hunt

Barn Hunt is one of the fastest growing sports for dogs and handlers to enjoy together. I recently participated in my first Barn Hunt trial with my two Minis, Ajax and Twister, and I can see why people enjoy it so much. One trial and I am hooked!

Barn Hunt demonstrates a dog's vermin hunting ability in finding and marking rats in a "barn-like" setting, using bales of straw to provide climbing and tunneling obstacles the dog must negotiate in hunting for the rat. Any breed, or mixed breed, at least six months of age, that can fit through an 18 inch high tunnel constructed of straw bales is eligible to enter a Barn Hunt trial. Bitches in season can compete as long as they wear panties. Dogs who are deaf, have partial vision, or are missing a limb can also compete as long as they can safely navigate the course. At the recent trial I attended, a very diverse group of dogs were competing, ranging in size from a Chihuahua to a very large Bovier. Dogs of any and all breeds, temperments and sizes can enjoy and be successful at Barn Hunt.

HISTORY

Barn Hunt is based on the skills historically used by "Ratcatchers" and their dogs who traveled the countryside helping farmers get rid of vermin that would eat their grain and spread disease. Ratcatchers used go-to-ground breeds as well as a variety of terriers in performing their vital work. Until now, these dogs have not had an officially licensed test that simulates their traditional task and recognizes the skills and teamwork it requires.

THE RATS

Domestic or domestic rat crosses are the only acceptable animal for use in Barn Hunt. The rat is secured in a heavy PVC "rat tube" which is large enough to allow the rat to turn around, contains some litter for the rat's comfort and has airholes in the sides and grates in the ends to allow good airflow. The tubes are quite heavy and are designed to protect the rat during the hunt. A Barn Hunt course will contain, at a minimum, three tubes: one tube that contains a rat, one tube that contains used litter from the rat's cage and one empty tube. The tubes are hidden on the course, covered by enough straw to ensure that they cannot be seen by either the dog or the handler. The dog must use his/her sense of smell, and possibly hearing, to locate the tube which contains the rat. The dog must indicate he/she

has found the rat in a manner that is recognizable by the handler.

Great care is taken to protect the safety and comfort of the rats. Any dog or handler whose actions or behavior puts a rat in jeopardy can be immediately excused from the trial. Rats must have access to a clean, comfortable cage in a quiet location away from the dogs, and given frequent rest periods throughout the day. One of the most important jobs during a Barn Hunt trial is that of the "Rat Wrangler", who is responsible for the rats and rat tubes.

THE COURSE

Barn Hunt courses will contain the following elements:
The Start Box: The start box is a 4 ft x 4 ft square area in the ring, marked with four cones in the corners, or chalk or tape on the floor, from which all teams will start the course. Once in the start box, the handler will remove the dog's leash and collar and release the dog when directed to do so by the judge.

Official Tunnel: Official tunnels are constructed with stacked straw bales and are 18 inches wide by the height of the bales used in their construction. Tunnel length and turns vary by class level. At least one tunnel must be at ground level.

Ramps: Ramps constructed of boards with a non-slip surface or straw bales set at an angle help dogs access different levels of the course.

Bridges: Bridges are optional to add variety to a course. Bridges are ramps or boards spanning an open space between bales.

THE COMPETITION

Three elements must be completed successfully for the dog to earn a qualifying score:

1. Complete a tunnel by entering one end and exiting the other end.
2. Complete a climb by climbing or jumping onto a bale of straw. All four feet must touch the bale, but don't need to be touching at the same time.
3. Find the rat tube containing the live rat.

During a Barn Hunt trial, the dog and handler teams in each class are divided into groups of five. One group at a time is instructed to enter a tent, called the Blind, which prevents those teams from viewing the course. Once the teams are in the Blind, the rat tubes are placed on the course. The teams are directed, one at a time, to exit the Blind, and proceed to the course to attempt to find the rat. The locations of the rat tubes are changed after each group of five dogs has completed their turn on the course.

EARNING BARN HUNT TITLES

There are several levels of Barn Hunt competition,

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depending on the skill and experience level of the dog. Titles are earned consecutively. Once a dog earns a title, he/she must move up to the next level at their next trial.

Barn Hunt Instinct (RATI): Instinct is an optional class for dogs without a Barn Hunt Novice title. The three tubes are placed in plain site on the floor. Dogs have one minute to find the tube containing the rat. One qualifying score is required to earn the RATI title. Dogs may compete in Instinct until they earn the Novice title.

Novice Barn Hunt (RATN): Three tubes are hidden on the course: one containing a rat, one containing litter and one empty tube. Dogs have two minutes to find the tube containing the rat. The dog must also complete one tunnel and one climb. Straw bales can be stacked two high. Three qualifying scores are required to earn the RATN title.

Open Barn Hunt (RATO): Four tubes are hidden on the course: two containing a rat, one containing litter and one empty tube. Dogs have two minutes 30 seconds to find the two tubes containing a rat. The dog must also complete one tunnel and one climb. The tunnels must have one turn, and there can be more than one tunnel. Straw bales can be stacked three high. Three qualifying scores are required to earn the RATO title.

Senior Barn Hunt (RATS): Eight tubes are hidden on the course: four containing a rat, three containing litter and one empty tube. Dogs have three minutes 30 seconds to find all four tubes containing a rat. Dogs must also complete one tunnel and one climb. The tunnels must include two to three turns, and there can be more than one tunnel. Straw bales can be stacked four high. Three qualifying scores are required to earn the RATS title.

Master Barn Hunt (RATM): Ten tubes are hidden on the course, one to five containing a rat. Handlers are not told how many rats are on the course. All tubes without a rat will contain litter. Dogs have four minutes 30 seconds to find all the rats on the course. Dogs must complete one tunnel and one climb. The tunnels must have a minimum of two turns, and there can be more than one tunnel. Straw bales can be stacked four high. The locations of the rat tubes are changed for each competitor. Five qualifying scores, under two or more different judges are required to earn the RATM title.

Barn Hunt Champion (RATCH): Dogs must achieve 10 additional Masters legs after earning their RATM title.

Barn Hunt Champion X (RATCHX): Dogs must achieve 10 additional Masters legs after earning their RATCH title.

Barn Hunt is a fun and challenging sport that can be enjoyed by many different breeds, sizes and type of dogs. Seminars and classes are available to help new

dogs and handlers get started. For more information, find locations of trials, register your dog with the Barn Hunt Association and much more, please visit www.barnhunt.com.

Happy hunting!



Marilyn Joan "Jo" Glanis, 85
Jul. 13, 1929 – May 27, 2015
Battle Creek, Michigan

A longtime friend and MSCM member passed away May 27, 2015 surrounded by her loving family. Jo was born on July 13, 1929 in Battle Creek to Stanley and Mable (Lee) Marquart. She married Nicholas J. "Nick" Glanis Jr. on August 19, 1950 in Battle Creek. Nick preceded her in death on March 13, 2011. Together they owned Marshall Building Components where Jo worked as the office manager and book keeper for 25 years. She retired her career in 1989.

She took great pride in being an owner, breeder, handler at JNJ Miniature Schnauzers for 36 years and skillfully finished 4 champion Schnauzers. Jo always had a smile for anyone that looked her way. The late Carol Somers from Zomerhof kennel was a great friend and mentor to Jo. Knowing our club members well, I have to mention the importance of Jo's deviled eggs, known to be an exceptional addition to our potluck luncheons. She also opened her beautiful home on occasion to host MSCM meetings. Memories of Jo reflect a warm, friendly and ambitious lady who loved her family, friends and Miniature Schnauzers.