



TOPLINES

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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“Win with humility, lose with grace, and be grateful for any success”

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Officers 2005

President: Beth Santure
Vice Pres.: Joanne Forster
Secretary: Bethany Gazella
Treasurer: Sue Schauer



Meet Isabel!



I don't consider myself a Rescue person, but when Peggy emailed me and asked if I could take in a rescue from a nearby city (my hometown, actually) I obliged. Fellow MSCM member Jean accompanied me on the Sunday drive to pick up the dog. I contemplated just what I was going to do with her, having 6 of my own schnauzers and a cat in the house. Hopefully it would be a short stay and she would get along with the others!

We arrived at the house and were greeted by a shaggy little "something" barking in the front window. In a flurry of her excitement, we met Isabel (Izzy for short) as we stepped inside! Underneath the shaggy hair was a happy, friendly black MS with natural ears. In tears, her owner explained her agonizing decision to place

Isabel in our care. We thanked her for not abandoning her at the local shelter and assured her, that given the circumstances, she was doing the right thing, for Izzy and for her family. As we gathered up all of Izzy's belongings (large bag of toys, bed, food, leashes, etc..) they said their goodbyes. Choking back our own emotions, we gave hugs and reassurances that Isabel would be fine, and we left. And fine she is! It took about 2 days for Isabel to mourn the loss of her home and family, then she took over our household! She had no desire to make friends with our dog pack, so her crate was put into the living room. Or should I say, HER living room! Most of the 20 toys she brought with her are strategically placed all over the floor for easy access. Not only are these toys (especially the talking, moving Big Bird) fun to "kill" repeatedly, but they serve as wonderful back scratchers! (yes, she rolls around on top of them,

growling!) Chasing the toys she insists that you throw for her is another great pastime. If you fail to take it from her to throw again, she will toss it at you or place it in your lap! After all of the toys are "dead", it's now time for Isabel the watch dog to man the "stations" (couch & chair) by the windows, watching for possible intruders!

The past couple of weeks with Isabel have been fun! We are going to miss tripping over her toys, the adoring stares, and most of all her kisses. We take comfort in knowing that we made it possible for Isabel to find her forever home!

If you haven't done it already, make yourself available to foster a rescue dog. It just might be another Isabel!!

—Joanne Forster



MSCM General Business Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2005

A brunch meeting was held at Coral Gables Restaurant in East Lansing, Michigan.

President Beth Santure called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Attendance was as follows: Mark and Karin Jaeger, Bethany Gazella, Peggy and Pete Molter, Beth Santure and Margo Heiden. Guests were Michael Hoover, Susan Quinn, Sherry and Jim Herrick, Lindsay Santure, and Marty, Jenna and Dawn Orr.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Due to a lack of quorum, the secretary and treasurer's reports will be read at the next general meeting. President Beth Santure did report that per Treasurer Diana Schauer, we have a balance of \$1,663 in our account after the liability insurance was paid.

Membership Committee Chairperson Joanne Forster had advised her that we have no pending memberships and that the last Toplines was sent as half email and half regular mail. Discussion was held on various ways of reducing printing costs. Suggestions included paying for hard copies and getting the newsletter printed commercially. Getting an extra printer for Joanne was also mentioned due to the wear on her personal printer.

Education Committee Chairperson Margo Heiden stated that she had contacted Dr. Ramsay about giving a program on veterinary ophthalmology, but he was unable to. She will try to have a program ready for the April meeting. Discussion was held on having an acupuncture and massage workshop. We also discussed having a grooming seminar and making a DVD as a club project.

Hospitality Committee Chairperson Diana Schauer had advised President Beth Santure that the June 26 meeting will be held at Deb Herrell's and the October 22 meeting will be held in Battle Creek at the Ramada Inn. This time we will have a conference room so we can have a speaker. Karin Jaeger is checking places in the Lansing area for our December meeting. We may have a December 10 evening meeting or a December 11 brunch.

Show Committee Chairperson Karin Jaeger stated that John Constantine has agreed to judge the September specialty show and he charges \$3 per dog. Barry Christy may judge the sweeps. She is still searching for an obedience judge.

President Beth Santure stated that we might use an art theme for trophies at the specialty show. Kim Hundley does drawing and painting and Peggy Molter makes hand-made cards. We looked at samples of Kim Hundley and Peggy Molter's artwork and were impressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held about the need for a club historian. Several people have documents in their possession and we need to organize and keep important papers in one place.

President Beth Santure asked Secretary Bethany Gazella to post an email message to the group about a pet massage conference held by the Pet Massage Institute in Toledo, Ohio from April 22 through April 24, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bethany Gazella, Secretary

**Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
Dinner/Meeting
April 9, 2005**

**Bavarian Inn Restaurant
713 S. Main Street
Frankenmuth, MI 48734
Phone (800)228-2742**



**US-23 to Exit 136 (Birch Run)
Turn East & proceed to M-83, turn left, proceed to downtown,
on the right after the covered bridge**

**Cash Bar Social Hour at 5:30 pm
Dinner served at 6:30 pm
General Meeting to follow**

MENU:

**Family style chicken dinner with all of the accompanying
side dishes. Coffee and tea included. Cash Bar.**

**Cost is \$21.00 per person (tax & gratuity included)
Children under 12 get a discounted price.**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Will Schultz DVM

**Reservation REQUIRED by April 1 to Diane Gardner (810)789-6605 or
email gardnerdiane@comcast.net**

**Canine Reproduction Seminar
With Dr. Robert Van Hutchinson,
DVM**

SPONSORED BY: Paws With A Cause

DATE: April 30th from 9 to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Canine Community Center,
Ten Mile and Dequindre Area, War-
ren, MI

COST: \$80.00

Lunch Included

For Registration Form or more infor-
mation, please call Renee Schulte at
800.253.7297, or email:

RSchulte@pawswithacause.org



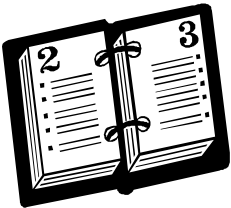
Peppy at 9 Months old
Loved by Diane Gardner



**WISHES FOR A SPEEDY
RECOVERY**
for Member Darleen Foxall
Recovering from major surgery!



2005 Calendar of Important Events



MARCH 26 & 27

All-Breed Obedi-
ence Trial-
Companion Dog
Training Club of
Flint, MI

APRIL 9

MSCM Dinner Meeting- Bavarian
Inn, Frankenmuth RSVP by April 1

APRIL 16

Pat Hastings Seminar-Leader Dogs
for the Blind-Rochester, MI Pre-
register by April 1

JUNE 26

Annual MSCM Outdoor Potluck
Meeting & Eye Clinic- Held at Deb-
bie Herrell's residence, Grass Lake

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 11

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-
Place to be Announced

**"Grab a chance and you won't be sorry
for a might have been."**

—Arthur Ransome



The Whelping Box

*Born February 2005, a litter of seven, 4 females & 3 males

Sire: Ch. Zomerhof's Mile Marker

Dam: Zomerhof's Remembering Rebecca

Owner: Carol Somers

*Born March 12, 2005, a litter of seven puppies, all S/P

3 males and 4 females.

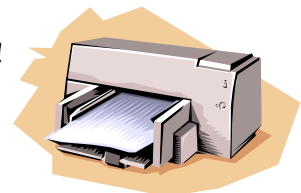
Sire: Ch. Char N Co Speed Limit (B/S) "Radar"

Dam: Ch. Jofor's Better Things To Do (S/P) "Terri"

Tired owner: Joanne Forster :-)

Fundraising

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!
Thanks!



Member Profile—Bethany Gazella



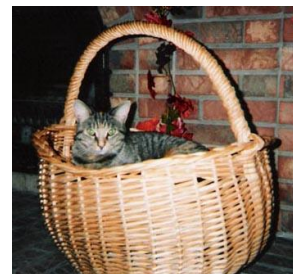
Greetings!
My name is Bethany Gazella and I am the newly elected Secretary of the MSCM. I reside in Dowling, MI with my soon to be

husband (wedding date 9-18-2005)

Mike Hoover, Mandy (a MSCM Rescue dog), and rescued cat Mocha.. I am retired from the State of Michigan Family Independence Agency after 23 years as a welfare caseworker. I enjoy crafts such as sewing & silk flower arranging, and reading and gardening.

I joined the MSCM to learn and decide what I want to accomplish with my next dog. The club members have been great friends and mentors. I have even learned to do my own grooming! I now have the honor of being the club Secretary.

As a pet owner of a mini with serious health problems, I would like to help our Club work with the AMSC to further research into Miniature Schnauzer health problems.



OBEDIENCE TRAINING – You know*Sit.... Down....Come....* those basic things.

Why is this a good idea for every single puppy and/or dog whether an inspiring Obedience Champion or the puppy or rescue that will be raised in a wonderful pet home?

I got to thinking about this for no particular reason except an interesting incident came to mind recently.

While I was showing Morgan in breed I took the opportunity to have professional photographs taken while she was “all dolled up”. While Morgan was up on the photographer’s platform sitting on the spot I asked, and watching me from a distance to get a certain head angle, a breeder/handler in the area passed by and happened to notice. She commented in a tone of amazement, “*How did she get her to do that!*” I must say, I was equally amazed that a “dog person” would make a statement like that.

But, then I realized that breeders who show in the conformation ring train very differently than I do. Earning a Conformation Championship requires its own special set of handler skills

Performance Corner by Lynn Baitinger

and training techniques. Not very many obedience dogs can stand as beautifully or gate as well as a conformation dog. As most of you know my respect for the breed ring went way up when I learned to show Morgan.

Many Agility enthusiasts don’t want to “ruin” their dog’s drive by training traditional obedience exercises. Later, they run into trouble in the agility ring because of their dog’s lack of basic training. I’ve seen agility dogs that could be wonderful if their owners had only taken some time to also train a stay for the start line for example! To their credit, most agility enthusiasts realize soon that basic obedience is not the dirty word they think it is.

In my experience, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public are overly impressed when they see a dog perform a basic sit stay for a treat. I’ve seen this way too often during my years and it is starting to depress me. In this enlightened age, I feel that Basic Dog Training 101 should be the standard, not the exception. Do they really expect that little from a pet? Perhaps this mindset contributes to the problem of so many dogs in animal shelters. I think it does.

Because I am what is commonly called, in the dog world, an “obedience” person – one who loves to train my dogs

for competition as well as for the fun of training; perhaps it is I who needs an attitude adjustment or a reality check. Well, I don’t like this reality. We sell our dogs’ short by not giving them these basic skills. For me training a dog and seeing the light bulb go on is a wonderful feeling. There is so much more to a dog than a warm body and wiggly tail. Training brings out the personality of a dog or puppy and the confidence they gain serves them well in this confusing world of ours. Also, the human/animal bond must multiply tenfold with the interaction of training. Puppy obedience is so much fun – it is all done with food and luring. A cookie by the nose raised up, causes the puppy to sit. A cookie tucked under their chin/chest causes them to lie down. Soon they realize that this is a great way to get a treat and with a bit more training.....I wonder what possibilities await!

Perhaps members of the MSCM, both as a group and individually, may want to consider promoting and encouraging puppy and obedience classes to all the dogs we sell, rescue and place. A mentally healthy dog is just as important as a physically healthy dog - and I’ll bet it is a happier dog too

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We're on the Web!
www.mscm.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.



From the President's Desk.....

Well, those two dogs I stripped for spring shows are now in coat. The problem is those coats are growing faster than I'd like and the dogs probably won't get to as many shows as I had planned, darn. Joanne Forster, Lindsay and I attended the International shows in Chicago this past February and had a very nice time. The entry for Mini's was 54 and there were some very nice dogs there. The shopping at the show vendors was great, ask to see my new Schnauzer purse! It's very cute. I attended the AMSC Board of Directors meeting and will report on that at our April meeting. As you read this issue of Toplines, the Detroit Kennel Club show will be past with an entry of 7 for our breed this year. New also is a third show on Friday before Cobo, the Terrier Club of Michigan is holding a spring group show. We have a new club brochure to hand out at DKC

this year along with the usual educational information. I encourage you all to attend the dinner meeting at Frankenmuth, as our speaker is Dr. Will Schultz who is always full of information and wit. The family style chicken dinner they serve is all you can eat and delicious. Our education committee is hard at work this year so look forward to some good meetings that I hope more members will take advantage of and come and participate in. I saw my first Robin and the Crocus are popping through in my yard so spring is just around the corner, I HOPE!

Regards,
Beth Santure, President



Happy St. Patrick's Day!!



TIPS

Sooper Chicken for Dogs

This is a natural source of protein and calcium—great for pregnant and nursing mothers!

Save all skin, bones, and unwanted pieces of chicken (or turkey). Place in a crock pot & cover with water (this is a good way to make use of leftover broths, veggies, and their juices). Sprinkle with garlic salt. Cook on high for 5 hours. Turn on low for another 25-30 hours. A pressure cooker decreases cooking time. Scoop broth, bones & veggies into a blender. Bones will be soft (large turkey bones must cook longer) Blend on high until it is completely liquid. Pour into empty containers and refrigerate or freeze, defrosting as needed. The mixture will resemble chocolate pudding. Stir in 1 heaping spoonful into the dogs regular meal

Some succeed because they are destined to; most succeed because they are determined to."
- Anatole France

*To help improve coat condition on your dog, use a humidifier in whatever room your dogs spend most of their time (ie. living room, kitchen, kennel, etc...)

* If you have a male dog that is very sensitive to bitches in season, or excessively sniffs the ground, (very distracting while at dog show-conformation or obedience) put vanilla extract on his nose and whiskers. Keep it in your tack box so that every time you go to a dog show, he accepts it as normal grooming procedure and his concentration will be undisturbed.



BRAGS

Terrier Club of Michigan-

(Detroit Cobo) Hall-March 18, 2005

Best of Breed- Ch. Loneacre's Chances Are- -Owned by Beth & Lindsay Santure

Detroit Kennel Club

March 19, 2005

Best of Breed- Ch. Loneacre's Chances Are- -Owned by Beth & Lindsay Santure

Winners Bitch—Char N Co Need For Speed- -Owned by Beth Santure

Detroit Kennel Club

March 20, 2005

Best of Breed—Ch. Loneacre's Chances Are--Owned by Beth & Lindsay Santure

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite, Puppy Group 1—Char N Co Need for Speed- -Owned by Beth Santure

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