



TOPLINES

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

*"If I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning."
Mahatma Gandhi*

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If you have ever enjoyed a professional massage, you know the relaxation it brings. The benefits of massage for your dog are plenty. Massage improves flexibility and circulation. (highly recommended for performance dogs) Tense muscles will loosen, body stress is reduced (it's a proven fact that massage lowers the level of stress hormones in the body), and it will bring relief to stiff joints. Physiologically, massage increases blood circulation, rapidly clearing away waste products, and replaces them with fresh nutrients.

Massage will strengthen the bond between you and your dog. It will feel good to the dog, more than just simple petting. Massage may help calm a panicky dog and ease the apprehension of a high strung dog.

Massage can also relax the muscles on an active dog. The by product of normal body metabolism is lactic acid. During exercise, more lactic acid is produced. When more lactic acid is produced than is removed, the build up

causes muscles to ache. Massage helps to move the blood, flush out the toxins, and relieve some of the discomfort. Puppies will benefit from massage, especially between 3-10 weeks of age (their prime socialization period). Changes in your dog's health may be felt before they are seen. You will learn 3 simple, basic techniques to perform relaxing massage for your dog. These are not deep muscle manipulations and are not intended to replace medical treatment.

Things to Avoid During Massage:

Never force massage on a dog!! If they don't want it done, don't do it!
If you aren't in a good mood, don't massage.
When the dog decides the massage is over, (walks away, etc..) it's over.
Respect the dog's boundaries, massage according to his preferences of techniques, pressures, speeds, motions or moods.
Never give your dog a massage if you aren't sober :-)
Never press too deeply. Start off lightly and follow your dog's response.

Watch your fingernails. If they are long be careful not to gouge. Never substitute massage for veterinary treatment

Signs Your Dog is Enjoying the Massage:

Tail is wagging
Dog will flop over on one side
Drooling
Dog will lean on you
Sighs
Sleepy eyes
Body Stretching
Dog will relax and go limp
Head lifts
Yawning
Signs You Dog is NOT Enjoying the Massage:

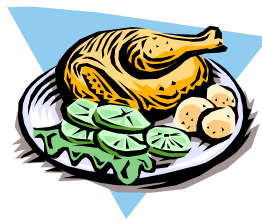
Dog's teeth on your skin
Growling
Posturing (holding breath and holding still)
Ears flattened back
Eyebrows moving up and down
Body tensing
Dog moves away
Whale eyes

If any of these signs occur, do not question your dog's response, do not challenge the dog, stop and DO NOT continue!!

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
Dinner/Meeting
May 1, 2010

GUEST SPEAKER:
Dr Will Schultz DVM

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



US-23/75 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 6:00 pm
General Meeting to follow

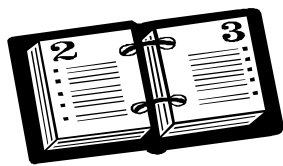
MENU:

Family style chicken dinner with all of the accompanying
side dishes plus dessert. Coffee, pop and tea included. Cash Bar.

Cost is \$24.25 per person (tax & gratuity included)
Children under 12 get a discounted price.

Reservation REQUIRED by Friday, April 16. Contact Diane Gardner
(810)789-6605 (after 8 pm) or email: gardnerdiane@hotmail.com

AS ALWAYS GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!



2010 Calendar of Important Events

May 1-

MSCM Dinner Meeting- Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth (see page 3 for details)

JUNE 19-

Annual MSCM Outdoor Potluck Meeting & Eye Clinic at Debbie Herrell's, Grass Lake

JULY 30-

MSCM first Agility trial-Dexter, MI

AUGUST 21- Not confirmed yet

SEPTEMBER 24-

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

OCTOBER 1-3

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 23-

MSCM Dinner Meeting

DECEMBER 11-

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards
Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing

Basic Canine Massage

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Massage should always be a calming and gentle activity. Before you begin, make sure your dog is in a comfortable and quiet place. A table, the floor, or even on the couch, are all good places.

Never massage a lump, and do not use massage on a dog with a fever or infection.

3 Basic Massage Techniques

Gliding: Gliding is a classic massage stroke—a long, flowing continuous motion. The direction is always toward the tail, down the length of the body. Using the palm of your hand, follow the contours of your dog, feel for the muscles and bones. Take your hands off of the dog at the end of the stroke, then bring them back up and glide down again. Use slow speeds and mild pressure. Glide with palm open, then with fingertips, and finish with finger pads.

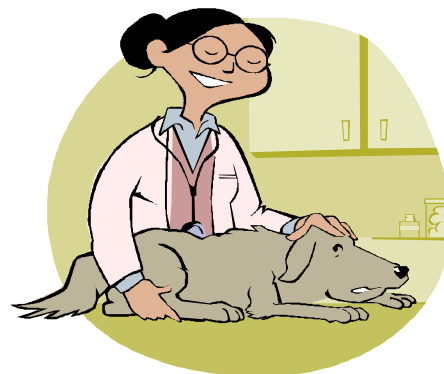
Kneading: Kneading is a gentle caress, a squeezing, almost

“milking” motion. Gently grasp a loose, furry area of skin and slowly squeeze your fingers and thumb together and gently pull upward. Be sure not to pinch the skin at the end of your pull. Alternate the motion with both hands.

Thumbing: Starting at the head (muzzle) you will work your way down to the back of the tail, using a circular motion with the sides of your thumbs and your thumb pads.

Use light pressure to begin with, eventually increasing pressure slightly as your dog allows. Begin at each side of the muzzle (simultaneously), working gently over the eyes, cheeks, and chin. Massage the ears between the thumb and forefinger. Proceed down the neck, front and back. Massage down both sides of the spine simultaneously, to the tail, then follow back up. Then do each front leg from shoulder down to the foot. Same for the rear, hip to foot.

If your dog seems to enjoy getting massages from you, make it a ritual (dogs like rituals) to do it at a specific time every day. It will take as little as five minutes of your time when you are busy to 20-30 minutes when you have the time. You will find that at first you will have to initiate the massage sessions, but it won't take long before your dog comes to you for his daily massage!





*“Who you
calling
Mini?”*

*Connor owned by
club member
Lynn Baitinger*



MSCM's First All Breed Agility Trial *(three day trial weekend)*

July 30, 2010 • Dexter, MI

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How to Give Canine CPR

CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) is the process of breathing life back into an unconscious human. A similar technique can also work effectively on dogs.

The signs that indicate the need for CPR include unconsciousness, lack of arousal, lack of physical movement, or eye blinking. These symptoms can occur from drowning, choking, electrical shock, or a number of other situations.

The key to canine CPR is remembering the ABCs:

**Airway,
Breathing, and
Cardiac compression.**

To perform the three techniques, follow these steps:

Lay the dog on a flat surface on its right side and extend the head back to create an airway.

Open the jaws to check for obstructions, and if any exist and are not easily removed, do one of two things, depending on the size of the dog. For small dogs, hold them upside down by their back end and shake vigorously to try removing the obstruction. For large dogs, lay them on their side and, if neces-

sary, use long-nosed pliers to remove the obstruction.

Cup your hands around the muzzle of the dog's mouth so that only the nostrils are clear. Blow air into the nostrils with five or six quick breaths, again, depending on the size of the dog.

Small dogs and puppies require short and shallow breaths.

Larger dogs need longer and deeper breaths.

Continue the quick breaths at a rate of one breath every three seconds or 20 breaths per minute.

Check for a heartbeat by using your finger on the inside of the thigh, just above the knee. If you don't feel a pulse, put your hand over the dog's chest cavity where the elbow touches the middle of the chest. If you still don't find a pulse, have one person continue breathing into the nostrils (mouth to snout), while another gives cardiac massage.

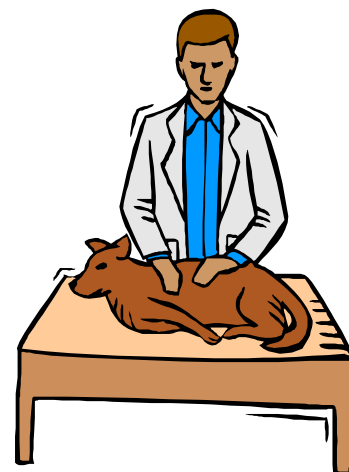
Give the dog a cardiac massage by placing both hands palms down between the third and sixth rib on the chest cavity. For large dogs, place your hands on top of each other. For small dogs or puppies, place one hand or thumb on the chest.

Use the heel of your hand(s) to push down for 10 quick compressions and then

check to see if consciousness has been restored. If consciousness has not been restored, continue the compressions in cycles of about 10 every six seconds for 10 cycles a minute.

After each cycle of compression, the other person should give the dog two breaths of air in the nostrils. If only one person is present, this procedure can still be done successfully.

Once the dog has started breathing, contact a veterinarian immediately.



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.



Show Calendar

Obedience & Rally

May 1,2 Obed
Progressive
Birch Run, MI
Closes 4-14
LIMITED ENTRY

May 8,9 Obed & Rally
Tri Cities
Midland, MI
Closes 4-21

May 15,16 Obed & Rally
Midland MI KC
Midland, MI
Closes 4-28

May 22 Obed & Rally, 23 Obed
Genesse Cty KC
Corunna, MI
Closes 5-5

May 28,29,30,31 Obed & Rally
Various kennel clubs
Kalamazoo, MI
Closes 5-12

June 12,13 Obed & Rally
Mt. Pleasant KC
Mt. Pleasant, MI
Closes 5-26

June 18 Rally, 19,20 Obed & Rally
Grand Traverse City KC
Traverse City, MI
Closes 6-2

June 18,19,20-UKC Obed & Rally
Kalamazoo, MI
www.ukcdogs.com

June 26,27 Obed
Macomb KC
Armada, MI
Closes 6-9



Agility

May 1,2
Nodrog Gordon Setter Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 4-14

May 1,2-UKC
Dogsports
Flint, MI
www.ukcdogs.com

May 7,8,9
Grand Rapids Kennel Club
Kentwood, MI
Closes 4-21

May 8,9-UKC Agility & Rally
Dexter, MI
www.ukcdogs.com

May 15,16
Midland MI KC
Midland, MI
Closes 4-30

May 22,23-Outdoors
St. Joe Valley Agility Club
Buchanan, MI
Closes 5-5

May 28,29,30
CDTC of Flint
Grand Blanc, MI
Closes 5-12

June 5,6
Sportsmens DTC
Novi, MI
Closes 5-20

June 12,13-Outdoors
Up N Over Agility Club
Rochester, MI
Closes 5-15

Agility

June 18,19,20
Fort Detroit GWP Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 6-4

June 25,26,27-Outdoors
Kalamazoo KC
Kalamazoo, MI
Closes 6-7

Braggs

Loneacre's Dixieland Express "Dixie" on Feb 27 earned her Nov JWW title, and March 26 in Rally Nov B took 2nd place getting her 2nd leg.



Tips

HEIMLICH MANEUVER FOR DOGS AND CATS

The well known Heimlich Maneuver or 'Hug of Life' for removing obstructions in human throats works for dogs too.

The objective is to compress the lower chest forcibly to raise air pressure inside the chest to blow the foreign material out of the throat or the larynx.

Here's what you need to do:

- Place the pet on its side on a hard surface.
- Place both hands behind the last rib and press down quickly and firmly - release immediately and repeat rapidly several times.
- Try to direct the force of your hands slightly forward - this will make your efforts more effective.
- Have someone carefully open the dog's mouth wide and attempt to retrieve the material from the throat as you compress the chest.

Once the airway is cleared, if the dog or cat isn't breathing, obviously artificial respiration is necessary.

Now, the important thing here to remember is - even though you've been able to release what the dog or cat is choking on, you still want to get them to a veterinarian to make sure no damage is done.