



TOPLINES

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

*"We cannot change our past. We can not change the fact that people act in a certain way. We can not change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude."
—Charles Swindoll*

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BASIC BREEDING PRINCIPALS

Officers 2011
 President: Beth Santure
 Vice Pres.: Sue Quinn
 Secretary: Donna Giles
 Treasurer: Sue Schauer



Before he became famous....

1. Remember that the animals you select for breeding today will have an impact on the breed for many years to come. Keep that thought firmly in mind when you choose breeding stock.
2. You can choose only two individuals per generation. Choose only the best, because you will have to wait for another generation to improve what you start with. Breed only if you expect progeny to be better than both parents.
3. You cannot expect statistical predictions to hold true in a small number of animals (as in one litter of puppies). Statistics only apply to large populations.
4. A pedigree is a tool to help you learn the good and bad attributes that your dog is likely to exhibit or re-produce. A pedigree is only as good as the dog it represents.
5. Breed for a total dog, not just one or two characteristics. Don't follow fads in your breed, because they are usually meant to emphasize one or two features of the dog at the expense of the soundness and function of the whole.
6. Quality does not mean quantity. Quality is produced by careful study, having a good mental picture of what you are trying to achieve, having patience to wait until the right breeding stock is available and to evaluate what you have already produced, and above all, having a breeding plan that is at least three generations ahead of the breeding you do today.
7. Remember that skeletal defects are the most difficult to change.
8. Don't bother with a good dog that cannot produce well. Enjoy him (or her) for the beauty that he represents but don't use him in a breeding program.
9. Use out-crosses very sparingly. For each desirable characteristic you acquire, you will get many bad traits that you will have to eliminate in succeeding generations.
10. Inbreeding is a valuable tool, being the fastest method to set good characteristics and type. It brings to light hidden traits that need to be eliminated from the breed.
11. Breeding does not "create" anything. What you get is what was there to begin with. It may have been hidden for many generations, but it was there.
12. Discard the old cliché about the littermate of that great producer being just as good to breed to. Littermates seldom have the same genetic make-up.
13. Be honest with yourself. There are no perfect dogs (or bitches) nor are there perfect producers. You cannot do a competent job of breeding if you cannot recognize the faults and virtues of the dogs you plan to breed.
14. Hereditary traits are inherited equally from both parents. Do not expect to solve all of your problems in one generation.
15. If the worst puppy in your last litter is no better than the worst puppy in your first litter, you are not making progress. Your last litter should be your last litter.
16. If the best puppy in your last litter is no better than the best puppy in your first litter, you are not making progress. Your last litter should be your last litter.
17. Do not choose a breeding animal by either the best or the worst that he (or she) has produced. Evaluate the total get by the attributes of the majority.
18. Keep in mind that quality is a combination of soundness and function. It is not merely the lack of faults, but the positive presence of virtues. It is the whole dog that counts.
19. Don't allow personal feelings to influence your choice of breeding stock. The right

**Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
Dinner/Meeting
April 9, 2011**

**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 5:30-6:00pm
Dinner served at 6:30 pm
General Meeting to follow**

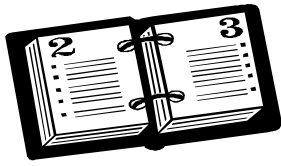
MENU:

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

**Cost is \$24.19 per person (tax & gratuity included)
Children under 12 get a discounted price.**

**Reservation REQUIRED by Saturday, April 2. Contact Diane Gardner
(810)789-6605 (after 8 pm) or email: gardnerdiane@hotmail.com**

AS ALWAYS GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!



2011 Calendar of Important Events

April 9-

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

JUNE 26-

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

JULY 23- Grooming Seminar with Mary Paisley at Beth Santure's, Milan

JULY 29-

MSCM Second Agility trial-Dexter, MI

AUGUST 20- Not confirmed yet

SEPTEMBER -

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

OCTOBER 6-9

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER -TBA

MSCM Dinner Meeting

DECEMBER 10-

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards
Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) does not operate a single pet shelter anywhere in the US. For every \$19 you give to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) only 9 CENTS goes to care for the animals. The other \$18.91 goes for lobbying, executive salaries and pensions!

Give to your local shelter where your money will help the animals!



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dog for your breeding program is the right dog, whoever owns it. Don't ever decry a good dog; they are too rare and wonderful to be demeaned by pettiness.

20. Don't be satisfied with anything but the best. The second best is never good enough.

MSCM Agility Trial

Friday, July 29, 2011
Canine Sports & Recreation Center
Dexter, MI

Member volunteers needed! If you can't make it to the trial, volunteer to make food to feed the workers!
More info on the trial to come later



The Whelping Box

Born March 7th
3 girls (2 SP, 1 BS), 2 boys (1 SP, 1 BS)

Mom: Ch. Donnella's Enchanting Sabrina
Dad: Ch. Jacqueminot Start to Finish

Owner: Donna Giles

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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.



Decorating With Dogs

Decorating when you have pets can provide unique opportunities to express your own personal style and taste. Here are some tips I'd like to share:

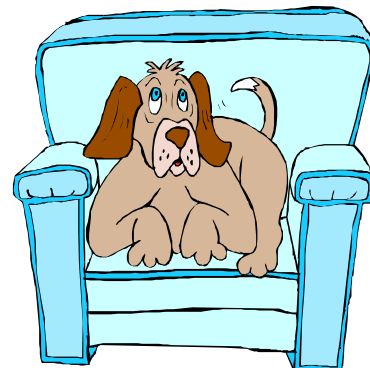
1. Bare floors, without carpet or throw rugs, can give a nice open feeling to a room. It can provide a soothing balance when you have many art objects that reflect your love of animals.
2. Paw prints and nose smudges on glass doors and windows break up glare and soften the light in a room
3. Dog crates, when stacked three high, can add height to a room and pull the eye up. If fastened securely to the wall, the top can provide a safe and dramatic place for exotic plants or statuary that otherwise might be molested by your pets. An up light can make it a real focal point.

4. Old towels and blankets thrown casually on upholstered furniture can add a wonderful homey, country-quilt look to an otherwise bland room.
5. Common smooth upholstery fabrics can look almost velvety when lightly textured with pet hair.
6. Vari-kennels, placed end to end and topped with plate glass can create an unusual coffee table, one your friends will really remember
7. Doggie beds, randomly placed around a room, can add color and texture, much as throw pillows do.
8. Shredded or chewed books and magazines send a message to guests that they are free to relax

and feel at home.

9. Dog crates can make versatile end tables, and can be slip covered to match any room décor.
10. There is absolutely nothing that makes a guest feel as welcome as three friendly dogs hopping in his lap as soon as he sits down.

So throw away those videos by Martha and others, and express your own unique tastes. Your home should reflect what YOU like!



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
Genesee 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

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

If Only

If only my dog had stood on his stand,
When I gave him the signal; A move of one
hand.

If only he'd stayed on the one minute sit.
Instead of deciding that 50 seconds was it.
A figure 8 perfect, I could almost boast;
If only he'd gone round the other post.
If only he'd dropped on the signal I gave,
And not when he saw the spectator wave.
The retrieve on the flat-he knew what to do;
If only he'd brought back the dumbbell I
threw.

The high jump retrieve-the only thing he
lacked,
And that dumbbell he didn't bring back.
On the broad jump, if only he'd jumped all
the way,
and not tiptoed between to my utter
dismay.

When I signaled the glove it was there in plain
sight;

If only he'd gone for the glove that was right.
His go out was perfect-he just went so far;
If only he hadn't both times jumped the bar.
We'd have had a 200- he could do every-
thing,

If only he hadn't run out of the ring



—*Author Unknown*

Conformation

May 14&15
Midland KC
Midland, MI
Closes 4-27

May 21&22
Genesee Co. KC
Corunna, MI
Closes 5-4

May 27-30
Holland, Gr. Rapids,
Kazoo, Gr. Muskegon
KCs
Kalamazoo, MI
Closes 4-11

Jun 11&12
Mt Pleasant MI KC
Mt. Pleasant, MI
Closes 5-25

June 17-19
Grand Traverse KC
Traverse City, MI
Closes 6-1