



# TOPLINES

## Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

*Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you choose to react to it*

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## UMBILICAL CORD NEWS!

#### Officers 2015

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Most breeders hurry to tie the umbilical cord off an inch or two from the belly. Better to wait to cut the cord unless the placenta doesn't come out with the puppy and the bitch puts the newborn at risk of umbilical hernia. If that happens, hold her still while you watch for the next contraction, then grasp the umbilical cord with a paper towel for non-slip holding and gently pull with steady pressure. The placenta usually pops right out but if it doesn't, repeat with the next contraction. Then let the dam get on with chewing the cord. If she acts stupid, go ahead and cut the cord with dull scissors. I've used the same pair for 45 years. Note: if she has several contractions but no placenta, stop trying to work the umbilical cord out, it could be tangled around a puppy. Just keep count of placentas. A few years ago I had an epiphany that is finally backed up by medical science. My beloved Jane taught me what they fail to teach in vet or medical school. So I attend every birth but I don't interfere unless it is really necessary. What you're going to learn probably contradicts what you've been taught and what vets still do. Before we get to the new science, let's do a quick

review. What does the dam do? She licks the newborn. Lick, lick, lick. It stimulates the puppy. If you leave her alone, she gets the puppy going quite nicely. I hear someone saying you have to "sling" a puppy that can't breathe. So I'll digress. I watch to see that every whelp gasps and takes in that first big breath. If a newborn is blue, limp, not moving; grab him and the placenta with a paper towel to maintain a firm grip on the slippery puppy. Stand up. □ Cradle him on his back in both hands. Raise your hands over your head and sling him forcefully downwards between your knees. You may have to repeat if he's seriously oxygen-deprived. The centrifugal force clears the lungs and probably scares hell out of the newborn, causing him to reflex-gasp. Whatever, it works. Okay, back to a normal delivery. Mom is cleaning the puppy, rolling him to and fro and if she's really good at this, she'll begin to nudge him closer to her warm udders. Note I didn't say squat about she's gnawing the cord. Her first job is to rip the sack away from the head. Then she licks and stimulates the puppy. That gets him going. He gasps, inflates his lungs.

If you didn't interfere (vets immediately clamp the umbilical, put the pup on a towel and let him drag the forceps around!!), it probably took her from one to three minutes before she gets around to chewing the umbilical cord. Read that again! SHE was in NO HURRY to cut the cord. Instinctively, she does first things first. She licked him vigorously to stimulate blood circulation – through the still-attached umbilical cord which was delivering the final oxygen and blood transfer from her body to his. Now that he's out there on his own, he needs all his hemoglobin and stem cells and it takes a minute or two to drain from the placenta. Have you ever noticed how she pulls it higher than the pup as she chews through the cord. Gravity? Who knows, but finally, she shreds the lifeline through which he breathed and ate for 60 to 65 days. If she's tired or inexperienced and it becomes necessary to cut the cord, do not use sharp scissors. You noticed that her teeth grind and shred the umbilical cord. If we interfere, she sighs in resignation and goes on cleaning her newest treasure but if you don't upset her,

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**Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan**  
**Dinner/Meeting**  
**April 25, 2015**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**Dr. Will Schultz**

**(Dr. Schultz will be speaking about the pancreas/gallbladder & nutrition)**

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

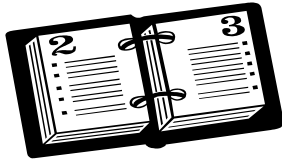
**MENU:**

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

**Cost is \$27 per person (tax & gratuity included)**  
**Children under 12 get a discounted price.**

**Reservation REQUIRED by Friday April 17. Contact Diane Gardner**  
**(810)789-6605 (after 7 pm) or email: gardnerdiane@hotmail.com**

**AS ALWAYS GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!**



## 2015 Calendar of Important Events

**APRIL 25**

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

**JUNE 27-**

MSCM Meeting at Beth Santure's residence in Milan

**JULY 24-**

MSCM Agility Trial, Dexter, MI

**AUGUST 22-**

MSCM Meeting at Joanne Forster's residence in Elkton

**SEPTEMBER 25-**

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

**OCTOBER 2-4**

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

**OCTOBER 18-**

Meeting at Sue Quinn's House in Macomb  
MSCM Dinner Meeting

**DECEMBER - 7**

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards  
Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing

# MSCM Agility Trial



## The Whelping Box

**Friday, July 24, 2015**

**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**

No litters to announce at this time

The quality of your litter should not only be evaluated by the best in the litter....but by the least. If you are breeding quality animals, even your pets should be good examples of the breed!

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she'll leave the umbilical cord alone until she's satisfied the pup is wiggling and breathing. Don't panic if he drags the sack as he struggles to the udder. Remember what the vets do... Before you skip to the tantalizing text below, note that humans once knew what nature programs into every species. Then along came obstetricians who took over the midwife's job. A good midwife did exactly what a good bitch does. She cleaned the newborn's face, made sure he was breathing and had turned baby pink. She then laid him on his mother's belly and cut the umbilical cord. (Don't think about how primitive humans cut the cord.) Then obstetri-

cians replaced nature and you wonder how we ever did it alone! Okay, here's the science that you just figured out you knew all along. So when your protégé calls for that last bit of whelping advice, be sure you tell them about the umbilical cord. Or better yet, send this to them now! "Many clinical studies have revealed that the delayed cord clamping elevates blood volume and hemoglobin and prevents anemia in infants. Moreover, since it was known that umbilical cord blood contains various valuable stem cells such as hematopoietic stem cells, endothelial cell precursors, mesenchymal progenitors and multipotent/pluripotent lineage stem cells, the merit

of delayed cord clamping has been magnified." March 2010 Journal of Cellular and Molecular Medicine. When a baby is born it must transfer from receiving oxygen from the placenta to receiving oxygen from its lungs. For this to happen, the baby's lungs must first expand, and the burst of blood from the umbilical cord helps to get the newborn's lungs to expand properly. Without the burst of blood from the placenta, the infant suffers a drop in blood pressure as its lungs fail to open as they should, creating a chain reaction of effects that can include brain damage and lung damage. Immediate cord clamping

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## Options for Agility Training

When I took my first agility lesson almost 13 years ago, I went to a group class at a local training facility. My dog and I discovered a great way to use his abundant energy productively and have fun doing it. Since then, training venues and methods have expanded tremendously. With so many types of training to choose from, it can be a bit daunting to decide which is best for you and your dog. Here are a number of ways you and your dog can get the training that you need.

### **Group Lessons**

It can be great fun to train along with other teams and develop skills in a supportive environment. A good group class can provide comradery, mutual support and usually a few laughs along the way. Working in a group class also exposes your dog to the motion and sound of working with other dogs. This can be a valuable part of a new agility dog's training. If you always train in a quiet, sterile environment, asking your dog to perform at a busy trial can be quite a challenge. A good group instructor will keep the class structured,

moving along, and ensure that all teams get time to work. One disadvantage can be disagreements among the dogs. We've all heard stories of young dogs that were badly frightened by an aggressive dog in a group class. Some dogs need more personal space than others. I would look for a class where the instructor recognizes this and doesn't allow a free-for-all environment.

### **Private or Semi-Private Lessons**

Private lessons are a wonderful resource if you feel that you and your dog need some one-on-one attention. They also work very well for dogs that are overly distracted by other dogs working around them. If you and your dog have a difficult or long term issue you would like help with, a few private lessons can work wonders. Alternating between a group class and private lessons can also work well. You'll get the best of both worlds. Try to find an instructor who shares your philosophy about training. When I felt like I needed some private lessons I looked for an instructor whose dogs always looked happy when running in trials. She used totally positive training techniques and was a great fit for me.

### **Seminars**

A one or two day seminar is a great place to learn and develop skills. Most seminars offer both working and auditing spots. I decided to audit my first seminar

because I was uncomfortable about working my dog in front of a "big name" instructor. I learned a lot, but felt that I could have learned more if I had been able to actually work with my dog. Since then, I have always gotten a working spot. If you learn best by doing, rather than watching, try a working spot. Seminars are also excellent places to get an introduction to the latest handling techniques. Never feel that you have to embrace everything that is presented. Try the new things, then choose what works best for you and your dog.

### **On Line Classes**

Modern technology allows us to work some of the best trainers, handlers and instructors in the world via on line classes. You will need a computer, a video camera and the ability to edit and upload video. There are on line classes available for every level of training, from puppy foundation to competitive Masters. On line classes allow you to work on the lessons at your convenience vs. a set day and time.

A typical on line class will have weekly lessons. The courses for each week will be posted on line, along with information on multiple ways to handle them. Some classes include video of

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 1-3 Obed & Rally  
Tri Cities DTC of Saginaw  
Flint, MI  
Closes 4-15

May 22-24 Obed & Rally  
Various kennel clubs  
Kalamazoo, MI  
Closes 5-6

June 5-6 Obed & Rally  
Midland KC  
Midland, MI  
Closes 5-20

June 6-7 Obed & Rally  
St. Joe Valley Agility Club  
Buchanan, MI  
Closes 5-20

June 13-14 Obed & Rally  
Grand Traverse KC  
Traverse City, MI  
Closes 5-27

June 20-21 Obed & Rally  
Detroit KC  
Novi, MI  
Closes 6-3

### Agility

May 1-3  
Grand Rapids Agility Club  
Kentwood, MI  
Closes 4-17

May 8-10  
AADTC

Whitmore Lake, MI  
Closes 4-23

May 15-17  
Mt. Pleasant Kennel Club  
Midland, MI  
Closes 5-1

May 22-24  
CDTC  
Grand Blanc, MI  
Closes 5-8

May 29-31  
Sportsmens DTC  
Lapeer, MI  
Closes 5-15

June 5-7  
Up N Over Agility Club  
Lapeer, MI  
Closes 5-22

June 12-14  
Fort Detroit GWP Club  
Dexter, MI  
Closes 5-27

June 19-21  
Kalamazoo KC  
Kalamazoo, MI  
Closes 6-5  
OUTDOORS

June 26-28  
Fort Detroit Golden Ret. Club  
Dexter, MI  
Closes 6-12

## Braggs

At the Novi show, MACH Loneacre's Dixieland Express UD,RA,XF,CA "Dixie" earned her Rally Advanced Title. GCH Loneacre's Grand Slam RN "Dodger" earned his Rally Novice Title. Dodger also got his 1st leg in Rally Advanced A with a 1st place at CDTC trial. Both dogs are owned by Sue Quinn



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can cause hypotension, hypovolemia (decreased blood volume) and infant anemia, resulting in cognitive deficits. October 2010 Dr. Mercola', Natural Health Center "The optimal time to clamp the umbilical cord for all infants regardless of gestational age or fetal weight is when the circulation in the cord has ceased, and the cord is flat and pulseless (approximately 3 minutes or more after birth)." The World Health Organization (WHO) Dr. David Hutchon, a consultant obstetrician, writing in the British Medical Journal says "cords are now also clamped early to collect cord blood and cord stem cells to be used for various medical and commercial purposes. But the evidence is clearly emerging that the most beneficial use for cord blood may be to allow it to transfer to the baby immediately at birth. While most full-term babies have enough blood to establish lung function and prevent brain damage from early clamping, the process often leaves them pale and weak. For premature babies, the process can be even more devastating. And no matter what, immediate cord clamping will cause some degree of asphyxia and loss of blood volume because it contributes to..." Autism, cerebral palsy, anemia (well duh!), learning and behavioral disorders, and of course, respiratory distress.

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the instructor performing the sequences. You video your attempts at the sequences, edit and upload the video for the instructor's review. Don't worry if you don't have someone ready and willing to video you and your dog. You can use a tripod to hold your camera. The instructor will provide written review of your attempts with suggestion on ways to improve. You can also ask

questions of the instructor, as well as view the videos and reviews of the other students. Some classes also include on line Q&A sessions so you can participate in "real time" discussions with the instructor and other students. One instructor even has plans to try virtual private lessons in the near future.

### **Books and Magazine Articles**

There are many great written resources about agility. You can

find books and magazine articles about all aspects of agility training. The magazine "Clean Run" is one of my favorites. Every issue is full of training information. Many of the courses they present for training can be set up in a relatively small area. You don't have to have a lot of space, or access to every type of equipment to accomplish some quality training. No matter what type of training you try, remember to have fun. Agility is a journey, not a destination. Enjoy the journey!

## 2014 MSCM Annual Awards

Our club members enjoyed a very nice year earning titles on their  
Miniature Schnauzers.

9 Members earned 45 titles on 12 dogs!

Award plaques were handed out at our February 14th meeting at the  
C-Pub in Lake Orion.

Here is a breakdown of the titles:

### **Conformation:**

1 AKC Bronze Grand Champion  
2 AKC Grand Champions  
2 AKC Champions

2 MXB  
1 MXB2  
1 MXS2  
1 MXS3  
1 MXG3

### **Obedience:**

1 CD

2 MJB  
1 MJB4  
1 MJS  
1MJG2  
1 MJC3

### **Agility:**

1 MACH  
1 MACH 5  
1 MACH 10

1PAX

1 NA  
1 NAJ  
1 OA  
1 OAJ  
1 AX  
2 MX  
1 MXJ

### **USDAA Agility**

1 ADCH  
1 AG  
1 PJM  
1 PJCH

1 NF

1 RATI  
3 RATN  
1 RATO

1 TQX  
2 T2B

### **Barn Hunt:**

To discover what all those letters mean, start with the AKC web site:

<http://www.akc.org/events/titles.cfm>

Be sure to click on the correct tab for Suffix and/or Prefix titles.

## **Congratulations to these Members:**

### Sue Quinn & Dodger

Bronze GCH CH Loneacre's Grand Slam

#### New Titles:

CH – Champion – January 2014

GCH – Grand Champion – June 2014

Bronze GCH – Bronze Grand Champion – November 2014

#### Other achievements for the year:

#9 Miniature Schnauzer

#10 Miniature Schnauzer All Breed Points

#1 Black or Black & Silver

#1 Owner/Handled Miniature Schnauzer

#30 All Breeds Owner/Handled

### Donna Giles and Ginny

CH Donnella's Reflections of Enchantment

#### New Title:

CH – Championship

### John Schauer & Ginny

Loneacre's Gin Rummy by Harmini NA NAJ OA OAJ

#### New Titles:

NA – Novice Agility

NAJ – Novice Agility Jumpers

OA – Open Agility

OAJ – Open Agility Jumpers

### JoAnne Scott & Ajax

MACH 10 Loneacre's Time For Two RE MXS3 MXG3  
MJB4 MJC3 TQX

#### New Titles:

MACH10 – Master Agility Champion

MJB4 – Master Bronze Jumpers 4

MXG3 - Master Gold Agility

MJC3 – Master Century Jumpers 3

MXS3 – Master Silver Agility 3

### JoAnne Scott & Twister

Loneacre's Storm Warning AX MX MXJ MJB NF T2B

#### New Titles:

AX – Agility Excellent

MX – Master Agility Excellent

MXJ – Master Excellent Jumpers

MJB – Master Bronze Jumpers

NF – Novice Fast

T2B – Time 2 Beat

### Terri Harmon & Tinker

UWPO UWPCHX U-CH AM GCH Loneacre's Tinkering  
With Chance RATI RATN WPSGRCH

#### New Titles:

GCH – Grand Champion

RATI – Rat Instinct Barn Hunt

RATN – Novice Barn Hunt

### Terri Harmon & Trixie

U-CH Harmini's Third Euchre Trick RATI

#### New Titles:

RATI – Rat Instinct Barn Hunt

### Lynn Baitinger & Kelsi

MACH 5 ADCH Loneacre's Found A Peanut, MXB2  
MJS2 MXF TQX T2B2

#### New Titles:

MACH 5

TQX

Master Bronze Agility 2

Master Silver Jumper 2

ADCH – USDAA Championship

### Lynn Baitinger & Connor

MACH 3 Loneacre's Firecracker CD RE MXS2, MSJ2  
MJG2 MXF MFB TQX T2B RATN  
PJM PJCH

#### New Titles:

Master Silver Agility 2

Master Gold Jumper 2

RATN – Barn Hunt Novice

Performance Jumpers Champion (USDAA)

Performance Jumpers Master  
(USDAA)

### Beth Santure & Lyric – (forgot to list in 2013)

CH Char N Co Music From the Fast Lane At Loneacre

#### New Titles:

CH – Championship – May 2013

### Beth Santure & Spring

CH MACH Loneacre's Spring Fling MX MXJ MXB MJB  
RATN RATO

#### New Titles:

MACH – Master Agility Champion

MX – Master Agility Excellent

MXB – Master Bronze Agility

MJB – Master Bronze Jumpers  
RATN – Novice Barn Hunt  
RATO – Open Barn Hunt

Mary Ann Kozlowski & Katy

JoFor's Katy Zoomer Koz MX MXJ MXB MJB XF T2B, AG

New Titles:

MXB – Master Bronze Agility  
T2B – Time 2 Beat  
AG – Advanced Gamblers (USDAA)

Joanne McCallum & Chance

JoAnn MJoFor's No Rules Chance CD RA PAX CGC

UOR-1 BN

New Titles:

CD - Companion Dog  
PAX – Preferred AGlity Excellent