



TOPLINES

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

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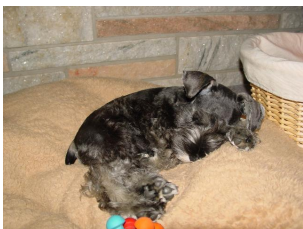


Poor Eaters

—Joanne Forster

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Poor eaters, are they born that way or do we make them by nurturing that behavior? Some say that it is hereditary and runs in some lines. Schnauzers are known for being good eaters but occasionally one comes along that eats very little and turns it's nose up at tasty treats. After a trip to the vet to rule out anything medical being the cause, you set out to try to make him eat like a "normal" Schnauzer. As frustrating as this is, our efforts to change them only seem to make things worse. As luck would have it I own one of these poor eaters :-)

I changed brands of food, adding some tasty morsel to entice the little "stinker" to eat. He started to eat some, but it was just the tasty morsel and not the kibble. I bought all of the supplements and additives I could find that were guaranteed to whet ANY dog's appetite. Did you know B vitamins are supposed to stimulate appetites? (good for alleviating

stress in humans too...yeah right). Then there was the herbal "Weight Gain" supplement. "If I can't get him to eat much, maybe this will make him gain weight on what little he does eat" I reason to myself. Sounds good and reasonable, but none of the previous mentioned ideas have worked.

Then, as if a miracle has happened, he starts to eat with relish! I rejoice!! But it only lasts for a few days and he is back to normal...his normal of eating about 1/2 cup every 2 days. I give up trying to get the dog to eat and put on weight and enter him in a couple of shows anyway. I pray that his hair grows fast to give the "illusion" he has some meat on his bones. At the shows my friends come up to me to point my obvious kennel blindness that my dog needs to put on some weight! Really? I hadn't noticed!!!

Finally a good friend says "Look, if he won't eat you're going to have to force feed him if you want to show him." With instructions I go home and

learn how to "stuff" my dog. Within a few days I get good at it and the dog doesn't seem to mind either. As if by magic, weight is finally being put on! I show him, he wins, and no one tells me he needs to put weight on. The only drawback now is if I stop stuffing him, he goes back to his same eating habits. Then I remember a story a friend told me of placing a dog that was a poor eater into a pet home. She got the dog back again a year later, in deplorable condition. It had obviously been mistreated and starved. After she nursed it back to health, she said that from then on the dog always ate everything put in front of it, never turning down ANY food! This got me thinking.....Now, don't think the worst! I did not emaciate my dog! I withheld food for only 3 days! On the 4th day he got a small handful of food that he naturally inhaled! I kept increasing the amount daily. It has been almost 2 weeks

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Sunday, June 25, 2006

Dog Massage Demonstration

Given by Lisa Blanchard
Certified Canine Massage Practitioner

10:00 am



Potluck Lunch-Starts at 12:00 Noon

Bring a dish to pass and chairs

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 to keep time to a minimum.

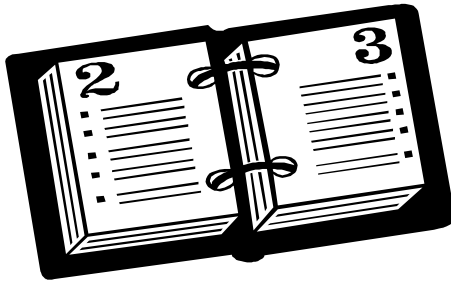
Please call Debbie or e-mail at debdel@modempool.com
and let her know what you plan on bringing for the potluck

This is held at the home of Debbie & Del Herrell
13551 Phal Rd, Grass lake, MI 49240

DIRECTIONS: I-94 from the East: Exit 157 Pierce Rd. – at the end of the exit turn left (old US-12 Michigan Ave.) Go 4 1/2 miles to Francisco Rd., turn left. Go to stop sign. Turn right on to Grass Lake Rd. Go 1/2 mile to Fishville Rd. Turn left. After S curve is Phal Rd. Turn right (only goes to the right) to the second house on the left (farm)

I-94 from the West: Grass Lake Exit (Mt. Hope Rd.) at the end of the exit turn right onto Mt. Hope Rd. Go to the stop light. Turn left on to Michigan Ave. Go approximately one mile to Norvell Rd. Turn right, continue through 4-way stop to the next cross road. Turn left onto Phal Rd. Go 1 1/2 miles. Farm is on the right.

2006 Calendar of Important Events



JUNE 25

Annual MSCM Outdoor Potluck Meeting & Dog Massage Demonstration at Debbie Herrell's in Grass Lake

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now and he is eating EVERYTHING in his bowl. He actually is EXCITED at feeding time!!! He whines and dances; things he never did at feeding time before! He now eats 1-1/2 cups of food a day and licks the bowl clean! Some may think this was cruel and inhumane to purposely deprive my dog of food. But by doing so for a short period of time taught him that he better eat the food while it was there, it might not be there tomorrow. Food for thought.....



The Whelping Box

Born May 16, 2006, a litter of 5 black & silver pups,
3 females and 2 males
Sire: Ch. Loneacre's Chances Are
Dam: Loneacre's Lady Liberty
Owner: Beth Santure



AUGUST 19

Outdoor MSCM Fun Day & Potluck Meeting- Milan, MI Home of Beth & John Santure

SEPTEMBER 29

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

OCTOBER 6-8

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 21

MSCM Dinner Meeting-Place To Be Announced in the Battle Creek Area

DECEMBER 10

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant

CERF Eye Clinic

Sponsored by the Ann Arbor Kennel Club, Inc.

Saturday, July 8, 2006

9:00 am-4:00 pm

Monroe County Fairgrounds
Monroe, MI

Exams performed by Dr.
David Ramsey, DVM,
DACVO

\$28 per dog

MSCM TROPHY DONATION FORM

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Rochester, MI 48306-2549

Fundraising

We still have MSCM T-Shirts available! Sizes Small and Extra Large. As soon as we sell all of this design, we can order more with a different design. Email me with your order or save shipping and attend a meeting where I always have them with me!



Member Profile-Mark Jaeger

My name is Mark Francis Jaeger and I have been a member of the MSCM for 27 years. I live in Mason, Michigan with my wife of 32 years, Karin. We have no children...just a lot of dogs! I am a Knowledge Transfer manager for Computer Network Solutions, a Rockville MD based IT solutions provider. I am also an Adjunct Instructor at Baker College and Lansing Community College, teaching primarily Java Programming. My hobby is showing dogs. Our kennel name is Karma. We are presently breeder/exhibitors in conformation of Brussels Griffons. Karin and I have finished championships on 6 Miniature Schnauzers, 1 Cairn Terrier, and 20 Brussels Griffons. We have also finished obedience titles on 6 Schnauzers, 2 English Cockers, and 1 Brussels Griffon. The highlight with our Schnauzers came

in 1983 with our first breeder/owner-handled Champion, Ch. Karmas Image of Eclipse, taking BW at the MSCM Fall Specialty show.

At the American Brussels Griffon Association National Specialties, we have won BOS with 3 different Griffons (one winning twice herself plus an Award of Merit)), an Award of Merit on a fourth, BW and Best in Sweeps with yet another, plus Winners with both a dog and a bitch.. Our Ch Wisselwood Karma Disk Jockey was the first modern Black Smooth Brussels Griffon champion as well as a multiple Group winner



Less is More When discussing training a dog, that phrase, “*Less is More*” is not heard very often and I doubt it would make the top 20 of dog training tips, let alone the top 10. But, as I have grown in my dog training I have come to believe that in many cases “*Less is More*”!

Back in my early days of training, I was lucky to have as a mentor, a gal with years of experience and a dog who loved to train. I wanted my dog to be just like hers and so I trained and trained and trained. I would say how many times do I have to do this till my dog learns. I wanted a plan that was precise and I wanted to practice, practice, practice. When we met to train together, she would work her dog for 10 minutes, and then help me the rest of the time. I always thought she was just being nice and taking pity on me with my Novice A dog. Over the years my own experience has shown that she really was on to something. By accident and because of “life getting in the way”, I found that I did

Performance Corner by Lynn Baitinger

not have the time I wanted to train my new dog. Five minutes here and two minutes there, running down to the agility field, or a quick 5 minutes to work on fronts and finishes while cooking dinner was all the time I had. Surprisingly, the dog still learned! I found I did not have to drill, repeat over and over, nor spend a half hour to an hour on every training session. Another surprising revelation came after some frankly, difficult training sessions. My dog simply wasn't getting it. I would try and try and frustration set in for both of us. Not a fun way to end training. But, the next time I went to train, I would return to that difficult area and SURPRISE, the dog had it!! It literally took be aback. It must have sunk in somehow, somewhere!!! I started keeping track of these frustrating training sessions; and, most importantly, I stopped getting frustrated. I calmly stopped training, but took the time to play tug or catch or whatever before we left the training area. Some welcome side effects of stopping when the going got rough was the dog was happier and more confident and more

than willing to train the next time. I feel that was because I didn't wear the dog down, or bore him, or give him opportunities to invent additional incorrect ways to perform an exercise. Of course, when you have less time you must train smarter – you must think through what you'd like to accomplish in your short period of time. You must have a plan but you must also be willing to adapt – what you want to train today, may not be what your dog needs training in that day! They'll let you know!

Other benefits of this type of training are that it is always easier to fit in 5 to 10 minutes of training in a day than a whole hour or so. Plus, our dogs need quality time with us and this fills the bill. Both dog and human benefit from this interaction - we feel a sense of accomplishment and our dog receives much needed and wanted attention.

Try - “*Less is More*” – and you'll see what I mean.

TO VACCINATE....

OR....

NOT??

"A breeder/owner perspective"

Beth Santure

CORE VACCINES:

Vaccines considered essential protection. Recommendations for designating a particular vaccine as CORE are determined by: 1) severity of disease caused by the agent, 2) the risk of transmissibility of the agent to susceptible animals, and 3) the potential for the particular infection to be zoonotic.

Distemper, Adenovirus 2, Parvovirus, Rabies

Non-core vaccines i.e. Leptospirosis, Coronavirus, Lyme, Giardia etc.

TITER:

The quantity of a substance required to react with or to correspond to a given amount of another substance. In serology, the serial dilution of serum, often in two- or 10 fold steps to determine the highest dilution that still contains detectable amounts of antibody. The reciprocal of that dilution is referred to as the antibody titer of that serum. There are no established test standards for measuring antibody titers in dogs and cats.

The question is, at what number does the titer have to be to have sufficient protection against disease??

MSU uses the data from Cornell University in New York to determine and evaluate titers.

Distemper (CDV) titer should be greater than 1:64 by means of virus neutralization (VN)

Adenovirus 2 (CAV-2) titer should be greater than 1:16 (VN)

Parvovirus (CPV) titer should be greater than 1:128 by means of hemagglutination inhibition (HI)

The AAHA Canine Vaccine Task Force released it's vaccination recommendations in June of 2003 and in summary, for the core vaccines of canines, the Task Force recommended a three-year revaccination cycle.

Two studies reported in the JAVMA in 2004 sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health support the concept of less frequent vaccinations for both dogs and cats. Dr. Richard B. Ford reported at the Michigan Veterinary Conference in January of this year that the AAHA Vaccine Task Forces have re-convened to update the Companion Animal Vaccination Guidelines. Final publication is expected sometime early or mid 2006.

For all the vaccines designated CORE, a minimum duration of immunity (DOI) has been reported to range from 5 to 7 years. Maximum duration of immunity has not been established for any of the vaccines licensed for use in dogs and cats...including rabies. It's even probable that after the puppy series of vaccinations lifetime immunity is established. Long-term challenge studies have not been done because keeping a colony of dogs for extended periods is cost prohibitive and until recently there has been no demand from consumers.

OPTIONS:

- 1.) Yearly titer testing (cost prohibitive)
- 2.) Switching to a 3-year vaccination schedule.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

Two available 3-year vaccines that have been challenged are:

Fort Dodge Duramune Adult

- 2.) Intervet DAP-R (this one includes Rabies)

THE FUTURE?

Recombinant vaccines are on the horizon. Recombinant technology, the ability to isolate and transfer the DNA from one organism and recombine them with the DNA of another. In the next 10 years, recombinant technology promises to revolutionize

the way we vaccinate our dogs against disease.

CONCLUSION:

You as an owner need to determine the percentage of risk your dog's face in their particular life style and vaccinate them accordingly. Discuss this with your Veterinarians and request they carry the new 3-year vaccines. If your Veterinarian refuses to change his vaccination protocol then you might ask to sign a waiver to get him to comply or you might want to see a second opinion. You should also insist that all vaccine reactions be reported to the manufacturer and to the USDA and APHIS.

****UPDATE****

The new recommendations by the AAHA Vaccine Task Force are now published and you may view them at:

www.aahanet.org

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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.



"OLD DOG IN A LOCKET"

Old dog in a locket,
That lays next to my heart;
I will always love you,
As I did right from the start.

You were right beside me,
Through the darkest of my days;
It was your kind and gentle nature,
That made me want to stay.

Now I hold you in my arms,
Your breath still warm against my
hand;

Our hearts still beat together,
And I wonder if you understand.

Through the hours that I held you,
Before the light did leave your soul;
I knew a way to keep you,
Forever in my hold.

I snipped the hair from around your
eyes,
So I would always see;

The beauty that surrounds me,
Even in times of need.

I snipped the hair from around your
ears,
So I would always hear;
Music in the distance,
To quiet any fears.

I snipped the hair from across your
back,
To bring me strength in time of need;
And the power of your essence,
Would always be with me.

I snipped the hair from around your
heart,
That beat in time with mine;
So I would know that love would find
me,
At some distant time.

And so, your life slipped out of mine,
On a quiet Spring-like day;
But I knew that a part of you,
Was always here to stay.

Old dog in a locket,
That lays next to my heart;
I will always love you,
Even though we had to part.

AUTHOR--Heidi Stamm
(Bainbridge Island, WA)





Vaccine maker recalls rabies doses-Veterinarians to notify pet owners about shots

A leading rabies vaccine manufacturer has voluntarily recalled about 330,000 doses sold nationwide after a vaccinated dog contracted the deadly disease. "They don't know why the animal contracted rabies," said Kelly Goss, a spokeswoman for Fort Dodge Animal Health, based in Overland Park, Kan., and a division of health care giant Wyeth. "In the best interest of pet owners and animals, we made a decision to voluntarily recall that product." The company mailed notices to veterinarians on May 25, and will reimburse them for revaccination, Goss said. Doctors are notifying pet owners to bring in animals for free shots. Fort Dodge began selling the recalled batch in January 2005. Goss didn't know how many vets bought the problem lot. Fort Dodge tested batches of vaccine with serial numbers issued around that of the affected lot and found no problems, she said. Animals at greatest risk are outdoor pets and those such as puppies and kittens, who received the recalled medication as their first and only vaccination, said Dr. Steve Marks of the N.C. State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Raleigh. "If that initial vaccination did not work, then they're at risk for rabies," he said. Notified pet owners should act quickly to have their animal revaccinated, Marks said, but he cautioned against panic "Just call your veterinarian if you're in doubt," he said.

What This Means to Pet Owners

Fort Dodge Animal Health recalled rabies vaccine Rabvac 3 TF, serial number 873113A. Your vet should notify you if your pet was vaccinated with the problem batch. You can also check the rabies certificate that you should have received, which lists the manufacturer and serial number.

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Cool Websites! Check these out!

[http://www.peteducation.com/
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cls=0&cat=1303&articleid=856](http://www.peteducation.com/article.cfm?cls=0&cat=1303&articleid=856)
(Drugs to Avoid in Pregnant or
Nursing Dogs)

Homemade Frosty Paws

- 1 Quart vanilla yogurt (or plain or any flavor Light and low fat)
- 2 Medium bananas (ripe)
- 2 Tablespoons peanut butter
- 2 Tablespoons Honey

Puree the bananas in a food processor (a blender will also work fine). Add the peanut butter and honey and continue processing until smooth. Add yogurt and process just long enough to blend all ingredients together. Place 18 small paper cups (bathroom size) in a baking pan (one 9x13, or two 8x8). Fill paper cups to about 2/3's full. An ice cream scoop or a measuring cup makes the job easier. Freeze until solid. I transfer the frozen treats to a zip-lock bag for storing in the freezer.



"What if you gave someone a gift, and they neglected to thank you for it would you be likely to give them another? Life is the same way. In order to attract more of the blessings that life has to offer, you must truly appreciate what you already have."

- Ralph Marston

Braggs

The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan newsletter "Toplines" was the 2005 recipient of the AMSC Local Club Bulletin Award.! The plaque was presented at the MSCM April club meeting in Frankenmuth, MI April 29, 2006



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Gritty rats and mice living in sewers and farms seem to have healthier immune systems than their squeaky clean cousins that frolic in cushy antiseptic labs, two studies indicate. The lesson for humans: Clean living may make us sick. The studies give more weight to a 17-year-old theory that the sanitized Western world may be partly to blame for soaring rates of human allergy and asthma cases and some autoimmune diseases, such as Type I diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis. The theory, called the hygiene hypothesis, figures that people's immune systems aren't being challenged by disease and dirt early in life, so the body's natural defenses overreact to small irritants such as pollen