



TOPLINES

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

*"When we do the best we can,
we never know what miracle is
wrought in our life or in the life
of another." - Helen Keller*

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Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs

The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures for people are, other than what I learned in first aid. Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need IV and lots of it.

Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient means of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself,

or to evaporate. For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, i.e. shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up to a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. New white truck fixed a lot of that problem. When I had one dog I just pulled the wire crate out of the car and put it in some shade and hopefully a breeze. But having 2 dogs and running from one stake to another, that was not feasible. So I built a platform to put the wire crates on, this raises the dog up in the truck box where the air flow is better. Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better airflow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3 speed fan to run from the truck power. It has an automatic feature that prevents it from draining the battery. When I turned that fan on medium I would find that the dogs where asleep, breathing slowly and appeared very relaxed and comfortable in a matter of 20 minutes or less, even on very hot muggy days.

Alcohol: I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is isopropyl alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet area where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate, you can use too much as some is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the temperature down.

***** UPDATE NOTE-alcohol has fallen out of favor with ER specialists, use it only as a last ditch effort if nothing else works.*****

I purchased those cooling pads, but found that the dogs would not lay on them. I would hold them on the back of a dog that just worked to get a quick cool, but have not use them for years. I also bought a pair of battery operated fans but found them pretty useless. Spend your money on the power inverter and get a real fan.

Watching temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp

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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

Fun Day

July 1, 2007

**At the home of Beth & John Santure
200 Begole Rd Milan, MI 48160**

Come and join us for a fun filled day!

—Starting at 11:00 am—

**Agility equipment will be available to play on
There will be dog games, a costume fun class
and great food!**

POTLUCK LUNCH

At 1:00 pm

**Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for the lunch; salad, vegetable or dessert. Please
RSVP Beth at (734) 439-8331 or email at bjsanture@peoplepc.com to let her know if you are
planning to attend and what dish you are bringing.**

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!

Remember to bring lawn chairs, exercise pens, & dog treats.

MSCM GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWING LUNCH

**If you are planning to donate items for the September Specialty Auction, bring them with
you to the meeting**

DIRECTIONS:

**South on US-23 to Exit 31 (Willis Rd.), Right (west) onto Willis Rd. to Platt Road (4 way stop).
Left (south) on Platt Rd. for 2 miles to Begole Rd. Right onto Begole Rd, over RR tracks, only
house on the right.**

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September 22-23, 2007

Seminar Hours

Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM

Limited to 30 handlers with dogs • \$150 for the two days.

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Make checks payable to Sportsmen's Dog Training Club and mail registration and payment to:

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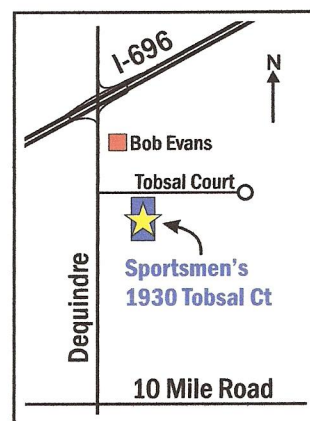
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Snacks & Lunch provided.



Bill Sahloff & Mike Szabo Seminar Registration

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☐ Working spot with dog \$150

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Breed of Dog

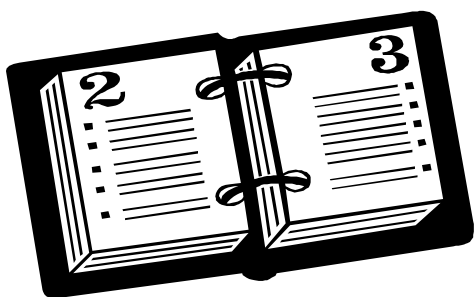
Age of dog

Amount enclosed \$

I will not hold Bill Sahloff, Mike Szabo, Sportsmen's Dog Training Club of Detroit, Inc or their representatives liable for any loss, damage, or injury to myself, or my property while attending this event.

Signature (required) _____

2007 Calendar of Important Events



JULY 1

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

AUGUST 18

Annual CERF Testing/ Meeting/Potluck Lunch at Debbie Herrell's in Grass Lake

SEPTEMBER 28

MSCM Fall Specialty Show-Monroe, MI-Monroe County Fair-grounds

OCTOBER 5-7

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 20

MSCM Dinner Meeting— Flint, Place To Be Announced

DECEMBER 8

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant

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The Whelping Box

*Born May 28, 2007 (Memorial Day) 5 Salt & Pepper puppies, 3 females and 2 males.

Sire: Ch. Char N Co Running Man,

Dam: Ch. Jofor's Here For The Party

Owner: Joanne Forster

*Born May 31, 2007 6 puppies, 3 Black & Silver and 3 Salt & Pepper, 3 males and 3 females

Sire: Ch. Char N Co Speed Limit

Dam: Jofor's It Matters To Me

Owner: Joanne Forster

*Born May 26, 2007, 5 puppies, 2 Black & Silver females, 2 Black & Silver males, and 1 Salt & Pepper male

Sire: Sercatep's Simon Says

Dam: Ch. Sercatep's Sunrise Ruby

Owner: Debbie Herrell

* Born June 17, 2007, 3 Black & Silver puppies, 2 females and 1 male

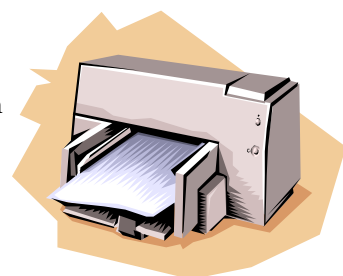
Sire: Sercatep's Simon Says

Dam: Ch. Sercatep's Just B' Cause

Owner: Debbie Herrell

Fundraising

A reminder to save your empty printer cartridges and get them to Joanne. Get them from friends, family, and work! No Toner Cartridges, please! Bring them to the next meeting or get them to someone who is going to be there!



Member Profile—Donna Giles

I'm Donna Giles from Shelby Township, MI. I have had Miniature Schnauzers all my life. My first Schnauzer, Pepper, was already a member of the family even before I arrived, but would not let anyone past the nursery door. She was a conformation misfit but very loyal. A couple years after her passing at 16 years old, another Schnauzer named Pepper became family (my mother had no zest for original names even though this one was a Black and Silver.) As a teenager, I discovered conformation showing and Westminster. I wanted to show Pepper, who came from some impressive lines. Unfortunately she was un-cropped and I was told she could not be shown. Pepper was bred in hopes of a female for my conformation career, but all she ever birthed were boys, and two each time at that! I never showed dogs, but horses were fair game. I was successful in Morgan and Arabian showmanship. One of my other areas of interest is genetics and breeding which include equine as well as canine. You'll find me reverting to horse terms all too often. My Vet degree at

Michigan State went for a more Artistic turn (I'm a Graphic Designer by trade) but I have always been interested in the bio-mechanicals of animals. I sculpt horses in my off time, but with out the knowledge of proper muscle and bone structure, even a 12" sculpture would not stand. I love to see fully stripped schnauzers.

Several years later, a good friend and I, while on a road trip, talked dogs and showing the whole car ride. It took almost all of the 6 hours for me to comprehend the point system! I know I had to find a show dog and a Black and Silver at that. My first girl was less than perfect and is now the queen of the house, but helped me learn stripping and handling. I enlisted the help of Beth Santure and Deb Herrell to find a nice Black and Silver that I could raise and show in confirmation. In 2005, I acquired Jacqueminot's Jolie, call name Raven, from Cheryl Coffman. Cheryl, Beth and Debbie as well as Joanne Forster, have been my mentors through Raven's show career. She finished Memorial week-end with her last major needed.

Just recently I co-bred CH Jacqueminot Judy Judy Judy to CH Loneacre's Chances Are. The litter produced a beautiful puppy with a fluid side gate - I am showing Donnella's Enchanting Sabrina this summer. The Donnella prefix is a combination of my first and middle name and will be my official kennel name for years to come.

My dream in showing and breeding... handling one of my own puppies at Westminster!



THE STANDARD OF THE BREEDER/OWNER/HANDLER

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

The ideal is an energetic, far-sighted creature with the courage and perseverance of a hound and natural antipathy for losing. He should appear neither clumsy nor awkward, as a certain amount of speed and agility is essential while doing his thing. He is usually found in packs at dog shows.

HEAD

The width between the ears varies with wins and losses. Surmounted by a topknot of long or short hair, either flat, wavy or rather curly, on occasion may be thinning at the top or completely bald, but the latter is rare on the female. The male is sometimes bearded - again this is rare on the female but not unheard of.

NOSE

A pinkish tinge during the summer months. This should not be penalized on an otherwise first-class specimen.

EARS

In proportion to the head. Ability to

listen while in the company of elder and wiser breeders is to be greatly desired.

MOUTH

Large enough to put a foot in. A slight bulge in the jaw denotes a liver bait.

BODY

Short -coupled variety, usually plump and well padded in hindquarters, flabbiness to be penalized. Long coupled variety, lean and sinewy. Extra size being no disadvantage in either variety provided it does not interfere with freedom of action.

SHOULDERS:

Never drooping. Broad enough for slapping or crying on.

BACK

Muscular and strong - however, occasional stiffness due to leaning over large dogs or crouching behind small dogs is permissible.

CHEST

Room for plenty of heart.

FOREARMS

Flexible and well- muscled, caused by lifting crates, putting up tents, carrying dogs and much grooming.

HANDS

A working specimen will have short chewed nails - signs of length or loss shall be penalized accordingly.

LEGS AND FEET

Very muscular and flexible. Endurance is not of great importance. Knees well bent and pitted by small stones from kneeling outdoors.

COLOR

Immaterial. Green color denoting envy or red color denoting rage is a disqualification.

TEMPERAMENT

Aloof and dignified, even elegant while working. A cheerful, spirited and tractable disposition desired when in the company of the pack. Shyness among strangers is not considered a fault, however, rumor-mongering and viciousness in any degree is a disqualification.

GENERAL FAULTS

Over grooming, tardiness in arriving for class, bad sportsmanship and backbiting.

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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.



What Makes A Successful Breeder?

- * At the Nationals, you can always spot the breeder: While everyone else is wishing to own the winner, the breeder wishes he had *bred* the winner. Owning a winner only takes money.
- * Being a successful breeder has little to do with the size of the production. The smaller breeder has only to be more studious and scrupulous, but his chances for breeding the highest quality are equal to the giant operations. Those giant operations can only afford to make more mistakes and take more chances in a breeding program.
- * To become a successful breeder, one cannot ever stop the continuous observation process.
- * To become a successful breeder, one cannot know too much about a pedigree.
- * It is better to breed from a mediocre animal with a strong pedigree than from a huge winner who came out of nowhere. Repeating the breeding that produced the winning animal in hopes of breeding another of equal quality, rarely bears fruition.
- * A successful breeder has a sixth sense about who will make good breeding material. It is not often a tangible thing, but really just a feeling. Often it

is just a look in the eye or the tilt of the neck.

- * To become a successful breeder, one must cull ruthlessly from one's program. If something does not work, face up to it and go out and try another solution.
- * To become a successful breeder, one must breed to satisfy solely his or her own mind's eye. If your breeding program is an attempt to please someone else, you will never be successful.
- * The successful breeder broadens his horizons beyond his physical environment. No one ever becomes successful with a "small town" attitude. Various intelligence sources is within everyone's reach.
- * The successful breeder is not swayed by fleeting fads. They are usually created by people with an eye on their accountants.
- * Just because everyone else on your block has a certain line does not foreclose the possibility of your acquiring something different.
- * To become a successful breeder, don't forget to look to the small breeder because very often he may have what you're looking for at a reasonable price. There are small breeders scattered about who are making important and significant contributions to the breed.

Additional Virtues of a Successful Breeder: The successful breeder...

- * Learns from their own mistakes and those of others'
 - * Is not seduced by the big winner or latest trend because it may not be good for their program
 - * Admires the good work of others and can join in the fellowship of competition (If it's not fun, don't do it.)
 - * Shares their knowledge freely and gives direct answers to direct questions
 - * Is neither intimidated nor galled by others
 - * Does not thrive on gossip
 - * Respects other people's opinions, but does not feel compelled to agree with them
 - * When he sees something he needs on the "other side of the fence," he does not wrap himself up in a cloak of pride for fear of defiling someone else's idea of purity of line; he strides into the "enemy camp" to find that the enemy is not so bad after all, even if they have that coveted attribute
- Final words of advice:* Others may put braces on your brain, but only you can take them off. And in the words of Will Rogers, "Everyone is ignorant, only of different things."

—written by Gordon McDowell IV

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and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend getting a "rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones for the drugstore I have found to be very unreliable. Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up.

This is VERY IMPORTANT**

Once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.5, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasize this point enough.

When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog; you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about dehydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is at risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air, mixed with a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will re-hydrate it self after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dogs' response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south for an early season hunt test or trial. I have been to Nashville at the end of May, only 5 hours away, but the difference in temp and humidity did affect the dogs as they were used to more spring weather in Ohio. Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better. Another very important point==> Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put in put in a box/tight crate. Remember, evaporation can not take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog. Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up.

I know this is a bit long, but hopefully this is

easy to understand and helps provide some useful information.

Nate Baxter, DVM
Lebanon, OH



Graduation Day!



**Congratulations to our
own graduating senior,
Lindsay Santure!!
Onward and upward!
You're going to make US
a great Vet!!!**



Kids and dogs...



Kids & puppies...

Brags

On Saturday, May 12, 2007, Joanne McCallum's R-Jo's Trendsetter Bootsie, at the Midland Agility Trail, earned her third leg with a 2nd placement, completing her Open Standard title! On the same day Bootsie's daughter, R-Jo's U-R-My Sunshine, Shasta, earned her first AKC agility Novice leg with a 100 score! The next day Shasta earned her 2nd leg with a 2nd placement. On May 25, 2007, Shasta completed her Agility Novice title at the Companion Kennel Club trial with another 100 score and 2nd placement! Way to go girls!!!



Cool Websites!

Check these out!

<http://www.stonewallspringers.com/Infopage.html>

<http://www.shilohshepherds.com/puppyBreeders/breederMatrixv4.htm>