



TOPLINES

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"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly."
Robert Francis Kennedy

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"Katy"
Owned by MaryAnn Kozlowski

Every spring in Michigan when the grass starts greening up, dog owners will notice some brown patches in the yard, most commonly just outside the door to the back yard where your dogs urinate. If left unchecked, these patches will spread and eventually you'll have a very tattered looking lawn. With just a couple hours of work and a couple weeks of watering, you can minimize the brown spots from dog urine and build a lawn that is resilient to both dog pee and rough and tumble play. Here's a list of the equipment and supplies needed to repair brown lawn patches and get your lawn back on the path to good health and appearance:

- Cultivating tool, shovel or other tool to loosen surface dirt in the patches
- Tall Fescue grass seed
- Hand seed spreader
- Straw or Lawn Patch (such as Scott's [PatchMaster](#))
- Garden hose with adjustable sprinkler or

sprayer
[Tall fescue](#) grass is the secret to minimizing dog damage to your lawn. It is a hardy, fast growing grass which is well suited to Michigan's climate. Tall fescue grows by bunching, so you may see some clumps when you first start integrating it into your lawn, but once established, the clumping disappears and it will choke out most common weeds. It does best in areas that get some shade, but can be mixed with more sun-friendly grasses if you're patching areas that get full sun. First, loosen up the soil and dead vegetation in the brown patches; just about ½ inch of loose soil is sufficient to grow grass and in most cases a cultivating tool such as a [Garden Weasel](#) will work very well to prepare the soil. If the soil is very compacted or heavy clay, digging with a shovel may be necessary to get the topsoil loose. Grass seed will not grow on packed dirt! Next, use the seed spreader to spread the tall fescue seed. Then cover the seed with either straw or lawn patching material to protect it from being eaten by birds. If you use lawn patch, less fescue seed is needed than if you are

using straw. If you are patching a sunny spot, use lawn patch suitable for sun or shade to ensure that there are sun-friendly grasses in addition to the fescue. Then, you need to commit to watering the patched area twice a day for two weeks. Depending on the size of the area being patched, you can either do this by hand or set up a sprinkler to cover the area. In this length of time the grass will be established and you'll enjoy a nearly perfect lawn. To further improve the dog-resistance of your lawn, overseed the entire lawn with tall fescue every winter. Go out in February or March, when the ground is bare and use a spreader to spread the seed. It will work its way into the ground during the spring freeze/thaw cycle and sprout when the ground warms up.



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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
Annual CERF Clinic
June 21, 2009



Dr. Patricia Gearhart ACVO
—Starting at 9:00am—
\$25 per dog

Your dog's registration information will be needed for eye checks

Conformation Handling Exercise with Debbie Herrell
(no dogs needed)

POTLUCK LUNCH-Starts at 12:00 Noon

Please call Debbie at (517) 522-4173 or e-mail at Sercatep@yahoo.com with reservations for eye checks and lunch. Please let her know what you plan on bringing for the potluck
Remember to bring lawn chairs, exercise pens

Business Meeting-Immediately following Lunch

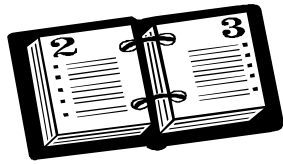
If you wish to discuss a matter, have your information ready. Committees, be ready with your reports. This will help to keep time to a minimum.

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

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!

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



2009 Calendar of Important Events

JUNE 21

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

AUGUST 8

Tentative date for meeting held at Joanne Forster's, Elkton

SEPTEMBER 25

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

OCTOBER 2-4

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 17

MSCM Dinner Meeting

DECEMBER 5

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards
Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing

Fundraising

The fundraising committee is working to put together a Schnauzer Pet grooming Seminar (for hopefully sometime this summer) All members are encouraged to participate for this to happen. Please contact Fundraising chair Mary Ann or Joanne to see what you can do to help make this possible!!!



Ch. Jofor's Foolish Pride

4/12/94-5/2/09

Owned by Joanne Forster

He was from my first litter. My very first Championbut I digress...I told you all about Travis ("Our Little Man"- Toplines March/April 2008) a year ago. On May 2, while I was out of town, Travis slipped peacefully away in my husband's arms. He had been ill for a short time and his old body just couldn't fight this. We miss him terribly, but know he is in a better place

IF IT SHOULD BE

If it be I grow frail and weak,
And pain should wake me from my sleep,
Then you must do what must be done.
For this last battle can't be won
You will be sad, I'll understand
Don't let your grief then stay your hand,
For this more than all the rest,
Your love and friendship stand the test.
We've had so many happy years,
What is to come will hold no fears,
You'll not want me to suffer, so,
When the time comes, please let me go
I know in time, you too will see,
It's a kindness you do to me,
Although my tail its last has waved,
From pain and suffering I've been saved.
Do not grieve that it should be you,
Who has to decide this thing to do.
We've been so close, we two, these years
Don't let your heart hold any tears.

Author Unknown



Ch. Loneacre's Simply Smashing CD, AX, MXJ AMSC Versatility Award

4/7/95-5/22/09

Owned by Beth Santure

Seems like I've been lucky enough to have a "special" dog a decade. She's another that I will always miss. Arriving at Loneacre when Lindsay was 6 and Eric was 2 she still liked kids even in her old age. I started learning agility with her, poor Smash <VBG> Inspired by the AMSC Versatility award I reentered the obedience ring with her when she was 10 years old even going HIT at our Specialty. Lots of good memories she has given me. Mostly though, she was a sweet dog willing to do anything with me even if it was just company while I watched t.v. I am fortunate to still have a couple dogs here with me that when I look into their eyes I see her still...



The Whelping Box

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!



DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR TROPHY DONATION!!

MSCM TROPHY DONATION FORM

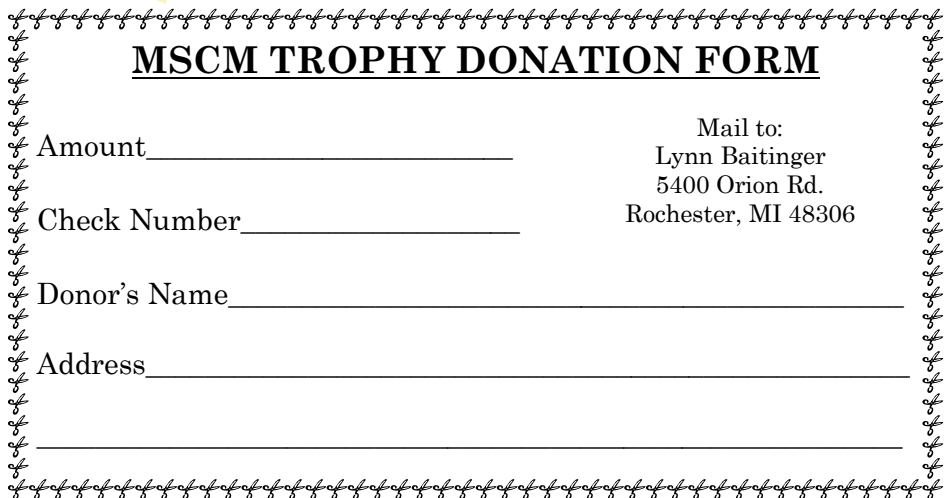
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Lynn Baitinger
5400 Orion Rd.
Rochester, MI 48306

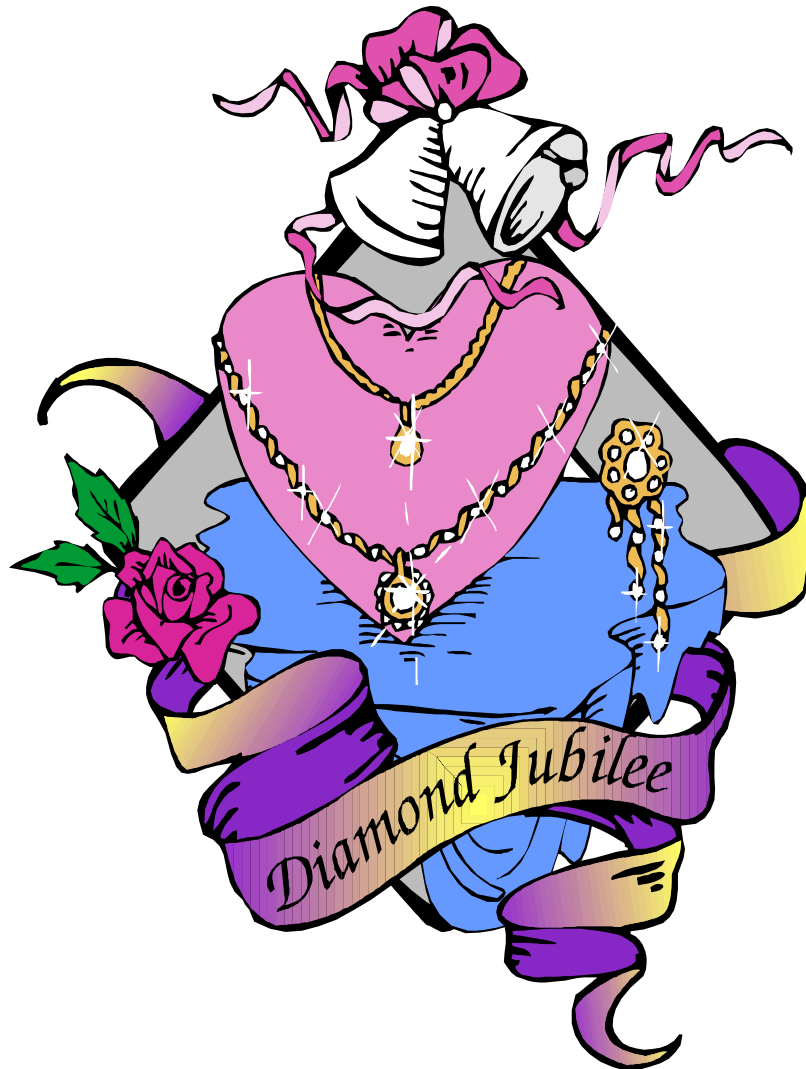


The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

Is Celebrating Our
60th Anniversary!!



Come
Celebrate
this
Milestone
with us!
Special
"Diamond"
Theme for
Trophies



Diamonds....



Are a
Schnauzer's
Best
Friend!!

At Our Fall Specialty Show
September 25, 2009

Monroe County Fairground, Monroe, MI

Monroe County KC Shows- -Sept. 26 & 27- - Same showsite

Sweeps Judge- Margo Heiden Breed Judge- Mark Jaeger
Obedience Judge- Chuck Bush



Summer Vacation

Summer is here and for some performance people the line up of shows is a cornucopia – every weekend, one after the other. Some weekends, we can pick from three different shows in as many different venues. Dog people definitely need more weekends in the year! This is what I call pure heaven, except when you want to attend them all! I wonder though how many of us ever think about taking a vacation from showing. I think some of us, me included, never think about it. I love showing as much as possible; however, there are so many shows in today's agility world



that, like I said before, one literally can show almost every weekend of the year. This summer though, I am going to try hard to take a month off. (Note – I said, try.) I know already there are shows every month this summer that I want to do, but I'm thinking it would be good to sit back, relax and take it easy. BUT – how will this affect my dog? I KNOW it will NOT hurt!

Performance Corner by Lynn Baitinger

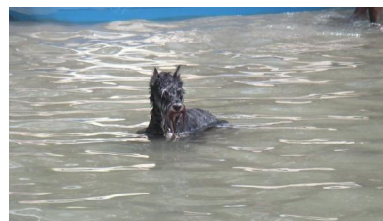
Why? One reason is that years ago, a friend of mine would go to her cottage for the complete summer and take her obedience dogs with her. When she returned after this long break her dogs were fit from swimming, and eager to train again. They did not lose their edge – in fact they were invigorated. Their enthusiasm for training was stronger



than when they left. They did not forget their training either. This break was good for them. I saw this year after year and I'm convinced the vacation was good for her dogs – and obviously a great vacation for her.

Another reason is that my own Morgan- who has been "on leave" for probably a year – with NO training whatsoever was "spot on" when I took her to train one night recently. She hit the weaves, did the rear cross, ran up the Dogwalk and on to the teeter like she had just trained for months! I had to run fast to keep up with her!!!! Nothing wrong with her memory! We think they'll get rusty and forget, but I don't believe that.

One caveat though is that a doggie



vacation does not mean getting fat and out of shape. A dog who is allowed to vegetate and is under-exercised is not a dog that can return to the performance venues without some repercussions. Exercise in a different manner is a must. Swimming is definitely the BEST exercise for a dog as it does not put any stress on their joints. Swimming must be built up slowly as it is much more physically taxing than you would imagine. Also, some dogs love swimming so much, they would not stop until exhausted, so careful monitoring is advised. Long walks off leash in a safe area is also excellent exercise as the dogs can run and turn and chase at their will. Another "perfect" exercise for dogs is simply playing with other dogs. When dogs play, they run, stop, turn, roll



over, wrestle, rear up on their hind legs and chase each other. This is truly a perfect exercise that works all of the dog's muscles; however, once again, monitoring is essential. Dogs that body slam each other can be an accident waiting to happen.

So, this summer, I want to take a break and "train" my dog in other venues – walks, swimming, tricks, etc. Anyone else out there want to "take a summer vacation"?

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www.msc-mi.org

What are the 12 steps of the animal rights agenda?

1. Abolish by law all animal research. (There would be no cures for AIDS, cancer, heart disease, etc., and testing of new drugs would be done on humans, or not at all.)
2. Outlaw the use of animals for cosmetic and product testing, and classroom demonstration (physicians would perform their first surgeries and procedures on humans without any previous experience).
3. Vegetarian meals should be at all public institutions, including schools.
4. Eliminate all animal agriculture (resulting in no milk, eggs, chicken, fish, or meat for food, no leather for shoes or clothing). (How many foods do you eat that contain eggs or dairy products, or a derivative of the same? Did you know your keyboard and mouse may have been made with animal products?)
5. Eliminate all herbicides, pesticides or other agricultural chemicals. Outlaw predator control. (Farmers would not be able to produce as much food as they do now, driving the cost of

- living up, and eliminating the export of food to hungry nations. Animals such as coyotes are already a problem in some areas, coming into yards to eat garbage and prey upon outdoor pets.)
6. Transfer enforcement of animal welfare legislation away from the Department of Agriculture. (Animal issues would be controlled by people with little or no experience in customary animal husbandry.)
7. Eliminate fur ranching and the use of furs.
8. Prohibit hunting, trapping and fishing.
9. End the international trade in wildlife goods.
10. Stop any further breeding of companion animals, including purebred dogs and cats. Spaying and neutering should be subsidized by state and municipal governments until all companion animals are extinct. Abolish commerce in animals for the pet trade. Eliminate pet ownership.
11. End the use of animals in entertainment and sports (resulting in no horse shows, cat or dog shows, animal actors, rodeos, animal movie

stars).

12. Prohibit the genetic manipulation of the species (resulting in the elimination of critical medical research relating to Cancer, AIDS and other life threatening diseases, as well as crop production improvements such as the difference between the Holstein and the Angus, and eliminate all pedigreed animals, etc...). You may sympathize with one of the points above... however, do you agree with all of them? If you disagree with only some, you cannot, in good conscience, continue to support the animal rights agenda with donations or support of their legislation. For example, I happen to agree with item 9, above, but if I send money to the animal rights groups, it may be used to support items with which I disagree.



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.



Tips

Natural Alternatives for killing Fleas

There are many natural alternatives to poisoning our dogs with toxic flea and tick killers.

Flea Killer bathing lotion: One cup of washing liquid (non-toxic, of course). To this add 2 teaspoons of eucalyptus oil and mix well. Wash twice and rinse well.

OR

Add a few drops of eucalyptus oil or pennyroyal to your favorite bottle of natural shampoo or castile soap.

Other things: Use a flea comb (yes, those antiques are still made), use herbal flea collars OR herbal flea powders. Add brewer's yeast and garlic to the diet--this works with SOME dogs. Steam clean carpets regularly to get those pesky eggs. Outside spread agricultural lime on grassy or moist areas as this helps dry out the fleas. Keep your grass mowed AND short. This allows sunlight to penetrate and warm the soil, which kills larvae.

Natural skin tonic: Thinly slice a whole lemon and add it to a pint of nearly boiling water. Let it steep overnight. Then sponge the solution on the dogs and let it dry. (This is a natural source of flea killers like d-limonene and healing things that are found in a whole lemon.) This is mild enough to use every day!

Diatomaceous Earth: You can put this in the dogs' food as a natural wormer, and it can also be spread along walls, underneath furniture and in cracks and crevices where a vacuum can't reach. It will kill fleas. Don't put it where the dogs can breathe it in.

You can always make your dogs more healthy by boosting the immune system by using a product like colloidal silver.

"No one lives long enough to learn everything they need to learn starting from scratch. To be successful, we absolutely, positively have to find people who have already paid the price to learn the things that we need to learn to achieve our goals"
—Brian Tracy

Interesting & Informative Websites to Check Out

Canine Cancer Awareness
<http://www.caninecancerawareness.org/default.asp>

A non-profit organization dedicated to providing awareness of canine cancer, education, support and fundraising to assist those get the treatment they desperately

Hi Everyone,

I would like to introduce you and your club members to a new website for dog breeders and owners,
(<http://www.articlebark.com/>)

You may link the website to your club's site or post it in your newsletter. The website is updated twice weekly with the latest news, science and health information. Breeders can download articles for their puppy buyers on teething, crate training, puppy nutrition and other topics of interest to puppy owners and breeders. You can also view articles on the latest information on dog food recalls, new genetic tests, and dogs in the news. Registration is free.

The website is edited and is multiple source verified. We also accept articles on all breeds, if you would like to submit them, and we are open to suggestions. The website has been over a year in planning and construction, but only recently was its value underscored when a friend of ours lost her young champion to poisoning from a recalled product. We think there is a need for a one stop canine news site that focuses on this kind of valuable information. One of our most recent articles is an overview of CANINE STEM CELL THERAPY now available to treat canine osteoarthritis, and to repair damaged ligaments and tendons. Coming soon are book and product reviews. You can rate all of the articles on the site and ratings appear on highest rated and most popular articles.

Register today and check back with us frequently for information you can use in your breeding program. PERMISSION GIVEN TO CROSS POST.

Deborah A. Lynch
Editor

Braggs

On April 24 at the Terrier Club of Michigan Show in Birch Run, Loneacre's Dixieland Express (owned by Sue Quinn) went WB for 2 points..

On April 25 & 26, at the Progressive KC in Birch Run, Dixie also went WB each day for 2 points each.



On May 2, at the UKC MI American Pit Bull Terrier Club, Dixie placed 3rd in the group at Show#1 and 4th in the Group at Show#2. On May 3, Dixie again placed 4th in the Group at Show #1. At Show #2 Dixie placed 1st in the group and went on to Reserve Best in Multi-Breed Show and finished her UKC Championship!!
BIG congrats to Sue and Dixie!!!



An excellent study (arranged for a .pps presentation) of non-reproductive effect of spaying and neutering. Some interesting results.

<http://www.acc-d.org/2006%20Symposium%20Docs/Duffy2.pdf>