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*"Whoever is happy will make others happy too. He who has courage and faith will never perish in misery."
Anne Frank*

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Is It Really Pet Allergies?

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How often do we, as pet owners, worry and fret over the pain and expense of our pet's "allergies"? How much time do we spend in vet visits receiving more medications and allergy shots? And how often do we ask ourselves, "Why isn't this problem going away?"

Food For Thought

Let's submit for a moment to the theory that your pet DOES have allergies. The allergy test has concluded that your pet is allergic to X, Y, or Z proteins or substances. Following this logic, you go out and purchase specialty foods (after searching for 'low allergen pet food'), making certain to avoid all of these suspect ingredients. Perhaps the test results indicated that your pet had a reaction to the more common proteins found in pet foods, like Chicken, Beef, Lamb or Pork. So you are directed to use foods with rarer forms of protein, like Venison, Buffalo, Rabbit or even Kangaroo. If the problem is indeed allergies, things should start improving rapidly. After all, you are no longer feeding the offensive substances, right? Why is it then that the problem still

persists? Why would the pet continue to have allergic reactions when all of the allergens have been removed? Could the answer really be because your pet doesn't have allergies at all?

OK, now let's turn the tables. Let's investigate the possibility that your pet may actually have a Systemic Yeast Infection called Candida. In the run-up to this point, it is most likely that your pet has had rounds of Antibiotics and/or Steroids. These medications destroy friendly (protective) bacteria, and suppress immune function. You are feeding a specialty food, with a rare form of protein. These foods are never meat based, and almost always use a starchy form of carbohydrate like Potato, Sweet Potato, White Rice, or Corn. The protein source is not the problem - the carbohydrate is! Yeast feeds on sugars and starches, causing it to expand and grow. These foods which are meant to "help" your pet, end up actually adding fuel to the fire! Could the REAL reason that your pet is not

improving be because you're treating the wrong problem?

Yes.

The purpose of this blog is to demonstrate that Allergy tests can be completely skewed by this problem, otherwise known as Leaky-Gut Syndrome; and, the tests are unreliable at best in determining the true nature of your pet's problem. If your pet is plagued with the symptoms of itching, biting, chewing, scratching, hair loss, blackening skin, odor, ear infections, eye infections, urinary tract infections, lethargy, etc; If he's been on rounds of antibiotics, steroids or antihistamines; If you're feeding specialty foods, and perhaps even getting antigen shots, YET the problem persists - I submit that you are dealing with a Systemic Yeast Infection/Leaky-Gut Syndrome and not Pet Allergies at all.

The good news is that a Systemic Yeast Infection can be fixed, whereas allergies can-

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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
June 28, 2014

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

—Potluck Lunch at Noon—
Business Meeting to follow

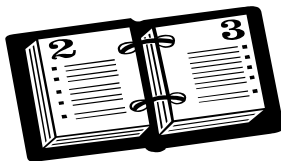
Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for the lunch. Please RSVP Beth by email at bsanture@gmail.com to let her know if you are planning to attend and what dish you are bringing.

We'll have the meeting rain or shine. If it rains we'll be meeting in the back garage

Guests are ALWAYS welcome!

DIRECTIONS:

US-23 to Exit 31 (Willis Rd.). West onto Willis Rd. to Platt Road (stoplight). Left (south) on Platt Rd. for 2 miles to Begole Rd. Right onto Begole Rd, over RR tracks, only house on the right.



2014 Calendar of Important Events

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

JUNE 15-

MSCM Meeting at the home of Beth and John Santure, Milan. (details on page 3)

OCTOBER 3-5-

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

JULY 25-

MSCM Fifth Annual Agility Trial - Dexter, MI

OCTOBER 19-

Meeting at Sue Quinn's House in Macomb

August 16- Meeting at Joanne Forster's, Elkton MI

DECEMBER 6-

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards
Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing, MI

SEPTEMBER 26 -

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Here are a few links for reference:

not. The problem of the overgrowth of yeast is corrected by a natural detoxification of the pet to restore his/her digestive tract back to where it should have been all along.

<http://bit.ly/13HgkWN>

There are many places one can receive natural help for the 'allergic pet' but the ones I have listed below seem to have the most information, the biggest guarantees, and a wide array of recommendations.

http://www.nzymes.com/Articles/dog_or_cat_allergies_assessment.htm

http://www.dermagic.com/DERMagic-Organic-Skin-Rescue-Shampoo-Bar_p_45.html

<http://youtu.be/Z1C5ubg9Ta4>



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 litterbut by the least. If you are breeding quality animals, even your pets should be good examples of the breed!



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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.



Vinegar to Kill & Prevent Ticks

Spray

A homemade spray solution of one part vinegar and one part water helps keep ticks and fleas away from your pets. Pour the solution in a spray bottle and spray directly onto your pets, but be careful not to get it in their eyes.

Direct

If, after inspecting yourself and your pet for ticks, you find a tick, rub distilled vinegar directly onto the tick with a cotton bud or cotton ball -- or pour over the site -- until the tick lets go. After the tick releases its hold, pull it out with tweezers and dunk it in a cup of vinegar until it has drowned, then dispose of it.

Drinking Water

After you have gotten rid of your pet's ticks, the Vinegar Institute recommends adding a teaspoon of white distilled or apple cider vinegar to a quart of your pet's drinking

water -- this is for a 40 pound animal, so adjust accordingly. Consuming the vinegar will change your pet's scent and, if your pet will drink it, will help prevent and kill future ticks and pesky fleas.

Alternative Solutions

Iodized salt and hot water also kills ticks. Simply mix iodized salt with hot water to dissolve the salt. Pour the salt water over the tick until it unlatches itself. You can also encourage a burrowed tick to unlatch itself by spreading iodine or alcohol over the tick. A solution spray of lemon and water is a good way to repel ticks.

Prevention

Prevention is the best way to keep ticks away from your family and pets. Mow your lawn regularly and keep it free of the debris and long grass attractive to ticks. Cedar chips deter ticks, so using them as

a border can be helpful in keeping the yard tick-free. Also, try planting herbs and plants that repel ticks such as lemon grass, catnip, basil and lavender as a toxic-free and pet-safe solution.



Braggs

Loneacre's Storm Warning - "Twister" earned his MXJ title at the Companion Dog Training Club of Flint trial on May 24 and his MX title at the Fort Detroit German Wirehaired Pointer Club trial on June 13. Twister is owned by member JoAnne Scott.



Congratulations!

MSCM Agility Trial

Friday, July 25, 2014

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

Show Calendar

Obedience & Rally

July 5-6 Obed/Rally
Ann Arbor KC
Monroe, MI
Closes 6-18

July 11-13 Obed
Holland/Battle Creek KC
Marshall, MI
Closes 6-25

July 19-20—UKC Obed/Rally
Wolverine DTC
Northfield, MI
www.ukcdogs.com

Aug. 8-10 Obed/Rally
Obed. TC of Greater Lansing
Lansing, MI
Closes 7-23

Aug. 16-17 Obed & Rally
St. Joe Valley Agility Club
Buchanan, MI
Closes 7-30

Aug. 29-31 Obed & Rally
Jaxon Kennel Club
Jackson, MI
Closes 8-13

Aug. 29-30 Obed & Rally
Marquette KC
Marquette, MI
Closes 8-13

Agility

July 4-6
Mid-MI Cocker Spaniel
Midland, MI
Closes June 18

July 11-13
AADTC
Dexter, MI
Closes 6-27

July 18-20
Southern MI Weimaraner Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 7-2

July 25
MSCM
Dexter, MI
Closes 7-11

July 26-27
GWP Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 7-9

Aug. 2-3
Capital City Club
Williamston, MI
Closes 7-19
OUTDOORS

Aug. 8-10
Weimaraner Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 7-23

Aug. 15-17
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 8-1

Aug. 22-24
Companion DTC
Grand Blanc, MI
Closes 8-6

Aug. 29-31
Central MI Agility Club
Midland, MI
Closes 8-15

Conformation

July 5 & 6
Ann Arbor KC
Monroe, MI
Closed
July 11-13
Holland, MI KC, Battle Creek KC
Marshall, MI
Closes 6-25

August 2 & 3
Sturgis KC, Berrien KC
Marshall, MI
Closes 7-16

August 29-31—September 1
Marquette KC
Marquette, MI
Closes 8-13

August 30
Jaxon KC
Jackson, MI
Closes 8-13