



The Miniature
Schnauzer Club
of Michigan,
Inc.

TOPLINES

You will never be the person you can be if pressure, tension and discipline are taken out of your life."

- Dr. James G. Bilkey

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Seller's Expectations by Beth Santure

Responsible breeders strive to breed the best possible specimens of our chosen breed. We plan our breedings carefully, do health screening and testing, and provide the best available veterinary care. We handle, socialize, train, and love the puppies we bring into the world. We thoroughly screen possible buyers in hopes that we will find a family who will give our puppies the same kind of care and attention that we have.

After the papers have been signed and the puppy goes home with those new owners, here is what I expect: I require the new owners to uphold those agreements that have been put in writing, such as the neutering/non-breeding clause, scheduled health exams, return policy options, and so on. Even before taking that puppy home, my buyers are encouraged to purchase a new crate, puppy food, and the recommended reading material. They should also have made an appointment for the first health checkup at their veterinarian and signed up for puppy classes at a recommended dog training facility. The puppy should

continue to be socialized to both adults and children, to other puppies and dogs, and learn to act appropriately in all situations. It is the new owners' responsibility to feed the correct diet, keep their puppy or adult at the proper weight for optimum health, and to see that proper preventative veterinary care is given, such as vaccinations, heartworm preventative, neutering and oral health care. I tell my puppy buyers that if certain diets, vaccines, or medications are not specifically recommended by me, they should be discussed with me and with the buyer's veterinarian before proceeding. If health problems develop, I should be contacted in case these turn out to be congenital or of genetic origin. If we breeders are not made aware of health problems, we cannot be of help to the new owners, make due compensation, or make necessary changes in our breeding program. My contracts include the option of returning the dog to me at anytime in his life, should this become

necessary. I explain that I do not want any dogs that I have bred to end up in a shelter or in rescue. It is my responsibility to see that these dogs have a place to go, and I will keep them as my own or place them in a suitable home when one is found. I also recommend that the owners include the new dog in their will, with my name and information as a contact or destination for the dog. I tell new owners that I agree to be a source of information and support to them for the life of their dog. But I also expect they will be honest and uphold their obligations to me as far as the care and raising of the puppy is concerned. A breeder must trust the people to whom she sells or places dogs but she should also expect these people to do the right thing, whatever situation comes up, so the dog will have the best possibility of having a wonderful life.



MSEM Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2005



Coral Gables Restaurant

2838 E. Grand River Avenue
East Lansing, MI
Ph. (517)337-1311

**Dinner, Business Meeting, Election of Officers,
Presentation of Awards, & Christmas Party with
Gift Exchange and Games!**

For the Gift Exchange
bring a wrapped gift
marked for a lady or
man. Limit \$10



Be ready to play
"Schnauzer Bingo"!!



Dinner at 4:00 pm.

Open Menu

Business Meeting and Party to follow!

As Always, Guests are Welcome!!

E-mail or call

Karin Jaeger by December 7th to let her know that you are coming
(karinjaeger@voyager.net) (517-351-0412)

Directions: Take I-96 to Exit 110 (Okemos Rd.) Go North on Okemos Rd. to M-43 (Grand River Ave.) Businesses on that corner include: Bennigan's Restaurant, Marathon Gas Station, BP/Amoco Station. Turn Left on to M-43 (Grand River). After the bridge over the railroad tracks, there is a traffic light at Park Lake Rd. and another at Northwind Dr. (there's a Farmer Jack's on the southwest corner of the intersection). **Coral Gables** entrance is the 4th on the right following this light (after Tom's Party Store, a Hollywood Video & the new Oriental Market). If you get to the Brookfield Shell gas station, you've gone too far.

From the North: Business 69 to Park Lake Rd. Right (East) onto M-43 (Grand River Ave.) Follow directions from there as detailed above.



2005 Calendar of Important Events



NOVEMBER 27

Information for Year-End Awards are DUE today! Contact Carol Somers (269)629-9427

NOVEMBER 30

MSCM Membership **EXPIRES TODAY** if dues are unpaid!

DECEMBER 7

Reservations due today for the Christmas Banquet. Call Karin (517-351-0412) or email (karinjaeger@voyager.net)

DECEMBER 10

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards- Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing 4:00 p.m (Details on page 3)

Dog Treat Recipes

PEANUT BUTTER DOG BONES:

- 1 package dry yeast
- 1/2 cup lukewarm water
- 1 cup mashed potatoes
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 cup rye flour
- 1/2 cup rice flour
- 1 egg
- 2 cups all-purpose white flour

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 ° F (165 ° C).

In a large bowl, dissolve the yeast in water. In a large saucepan, mix together the potatoes, milk, molasses, stock, and peanut butter. Heat, stirring frequently until boiling. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature. Add yeast mixture. Gradually blend in the egg, wheat, rye, and rice flours. Add enough white flour to form a stiff dough. Transfer to a floured surface and knead until smooth (about 3-5 minutes). Shape the dough into a ball and roll to 1/2-inch (12 mm) thick. Using cookie cutters, cut out biscuits. Place on un-greased baking sheets, spacing them about 1/4-inch (6 mm) apart. Gather up the scraps, roll out again, and cut additional biscuits. Bake for 45 minutes. Let cool overnight. Makes several dozen bones that freeze well--and have the consistency of pizza crusts, a favorite snack for most spoiled dogs!

Dog DNA Research

By: Lynn Baitinger

The Veterinary Genetic Laboratory of the University of California, Davis is still collecting DNA samples from dogs for their data bank. There is no cost to add your dog to their data bank. These samples will be used for canine research in general as well as specific breed research. As of now they have under 100 samples from Miniature Schnauzers. All research projects are confidential and results on individual dogs will not be available. It is amazing to wonder what these DNA samples could do to help the future health of our dogs.

It is simple to obtain a sample kit, which includes a short form for the dog's information and two histobrushes for the DNA samples. You can call or write them at:

Veterinary Genetics Laboratory
ATTN: Canine Research
University of California, Davis
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616
530.752.3864

PARTY PUPCAKES

- 1 large apple
 - 1 1/2 cups wheat flour
 - 1/4 cup oatmeal
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/2 cup plain yogurt
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/4 cup vegetable oil
 - 2 tablespoons honey
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- For the Frosting**
- 8 oz Neufchatel Cheese (low fat cream cheese)
 - 2 tablespoons plain yogurt
 - 2 tablespoons honey
 - 2-3 tablespoons flour
 - chopped walnuts
 - grated carrots

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 ° F (200 ° C). Grease muffin tins. Core, slice and mince the apple (use a food processor if you have one). Set aside. In a large bowl, mix together flour, oatmeal, baking powder, and baking soda. In a medium bowl, blend together the yogurt, water, oil, honey, and eggs, then stir in the apple and cheese. Add to the flour mixture and stir until mixed. Spoon into the muffin tins, filling each cup about three-quarters full. Bake for about 20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean. Let rest in the muffin tins for a few minutes, then remove and set aside to cool. For the frosting, combine the Neufchatel cheese (at room temperature), honey, and yogurt until smooth. Add enough flour to thicken the frosting to a good spreading consistency. Frost the pupcakes, sprinkle them with chopped walnuts or finely shredded carrots as garnish, and you're ready for a doggone good party! Makes 16-18 pupcakes. If you prefer a single-layer cake, spoon the batter into a sheet pan and bake for an extra 15-20 minutes (or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean). Let the cake cool, then frost and decorate with walnuts and carrot shavings.

For Just in Case

Rescue workers can waste precious time sifting through a patient's cell phone book in cases of emergency. A British paramedic may have found a solution. In the wake of the London bombings, Bob Brothie helped launch a campaign to get Brits to add the acronym ICE (for "in case of emergency") before the name of their closest friend or relative (for backups use ICE1 or ICE2). Now it is catching on in America. Matt Levy, of the International Association of EMTs and Paramedics, says to make sure your contacts know your medical conditions, allergies, and medications. For more info, go to icecontact.com.

Submitted by Lynn Baitinger



Member Profile—New Member Sue Quinn

My name is Sue Quinn, and I am the newest member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan. I live in Macomb Township, Michigan with my husband Brian (married to 11 years) and 2 sons, Brian Jr. 8 years old and Sean, 7 years old. I am a stay at home Mom, Cub Scout Leader, and when not busy with the boys, I love to spend my time with the dogs. I have 2 Miniature Schnauzers. Daisy my first dog, is 12 years old, and Duke is 10 years old.. I started showing Daisy in Novice A Obedience 10 years ago. At her first show she was awful, but the next day she took 2nd Place and I was hooked! She eventually earned her CDX, teaching me a lot along the way. I started Agility in 1997 with Daisy. She earned her Open titles, but due to back problems, she had to retire from Obedience early. Daisy and I started

our 7th year volunteering with a Pet Therapy group. She loves to visit the local hospital and is truly a sweetheart.. Hopefully her health will hold up and she can try Rally in the future. Duke has made my dreams come true by earning his Utility Dog title in Obedience. He won High in Trial twice at the MSCM Specialty (our favorite show). Duke has also shown in agility, earning his Excellent titles. This past summer he started Preferred agility, still running as fast as he could. We are looking forward to trying more Earth dog events next year. Currently Duke is showing in Rally, working towards his Rally Advanced Excellent title. He has 8 legs and



just needs 2 more. He has gotten some wonderful placements in Rally. Duke will continue to show in Obedience and Agility to keep him active.



Performance Corner—by Lynn Baitinger

FITNESS - FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It seems like the whole world is on a DIET!!

I recently read an article about eating habits the world over and one sentence stuck – a person from Japan stated, “Eat only until you are 80% full.” That was certainly food for thought for me!

Then, shortly thereafter, I read an article about lean dogs and how they run faster. As an agility competitor, that caught my eye! This article quoted a study published in the *American Journal of Veterinary Research* (Vol. 66, No. 6) showing that racing Greyhounds restricted to 85% of their free fed food amount resulted in a 6% loss of weight; however, they turned in significantly faster times in their sprints.

In the performance arena, years of carrying extra weight around can add

up, I feel. Besides slowing a dog down and making life harder for them in general, damage to joints and tendons may incur. A pound or two here and there is much more dangerous than a pound or two on us! For example, say a 15 pound Miniature Schnauzer is 1.5 pounds overweight. That translates to 10% above its perfect weight. Not bad you'd say, but another way to look at this is to picture a 150 pound person carrying around a 15 pound bowling ball day and night. This is not a nice picture! Schnauzers are masters at training us to give them treats and snacks, and we love to comply with their wishes, but I don't feel that they know or care what size that treat is!! Little snacks go so much further and you can give more of them when they are tiny!

A good way to check the weight of our Minis is to stand above them and look down at their back and see if they have a waistline. The body should not go straight back, but curve a bit. Next, place your hands on both sides of the dog's rib carriage very gently. Can you feel the ribs or do you have to press in

to get thru the skin to find the ribs? If you have to press to feel the ribs, you need to consider putting “Schatzie” on a diet! By all means, talk to your vet if you are uncertain. I feel that Veterinarians are much more educated today than a few years back and they realize that an overweight dog is “an accident waiting to happen” health wise. I also see Weight Charts in vets office now on a regular basis. That chart will help explain what to look for in your dog. A lean dog also enjoys an extended life span in most cases and what more could we want for our best friends. Thin plus exercise equals a happy, healthy and fit Mini!

Start the New Year off right!





MSCM T-Shirts!!

Members!!

Don't forget to purchase your club t-shirt! With Christmas fast approaching, they will make perfect gifts!! And they are only \$20 each!!! Email Joanne (jofor@airadv.net) or see me at the next meeting! We still have all sizes available (sm-xlg)



"People are in greater need of your praise when they try and fail than when they try and succeed."
- Jason Nelson



Holiday Pet Tips

*Plants, such as poinsettias, holly, amaryllis and mistletoe may make your home beautiful, but are poisonous to pets. If ingested, these plants may cause vomiting, diarrhea or more serious health problems. Keep all plants out of reach and, if a plant is consumed and your pet appears ill, consult your veterinarian immediately.

*If you have indoor pets, do not put chemicals in the tree water -- they can be harmful. By covering your tree stand tightly with skirting, your pet cannot drink the tree water, which may contain dirt or loose bark
*Replace metal ornament hooks with tightly knotted fabric 1/4 inch ribbons, light-weight twine or yarn to slip easily over the branches of the tree.

*Chocolates - these are poisonous for dogs if eaten. Keep them out of reach. Coffee, espresso, macadamia nuts, walnuts, and alcohol are also dangerous

*If you plan to entertain, provide a "safe haven" to which your pets can retreat when they get overly excited and there is a possibility of escape.

*While your pet is safe in a loving home, remember those less fortunate. Millions of pets, nationwide, will be homeless this holiday season. Our shelter animals appreciate toys, treats, and especially love and attention as much as yours. So visit your local shelter and bring your holiday cheer!

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Address-_____

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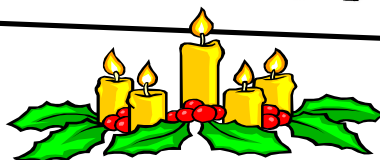
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The objective of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan is to advance the principals and scientific practices in the breeding of purebred Miniature Schnauzers: foster co-operation between breeder, owner, and veterinarian; encourage the exchange of 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.



THINGS I MUST REMEMBER AS A DOG (Author Unknown)

1. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.
2. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
3. I will not roll my toys behind the refrigerator, behind the sofa, or under the bed
4. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house.
5. I will not eat the cat's food, before they eat it or after they throw it up.
6. I will stop trying to find the few remaining pieces of clean carpet in the house when I am about to get sick.
7. I will not throw up in the car.
8. I will not roll on dead fish, seagulls, deer, etc... just because I like the way they smell.
9. "Kitty box crunchies" although tasty, are not food.
10. I will not eat any more Kleenex or napkins and then redeposit them in the backyard after processing.
11. The diaper pail is not a cookie jar.
12. I will not chew on my human's toothbrush and not tell him
13. I will not chew crayons and pens, especially not the red ones, or my people will think I am hemorrhaging
14. When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it is raining outside.
15. We do not have a doorbell. I will not bark every time I hear one on TV.
16. I will not steal my Mom's underwear and dance all over the backyard with it.
17. I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's underwear when he is on the toilet.
18. The sofa is not a face towel. Neither is the bedspread, nor Mom & Dad's laps.
19. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
20. I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and car registration.
21. I will not eat mint flavored dental floss out of the bathroom garbage to avoid having a string hanging out of my rear end.
22. I will not use "roll around in the dirt" as an option right after having a bath
23. Sticking my nose into someone's crotch is not an acceptable way of saying hello.
24. I will not pass gas in Dad's face while sleeping on the pillow next to his head.
25. I will not come in from outside and immediately drag my rear end across the carpet.
26. The toilet bowl is not a never-ending water supply and, just because the water is blue it doesn't mean it's cleaner

Submitted by Bethany Hoover

