



# TOPLINES

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## What I Have Learned This Year...

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With the year and the end of the show season drawing to a close, I have been reflecting on the events of this past 12 months. Up until now, life seemed to always get in the way of my being able to show my dogs for the duration of their coat. This year was different and it has been a huge learning experience for me. I would like to share some of the things I have learned.

**I have learned** to cherish my friends. People come into your lives for a reason...and everyone of my friends has contributed in some way to my being a better person and friend.

**I have learned** that without my husband's help and support I wouldn't be able to do this!! Thanks for taking care of things while I am gone!

**I have learned** that the more I travel to dog shows, the harder it is to stay on a diet!

**I have learned** that when driving through a hilly parking lot trying to find an exit... go slow! Anyone know how to get yellow paint off the bottom of a bumper???

**I have learned** that winning is a WHOLE lot more fun than losing!!

**I have learned** to like having my picture taken, but

only if it involves my dog and a judge!

**I have learned** how to roll a coat! I may not have done the best job this first time, but at least I made the attempt and I am sure I will get better with each one that I do. Some long time breeders that I have talked to have never rolled a coat, so I am one step ahead in that area!

**I have learned** to be a better handler. I have learned to relax and not think so much about what I am doing but to rely on myself to know what to do and when. I've learned not to be anxious before going into the ring as it just travels down the lead to my dog.

Most of all I have learned not to go "stupid" under pressure!

**I have learned** to be a much better groomer. After attending Kate's grooming seminar, I now have the knowledge and confidence to make my dog presentable! I am by no means as good as Kate and others, but I see myself improving every time I work on my dogs.

**I have learned** that the "pretty picture" standing still

very often (not always!) loses that picture as it moves.

**I have learned** that unfortunately the above does not matter to some judges :-(

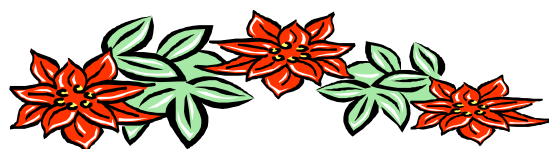
**I have learned** that our breed seems to be in trouble with toplines, fronts and rears. Breeders NEED to make a conscious effort to improve these areas!

**I have learned** that there is no perfect dog, but the overall picture of a Miniature Schnauzer should be of soundness (as with any breed) and type and that one should not be without the other!

**I have learned** that there is no end to learning. Every new dog show is a learning experience. Something new is learned from every person you meet there and from every judge you show under.

Have a great Holiday Season and a "Purple & Gold" New Year!  
See you at the dog shows next year!!

Joanne



# **MSEM Christmas Party**

**Saturday, December 9, 2006**



## **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 6th to let her know that you are coming**  
**([karinjaeger@voyager.net](mailto: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:** From Business 69 left onto 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!

### **NOVEMBER 30**

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

### **DECEMBER 6**

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

### **DECEMBER 9**

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing 4:00 p.m. (Details on page 2)

### **ONE BY ONE ...**

One by One, they pass by my cage,  
Too old, too worn, too broken, no way.  
Way past his time, he can't run and play.  
Then they shake their heads slowly and go on their way.

A little old man, arthritic and sore,  
It seems I am not wanted anymore.  
I once had a home, I once had a bed,  
A place that was warm, and where I was fed.

Now my muzzle is gray, and my eyes slowly fail.

Who wants a dog so old and so frail?

My family decided I didn't belong,

I got in their way, my attitude was wrong.

Whatever excuse they made in their head,

Can't justify how they left me for dead.

Now I sit in this cage, where day after day,

The younger dogs get adopted away.

When I had almost come to the end of my rope,

You saw my face, and I finally had hope.

You saw thru the gray, and the legs bent with age,

And felt I still had life beyond this cage.

You took me home, gave me food and a bed,

And shared your own pillow with my poor

tired head.

We snuggle and play, and you talk to me low,

You love me so dearly, you want me to know.

I may have lived most of my life with another,

But you outshine them with a love so much stronger.

And I promise to return all the love I can give,

To you, my dear person, as long as I live.

I may be with you for a week, or for years,

We will share many smiles, you will no doubt shed tears.

And when the time comes that God deems I must leave,

I know you will cry and your heart, it will grieve.

And when I arrive at the Bridge, all

brand new,  
My thoughts and my heart will still be with you.

And I will brag to all who will hear,

Of the person who made my last days so dear.

*Author Unknown.*



### **DOG SHOW EXHIBITOR PRAYER**

Dear Protector of Dogs and Fools,

When that intelligent, hardworking, honest judge finally sees what I see in this dog I've worked so hard and long with, help me to accept my win with grace and dignity.

And, when that blind, clueless idiot - I mean, judge - somehow fails to see what a fine job we've done (well, at least better than the so-and-so he placed ahead of us!), help me to accept my defeat with some of that same grace and dignity.

Lord, you alone know how I've sweated blood over this dog, the hours I've spent getting him ready (and, Lord, are any of them ever ready?). You (and probably only you!) understand why I spend good money on this animal - money I could have spent on lots of other things; things that just might have afforded me a little more pleasure and a lot less frustration.

Lord, tolerate my disappointment when I lose, and help me keep it all in perspective. Help me remember that when some dog show judge gives me the gate, it's not as if St. Peter just gave me those pearly ones.

Lord, clear my eyes and help me see before I open my big mouth, that the so-and-so with the cow-hocked, pony-gaited dink walking out of the ring ahead of me is actually a fellow exhibitor who has also worked hard, maybe even sweated blood over her dog too, and probably deserves to enjoy this moment to its fullest, as it shall not happen again!

Lord, you know there are some times - but not nearly as often as I tend to suppose - when such ugly things as Politics, Prejudice and Unethical Practices may cause my dog

to get beaten unfairly sometimes. Help me, then, to remember that several wrongs won't ever make a right, and that none of those wrongs gives me an excuse to act like an idiot

You know I'm a competitor, Lord; I make no bones about that. I love to win and I hate to get beat. There are few things more abhorrent to me, Lord, than placing sixth out of six. If I didn't love to compete, I'd stay home and knit afghans. But then, there are probably afghan shows, and people who hire professional knitters with high-tech knitting machines, and most likely there are afghan show judges who raise sheep whose wool goes into some of the winningest afghans, and there I'd be - still frustrated, still getting beat, and without a dog to share half the blame.

This year, Lord, help me to have a little more faith in my fellow dog folks, and for Heaven's sake, help me win, or lose, with a little class!

AMEN

Author Unknown







### *Obedience at Specialties*

On Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, once again, the MSCM hosted our obedience trial for Miniature Schnauzers only in conjunction with our Breed Specialty. And; once again, our entries were relatively small – if compared to an all breed obedience trial. A total of 11 Miniature Schnauzers were entered in all classes. Our enthusiasm; however, was as big as it can get! Several non-obedience club members were ringside to cheer us on too, which added to the fun.

## Performance Corner-by Lynn Baitinger

After all – what could be cuter than a mini showing off!

This year was very rewarding in that there were many nice performances – a few dogs may not have qualified, but, no matter, they worked well and showed off our breed. Watching them work in obedience with their quick little minds and antics keeps us all on our toes – and I know there was a chuckle or two ringside!

Our trophy theme this year was “Christmas in September”! I must say that the prizes were some of the best we’ve ever offered – beautiful hand-made ornaments, embroidered Christmas stockings, and doggie Christmas toys made this event very special.

A photo collage of all the exhibitors and the class placements is attached as part of this newsletter and a huge *Congratulations* and *Good Job* goes

out to each one of them.

I am so proud of our club! The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan is one of the few Miniature Schnauzer clubs to offer any performance events at all. Much extra work, effort and money is spent on the obedience trial, and I, as a club member and obedience competitor truly appreciate this effort! Performance events showcase the dogs working ability - from head to toe. Conformation, Brains, Temperament, Attitude, Willingness, Agility, Trainability, etc. all come out in performance events. I believe that this is where you see the true wonder of our Minis. They are a dog that can do it all and should!

Thank you - MSCM – I’m so proud of you for year after year offering obedience at our specialty. YOU are a very special club for doing this.





Judge: Carolyn House  
 L-R: Marcia Streed, Maestro & Bernie, Lynn Baitinger, Katie, Connor & Morgan,  
 Pat Heinzelman & Raja, Sue Quinn & Duke, & Joanne McCallum & Bootsie & Shasta



**MSCM Specialty**  
**Sept. 29, 2006**  
**Christmas in Sept!**

High In Trial  
 &  
 High Combined  
 Marcia Streed  
 &  
 Pepper



Open B  
 1st—Marcia Streed & Pepper  
 2nd—Pat Heinzelman & Raja



Novice B —1st  
 Joanne McCallum & Shasta



Utility B—1st  
 Marcia Streed & Pepper



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## Tips

### Home Made Non-Toxic Disinfectant

Fill an empty spray bottle with a mixture of 1/2 cup white vinegar, 1/4 cup rubbing alcohol, and the remainder with water.

The small amount of alcohol dissipates quickly and the vinegar acts as a natural, non-toxic disinfectant

### Healthy Weight Gain Mix

1 Pt. whole fat Cottage Cheese  
1 lb. Turkey burger (or any other ground meat) raw  
2-3 eggs-boiled in the shell for 30 seconds\*

2T Flaxseed or Olive Oil  
1 Can Sardines

This is full of protein, essential fatty acids, and digestive enzymes

*\*Boiling the eggs for 30 seconds denatures the whites and leaves the benefits of the yolks intact*

*"Wisdom is to live in the present, plan for the future and profit from the past."*

*- Anonymous*

## Braggs



On Friday, November 3, 2006 at the Sturgis Kennel Club show in Ft. Wayne, Ind., Jofor's Here For The Party, aka Gretchen, (Ch. Char N Co Speed Limit x Ch. Jofor's Better Things To Do) owned and bred by me (Joanne Forster) was WB and BOS for a 3 pt. major under Judge Robert J. Berndt and shown by Charlotte Stuckey. This was Gretchen's first major!



On November 10, 2006 at the Greater Muskegon Kennel Club show in Gr. Rapids, MI., Jofor's Here For The Party was given BOB (over a Special) by Judge Ms. Gay H. Dunlap and was Breeder/Owner handled by myself. Gretchen needs 4 pts (1 major) to finish!

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On Saturday, November 4, 2006 at the Marion Kennel Club show in Ft. Wayne, Ind., Loneacre's Sugar Rush, aka Candy, (Ch. Jofor's What's It To You x Loneacre's Lady Liberty) was WB for a 4 pt. Major under Judge Robert D. Black and Breeder/Owner handled by Beth Santure. This was Candy's first major also!

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# Katie

## ADCH MACH Loneacre's Girls Nite Out, UDX, RN, Can. UD, U-CDX, MXP, MJP

May 10, 1992 - Nov. 3, 2006



Little "Party", lovingly raised by Beth, John, Lindsay (about 3 then), and baby Eric Santure came to live with me and Ron at 1 1/2 years of age. This little bundle of energy took about two minutes to secure a permanent place in our hearts. I, much to Beth's chagrin, changed her call name to Katie; however, the "Girls Nite Out" part of her registered name totally personified this petite dynamo. She was truly a joyous dog. She was a dog that could train obedience in the morning, agility in the afternoon, then take a walk and still want more. She loved training, no matter what and never failed to put her own personal touches on exercises. Frustrating as it was, we started calling her shenanigans "Katie-ism's". They never made me mad because I couldn't stop laughing at this bundle of joy. Her obedience career was never dull as Katie made me laugh even in the ring with some of her shenanigans.

At the McCormick Place in Chicago, she was doing go outs in the utility ring, and half way out spotted a big man finding a chair in the audience. She sped up, ran right thru the "diamond" in the ring gate, ran three rows back into the audience, and jumped in this man's lap. Whoops - not my "dad", and back she came into the ring! Another favorite was when she ran out to get glove three, but decided to toss it in the air, catch it, shake it, then start back to me, do a drop, play with the glove, then come in to the front position! Her little mind just couldn't stop working. As you can imagine, Sits and Downs were very hard. She would just "forget" she was supposed to stay there.

She could bring her lively imagination into the agility ring too. Stuart Mah still remembers her jumping threw the bars in the winged part of the jump during a seminar. And, I still remember her jumping OVER the NUMBERS, instead of over the jump. (one show had huge 12 x 12 square signs as numbers - and since she jumped 12", why not :)

When Katie placed at the AKC Agility Nationals in 1997 it was a highlight of our career. She earned Agility Championships in two venues, and In obedience I definitely planned to pursue the OTCH with her; however, she just couldn't sit still long enough for the sits and downs and I couldn't stop laughing at her other "Katie-isms". She was perfect like she was. Katie was the first dog in Michigan to obtain the MACH. Other titles: UDX, ADCH, RN, World Series Placements, AKC Agility National's 4th place, OTCH points and more. Gosh, she even earned her UDX and double Q'd on the same day at Midland!

She had a thing for bicycles and people or kids running. It would set her off barking every time and I hated it when she spotted them before I did. Talk about being startled :) Her favorite place in the house was on the landing where she could look out the front and check on all the activity. She would be at that outpost most of the day letting me know every time the neighbors drove out their driveway or mowed their lawn.

Lastly, I keep thinking of how much she loved the water - would only swim TO shore though. She was a one way dog. At Jane's pond one year one of her Westie's was catching frogs and before we knew it all the Westies and schnauzers were in that slimy pond fishing for those giant goldfish of hers. What fun they had in all that muck. We just sat there laughing at them while we drank some fancy concoction Jane cooked up.

My little miracle dog she was - every day with her was a happy day and I am so blessed to have had her to love. Katie passed at the age of 14 1/2 after a very brief illness. She truly enjoyed every day of her life and I am so thankful that Ron and I were owned and loved by this wonderful Miniature Schnauzer.

Lynn Baitinger



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We're on the Web!  
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### Montgomery County Sweepstakes Judging

It was a great honor to have judged at Montgomery County. The judging Program had 29 puppies for me to go over. After counting the Absentees, I judged 21 puppies.

The quality of the ring was a challenge. The ground was uneven with holes to watch out for. The size was fine for sweeps but not for Best of Breed. But on the other side the weather was perfect. They had the Sweeps starting at a good time, giving the handlers plenty of time to make it to the ring. The club set up more grooming tents than last year. It looked like everyone had enough space to groom. Spectators could watch from all sides of the ring. This made viewing of the dogs easier. The exhibitor's could drive up to the grooming tents, which was a big improvement over last year. Now if we could talk the club into making the Miniature Schnauzer ring bigger and flatter!

Truth be known, as the first class came in the ring, I was nervous having all the breeders watching every move I made. I had told myself earlier to just enjoy the time in the ring. With a deep breath, I asked to have all the dogs lined up. I took a good look and then had the dogs go around the ring, asking the first one to be placed on the table. As I watched, one male pup caught my eye. I hoped what I was seeing would also be there on the table. After going over all the male pups,

my thoughts went to, "If there isn't a better female, this male that caught my eye would surely be my Best in Sweeps."

Now the females came in the ring. Again, one bitch stood out for me. Now the challenge of which would be my Best in Sweeps. I remembered a long time breeder's advice. She said, "Pick the pup you would take home." The rest is History.

As I went over all the dogs' heads, I found that most of the pups had nice-sized eyes with only one dog pup having large, round eyes. The dogs' coats were of good quality. Top lines on the go around seemed to be strong. I feel that the rear movement, size and shape of the eyes, head pieces, and tail sets have improved over the years. Most of the pups had good bites, but one pup had an over-shot bite and one had a wry bite. Most of the heads had even planes, with only two being down-faced. I had some with good ear set and some with slightly low ear sets.

When the dogs moved away from me, I did not see any open or cow hocked dogs, but the movement on some dogs were too close or too wide. The fronts coming towards me were fairly good, with some again too wide or A-framed. Then, putting my hands over each dog's body, I found that most had a lay back of scapula to be too steep. The angulations of the front assembly are too straight for a working dog.

I found the depth of chest on most to be down to the elbows. I also found on some

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.



of the dogs that the chest was not deep enough, and the length of ribs on some of the dogs were too short. The side gait needs to be worked on with very few of the dogs having enough reach in the rear leg to fall into the front footprint or the front leg falling short of the rear leg.

All in all, I feel that the breed is improving in some areas and falling short in others. The dogs' lack of proster-num, side gate, and the front assembly being the breeder's greatest problem, in my opinion. In talking with other breeders they are saying the same thing of their breed with the dogs' shoulders being too steep or set too far forward. I am not sure why the judges are rewarding such fronts.

I have to say I had a great time and would love to do this again someday.

Mary Paisley

ToMar

