



# TOPLINES

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*"If you can imagine it, you  
can achieve it. If you can  
dream it, you can become  
it."*

*William Arthur Ward*

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## A Christmas Story for Dog Lovers

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Long ago in the deepest of winters all of the animals on Earth were abuzz with the news. "HE IS BORN! HE IS BORN!" cried the snowy owl. "Come one and all, rejoice!" roared the mighty lion. "Bring gifts to the new King!" The forest grew bright with the din of excitement. Every creature was running towards the star. The noise was so loud and joyful that it traveled distant lands. In a quiet glen, under a bramble bush, a small lonely dog raised his head from his slumber and heard the sounds from afar. He raised his little head and wondered. Slowly he raised his tired body and sniffed the air. He knew something was amiss - but he knew not what. A voice ever so sweet was singing in the distance, this he could hear. The words were not at all clear, but the sound was of waterfalls, and misty mornings and everything dear... Eagerly he followed the sound and soon saw a star. It shone so brightly his little eyes watered. What was this shiny thing that happily glowed? What could be happening that would bring about such a lovely sight. His little legs beat the path for many days. He became tired and hungry but still he walked on. He had to follow the sound of that voice. The voice that

reminded him of warmer and kinder times. He had to follow the light of the star. The star told him of happy things to come. At last he came into a clearing and his eyes beheld a mystifying sight. Animals were everywhere, and each had a precious gift. Some brought shiny berries from the forest, some brought beautiful leaves, and some brought twigs from the rarest of trees and even some brought the most precious wildflowers of the fields. They were laying these gifts at the entrance of a stable. Above the stable the light of the star twinkled more brightly than before. He turned to the deer and asked: "What is all this? Where have I come?" "You have come to see the new King. He is Born. Where are your gifts for the child?" asked the deer reproachfully. "I have no gifts. I didn't know..." said the lonely little dog with his head hung low. The deer sneered and snubbed and quickly walked away as he tossed his head indignantly. The little dog's body trembled all over, his little tail flew between his little legs, and his little head hung lower than ever. He was ashamed. And yet...he still wanted to get a little peek at the New King. Quietly, ever so carefully, he

crept over to the stable. He was so small he could easily hide under the other animals. Ever so sleekly he crept up to the manger and peeked inside. "WHO ARE YOU!" boomed the voice of the Lion. "WHY DO YOU DARE NOT BRING GIFTS FOR THE NEW KING?" and the little dog cowered, much humbled. He laid his little head at the foot of the manger and hid his eyes. He was ready to be killed by the Lion, and yet he spoke ever so quietly, ever so meekly, ever so bravely: "I have no gifts, I have no berries, or twigs, or bright flowers of the field...all I have is my life and I will gladly give that, for I have shamed all my brethren tonight." He waited - with his eyes closed, thinking that if he did die tonight, at least he would die beneath the cradle of his King. That's when a warm and gentle hand was upon him. He did not dare to open his eyes, until he heard a woman's voice speak: "Do not fear little one. You are safe here. This bramble in your fur speaks of the gift you have brought to him." The lonely little dog opened his eyes and looked up at the woman. "But I have no gift to offer, save for myself, and that is very little..."he shyly protested.

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# MSEM Christmas Party

Saturday, December 5, 2009



## 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!**

Be ready to play  
"Schnauzer Bingo"!!



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



**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 2nd 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.

## 2009 Calendar of Important Events



### **NOVEMBER 30**

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

### **DECEMBER 2**

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

### **DECEMBER 5**

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



## Whelping Box

Born October 20, 2009—4 Males and 3 Females

Dam: Ch. Jofor's Here For The Party (owned by Joanne Forster)

Sire: Ch. Sercatep's Somebody Said

Owner of the Litter : Sonny Lelle, Austin TX



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The woman smiled and scratched his ears. "Little dog, you traveled far to see the King. That is gift enough when it comes from your heart. What gift is more precious than one given in innocence and humility? No little one, you are welcome here." As she spoke she raised the little dog up.

"Behold, your King, the Son of Man. You shall serve him well." And the baby smiled. So it came to pass and the dog was lonely no more. And the dog has served man ever since, loyal to a fault, and humble he remains. A gift from God to us, for who, but the dog will travel miles without explanation? Who, but the dog will cower from you even if he is not wrong? Who, but the dog will take a scolding even when he is not to blame? Who, but the dog is content to die at our feet if he so must? Let us care for it well.!

Author unknown





## Performance Corner

Yep - a performance issue of Schnauzer Shorts!

Jeri Muntis and Marcia Dawson are spearheading this special May/June 2010 issue with the input and support of the performance schnauzer message board. They have had a few conversations with Dan Kiedrowski (did you know he used to do obedience with his mini's many years ago?) and have reserved the cover and space for stories and rankings. The first step began around Columbus Day and 7 days later there were about 30 performance/companion handlers and breeders promising ads and about the same number pledging support toward the cover.

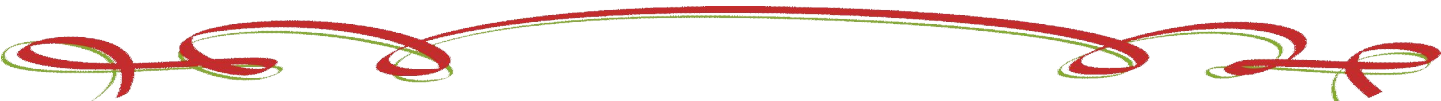
Agility, Obedience, Earth Dog, Tracking, Flyball, Rally...if you do it, they hope you'll want to brag about it. AKC, NADAC, USDAA, etc. will be included.

You may contact Marcia or Jeri for more information. If you need help writing an ad, they have people ready to assist you. Breeders, please contact your puppy buyers that are involved in these dog sports to let them know about this exciting opportunity.

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# The Day Before Christmas

"Tis the day before Christmas, and all through the house,  
The puppies are squeaking an old rubber mouse.  
The wreath which had merrily hung on the door,  
Is scattered in pieces all over the floor.

The stockings that hung in a neat little row,  
Now boast a hole in each one of the toes.  
The tree was subjected to bright eyed whims,  
And now, although splendid, it's missing some limbs.

I catch them and hold them, be good I insist.  
They lick me, then run off to see what they've missed.  
And now as I watch them, the thought comes to me,  
That theirs is the spirit that Christmas should be.

Should Children and Puppies yet show us the way,  
And teach us the joy that should come with this day?  
Could they bring the message that's written above,  
And tell us that, most of all, Christmas is love!

Anonymous



## Tips

### The Skunk Remedy Recipe

In a plastic bucket, mix well the following ingredients:

*1 quart of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide*

*1/4 cup of baking soda*

*1 to 2 teaspoons liquid soap*

For very large pets one quart of tepid tap water may be added to enable complete coverage.

Wash pet promptly and thoroughly, work the solution deep into the fur. Let your nose guide you, leave the solution on about 5 minutes or until the odor is gone. Some heavily oiled areas may require a "rinse and repeat" washing.

Skunks usually aim for the face, but try to keep the solution out of the eyes - it stings. If you have any cuts on your hands you might want to wear latex gloves for the same reason.

After treatment, thoroughly rinse your pet with tepid tap water.

Pour the spent solution down the drain with running water.

NEVER, ever, store mixed solution in a closed bottle, sprayer, etc. Pressure will build up until the container bursts. This can cause severe injury.

\*\*\*\*\*Notes\*\*\*\*\*

1) Clean plastic mixing containers and utensils are preferred. Metals encourage auto-decomposition of the peroxide.

2) Hydrogen Peroxide 3% solution is usually sold in pint (500ml) bottles, so you'll need two. The 3% grade is often marked "U.S.P.", meaning that it meets the standards for medical use and purity as set forth in the United States Pharmacopoeia.

The use of other strengths/grades is not recommended unless you're a chemist, and even then a trip to the 24-hour drugstore is much better than a trip to the emergency room.

3) Use baking soda, not baking powder. "Arm and Hammer" is one popular brand. Baking soda is also called: Sodium Bicarbonate, Sodium Bicarbonate, U.S.P., Bicarbonate of Soda, and Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate. Do not confuse any of the above with Washing Soda, which is Sodium Carbonate. Washing Soda is about 100

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times more alkaline than Baking Soda and can cause skin burns to both you and your pet.

4) Two preferred brands are "Softsoap" and "Ivory Liquid". As far as auto-decomposition of the peroxide is concerned, the surfactant package in these two is fairly inert. Heavy-duty grease-cutting brands such as "Dawn" are less inert, and hair shampoo is probably the worst.

5) Once mixed, the peroxide slowly breaks down into water and oxygen gas. Thus it gets weaker with time and so it should be used promptly. The exact rate depends on temperature, pH, and catalysts such as trace amounts of metals (iron, etc.) in the soap and/or tap water.

How much pressure will the complete decomposition of 3% hydrogen peroxide produce in a closed container ??? It depends on how full the container is.

Assuming negligible solubility of Oxygen in water, a bottle half-full of peroxide will develop about 140 psi. A bottle 3/4 full would develop 420 psi. This can do a lot of damage.

Highly pure hydrogen peroxide decomposes very slowly if kept cool and in a dark place, a few percent a year. The more dilute solutions usually decompose faster (due to impurities in the dilution water) and have a trace of stabilizer added. So why aren't the bottles in the store bloated or bursting? Look carefully inside the cap... you'll see some very tiny holes in the cap liner to let the oxygen gas escape. A good reason to always store bottles up-right.

Look for an expiration date on your peroxide. If you're using stuff which has been sitting around in your medicine cabinet for years, buy fresh peroxide.

6) Tepid: lukewarm.

## Braggs

On November 7, 2009 at the Greater Muskegon Kennel Club show in Gr. Rapids, Jo-for's Only One Too went WB for 2 points under Judge Mr. Wayne Bousek. Jewel is owned by Joanne Forster.



## Show Calendar

### OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Dec. 5 & 6 Obedience Training Club of Lansing in Lansing MI

### CONFORMATION

Dec. 10-13 Crown Classic in Cleveland Ohio

Conformation, Obedience, & Rally

### AGILITY

Jan. 8, 9, & 10, 2010 Canine Combustion Dog Agility Club of SE Michigan

(Volunteer needed to supply the newsletter listings for upcoming Obedience and Agility trials. See the Editor :-)

### MSCM TROPHY DONATION FORM

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*"You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for others - something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it."*  
—Albert Schweitzer

# MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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We're on the Web!  
[www.mschn.org](http://www.mschn.org)

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.



## Merry Christmas: From Ye Olde Puppy Shoppe !!!

We love our puppy customers -  
They're our #1 bread and butter,  
Especially right now at Christmas time  
With their Master Cards all a-flutter.  
Oh sure, they've heard about puppy mills  
-They don't live in a cave.  
The tree-huggers dreamed THAT whole  
thing up.  
They're really quite depraved!  
All OUR pups came from "Local Breed-  
ers".  
These signs around TELL you so;  
We paint 'em up and hang 'em high  
'Cause we want you to know!  
"We don't put a price on honesty but  
That pup will cost eight hundred dollars.  
You don't think that we make the big  
bucks  
Selling fish food and martingale collars!"  
But back to our Christmas Greeting  
And why we wish you all Good Cheer;  
You see, you are \$pecial folks to us  
At this festive time of year.  
We love you because you're lazy,  
Though very well-connected.  
You just won't take the time to find  
A breeder who's respected.  
You so rarely do your homework.  
(Santa, send us MORE trusting fellas  
With no time to learn about Legg Per-  
thes or Luxating Patellas!)  
Zoonotic's not a word you learned  
Playing Scrabble or at school?  
Color Mutant Alopecia ? Duh!

We LOVE it, man, you're COOL!!!  
Cryptorchids must be flowers from Hawaii  
you say?  
We will sure not tell you better.  
And you don't need to know Brucellosis,  
my friend,  
Unless, of course, you get 'er!!!  
You think that CERF-ing's what cool  
dudes do  
Somewhere out in California?  
And OFA's just another old workplace  
law?  
We're sure not going to warn you!  
But should we stumble upon someone  
Who IS savvy in any way,  
We'll just start extolling the wonder-  
ful work  
Of the grand ole USDA !!!  
We love you 'cause you just don't care -  
You buy it because you want it.  
You can lay your cash on OUR counter,  
ma'am,  
If you've got it, you OUGHT to flaunt it!!!  
We love the things you DON'T ask!!!  
It makes our job so easy.  
If you saw the sights behind the scene  
You'd get quite queasy.  
You'll never see the breeding dogs  
Who suffer on the wire,  
Or pups die of hyper-thermia  
When their truck gets a flat tire.  
We'll keep you from our back room, too,  
And put a padlock on the freezer.  
Those tiny puppies stiff and cold-  
Would not be a crowd pleaser.

We hope you have a vet you like -  
That pup's probably gonna need him.  
Ivomec wears off in thirty days -  
That's how long we've guaranteed  
him!!!  
Who cares when you get that blue slip  
home  
And find out that it wasn't true.  
Your Local Breeder's way out in Kan-  
sas?  
HO! HO! HO! That joke's on you!!!  
So come and see us, one and all -  
Join in our Christmas Cheer!  
We've strung the tinsel all around.  
If we could, we'd serve you beer!  
We've got the carols playing  
And a Santa, for good reason;  
We're all scrubbed up and lookin' good  
So you'll make our Christmas season.  
As you walk away with your new pup  
We'll shed a happy Christmas tear.  
Don't change ONE THING about your-  
self-  
Just DO come back next year!!!  
(ka- ching !!!)

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