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I don't want a show dog; I just want a pet.

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This is one of the most pervasive sentiments that puppy buyers, especially families express when they're looking for a dog. What they really mean, of course, is that they don't want a show BREEDER – don't want to pay the high price they think show breeders charge, don't want to go through the often-invasive interview process, and think that they're getting a better deal or a real bargain because they can get a Lab for \$300 or a Shepherd for \$150.

I want you to change your mind. I want you to not only realize the benefits of buying a show-bred dog, I want you to INSIST on a show-bred dog. And I want you to realize that the cheap dog is really the one that's the rip-off. And then I want you to go be obnoxious and, when your workmate says she's getting a puppy because her neighbor, who raises them, will give her one for free, or when your brother-in-law announces that they're buying a goldendoodle for the kids,

I want you to launch yourself into their solar plexus and steal their wallets and their car keys. Here's why: If I ask you why you want a Maltese, or a Lab, or a Leonberger, or a Cardigan, I would bet you're not going to talk about how much you like their color. You're going to tell me things about personality, ability (to perform a specific task), relationships with other animals or humans, size, coat, temperament, and so on. You'll describe playing ball, or how affectionate you've heard that they are, or how well they get along with kids. The things you will be looking for aren't the things that describe just "dog"; they'll be the things that make this particular breed unique and unlike other breeds.

That's where people have made the right initial decision – they've taken the time and made the effort to understand that there are differences between breeds and that they should get one that

at least comes close to matching their picture of what they want a dog to be. Their next step, tragically, is that they go out and find a dog of that breed for as little money and with as much ease as possible. You need to realize that when you do this, you're going to the used car dealership, WATCHING them pry the "Audi" plate off a new car, observing them as they use Bondo to stick it on a '98 Corolla, and then writing them a check and feeling smug that you got an Audi for so little. It is no bargain. Those things that distinguish the breed you want from the generic world of "dog" are only there because somebody worked really hard to get them there. And as soon as that work ceases, the dog, no matter how purebred, begins to revert to the generic. That doesn't mean you won't get a good dog – the

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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

Brunch Meeting
Sunday, October 21 2012

11:00 a.m.



Home of Brian and Sue Quinn
48226 Revere
Macomb, MI 48044
(586)532-0725

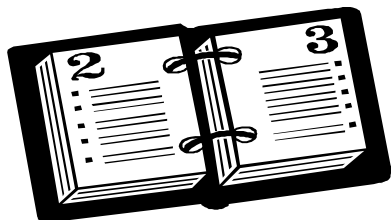
**Guest Speaker Robin Crise will be speaking
about how to sell items on ebay for the best
outcomes -Starts at 11:00am
Lunch then
Business Meeting to follow**

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.

Please rsvp Sue at quinndixie@gmail.com or the MSCM List and let her know what you would like to bring for the potluck. Members are asked to bring a brunch type dish to pass. Sue will provide pop/ water and sandwich wraps

Directions: Take M-59 (Hall Rd) to Tilch Road, Tilch is just east of Hayes Road. There is a Discount Tire and a Beaumont Medical Center on the corners of M-59 and Tilch. You will have to do a Michigan left to take Tilch north if you are coming from the west. Go north on Tilch, and through the next traffic light (21 Mile Road). The speed limit will drop to 25 mph. Continue straight, there will be a four way stop, keep going straight. The first street on your right (after the 4 way stop) is Nathan. Turn right on Nathan(heading east). The second street on your left will be Revere. Turn left on Revere. I have a reddish brick ranch on the east (right) side, there is a lamp post in the yard. Park anywhere on the street.

2012 Calendar of Important Events



OCTOBER 1

MSCM Membership Dues—Time to RENEW—\$20 per person/\$30 per Family ~Send to:

Sue Schauer, Treasurer
19870 Welch Rd., Milan, MI 48160

OCTOBER 21

Lunch Meeting held at the home

of Sue Quinn in Macomb. Details on Page 2

NOVEMBER 30

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

DECEMBER 8

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing 4:00 p.m.



TRICK OR TREAT



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!

2012 MSCM Annual Awards

If you have a new 2012 AKC Champion or Obedience title winner, please send the following information to Lynn Baitinger:

1. The complete name of the dog with all of it's titles exactly as they are to be engraved
2. The name and date of the show that the dog finished at
3. The name (s) of all of the dog's owners

Please send your information to Lynn by January 9, 2013

Lynn Baitinger
5400 Orion Rd.
Rochester, MI 48306

THANK-YOU!!!!

A huge thank-you goes out to the members that gave of their time, donations, and presence at this year's Specialty Show!!! Without the hard work and strong dedication of a portion of the membership, our Specialties would not be the success that they are!

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www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.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.



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magic and the blessing of dogs is that they are so hard to mess up, in their good souls and minds, that even the most hideously bred one can still be a great dog – but it will not be a good Shepherd, or good Puli, or a good Cardigan. You will not get the specialized abilities, tendencies, or talents of the breed. If you don't NEED those special abilities or the predictability of a particular breed, you should not be buying a dog at all. You should go rescue one. That way you're saving a life and not putting money in pockets where it does not belong. If you want a purebred and you know that a rescue is not going to fit the bill, the absolute WORST thing you can do is assume that a name equals anything. They really are nothing more than name plates on cars. What matters is whether the engineering and design and service department back up the name plate, so you have some expectation that you're walking away with more than a label.

Keeping a group of dogs looking and acting like their breed is hard,

HARD work. If you do not get the impression that the breeder you're considering is working that hard, is that dedicated to the breed, is struggling to produce dogs that are more than a breed name, you are getting no bargain; you are only getting ripped off.





HALLOWEEN PHOTOS

The Top 10 Scariest Halloween Dog Costumes

Performance/Show Calendar

Obedience & Rally

Nov. 2 Rally, 3 & 4 Obed.
Companion DTC of Flint
Flint, MI
Closes 10-117
Nov. 8,9,10,11 Obed. & Rally
Various Kennel Clubs
Kalamazoo, MI
Closes 10-24
Nov. 11 UKC Obedience
2 trials same day
Belgian Sheepdog Club
Warren, MI
www.ukcdogs.com
Nov. 17 UKC Obedience
Dogsports
Flint, MI
www.ukcdogs.com
Dec. 8,9 Obed. & Rally
OTCGL
East Lansing, MI
Closes 11-21

Agility

Nov. 2,3,4
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 10-19
Nov. 10,11
Clumber Spaniel Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 10-24
Nov. 23,24,25
Canine Combustion
Fenton, MI
Closes 11-9
Nov. 30, Dec. 1,2
Capital City Agility Club
East Lansing, MI
Closes 11-16
Dec. 14,15,16
Siberian Husky Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 11-28
Dec. 22,23
Weimaraner Club
Dexter, MI
Closes 12-5

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Conformation Show Calendar

Nov. 8-11
Pontiac KC, Greater Muskegon KC,
Kalamazoo KC, Gr. Rapids KC
Kalamazoo, MI
Closes 10-24

Dec. 1 & 2
Ingham KC
East Lansing, MI
Closes 11-14

Nov. 16-18
Dayton, Lima & Central OH KCs
Columbus, OH
Closes 10-31



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!