



TOPLINES

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Officers 2022

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Miniature Schnauzer Club of MI decals & magnets are still available to purchase. Contact Debbie at sercatep@yahoo.com.



NOHS Levels of Achievement

Consistent with the AKC's ongoing efforts to grow the AKC National Owner-Handled Series (NOHS) program and the sport overall, the American Kennel Club (AKC®) has launched the AKC National Owner-Handled Series Levels of Achievement that offers Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum recognition to exhibits obtaining a predetermined number of NOHS points for each level of award.

NOHS Levels of Achievement certificates are available for printing! You can print a certificate for each NOHS Level of Achievement a dog has earned.

Overview

The NOHS Levels of Achievement utilizes the same [NOHS point system](#) used to determine the annual rankings for the NOHS. The Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum NOHS Levels of Achievement are earned by obtaining a minimum

LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT	MINIMUM LIFETIME NOHS POINTS
<i>Bronze</i>	250
<i>Silver</i>	500
<i>Gold</i>	1,000
<i>Platinum</i>	2,000

The AKC is providing a commemorative pin and a downloadable certificate for the highest Level of Achievement the dog had earned (using lifetime NOHS points) at the time of program implementation. After the initial implementation, the AKC will provide a commemorative pin and a [downloadable certificate](#) for each additional Level of Achievement earned. Any owner can download a certificate. The pin is provided to one owner of the dog. Additional NOHS Level of Achievement pins can be purchased for \$10 each by contacting AKC Sports Services at 919-233-9767 Option 4, Option 1. Please have your dog's registration number available when you call.

<https://www.akc.org/sports/conformation/national-owner-handled-series/>

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

Dinner/Meeting

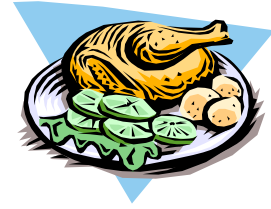
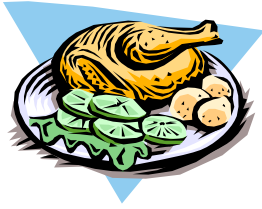
April 9, 2022

Bavarian Inn Restaurant

713 S. Main Street

Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Phone (800)228-2742



US-23/75 to Exit 136 (Birch Run) Turn East & proceed to M-83,
turn left, proceed to downtown, on the right after the covered bridge.

We will be in the **MATTERHORN ROOM**.

This is the private room upstairs.

Cash Bar Social Hour at 5:00

Dinner served at 5:45 pm

General Meeting to follow

Have room until 9 pm

Guest Speaker: Dr. Schultz

MENU:

Family style chicken dinner with all of the accompanying
side dishes plus dessert. Coffee, pop and tea included. Cash Bar.

Cost is \$36 per person (tax & gratuity included)

Children under 12 get a discounted price.

*(club member's pay \$20 for their dinner, and also 1 guest per member pay \$20 for
dinner, with the club picking up the difference. Members & guests will still be responsible
for cash bar drinks.)*

RSVPs by Friday, April 1 st. Please RSVP to the google group, email:

quinndixie@gmail.com , or Sue Q. at 586-532-0725.

AS ALWAYS GUESTS ARE WELCOME!!



Club News:

MSCM Agility Trial

AGILITY TRIAL RAFFLE- Members should bring raffle/silent auction donation items to the June meeting. These items will be used to prepare our annual raffle/auction at the July agility trial.

Already prepared baskets are desired, but not necessary. Individual items are also welcome. Silent auction items should be designated as such with an opening bid attached. Items should be new or "like new" and in clean, good condition. Gift cards are great too! Contact JoAnne Scott with any questions, ja.scott@comcast.net

Thank you!

2022 Calendar of Important Events

April 9 (Saturday)-

MSCM Dinner Meeting, Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, MI

June 11 (Saturday)-

MSCM Meeting at Beth Santure's Milan, MI

July 29,30,31-

MSCM Agility Trial & FAST CAT Trials, All Dogs Can, 2040 N. Lapeer Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

August 17 (Wednesday)-

Evening Zoom Meeting

September 30 (Friday)-

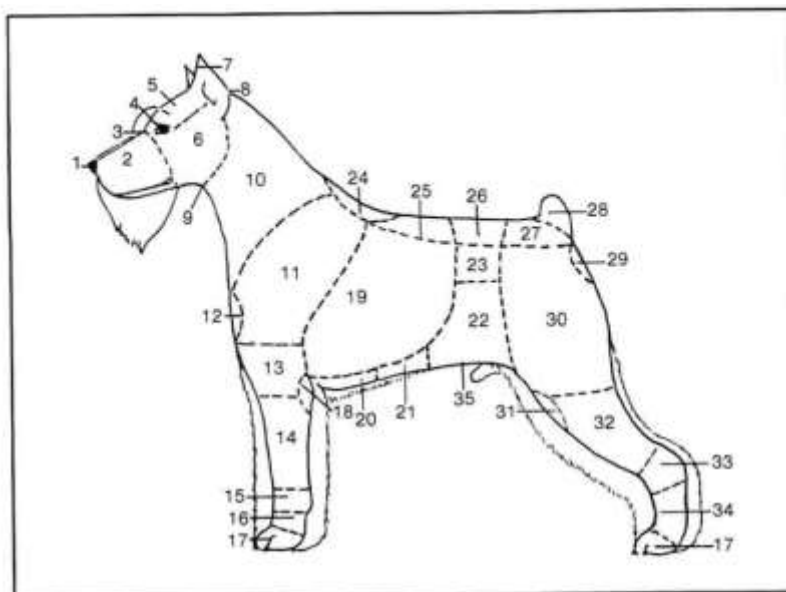
MSCM Specialty , Monroe Cty Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI

October 19 (Wednesday)-

Evening Zoom Meeting

December 10 (Saturday)-Note new time 11 am.

MSCM Meeting/Xmas Party, Coral Gables, East Lansing, MI



POINTS OF THE DOG
AS SHOWN ON THE MINIATURE SCHNAUZER

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|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1—Nose | 13—Upper arm | 25—Back |
| 2—Muzzle; foreface | 14—Forearm | 26—Loin |
| 3—Stop | 15—Knee | 27—Croup; rump |
| 4—Eye | 16—Front pastern | 28—Tail; stern |
| 5—Skull; forehead | 17—Foot; paw | 29—Point of buttock |
| 6—Cheek | 18—Elbow | 30—Thigh |
| 7—Ear | 19—Ribs | 31—Stifle |
| 8—Occiput | 20—Brisket | 32—Gaskin; second thigh |
| 9—Throat | 21—Abdomen; belly | 33—Hock |
| 10—Neck | 22—Flank | 34—Back pastern |
| 11—Shoulder | 23—Coupling | 35—Tuck-up |
| 12—Point of Shoulder | 24—Withers | |



Do You Think You're Too Slow For Your Dog?

How many times have you heard someone at an agility trial say, I'm not fast enough for my dog!" They were probably right and it may have been because they were not moving through the course with their dog. The length of their legs and their age possibly had nothing to do with it. The longest legs and youth will not help you be in time if you're not moving, but instead stare at the dog and watch him land. By the time the dog lands, a proficient handler will have already turned and continued along the course's path. They may even be at the next obstacle already! Don't stop and stare on course, trust your dog, show and go!

So, it's not about how fast you can run. It's about trusting your dog, teaching him a good commitment, sends and distance skills and then just showing him a jump, trusting that he will take it then MOVE to the next spot you're needed. Landing is not your problem. If you saw your dog taking off, then don't worry, he will land, no dog ever got stuck in the air. Seeing your dog's take off point also tells you exactly where he will be landing, so there is really no reason to stay there and stare. Landing is not your problem - take off is. So, take care of that take off and then use it to help with the next take off. Your job there is finished as soon as you see the dog is committed. At that point, he should also already know where the next obstacle after that one is, so you're really not needed there anymore.

It's also not about youth. Look around at any agility trial. There aren't many 20 year olds out there. The majority of handlers are at least middle aged and a fair number are in their 60s or more. By being open to learning and always searching for the ways to improve performance there are handlers who successfully run much faster dogs today than they did when they were younger. We might be older, but we're smarter!

Years ago, we relied heavily on rear crosses, we handled primarily from behind for years. Handling from behind is still effective for some sequences and should be included in your skills. But handling in front is faster, clearer and more efficient. Front crosses will make you much faster since a rear cross automatically puts you behind the dog.

At one time blind crosses were thought to be bad because you turn your back to your dog for a fraction of a second. It's just another myth. Handlers who are doing blind crosses generally have dogs with much better understanding of a handler's hands and had LESS confusion. Even more, a handler can get to places faster if they don't need to circle their feet around. You can't believe how much faster you can run if your feet are facing the right direction! You can also avoid the occasional falls from tripping over your feet.

Together with teaching independent turns through verbal commands, and the commitment and distance skills that come with it, feet turned in the right direction all the time will definitely take you to places soon enough if you trust your dog and run instead of stare.

Speaking of handling myths: never take your eyes off of a dog??? Yeah right. If you trust your dog enough and know where he will be landing and he knows where he is going next, you can take your eyes off of your dog! It's all a question of training your dog to the degree that you can trust him and knowing exactly where he is without staring at him. Staring and babysitting will never get you anywhere, no matter how long or not your legs are or how young or not you are.

And oh: big dogs can't turn tight??? Turns are certainly a major focus when watching agility, the tightness of their turns is not related to the size of the dog at all. Actually, you'll see way more wide turns with little dogs as they are often not trained for turns as well. Most dogs won't turn tight naturally, regardless of their size, but they can all learn how to do it through training. Maybe an untrained small dog will turn tighter than an untrained big dog, but a trained big dog can turn much tighter than an untrained small dog!

So... your dog can learn to turn tight and you can get to places you need to be ahead of your dog. It's all within your reach, you can do it – you just need to go for it! And those who go for it will win - no legs and no size of a dog can help you if you don't believe in yourself, in your dog and in your training. Train yourself, as well as your dog, to the degree that you can trust each other and then just go for it.

Visit our website. It has been updated, and the non-member Toplines are posted there. Be sure to share with your puppy buyers!

SHOW CALENDAR

Breed & Obedience/ Rally 2022

April 28-May 1 Breed
Progressive/Pontiac
Chesaning, MI

May 21-22 Obed/Rally
St. Clair KC
Goodells, MI

May 26-30
Breed, Obed, Rally
Various KCs
Kalamazoo, MI

June 9-12
Breed, Obed, Rally
Midland KC
Midland, MI

June 17-19
Breed, Obed, Rally
Grand Traverse KC
Traverse City, MI

Agility 2021

April-May 1
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI

May 6-8
Grand Rapids Agility
Club
Dutton, MI

May 13-15
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI

May 19-22
Mt. Pleasant MI KC
Midland, MI

May 27-29
CDTC
Lapeer, MI

June 3-5
Sportsmens
Lapeer, MI

June 10-12
Up N Over Agility Club
Lapeer, MI

June 17-19
FDGWPC
Whitmore Lake, MI

June 24-26
Kalamazoo KC
Kalamazoo, MI

June 30-July 3
Grand Traverse KC
Midland, MI

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