



TOPLINES

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Congratulations to all of
the specialty winners!
Thanks for supporting
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MSCM TCM Specialty Results—Sept. 30, 2022

Best in Sweepstakes & Best Puppy: Gossip Girl V. Brukenenthal, Owner:
Grigore Beldean

Best of Breed: CH Diego China Maple, Owner: Yi Shiu

Best of Opposite Sex: CH Minuteman Lex Luthor, Owner: Kate McMillan

Winners Bitch: Cherry Fields Love Story, Owner: Hiromi Ueki

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Owner: Grigore Beldean

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Select Bitch: GCH Stonewood Jane Walker Special Edition, Owner: Karla
Hensch

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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan General Meeting

ZOOM MEETING

November 2, 2022 Wednesday

7 pm

Check your email for the meeting link.

Please rsvp to the Google group or Sue Q.



December meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 10 at Coral Gables, East Lansing.

Fibrocartilagenous Embolus/Emboli (FCE) in Dogs

By Krista Williams, BSc, DVM, CCRP; Robin Downing, DVM, DAAPM, DACVSMR, CVPP, CRPP

What is Fibrocartilagenous Embolus (FCE)?

Fibrocartilage is fibrous connective tissue.

An embolus (plural: emboli) is material that travels through the circulation and blocks a blood vessel. Therefore, a fibrocartilagenous embolism is a blood vessel obstruction caused by fibrocartilage.

Another term for FCE is “fibrocartilagenous embolic myelopathy,” with the word “myelopathy” describing a problem with the spinal cord.

Accordingly, an FCE is the acute death of part of the spinal cord, caused by an embolus of fibrocartilagenous material. The material blocks arteries and/or veins in the spinal cord and may originate in an intervertebral disk or the marrow found within a vertebral body. The precise way the material gets into the vasculature is unknown.

Spinal x-rays are usually normal. The most common diagnostic test for FCE is magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Is this condition more common in some breeds than others? Does age have anything to do with FCE?

Giant and large breed dogs are most commonly affected; however, the condition has been seen not uncommonly in Miniature Schnauzers, Shetland Sheepdogs and Yorkshire terriers. It appears that FCE may more commonly occur in males than females. Miniature Schnauzers and Shelties are overrepresented among these patients. Most patients are young adults between 3 and 5 years old, but the condition has been recorded in dogs as young as 4 months and as old as 10 years of age.

What causes FCE?

It's most common for an FCE to occur following a mild trauma or during vigorous exercise, although some cases are reported in dogs that are simply walking. FCE occurs very suddenly, and the affected dogs typically cry out in pain. Most often the pain subsides within a few minutes, and signs of weakness and/or paralysis develop fairly quickly as well. These dogs are generally stable within 12 to 24 hours.

What are the clinical signs of FCE?

Although dogs with FCE typically have a period of acute pain, it is common for a dog with FCE to be relatively comfortable within a short time. In general, nervous system deficits (such as weakness and paralysis) are localized to one side of the body, and the other side of the body is either mildly affected or completely normal.

Occasionally, the embolic lesion is positioned in such a way that both sides of the dog's body are affected. The level of the dog's dysfunction depends upon what level of the spinal cord is damaged, and the signs may be as simple as incoordination or as serious as paralysis of the affected limbs.

How is FCE treated?

Most dogs who experience FCE are hospitalized in the acute phase, in order to perform diagnostic tests that look for and rule out other causes of acute-onset weakness or paralysis. If the dog is incapable of walking, then intensive nursing care is needed, including keeping the dog on a padded surface and turning them frequently to prevent pressure sores. It is important to encourage these dogs to move and walk as soon as it is possible for them to do so.

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There is no specific medical treatment for FCE. Instead, the emphasis is on supportive care and physical assistance. Using assistive devices like a lightweight harness with a handle along the back, a fabric sling, or a walking cart can facilitate both healing and early restoration of mobility. Physical rehabilitation, including assisted exercises, muscle stimulation and hydrotherapy in an underwater treadmill, can also help these dogs regain strength and coordination.

Once other causes of weakness or paralysis are ruled out, activity should be encouraged to prevent, or at least minimize, muscle atrophy. Most improvement for these dogs occurs within 3-4 months, but every dog is different.

Do I need to worry about this happening again? Are there any other potential complications?

FCE is unlikely to recur. Depending upon the lesion, a dog may have difficulty emptying her bladder, requiring assistance and vigilance to prevent a urinary tract infection. Also, depending upon the lesion, the dog may have stool incontinence.

If the clinical signs of FCE progress during the initial phases of the disease, this indicates progressive destruction of the spinal cord that is not reversible and, unfortunately, euthanasia may be indicated.

Recovery from the weakness or paralysis caused by FCE is slow and gradual and often reaches a plateau. Some dogs appear to make a complete recovery. In any event, your veterinary health care team can assist with guidance and support following FCE.

<https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/fibrocartilaginous-embolusemboli-fce-in-dogs>



CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE:

MSCM LOGO DECALS and MAGNETS \$10-\$15

Contact Debbie H. at sercatep@yahoo.com

IRON ON RHINESTONE SCHNAUZERS \$10

Contact Donna G. at egiles@comcast.net





Club News:

A big thank you to all of the members who helped make our 2022 Specialty a success. The weather was great, and the potluck was a hit as usual. The specialty trophies were beautiful.

2022 Calendar of Events

December 10—MSCM Meeting/X mas Party, East Lansing, MI. New time 11 am.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Annual Dues are payable by October 1st.

\$20.00 per person or \$30 per family

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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.



Make Your Dog's Meals More Fun With Food Toys

Enrichment toys for dogs are popular for several good reasons. They can be great boredom busters, helping to channel a dog's energy into an acceptable activity. They can slow a dog's habit of eating too fast. Research suggests that dogs may prefer working in some way for their food. A Kong toy is a great tool for feeding dogs. Here are five tips to getting the right food toy for your dog.

Get the right size. You can start puppies with a toy large enough for a full size dog to ensure that they don't become a choking hazard. For puppies and young dogs you can give their entire meal in a toy. That helps to keep them busy and out of mischief for a little longer.

Teach your dogs how to get the food out and make it easy at first. When first introducing a food toy you should make the food especially tasty and easy for your dog to extract as some dogs will lose interest if it's too difficult. Let your dog watch you add a small handful of kibble mixed with some small favorite treats. Excitedly shake the toy before offering it to your dog. Set the toy on the floor and gently manipulate it until some food falls out. Encourage your dog to interact with the toy and praise him when he does.

If using kibble or other treats, add a few larger, oddly shaped treats that will get in the way of the small treats and require more work to get all the food out. Tightly pack the contents into the toy. Don't be afraid to really pack the food in there. Prepare a number of food stuffed toys in advance and freeze them for an added challenge and to provide a cool toy on a hot day.

Be creative and change recipes to retain your dog's curiosity and interest. Any food that is safe for your dog can be fed from a toy. You can increase the appeal of the toy by whisking a little warm water into the food and coat the outside of the toy with it.

Make sure you keep the toy clean in between meals. A quick soak in warm soapy water and an old tooth brush or bottle brush will remove any bits of food that are stuck inside.

Here are a few recipes for food toy stuffing:

1. Dilute one tablespoon of peanut butter with two tablespoons of hot water. Add kibble and mix until coated.
2. Chop up dog safe fruits of choice. Add directly into the toy or stir in a mixture of canned pumpkin and plain yogurt.
3. Drain a tin of sardines (packed in spring water). Shred the fish with a fork. Mix with pumpkin and yogurt.

Make up your own recipes and have fun watching your dog enjoy them!



PICTURES
FROM THE
SPECIALTY



Brags

Congratulations to Karla Hench and her brace ,
GCH Stonewood I Dare You and GCH Stone-
wood Jane Walker Special Edition, for winning
the Brace Class at the Montgomery County
Terrier Show.



We're on the Web!

www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org

SHOW CALENDAR

Breed/Obed/Rally

2022

Nov. 4-6 O,R

CDTC

Flint, MI

Nov. 10-14 B,O,R

Various Kennel Clubs

Kalamazoo, MI

Dec. 3-4 Breed

Ingham Cty KC

East Lansing, MI

Dec. 9-11

OTCGL

Lansing, MI

Agility

Nov. 4-6

UP N Over

Lapeer, MI

Nov. 10-13

Weim Club

Lapeer, MI

Nov. 17-21

Various Clubs

Midland, MI

Nov. 25-27

Canine Combustion

Whitmore Lake, MI

Dec. 2-4

Capital City

East Lansing, MI

Dec. 8-11

Various Clubs

Midland, MI

Dec.15-18

Various Clubs

Midland, MI

Dec. 30-Jan 1

Various Clubs

Midland, MI



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