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When You Should (or Shouldn't) Pick Up Your Small Dog

By Sassafras Lowrey, CTDI

It's an instinct for many owners of <u>small breed dogs</u> to pick them up at different points while walking, such as when they're walking past larger dogs. It's natural to want to protect your small dog from an approaching large dog. But, there are pros and cons to picking your little dog up.

Training Small Dogs

Studies have shown that there are some <u>behavioral differences between</u> <u>small and large dogs</u>. In some ways, this research validates some of the commonly held beliefs about small dogs and their behavior. Specifically, the research showed that small dogs were more likely to be anxious than larger breed dogs. The study also indicated that small breed dogs were likely to be more excitable. They were also less reliable with responding to trained cues. "Little dogs get less <u>training</u>, less <u>socialization</u>, and are involved in fewer activities than big dogs, and that's a shame for them," explains Dr. Zazie Todd, a dog behavior expert.

Dr. Todd advises that small dogs can and do excel with training just as much as <u>large breeds</u>, but dog owners have to put the training work in. "Little dogs learn just like big dogs do, so you can use <u>positive reinforcement</u> to teach them to walk past other dogs, or if they are already fearful of big dogs, you can use counter conditioning to teach them they are okay," she explains. Ideally, we want to hold our small dogs to the same training standards as larger breed dogs. Ensuring small dogs receive appropriate training can help them to feel more secure in the world and prevent behavioral issues.

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MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN GENERAL MEETING—ZOOM MEETING Wednesday, August 14, 2024 7 p.m.

The link for the Zoom meeting will be emailed out before the meeting date.



When Should You Pick Up a Small Dog?

When walking a small dog, many dog owners instinctively will pick up their dog if they see a large dog approaching, especially if they're off-leash or seem excited. Picking your dog up is a natural impulse because of the size difference. A larger, excited, or aroused dog can accidentally injure a smaller dog. By picking your small dog up off the ground, you can keep an approaching dog from getting to your dog. Picking up your small dog can also make them feel more secure if they're <u>reactive</u> or nervous around other dogs.

"If you know that your little dog is reactive to other dogs, you can sometimes pick them up and turn them around so that they never even see the other dog," Dr. Todd advises. She notes that this strategy can be especially helpful in keeping your dog from reacting. Plus, it can help you "protect your training if you aren't ready at that moment to turn it into a training situation," meaning if you don't have <u>treats</u> with you or can't quickly increase the distance from an approaching dog. By picking up your little dog, you can reduce the tension of passing a larger dog while walking. This will make the interaction easier for all dogs involved.

Dangers of Picking Dogs Up

Picking your little dog up can be a way to keep them safe from approaching large dogs. But, it can also create some potential challenges. "Unfortunately, if another dog is fixated on the small dog and is very close, the motion of picking up the dog can add to the arousal of the other dog," warns Michelle Stern, a certified professional dog trainer and behavior consultant. If the large dog approaching seems aroused, picking your small dog up could cause the approaching dog to bite you. If you're picking your dog up because they're reactive or uncomfortable around other dogs, this may deescalate the situation for your dog. However, it could also be upsetting to your dog. In this case, lifting a small dog who is reactivating about an approaching dog could result in an accidental redirected bite by the small dog to the small dog's owner as they're picked up.

Respecting Your Dog's Boundaries

Although picking up your small dog might be easy, not all small dogs enjoy being picked up. For some dogs, getting picked up can be a disorienting, frightening, uncomfortable, or painful experience. Stern advises that we can make this experience more comfortable for our dogs by working on the skill ahead of time. She recommends teaching your dog when they can expect you to carry them. By doing this, you can train them to associate being picked up with something positive. You'll also help them avoid being surprised by being scooped up. "One way to help the dog to accept being picked up is to give a verbal cue before you pick up the dog, so they know what to expect," Stern explains. A verbal cue can prevent small dogs from being star-

Alternatives to Picking Up Small Dogs

There can be benefits to getting your small dog off the ground as other dogs walk past. However, this isn't always practical. If you have a small dog who doesn't enjoy being picked up, or if you struggle to bend down to pick your dog up, you can use training to get your little dog off the ground. <u>Trick training skills</u> can be especially helpful to get your small dog height as a large dog passes.

"An alternative to picking up the dog could be cueing the dog to climb up onto a tall object that is out of the way or even behind a large object, so they can no longer be seen," explains Stern. To do this, you can utilize <u>front paw targeting</u> or a lure to encourage your small dog to jump onto a log, rock, park bench, or other object in the environment and then add a verbal cue like "up." This allows dog owners to get little dogs off

https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/when-you-should-pick-up-your-small-dog/



Club News:

MSCM fall conformation specialties are Friday, September 27, 2023, held in conjunction with the Terrier Club of Michigan show at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. This year we are having a second specialty on Friday.

Monroe County KC shows are Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 28 & 29.

Mini Judges are:

Friday

TCM Specialty-Allison Sunderman
Sweeps-Allan Hargreaves
MSCM Specialty-Susan Napady
Saturday—Mareth Kipp
Sunday—Ann Roth

2024 Calendar of Events

July 26,27,28-MSCM Agility Trial & FAST CAT Trials @ All Dogs Can, 2040 N. Lapeer Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

August 14 (Wednesday)-Evening Zoom Meeting

September 27 (Friday)-MSCM Specialty, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI

October 20 (Saturday)-Valiant Bar & Grill, 1120 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI 48118

December 7(Saturday)-Coral Gables Restaurant, 2838 E Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823

We're on the Web! www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org

Thanks to Karli Muelleerr-Brough for hosting a barn hunt seminar at our June meeting. The dogs and handlers had a great time!

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Breed/Obed/Rally 2024

Sept. 5-8 **Breed** Genesse Cty & Saginaw KC Corunna, MI

Sept. 6-8 OB,Rally English Cocker Club Howell, MI

Sept. 14-15 **Breed**, OB, Rally St. Clair KC Goodells, MI

Sept. 13-15 OB, Rally Grand Rapids Agility Club Kentwood, MI

Sept .27-29 **Breed**, OB, Rally TCM & Monroe KC Monroe, MI

Oct. 5-6 Obed/Rally AADTC Whitmore Lake, MI

Oct. 19-20 OB, Rally Marshbanks Golden Club Ann Arbor, MI

Oct. 25-27 Obed/Rally Sportsmen's DTC Warren, MI

SHOW CALENDAR

Agility 2024 Aug.-Sept 2 Various Clubs Midland, MI

Sept. 6-8 AADTC Whitmore Lake, MI

Sept. 7-8 ISC Only CDTC Grand Blanc, MI

Sept. 13-15 Grand Rapids Agility Kentwood, MI

Sept 13-15 Fort Det. Golden Lapeer, MI

Sept. 19-22 Various clubs Midland, MI

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Sept.26-29 Grand Traverse KC Midland, MI

Oct. 3-6 Midland MI KC Midland, MI

Oct. 11-13 Oakland Cty KC Lapeer, MI

Oct. 18-20 FDGRC Lapeer, MI

Oct. 24-27 Various clubs

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MSCM Agility & Fast Cat Trials
July 26,27,28, 2024
At
All Dogs Can, Lapeer MI

Come see all the dogs & volunteer!

Shows start at 8 am!

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IN APPRECIATION

Many thanks to our past editors to Dave Gaskin, Barry Christy, and to Cheryl Tucker for the hours devoted putting Top-Lines tegether. Without you, where would our communication lay.

There's A Hitch To It

With his thumb, a hitchhiker says, "You furnish the gas, car, attend to the repairs and upkeep, supply the insurance and I'll ride with you. But, if you have an accident, I'll sue you for damages.

It sounds pretty one-sided but, one wonders how many hitchhikers there are in many organizations. Many members seem to say, "You go to the meetings, serve on the board and committees, do the paper work, study the issues, contact the legislators and take care of things that need doing and I'll just go along for the ride. If things don't suit my fancy, I will complain, criticize and probably get out and hitchhike to another group."

Hitchhiker or driver....Which kind of member are you?????????

taken from The Lone Star MSC of Dallas. (Schnauzer Strip)

The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan, Inc. , Specialty September 5, 1975 Ann Arbor, Michigan

Sweepstakes...Judge: Mrs. Dale Miller 16 Sweeps (6-10)
Puppy Dogs 6-9 No.

- (1) Car-Bun's I'm Boomer (Spilman)
- (2) Schutz's Little Sampson (Bebee)

Puppy Dogs 9-12 Mo.

- (1) Wellesley's Nite Stalker (Wissenberger)
- (2) Dixie Farm's Follow Me (Garno)

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Puppy Bitches 6-9 Mo.

- (1) Jankell's Tamba (Haskell)
- (2) Richlene"s Fantastic (Tomanica)
- (3) Hallehijah's All American Girl (Geels)
- (4) Jnj's Class E Hil Dee Gard (Glains, Jr.)

Puppy Bitches 9-12 Mo.

- (1) Richlene's Lucy Ellen (Smith)
- (2) Star Bound Sunup At Hughcrest (Hughes)
- (3) Jacqueminot Jam Session (Coffman)
- (4) Valharra's Melba Moore (Quick)

Best puppy in Sweepstakes Car-Bun's I'm Boomer

Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps Richlene's Lucy Ellen

Class Entries. . Judge Mr. Robert Graham.

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- (1) Car-Bun's I'm Bocomer (Spilman)
- (2) Schutz's Little Sampson (Bebee)

Puppy Dogs 9-12 Mo.

(1) Dixie Farm's Follow Me (Garno)

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

- (1) Jadeles The Streeker (Thayer)
- (2) Zomerhof's Yucca Dew (Somers)

American Bred Dogs

(1) Zomerhof's Bit of Luck (Somers)

Open Dogs

- (1) Pine Needles Moon Rover (DeCamp)
- (2) Merwood's Bright Knight (Smith)
- (3) Wellesley's Nite Stalker (Wissenberger)
- (4) Valharras Trade Mark (Quick)

Winners Dog... Pine Needles Moon Rover

Reserve Winners Dog. . Merwood's Bright Knight

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(1) Richlene's Fantastic (Tomanica)

(I do not have 2nd, 3rd or 4th placings)

Puppy Bitches 9-12 Mo.

- (1) Valharra's Melba Moore (Quick)
- (2) Ramage's Upper Class (Eckert and Zollthis)

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

- (1) Jacqueminot Jam Session (Coffman)
- (2) Richlene's Lucy Ellen (Smith)
- (3) Boyd's Little Miss Muffett (Boyd)

Open Bitches

- (1) Car-Lee's I'm Happy Too (Tucker)
- (2) Dixie Farm's My-A-Kiss (Garno)
- (3) Miown Society's Child (Simon)
- (4) Star Bound Sunup At Hughcrest (Hughes)

Winners Bitch. Jacwueminot Jam Session (Coffman)

Reserve Winners Bitch.. Car-Lee's I'm Happy Too (Tucker)

Best of Winners. . Pine Needles Moon Rover

Best of Opposite Sex. . Jacqueminot Jam Session

Best of Breed. . Pine Needles Moon Rover

OF INTEREST

Did you know..A Lakeland Terrier tops record turnout at Montogomery by going BEST IN SHOW under judge William KendricH. Best of Breed went to CH SKYLINE'S BLUE SPRUCE, owned by Carol and M. Parker, of Los Altos Hills, California.