



TOPLINES

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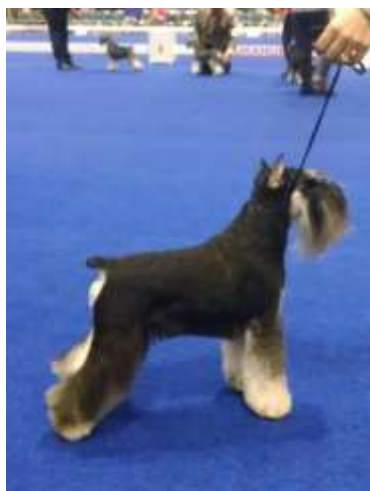
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Officers 2025

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Thank you to all of our members who helped with our 2025 Agility Trials. Many members helped out while they were showing their dogs. Many members came out and helped without having a dog entered. Many members worked hard behind the scenes before the trial to get everything ready. The judge and exhibitors were all great and a big thank you to them for supporting our trial! And a thank you to our trial chair, Lynn, for organizing and making sure everything gets done!





MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN

GENERAL MEETING—ZOOM MEETING

Wednesday, August 20, 2024

7 p.m.

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



TRAINING WITH TREATS

Training with treats is an incredibly effective positive reinforcement for training technique. It's dog-friendly and fun, and the basics are easy for trainers of all ages and skill levels.

At it's core, the concept is simple. Feed behaviors you want to see more often. But simple doesn't always mean easy. Understanding how, when, and how often to use treats in training can help you achieve better results. Here are some tips to keep in mind.

1. Use treats as a lure or a reward—not a bribe. Those who oppose using food in training often cite not wanting to “bribe” their dog as the reason why.

2. News flash: Positive reinforcement dog trainers don't want you to bribe your dog either? What is the difference? Here's an easy way to think about it. When you use food to guide your dog into position, that's a lure. Then you ask your dog to do something, he performs correctly, and you deliver a treat, that's a reward. When you ask him to do something, and he doesn't do it, so you produce a treat, that's a bribe.

3. Timing is everything: watch what you are rewarding. Aim to deliver the treat within two seconds of your dog performing correctly. This helps your dog connect the treat to the behavior.

4. Invest in the reinforcement. Frequently include praise and petting as you deliver treats; don't just dole them out like an emotionless Pezz dispenser. You and your dog are a team so why not celebrate the occasion of your dog earning a treat?

5. Also, don't be afraid to be generous with your treats—especially when your dog has a breakthrough moment in training or otherwise performs exceptionally well.

6. It's OK to keep treats on the menu forever. Every positive-reinforcement trainer does throughout their dog's lives—at least some circumstances. Keep treats in a dish on your desk to reinforce your dog for not barking at the mail man. When I have an opportunity to let my dog explore an area off leash, I use treats to reinforce coming when called, because I greatly appreciate my dog's decision to hit the pause button on his exploration simply because I asked him to.

7. Continuing to use treats doesn't mean that your dog is not trained; it's a sign of an enlightened trainer who understands the importance of offering a meaningful reward in exchange for a job well done!



Club News:

MSCM fall conformation specialties are Friday, September 26, 2025 held in conjunction with the Terrier Club of Michigan show at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

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

Mini Judges are:

Friday

TCM Specialty-Gayle Denman

Sweeps-Susan Quinn

MSCM Specialty- Judith White

Saturday-Dr. Troy Clifford Dargin

Sunday-Joe C. Walton

POTLUCK LUNCH WILL BE AFTER JUDGING ON FRIDAY



2025 Calendar of Events

August 20 (Wednesday)-Zoom Meeting 7 pm

September 26 (Friday)-MSCM Specialty, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI

October 12-Valiant Bar & Grill, 1120 S. Main Street, Chelsea, MI 48118

December 6-Coral Gables Restaurant, 2838 E Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823

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www.miniatureschnauzerclubofmichigan.org



Thank you to Cathy Collins for the agility photos!

Breed/Obed/Rally 2025

Sept. 4-7 **Breed**
Genesee Cty & Saginaw KC
Corunna, MI

Sept. 5-7 OB,Rally
English Cocker Club
Howell, MI

Sept. 13-14 **Breed**, OB, Rally
St. Clair KC
Goodells, MI

Sept. 12-14 OB, Rally
Grand Rapids Agility Club
Kentwood, MI

Sept. 20 OB/Rally
Tri Cities DTC of Saginaw
Saginaw, MI

Sept .26-28 **Breed**, OB, Rally
TCM & Monroe KC
Monroe, MI

Oct. 4-5 Obed/Rally
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI

Oct. 18-19 OB, Rally
Marshbanks Golden Club
Ann Arbor, MI

Oct. 24-26 Obed/Rally
Sportsmen's DTC
Warren, MI

SHOW CALENDAR

Agility 2025

Aug.-Sept . 1
Various Clubs
Midland, MI

Sept. 5-7
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI

Sept. 12-14
Grand Rapids Agility
Kentwood, MI

Sept 11-14
Fort Det. Golden
Lapeer, MI

Sept. 18-21
Various clubs
Midland, MI

Sept.25-28
Grand Traverse KC
Midland, MI

Oct. 2-5
Midland MI KC
Midland, MI

Oct. 10-12
Oakland Cty KC
Lapeer, MI

Oct. 17-19
FDGRC
Lapeer, MI

Oct. 23-26
Various clubs
Midland, MI

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