



Schnauzer Tales

It's a Bird... It's a Plane...
No, It's a Tiger!

CH. Ruedesheim's Mj Black Tiger OA, OAJ, NF, CGC earns two more titles



Tim Sampson's CH. Ruedesheim's MJ Black Tiger OA, OAJ, NF, CGC recently finished both his AX (Agility Excellent) and AXJ (Excellent Agility Jumper) at a trial held in Wichita Falls, TX.

Tim, a member of the CSMSC, says, "Conformation (structure) really matters in performance sport. We also enjoy keeping Tiger rolled and groomed. He is still a great looking black and silver and runs in full groom. He is a poster child for quality minis and we always get lots of comments on the lad. We are proud of his first year accomplishment in agility after acquiring his champion title in conformation."

Tim and Tiger, congratulations on your great achievements!

For more information regarding AKC titles and abbreviations, visit: <http://www.akc.org/events/titles.cfm?page=1> . For information regarding agility, please see the following site: <http://www.akc.org/events/agility/>



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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS AND MEETINGS: PLEASE JOIN US... EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

- **January 15, 2012:** King of Glory Lutheran Church in Arvada, CO, **Board Meeting** begins at 1:00pm and **Club Meeting** at 2:00pm.

Stay tuned to Schnauzer Tales for the upcoming 2012 club events and meeting dates.

STILL AVAILABLE: 2012 CSMSC CALENDARS

Not many more days until the new year begins! The 2012 CSMSC Calendars are still available for \$20.00, if picked up at a club meeting, and \$25.00, if mailed. The calendars are printed on a prepaid basis only, so get your check or money order to **Leanne Tousey, 9633 Pine Springs Drive, Morrison, CO 80465** as soon as possible.

LAUGH OF THE MONTH BY JUDY WRYSINSKI



A man tells his doctor, "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to Twitter!" The doctor replies, "Sorry, I don't follow you..."



Tinsel is really snakes' mirrors.



The Three Wise Men sound very generous, but what you've got to remember is that those gifts were joint Christmas and birthday presents.

RECIPE: JASPER'S GARLIC CHEESY BONES

Ingredients:

2 c. whole wheat flour
1/3 c olive oil
1 egg
2 tsp powdered garlic
1/3 c powdered milk
1/4 c parmesan cheese

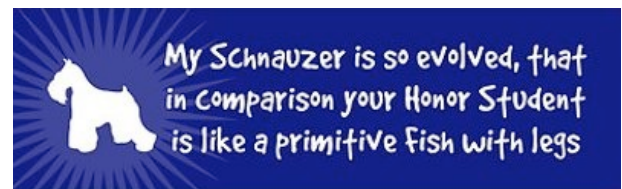
Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- 2) Combine the ingredients into a mixing bowl. Add water a little at a time to make a stiff dough. Mix by hand or with dough hooks.
- 3) Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and gently knead until daough is smooth and soft. Roll the dough 1/4 inch thick and cut the biscuits into desired shapes with cookie cutters.
- 4) Place the biscuits on a cookie sheet and bake 15-20 minutes until they are dry and firm to the touch. Turn the oven off and leave the biscuits in another 20-30 minutes if you want really hard cookies. Otherwise remove from oven and cool them on a baking rack. Store them in an airtight container.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Knilans January 22
Judy Wrynsinski January 23

Happy Birthday, Linda and Judy!



BREEDER REFERRAL

If you have a mini you are looking to forever home; if you are a club member looking to place puppies; or if you are looking for a miniature schnauzer to brighten your life; please get a hold of the club's Breeder Referral contact, Nora Plomondon at artpro628@comcast.net.

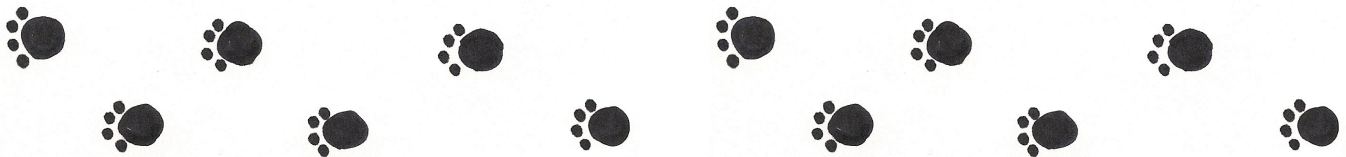
MINIATURE SCHNAUZER RESCUE: FRANKIE

Frankie spent the first 5 to 7 years of his life in a puppy mill, fathering puppies for puppy stores. He didn't get nutritious food or veterinary care, so when he arrived in rescue and we cleaned his teeth, they all had to come out! He is feeling much better now, and he can still eat dry food. He is very social for a puppy mill dog. He loves people attention and likes to play with other dogs. As if losing all your teeth isn't bad enough, Frankie also has a heart murmur, although it doesn't seem to bother him, and the vet doesn't think it is bad enough to require medication. Frankie is neutered, he is up to date on his shots (rabies, distemper, kennel cough and canine flu), vet checked, heartworm tested negative and on heartworm preventative while in rescue, and micro chipped.

If you would like to give Frankie the forever home he so richly deserves, go to www.cominischnauzerrescue.com and complete the adoption application. When you are finished, you can send the completed form to Susan at sblummanick@aol.com or fax it to 303-948-2526. When Susan gets your application, she will give you a call to set up a time to bring Frankie for a visit.



For more information, please contact Susan Lummanick at (720) 320-2413 or sblummanick@aol.com.



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If you would like to write an article for inclusion in **Schnauzer Tales**, please contact the editor at CSMSC.Newsletter@gmail.com 10 days prior to the first of the month for consideration. We would love to hear how you have fun with your schnauzer!

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TRAINER'S CORNER BY JENNIFER SKIBA

Did you know that January is National Train Your Dog month? I'm not making this up, I am not kidding. Really it is. Don't believe me? Check it out at <http://www.trainyourdogmonth.com/>

While at first glance this may seem silly. Who ever heard of National Train Your Dog Month? Just another gimmick! But, there is actually a method to the madness. It is a fact that there are many dogs "wrapped" up under the Christmas tree. It is also a sad fact that many of those adorable little pups end up in shelters and rescues just a few short months later due to no fault of their own. Their crime? Being a dog. I see it all the time. Unrealistic expectations for our dogs. Think about a typical dog's life. Sure, at first we may say, "oh, I would love to sleep all day and not have to work." How long would that last before you would become bored or stir crazy? We expect them to have perfect manners, never get upset, understand English right away, know where the toilet is immediately, and do everything we say just because we "say so" – quickly, every time, with no questions asked. We limit their freedom, either sticking them in a house all day or a yard all day with no companionship and no mental enrichment. Then when we get home we want them to be happy but not TOO happy – don't bark at me or jump on me, don't bug me with your toy wanting to play. I've had a hard day I just want you to lie there and be quiet. A walk? Are you kidding? I've worked all day, I'm tired. Take all of those expectations, heap them on a puppy, then add in a lack of training and before you know it you have a dog in the shelter. Why? Because lacking any clear guidance, he made decisions based on his instincts which we all know is very different from our expectations. Furthermore, the dog is now bigger so the owners can't control him because they have done no training – they just expect the dog to "get it". Now the problem behaviors seem so insurmountable that the owners just give up and give the dog away.

What do our dogs want? They want to BE with us, engage with us, have fun with us. We are the ones who put the labels "training" or "play" on our interactions with our dogs. If training IS fun then by default it is play. We are the ones who get caught up in having to do it "right". When is the last time you taught you dog a trick? Just like cross word puzzles keep our minds sharp, so too, tricks keep our dog's minds sharp. The last silly trick I taught my dogs was to stand with their front feet on a small step stool and, using only their back feet, walk in a circle around the stool. Besides being fun for us during the cold winter it is a great exercise to build rear end awareness and core strength. Plus, it's a fun silly trick to show off when company comes to visit.

So, while National Train Your Dog month might at first glance seem silly, if it raises awareness for just one person it will be worth it. If one new puppy owner hears about it and registers for a puppy class it will be worth it. If one dog owner enrolls in a training class with their dog to learn a few new things or to brush up on the basics it will be worth it. If one person decides this is the year to teach their dog polite door manners it will be worth it. If one person makes a resolution to engage their dog more on a daily basis it will be worth it.

What are YOU going to do for National Train Your Dog Month?

"It is a truism to say that the dog is largely what his master makes of him: he can be savage and dangerous, untrustworthy, cringing and fearful; or he can be faithful and loyal, courageous and the best of companions and allies."

~Sir Ranulph Fiennes

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