

No Schnauzer Left Behind

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- Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati/ Florida is an Ohio based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization group established in November of 2004 by Pat Miller. We are dedicated to saving the lives of Miniature Schnauzers and Schnauzer mixes. Our mission statement is:

No Schnauzer Left Behind.

- We have now branched out beyond Ohio into several states: Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Missouri, and Florida. We are always looking for volunteers to join our group. Please consider submitting a request to join us.

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1000th PUP adopted from Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati

A new life, a new beginning, a new name - Shellie - submitted by Wendy Norris

On November 14, 2012, the 1000th pup was adopted from Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati - Daphne began a new life, a new beginning, and a new name - Shellie. Daphne came to SRC from the Guernsey County Animal Shelter in Cambridge, Ohio in the beginning of October. She was owner surrender to the shelter because they could not get her housebroken and she had become snippy with the children. Barb Littler was contacted by the shelter that there was a Schnauzer in need at the shelter. Ray Ford pulled her from the shelter and met Jody Porter who was going to foster her.

Daphne was in bad shape when she arrived at

Jody's— she was skinny, had skin problems due to fleas and of course worms. Jody stated, it broke her heart to see this precious little white and gray Schnauzer in that condition. First order was a bath and grooming and a good dinner. Under the loving care of Jody, Daphne blossomed and put on some much needed weight and got the medical attention she desperately needed. Jody stated that Daphne was the best and sweetest dog that she has ever fostered and that includes the six that she has fostered and adopted. At the end of October, Daphne was added to the Petfinder site and available for adoption. Wow! Did the applications fly in for this



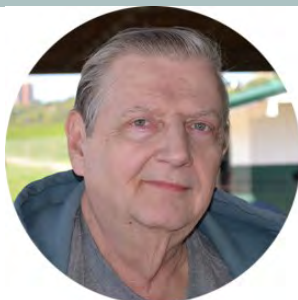
Daphne's picture from Oct 4, 2012

little petite gal. Everyone wanted Daphne – and Jody was very selective in who was a possible adoptive parent. She worked thru the list of applicants looking for that very special forever family.

Terri Burton had sent in her application at the encouragement of SRC volunteer, Sandy Zack. Sandy had met Terri

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We have lost one of our own! Ray Ford 2-10-47 to 1-4-13 – submitted by Wendy Norris



On Friday, January 4, 2013, the Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati (SRC) family lost a dedicated Rescue Angel, Ray Ford. For those who did not know Ray; he was a SRC board member and dedicated to Schnauzer Rescue. I had the privilege to

meet Ray in person at Bark-erittaville – 2012 this past fall after several months of him being one of my daily SRC email buddies.

His family included his 3 pups, Tooler, Sophie, and

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thru their joint volunteer efforts at local shelters in the Columbus area. Terri knew that there were already several applications for Daphne, but felt if it was meant to be, it would work out. Terri had recently lost her 13 year old female Schnauzer, Razzie from long-term medical issues. Wylie her 8 year old Schnauzer/Pug/Beagle Mix always had Razzie as a companion and became very depressed, so Terri began on her search for a new family member. Terri said, "I have always had a Schnauzer pair and while I was still in the grieving process for Razzie, I knew she would approve of me finding and providing a new life for another homeless pup." She was looking for a female Schnauzer that would provide companionship for Wylie. Terri wasn't interested in a puppy and felt that puppies generally get adopted very quickly from shelters and rescues. Terri states, "I have adopted from shelters previously and felt that rescue pups are so appreciative and make great pets. They are so grateful for what you do for them. I work in a vet's office and I always recommend to



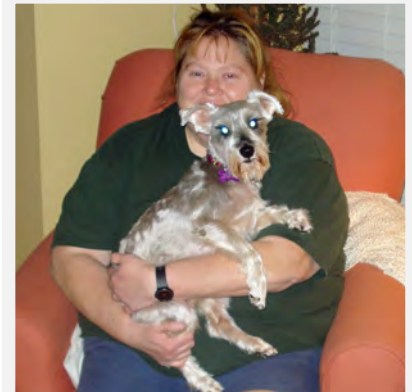
Daphne's Pet finder Picture

our clients to look at a shelter or rescue for a pet rather than buying one from a pet store or a breeder."

Terri renamed Daphne to Shellie – she felt that the pup needed a new name to symbolize a new beginning and a new life. Shellie has now been with her new mom, Terri and her brother Wylie for about two months. It did not take Shellie long for to assert her Diva power and assume the alpha dog position in the family.

Wylie is OK with being the submissive dog as that was his position, when Razzie was alive and he really needs someone to lead him. It took Shellie several weeks to feel at ease and jump up on the furniture and into bed with Terri and Wylie. However, she quickly found the toy box and Terri comes home to toys scattered everywhere. Terri feels that Shellie's previous owners may have physically abused her and that the children may have teased her. Terri just wishes that Wylie would tell Shellie that she has hit the

Jackpot in her new life and that her old life is gone for good. Terri knows it will take time to gain Shellie's trust; but she and Wylie have started to bond. They now share one of the recliners in the living room and allow Terri's dad to use the other one. Terri feels every pup is unique and will never replace the one that was lost but that Diva Shellie certainly has rescued them.



Shellie and her new mom Terri

Our condolences to Shellie and her new family. Terri's father passed away suddenly after playing with Shellie and Wylie recently. Shellie was the light of his life.

Pat Miller's thoughts on the 1000th SRC/F adoption

When I started this rescue group in November of 2004, it was only three of us, Doug Viars, Barb Littler and myself. I asked my vet, Dr. Zekoff, if he would work with me on paying the vet bills so that I could get started and he agreed. I never would have ever dreamed that there would be so many Schnauzers need-

ing our help. Reaching the plateau of 1000 adoptions is wonderful, but it shouldn't have to be. I wish that we could go out of business, but that isn't going to happen. I am so proud of our group; we have been able to do so much good work for these wonderful furkids. We need each and every one of our volunteers to

be able to do this. This number doesn't include the dogs that crossed to the bridge while under our care or the 60+ dogs that we have in our care at all times. I look forward to being able to save lots more for years to come.

Pat Miller, President and Founder

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and Elvis; all which he adopted from SRC. He told me he had to stop fostering since his success rate was zero, "I failed four times." "I knew I needed to move onto other areas of rescue." Ray helped with pulls from the Franklin County Shelter, overnights if necessary, and would routinely transport to Jeffersonville for pups headed to the ARK. Ray was a strong supporter of the ARK kids, newly arrived pups in the rescue; awaiting medical evaluation and treatment prior to moving onto a foster family. Ray provided funds for toys and treats for the ARK pups on a monthly basis. Ray's continuous donations to the SRC medical fund allowed SRC to take in pups that had dire medical needs. When I thanked him after another one of his many generous donations this past December, he said "my taxman tells me I can't take it with me, so I am going to spend it where it really helps. These pups don't have a voice and if I can help make their life better and pain free, I will." Not only was Ray generous to SRC by donations of time and money, he was a knowledgeable resource; providing help and guidance to other SRC volunteers. Ray, a retired government IT employee, helped with the SRC yahoo group page and helped many of us thru our various IT problems. Many of us have been walked through what to do if your email account has been hacked – "change your password." He was a great resource on how to care for your special needs pups and provided us with recipes for healthy treats that are good for our pets. If you asked Ray a question and he didn't have an answer readily available, he would say – "let me get back to



Tooled

you on that" and sure enough you would get an email with an answer.

Diane Blankenship: I have so many things I can recall about Ray. He was the second person I met in person who was a member of SRC, Iris was the first when I adopted Lily. I was going to Reynoldsburg, OH to meet Ray who had pulled a dog from the Franklin County Shelter. I was to foster this furbaby. I went to

the wrong Wendy's and couldn't reach Ray as he didn't have a cell phone. He waited for me for almost two hours. I finally made my way to his house as he was just pulling in having given up waiting on me at Wendy's. I felt so foolish failing to follow Ray's directions accurately. I probably left him 20 messages on his home answering machine as I tried to reach him. He was kind about it and I was so grateful that he didn't tell the entire group about my inept ability to follow directions. I met Ray several more times when he handed off dogs to me. I enjoyed talking with him at Barkaritaville and watching him give a demonstration on Ballroom dancing. He was so generous with his time, money, and advice as a member of SRC. I loved getting his funny emails. There was a time when someone in SRC suggested that all personal information and discussions be eliminated from our group website. It was felt by some that the group website should be used for SRC business only. I gave this some thought and finally felt like I should

express my opinion, which was that getting to know and connect on a personal level with other SRC members was important to me. Ray agreed and the group remained as it was. Now if Ray hadn't agreed, he would certainly let you know. I remember another time when SRC had a foster that was a biter. I posted on group a discussion that mentioned removal of a dog's teeth to prevent this problem. Ray let us all know in no uncertain terms that he totally disagreed with this. He had his strong opinions but one thing was always evident and that was he cared about SRC, its members, and most of all the furkids!!! I will miss him very much. He was one of a kind.

Amy Meyer: Ray Ford was a very kind and generous man and a true rescue angel. I met Ray several times to do transports and also got to hang out with him at Barkaritaville. He had such a big heart and was so very dedicated to helping needy fur faces as well as doting and spoiling his own four dogs. Ray was very intelligent and always offering helpful hints and advice, as well as taking care of many of the IT duties for the group. He also had a wicked sense of humor! Ray never failed to make me laugh, whether it be by one of his daily joke emails or by a funny quip or comment he would make. He loved to tease everyone and bring smiles. I personally will miss him in many ways but the rescue world has suffered a HUGE loss in his passing. We can only hope that Ray is now at peace and surrounded by love and kisses from the many fur kids he helped over the years. He was loved by all who knew him and will be sorely missed.

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Tracy Dudlik: I have been thinking about Ray over the last day or two as I watch Dobbie settle in here. Every little success reminds me of Ray's dedication not only to improving the lives of the rescued dogs, but also to brightening the days of all of us who rescued with him. Every time we met at the McDonalds in Jeffersonville, OH he greeted me with a smile. He always took time to let me know what he had noticed about the dog he was sending on with me. His keen eye for little quirks in the dogs, made the transitions easier for them and for the people who worked with them. His generosity to the



Sophie and Elvis

Ark kids, and our medically needy ones was staggering to me at times. He had such a warm heart and gentle nature for all who met him. His daily emails with little jokes or fun facts brightened my day time and again. I will miss getting those jokes in the middle of my work day. The afternoons always seemed to go a little better after my lunchtime smile courtesy of Ray's emails. He also was a huge help when Jazz had to stop eating food and treats with chicken and beef. I remembered getting a recipe from him for dried sweet potato chews, and they saved the day. I can give her good treats, and know she is not getting anything she should not have. I can only hope that the lessons I learned

from him will continue to live on through me and all of us.

Mick Larkin: I'm very sorry to hear the sad news about Ray. I never met him in person, but we did exchange e-mails in December 2011 when I started the adoption process for Artie.

I sent an e-mail to Ray from the address I found on SRC's website. It was Ray who asked all the initial questions. He then passed me over to Pat, and Pat in turn passed me over to Iris and Artie.

Thank you, Ray for helping to bring Artie into my life. I'm sure you are flying with the Angels over Rainbow Bridge. RIP.

Update on Rays Pups: Rays pups are currently in SRC foster homes and adjusting to their new situation.

Ray included SRC in his estate and his generous gift will allow SRC to continue to help medically challenged pups that Ray would have helped. *No Schnauzer Left Behind*

Featured Pet of the Quarter—Timmie



Hi my name is Timmie and I am staying with my foster family Deanna and Robert Hopkins and my foster brother and sister Rudi and Heidi in Louisville, KY.

Shortly after coming to live with them, I had to have surgery to remove bladder stones and also some growths that were found to be benign on my back. I recovered from the surgery quickly and was doing great. Since the initial surgery, I have had additional surgery to remove a growth on my stomach and throat, again benign. I am fully recovered and ready for a forever home. The only special requirements is that I have to be on a special prescription food diet and cannot have any people food or other doggie food at all !!!! It may sound a little expensive but a large 35 lb. bag of this dry food lasts me about 2 months. My foster parents think I am pretty special and worth every penny!!!!

I love my Foster family and they love me but I really need a Forever home . . . one with lots of room and hopefully a fenced in yard to run and play in. I am a little 6-7 year old male Schnauzer. I have been neutered and recently had my vaccinations updated. I weigh about 23-25 pounds. I do very well with other dogs.

I do well around older children but have really not been around young children under the age of 8 yrs. old. I have not been in a home with cats but when I see them from a distance outside I bark excitedly. I really want a second chance to have a loving forever home. If you would consider adopting me into your family please fill out an application and put my name on it - that's TIMMIE!!

Guest Veterinarian—Erika Rossi, D.V.M., M.S. —

The Value of a Urinalysis in the Miniature Schnauzer -

Having your veterinarian check a fresh urine sample every 6 months is important in any breed of dog.

However, some breeds are more at risk for bladder stones or crystals, which are sand like particles in the urine that can become a stone. The Schnauzer is one of these breeds!

A variety of factors in the Schnauzer such as genetics, lack of appropriate water in the diet, the diet itself, or urinary infections especially in females, can contribute to stones forming in the bladder, and sometimes the kidneys.

It is very important to have a fresh urine sample checked by a veterinarian at least every 6 months or sooner if your dog is having any symptoms

One of the causes or contributing factors in stones is a urinary tract infection, signs can include:

- Excessive need to go outside
- Accidents in the house
- Excessive water consumption
- Laying around more
- Pink or red tinged urine.
- Restlessness

Some dogs exhibit some or all of these signs. Sometimes these symptoms may go unnoticed by the owner! This is one reason it is important to have urine checked periodically.

Symptoms of urinary crystals or stones can often mimic the signs of a urinary tract infection (UTI).

Some owners will notice that their dog is straining to urinate. This can be a serious problem if a stone has formed, and may indicate a urinary blockage! This can in some

cases become life threatening!

Bladder and kidney stones are diagnosed by an x ray. This can be done by your veterinarian usually without sedation.

Often surgery may be indicated to remove the stones. They can be sent to an appropriate lab to diagnose the type of stone. This gives the vet a history of what may have caused the stones and is very important to aid in determining the right prescription diet!

Various prescription diets are available for long term usage to prevent future stone formation. These diets can also aid in the prevention of a stone forming if crystals are found early in the urine!

The appropriate diet will be prescribed by the doctor after determining the stone type and therefore the best diet to aid in preventing new stones from forming.

Extra supplementation of water to the diet, in the form of water on the dry food, or canned food in the diet— can help keep the bladder flushed out, which will keep the urine more dilute to prevent crystals from concentrating in the urine.

Having your veterinarian monitor for UTI's will also help; some stones form in the urine as a result of changes in the urinary pH from infection; and antibiotics may be indicated.

A urine culture is the best way to diagnose an UTI. This can be done by the veterinarian at the clinic on a sterile urine sample that they obtain at the office.

We cannot treat genetics, but we can be proactive and have our pets urine checked frequently.

Doing so can help keep their

urinary tract and kidneys healthy, and possibly prevent invasive bladder surgery!

What you can do at home:

Make sure your pet has plenty of fresh water daily.

Ensure that they get out to urinate frequently.

Monitor for any of the symptoms described above, and call your vet for an appointment to have your pet and their urine checked as soon as possible if you notice anything.

Have a urine sample checked for screening purposes at least every 6 months.

Follow your vet's advice when to recheck urine samples if your dog has had stones!

If your dog has been placed on a diet due to previous bladder stones or urinary crystals—DO NOT stop the diet unless you first consult with your veterinarian.

Remember— An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

Dr. Erika Rossi graduated from The University of Akron with a B.S. in Biology and an M.S. in Physiology & Biochemistry in 1984 and 1986 respectively. She moved to Columbus in 1987 to attend The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, graduating in 1991. Dr. Rossi joined Georgesville Road Animal Hospital in 1991.

Dr. Rossi's special interests include: internal medicine, client education, geriatric care, nutrition, and pain management. She has a special love for Miniature Schnauzers – her first dog, Macko lived to the ripe old age of 18yrs and 8mos!! Dr. Rossi recently adopted a mini Schnauzer, Enzo, from Schnauzer Rescue of Cincinnati.

SRC Medical Fund—giving pups another chance —submitted by Wendy Norris

We wanted to introduce you to some of our recent minis that we have been able to provide a “new leash on life” thanks to our wonderful supporters. Without your generous support, we would not be able to continue our mission of **“No Schnauzer Left Behind”** We have recently had a deluge of minis needing bladder stone surgery.

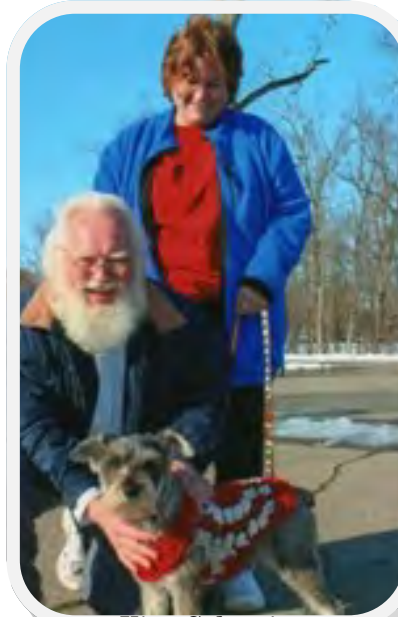


Phantom

Phantom came to SRC as an owner surrender because he had heartworms and his owners couldn't afford the treatment. Phantom has spent several quiet months undergoing treatment for the heartworms. . If only his previous owners had used heartworm preventive medicine. He is **5 years old dark gray and cream colored Miniature Schnauzer**. He is ready to find a furever family to love him.

King Sebastian was also an owner turn in with bladder stones and came to SRC from Pittsburg. He had his surgery in early December and found his forever family with Janet Pillion right after Christmas.

Paws up for King Sebastian!!!!



King Sebastian

Austin and Calvin are two sweet 12 year old bonded brothers who are owner releases from western Pennsylvania – their family got tired of them. They both came in very underweight and need lots of medical care and TLC.



Austin top and Calvin bottom

If you would like to make a donation to our medical fund:

You can do it via paypal at:

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?SchnauzerRescueCinci/2b8856dbf0/TEST/dcf4bfe7ac>

or mailed to:

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SRC takes many Schnauzer and Schnauzer mixes that shelters and other rescues will not. SRC does not shy away from the difficult cases: older dogs, sick dogs or dogs with behavioral issues. Many of our pups would not be alive today if SRC had not rescued them.

With the philosophy of :

“No Schnauzer Left Behind” comes extensive veterinary bills, prescription expenses and in other cases training fees. Some of our pups may never be adopted and will remain in the loving care of their foster families and for them this is their furever home.



Calvin is on the left and Austin is on the right

SRC Medical Fund—giving pups another chance— Lady Bug —Submitted by Kathi Kelley

My name is Ladybug. I am a small white/gray female Schnauzer, 12 years old. I was picked up as a stray in Columbus, OH. A dirty bandage covered my bloody right front paw with a large tumor. I was very frightened and in pain. The shelter cleaned me up and contacted Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati for help. A nice lady picked me up on a Sunday and gave me my name.

She took me to wonderful Dr. Z on Monday. My tumor was so bad and the shoulder was also traumatized, so Dr. Z

had to remove my whole leg. The lady became my foster mom and took me home to recuperate. I couldn't believe I

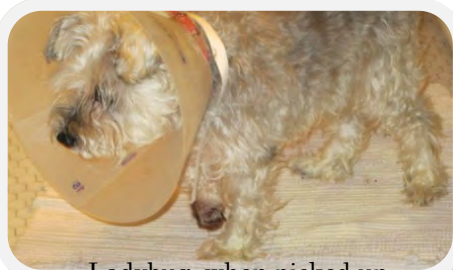
had good food to eat, a warm house, and a soft bed. I also now have 3 Schnauzer brothers and a Standard Poodle sister. I was afraid of the lady but she held me and talked to me and I loved it. My sweet nature slowly came out. I'm also a fighter. I

wouldn't let a missing leg stop me. I was hopping around the house the next day. My mom carried me up and down

the 3 steps to outside for a week but then, when she wasn't looking, I hopped up them by myself! I had to stay in a crate most of the time but she put me in her bedroom and I watched how the other dogs seemed loved and happy. After 2 weeks, my stitches came out and I could be out of my crate. That night

I decided I was going to sleep on the bed. I wouldn't get in the crate and kept going to the bed. Finally, my mom got the idea and put me on the bed. Now I sleep there every night. I cuddle with my mom and give great kisses. A groomer cleaned me up and I look so pretty now. I have coats and a sweater to keep me warm until my fur grows back. My Poodle sister even tries to clean me sometimes. I went to visit my foster mom's family and they all fell in love with me. Life is good now and every night my mom sings me a song to me:

Ladybug, Ladybug, You've got a home,
With love and affection all your own
No more fear and no more pain,
You'll never be lost and alone a-gain.



Ladybug when picked up



Ladybug today



Ladybug -after surgery

2014 Calendar Contest—Schnauzer Lover's - Keep Your Cameras Handy!!!

The SRC Photo Contest will officially kick off February 15, 2013 and run thru June 14, 2013

Send Entries to srccalendar@yahoo.com Group photos are allowed. For best photo reproduction results, a high resolution (minimum 640x480) and at least 300 dpi, large format pictures are required. It's always disappointing to get a great picture with a resolution that isn't sufficient to place on the calendar. Many cell phone pictures are grainy (try wiping the lens first with rubbing alcohol). Some, particularly older style phones or those where you've set the resolution as best for email, do not meet the resolution requirements. Check your digital camera settings to be sure they meet these requirements.

Include in subject of the email : **General Calendar Entry** or **Rainbow Bridge Entry**

Include in the body of the email—your name, address, phone, pet's name

General Calendar Entry - also include date of adoption **Rainbow Bridge Entry—please include Dates**

We had a great response last year and hope to have a similar response this year—hence the email specifically for calendar.

Aidan's Fundraiser and Story submitted by Jody Porter

Hi Everybody!

My name is Aidan and I am six years old. Can we talk?



Don't be fooled by that handsome little guy in the picture. Don't I look good!!! Well, I have to tell you that I am one sick little boy. I was diagnosed with a Liver Shunt recently. That's where your liver doesn't filter the blood correctly. In my case, I have had bladder stones at least 3 times as far as the folks at SRC know.

I came into SRC about 4 years ago from Emporia, KS. I was adopted and was quite happy where I was, but my owners decided to give me back to SRC. What did I do to deserve that?

Well, I went to the BESTEST foster home, ever. They loved on me and treated me just like one of their own furkids. I have 3 step siblings to play with and I have so much fun even though I am a sick little guy.

My foster mom and dad got to know me really well. I started having symptoms of bladder stones and they knew right away that something wasn't right with me. They took me to the vet and I had

an x-ray and my little bladder was full of stones. They immediately scheduled surgery for me and removed all the stones. I was sent home on pain meds (boy, do they work good!) and waited a week to have my staples removed. One week after the staples were removed, my foster Mom and Dad noticed that I wasn't myself again. So back to the vet we go. They did an ultrasound and found out that my bladder was full of stones again (this was only 2 weeks after the initial stone surgery) and my kidneys also had stones this time. My doctor and foster parents could not believe I had developed stones again, that quickly. They told my foster Mom that I may have a Liver Shunt or liver disease. They were so afraid for me. My doctor wanted to perform a Bile Acid Test to see how my liver was functioning. The test came back positive and that confirmed that there was something wrong with my liver. I went back for another ultrasound to see if the doctor could see a liver shunt and he thought he was able to see it, if it wasn't, there was still something very wrong with my liver, he said.

My foster Mom quickly got an appointment for me at Med Vet in Co-

lumbus, Ohio. They did another ultrasound and confirmed that I do have a Liver Shunt. They will be doing surgery on me in 2 weeks. Before that time, I have to be on a two week regimen of antibiotics and seizure medication.

I am scared to have surgery, but my foster parents tell me it's going to be O.K. and I will feel so much better.

There is a substantial cost for Aidan's surgery. He is only six years old and has such a zest for life even though he is so ill. We are sending out a plea for donations to help with the cost of his surgery. Every dollar adds up and counts toward saving this handsome little guy. We know that our supporters have been there when we have rare cases like this that need extra special help.

Please consider sending a donation in this little guys name to Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati, 5809 Red Fox Drive, Winter Haven, Florida. 33884.

Thanks everybody!!!!

Schnauzerly yours,
Aidan



**We have established a
Chipin for Aidan**



Please follow the link to access it:

<http://schnauzerrescuecincinnati.org/>

Twice Saved: Sugar's Story—submitted by Tracy Dudlik

In the fall of 2012 a breeder called Pat and asked if our rescue could take a few breeder dogs from her. Sugar was one of these. This breeder was what is known as a backyard breeder which is really just a small scale puppy mill. Sugar was taken to rescue and her transporter let her out to run in her yard for a bit before taking her to the Animal Ark for boarding. Most of our intakes go there first until they are seen by our vet. Well she said later that letting Sugar out was a mistake as it took over an hour to catch her.



Sugar

Once at the Ark, we soon discovered just how little contact Sugar had had with people. During one of her first walks she fought the leash and managed to slip her collar and escape through a fence gap. The notice went out immediately of her escape and the true dedication of the SRC volunteers was shown. For days, volunteers scoured the woods near the Ark armed with leashes, treats, and even cheese burgers to try and temp her. Flyers were printed and posted on telephone poles and bulletin boards around the area. Someone who lived near the kennels reported see-

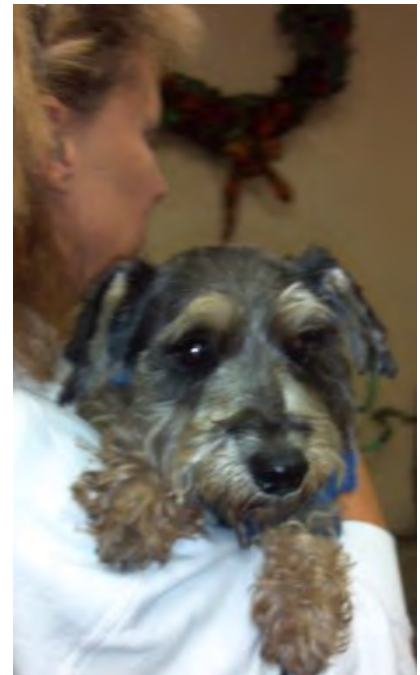
ing her and many people joined in the search. This went on for several days while we all worried and prayed for her safety. One volunteer offered humane traps and these were set to hopefully catch her. Several days later a sighting was reported in a neighborhood several miles from the Ark and the traps were moved. A Saturday search party was organized and many showed up to hunt. I was among those, and was thrilled to hear of her capture while on my way to the search. She had been caught in one of the traps and was safe.

All gathered at the Ark for her return and lavished love on her. The dog walker who had been with her when she escaped offered to foster her, and Sugar is living in her home to this day.

Sugar had some minor health issues but is slowly gaining weight and learning to trust. Her foster mom reports on her progress and we all rejoice with each little step, from accepting being petted, to actually seeking out her foster mom for attention. These are huge steps for dogs coming out of breeding situations as most are never taught that human touch can be a good thing. Every little step is a victory for

Sugar and another bit of progress toward her eventually finding that forever home that will let her live the rest of her life as a dog should.

We at SRC, are dedicated to seeing dogs like Sugar get the chance to live a good life, and know human kindness. This double rescue is just one example of how far the volunteers will go to insure a good life for all who come to us.



Sugar and her foster mom –Sue



Sugar's Rescue Squad—

Back Row—Brian Stein, Tracy Dudlik, BJ Tomlinson

Third Row—Amy Figgins, Amy Coppage, Jody Porter

Second Row—Charley Hurt, Sue Hodge, Mary Bush

Front Row—Austin Hodge, Shirley Hamilton

Picture taken at the Animal Ark

Raven—a homeless momma—a new life —submitted by Wendy Norris

One of a rescue's fears is to get a call about a pregnant mom in need and in early December, Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati received the following email from an owner of a pregnant female—

“Good Morning, I have a female Schnauzer that we can no longer care for. She is currently blind and pregnant, and I do not want to have her put to sleep. She is a very good natured dog, but we moved into an apartment and cannot keep her here. Is there something that you can do, or any recommendations would greatly be appreciated?”

After numerous emails it was determined that SRC needed to move quickly to get this momma to a safe place. A transport was quickly arranged for the next weekend between Jody, Iris and Iris's friend, Frieda to get this little gal to Iris in Alabama.

On Sunday, December 9th, Jody met Frieda and delivered Raven, the “Mom to be” as well as her travelling partner, Molly a SRC pup who Iris had previously fostered. Molly was adopted by a single woman about a year and a half ago. The woman is ill and cannot take care of her. She is a little sweetheart, so precious and cute. The gals were headed south and would overnight in Kentucky. Monday, Iris drove 13 hours round trip to

meet Frieda and get the girls. It became very evident that Raven was further along in her pregnancy and Iris just hoped she would wait until they arrived home to start whelping.

Iris arrived home late Monday night and posted that, Raven either has lots of pups or a few big ones and that it could be anytime. The next post came on Tuesday evening @ 7:20 PM —“We have a girl!” The SRC aunties and uncles waited anxiously throughout the night and the next morning we were in for a surprise - “The whelping ended at 2:30 A.M. when she had her last pup. In all she had 7 puppies, 4 girls and 3 boys.. Two look like salt and pepper and the rest are black. The family is doing great. Mama pottied and had breakfast”. Which gave Iris a chance to clean up their crate and now they are nursing.

Thursday morning the little family

made a visit to the vet. Since Raven had not had any basic veterinary care, she received all her immunizations so she will be able to give the pups some immunity. She was tested for heartworm and fortunately is negative but needs a dental cleaning and has vision loss in one eye. The vet figures she is about 9, however the paperwork on her surrender sheet lists her as 7— While this story has a happy, successful ending with healthy pups—so much could have happened - an elderly mom, high risk, and no prenatal care and the potential to deliver on the road.

In the weeks since then, the family is thriving and growing by leaps and bounds. Raven will be spayed and have her teeth cleaned once the pups are weaned and eating on their own. Raven can then begin a new life of being a pampered pup ready for her forever home - instead of a being a momma.

A little background - this was Raven's third litter of pups -her owners at first thought they could make a little money and then later thought they could keep their dogs apart when she went into heat. They did not know there are spay and neuter clinics and many times these clinics are free, reduced, or sliding scale based on income. There are also vaccine clinics to keep pups up to date and low cost microchip clinics to help identify them if they get lost.



Raven waiting for her ride



Molly



Raven's pups

Missouri 11 –Update

It has been two years since SRC—rescued 11 Schnauzers from southern Missouri—in the middle of a snow storm. Now affectionately called the Missouri 11. In these two years, pups have learned steps, experienced grass, to take treats, doggie doors, been house trained, and have begun to trust people and to play. Here is a recap of the pups and where they are today. Nine have been adopted and 3 are with foster parents

If you have a Missouri 11 pup who is not featured,. Please provide an update to scrnewsletter@yahoo.com, so we can highlight their success story in the future newsletters.

Update from Randy of the Missouri 11— submitted by Debbie Payne

It just amazes me how much most of the Missouri 11 look alike. Randy is lite silver with white furnishings and quite good conformation for a Schnauzer. Next month I will have had him 2 years. He bonded with me and is just now really allowing Jim and Brandon to walk up to him on his dog bed and pet him. He will still not allow them to touch him if he is anywhere else. He will walk on a leash with me and with Jim, if I'm not around. He still shakes when we have anyone else visit. He is playing with Max, my day after Christmas rescue from euthanasia and it is wonderful to see Randy



Randy today

experience puppy play. I don't think Randy will ever be totally normal; he has come a long way but the road

is long. I've had applications for him but when they hear about him, they back out. We have learned how to handle him, but I cannot

leave him with anyone. He is a great camper so thankfully, he can go with us. I would love to get hold

of the people who did this to him for just a few minutes....he is quite the lover with me.

Randy likes to play with toys and beds on the sly. I will come into the family room and find the beds tossed and the toys spread across the room. But when we are in the room he will totally ignore them, and have nothing to do with toys. He is SAFE with me, forever, if necessary. We wonder if Di's Precious is mother or sister as they look so much alike. Sheba looks so much like him too-except he has a terrible ear crop, it looks like they did it themselves, instead of having a professional do it. Just wonder if she is closely related to him, too.

Update From Gypsy Rose of the Missouri 11

— submitted by Linda Pelley

I can't believe it will be 2 years in March since I adopted Gypsy. Gypsy was the first of the Missouri 11 to be adopted. I can't believe she is almost 7 years old, either, because she thinks she's a pup. She is so smart, funny and beautiful. Spoiled rotten. She has always had 2 sister cats but last year one of them passed away. I adopted a kitten in April and he thinks she is his mother and she thinks he is her baby. They are so cute together. I hope the other 10 have found good homes.



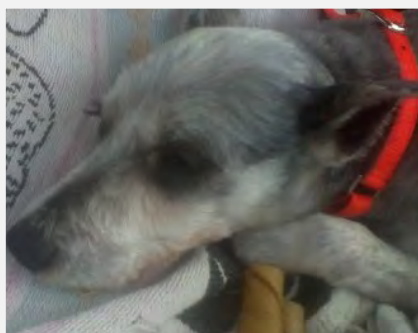
Gypsy and Quin the cat

SRC has rescued pups from Carthage, Illinois, February 1, 2013 - The Carthage Mill 5

Look for an update on this group in the Spring Newsletter

Update from Sheba of the Missouri 11— submitted by Debbie Bond

Hi everyone – I wanted to update you on Sheba – one of the Missouri 11. I was one of the volunteers to drive north and pick up doggies outside Indianapolis and Sheba and several other terrified dogs rode to Cincinnati with me. We'd been fostering dogs, and when the latest was adopted a month or so later, my husband said go get another girl to foster. Not giving him time to change his mind, the next day I drove up to Cincy to pick up Ms. Sheba. Like so many foster parents, we ultimately fell in love with her and ended up adopting her for our own.



Sheba—day we picked her up

In November 2011, I accepted a position in South Texas, and we moved all of our stuff, including the 4 dogs from Kentucky, to Texas. It took two 25 foot trucks, Rod driving one and me driving the other. Two dogs rode shotgun in each truck. I had Sheba and our yorkie-poo Piper with me. It was a long two days on the road, and I can't say Sheba enjoyed it all that much – but we rolled into Texas and warmer weather. We purchased a house on an acre with fencing all around, and the girls as we call them, have free run of most of the acre.

We've since had two more dogs join the family, and now the pack is up to 6. First was Mattie, a small red Chow mix who literally walked in the doggie door, and moved herself in. I was out of town one night, and called home to find out we were up to 5. Then recently Rod went fish-

ing, and caught a dog! In truth the dog was sitting in the road on the way to the river, and looked so pathetic Rod had to stop. He had apparently been living in the woods and was starving. So Rod took him to the vet's immediately for a check up and de-flea, then he came home to fatten up. He literally was a sandy furry bag of bones – think German camp survivor thin with absolutely no muscle mass. He was a good size dog, but weighed less than 12 lbs. He's now up to close to 22 lbs., and has turned into a wonderful, loving addition to the family. We've named him Thumper, for his happy tail that thumps into everything.

Over time Sheba has grown less and less fearful of noises and people standing over her. She much prefers her humans to be down on her level. At first, she did not like my husband or males much, which led us to believe she was probably mistreated by a male. She's now so bonded with my husband; I think she really prefers him to me a lot of the time. She's also grown to like the UPS man Hector, who throws the pack treats when he drops a package over the gate on the side porch.

Sheba's even begun to 'play'!! She's been so timid and scared of hurting anyone – but when you watch quietly you can catch her gently putting up her paw to Thumper or Mattie – sitting right next to them eager to join in the tussle they are having. It is just so sweet, made even more so by the knowledge of what her initial years were like. She more and more likes to 'talk' to us, like a normal Schnauzer.

Sheba likes a lot of outdoor time, sitting out in the warm Texas sun. She sleeps at night on her own big dog pillow on Rod's side of the bed. She used to be she would freak and run out of the bedroom in a panic when he got up from bed. Any kind

of sudden noise or movement would put her into a panic. She's grown calm and comfortable now that she will stay lying in her bed as Rod walks around her. Last couple weeks Rod has even woken up to find that Sheba has climbed up in bed with him after I've left for work. This morning we woke up to find her lying in bed at my feet. We cuddled her and she lay down between us and went back to sleep.

She loves to be part of the family – and has finally gotten comfortable enough that she will come over to you when called, her little stumpy tail wagging happily. Some evenings she will sit with one of us in the recliner, enjoying being petted and cuddled as we watch TV. She's gained some weight and has filled out very nicely; you'd swear she could have been a show dog. She acts wonderfully at the groomers, very tolerantly standing like you see the show dogs on TV making us think more and more the show ring life figured into her life at some early point.

I don't think we'll ever be able to completely erase the issues she has from her early life, but each week we see more and more positive changes in her. Sheba seems very happy now, and she has a very good life. A brother and sisters to play with, a mom and dad who love her, a nice vet and plenty of food and cool water, and lots of room to run and play. You can see the happiness shine in her beautiful, soulful brown eyes. Rescue work is sometimes heart breaking, but Sheba is



Sheba and Ty—today

Update From Precious and Petunia of the Missouri 11 –

submitted by Paul and Diane Blankenship

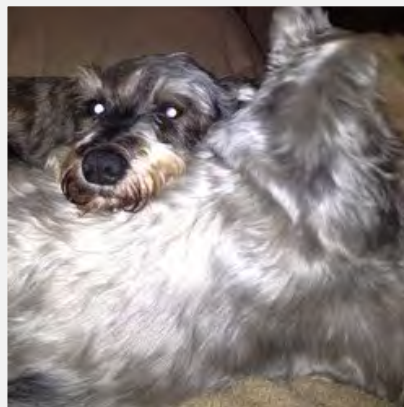
Precious and Petunia are two lovely, sweet girls that were part of the



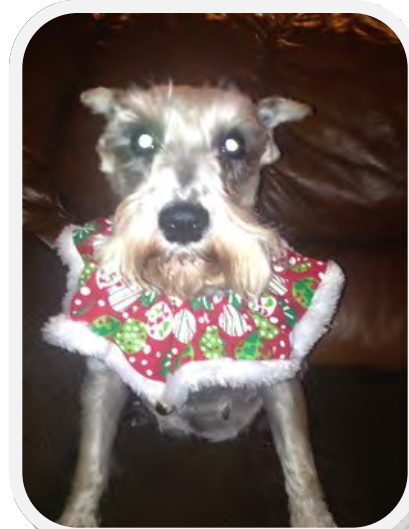
Petunia

Missouri 11. The “girls”, as we like to call them, were born on the same day so we assume they are sisters. They are very close to each other

and kiss each other often. They were very scared when they arrived at the Blankenship house. They would not come to us and ran if we tried to pick them up. There were many times that we chased them around the yard trying to get them to come inside. That was a sight to see!!! Precious and Petunia didn't know how to go up and down steps, jump onto the couch, and were afraid to walk in the grass. The girls today are very outgoing and loving. They can jump on the couch and use the doggie door. They come when called and love to be



Sisterly Love



Precious

petted and sleep with us in the “human” bed. They give lots of kisses to all the humans that visit and get along well with their fellow furbrothers and fursisters. When it is TV time, they have their own spots at the end of the couch where they lay together and watch their favorite show with us. They bark, run, play, and love. They are “THE GIRLS” and we adore them.

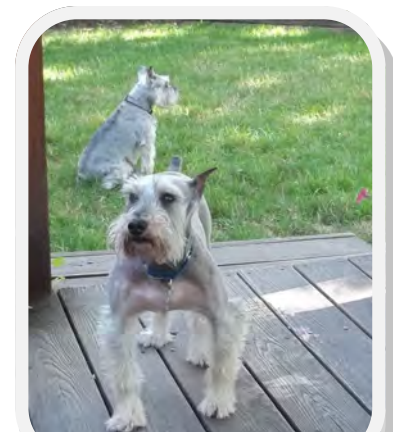
Update from Oscar of the Missouri 11– from email compilation

Oscar was adopted by the Myers family in August of 2012. Oscar is doing great! He gets along well with the other three pups. He eats well and sleeps well. He shares a bed with Emily and sometimes Greta jumps in also. He loves playing in the backyard and will sit on our lap for awhile and let us hold him.

He's been to the groomer and did very well. She said he is so sweet. He's also been to the vet twice and they love him. I went ahead and had his teeth cleaned because I wanted

them to take two cysts out and check them out. His teeth look great and the vet said he is likely to keep all that he has now. The cysts were just fatty tumors.

He seems to have adapted to our schedule. I've been walking him a little and he does very well. He still gets tangled up now and then but it's improving - the walks help because he has tons of energy. It is so nice to have a younger dog along with all my older.



Oscar Today

2012 SRC Furbabies "Off Leash" – compiled by Ray Ford

In memory of all the (SRC adopted, fosters and those of member friends and family) fur kids that have passed in 2012 as we say good-bye to pets who no longer grace the earth, though their memories will always soothe our hearts.

Fur babies "Off Leash"

Heidi, Dixie, Levi, Dodger, Louie, Jesse, Bella, Ricky, Dora, Faith, Chewie, Hogan, Jake, Scout, Toker, Maggie Moo, Sugar, Liebschen, Dylan, Chester, Mudfish, Sadie, Molly, Smokey-Joe, Buster, Duffy, Sugar, Teelia, Lady, 2 of Zoey's puppies, Pepper, Anna, Jules, Tara/Maggie, Taffy, Brutus.

My wish for 2013??? Is that this list be so very much shorter. - Ray

Pet A fair Volunteers needed:

SRC will have a booth set up at Pet A fair and volunteers are needed for both days in case of inclement weather—

Please volunteer for either day—last year 's weather pushed it to Sunday, and SRC didn't participate.

Contact: Amy Meyer—340fish@comcast.net



SAVE THE DATE!!
IT'S A PET AFFAIR
 Gil Lynn Park Dayton, KY
Saturday, April 27th 2013 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
 (With rain date of Sunday April 28 2013)

A Stray Animal Adoption Program (SAAP) fundraiser sponsored by
 Promoting all types of rescue groups and programs in the Tri-State area
 60+ pet related booths & demonstrations
 Our Famous Pets On Parade and Costume Contest Demos
 Back by Popular Demand—
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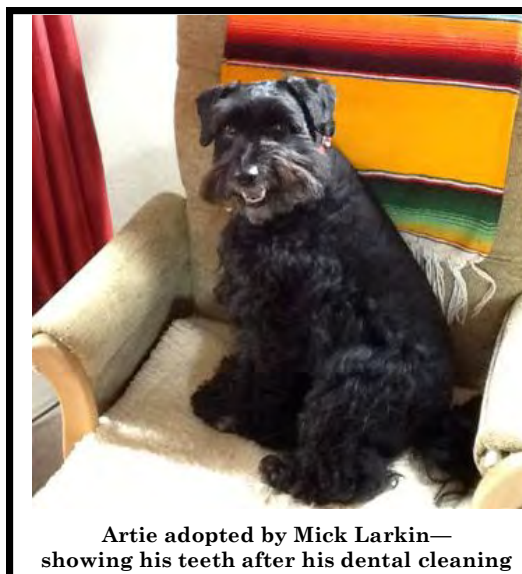
Raffle with the proceeds going to
Free Admission and Parking
 SAAP 859-391-1234 www.adoptastray.com
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February is National Pet Dental Health Month

Healthy teeth and gums are a great start to having a healthy dog. Regular dental cleanings are important to your pet in helping to maintain your pet's overall health. Bacteria from periodontal disease can affect the heart, liver and kidneys and cause infections in those organs.

Follow Artie's example

1. Routine dental exams and cleanings by your veterinarian
2. Brush your dog's teeth regularly with a toothpaste specially made for dogs
3. As an alternative use a bacteria-killing dental solution or dental cleaning pad daily
4. Offer your dog teeth-cleaning toys, rawhide, and treats



ASK JACK — I am a puppy mill kid and I need help!!!!



Hi my name is Jack and I live with a houseful of girls – Lexie, Ruby and Kelly in Hanover, PA. I am writing an advice column for the New SRC Newsletter. You can submit your questions to askjack.src@gmail.com

Dear Jack,

What can I say? I am a puppy mill girl. Like most puppy mill gals, I spent my first couple years having babies and living in a tiny crate. Fortunately I was offered to SRC and they rescued me. I have all the typical puppy mill behavior traits. I am fearful of people and extremely shy. What can you suggest to help me adjust to my new life?

Former Puppy Mill Gal

Dear Former Puppy Mill Gal,

Generally most puppy mill kids like you have not had a chance to be socialized. Under socialization is not

just a puppy mill kid trait; but other pups can suffer from under socialization as well. Early and often socialization is what helps to create a well-adjusted pup. Most trainers talk about an optimal window for socialization being 2 weeks to 4 months and well unfortunately you have missed that period. However there are ways to help you overcome the missed socialization. Here are a couple of suggestions that the people in your life can do for you. They should start a gradual behavior modification program to help make every experience a positive one to overcome the negatives in your earlier life. They need to have high value treats with them at all times. I guess you are wondering what high value treats are – chopped hot dogs, cubed cooked chicken, string cheese, liverwurst, and cheerios are just a few.

When a new potentially scary events such as going outside, walking on a leash, putting on a collar, meeting people or other dogs, going to the vet's office – you get the idea—is about to happen, you should get cookies/treats when any of the above happens. When the scary event stops the treats stop. The treats will help redirect your focus from the event, so that you begin to associate positives (treats) with these events.

You need to spend as much time as possible with your new family when they are home to help you create a

strong bond; so you begin to trust people. We hang out with mom and dad all the time when they are home whether they are working in the office, watching TV or reading. We also like to hang out in the kitchen when mom's making dinner. It would be great if you could spend the night with them in their bedroom as well; either in your crate or bed or better yet their bed. In my house we all sleep with Mom and Dad in their big bed and it is great.

As for a leash—start with just having an old leash cut to about 2 feet, clipped to your collar — and lots of treats supplied to you until you get used to the feel of it. But only do this when mom and dad are home so you don't get caught on something. Once you are used to that, then mom can put a treat in the hand that she wants you to walk by—my mom uses string cheese - you will be so interested in the treat you will forget about the leash. It will take practice and patience, but I know you will get it.

My Mom suggests the book for additional help.

Do Over Dogs—Give Your Dog a Second Chance for a First Class Life. By Pat Miller, CPDT-KA, CDBC .

Love, Jack

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities- Contact Amy Meyer - 340fish@comcast.net

- Pet AFair—April –28,th rain date 29th - see large announcement on page 14 for details
- SRC Yard Sale—June, 2013
- Barkerittaville—September, 2013—***Chairperson needed for this event***

Books of the Quarter

I had a hard time selecting just one book - so here is what I have been reading

"Fashion Faux Paw" by Judi McCoy

If you enjoy mysteries, a little romance and pups this book has it all.

"Fashion Faux Paw" is actually the sixth book in A Dog Walker Mystery Series. Professional dog walker Ellie Engleman and her pup, Rudy a terrier mix, return to New York City, this time hired to care for fashion models' pups while their owners are participating in events at Fashion Week. Ellie always seems to be in the wrong place and people keep dying around her. This time a fashion designer dies from anaphylactic shock due to a peanut allergy and an Epi-Pen that had already been discharged. With her innate ability to talk to Rudy and the pups in her care she again tries to solve the latest death.

What also makes this book special is that it dedicated to Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Houston (MSRH) and Karen Coleman – and a member of their group, Beatriz Alfonso and her pup Lucy, won a raffle; are part of the story as well as Karen Coleman and MSRH.

I have enjoyed the series and this may be the last one as Judi McCoy died expectantly February 18, 2012 due to complications from Diabetes. Judi McCoy was a great friend to the dog rescue world and supported them with proceeds of her books going towards various rescue groups.

The books are available from Amazon and Barnes and Noble in paperback and e-book as well as from MSRH.

"Scaredy Dog! Understanding and Rehabilitating Your Reactive Dog" by Ali Brown, M.Ed., CPDT

In my quest to help Kelly relax in her skin, I have been researching ways to help her.

We enrolled her in training sessions at the Fieldwood Dog Training Center and this book was on their reading list. This book explores psychology of behavior, as well as the physiology of stress and how it affects dogs. It looks at all aspects of behaviors and provides concise examples and lots of pictures. It helped me be aware of what to look for as signs of stress and how often stress is interpreted as aggression. It also provides helpful information on "what a reactive dog is doing, why he is doing it, and how to help him change for the better." This book stresses the use of positive reinforcement and negative punishment. It is a great reference book for the dog owner and one that I am sure I will refer back to often.

This book is available from Amazon and Barnes and Noble in paperback and e-book.



Make A Plan For Your Dog If You Die submitted Jon Sayers

If you die tomorrow (and 6,500 Americans will), what happens to your dog? Shockingly, most owners do nothing to protect their dogs in the event of a tragedy. For the once-much-loved dog, the results are painful in the extreme.

If you do nothing...

Without you – and without your protection in writing – your friend for life faces an uncertain future. If you just assume that friends or relatives will step in to provide a home for your dog, that's dangerous for your dog.

If you make no prior arrangements for your dog's care, you risk your dog becoming homeless, neglected or abused. Animal shelters typically receive a steady flow of dogs whose owners have died. One previously loved cat or dog is euthanized every 8 seconds.

What can you do?

You may have as many as 3 options. Most affordable and simple to implement is a Pets Letter of Wishes – if you want to give your dog protection from now on without a legal document. If used, the Pets Letter of Wishes isn't legally binding, but it does provide a powerful moral statement telling everyone exactly what you and your dog want if you're not there. If you want to give your dog some legal protection, include your dog in your Last Will & Testament, appointing a care-giver and perhaps making a financial gift to that person. The third option, available in most states, is a Pets Trust, a comprehensive option that gives owners control from beyond the grave through rules that must be followed. A trust has to be funded with assets with a Trustee appointed to watch over the dog's care-giver.

Can you do more?

Yes - you know your dog best. For your dog's sake, make sure your knowledge of your dog survives even if you die. Write a Private Letter to keep with your wishes. Include the name and location of your dog, any dog registration papers and special care instructions. Consider including information on any favorite foods, toys or friends and veterinary history, medical conditions, dietary requirements, sleeping and exercise needs.

By taking these simple steps, owners can ensure their love goes on even if their dog outlives them. Getting the documents is much easier now, thanks to online services like www.ItsMyPetsLife.com where you can make a Pets Letter of Wishes or set up a Pets Trust that's legal in your state. Or, if you prefer, you can include your pets in your Last Will & Testament at www.ItsMyLife.com.

Whatever you do:

Imagine how hard it will be for your dog facing the world without you. If you have the urge to protect your dog no matter what happens to you – put that protection in writing. If you don't have savings, consider life insurance – to provide a cash sum to keep your friend for life protected for life.

It's a good idea, if possible, to talk over your dog's future with the guardians you'd want to provide a home for your four-legged loved one. And don't put it off till another day – for 6,500 in our nation, tomorrow isn't promised.

This article was written by Jon Sayers, President of itsmylife LLC that provides people with easy and affordable self-help legal documents protecting their families and their pets through its websites (ItsMyLife.com and ItsMyPetsLife.com). itsmylife LLC is top-rated A+ by Better Business Bureau. Neither Jon nor ItsMyLife.com nor ItsMyPetsLife.com provides any legal advice, only legal information. If you're in any doubt about providing for your dog in the event of your death, you should see an attorney in your state who specializes in Wills, Trust and Estate Planning.

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From the Editor

Dear Readers:

In November, 2012, we were asked to restart the newsletter, the newsletter has been on hiatus for 2 years. A little about us, Jim and I live in Hanover, PA with our 4 schnauzers, Lexie, almost 16, and our 3 SRC rescues Jack, Ruby and Kelly and our son, Gregg. We run the SRC photo contest and created the 2013 SRC calendar. This newsletter has been a collaborative effort of many SRC volunteers who provided articles and information. A special thanks goes to Kent for the techie aspects of the newsletter and Ann and my daughter, Abby for generously providing their proofing skills.

Sincerely ,

Wendy and Jim



Jim and Kelly providing oversight

2012 Adoptions for the year 145

Adopters came from all over Ohio, as well as Alabama, Bermuda, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee