



The Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation, Inc.

A 501(c)3 corporation dedicated to the rehabilitation and adoption of purebred Chinese Shar Pei

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Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation (MACSPRO) is a privately funded 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and adoption of purebred Chinese Shar-Pei. MACSPRO relies **solely** on donations and fund raising activities in order to raise income to be able to help save these wonderful Shar-Pei who, through no fault of their own, need new forever homes. Your entire donation is used for the benefit of the dogs and may be tax deductible. In addition to donations, we are continuously in need of committed volunteers who can help foster, transport and socialize with our dogs until they are able to be matched with their forever home.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Here are some of many ways to help us:

SHOP ONLINE



Join iGive.com to support MACSPRO. It's free, safe, and easy to join. Use this link:

<http://www.igive.com/welcome>

Register MACSPRO as your charity online through **iGive.com** and shop in more than 900 stores. MACSPRO will get a donation for every purchase. When you search the web through search.igive.com we get a penny for every search. The iGive Mall features over 900 trusted online retailers like Amazon.com, Staples, Nordstrom, JCPenney, Expedia.com, Barnes & Noble, QVC, & PETSMART to name just a few! You'll NEVER pay more when you reach these stores through iGive.com. and, if you take advantage of the coupons and free shipping deals posted at iGive, you might even save a few bucks!

Even if you do not buy anything on line, please sign up on iGive and list your charity as Mid Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation, (city) Rockville MD.

Just for signing up (at no expense to you), MACSPRO will get a \$5.00 donation.



Search the web with GoodSearch.com and each time you do a search, [goodsearch](http://goodsearch.com) will donate about a penny to our cause! Shop online at GoodShop.com and a percentage of each purchase will be donated to our cause! More than 2,400 top stores are participating including Target, Staples, Best Buy and more!

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Does your office give matching contributions? Consider filling out their Matching Contributions form. It will give us double the donations.

National Capital Area CFC
Potomac CFC
Chesapeake Bay Area CFC



We are Combined Federal Campaign charity #38983.

Please consider designating MACSPRO for your charitable donations.



Holiday gifting got you down?

If Holiday shopping is a problem and you don't know what to give the person that has everything, consider giving a gift to **save a life**. 100% of our donations go to help save the lives of homeless dogs. Give a donation to MACSPRO in their name. We will send a lovely card thanking them for your donation in their honor.



Help Buster keep on walking



We need donations for Buster's surgery!! The wrist bone in his right front has had to take all the weight of his body while his bones were forming and that wrist area has suffered serious bone damage. He needs orthopedic surgery before that leg breaks down to keep him alive and walking. Donations directly to MACSPRO at above address or through Pay Pal are greatly needed. Mark it "For Buster"

RESCUES & ADOPTIONS since October, 2011. Below is an updated list of rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in June. **Those listed with an asterisk (*) next to them are available for adoption.** All of our dogs are spayed or neutered prior to adoption (health/age permitting); have been heartworm tested; parasite tested and had all necessary shots. Injuries or other health conditions have been treated and any known health issues will be fully disclosed prior to adoption/fostering.

383-09 China is our kennel dog at Debendale. She is quite special, and loves getting lots of treats and love from Marge and Kim.

417-11 Pewter's foster dad decided to make him a permanent member of the family. .

DeeDee 424-11 aka Winkie never made her trip to Nova Scotia. Instead a wonderful couple snapped her up after meeting us at the Walk for Paws in Howard County and took her to live with them in Maryland.

CoCo 429-11 came with us to the Walk for Paws in Howard County and left with the Jackson family not far from the Walk.

Summer* 432-11 is being fostered in New Jersey while she undergoes heartworm treatment. She has had her second Immiticide treatment. We hope she will not need another.

Juanita* 434-11 came from Fairfax and is being fostered in Arlington with the Tankersley's and their Pei.

Myrtle Mae* 435-11 is a little West Virginia girl only about 10 months old and all puppy play. She loves everybody and everything.

Angel* 436-11 is another heartworm positive girl from being kept outside all the time. She is being fostered in Herndon, Va. She is undergoing her second Immiticide treatment.

Roscoe 437-11 was an owner turn in directly to us. It wasn't long before the grieving Jeffreys could not stand another day without a Pei. So they met Roscoe at Rivermist. A couple minutes later he bounded into their car and took off for his new life and a fresh bath.



Buster* 438-11 is a playful gentle 11 month old pup that two of our volunteers drove all the way to southern North Carolina and back in one day to save. Thank you Lynn and Cindy!! He was born with a truncated shortened left front leg. He is being kept in MACSPRO care while we raise the money to save him, and coordinate with the doctor that can do the surgery. Please help us save this boy.

Max 439-11* We are very impressed with Max, he knows sit, down and shake. He anticipates and goes though the whole routine just to get more cookies. He is a playful loving young boy. He can't wait to find a forever home to play in.

Chloe 440-11* Chloe is a cute young girl She would love you to come see her.



The **Grand Opening of the PetValu** on October 22 was a fun event for all. We took Juanita, Mae, Roscoe and our new boy Buster to try to get donations for his surgery. Roscoe left for this forever home the next day.



Look for us at the PetSmart National Adoption Weekend at the Kentlands PetSmart on Saturday, November 12 from 1-4 PM. Max and Chloe will be happy to show you around!

218 Kentlands Blvd
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

**We will be at the PetSmart Santa Claws
Fundraising Program**

Need to memorialize your Peibies? Bring your four legged kids to the PetSmart 218 Kentlands Blvd Gaithersburg, MD and get a holiday photo with Santa Claws. December 11, 1-4pm

EVENTS



We were at **the Walk for Paws** in Howard County on October 9 where CoCo met her new family

Do you remember this Pei?



Cady, now **Gizmo** was our first experience with a Mini-Pei.

We went to PG shelter expecting to get a "Shar-Pei" and the rescue people went in to the puppy and small animal section and brought out this little thing! And what a feisty little cutie she was, mange, skin issues and all. But Debra Bowman took her in and changed her life! She has become quite the princess. She loves her house in Leesburg because she can greet everyone coming around their corner lot from both sides and has the most beautiful chocolate coat. They can't imagine live without her.



HEALTH ARTICLES

Old Dog Vestibular Syndrome

by Joyce Hanes

This problem can be misdiagnosed and can lead to erroneously putting a dog to sleep when that animal could totally recover. It is a horrifying experience as it appears that the dog has had a stroke. The animal is unable to walk or even stand. Upon being brought to its feet, they stagger and almost immediately fall down. The eyes go rapidly back and forth. Sometimes the dog rolls on the floor until they get "stuck" in a corner and are unable to get up.

This happened to my son's dog. We were able to contact our vet who calmed our immediate hysteria and by ruling out trauma from a head injury, prescribed an antibiotic and prednisone. Unfortunately, prednisone increases urinary output and being unable to walk, the dog will possibly urinate lying down and then you feel the animal is totally losing control. We learned that the prognosis for recovery was generally good.

The vestibular nerve, which travels from the inner ear to the brain, malfunctions and disrupts the animal's sense of balance. The dog feels like the room is spinning. The dog should remain quiet and resting but should not be confined to a cage or small area as it will only worsen the condition. The larger the area in which you can place the dog, the better. There was some vomiting and this was not un-

sual. It takes time for the animal to re-adjust to the disorder and relearn to stand and walk.

We watched the dog closely the next day to keep him from injuring himself when trying to stand and carrying him outside when necessary. The following day, he was examined to determine infection, hemorrhage or stroke. Ruling that out as much as possible, it was decided to wait before further tests (brain tumor, etc.) as a slight improvement was noted. We placed a sling around the dog's chest to hold him up and a leash to guide him as when he tried to walk, he would walk into the wall. At this point, he had a head tilt to the right. Each day, he is improving and everything is looking better. It can take up to five months for recovery. Don't give up hope or patience. It takes a lot of your time but it is worth it to have your old friend back.

The vestibular syndrome medically states that the cause is "idiopathic", which means that no one knows what causes it and it is just an old age problem. Again, this is not totally true inasmuch as younger animals have been known to have this problem. There is no indication that ear disorders are the cause, but they could contribute.

10 Pet Safety Tips for the Holidays

When celebrating the winter festivities, don't forget to keep holiday pet dangers in mind. These tips can help you create a pet-safe holiday that is fun for the whole family.

1. Practice fire safety. Nothing looks nicer than a Thanksgiving table aglow with candles. But be sure to never leave any fire unattended particularly when you have pets in the house. Not only can curious whiskers get burned, if a candle is knocked over by a wagging tail, it can lead to a serious fire.
2. Hoard the people food. Although it's tempting to give your pets a taste or two from your Thanksgiving plate, too much human food can be bad for your pet's health.
3. Hide the breakables. Holiday feasts can mean bringing out treasured items like Great Aunt Mae's fine china or your finest stemware. Just remember that your beloved pets don't know the value of these items, and they could get broken. So if you have favorite, breakable decorations or table settings, be sure to keep them out of reach.
4. Watch out for toxic plants. Many holiday plants, including mistletoe, holly, poinsettia, and even that beautiful Thanksgiving centerpiece of lilies can be toxic to pets. Keep them well away from curious paws and mouths.
5. A toast to everyone's health. When you raise that glass of holiday bubbly, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where Fluffy or Fido can't sneak a taste. Alcohol and pets simply don't mix. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill, go into a coma or worse.

6. Although many people like to leave out chocolates for visitors throughout the holidays, it's important to remember that these sweets are major pet dangers. Chocolate is tasty for you, but it's toxic for Fluffy and Fido.

7. Keep the lights high. Many people enjoy decorating with strings of lights during the holidays, but do so with caution. Twinkling lights make a shiny toy, but they're not safe to play with or chew on. Keep your celebrations shock-free by hanging lights up high.

8. Don't decorate with food. Strings of cranberries and popcorn can be a beautiful way to liven up your household, and a fun project to do with your kids, but they're holiday hazards for pets. Even if the food on the string isn't toxic for Fido or Fluffy, they may end up eating the string—and that can cause serious health problems.

9. Steer clear of tinsel town. Tinsel is more than just a glittery decoration. If your pets eat it, it can cause intestinal problems that require a trip to the veterinarian.

10. If you like to display your holiday presents, watch out for ribbons, bells, and other small toys that can present a choking hazard for your pet. If there are any dangerous-looking gifts, it may be a good idea to hide them safely in a closet until it's time to open them—or open them right away. After all, no one can accuse you of being rude if you're doing it to have a pet-safe holiday.

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<http://public.homeagain.com/>

them adopted. The Johnson's and Tankersleys take their Pei to her, and feel very safe with them in her care while they are out of town.

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Consider becoming a **Guardian Angel** to one of "Our Gang" waiting for their forever home. You can help save the life of a Shar-Pei. "Our Gang" is listed on our web page. By sending in a monthly pledge amount, or individual donation, you will help us pay for food, upkeep, and medical attention for a Pei-baby that is in foster care until a permanent home can be found. Our Guardian Angels are caring people just like you who help us rescue dogs by providing transportation, medical care, foster homes, and cash donations to support our work.

To become a Guardian Angel, simply view our [rescue page](#) for available dogs, decide which one(s) you would like to sponsor, fill out our Guardian Angel [application](#) and then send it in, along with your donation for that particular dog. In appreciation of your donation, you will receive a donation letter which you can use for taxes. You can check our web page to see if the dog has been adopted that month and, if not, choose to continue the Guardian Angel program or become an Angel to another dog the next month.



OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS



Marge Palad is a very special **Guardian Angel**. She has helped us out in many ways and we highly recommend her Debendale Kennel for all of your canine family. Runs are indoor/outdoor; there is someone on the premises 24/7 and in the event of an emergency, there is a Vet on call. She has a well equipped grooming facility run by Kim Blizard. Marge has been raising and showing Shar-Pei for many years and is totally knowledgeable about any Shar-Pei problem. Marge also does training. She kennels most of our MACSPRO dogs and is instrumental in helping to get

Each click on the purple "Click Here to Give - it's FREE" button at The Animal Rescue Site provides food and care for a rescued animal living in a shelter or sanctuary. The current contest ends at midnight (PT) on December 18, 2011. The rescues/shelters that get the most votes can win considerable money.

Here's how you do it:

1. Go to: www.theanimalrescuesite.com
2. First click to give a bowl of food to a shelter
3. Go to the right side of the home page and click "shelter challenge"
4. Then enter our full name and list Rockville MD as the location.
5. Click on "vote" but wait - a new page will come up with "confirm your vote" by entering a verification as shown on the page.
6. Remember to vote every day, even on the weekends (MACSPRO will be kept on your page) and help us win rescue funds.

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A dog has one aim in life... to bestow his heart.

J.R. Ackerley

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If you can't afford medical treatment for your dog, contact the American Animal Hospital Association at www.aahaHelpingPets.org. There is a fund that works with selected veterinarians that provides financial help for emergency and non-elective treatments.

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Are you in one of these areas?

We recommend these Shar-Pei Friendly Veterinarians:

Route 140 Veterinary Hospital
2866 Baltimore Boulevard
Finksburg, MD 21048-1817
(410) 833-8646

Laytonsville Veterinary Practice
& Sundown Kennels
5910 Sundown Road, Laytonsville Md 20882
(301) 948-0158

Dumfries Animal Hospital
17552 Main Street
Dumfries, VA 22026
(703) 221 1880

PLEASE HELP!!

Our rescue efforts rely solely on your generosity! We have **seven adoptable** Pei, two being treated for heartworm, one needing major orthopedic surgery, one recovering from an upper Respiratory Infection, one with Cherry Eye. . . **PLEASE HELP!** Between Debendale, Rivermist, Dumfries and Laytonsville, our boarding fees alone are sky-high. Please give our Pei a donation **NOW!** For whatever you can give to save a Pei life, we thank you. Remember **we are a 501©3 corporation and all donations are tax exempt.**



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Have you paid your MACSPRO membership dues yet? Or would you like to become a member? It's the same low price of \$25.00

If you enjoy the various information available in the newsletters, please show your appreciation by sending in your Contribution today.

Contribution enclosed: _____

(You may pay by credit card via our web site: www.macspro.org)

Thank you for your support.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mailing address:

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"OUR GANG"

Available for Adoption through the Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation,
Website: www.macspro.org Phone: (301)881-1221.

Can't decide to adopt right now? Please consider fostering one of our Pei. We really need fosters.



Angel is a sweet girl. She was left outside all the time and developed heartworm. Her treatments are going well and she will be ready for a new home soon.

Summer is in a loving foster home in New Jersey while undergoing Heartworm treatment.



Juanita is a cute little girl and loves life. She would like to ride with you in the car, shotgun seat watching everything going on.

Myrtle Mae is just all puppy! She doesn't know how to stop kissing, squirming and playing.



Buster is an 11 month old pup. Born with a small club foot, he had to put all his weight on his right front while the bones were growing and forming. We need to raise money to get that deteriorating wrist fixed before it gives out on him. He doesn't know it though, he loves to play, loves people and other animals.



Max is a friendly young boy. He loves people and would like to play with you. Come meet this handsome Pei

Chloe is a beautiful girl. She wants a forever family to play with and give lots of kisses.

