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and adoption
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RESCUES & ADOPTIONS since October 2008 – below is an updated list of our rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in October. Those listed with an “*” next to them are dogs that are still available for adoption. All our dogs are spayed or neutered prior to adoption (health/age permitting); have been heart worm tested; parasite tested and have all necessary shots.

Please - **if you have an email address please let us know**. We need to go electronic on our newsletters due to the prohibitive cost of printing. We are happy to mail the newsletter to those who don't have an email address, but would appreciate people calling us or dropping us a line to let us know they still need the newsletter mailed.

335-07 Babe was with us for over a year. She is one of the most affectionate dogs we have ever had and that affection finally paid off. She is happy in her new forever home with Mr. Lemery; she has completed an obedience class and is now going to “play dates” with lots of other dogs

363-08 Midnight, a beautiful black Pei found a good home with the Abarca family in VA

365-08 Beckham came back to us as it was not the right fit. He is now happily adopted by the Schnieder family.

366-08 Sherman went to live with lots of other dogs and cats and the Sherrill family.

367-08 Homer lives with and goes to work with the Seeds family in Baltimore.

368-08 *Simba is a beautiful chocolate brush coat meat mouth male whose family had to move to take care of elder parents and couldn't take him. He's a mature fella but just gorgeous and a real sweetheart.

369-08 McKenzie was with us less than a month when it was determined that he had cancer and he passed away.

370-08 Jaxson found a quick home with the Holly family and is doing great.

371-08 *Houdini, okay, so Houdini is a Shar-Pei wanna be. He has such a wonderful personality and such a sweet face, we couldn't say no. And he's just a puppy. We really want to find this lover boy a home.

372-08 Lady/Mitzi was fostered for 7 days when the foster family decided to adopt her.

373-08 Phili, a sweet little girl, went to live with 5 rescue cats at the Murr home.

374-08 Achilles came back to us due to problems which could not be resolved. We tried for six months to correct the problems but he was not adoptable and not a trustable animal. He was put to sleep while being held by the people who had cared for him the past months.

375-08 Barkley, an awesome bearcoat could use his big fur coat in Maine where he would live with the Gour family.

376-09* Sheba is a black brush coat. We think she is about 3 years old. She is loving and sweet and needs some tender loving care. She came to MACSPRO with some skin issues (flea dermatitis) and has been treated. It will take a while for her hair to grow back but she is on the way to recovery! Sheba has had entropion surgery and is up to date on her shots and heartworm negative. She is a really sweet girl who needs a home! Please consider adopting her.

377-09* Rebel, is a shy 2 year old cr me dilute. He gets along with children, dogs and cats. He is crate trained and does well unsupervised in the house. He is one of several who was given up due to the tough economic times and owners unable to care for their four legged loved ones.

378-09*Henry found in East Baltimore accompanied by Annie. Has had Cherry eye and entropion surgery and prolapsed eyelid surgery. He is such a happy guy now that he can see that he wags his tail as his eyes are being cleaned.

379-09*Annie is a cr me dilute, a gentle girl who is shy at first . She loves to be with her buddy Henry.

359-09* JuJuBee was found by a very nice lady who has been taking care of him but living with 4 other dogs is a bit much on that home. She loves kids and people and would love a permanent home. She has been spayed, had entropion and all shots are done and she is ready to go.

381-09*Winter, a fawn meat mouth female, who was found in an emaciated condition and had wandered the area for many weeks. It took six weeks to catch her and now she is getting lots of care and good food.

Many miles were traveled in picking up our dogs, taking them to vets and kenneling. Of course all were spayed or neutered; most had entropion surgery; some were mal-nourished and in need of medical care. Every dog that comes in costs more than is returned in the adoption fee. It's only because of your generosity that these dogs have a second chance. n

MACSPRO Raffle and Barbecue

MACSPRO is having a raffle and a barbecue!

Raffle - Tickets have been mailed to members. If you don't want your tickets, please return them to MACSPRO (P.O. Box 34034 Bethesda, MD 20827) so that we can give them to someone else. The drawing will be at our barbecue (details in next column).

We will be selling 2,000 raffle tickets at \$2.00 each or 10 for \$18.00. The first prize is a 50/50 prize where the winner gets 50% of the proceeds of the sales. In other words, if we sell all 2,000 tickets at \$2.00 each that is a first prize of \$2,000.00! The second prize is \$600.00 worth of Premier jewelry.

Some pictures of the jewelry appear in the next column.

Third prize is a gift certificate (150.00) from K9 Naturals for doggie supplements and/or Lupine collars and leashes. You also get a free consult to help you determine the best supplements for your dog.

So get out there and sell those tickets. Who wouldn't want to possibly win \$2,000.00! The more we sell the bigger the first prize.

Barbecue - We will have a barbecue on June 13th, at Brian and Jeanne Johnson's house from 1:00-4:00. Please bring drinks and a side dish. The Johnson's address is 18512 Denhigh Circle, Olney, MD 20832, 301-774-0878. Please RSVP and let us know that you are coming and what side dish you will be bringing. n



2nd Annual MACSPRO Yard Sale

MACSPRO is planning the yard sale again this year. It is to be held at Pam Robbins' house again so that we can take advantage of the huge community yard sale on June 6th. In May we will be asking for donations for the sale. Please start setting stuff aside right now. Last year we made \$1500.00! We also need volunteers to work the yard sale. We had 9 people last year and we needed every single one of them. There were hundreds of people buying stuff! This is a major fund raiser for MACSPRO so please dig deep and donate. We will be giving drop off locations later. If you want to be a drop off location and/or work please call Pam at 703-961-9349. Thanks! n

Donate a Bag a Month

You don't need us to tell you that times are tough. We are all cutting back. The one thing that isn't cutting back are the number of dogs coming into the shelters every day. Our last 4 dogs have been a direct result of people losing their homes. MACSPRO has always counted on our members to help us and you always come through. We also thank you for your financial support. We have a new kind of request for help that many of you may find appealing. MACSPRO needs dog food. We can't just use any dog food either. The dogs who are coming in are



having major skin problems. We are having to use a special food to help isolate the food allergies so we have several of our dogs on Natural Balance – Limited Ingredient – Venison and Sweet Potato. This food is pretty expensive especially when you have several

dogs on it. Would you please help us by either donating money monthly (10.00 or whatever you can donate) or by dropping off a bag at Pam Robbin's, Joyce Hanes' or Jeanne Johnson's house or the kennel where we keep our dogs?

Addresses for drop offs:

Debendale Kennel
2332 Emory Rd.
Reisterstown, MD
410-833-4762

Pam Robbins
4121 Majestic Lane
Fairfax, VA 22033
703-961-9349

Joyce Hanes
6517 Danville Ct.
Rockville, MD 20852
301-881-1221

Jeanne Johnson
18512 Denhigh Circle
Olney, MD 20832 - 301-774-0878

If it is a private home, please call to ensure someone will be able to accept the food. n

Health Articles

MSM -- The Wonder Supplement

MSM is a naturally occurring sulfur compound and is found in many foods in our diet. It is a derivative of DMSO and has remarkable therapeutic properties. MSM can help detoxify the body, help nourish the hair, skin and nails (including horse hooves), relieve pain and inflammation, reduce allergy problems, and promote gastrointestinal health. The Wholistic Pet (www.wholisticpet.com) says "Wholistic MSM (methyl-sulfonyl-methane) is a naturally occurring body component providing an important source of organic sulfur, a necessary component required for most functions of the body. Sulfur is needed in the synthesis of collagen, immunoglobulins and enzymes. Originating from plankton in the oceans, MSM is a safe compound that helps support healthy joints, a strong immune system, resilient skin & coat, healthy digestion and many more positive benefits. Because of possible mineral depletion and today's food processing and storage practices, adding MSM can help to maintain your pet's good health. Wholistic MSM contains only USP-standardized MSM, guaranteed for purity and potency.

Aids in maintaining health by supporting

- A healthy immune system
- Healthy coat & skin
- Relief for allergies
- Normal joint function" (Pet, 2009)

I personally began using MSM after studying about it from my nutrition classes. MSM is wonderful to relieve inflammation. I began to research the possibility of using it for our Shar Pei with a lot of mucin (greasy layer underneath the skin) and with dogs who experience Swollen Hock Syndrome. I began giving my dogs 1000 mg of MSM daily. I noticed a lot of different things from each of my dogs. Simon (10+ English Springer with congestive heart failure) had more energy. Lan Mai's (hock stayed swollen all the time) left hock reduced in size back to normal. Milan's (18 month old pup) coat came in a deeper color and richer. From my research, the maximum dosage a day recommended for a 50 lb dog was about 4000 mg. I was seeing great results at 1000 and so kept their daily dosage at about that, well until I changed products (our company -K9 Naturals sells Wholistic Pet products) which had less MSM in it. I was a little worried about Lan Mai since she has a lot of mucin and had the swollen hock but thought that less is better as far as I am concerned. I ended up giving the dogs about 600 mg daily. After about three weeks, I noticed Lan Mai's left hock was starting to swell. Within two days she had a mild Shar Pei fever attack (104). I realized that the reduction from the 1000 mg daily to the 600 had allowed Lan Mai's inflammation

to come back and hence the swollen hock. So for three days I gave Lan Mai 2500 mg of MSM daily. Her fever was much less severe and only lasted for 24 hours and each day I noticed her hock was less swollen. As we always do after a Shar Pei Fever attack I took her in for blood work. Normally her blood work shows elevated white count, kidney and liver values. This time her blood work was normal! Since then we have been putting MACSPRO Pei on MSM to regulate the inflammation process, help with skin issues, reduce mucin, help with allergies and help with joint function. This supplement truly seems amazing.

To verify that I was recommending a good supplement, I contacted Dr. Tintle. Her daily supplement recommendations for Shar Pei with fever attacks and potential Amyloidosis includes MSM! She verified that the supplement was an excellent choice and to continue with it.

Lastly Dr. Godwin of Laytonsville Animal Hospital saw one of our dogs who had so much mucin that she actually tore her skin by scratching. So much so, she required stitches on two separate occasions. We started her on MSM at about 1500 mg daily and in just three weeks her mucin had reduced by an immense amount. Dr. Godwin asked if we had given her steroids which would be the only thing she knew would work that quickly. We told that we had given her MSM.

If you are interested in starting your dog on MSM, I would be happy to talk with you about it. You do need to ensure that you get a pharmaceutical grade of MSM with no contaminants. If you would like to read more about MSM for your own use there is a great book out "MSM The Definitive Guide" by Stanley Jacob and Jeremy Appleton. n

American Red Cross Dog and Cat First Aid Training

Be Red Cross Ready: Pet First Aid

Cost: \$40.00 (Cash, Money Order, or Cashier's Check)

Dr. Georgia A. Martin, Safety Training
(American Red Cross Authorized Provider)

April 18, 2009

Dog First Aid 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Cat First Aid 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Training Location: Masonic Temple Social Hall
410 University Blvd. West, Silver Spring, MD 20901

To register, call 301-681-8216 or email:

gmartinjd@verizon.net

Owning a pet is a huge responsibility. If your dog or cat suddenly stopped breathing or broke a bone, would you know what to do? Pet first aid is not the same as human first aid – enroll in this class and learn how to provide care for your pet

in case of an emergency. You'll find out how to perform rescue breathing, treat shock, respond to choking, stop bleeding, care for a suspected fracture and handle other sudden illnesses including poisoning. Treat your pets like members of the family and learn how to care for them when they need you most!

Please leave your furry friends at home! n



Ten Reasons to Feel Lucky for Your Dog

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Don your green, gather your shamrocks, and count the reasons you're lucky to have a canine companion! Having a dog is a blessing, a privilege, and one of life's great joys. Celebrate dogs and this lucky holiday by reflecting on the fortunes your dog brings you.

Listed below are a few reasons that I feel lucky to have my wonderful dogs:



1. When my day is gloomy, and I am feeling a bit down, nothing cheers me up as quickly as a tail wag and a slobbery, pooch smooch.
2. On days when my alarm clock just isn't doing the trick pulling me from my slumber, my dogs are more than willing to help keep me on schedule.
3. The greatest, most-motivating running partner I have is my dog.
4. My dogs' antics bring me laughter on a regular basis. Laughter lifts spirits, improves health, and burns calories!
5. I can always count on my dogs being happy to see me when I arrive home after a stressful day.
6. My dogs enjoy my company even if my clothes don't match and my hair isn't brushed.
7. On a cold night, snuggling next to my dogs is a cheaper, safer, more comforting alternative to a heated blanket!
8. My dogs ALWAYS show interest in my cooking!
9. I can use my dogs to gauge the danger level of creaks in the night. If the dogs don't respond, it must be okay!
10. They bring so much happiness. They're adorable, they're sweet, they love unconditionally. They're my best friends. n



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

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Application for Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

It's time to pay your MACSPRO membership for 2009. 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. Thank you.

Contribution enclosed: _____

(You may pay by credit card via our web site: www.macspro.org) Thank you for your support.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mailing address: MACSPRO, P.O. BOX 34034, BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20827

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BETHESDA, MD 20827**

Wait! Inside there is a poster suitable for hanging anywhere you want to advertise our rescues.

“Our Gang”

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



Rebel



Simba

(Longing for a new home)



Henry



Houdini

Adopt me now!



JuJuBee



Sheba



Annie

Adopt me now!