

# Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation Inc.

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**Rescues & Adoptions since November 2000** below is an updated list of our rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in November. 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.

115-00: **Midnight** is one of the most beautiful black males we have seen in a long time. He now has his own family along with Susan, Dennis, Damian and Vickie Smoter of Maryland.

116-00: \* **Cluie** is a crème female who was given up in Fairfax, VA. She is a sweet dog and we have a growing concern about her. She is not happy in a kennel and is losing weight.

117-00: \* **Moonlight** is a small fawn, black muzzle female from Prince William County VA. She is looking great and being fostered by Ms. Ellis in VA, but is still looking for a permanent home.

118-00: **Frank N. Stein** is a young, black bobtail male. A family in VA initially adopted him, but we discovered that he did not care for small children. Frank was returned and placed with the Yosts, an adult only family where he is doing well.

119-00: \* **Cuddles** is an apricot female who could not stand kennel life. She was losing weight and getting extremely depressed. We thought we would have to put her down when the Figgatt family in Maryland again came to our rescue. They have several rescue dogs and Mrs. Figgatt works miracles with frightened distressed dogs.

120-00: **Annie**, a fawn female, was found caught in a trap, full of buckshot, in lower Virginia. She was so skinny and we thought she had a tumor in her abdomen. The "tumor" turned out to be five puppies! Ms. Sellers fostered Annie until the pups were born. Annie

and the pups then went to Richard and Kathy Attix's home. One pup died at birth, but the Attixes still had a house full with Annie and the four pups. Annie was adopted by the Attix family and so joined one of Peggy's pups, who the Attixes cared for and raised a year ago.

121-00: **Godiva**, one of Annie's pups, was adopted by Sharon Creaton. Sharon is the kind lady who cared for Rudy.

122-00: **Phoebe**, another of Annie's pups was adopted by John Rogers and Dale Schwering.

123-00: **Lovie Bear**, a third of Annie's pups was adopted by Emily and Joel Christenson.

124-00: **Totoro**, the fourth of Annie's pups was adopted by Ami and Bryan Smith.

125-00: **Piggy**, so named because of the grunting noise he made when he want attention, is a year old crème male who came to us from the D.C. Shelter and was transported by Duncan Redditt. Robert Chronister adopted Piggy.

126-00: **Browser** is a young fawn male brought to us from a Maryland shelter by Chris Jeffery. Catherine Alpine adopted him.

127-00: **Bailey** is a beautify meat-mouth female who came into the Montgomery County Shelter about six months ago and before we could get her, was adopted. She was returned to the shelter as the family had no time for her and she got very anxious. Jennifer Lyon and Edward Glawe adopted Bailey..

128-00: **Sara** is a six-week old, very sick little female. She was turned in to a shelter in West Virginia, but she was too sick to stay there. Caroline Bishop and friends took her to the vet and drove her to Frederick MD where she was picked up and transported to the Dumfries Animal Hospital. Due to her delicate condition, Becky Beatley immediately took her home for care. Becky changed her name to Angel and adopted her.

129-00: **Noël** is a young crème female who came to us at Christmas. She came in as a stray so we named her after the Christmas season. Suzanne Barnes adopted Noël.

130-01: \* **Keisha** is a shy, young female who was brought into a shelter in West Virginia. A worker there thought she was such a nice dog that she drove five hours to bring her to us.

131-01: \* **Junior** is about one year to 18 months old. He is very playful and loves everyone. Junior is the product of a broken home, where neither of the parties could keep him. He is a cutie!

132-01: \* **Della** is a young black female who came to us from West Virginia. She was brought into the shelter as a stray and appears to recently have had a litter. Many thanks to Caroline Bishop, who helped get Della to us.

133-01: \* **Champ** came up to a house on New Year's Eve while the family was drinking champagne. They could not find his owners and they were leaving the area, so Champ came to us. He is one of the best looking dogs we have had in a long time.

**See pictures of all our available dogs at the end of this newsletter and also on our web site.**

We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped us these past few months, either financially, or with foster care and transportation:

The Fannie Mae Foundation, Kevin Barrows, Ling & Mark Lay, Fanchon O'Donoghue, Rose Quinn, iGive.com, Bryan Smith, Sharon Creaton, Paula Jean Belka, Becky Beatley, James & Jane Coughlin, Holly Vorhies, Allen & Karen Brandis, Westly & Marie Reynolds, Bill & Joan Davenport, George Eddy, "Smily" El-Abd., Chris Jeffery, Duncan Redditt, Caroline Bishop, Dennis & Beverly Sparks, Dr. Roger Nichols and the many other great friends of our dogs.

A special thanks to Caroline Figgatt for the beautiful dog gift basket. It was full of treats, toys and food, which we took to the Super Pet Expo. We raffled it

off and it raised the most money yet for our rescue operation.

Another special thanks to Trace Hanes and Chris Hanes, who donated two sets of Redskins tickets that were also raffled off to benefit our dogs.

We received sale items and lots of help from Beverly and Dennis Sparks. Julie Neff, Kelly and Samantha Neff, Sharon Creaton, Nancy Ellis, Sam Sellers and I "worked the crowd" selling raffle tickets and showing off our rescue Shar-Pei. A lot of "adoptive parents" dropped by to see us. We appreciate all of the support we received, and although the crowds were far fewer than expected (last year they counted 22,000), we feel we got the word out about our great dogs.

## INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

October through January 31, 2001

Prior Balance:	\$ 346.00
Income:	
Membership, Donations,	\$8,192.22
Super Pet Expo sales & raffle	<u>\$8,538.22</u>
Expenses:	
Cash for Expo booth (returned to acct)	\$ 100.00
Quince Orchard Vet for Annie & pups	\$ 278.00
Sellers, foster care for Rosie 5 months shelter fees, Annie til pups bom, puppy pen & supplies	\$ 405.00
Dumfries Hospital, surgery, medical care, spay/neuter, boarding	\$4,715.50
	<u>(\$5,498.50)</u>
Balance in Account:	<u>\$3,039.72</u>

## NO ROOM AT THE INN (for a dog)

Recently, one of our "adoptive parents" went to Florida with her brother and Shar-Pei. As night approached, they stopped at motel after motel trying to get accommodations that would allow a dog. Finally in desperation, she entered a motel, approached the front desk and said "you take seeing-eye dogs, don't you"? The reply was, "Of course, it was required by law". "Well, my brother is blind and has a seeing-eye dog". She turned to point out the car and there was her brother sitting behind the steering wheel. They got the room anyway, but the brother had a heck of a time trying to pretend that the dog was leading him to the room.

## DENTAL CARE

Did you know that lack of dental care can lead to serious illness and even death?

We could say something so simple as “how would you feel if you did not brush your teeth every day”. But it goes even farther than just appearance and sweet breath.

Infection can lead to abscess. And abscess can lead to poison traveling throughout the body through the bloodstream eventually to the heart.

Periodontal (gum) disease is one of the most common conditions seen by vets today. The problem begins when plaque and tartar are allowed to build up on the teeth. Plaque harbors bacteria, which can infect gum tissue and the roots of the teeth.

Bacteria enters the bloodstream through the large network of blood vessels located near the gums and can travel to the heart, liver and kidneys causing disease.

Here are some of the signs to look for in your dog:

- Persistent bad breath
- Sensitivity around the mouth
- Loss of appetite
- Plaque build-up
- Bleeding, inflamed or receded gums
- Tartar
- Loose or missing teeth
- Difficulty eating or chewing food

First, if you have not had your dog's teeth professionally cleaned recently, that would be the first step.

**Note:** Be sure to have this done by a vet who is knowledgeable of Shar-Pei as anesthesia is necessary. Shar-Pei are highly sensitive to anesthesia. Please discuss this with your vet. Shar-Pei have been known to die in seconds from the administration of the wrong anesthesia.

Tooth brushing is considered the most effective method of removing plaque. It is recommended that an oral hygiene program include brushing your dog's teeth on a regular basis.

It is important to use a toothbrush and toothpaste designed for pets. Pet toothbrushes are ultra-soft and shaped to fit your dog's mouth and tooth. Pet toothpastes have flavors that appeal to pets and need not be rinsed. Do not use human toothpaste or baking soda, as they contain ingredients which should not be swallowed. When brushing is not practical, you may obtain an oral antibacterial rinse.

Diet is a major factor in the development of plaque and tartar. Soft food contributes to plaque build-up. Dry food, biscuits and newly formulated abrasive diets can help remove plaque above the gum line. There are also dental chews, which can be helpful in plaque removal.

However, only tooth brushing can remove plaque and food debris below the gum line. It's below the gum line where disease causing bacteria and infection begins.

There are also “finger brushes” available that fit over your index finger and have soft rubber bristles. You can start by getting your dog used to you stroking or rubbing the outside of the mouth and gradually progress to using the finger brush on the teeth and then introduce the toothpaste. Use a slow circular motion, gently brush one tooth at a time and the adjoining gum line.

After each brushing, reward your dog with a treat and a lot of praise. Don't use too much toothpaste or the dog, liking the taste of the paste, will spend all the time trying to eat or lick the finger that you have the paste on.

Your dog's teeth should look like this.



If they look like this, get to your veterinarian NOW!



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You might note that in each newsletter we try to bring you some health information. Last newsletter we told you about choking and CPR. In the next newsletter we are going to discuss anesthesia. We have known Shar-Pei who died almost instantly from even the most simple procedures when anesthesia is improperly given. We hope that you keep these newsletters, as there are a lot of Shar-Pei specific problems of which some veterinarians are not aware. If you feel your bet is puzzled by a problem or illness that your Shar-Pei is exhibiting, please consult a Shar-Pei knowledgeable vet or log in to our web site or call us for help. We are always here for you.

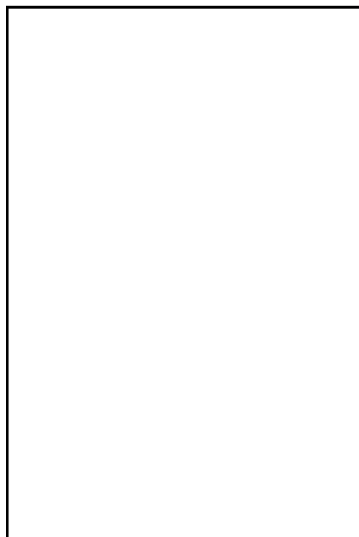
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## WHY ARE DOGS BETTER THAN KIDS?

- It doesn't take 45 minutes to get a dog ready to go outside in the winter.
- Dogs cannot lie.
- Dogs never resist nap time.
- You don't need to get extra phone lines for a dog.
- Dogs don't pester you about getting a kid.
- Dogs are housebroken by the time they are 12 weeks old.
- Dogs will go with you anywhere, anytime.
- Dogs don't complain about your cooking.
- You don't have to send a dog to college or buy him a car.
- You don't have to talk to your dog about smoking or drugs.
- You can give him a hug anytime without him looking embarrassed.

## *In memory of...*



### **B Jessie**

This little gal came to us in 1998 and lived happily with Chris Hanes and Heather Mueller until the end of this year.

### **Li'l Caesar à**

"We gave you a home, you gave us over 10 years of love, loyalty and protection. You will forever be missed."  
Dale Schwering & John Rogers



### **Ike** (no picture available)

He came to us as an older dog in 1997. He lived and traveled across the U.S. with Monika and Michael Grady.

### **Rosie à**

She only spent five months with us. When she came, we knew she had cancer, but she didn't know. She was full of energy and love and spent her last days in the home of Barbara Sellers.



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**Stop the presses – since starting this newsletter last week, we have received three additional dogs.**

134-01: \* **Nina** came to us from a Pennsylvania shelter in February 2000. She is a lovely fawn, black muzzle female. Her adoptive home had small children who went in and out of the house all the time – and so did Nina. Except Nina would run through the neighborhood terrorizing the local cats, so, Nina needs a new home.

135-01: \* **Bear** is a chocolate bear coat, meat mouth male who came to us from the D.C. Shelter. He was a stray and for a while they didn't know he was a Shar-Pei. As soon as the stitches he received at the D.C. Clinic heal, he is scheduled for a good bath and brushing.

136-01: \* **Judge** is a large, black male who came to us from Prince George's County as an owner give-up,

He is extremely strong and energetic. We don't usually take owner give-ups, but it was either us or the shelter. If he had gone to the shelter, we would have had to pay a fee to get him.

We received word today that an eight-month old abandoned at a vet's office will be coming in this weekend (3/3).

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### **D.C. ANIMAL SHELTER INSPECTS DUMFRIES ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

D.C. Shelter and the Washington Humane Society usually will not allow animals to go to rescue groups that place them in kennels. We explained that we did not have enough foster homes and asked for an interview at Dumfries. Two animal wardens came to Dumfries and enthusiastically approved the Dumfries Animal Hospital, saying they were pleased with the care and individual attention each dog received.



**Nina**

# **“Our Gang”**

***Currently Available for Adoption***



**Judge**



**Keisha**



**Cluie**



**Champ**



**Bogie**



**Rocky**



**K2**

Dear God,  
If a dog barks his head off in the forest and no human hears him, is he still a bad dog?



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal Annual Dues for the Year 2001: \$25.00

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