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Rescues & Adoptions since June 2001 -- below is an updated list of our rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in June. 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.

116-00: **Cluie** was given a second chance by the Bennett family in Virginia and she is doing quite well.

135-01: * **Bear** our bear coat male from D.C. who was adopted recently, kept running away and getting into trouble. He was living in the country and the call of the wild kept beckoning him. He has been returned to us - full of porcupine quills. He is a beautiful boy who needs a high fenced yard.

139-01: **Cecil** is a horse coat fawn male looked with his great big loving eyes, into the eyes of the Gordon family of Annandale, VA and instantly found a home.

141-01: **Tenchii** was our "exchange" dog from PAL, went to a home where he got a kid of his very own. Both he and the children are happy at the Seldon home.

142-01: * **Gin** is a horse coat, fawn female who we believe is between 2 and 3 years of age. We wrote in our last letter that she came to us from a private rescue group in North Carolina. She had heart-worm and needed much surgery to correct botched prior surgery. She is so full of love as if she knows she has been saved. She is still looking for a forever home.

144-01: **Romeo** is a black male 5 month old whose owners had no time for him! He spent most of his time on a balcony. He was such a delight that the Catrambone family from New Jersey couldn't resist him.

145-01: * **Nelly** is a fawn female who was abandoned in Nelson County, VA. She is currently being fostered by Nelly Mori, who is one of our volunteer dog walkers.

1146-01: **Molly** came to us from Montgomery County, MD. She is what is known as a "saddle back". She has a black area like a saddle on her brown body and a great big meat mouth. The DuPuy family of Virginia adopted her.

1 147-01: **Chocolat** was so named as she has the most beautiful chocolate coat. A simply gorgeous well cared for stray from Montgomery County, MD. Who could have lost such a dog? Why didn't they look for her? We will never know. Krystal Vincent of Chesapeake Beach, MD adopted Chocolat.

148-01: **Breezy** came to us from Montgomery County. The DuPuy family's older dog passed away and Molly, who they had adopted earlier, was lonely. So Breezy found a new home.

149-01: * **Zen** is a crème male who came to us from the Richmond Va area. His owner tired of him and tied him outside to a tree for about a year. He is still somewhat shy but very loving. He appeared on "Devoted to Dogs", Montgomery County Channel 21 TV show and was a perfect gentleman. He has been with us for several months and needs a good home.

150-01: **Luke** is a fawn male was found in a shelter in Kentucky where he was confined with about 15 other

dogs. Food arrived in a trough and it was every dog for himself. A member of Life for Pets took him out and tied him to a tree to save him. Gene Hamm took him in, gave him medical care and through "Rolling Rescue" he arrived at Dumfries at 1:00 a.m. one Monday morning. Mary Bobolis offered to foster big Luke and decided she couldn't live without him. Luke is in his forever home.

151-01: * **Hitch hiker** is a black brushcoat from Warren, VA. He is young and playful. He also appeared on "Devoted to Dogs" and was a big hit. He is currently being fostered by Sharon Creaton.

152-01: **Sherlock** is a young meat mouth fawn male was a stray found in Chesapeake City, MD. An all day drive by Lisa Crosby brought him to us. He was adopted shortly thereafter by the Lithgow family.

153-01: **T.J.** was brought to us from D.C. after the shelter said they had no room and he would be put down. He is a handsome dog and was adopted by Ms. Pierce and is living in PA.

154-01: **Chewy** is a bear coat female was brought in from Bowie by a neighbor who got tired of seeing her tied in a yard with no shelter, food or water. The neighbor took care of her but was moving. The Seagle family adopted her.

155-01: **P.J.** was Chewy's companion in the yard. He loved Chewy, but she would pick on him sometimes. P.J. is a meat mouth crème and is being fostered by Carol Colligan of Stafford Va.

156-01: * **Beauty** is 10 year old. She is a bone mouth fawn female from New York. When her owner died, she was taken into the shelter where she would have been destroyed due to her age. Her lineage went back to "Sweet Pea", one of the original Shar-Pei from China. No one told her she was 10 years old so she is full of pep and energy and in excellent health.

157-01: * **Chin** is a fat fawn male and he is Beauty's companion. They get along well together and would like to live out the rest of their life together. Is there someone out there that would give these two dogs another chance?

158-01: * **Parker** is a fawn bone mouth male from Montgomery County, MD. He is a young, playful boy who came in as a stray.

159-01: * **Ripley** is a pretty little fawn female who came to us from All Breed Rescue who got her as a stray from Berkley Springs, West VA. as her "time was up". She seems to know that she was "saved by the bell" and shows everyone lots of affection.

160-01: * **Roscoe**: is a light fawn beautiful male who was brought to us from Nashville, Tenn. where he spent his life tied in the front yard. A kind neighbor drove him all the way to Dumfries.

161-01: * **Dave** is a white male who was living in the parking lot of a shopping mall in Prince George County, MD. The employees of the mall were feeding him until the mall manager said they were going to call the animal control. Animal control said they would "put him down immediately as he was in such bad condition. He appeared to have been on the road for a long time. Beth Cox, who worked in the mall, couldn't tolerate that decision. She went home after work, got her husband, went back to work and brought Dave (who was named after her husband) in to Dumfries. The next morning Dave was given a bath and he enjoyed it so much that he lay down in the tub – and if a dog can smile, Dave smiled. Unfortunately, we learned today that Dave is heartworm positive. He will require a long period of costly treatment. But he has managed to survive this long and we will not let him down now. Dave is a "beat-up" but handsome boy who knows he has been rescued and is very loving. He needs a good foster home in which to stay while he is under treatment or a good "forever" home would due just fine.

162-01: * **Little Girl** is a stray abused female brought to us from VA. She was near death with infection and a high fever when she came in. She is currently in foster care until she gets better so that eye surgery can be performed on her as her eyes are ulcerated.

(And we are turning down dogs EVERYDAY for lack of funds and foster homes.)

First Annual 'Get Together' by Joyce Hanes

Although we mailed the invitations a week before the party, a number of people did not receive their cards in time to attend. Nevertheless, a number of people did attend. Barbara "Sam" Sellers held the party at her home and served up some absolutely great food which included a grilled pork loin, lots of pasta and salad dishes, baked beans, deviled eggs and a cake "to die for". JoAnn Redditt brought her Shar-Pei jewelry for us to look at along with copies of The Barker magazine for everyone. I had an opportunity to put faces with some of the people I had only spoken to on the phone. I believe everyone had a good time and goodness knows, no one went home hungry. I hope that for the next party, we can mail the invitations out a month early so every one can have an opportunity to meet, eat and brag on their dogs. n

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

May 22, 2001 through October 22, 2001

Prior Balance:	\$2,001.04
Income:	
Membership, Donations	\$6,852.53
	<u>\$8,853.57</u>
Expenses:	
Dumfries Hospital, surgery, medical care, spay/neuter, boarding, heartworm medica- tion	\$7,276.93
Food for meeting	\$102.00
Purchase raffle items	\$42.00
Miscellaneous transport, mailing, long distance bills	\$176.00
	<u>(\$7,276.93)</u>
Balance in Account:	\$1,256.64

(We have an unpaid Vet/Kennel bill of \$2,900.00 with nine dogs in kennel at present and one coming from Puerto Rico on 11/3)

Request for Your Time

With the events of the past several months we are faced with severe hardships. First, due to the New York tragedy, we have taken in two older dogs. I have spoken with people directly involved with the Manhattan shelter and they state that they have plenty of money and food now. What they don't have is room. So inasmuch as these two Shar-Pei were older dogs, we knew that they would be destroyed immediately. Secondly, due to the economic instability, donations are the slowest they have ever been and adoptions are even slower. Therefore, we are asking your help by giving some of your time.

We have obtained the "gift wrapping rights" from Barnes & Noble, Rio shopping center in Gaithersburg, MD. They furnish all the wrapping supplies and we furnish the people to wrap. We have a canister at the counter and we get all donations. Last year, I am told by their manager, the donations ran about \$200.00 per day. That would give us an approximate total of \$1,000.00.

The schedule would be as follows: November 24 & 25, December 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 & 23. There should be two people working from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and two people working 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. That makes for a total of 40 slots to fill. So far, we have only filled 12 slots.

So you say you can't wrap? Well, it's easy to wrap a book and put a bow on it. Give it a try. If there is any way you can spare five hours to help us pay our Vet and kennel bills and keep our dogs going, it would be greatly appreciated. We need to know as soon as possible because if we can't fill the time slots, we will have to give them up to another group and believe me, there are several groups out there that want this opportunity.

Please check your calendar and give Joyce a call at 301-881-1221.

The Story of Essie

by Sharon Creaton

Many of you may remember Lizzie at the Dumfries Hospital before I adopted her. She was dark, very small, very shy (unless you had a biscuit) and had a wonderful "turkey wattle" neck. After I took her home, she was so shy it took her three months to bark and a month to come in the bedroom. Unfortunately, Essie (as she became at my house) passed away a couple of weeks ago very unexpectedly. She left a big hole in my heart and home.

But, before you tear up, let me share with you the changes she went through. Essie had developed her own "welcome home" dance for me and was actually performing it for a friend and her children who use my spare bedrooms. She would demand her fair share of rough housing when I would play with the puppy from Annie's litter. Of course her version of wrestling was for me to put an arm around her truck, wiggle it, and say "wrestle, wrestle", but she was insistent on getting her share of time. She would push her nose in my armpit until she got her whole head through and beg for treats from my plate. She would also do this occasionally to company. Normally, this would be "bad" behavior in a dog but for Essie it was a great improvement over her previous reclusive behavior. She actually ran away from a maintenance person once and took that person on a two-mile chase before she slipped away and returned to her new home of one month. She was waiting on the porch when I got home and gave me the "where have you been, I have been waiting for you" look that dogs can do so well. She was even learning voice and hand commands such as sit and stay.

And Xena, warrior princess, had nothing at all on her. I found her one day in the back yard raising all kinds of heck. She appeared to be stuck under the storage shed. Far from it! She was on her side laboriously working her way to a ground hog hiding under the shed that she was hunting. Had humans not intervened, she would have put up a real fight in her attempt to have that animal for supper.

I can only hope for each and every one of us that we find our lives so drastically expanded and improved for the human equivalent of her last 3 dog years before we too pass away. n

Health Articles

Pet Massage for Injured and Elderly Dogs

There have been a number of articles recently regarding the success of massage therapy. For instance, one dog paralyzed in the hips from a stroke was able, after six months of massage therapy, to walk with only a slight limp. The massages focused on reconnecting the damaged nerve pathways to the brain. Massage therapy can increase blood flow to damaged areas. Increased blood flow translates into more oxygen and nutrients for the stimulated muscles, which means more efficient usage.

The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodyworks claims, "therapeutic massage and bodywork relieves muscle spasms, prevents muscle tears, strains and sprains, increases flexibility and promotes health, prevents illness, injury and speeds recovery". It helps in minimizing pain from arthritis or surgery and helps hip dysphasia. Before trying massage therapy, you should consult your Vet and be sure you are seeing a trained certified therapist, as an untrained person could cause injury to your dog.

Professional therapists are seeing an increasing number of animals. The American Animal Hospital Association says that 31 percent of all pet owners are using alternative therapies for their pets, one of which is massage. n

Possible New Treatment For Swollen Hock & Shar-Pei Fever

by Karen Perkins

My Vet has been working with Dr. Paulus (who has been a Shar-Pei breeder and Vet for many years) in the use of MSM, which they feel is much better than colchicine.

Dr. Paulus has been using MSM treatment for Swollen Hock Syndrome (SHS) and Shar-Pei Fever (SPF) for years now. It seems to have no side effects, whereas the colchicine does. I started Zen on 1000 mg/day for two weeks and then went to 1000 mg 2x/day, which is the prescribed dosage for a Pei that is approximately 50 pounds.

It is nothing more than a joint supplement. People take it for arthritis and it has been used in horses for years. It

can be bought with glucosamine added, which is another joint supplement. According to Dr. Paulus, 1/3 of the Pei on the treatment will never have another episode, 1/3 will continue to get episodes, but much less frequently, which of course helps with the amyloidosis and 1/3 did not appear to be helped.

Note from Joyce Hanes: I have been taking Glucosamine with MSM for some time now as I have arthritis in my spine, hips and knees. I can really tell the difference in mobility and have less pain. I have never had any side effects and without questions, would give it to my dog if it were needed. n

Glaucoma in Older Dogs

Glaucoma is a disease of the eye in which the fluid inside of the eye cannot drain properly. This fluid is continuously produced by the eye. Therefore without proper drainage, there is an increase in pressure within the eye. Very high pressure can cause irreversible blindness within a very short period of time.

Previously, the only way to measure pressure in a dog's eye was not very accurate. There is now a device called the Tonopen which is very accurate and easier to use as the dogs can be sitting or standing and does not have to be anesthetized. One of these devices is available at Dumfries. n

Anti-Freeze -- It's Poison

Don't forget, now that winter is here, that anti-freeze will kill any animal or bird that drinks it. Anti-freeze tastes sweet and with its bright color, animals and birds are attracted to it. Please, where ever you see it spilled, wash it away or pour kitty litter on it for absorption. If you see it being spilled in gas stations or such, ask the manager to wash it away. They may not realize that they are killing wildlife. n

How to Baby Proof Your Pet

Paraphrased from a Pet Life article

Old wives' tales would have us believing that when the new baby comes, the pets must go. In reality, a proactive approach and a little preplanning before the baby arrives can result in a beautiful bond between baby and dog.

New parents need to remember that you are responsible for the safety and protection of both your baby and your pet -- two completely unpredictable creatures. The best defense is to prevent problems before they arise. Babies do a lot of things that are upsetting to dogs. Pets aren't sure whether all the new smells (of which baby has many!) indicate something good or something bad and they are naturally curious.

Start at least a month before the baby is born exposing your pets to the new sounds and smells. Leave baby toys around the house and begin teaching the pet that some toys are his, while others are off-limits. Play a recording of a baby crying. Play it very softly, and when the dog investigates, give him a treat so he'll associate the sound with good things. Eventually move the recording to the nursery. Do the same with other baby items like rattles, diapers, etc. The idea is to expose them to these things that stand for a baby so they won't be scary.

You can give the dog the first smell of baby from blankets you can send home from the hospital before baby actually arrives home.



Wait for a calm quiet time to introduce the pet to the new baby and keep early introductions brief. Let the dog sniff the baby with close supervision from Mom or Dad. Just be careful the dog doesn't put his paws on the baby.

Take extra care to ensure the pet's needs are being met and keep the dog on his regular routine as much as possible. If possible, go beyond the norm with more attention and extra long walks or grooming sessions so that he lacks for nothing.

Dogs have to be allowed to fulfill their wishes with you. They are still social animals. Many experts advise giving the pet attention when the baby is present so the dog won't feel left out every time the baby is around.

A dog may be mislabeled "jealous" when in reality it may be more of an issue of unmet needs. Make sure you meet your dog's needs on your terms. If all needs are met and he is still overactive or misbehaves, a simple "time out" may be required. Remove the pet from the situation and when he has calmed down, bring him back in with the family to allow him to succeed again. In addition, make sure the dog knows where his place is in the pack. The two adults are the pack leaders and the baby ranks below the parents and above the dog.

With the proper planning and right attitude, yours can be a success story of baby and pet. Be watchful, patient and quick to redirect unacceptable behavior -- from either child -- and be just as fast to praise appropriate play. Like most things in life, it's well worth the extra effort. n

A note from the Secretary:

Lastly, I would like to extend a note of thanks to those "adoptive parents" who have taken the time to write us about their experiences with their rescue Shar-Pei. We would like to share a few with you in each newsletter.

Laura Brown writes, "The best news is that Charlie Brown is doing Agility!!! I really wanted him to do agility but was scared to death to have him off a leash in class. Obedience classes were too easy for him and he'd ace through everything. In Agility class I was shocked to see how quickly and naturally he excelled in class despite zero practice at home."

From Mary Bobolis, "Luke is the best dog I have ever had -- extremely intelligent, learning quickly, completely housebroken and so glad to have a home. He gets along so well with the other two spoiled brats (dogs) of mine. You know, that he has the most beautiful smile, which manifests itself with an intense amount of wrinkling on this face."

Lastly, an e-mail from Chris Hanes and Heather Mueller on Max, formerly known as Champ:

Dear Friends of MACSPRO:

"We just thought we would let you know how well Max has fit into our family. We were a little worried about bringing in an adult dog into a house with a very active 3 year old. However, the two of them have bonded so well. Christopher (the 3 year old) loves Max so much. He helps out with the brushing and feeding of Max and Max watches over Christopher and loves to play chase with him.

Our family has found having a Shar-Pei a wonderful addition, we couldn't have found a better family member (Max no longer thinks of himself as a dog but as another child!)"

One final note from the secretary: A big wet doggy kiss to Shelly Bennett. She bathed and trim the nails on all of the rescues housed at Dumfries. n



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