



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

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

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**RESCUES & ADOPTIONS since March 2011.** Below is an updated list of rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in August. **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.

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

**417-11 Pewter\*** came to us from Kentucky. He had to wait about five months until Kentucky Rescue won their suit to get him out of a puppy-mill situation. He needed a bit of care when we finally got him. He had bacterial and fungal skin issues, as well as parasites, and we had massive rear dew claws removed. He has recovered well and his skin issues are almost completely resolved. Despite all this, He is not shy about wanting attention. He would really like someone to play with and to receive pets from.

**418-11 Raisin** also came to us from the Kentucky legal battle. He is a gentle and very handsome boy. He is now "Jake" living a great life in Manassas, Va.

**419-11 Yoshi.** Yoshi's dad lost his job and home. Even so, he refused to let her go to the county shelter and brought her to us. Quite distraught at first, she warmed up wonderfully under Marge's care. Yoshi found her forever home shortly after our **Bark!** event in March.

**420-11 Cole** was a West Virginia boy. As suggested by his name, he is "coal" black. He loves people and relates well. He is now a Pennsylvania boy and loves to play with the family's teenage son.

**Lulu 421-11** came to us from a lady that lost her home and could not afford to keep her. She is a friendly and laid back girl with a beautiful, almost crème short brush coat. She

found her forever parents while at the **Bark!** event in the Kentlands, Gaithersburg.

**Bugsy\* 422-11** comes from Prince Georges County. The neighbor's Chow decided to "Chow" down on him, and his owners didn't want to pay the medical bills. He is a wonderful playful black brush of smaller size. He loves people and most other dogs. He would love to have an adult family to live with.

**Rush\* 423-11** is a friendly, larger (~62 pounds) one-year-old Shar-Pei. He gets along well with cats and most dogs. His family lost their home and he was scared in the shelter, but he warms up quickly to people (especially if they have treats!). He likes to play, and to ride (and nap) in the car, but does not quite realize his own strength yet. He would be delighted to have a loving home with lots of room to play.

**DeeDee 424-11** is a turn-in from a breeder. She was about six-eight weeks old and her inner eyelid was so damaged that her eye had to be removed. She is growing fast now and is quite an aggressive little girl.

**Prince Will 425-11.** As usual with an owner turn-in, Pei are quite stressed and can almost shut down. However, Will walked out "will"ingly when the Tankersley's picked him up; it was the kennel environment that hurt him the most. He found his forever home in Baltimore where he enjoyed his walks. Everyone in the neighborhood loved to see him strut on by. Will got very sick on Memorial Day weekend

and the Doctors said it was his tumors that had spread cancer. So Mr. Gleason gave him the best last weeks of his life. We cannot thank Steve enough for giving Will his last wish – a forever home.

**Mia 426-11** now Maya, is a chocolate mini-peï that got kennel cough at the shelter before we could rescue her. So two weeks later when her sniffles cleared up, we brought her in, got her eyes done and she was off to her new home in less than a week.

**Lucy Liu\* 427-11** is a great girl. She is very loving and sweet. She likes companionship and would love a family with someone home most of the time or a sibling to play with.

**Max\* 428-11** is a beautiful fawn. He is quite shy. He came to us from Carroll County where he was so scared that he was shutting down on the shelter staff. They called MACSPRO and Marge at Debendale has turned him around. He was wonderful at our latest adoption event at PetValu in Olney.

**CoCo\* 429-11** and her son Miyagi were chained to a broken down picnic table most of the time with little food but what the nice neighbor fed them over the fence and no other shelter. So she needs to be fed separately. She is a beautiful crème brush coat and is quite friendly to most people, but a bit touchy with some dogs beside her son.

**Miyagi\* 430-11** looks just like his mom, but a little larger. He and his mom CoCo lived in the open with only a picnic table for shelter and the neighbors feeding them over the fence. Miyagi is very friendly and affectionate. He had great fun playing with the kids when they came into the yard. He is a charmer. Come meet him.

**Sasha 431-11** was thrown out of the car window when her owner got evicted. When the neighbor got upset, she was told to either keep the dog, or take it to the pound. He drove off without another comment. Sasha's ears were a mess and her eyes not only needed entropion, but she has very bad dry eye, so her vision was greatly impaired. She is a very cute light chocolate brush coat mini-peï. Today her KCS is greatly improved and the doctor said she had normal tear production.

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If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went. *Will Rogers*

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. *Ben Williams*

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## Events

In March we were at **Bark!** in Gaithersburg showing off some of our adoptable Peï. Lulu was adopted on the spot by one of our MACSPRO families and Yoshi very shortly thereafter.



Lulu



Bussy



Cole



In April we had a booth at the Operation Scarlet annual luncheon in Lancaster, PA. It was great fun visiting with other rescuers and their special Pei.



MACSPRO's new poster of Rescues, courtesy of Allan May

We were at the PetSmart National Pet Adoption Weekend on May 1 at the Kentlands in Gaithersburg, MD and at the PetValu in Olney, MD on May 21.

Mark your calendars for:

- **Bark!** in Kentlands on Saturday June 4. 1-3:30 pm,
- **Unleashed** in Olney on Sunday June 26 1-3:30 pm,
- **Bark!** in Olney on Saturday July 9 1-3:30 pm

And don't forget the **grand opening** of **PetValu** in the new Fair Hill Shopping Center in Olney in July. **PetValu** is getting a facelift, just like **Bark!** and **Unleashed**. Go online and see what their new stores are going to look like.

Do you remember these Pei?



Brando at the "Walk for Paws" before he was adopted and with his Dad last winter.



Then . . . Charlie, with pneumonia, a luxating patella, carpal laxity, underactive thyroid and dumped on a road in Metro Virginia, the Johnson's didn't know what a beautiful boy he would become!

Now . . . Ebon



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## Health Articles

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### Is it a "food allergy" or "food intolerance"?

There is a distinction between food allergies and food intolerances. Allergies exhibit characteristic symptoms of itching and skin problems. Food intolerances can result in diarrhea or vomiting and do not create a typical allergic response.

Corn, soy, and wheat are three of the biggest culprits as far as food allergies in dogs go.

If you look at the ingredients of a majority of brand dog foods sold in your local grocery store you will see most of them contain some type of corn such as corn meal. Beside allergies, corn has been linked to ailments such as joint swelling and bloat.

Corn metabolizes in dogs similar to the way sugar metabolizes in humans. It's like feeding a child, foods high in corn syrup. The dog will not be as healthy and may experience energy rushes, crashes, hyperactivity and difficulty concentrating. Studies have also shown that high doses of corn can inhibit serotonin in the brain. Serotonin is an important chemical that reduces stress and anxiety.

A dog's body cannot process corn properly. It is difficult for them to digest it. You may notice when you switch a dog over from a corn based dog food to a grain free dog food that their poop is smaller. Their bodies are using what they are eating instead of pooping it out.

Some owners claim their dogs are sensitive to the type of meat that Fido is eating, but studies show that it may not be the type of meat itself but the corn or grain the animal was fed prior to slaughter.

Feed companies are increasingly producing new more nutritious alternatives. Check out the ingredients before you buy another huge bag of what you think is good for Fido.

### Keep a Watchful Eye for the Health of your Shar-Pei From Dr. Vidt:

As a Shar-Pei owner you can follow some simple guidelines to help keep your Pei healthy:

- Monitor weight - This involves weighing your dog at regular intervals using a scale. Do not rely on eyeball judgments. Too often I see dogs in an advanced state of weight loss which the owner has just noticed, but which has been going on for several weeks. Remember, we are trying to uncover this condition at its earliest point - minor weight loss can indicate early renal amyloidosis.
- Monitor appetite - Daily fluctuations in appetite do occur, but a change in what is normal for your dog may indicate early kidney problems.
- Monitor water consumption - A normal dog consumes approximately 1 oz. of water per pound of body weight per day. This varies with activity level, season of the year, and type of food being fed (canned vs. dry), etc. I advise measuring water intake periodically by measuring how much water is put down in the morning and measuring it again at night. Obviously this will involve a little more ingenuity on the owner's part when multiple dogs are involved. Increased water consumption may indicate early kidney failure.

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### Is Your Pei on Colchicine?

Check out this website:

<http://news.vin.com/VINNews.aspx?articleid=18252>

Look under **Pharmaceuticals** for article: **Shar-Pei owners have been given affordable access to human drug.**

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If you can't afford medical treatment for your dog, Contact the American Animal Hospital at [www.aahaHelpingPets.org](http://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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### We recommend

#### Greenbriar Pet Resort and Veterinary Hospital

3051 Thurston Road Frederick, MD

301-874-8880

Greenbriar offers boarding, grooming, DIY bathing, day camp, canine obedience and Dog Park

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### I-Give

This year our donation total to date is only \$8.35! There are over 100 stores and services you can buy online.

First register MACSPRO as your charity and then every time you buy **something** online, just sign in to iGive.com, look for your store and it takes you directly to that store. You order as you normally would order. The only difference is that MACSPRO automatically gets a percentage of your purchase as a donation from the store.

Come on, you know that you order goods online. Now you don't even have to find a place to park!

### 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 them adopted. The Johnson's and many other adopters 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 being kenneled or 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. Every sponsorship is good for one month. 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.

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Looking for a holistic veterinarian? Try [www.ahvma.org](http://www.ahvma.org) or write American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association. P O Box 630, Abingdon, MD 21009.

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### Are you in one of these areas?

We recommend these Shar-Pei Friendly Veterinarians

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

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

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

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### PLEASE HELP!!

**Our rescue efforts rely solely on your generosity!** We have **seven adoptable** Pei, the puppy with eye problems, and a chocolate mini-peï with entropion and other issues. **PLEASE HELP!** Between Debendale, Dumfries, Laytonsville and Greenbrier, 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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Visit our website [www.macspro.org](http://www.macspro.org) regularly to see who has been adopted or search for new Pei brought in to the rescue.



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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](http://www.macspro.org))*

*Thank you for your support.*

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# "OUR GANG"

Available for Adoption through the Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation

Website: [www.macspro.org](http://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.



I am Pewter. I came from Kentucky I am a friendly guy and would really like a family to play with, get lots of attention and pets from.

My name is Rush. I am a big boy who gets along with most cats and other dogs. I like people and love to ride in the car. I also like to play and run, so a big yard would be heaven.



I'm Bugsy. I came from PG County I would really like to live in an adult house because I'm not so sure about little people. I am a nice Pei and if you give me a chance, not a lot of fast moves in the beginning, I promise I will become your forever Peibie.



My Name is Lucy Liu. I have been left alone a lot and really like to have company. I am a gentle, sweet girl.

I am Max. I'm a shy guy whose family moved and could not take me with them. I get along fine with other animals but have not been around younger children much. Won't you please consider giving me a forever home?



Hi! I am CoCo. I am a friendly girl who would love a place to eat without it being stolen by Miyagi. I love people and would really like to have a family to play with.



My name is Miyagi. My mom and I have been living under a picnic table. Sometimes I got so hungry, I stole my mom's food. But I love people, especially the kids that used to come around and play until the yard got too dirty. I am a charmer. ☺ Please come visit.