



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

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**RESCUES & ADOPTIONS since June, 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, getting lots of treats and loving from Marge and Kim.

**417-11 Pewter\*** is being fostered in Dundalk, MD. He has gained weight, and is looking good.

**Bugsy 422-11** got sick and is no longer with us.

**DeeDee 424-11 aka Winkie** is scheduled to be transported to her forever home in Nova Scotia in mid-October.

**Lucy Liu 427-11** is a great girl. She was adopted by a family living in PA and has three children to play with and a special chair she loves to sleep in.

**Max 428-11** and **Rush aka Joey 423-11** found their forever homes together with a brother to play with in Indian Head, MD

**CoCo\* 429-11** is a beautiful crème brush coat and is quite friendly to most people. Won't you come see her?

**Miyagi aka Mr. Lee 430-11** found his forever home with a sister to play with in Ft Washington, MD

**Sasha 431-11** was found to have epilepsy as well as dry eye, so she needs special medications. But she is doing well with Joyce Hanes and loves to play with her new brother Blue Dog

**Summer\* 432-11** is being fostered in New Jersey while she undergoes heartworm treatment. She has had her first

Immiticide treatment and is starting to feel better and gain weight.

**Daisy 433-11**, our little blue mini-pei went directly to foster in Laytonsville, MD and never left. She has a beautiful back yard to play in and is loving life.

**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 9 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 also has had her first Immiticide treatment and is recovering well.

## EVENTS

We were at **Bark!** In Kentlands in early June. Max, our shy boy and Rush were both soon on their way to Indian Head, MD and a new home.



Bobby, Max, and  
Joey (AKA Rush)

We were at **Unleashed** in Olney in late June and Miyagi left us for his forever home.

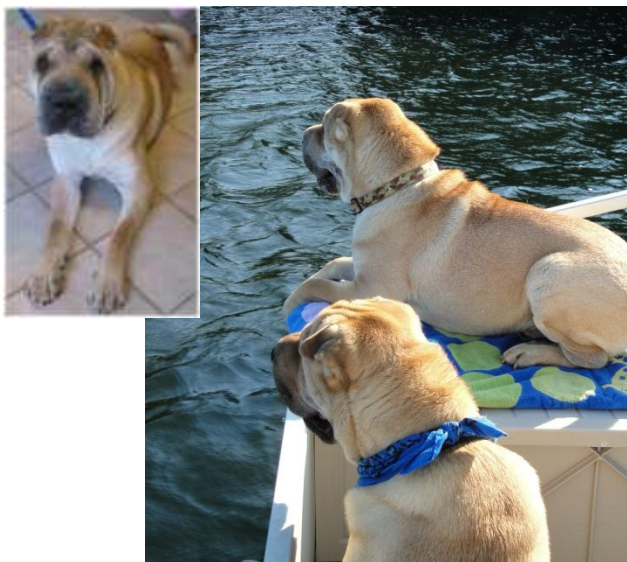


**Miyagi aka Mr. Lee**

Look for us at the **Walk for Paws** sponsored by the Animal Advocates of Howard County on October 9 at Howard County Board of Education, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City <http://www.animal-advocates.org/>

The Grand Opening of the PetValu at the new Fair Hill Shopping Center in Olney, MD is scheduled for October 22. We will be there. Come visit us from 11:00-3:00. [http://us.petvalu.com/locations\\_services/our-new-look](http://us.petvalu.com/locations_services/our-new-look)

### Do you remember these Pei?



**Miles**, a lonely 9 month old puppy, now enjoying the good life in Maryland as well as sailing the seas with his family and brother Brody.

**Blue Dog**, a scared young boy, found his forever home in Bethesda with mini-pei sister Sasha



### About MACSPRO – Our Story

In the beginning . . .



In 1986, my family was excited to go to Hawaii. We thought 5 dogs were too much to leave with one sitter, so two Shar-Pei went to the vet for boarding. The second day we were in Hawaii, we learned the vet had lost **Mai Ping** in an area of heavy traffic in the middle of January. My husband and I took a plane home the next day. Since Shar-Pei were not well known, my husband went to all the area shelters every three days. He told me that he saw bone mouth Shar- Pei in the shelters being called Pit Bull mixes.

Imagine, a breed that just a few years before had numbered only 17 were now being found in animal shelters! I talked it over with Barbara "Sam" Sellers and The Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation was born.

Our first rescues were two Pei that had been seen running together for weeks in Virginia. We adopted them together to a family that was caring for a sick relative. One night shortly after arriving at their new home, the dogs went to the mother's bedroom barking and frantic. Thinking they had to go out, the mother went to the door, but the dogs wouldn't go out. They kept running to the sick relative's room. Following the dogs, the mother found her elderly relative hanging head first out of the bed, unable to get in or out. We were told that if she had not been found that night, she would have been dead by morning. Good job guys!

Being new to this type of business, we muddled along incurring medical bills and asking for whatever the adopter could pay - sometimes that was nothing!

In 1998, we were contacted by the SPCA in Richmond, Virginia. They had taken in **13 Shar-Pei** from a hoarder who became ill. Since we were taking dogs from all over the east coast and Puerto Rico, we were running out of foster homes. Some people were fostering as many as five dogs at once, so we had to look for a kennel. At the same time, there was **Peggy** who presented 'Sam,' her foster Mom, with nine puppies.

We started a newsletter in January 1998, giving health tips on things like heartworm preventative, entropion and Shar-Pei Fever. Our expenses far exceeded our donations. Sam kept saying you can't save them all -especially with no money. But when you see one suffering and scheduled to die just for the lack of a home, you can't stop trying.

There have been so many special ones that we remember. - One was **Bubba** whose owners didn't take him to the vet. When he was turned in, he had maggots in his wounds. While the maggots were being removed, he was being held and he was giving kisses to all, then he fell over dead.

-There was **Scooter** who was too weak to walk. - **Dudley** who we thought was blind until he had entropion surgery and then started playing like a puppy. - There was traumatized, **Mickey**, who had been chained so tight that he even tried sleeping standing up, but would fall over. - **Sedona** was given up as he had a mass in his stomach. As we were contemplating putting him down, the vet called to say he was defecating rug. That was the mass. It took months for him to get well. - We got **eight dogs** from Washington, D.C. where they had lived in a garage in a crate 23 hours a day.

Sometimes the mental trauma in rescue cases takes far longer to overcome than the medical issues. - We were getting daily phone calls about a young Pei running back

and forth through traffic in Poolesville, Maryland. A humane trap was set for weeks, with no luck. A hot hamburger was put in the trap and bingo, in she came. Hence her name -**Wendy**. - **Peaches** was given up by an owner who said she had just received a bee sting. That "bee sting" was such a badly infected wound that we could not tell if it had started out as a bite. We had to keep her in quarantine for 40 days to be sure she did not have rabies. - **Charlie**, a two month old stray, could not be released from the shelter, according to law, for 10 days. His immune system had not had a chance to develop. By the time we got him, he was a very sick puppy with pneumonia and had to be kept in an oxygen tent. - **Babe** must have gone through hell before we got her. She was frightened and trusted no one initially. It took a year of TLC to get her ready to be adopted. Tears were shed when we got a picture of her graduating from obedience school. - **China** was adopted and five hours later she was torn apart by another dog. Four hundred stitches later, she came back to us. - Blind, hernia, tooth infections, ear infections, wounds, broken bones, and pregnant, **Zoey** came to us. After two entropion surgeries Zoey had to have a face lift.

Yes, I think we've seen it all.

The medical bills even for a healthy dog (i.e. shots, spay/neuter, fecal, heartworm test, micro chipping, etc.) far outweigh our adoption fee. Bills for dogs that require more attention can triple the adoption amount. Every day we want to quit. But the next day we get up, see a Shar-Pei in need and start all over again.

*Joyce Hanes*

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Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog

*Franklin P. Jones*

## HEALTH ARTICLES

### HOLD THE ONIONS. . .

Just an update for those of you who are not aware of foods that are poisonous to dogs.

Onions being one in all forms, cooked, raw, and dehydrated. Illness may not occur for several days, but if vomiting and diarrhea occur – chances are you've got a poisoned dog. Most people know that chocolate is poisonous for dogs. But did you know that macadamia nuts and alcohol can also kill your dog. There is a long list of potentially poisonous items that may make your dog sick or even kill your dog. That list contains raisins, grapes, broccoli, avocado, tomato and rhubarb leaves, xylitol (sweetener), all tobacco products, yeast dough and even potato peelings.

So keep that trash can lid on tight as even the food that we eat, when thrown in the trash can poison your dog.

Of course, keep all bones away from your dog as they not only can cause intestinal blockage but the slivers can rip open the intestines.

## HEARTWORM PREVENTION

Recently, we have received two Shar Pei that were found to be heartworm positive. The dogs are going through completely different treatments. This is due to the fact that Merial, the only firm that produces Immiticide, has run out of it! One dog is being treated by a Veterinarian who had a supply on hand. So the Immiticide treatment has been started and the dog will have a second injection in one month after testing to evaluate the remaining heartworm infection.

The second dog is at a location where they were completely out of Immiticide. This dog was given Heartgard preventive medication to prevent further infection and try to mitigate the damage that the heartworms cause and kill the immature heartworms until the Immiticide was available. She received her first Immiticide treatment just a week or so ago. Hopefully only one treatment will be necessary to kill the adult heartworms.

These treatments are very hard on the dog. Besides being painful, the dog must have all activity restricted and limit exercise as an adverse reaction could cause anything from upset stomach to pulmonary embolism and the death of the dog.

Have your dog tested for heartworm (simple blood test) and give monthly heartworm preventive medication if your dog is negative. If you stop giving the preventative for over 60 days, you should have your dog tested again before starting back up with the medication.

For further information contact The American Heartworm Society Guidance for Heartworm Disease Management During the Adulticide Unavailability: [heartwormsociety.org/UrgentAlert-8-9-11.pdf](http://heartwormsociety.org/UrgentAlert-8-9-11.pdf)

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

*Mark Twain*

## SHOP ONLINE



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ry 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.



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National Capital Area CFC  
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Chesapeake Bay Area CFC



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Please consider designating MACSPRO for your charitable donations.

## 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 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.

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If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise!

*Unknown*

## THE ANIMAL RESCUE SITE

**Just a reminder that the new contest has begun.** The rescues/shelters that get the most votes can win considerable money.

Here's how you do it:

1. Go to: [www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://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 (your charity will be kept on your page) and help us win rescue funds.

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul – chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth?

*Anne Tyler*

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If you can't afford medical treatment for your dog, contact the American Animal Hospital Association 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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## PLEASE HELP!!

**Our rescue efforts rely solely on your generosity!** We have **six adoptable** Pei, two being treated for heartworm and other issues. **PLEASE HELP!** Between Debendale, 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.**

*Whispering . . .*

I am the dog you see on the chain

I am the cat you see in the drain

I am the friend that has no home

I am the stray who lives all alone

I am the friend you helped today

I am the one you transported far away

I am the voice you hear in your head

I am the caged animal who often dreads

I am the opinion you are trying to change

I am the anger you feel, and the rage

I am the tears you cry when I am sick

I am the hurt you feel, but cannot fix

I am the voice in your head, when you cannot sleep

I am the reason for the long hours that you keep

I am the voice who desperately needs you -  
And if not you - then . . . who?

I am whispering . . .

And you are my voice.

*Author unknown*



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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, I like to play and get lots of attention and pets.

CoCo is a beautiful girl who was outside under a picnic table most of her life and is just getting used to regular meals and humane treatment, but she loves people and would really like to have a grown up family to play with.



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 New Jersey being fostered while undergoing Heartworm treatment. She is gaining weight and feeling a lot better!



Juanita is a cute little girl and loves life, but she's really not sure whether it was mommy or daddy that was the English Bulldog :-)



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

