

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

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RESCUES & ADOPTIONS since February 2003 – below is an updated list of our rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in February. 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.

182-02: **Ping** who was originally adopted last year became a "first baby return". There was no problem with him. It was just that a new baby took all the time. Ping found a good new home with the Wilborne family.

191-02: **Tucker** had joined a family on a horse farm but one of the older dogs did not like the competition and he was returned to us. The Kinsella family in MA adopted him.

195-03: **Hanna** is a little fawn female who was found on the road in Hanover County MD. She was adopted by the Caulfield family and went to live in New York.

In March we received a call that a lady in the District of Columbia had died and left eight Shar-Pei for her son to care for. Linda and Don Locke came down from Pennsylvania and took four of the dogs.

196-03: **Cleo** a "flowered" female adopted by the Birchmire family and now lives in New Jersey.

197-03: **Lola** a black female adopted by the Owens family.

198-03: **Bandit** was so cute she got adopted in a week.

199-03: **Medusa**, a female who sure didn't like crates went home with Ms. MacPherson.

Two of the male dogs went to Dumfries and the Son kept the two older dogs.

200-03: **Ringo** a one-year-old fawn horsecoat male from Hartford County, MD talked Jeannie Johnson into keeping him while she was transporting him to Dumfries.

201-03: **George** was one of the "DC Eight". He is a beautiful horsecoat who now lives back in D.C. with a new Shar-Pei lady friend named "Mona" and the Siegel family.

202-03: \* **Peabody** also came from the DC Eight and is a young playful flowered (black on black) male who is being fostered in DC.

203-03: **Daisy** was a sweet tempered loving black brush coat and the victim of a broken home. She came to us with heartworm, cherry eye and presented us with four puppies. The Johnsons kept Daisy and the pups for several months until they were ready to leave their mom. Daisy quickly found a home but 1 ½ month later, she broke loose while on a walk to chase a squirrel and was hit and killed by a car. We had a "home Again" chip installed on her and I received a call from AKC stating that someone had found her. I phoned only to find out that she was dead lying at the side of the road. I received this letter today with Daisy's "Home Again" tag in it: "My deepest sympathy for the loss of your dog. I'm so sorry that you had to find out the news in such a brusque manner. My sister and I have her resting peacefully underneath an old oak tree on our two-acre property. It's a very beautiful place for her." Signed Jessica Celebi. Angels come to us in many ways.

204-03: **Dallas** came in with Daisy and was the Sire of the puppies. Mr. Seigel fell in love with him and he now lives with Mona and George – oh and Mr. Seigel.

205-03: **Zulu**, a small black meat mouth, came to us from Prince George's County, MD. When his family moved across the country. The Harold's of Fairfax gave him a new start.

206-03: **Nugget** came in with Zulu and he was immediately adopted only to find that the family broke up and back he came. Mr. Patterson of D.C. gave him a good home with a fenced yard and lots of walks with Zippy.

207-03: **Princess aka Cinsei or "CC"** was brought to us from Prince George's County, MD by our faithful friend Chris Jeffery. Princess had a previously broken leg with a plate and horrible cherry eye in both eyes. Her leg had not healed properly and she was hardly able to walk. Our other angels, Linda and Don Locke took her to New Jersey where she was operated on several times and is now doing quite well and in a new home in New Jersey.

208- 209-03: **Daisy's puppy #1 & #2**, a "flowered" male and a "flowered" female are the cutest puppies we have ever seen. They were fostered by Brian and Jeannie Johnson and are now living in sunny California together with the Johnson's son.

210-03: **Daisy's puppy #3 aka Max** was a crème dilute with a pink nose. He is now living in Silver Spring, MD with a large family and lots of love.

211-03: **Daisy's puppy #4, aka Tonka** because he trucked around like a Tonka truck, was adopted by Jim Pearl and Deb Pope. He suddenly and tragically died at 12 weeks of age from a pre-existing lung condition (see article in this issue).

120-00: **Annie** also came to us injured and pregnant back in 2000. She was so sweet that the foster family kept her. When the family broke up, Annie came back to us. Cathy Bowen, a good friend of our rescue, fostered and later adopted Annie.

212-03: **Zippy** (a new number for one of our previous dogs) was one of Annie's puppies and was adopted by the same family that had Annie. Although Annie was a beautiful purebred, Zippy's daddy was a traveling man. But there is no one sweeter or more affectionate than Zippy. Mr. Patterson came to see Nugget but Zippy kept hitting him with her paw as if to say, "Look at me not him". Well, she won him over and Mr. Patterson took both companions home.

213-03: \* **Cornwall** is so named for the town in England where his guardian angel lives. Cornwall was found in a Pocono, Pennsylvania community lying in the road unable to move. He had been part of a pack of four dogs roaming the community and was so dehydrated he had just given up. A visiting English lady took him in when she found that he would be destroyed in 48 hours at the local shelter. She gave him necessary medical care and when she went back to England in stepped our other angels, Don and Linda Locke who went and got him. He is now in New Jersey waiting for a forever home.

214-03: \* **Robin**, a chocolate tiny female was found living in a pen in the woods in Prince George's County Md. with three other dogs, hence the name, short for Robin Hood who also lived in the woods. Chris Hanes and Heather Mueller transported her to Dumfries for medical treatment, as she is heartworm positive.

You can look for all our available dogs on our web site [www.macspro.org](http://www.macspro.org).

There is a lot of other good information on that site – its put together by Deb Pope and certainly worth looking at.



### Harry Potter's Corner --

**"Saving just one dog won't change the world but surely will change the world for that one dog"**

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### Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capitol Area #7122

That's us – if you are a government employee, please list us as your designated charity.

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## INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

February 1, 2003 thru 31 July 2003

Prior Balance:	<b>\$4,924.60</b>
Income:	
Membership and Donations	\$ 1,870.00
Donations at Dumfries Hospital	\$ 285.67
Donations in memory of Maddy	\$ 500.00
Donations in memory of George Hanes	\$1,171.00
Fannie Mae Foundation	\$ 316.00
Super Pet Expo	\$ 120.05
Shar Pei Club of America	\$ 750.00
United Way	\$1,109.67
Adoption Fees	\$3,365.00
Merchandise purchases	<u>\$ 151.35</u>
	<b>\$9,538.74</b>
Expenses:	
Dumfries Hospital	
Doctors, Meds, Surgery	\$ 4,147.75
Kenneling	\$ 4,121.76
Veterinary bills in foster	\$ 1,480.00
Merchandise	\$ 35.51
D.C. annual corporation fee	\$ 60.00
Washington Post ad (11x)	\$ 278.00
Register micro chips (8 dogs)	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	<b>\$10,223.02</b>
Balance:	<b>\$ 4,340.32</b>

**Note:** We still have outstanding vet & surgery bills and kenneling charges that are as yet unbilled.

## Health Articles

### Separation Anxiety in Dogs

There is a great article on our web site MACSPRO.ORG from the "Denver Dumb Friends League", which addresses this problem. But just a few words to those of you getting a new rescue dog. First, try to get the dog on a day when you have a few days off (like a weekend) that you can spend with the dog. Remember, they are initial confused as to what is happening to them. Don't bring them into the house and then leave for work and expect them to understand that you will return. All of our rescues are crate trained and we insist that you crate them initial until they realize that this is their new home; they are safe and you will return.

Start by leaving the crate door open for them to use when they need "a little space". Don't make it a punishment place. You can start by putting them in the

crate and leaving the house for about 5 minutes. Come back and tell them what a great dog they are! Increase that time period until they understand that you will return. Remember, no matter how much you talk to them on the subject, it all comes out sounding like "blah, blah, blah" to them. Actions are more understandable to your dog. It is not wise to place a water dish that sets on the bottom of the crate in with them. They will immediately turn it over and set in a wet crate while you are gone. Once they learn this is their new home, they can probably be left out during the day. A dog that urinates, defecates, barks, howls, chews or digs is usually not spiteful or angry; they are distressed in being separated from the person or persons to whom they are attached.

If possible, exercise the dog prior to your leaving—DON'T feed them immediately before leaving. Bloating can occur. Some people have told us that leaving a radio or TV on will help calm the dog. There is also a product out called "Comfort Zone" by Farnam Pet Products that is a behavior modification plug-in product (somewhat like the Glade plug-ins) that comforts the dog being left alone the house. I have had wonderful reports on it. One rescue that would tear the crate and house apart when left alone, after one day with Comfort Zone, was found sleeping peacefully on the couch when the owners returned home. They said it worked miracles. I know that the Dumfries Animal Hospital uses it and many kennels use them. It seems to help in adjusting to a new environment. It is expensive but could save your sanity and the dog being returned to rescue. **n**

### Raw Food Diet in Dogs

A recent article that appeared in the Natural Holistic Pet Care site talks about Canine Encephalitis, myocarditis and paralysis being traced back to feeding dogs raw foods. Who hasn't been tempted while cooking, to give a little piece of meat trimmed from a roast to your dog or just a little scrap before cooking? Well, there appears to be a parasite or organism present that could cause illness, possibly serious, in dogs that receive even a small amount of raw meats. It affects primarily those dogs with compromised immune systems. And we know that this does occur in Shar-Pei. So either cook it or freeze it first. It is not worth the risk.**n**

### Cancer in Shar-Pei

It seems recently we have heard about a lot more cases of skin cancer in Shar-Pei. Most of which was not diagnosed correctly in time. Mast cell cancer affects up to 20 percent of dogs. Shar-Pei being one of the most commonly found breeds that it affects. Although it usually strikes middle-aged or older dogs, it can occur in dogs of any age. Scientists are seeking the genetic causes and hope to someday stop cancer cells from growing. They feel appropriate breeding may help to reduce the incidence of canine mast cell cancer. Mast

cells are part of the immune system and are normally found all over the body, especially in the skin, lung and intestines. They help the body fight infection but also are responsible for allergic reactions. Cancer of mast cells is rare in most species except dogs. In dogs, mast cell tumors usually occur on the skin, although they can sometimes involve the liver, spleen, intestines and bone marrow. They also spread through the lymph nodes to many other sites in the body. A gene called c-kit is being focused on now. It is a protein gene. Mutations of this gene have caused cancer in humans.

Watch for tumors under your dogs skin (floating ones are usually fatty tumors and attached ones should be of more concern). Look for skin problem that persist (such as sores) and above all take your dog to a Vet who is knowledgeable in cancer studies or go to a specialist. There are several in the Maryland and Virginia area who specialize in cancer studies. **n**



### **In Memory of Gulliver and Tonka** *by Deb Pope*

Jim and I have lost two wonderful rescues in three months. It's always tough when you lose a loved one but even tougher if you somehow feel you are to blame. With Gulliver,

the big lummoX, wide-eyed with wonder, got it in his head to take a road trip and over the fence he went. He just didn't understand that he was no match for vehicles racing down the road. If only we had been there. If only, if only, if only.

Then we got Tonka. Not to replace Gulliver. That couldn't be done, but to help fill the void. What a character! You couldn't help but laugh at the guy. He was stubborn, obstinate, purred like a cat, barked when he couldn't have his way, and terrorized our other Peis. He

collapsed suddenly when I tried to walk him to the car for a trip to the vet. I rushed him to the closest vet, they did everything they could for him, but he had fluid in his lungs and all the specialists in the world couldn't help him. I was absolutely convinced I had killed that sweet guy because it was obvious to me that what had hap-



pened was that his airway was cut off by my having the collar on him and him fighting with me. I will be forever grateful that Barbara Sellers and Joyce Hanes asked me to request an autopsy. From the autopsy I learned he had a preexisting lung condition. I pass this on to MACSPRO readers so you can remember if you ever find yourself feeling to blame for what you should have or could have done, ask yourself this question, "Did I love him/her and did I give him/her care and attention?" If the answer is yes, please don't beat yourself up over that which you have no control. Below is a poem that was sent to me by a dear friend.

### **You Can't Earn Your Wings Without Collecting A Few Wrinkles Along The Way**

For those Shar-Pei Babies in the sky

Who have left your loving arms

Don't stop to ask or wonder why

Just know they're free from harm.

No pain or fright confronts them now

They've left that all behind

They're embracing joy and freedom

And still live in your minds.

Eyes are bright and seeing clear

Velvet skin in healed

Legs aren't stiff, and ears can hear

Your love they still can feel.

Embrace their memory, hold it tight

Wipe away your tears

The Shar-Pei joy that fills your life

Will last throughout the years.

Think of them with happy thoughts

Say a thankful prayer

These two happy Shar-Pei angels

Still know that you care!

We also want to express our condolences to Smiley ElAbd on the loss of his beloved Maddy who died of cancer at 4 ½ years of age on July 1, 2003 and hope that our poem may bring him some comfort.

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### **We're trying to take a Short Break – Yeah, sure**

As you may have noticed on our web site, Ms. Sellers has been very ill and just had her knee replaced. She is still unable to drive or get around to any degree. Ms. Hanes husband died in May and she is involved in getting his estate settled which necessitates a lot of traveling. Also, her health is not been good and now she needs a knee replacement. (After doing this for about 30 years, you tend to break down!) But as you know, we just can't turn down a dog when we know it is in a "kill shelter". Please be patient with us and continue to support us in our efforts to save these dogs. Also, if you have some time for transportation help (driving the dogs from shelters to Dumfries, etc,) please let us know. **n**



**The National Capital Chinese Shar-Pei Club, Inc.**

The club is giving one-year free associate membership to all rescue dog owners. Although they are not connected with rescue, they are interested in the breed, obedience, agility, education and general conferring of information. They have meetings every couple of months in the Washington Metro area and would love to hear from more rescue people.

Call Jim Coughlin at 202-678-4972 if you would like to receive a membership application.

Next issue, we would like to talk about aggression in dogs and emergency vet services. If you have any experiences with good or bad emergency vet services, we would like to have an email from you (no individuals names will be used) at:

[momofmai@aol.com](mailto:momofmai@aol.com). n

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## “Our Gang”

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

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*Phone: (301)881-1221*



**Cornwall**



**Robin**



**Peabody**

**Adopt me now!**



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Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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