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RESCUES & ADOPTIONS since November 2010. Below is an updated list of rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in August. **Those listed with an asterisk (*) next to them are still 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 still a kennel dog at Debendale. In fact, she is quite special, getting lots of treats and loving from Marge and Kim.

411-10 Ginger and 412-10 Almond Ginger and her sister Almond were owner turn-ins from PG County. They were fostered together by a wonderful family in Virginia. From day one, they knew it was meant to be. They are now living happily ever after in the country with several cats and children to live with. They even get to chase the geese around the pond.

414-10 Barney is a sweet young Lab-a-Pei with a silky black brush coat and gorgeous eyes. He came from PG County and it wasn't long before he caught the "eye" of a family from Pikesville.

415-10 Chance came to us for a short while from a lady trying to quickly find a safe environment for him. He was barely a year old and had been smacked around a lot. But his separation anxiety proved to be enormous and she took him back to try to find a home for him by herself. Seeing how much he loved her, here's hoping she was able to make that special place her own home.

416-11 TyBerry's former Dad is in the military and was moved around and could not take her when he was re-assigned. She is just the cutest little bundle of 35lb Mini-Pei you have ever seen, and although she was diagnosed with bilateral patella luxation, she was quickly adopted

by a family that took her to her surgery and she is loving the attention and care they are giving her during her recuperation.

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 is not shy and is quite friendly, but he needed quite a bit of care. He contracted kennel cough, had to have massive rear dew claws removed, had bacterial and fungal skin issues and still had parasites. But he is recovering well now and would really like someone to play with and to receive attention and pets from.

418-11 Raisin* also came to us from the Kentucky legal battle. He is a gentle and very handsome boy, but he is a little shy. Won't you consider showing him what it means to be loved and cared for? He will most certainly return the affection.

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. She was quite distraught at first, but has warmed up wonderfully under Marge's care. She is a light chocolate brush coat. She plays, and loves her toys. She would really love a family to play with too!

420-11 Cole* is a West Virginia boy. As suggested by his name, he is "coal" black. He loves people and relates well. The vet's kennel master liked him so much and he

was such an easy keeper that they let him stay out with them instead of putting him in his run. Now that he is at Debendale, he loves the walks, treats and gentle treatment.

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. She is light fawn in color with a short brush coat. She is used to living with a step-sister so would love the company of another sibling.

Rush* 422-11 is a very sweet, large (~62 pounds) one-year-old Shar-Pei with a beautiful coat. 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 knows some commands, such as "sit", likes to play, and likes to ride (and nap) in the car, but may need some leash training. He would be delighted to have a loving home with lots of room to play.

Bugsy* 423-11 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 and just loves people and other dogs. Once the hair grows back over his scars you will never even know they are there.

DeeDee 424-11 is a turn-in from a breeder. She is maybe(?) eight weeks old and her inner eyelid doesn't stay up, so her cornea is scratched. But she does have sight in that eye! The doctors tacked it up, but we are worried that the tacking has not stayed up. We are putting medicine in her eye to help the healing process until we can get her back to an eye doctor. She is teething now, so those baby teeth are getting lots of use and she is doing well as she can.

Prince Will* 425-11 is 3-4 years old, housebroken and good with children. As usual with an owner turn-in, Pei are quite stressed and can almost shut down. But he came out willingly when the Tankersley's came to get him. He showed no interest in the cats and no aggression or change in behavior when exposed to other dogs.

We participated in the opening of PetCo's new store called **Unleashed** in Olney, MD and had lots of fun telling people about MACSPRO and our Pei.



Bringing Your New Dog Into a New Home Environment

Montgomery County, MD
Shelter Handout

When you first bring your new dog home, things can often be hectic and confusing for both you and your dog. However, if you get off on the right foot, it can make life with your dog easier and more satisfying.

When you get home, before you go in the house, walk the dog around outside for a good while to give the dog every opportunity to relieve himself. When you go inside, keep the dog on the leash and walk him around his new home so he can investigate his new territory. Of course, you have already "dog proofed" your house to limit the dog's opportunity to get into trouble. In some cases, you may even find it necessary to keep the dog on the leash when you're with him for up to several days. The purpose of the leash is so that you have control over your dog while he is learning how to act in his new home. (Thus preventing him from developing new bad habits.)

A dog's natural instinct is to relieve himself "someplace else", other than what he considers to be his space. When he first comes into your home, none of it is his space. Even if he was known to be housetrained in his previous home, he is likely to have accidents until he learns where you want him to go. In time, he will feel that his new home is his space and go elsewhere to relieve himself. During adjustment to his new home, "someplace else" in your dog's point of view, could just as well be the dining room as the back yard. Your job is to supervise him completely in the house and take him outdoors **OFTEN**, especially first thing in the morning and last thing at night.

Your dog may have an accident the first few days for several other reasons: nerves, anxiety and the change in his diet may cause gastric distress. The dog may develop a soft stool or diarrhea until his body readjusts to the new food and new environment.

The best place for your dog to sleep at night is in someone's bedroom. He will feel more secure and confident sharing his sleep space with one or more of his new family members. Keep your dog awake and active until you are ready to go to bed, especially on the first night home. Don't overwhelm him with activity, but if your dog takes a nap in the evening while you are winding down for the night, he will be active and awake while you are getting ready for bed. If you follow this pattern, it will help your dog to adjust to the same pattern.

Health Articles

Shar Pei and Mucin

Written by Pam Robbins; Edited by Dr. Linda Tintle

Shar-Pei are among the few canine breeds known for excess “mucin”, a jelly-like substance in the dermis of their skin. While this mucin is abnormal in most other dog breeds, it appears to be normal in the Chinese Shar-Pei. In fact, the presence of cutaneous mucin gives the Shar-Pei its characteristic “wrinkled” appearance.

In rare instances, an excess of this mucin may lead to a condition called “Cutaneous Mucinosis,” which can manifest itself in two forms; (1) A vesicular type which can cause blisters on the flanks, chest, upper legs and/or neck; and (2) a subcutaneous form in which the mucin collects in areas such as their hocks, causing thickening or “swollen” hocks.

If the dog scratches the blisters, it can cause a bacterial infection, and if subcutaneous mucinosis has been damaged, leaking can occur which can cause hot spots and bacterial infections. Damaged mucin can also trigger inflammation even without infection.

A key to maintaining the health of your Shar-Pei is keeping the mucin healthy. Damaged or infected mucin leads to inflammation. Inflammation and excessive mucin must be controlled.

Dr. Linda Tintle has researched inflammation in Pei extensively and found that as in other breeds, some Pei suffer from anxiety, fear, aggression and sleep disorders and that inflammation of the brain may be a cause. Because of the mucin, our Pei are more susceptible to auto-inflammatory disease. In extreme cases of inflammation, seizure disorders can occur.

Over the years, Dr. Tintle has advised Pei owners of supplements she believes to be of benefit to our Pei to control the inflammation. But sometimes this isn't enough to control the inflammation and stronger measures need to be taken. Dr. Tintle has recently created a formula to help control the inflammation called “HyVitality”. She believes that Shar-Pei have increased need for antioxidants, and certain vitamins and minerals because of this excess mucin. See her website at www.wvc.vetsuite.com or read more about her formula at www.HyVitality.com.

To help reduce inflammation, improve skin and hair quality, Shar Pei may need extra fish oil. Even if a dog kibble says that it has Omega 3's in it, it may not be an active form and they may still need a liquid supplement. But fish oil caps can get rancid quickly, so use a high quality capsule or liquid and keep it in your refrigerator. Dr Tintle recommends using a product called OmegaRx .

Or you can buy Norwegian Salmon fish oil at most Apothecary drug stores – just keep it refrigerated.

ABOVE ALL, If your dog is experiencing **ANY** of these symptoms, contact your veterinarian.

Has your Pei ever had the fever? Are you concerned about the FDA allowing one company to regulate the cost of Colchicine? Click [HERE](#) to read about and sign the Petition for More Affordable Colchicine for Shar-Pei. Or <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/affordable-colchicine-for-chinese-shar-pei-dogs/>

Our very own **Pam Robbins** is conducting a homeopathic study in attempt to find a treatment for Shar-Pei Fever. If you are interested in participating in her study, contact her at curtisrobbins@cox.net.

Do you remember these Pei?



Freckles Figgett was so forlorn when Sam Sellars and Joyce Hanes rescued him that they feared he would not make it. But along came the Figgetts, and Carolyn got down on the floor next to him and he knew everything was going to be fine. His little body wagged at her and he went bounding out to his new home. Ten years later, Freckles is now about 13 years old, still loving his life with them.

Sedona Bichard came to us seriously underweight. He had pieces of rug in his stomach and it was found that he had a vitamin B deficiency. After much love and care, he has become a healthy vital member of the Bichard family.



Skye Finkelstein Skye, aka Cloud, decided to go live a life of leisure in Leisure World where she is making lots of friends and spending much time walking with her new parents. It feels so good to be loved again.



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If you can't afford medical treatment for your dog, contact the American Animal Hospital at 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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MACSPRO 2011 Calendars are still available

A limited number of our calendars are still available. The calendar features pictures of your adopted dogs. They have been marked down to \$10.00 each.

To order, please send your check to:

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P O Box 34034

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For more information, call or email: 301-881-1221, peirescue@macspro.org.

Click [here](#) to view our calendar. Have a look. Your Pei may be included.

I-Give

Remember to do your shopping through iGive and shop at brand name stores through the iGive Mall, www.igive.com. Enjoy discounted rates and at the same time select MACSPRO as your favorite cause and a portion of their profits is donated to us. Over 800 stores participate in the I-Give program, including Amazon.com, eBay, Staples, JC Penney, Barnes & Noble, Overstock.com, drugstore.com, Office Depot, QVC, Expedia, Home Depot, HSN, Best Buy, Gap, Buy.com, & NORDSTROM.

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 facili-

ty run by Kim Blizzard. Marge has been raising and showing Shar-Pei for many years and is totally knowledgeable about any Shar-Pei problems. Marge also does training. She kennels most of our MACSPRO dogs and is instrumental in helping to get them adopted. I personally take my Pei to her, and feel very safe with them in her care while we 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. Each sponsorship is good for one month. In appreciation of your donation, you will receive a photograph of your sponsored Pei along with 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.

Looking for a holistic veterinarian? Try www.ahvma.org or write American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association. P O Box 630, Abingdon, MD 21009.

PLEASE HELP US!!

WE ARE SERIOUSLY OUT OF MONEY. We have **eight** dogs, all needing to be spayed/neutered, all needing entropion; three coming from the county shelters with kennel cough that require ten days in an isolation unit; TyBerry with bilateral luxating patella; and now an 8 week old puppy (at most) with a major eye problem and a 3 year needing a tumor excised. **PLEASE HELP!** Between Debendale, Dumfries, Laytonsville and Greenbrier, our boarding fees alone are sky-high. **Medical expenses have broken the bank!** 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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“OUR GANG”

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

They are all really nice dogs.



Pewter 417-11



Cole 420-11



Raisin 418-11



Yoshi 419-11



Bugsy 423-11



Rush 422-11



Lulu 421-11



Prince Will 425-11