



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

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**RESCUES & ADOPTIONS since August 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 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 with us and has become a kennel dog at Debendale. She has never fully emotionally recovered from her dogfight which required over 400 stitches and is quite shy of people and other animals.

**400-10 Robin** is a wonderful dog. She attended Dogfest 2010 with us at the Timonium fairgrounds, and a Petsmart adoption event in July. She gets along with people, other dogs and **loves** to play. Robin found her forever family and is living with the Anderson's in Elkridge, MD

**404-10 Flower** is a sweet fawn black-mask meat mouth female from South Carolina. She got an upper respiratory infection while in SC and we had to wait three weeks to transport her here. Now she has had entropion surgery in both eyes, upper and lower lids, can see better and is feeling much better. Her foster parents decided to make her a permanent part of their family and she is loving her new Pei brothers.

**405-10 Brando** came to us from BARCS in Baltimore. He was neutered, had an infected tooth removed and other medical work done before it was discovered he was also ill, most probably with K9 influenza. He had to be placed in quarantine and ended up in the apartment over Debendale Kennel which he thought was the coolest thing in the world. Brando found his forever home with a couple from Columbia, MD

**406-10 Cloud** is only two years old and about 30-35 pounds. She came to us from LaPlace, Louisiana, and is now happily living a life of leisure in Leisure World.

**407-10 Betty** came from the Wheeling, WV area. We named her after the caring lady that drove all the way to the Ohio County Animal Shelter near Wheeling, to save her life. She wasn't with us long before a wonderful family from Fairfax decided to take her to her forever home

**408-10 Trooper** is a young boy with lots of energy, loves to run and play, and give lots of kisses. He found a forever home with a couple from PA that loves active dogs.

**409-10 Peanut** is living in PA with two other Shar-pei. She is a lucky gal and sure to have lots of fun with her new family.

**410-10 Princess** came to us from KY and we knew that she had heartworm but everyone in KY thought she was such a sweet dog that we undertook to treat her. A week after her initial treatment she began severe coughing which told us that she had a much worse case than we thought and the heartworms had gotten into her lungs. She was in so much pain that her personality even changed. She attacked the dog in her foster home and then attempted to bite one of the people caring for her. So with great regret we put her down and now she is at peace.

**411-10 \*Ginger** and her sister Almond are owner turn-ins from PG County. She is currently recovering from Kennel Cough and not feeling so great right now, but will be soon.

**412-10 \*Almond** and her sister Ginger were turned in to PG County together and came in with Kennel Cough. They will be feeling better soon and ready to go to their forever homes. Won't you consider taking both sisters?

**413-10 Molly** was a poor little girl brought in from BARCS in Baltimore. She was found to have mass cell tumors; severe dental problems; puss coming out of her ears; needed entropion surgery; bleeding vulva; reconstructive surgery on her foot and possible cemo - she was 10 to 12 years old. So we let Molly go peacefully to her rest.

You can see from the above medical issues that we have encountered a great deal of expenses and want to thank all of the kind souls who donate and continue to donate to our rescue work.

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### Recent Events

We participated in the Animal Advocates of Howard County Walk for Paws again with Brando and Trooper and for the third year in a row, found a forever home for one of Our Gang. Trooper ended up having a great time playing with a South African mastiff or "South African Boerboel" five times his size. Brando went to his new home shortly after the event.



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### Health Articles

#### GLAUCOMA – HARD TO RECOGNIZE

*By Joyce Hanes and "Your Dog"  
Cummings School at Tufts Univ.*

Glaucoma would appear to be unimportant to Shar Pei owners as it affects only about 2 out of 100 dogs except that Shar Pei are fourth on the list of breeds with the highest risk of getting Glaucoma. What makes this more of a problem, it is hard to recognize – until it is too late.

Glaucoma is pressure on the optic nerve of the eye which is brought on when fluid does not drain in the normal manner. When the optic nerve is damaged by increased pressure, blindness can occur. This usually occurs as dogs get older. This is very hard to determine

because as some dog's eyes will become clouded or red, most of the time there are few visual signs. There might be squinting, or discharge from the eye. The dog will experience pain; some lethargy; excessive sleeping and lack of appetite. You may initially interpret this as old age or another problem. If it goes undetected for a long period of time, the dog could go blind. If it is detected in one eye, there is a 50% chance that it will develop in the other eye. So that eye should be treated initially as if it had glaucoma also.

If caught early, it can be treated with drops, which must be given for the rest of the dog's life. If it has progressed too far, there is pain and could even develop into a tumor within the eye. In these cases, it is some-times necessary to remove the eye. There are great endoscopic laser procedures on the horizon but currently they are limited to a few university veterinary schools. I know you don't want to go there so if you suspect that your dog may be losing his/her vision, have it checked initially by your veterinarian but if it appears there is a problem, see a veterinary ophthalmologist immediately. (We have a great specialist in the Virginia area. If interested, call me for info)

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### Watch your Peibies this time of year

We always seem to see a significant spike in fever episodes for the FSF Pei this time of year, and the Shar Pei Forum has shared ideas on how to manage our Pei thru the holiday season and hopefully minimize fever episodes.

A lot of reports of fevers occur on "decoration" day – the day the tree & decorations go up, and they suggest some ideas to minimize the stressfulness of holiday activities:

- Decorate in stages. Bring in the tree and maybe allow your Pei to get used to just the tree for a day or so before decking it out with decorations and lights.
- Keep some rescue remedy or such on hand and use it.
- SamE can be given (as well as other herbs/supplements and vitamins) that decrease stress.
- Monitor temperatures....a mild episode or one noted and treated early with fever reducers may prevent it from escalating into a severe episode.
- Monitoring **OUR** energy and controlling **OUR** stress levels can have a huge impact on the stress levels of our pets. If we are not calm **THEY** will not be calm. Don't let the holiday stress get to your Pei thru you. Make sure the treatment protocol you are using to manage FSF is given **CONSISTENTLY**. It is easy during the holidays to miss a dose or 2 but this can have some significant consequences especially during stress times. Reprinted from the Shar Pei Forum bulletin board at [www.sharpeiforums.com](http://www.sharpeiforums.com)

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### Matching Contributions

Does your office give matching contributions? It's that time of year again when companies match the charitable contributions you have given in the past year. Please consider MACSPRO when you apply for a matching contribution. Contact Joyce Hanes or Jeanne Johnson for a copy of our 501(c)(3) form to be included in your paperwork.

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### Combined Federal Campaign



We are Combined Federal Campaign charity #38983. Please consider designating MACSPRO for your charitable donations.

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### MACSPRO 2011 Calendars are available

We create our calendars to showcase our rescues. The calendar features pictures of your adopted dogs.

Please help support our rescue by ordering calendars for yourself, family and friends

1-4 @ \$22.00 EACH

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

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### I-Give

While you are doing your holiday shopping online this year, register with iGive and shop at brand name stores through the iGive Mall, [www.igive.com](http://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.

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### Our Guardian Angels



Marge Palad is our very special **Guardian Angel** who has helped us out more ways than we can list! We highly recommend her and the 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 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.

We have taken a number of Pei to her for kenneling and each one has **improved dramatically** under her care.

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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.



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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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**Wait! Inside there is a poster suitable for hanging anywhere you want to advertise our rescues.**



# “OUR GANG”

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**Almond #411-10**



**Ginger #412-10**

# Memorial Page



## 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 is 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 happy Shar-Pei angels  
*Still know that you care!*







*Happy Holidays from the 2010 MACSPRO Rescues!!*