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WE'RE BACK!

Actually we never went away. During Ms. Sellers operation and recovery period, we still helped the rescue dogs in our area. Some were adopted through our applicants and the shelters directly. We are forever grateful to Operation Scarlet (OS) for taking three of our rescues that were transported directly to Lancaster, PA. from the various shelters and one from Dumfries Animal Hospital. Each one of these dogs was adopted and we received pictures from Operation Scarlet of each with the new "parents". We hope that someday we may be able to return the favor. Below is an updated list of our rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in June. 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.

164-01: **Bonz** was transported to OS where he found his forever home.

168-02: **Chocolate**, after her puppies were adopted, found a home with the Vincent family in Prince Frederick, MD. Unfortunately after only several months, two loose pit bulls broke down the wooden gate to the yard, entered and killed Chocolate. The police came and had to shoot the pit bulls – but it was too late for sweet, gentle Chocolate. Ms. Sellers kept Chocolate for many months after she had her puppies and watched over them until they were old enough to be adopted. Chocolate was a wonderful mother who let everyone visit with her puppies but made sure they were with her all the time. We pray that she is now safe and happy, waiting at the bridge.

179-02: **Chester** was rescued by Kiki Theodoropoulos from being tied in a yard sometimes without food or water. He went to the College Park, MD vet where he got back his strength. Kiki took him to VA where Karen Ward picked him up and transported Chester to his new home with Bjorn Sorensen in Orlando, FL. He has a new name, a new indoor home with four other rescues with whom to play.

180-02: **Mr. Juan** was able to be transferred from his original home to his new family, the Hallworths in Salisbury directly in August.

181-02: * **Miss Ellie** also came to us in September from Washington County, MD. She was totally blind upon arrival. Dr. Nichols did extensive surgery and she now has regained some of her sight. The Johnson family of Germantown, MD fostered Miss Ellie and saw great improvement. Ellie was returned to Dumfries due to other dog issues at the Johnson's. She was frightened by all the noise in the kennel so she is now being fostered by Ms. Sellers. We are looking for a "forever" home for this beautiful little girl.

182-02: **Cooper**, a red male, came to us in September and was fortunate to be adopted later that month by the Rifkin family in Silver Spring, MD.

183-02: * **Buddy**, a fawn horsecoat male, came to us from Montgomery County, MD. He is an adult, friendly with everyone and lonesome for a forever home since he has been with us two months.

184-02: **Ping** aka Louie was also a former adopted Pei. His family split up and there was no longer any room for Ping. But the Brendlin family of Manassas, VA found plenty of room for Ping.

185-02: * **Chester** aka James Dean was with us as a young male several years ago. His family composition changed and he was left alone for long periods of time. So he came back to us, as he was not use to being alone

for such a long time each day. He would love to keep someone company at home during the day.

186-02: **Dobie**, an adult female, came to us from the Culpepper Shelter. She was just what Ms. Amerson of Chantilly, VA was waiting for and now instead of sleeping on concrete, she sleeps in her own warm bed and goes for car rides, which she enjoys.

187-02: * **Tobe** was living his last day (literally) at the Garrett County, VA shelter when a volunteer from H.A.R.T saw him, and thinking he was a purebred Shar-Pei, brought him to us. He is just a puppy, full of as much energy as he is full of love for everything and everybody. When we learned that to return him would mean certain death, well, he is still with us. We named him Tobe as he wants to-be a Shar-Pei. There is Shar-Pei in him somewhere!

188-02: **Sassy**, a small young fawn frighten little female, was abandoned at a Vet's office in D.C. When she first arrived, she would shake all over continually in fear. Ms. Sellers has been taking her to PETCO on Sundays and she is no longer afraid. In fact, last week when a mouse escaped from its cage, Sassy volunteered to catch it!

189-02: **King**, a large, strong beautiful black brush coat male came to us from Garrett County, MD shelter. It was love at first sight for King and the Minutolo's 11 year old son. So they went home to meet the two cats.

190-02: **Kim**, a horsecoat female, was begging food at a fishing spot in Lebannon, VA and followed the lady who was fishing, Ms. Howe, home. Ms. Howe took care of Kim's immediate needs but could not find her owner and could not keep her. An angel of a volunteer, Mr. Bobby Simmons, drove Kim 245 miles to us (and then 245 miles home!). Kim is very young and likes people and dogs. She is healthy and ready for a forever home.

191-02: * **Tucker** is a black, brush coat, meat mouth whose owner gave him up. He's only 1½ years old and looking for a home. Lisa Crosby is currently fostering him.

PETCO Adoption Days

Ms. Sellers goes to the PETCO at 4167 Cheshire Station Plaza, Dale City, VA every Saturday, weather permitting. She takes one of our dogs each time for adoption day. It gives us exposure and helps with the dogs socialization. PETCO is at Minnieville Rd. and Dale Blvd. in the corner shopping center next to Safeway. If you are in the area, why not drop by and help support our efforts. n

With the holiday season upon us, please don't forget to order your gifts online through iGive.com and list MACSPRO as your charity. There are over 375 well known stores listed on iGive.com that donate part of their profits to charity. n



Harry Potter's Corner --

If you're standing in a crowd and don't sit, you'll still get a cookie.

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

June 1, 2002 through October 31, 2002

Prior Balance: **\$2,861.47**

Income:

Membership and donations	\$2,440.83
Adoption fees	\$800.00
Merchandise purchases	\$78.00
	\$6,180.30

Expenses:

Dumfries Hospital	\$910.40
College Park Hospital	\$594.62
Operation Scarlet*	\$60.00
Supplies for resale	\$65.00
	\$ 1,630.02

Balance: **\$4,550.28**

Accounts payable:

October & November kennel & vet bill ~\$3,000.00

*We sent Operation Scarlet \$60.00 for raffle tickets in appreciation of all the help they gave us and we won 4th prize of \$75.00!

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA #7122

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

Health Article

Protein – A Necessary Ingredient In Your Dog's Diet

It is easier to control our dog's food intake and weight than it is to control our own. You have to ignore the penetrating looks and the beguiling ways your dog uses to get table food or extra treats from you. But protecting health is just as important as managing weight. Twenty-five percent of the diet should be protein, and with that diet you help maintain lean body mass and provide protein reserves to support a dog's immune system.

Lean body mass is the muscle component of a dog's body. It accounts for about 95 percent of a dog's metabolic rate which is the measure of how a body "burns" energy. Lean body mass "burns" more calories than body fat does. With less lean body mass a dog has less energy to expend and uses fewer calories from the accumulation of body fat. Twenty-five percent protein in a dog's diet gives it enough to build or replace muscle and tissue. Protein is also necessary to support a dog's immune system during times of infection.

Does your dog need to go on a diet? Use both hands with thumbs of backbone and run your fingers over your dog's rib cage. If you cannot easily feel the outline of each rib, your dog is overweight.

But don't overdo on the dietary protein. Some studies indicate that an overload of protein in the diet may cause aggressive behavior in dogs.

Some amino acid concentrations in the brain can affect behavior. Amino acids are the primary chemical units that are linked together to form proteins and many are essential nutrients that must be supplied by the diet. Altering the type and amount of protein intake can increase or decrease specific amino acid availability. So try to keep the protein intake to 25 percent of total diet. More on that subject can be found on the Provet healthcare information web site. **n**

Holiday Cards and Jewelry

Please take a look on our web site – www.macspro.org – for you holiday cards and beautiful jewelry made by JoAnn Redditt. The cards are printed by Heather Mueller at no cost to us and postage is also donated – so all proceeds go to rescue. They come without any message so they can be used to acknowledge any of the holidays this season. **n**

Can you Imagine?

Can you imagine being dumped off in the road, blind and unable to communicate with anyone? Well, that is just what happened to Miss Ellie. She needs a great deal of attention to help her get self-confidence and learn that people are not all bad. She would probably do well with one other dog, but there is no doubt that she will need a compassionate soul to teach her where everything is located and initially walk with her on the leash outside until she learns the area. Is there such a person out there to give Miss Ellie another chance at life? **n**

Things Are Getting Better Every Day

We see so much cruelty in our work each day. A little of which we tell you about here, but much of which we do not tell you as it makes such painful reading that you might stop reading our newsletter. So, it gives us great pleasure to tell you about some positive things that are happening.

In New York City there is now "The Mayor's Alliance for Animals", which is helping with spaces for adoption centers; spay/neuter programs; no charge for release of animal to rescue groups and most important – changes in the law with respect to animals.

More and more shelters are turning into "no more homeless animal" advocates. In Phoenix, Arizona with the help of volunteers, the euthanasia rate dropped from 25 animals being destroyed per 1000 residents to 9 per every 1000 residents. Other cities are following suit.

In Williamsburg, PA the police wanted to shoot stray and unlicensed pets! Well, the public "shot" that one down and set up a spay/neuter, adoption clinic instead.

L.A. Animal Services Commission replaced the term "owner" with the word "guardian". Animals are considered chattel or disposable property (as we have well discovered when we are ordered to return found abused animals to their owners "as they are the owner's property"). By changing the term there will be no change in the law, but hopefully people will recognize that "guardians" do not buy and sell animals but guard and protect them. From now on, that will be my new favorite word.

In D.C. Superior Court a man who beat his dog was given 30 days in a work release program and two years probation. A man and woman were both given jail sentences and fines for chaining a dog and cruelty to animals. **n**

Raffle for Holiday Gift Baskets

Enclosed herein is a self addressed envelope for your raffle ticket purchase. There is a dog basket and a cat basket. The tickets will be drawn on December 21 at the Dumfries Hospital. You will be notified by phone if you are a winner. Send in your check (\$1.00 for one ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00) and indicate if you want a dog or cat basket ticket. Both baskets were donated by Caroline Figgitt who spent over \$50.00 on each basket, filling them up with treats, toys and all kinds of goodies. The baskets have hand grips and are reuseable. All proceeds go to MACSPRO to save dogs just like yours. If you prefer, you can also purchase your ticket from our web site store. n



The Invisible Fence by Debra Pope

Jim and I have been adopting rescues for several years. We're the ideal adoptive parents -- we love dogs, we spend time with them, we ensure they have the proper care and feeding, we have a big fenced yard. Perfect, right? Up until now it's been an ideal situation for a dog or two or three. When we lost Raisin, our black male, to cancer this past February we decided we needed to fill the void with another black male. We found the perfect choice in one of Chocolate's pups. So, at eight weeks of age we brought home Gulliver. Ms. Seller's daughter gave him that name because from the time he was several days old he was quite the traveling man. He became number four in our household of Peis. By the time he was six months old he learned how to flatten himself out and crawl under our fence. Then it was off to explore the neighborhood. Being the conscientious owners that we are, we secured the fence. Gulliver is not only a traveling man but he is without a doubt the

most hard headed dog I've ever owned. He decided if he couldn't go under it, he'd go over it. Great, now what do we do? We tried going out with him and watching him. In a blink of an eye, he would give you a glance and then over the fence he went. We were forced to only let him out if we took him on a leash. He quickly became a very depressed fella.

So, what do we do? I have to admit, the thought of finding him another home did cross my mind, but this is Jim's boy and he would have no parts of it. Rescue groups have long since been major opponents to invisible fences because of the idea of purposefully hurting an animal to cause behavior modification gave them pause. We were really torn not knowing what to do when we met a woman in the pet store who said that getting the invisible fence has made her life a joy! Her Beagle now stays on his own property. Just for our own education we began doing some research.

We soon realized that how the system worked could no more be analogized to "an electric shock treatment" than the static electricity felt from rubbing shoes across carpet can be compared to sticking your finger in a light socket. Both come from the same scientific chain of events, but their magnitude is significantly different. Invisible fencing meets the humane concerns head-on by setting standards for training. The fence works by first sending a dog an audio signal letting him or her know that if he or she does not remove him or herself from the area, a negative sensation will follow. By spending one week training Gulliver to react to the audio signal by moving back into our yard, before ever uncovering the probes and thereby turning on the electric component of the fencing system, Gulliver was able to learn, with no more than two or three negative sensations, that he should avoid the fence where the radio signal became audible. One note, though, after only one negative sensation Gulliver was afraid to go outside and broke house training for two days. We covered the probes and began the training again. After another week, we uncovered the probes and he has been happy ever since.

After a month and a half with the product, Gulliver is able to freely roam our yard, chase our other dogs, the squirrels and the tennis balls, chew up the hose reel, destroy the dog bed on the front porch. I believe the "Invisible Fence" has been a positive addition to Gulliver's life. Now the question is -- does anyone know how to get him to stop chewing and destroying everything in sight? n

One Final Thought -- A Great Big Wet Doggie Kiss Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Roger Nichols and the Staff at Dumfries Animal Hospital for their kindness and compassion in taking care of our dogs. Without them, quite frankly, we would be lost. n

“Our Gang”

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Website: www.macspro.org Phone: (301)881-1221



Miss Ellie



Tobe

Adopt me now!



Chester



Buddy



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Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

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