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RESCUES & ADOPTIONS since November 2002 – below is an updated list of our rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in November. 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.

181-02: **Miss Ellie** also came to us in September from Washington County, MD. Every possible medical measure was taken to give Ellie a comfortable life. Her damage was too great. Miss Ellie crossed the Rainbow Bridge in early January. You can read more about her online at www.macspro.org. The neurologist who treated Ellie offered to do a necropsy without charge in the hopes that the cause of her condition could be learned and possibly other dogs could be helped in the future. When the results are back, we will print them in future newsletters. Everyone who came in contact with Ellie fell in love with her. She was so dependent on her human benefactors for help. Ellie was cremated and her remains returned to Ms. Sellers, who cared for her and took her to all her various doctor appointments. All of her extensive health care came from separate donations made in her name from those who knew her.

183-02: **Buddy (aka Otis)**, a fawn, horsecoat male, came to us from Montgomery County, MD. He is currently being fostered with the Harmer family in Fairfax, VA where he hopes they will give him a forever home.

185-02: **Chester (aka James Dean)** was adopted by the Blackburn family who reports that he is learning to adjust to a new family. It took him a while to bark (that seems to happen with all rescues), but now he knows that he has found a good home. Now he not only has his own yard but gets to play in Rock Creek Park woods.

187-02: **Tobe** was adopted just in time to spend

Christmas with his new family, the Tompkins, and his two "new kids", Kati and Ryan.

191-02: **Tucker** was being fostered by Lisa Crosby and went to visit some friends who had four cats, two dogs and horses. He had such a good time, he asked to stay with the Grimes family and they gave him a forever home.

192-03: **Bianca**, a beautiful black, meat mouth, horsecoat, was given up by her family in Prince George's County, MD. They no longer had time for her. The Coleman family has found plenty of time to love and care for her. She has made great friends with the prior rescue dog that they received from MACSPRO.

193-03: **Teddy Bear**, a fawn, meat mouth horsecoat, was in the Burlington, New Jersey shelter. Chris and Laura Jeffery volunteered to drive there and bring him to Dumfries, VA. They became so enamored with him on the long trip that they volunteered to foster him. Recently their rescue Shar-Pei, Shadow, had passed away, a victim of cancer, so their home had a large empty space. We hope that Teddy will be able to permanently fill that space.

194-03: * **Silver** has a most unusual coat color. He is a young (probably about one year), horsecoat bone mouth male, with what used to be called a "reverse sable." He is brown, then black with light tips to his coat. He came to us from the Montgomery County, MD., shelter in February where he was

brought in as a stray. Silver is very friendly, a little underweight and hates the cold. He needs a nice warm home in which to live.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN OF THE NATIONAL CAPITOL AREA #7122

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

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

November 1, 2002 thru 31 January 2003

Prior Balance:	\$4,550.28
Income:	
Membership and Donations	\$4,142.88
Adoption Fees	\$800.00
Merchandise purchases	\$310.00
Book wrapping	<u>\$737.14</u>
	\$10,540.30
Expenses:	
Dumfries Hospital	\$5,195.93
Mailing, stamps	\$51.80
Foster care & kennel food*	\$275.00
Supplies for resale	\$55.00
Checks & bank supplies	\$32.47
Ebay fee for sales	<u>\$5.50</u>
	\$5,615.70
Balance:	\$4,924.60

* Several rescues were so underweight that we bought special food and took it to the kennel for them.



Harry Potter's Corner --

If you wait until they go outside, you can really get the good stuff!

Can You Spot a Cranky Canine?

By Dr. Stefanie Schwartz

Reprinted from You & Your Dog, Fall 2002

The stereotypical aggressive dog is tied to a stake in his yard to guard the area from intruders, barking and growling at everyone walking by.

Of course, your dog is nothing like him. She's sweet and loving. Sure, she growls when you discipline her, but that doesn't really mean that she's aggressive, does it? Take this important quiz to see if you can recognize aggression in dogs.

1. Aggressive behavior in dogs includes:
 - a. Growling while tail wagging.
 - b. Mounting or humping your leg.
 - c. Chasing a squeaky toy.
 - d. Tail wagging.

Correct answers: A and B.

Listen to the growl; ignore the tail. Jumping on, mounting and humping people are dominance behaviors that should not be tolerated.

2. Dogs who are friendly toward women but are aggressive toward men:
 - a. Were raised by women.
 - b. Know women give tastier treats than men.
 - c. Were abused by men at an early age.
 - d. Had limited social interactions with men.

Correct answers: A and D

Without evidence of past abuse, the majority of these dogs are afraid of men because of minimal exposure to men during a critical phase of their social development, or because they view men as more serious dominance rivals or territorial intruders.

3. Games between dogs and people that promote aggressiveness include:
 - a. Wrestling.
 - b. Tug of war.
 - c. Chasing and teasing.
 - d. Flyball.

Correct answers: A, B and C.

Rough play between dogs is normal, however, games that teach dogs or puppies to nip, growl at or chase people could result in the same behavior in more serious contexts.

4. Your Shar Pei steals the remote control, but growls when you try to remove it. You should:
- Ignore her.
 - Insist on removing it.
 - Let her choose which TV shows she'd like to watch.
 - Call her to 'come' and 'sit'; give her a treat for dropping the object.

Correct answers: A and D.

Possessive aggression sometimes starts as attention-seeking mischief. Dogs guarding an object may bite. Ignore the dog or defuse the situation by making a trade for the object. Teach your dog to 'leave it' or 'drop it' with objects of increasing value.

5. On your way home, you meet an unchained neighborhood dog who stares at you and growls. You should:
- Run.
 - Stare back at the dog.
 - Avoid walking at night in your own neighborhood.
 - Back slowly away, avoiding direct eye contact.

Correct answer: D

Dogs with territorial aggression are menaces. Staring or running could provoke an attack. Report incidents to your local animal control officer.

6. When you move during the night, your Shar Pei growls because:
- You startled him from sleep.
 - He was dreaming of that cute little Poodle.
 - You take up too much room on the bed as it is.
 - He was having a nightmare about that bully Chihuahua.

Correct answer: A.

Resting dogs can become irritable if disturbed. However, this scenario also suggests that the dog is asserting preferential use of prime real estate. If your dog has issues with dominance and/or territorial behavior, he should sleep in a comfy doggy bed nearby.

7. When your children argue, your Shar Pei jumps and barks because she:
- Has a headache.
 - Is breaking up their fight.

- Is tired of their constant bickering with each other.
- Is trying to respond to the commotion and disciplining her sibling subordinates.

Correct answer: D.

We can't be certain of a premeditated goal, but dogs normally respond to any excitement and agitation.

8. You should get help if your dog is:
- Growling when hugged or reprimanded.
 - Making you feel afraid or intimidated.
 - Needing to be confined to avoid people or other dogs and growls or refuses when you command 'sit' or 'down.'

Correct answer: All of the above.

Your dog doesn't have to be perfect, but she should be perfect for you. Ask your veterinarian for a referral to a veterinary behaviorist, who can correctly diagnose and treat your dog's problem behaviors.

If you answered all these questions correctly, congratulations! You know how to recognize aggressive behavior in dogs.

Did you miss any questions? Then consult your veterinarian about the behavior, if it's occurring in your dog. He or she, may be able to refer you to a veterinary behaviorist or prescribe a mediation to help. **n**

Basic Training

See how establishing yourself as the leader makes your relationship with your dog a mutual pleasure.

Reprinted from You and Your Dog, Fall 2002 with editorial comments by Debra Pope

Few animals in the wild exhibit more intelligence or adaptability than the wolf. Highly social, wolves band together into packs with a distinct hierarchy. Capable leadership by the 'top dog', or alpha male wolf, insures the pack's success. Your dog possesses the same pack instincts. No matter whether he's a Malamute or Maltese, the desire to belong to a well-led group is as inherent to him as to the wolf.

In a perfect world, your dog's social status should be below that of the humans in his 'pack.' The dog should look to you and your family for guidance and be instinctively obedient, just as wolves are to the alpha leader.

Looking for leadership

Unfortunately, this is often not the case. By ignoring the dog's need to be led, many owners inadvertently force their dogs to become the leaders of their own 'packs,' creating behavioral problems. Without a leader to look up to, your dog takes charge, and can become pushy, controlling or even aggressive.

The good news is you can avoid these issues by becoming the leader of your pack. Begin basic obedience training with your dog immediately to convince him you're in control. He'll learn to obey in order to receive attention and pack acceptance.

The "Sit" Command

A simple behavior, "Sit" can be taught to dogs of any age. Here's how to begin...

1. Choose a quiet location. With your dog standing in front of you, hold a small treat an inch in front of his nose. If he jumps up, pull the treat away immediately.
2. Slowly move the treat up and back, toward a point between his ears. As you do so, say his name, and then "Sit." Don't let the treat get more than an inch away from his nose, or he'll jump. As you move the treat up and back, he'll tilt his head back and then sit naturally. He'll soon sit to keep his nose and mouth close to the treat. Use your right hand to hold the treat because you will need your left hand for other moves in later training. If you need to during initial training, while moving the right hand to a point between the ears, gently push the backend down. You will find that this is quickly no longer necessary.
3. The instant your dog sits, say 'Good Sit!' Then, give him the treat and praise. Repeat this four times, then stop, while the dog is still excited from the treat.
4. Work this several times each day, for a week. Eventually, you'll get him to sit by simply moving your hand in an upward fashion, and saying 'Sit.'
5. Slowly wean him off of treats, until he perform just for your praise alone. Soon, just the spoken command or just using the hand signal will work.

Adding "Stay"

Once your pooch can sit, teach him to 'Stay,' holding the position until released. Here's how...

1. Command your dog to sit. Have a treat in hand, but don't give it to him yet.
2. Place your open palm in front of his face and say 'Stay.' Say it once, then wait a second or two. If he stays sitting, praise him quietly saying 'Good Stay.' Then say 'Okay!' and give him the treat and lots of praise.
3. Gradually increase the wait time, while slowly inching yourself away.
4. Eventually, wean him off of treats and onto just praise. Soon he'll sit for several minutes, with you at the opposite end of the room.

A Class Act

Sign up for an obedience or handling class or correct a bad behavior or to just enjoy quality time together. And bring along the whole family, since consistency is key!

We have now taken all four of our Peis to training offered at PetSmart in Manassas, VA. Initially, we took the two 'kids' to Puppy Class primarily because Scrappy Doo, at 9 months, was becoming aggressive towards other dogs and Gulliver, at 5 months, was getting so big so fast I couldn't control him. We split our time during training and would trade dogs half way through the class so both dogs would be used to either of us in control.

A few months later we signed up the two older ones for Basic Training. Keisha was very skittish around people and Mai was considered animal aggressive. I'm happy to say that Scrappy Doo was the head of her class, Keisha became comfortable with people and crowds after two weeks, absolutely no one believes that Mai has an aggressive bone in her body (only Ms. Sellers reminisces about how she never thought Mai would be adopted out), and I still can't control Gulliver. **n**

“Our Gang”

Available for Adoption through the Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation
Website: www.macspro.org Phone: (301)881-1221



Silver



Teddy Bear

Adopt me now!



Otis



The Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation, Inc.
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Application for Membership

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

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