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Chinese
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RESCUES & ADOPTIONS since October 2004 – below is an updated list of our rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in July. 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.

218-03 Chance, our three legged male said good-bye to the Lovesteads, who fostered him and moved to West Chester, PA with the Barr family. They report that he is a great dog, loves car rides and even goes upstairs at bedtime.

232-04 Bucky’s cancer came back and he passed away in November. He had some good months with his guardian Charlotte Jones. We send our condolences to her on her loss.

241-04 Puchi, a nine year old black male who was being fostered with the O’Neil family became such a household fixture that he has now been permanently adopted by the O’Neil family.

242-04 Burt, a fawn starving male with sarcoptic mange recovered nicely and left the Johnson’s to continue fostering at the Nemitz household. The Case family came down from Dover, Delaware and took him home to live with two cats.

243-04 Charlie, a beautiful thin brush coat fawn male, is still living in New Jersey. He still has a number of trauma and behavior issues which may prevent him from being adopted. He is living on a farm with 13 other dogs and a wonderful lady who works miracles and Charlie really needs one.

We closed our last newsletter with word that the D.C. Humane Soc. had just gained possession, through Court action to eight (8) adult Shar-Pei. These dogs lived their entire life in crates, in a garage, 23 hours a day without food or water. The owner came to feed, water and let them out for one hour each day. To top that off, while

these dogs were being kenneled by the Humane Soc., prior to being granted custody, they were not allowed to do any medical work on the dogs. So you can imagine the mental and physical condition of these dogs when we got them. Here are the results of our work:

245-04 Mickey was so traumatized that he would not lie down and even slept standing up - until he fell over. He had a deep scar around his neck and may have been tied up and unable to lie down. Pam and Curtis Robbins worked night and day to get that guy adjusted. He was adopted by the Moore’s and Socolosy’s of Aldie, VA.

246-04 Dynamite was kenneled at Laytonsville and was the best adjusted of the group. He was almost immediately adopted by the Wetzal family of Rockville, MD.

247-04 Munch, one of the only two females in the group, is light fawn with a pink nose. The Walker family of Lorton, VA has one of our Rescues and they volunteered to foster Munch. Well, Munch became a “keeper”,

248-04 * Della, our other female is a fawn, meat mouth horsecoat. She is still in the kennel. She appears to be very well adjusted but would probably do best as an only dog. Her health is good and after all the confinement she has been through, she deserves a home.

249-04 Stein has gone to live in New Jersey with 5 other rescue animals on a 6 acre farm. His new mom is a Vet Tech with the Johnston family.

250-04 Romeo was just like the name implies. He got adopted quickly, after medical work complete and moved to Baltimore with the Leiggi family.

251-04 Giant is a large laidback who only wanted to get out and run, even if it was in circles. After being crated all his short life, he was just thrilled to be outside. The wonderful people at Club Pet in Chantilly, VA gave him lots of exercise. He was ready to go home to Upper Marlboro, MD with the Clark family.

252-04 Ray was Giant's room mate at Club Pet. He was a hyper guy, like Giant, he just wanted to be outside and run. Well, Ms. Clark could not leave him behind so they are together in a big 6' fenced yard.

253-04 * Baby III also came to us from D.C. where she was found wandering around Ohio Drive which is a heavy tourist and traffic area. Baby has heartworm and the Robbins are fostering her during the treatments. Baby is a strong, courageous young dog who has suffered a great deal in getting rid of heartworm. But she is a very loving gal. Baby is not a purebred Shar-Pei, although she does have purple/black tongue, she just doesn't know who her Dad might be.

254-04 * Sammie is an older female who was turned into the shelter in Prince William County, VA by her owner who had kept Sammie for 7 years. Sammie had not been to the vet in 2 years but after an immediate visit, where she was examined and all shots administered, she was pronounced in good health. Sammie is currently at Club Pet and would love to have someone visit and consider adopting her. There is a lot of life left in the old gal. Dogs (and people) should not be thrown away because they get old. If we are lucky, we all become old someday.

255-04 Roxanne is a female, probably under one year old with a very bad case of entropion. She is currently scheduled for surgery with a specialist. She was picked up December 22 at the Prince Georges, MD Shelter and because of the holidays, there was no place to take her so Chris Hanes volunteered to foster her. When she and his other rescue dog immediately got attached to each other, well, you know the rest. How can you only have one dog?

INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT

1 October 2004 thru 31 December 2004

Prior Balance:	\$5,947.83
Income:	
Adoptions	\$1,810.00
Membership & Donations	\$4,592.00
United Way	\$200.79
Pay-Pal*	\$676.03
Combined Federal Campaign	\$392.06
Donation of truck sold	\$2,600.00
In Memory of "Sam"	\$650.00
Purchase "Lucky Pet" tag	\$3.00
	<u>\$ 10,923.88</u>
Expenses:	
Medical Care	\$ 5,738.39
Register micro chips	\$100.00
Kennel	\$3,331.99
Supplies for foster care	\$140.97
Supplies for merchandise sales	<u>\$13.43</u>
	<u>\$9,324.78</u>
Balance:	\$7,546.93

Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capitol Area #7122 Government employees – don't forget to list us as your designed charity. Thank you. **n**

World of Pets Expo

Although we will not have a booth this year, the World of Pets Expo will be at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium on January 29 and 30th. **n**

May we please have your email address?

We would like to be able to send out periodic notices and offers. This would be greatly facilitated with email, not to mention save the cost of postage. Please send your email address to peipal@blkmgk.com and we will add you to our list. Also, be sure to visit our recently redesigned web site and see a whole new look and feel. **n**

Tax Deductible Donations

Got an old fur coat that you are no longer using (or are ashamed of), well the Humane Society of the United States is accepting your tax deductible donations and having rehabilitators cut the fur into appropriate sized covers and blankets that become surrogate mothers to orphaned animals thus reducing stress and giving them comfort. You can contact: www.hsus.org/furdonation. **n**



Happy Holidays from the 2004 MACSPRO Rescues



“Our Gang”

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



Baby



Della



Sammie

Adopt me now!

Health Tips

Calm and Relax

In case you are not aware of these items and have a problem with anxiety, stress, travel sickness or thunderstorms, we would like to make you aware of several products that we know really work. One is "Comfort Zone". It is a plug in somewhat like a Glad Plug-in that calms the dog down. There is one for dogs and another for cats! "Rescue Remedy" is available both in a spray and drops. Either can be added in small amounts to your dog's water. It can be purchased at a pet store or even holistic stores. Whole Foods even carries it as it can be used by people in stressful situations. When you get a new companion or know that a stressful situation is going to arise, these products work and are not habit forming. n

Lymphosarcoma

This is a type of cancer that attacks not only the lymph nodes but can be found in the spleen, liver, intestinal tract and bone marrow. The cause, like most cancers, is unknown.

The first signs may be weight loss, tiredness and weakness. This, of course, could be signs of many things so to be sure, you should feel for an enlargement of the lymph nodes under the neck, behind the knees, in front of the shoulders, under the legs and behind the knees. The second stage is vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite and excessive thirst. Before that occurs you should have taken your dog to the Vet. Lymphosarcoma can also attack the skin causing flaking, scaling and reddening of the skin that can even have lumps that ulcerate involved.

Leukemia is confined to the bone marrow. There are a decreased number of normal blood cells such as red blood cells which carry oxygen, white blood cells that fight infection and platelets that help with clotting which are made in the bone marrow.

Although it is not the leading type of cancer found in dogs, it is almost always fatal. It can be treated, when found early enough, by chemotherapy. Also a combination of oral and injectable drugs, such as prednisone, can be used. Each form of treatment should be carefully examined as one can offset the other. For instance, prednisone should not be taken if chemotherapy is to be taken. Dogs undergoing chemo may extend their life for several years.

Although most dogs seem to tolerate chemo well, some owners choose not to treat the cancer but just to keep the dog comfortable as long as possible.

Please examine your dog's lymph nodes if you see any signs or if you are not sure where they are, ask your Vet to show you where the lymph nodes are located. n

It's NOT the Law

Although the treatment of the eight dogs we received from the District of Columbia was not totally visible in their appearance except for two that had deep scars around their neck, they were fed once a day and with no exercise, they did not look undernourished. The D.C. Court could not/did not take into account the mental torture and trauma these dogs went through. The owner of these dogs suffered only the loss of the dogs. There was no further punishment; no jail time; no fines. If it had not been for the kind people, especially Curtis and Pam Robbins and the caregivers at Club Pet, who were willing to work with these dogs, they would have been considered unadoptable and destroyed.

On a happier note, animal cruelty is now a felony in the Virgin Islands and can bring up to 5 years in jail.

Albuquerque, New Mexico will fine or jail anyone selling antifreeze without a bittering agent to make it unpalatable for animals and birds. I don't know how much they use antifreeze in New Mexico but we need a law like that around the east coast.

Korea is now even recognizing animal rights and is proposing new legislation granting animals certain rights. In the past, they have been known for dog fighting and dog meat consumption.

In India residents are being taught not to slaughter animals to the Gods during religious celebrations. Instead, they are opting for food offerings such as rice and sugar.

Iran opened its first dog and cat shelter with little more than a little land and volunteers to help build a building and care for the animals. You can help by contacting: fatemehmotamedi@hotmail.com. n

As of today in 30 reporting states, there are 81 Shar-Pei in shelters or rescues. 36 are purebred; 38 possible mixes; 7 definite mixes. Probably at least 1/2 of these dogs will be "put down" especially the mixes.

Our December Issue...

We apologize for the lateness of our December issue. We were not all out celebrating but instead recovering from such things as abscessed jaws, knee replacements and the likes. Although we didn't get the newsletter out, you can see we had our hands full. We decided to get our annual "Christmas Tree" out to you anyway. n



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Annual Renewal Dues for the Year 2005: \$25.00

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