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RESCUES & ADOPTIONS since March 2009 – below is an updated list of our rescues and adoptions since our last newsletter in March. 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.

Please - **if you have an email address please let us know**. We need to go electronic on our newsletters due to the prohibitive cost of printing. We are happy to mail the newsletter to those who don't have an email address, but would appreciate people calling us or dropping us a line to let us know they still need the newsletter mailed.

368-08 Simba was adopted by the Johnson family. They really come through when there is a dog with special needs.

371-08 Houdini went home to Bethesda, MD with a couple from Canada.

376-09 Sheba was such a beautiful gal that she just had to go home with Samantha Neff, the granddaughter of one of our founders, Sam Sellers.

377-09 Rebel was adopted by a family with 3 cats, 2 dogs and one child. He will never be lonely again.

378-09 Henry and 379-09 Annie got their wish. They went to live together with the Henry family.

359-09 JuJuBee is going to stay with her foster family in PA.

381-09 Winter went to live with another Shar-Pei at the Lyon's home.

381-09 Blue from Anne Arundel County, MD went to foster with Joyce Hanes – and never left.

383-09 *China – you can't believe how much fun she could be until you see her video on our web site. A little shy at first but she is looking for someone to play with her.

384-09 KoKo wanted to be an only dog and he got his wish and went to live in PA with the Kellers.

385-09 Ribbon came from West Virginia with a bullet in her back. Now she walks in the surf with her new family in South Carolina. She deserves it.

386-09 Dexter also came all the way from West Virginia to find a new home in Falls Church, VA.

387-09 Sugar also came from West Virginia and now is living with a family with two children in Reisterstown, MD.

388-09 *Lola came to us all the way from Puerto Rico. She was very loved but a baby was very allergic to her and she came here to start a new life. She is a beautiful fawn female in good health and understands both English and Spanish.

389-09 Max came from Prince George's County, MD and quickly went to live in Herndon, VA without a look back.

390-09 *Sedona came to us weighting only 34 pounds. He even ate a rug before we got him. We are working quite hard to get some weight on him and take care of his medical needs before we can adopt him. We need your help on this one.

391-09 Raisin came all the way from Bardstown KY. Also in poor health, she will need braces on her legs and lots of good nutrition and love to make her strong again. Deb Pope is going to further the food and the love.

We have further commitment to two dogs from Georgia and one more from Puerto Rico. It seems like they are falling out of the sky. n

MACSPRO Yard Sale and Raffle Recap

MACSPRO held the Second Annual Yard Sale on June 6th and for the second year it was a huge success. You wouldn't think we could do it a second year in a row, but we did.

We raised about \$1600 (it was actually \$1789 but we had to take out the seed money of 150.00).

Thanks to all those members who donated products and goods to the yard sale!

Thanks for the following members who worked the yard sale.

Sarah Runion and Marta (from New York!)
Deb Pope and Bill
Joyce Hanes
Jeanne Johnson
Charlene Nemitz
Maureen and Jason Tankersley
Donna Sokolosky
Suzanne Moore
Curtis Robbins

We also sold 1,500 raffle tickets at \$2.00.

The first prize of \$1,500.00 went to Scott Harvey, who has been a member since 2003. He even donated some of that back to MACSPRO (thank you very much!).

The second prize of \$400.00 worth of Premier jewelry went to Hannah Reisman.

Third prize, also \$400 worth of Premier jewelry, went to Dawn Hertzog.

Fourth prize of a gift certificate (150.00) from K9 Naturals for doggie supplements and/or Lupine collars and leashes went to Tim O'Connell. n

The 2009 Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter+ Challenge — together with Petfinder.com.

It's started!!

Help The Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation receive special funds to help abused and neglected Shar-Pei. Participation is simple. You can cast one vote every day. Organizations with the most votes will receive a weekly prize and/or one of the other grants! More than 60 grants will be awarded for a total of \$100,000 going to eligible Petfinder.com members by the end of December 2009. Go to www.theanimalrescuesite.com, choose "The Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation", Rockville, Maryland and click to vote for us!! **REMEMBER TO VOTE** every day and vote with every email address you have.

Voting begins on September 14th, 2009, and ends at midnight (PST) on December 20th, 2009.

The more friends you can rally to vote for us, the better our chances of winning. Get people involved! We are counting on you!

Weekly winners will be announced throughout the contest. Fifteen weekly prizes of \$1,000 will be awarded. It costs nothing more than a few seconds of your time!!



Health Articles

Your Dog is Not Eating -- Alarm or Being Picky?

By Pam Robbins

I can honestly say that I have never had a dog who is a picky eater until I adopted Milan. She was the runt of the litter of 5 other Pei puppies and it seems that the struggle to get food just wasn't worth it to her. She is on the small side (36 lbs) and has days where she does not eat. For a person who prides herself on feeding high quality food with good supplements this is the MOST frustrating thing to experience. My other Pei Lan Mai eats every meal.

When she doesn't eat I KNOW she is sick and it is serious. She will even eat through a Shar Pei Fever Attack. We have tried every food you can think of and had been feeding Milan raw frozen for a while but all of a sudden she has decided she doesn't like that either. Now I was raised in the country and was told that if I didn't eat my meal then I got nothing until the next meal. Well we have tried this same philosophy with Milan. She outlasted us at skipping 6 meals (she gets two a day) when I gave up and cooked her steak. Now mind you she will eat meat – meat of any time as long as it is people food meat. So, I know she is not sick. If I were to offer her a scrambled egg she would gladly eat it. And after 3 days of no eating I was a nervous wreck and gladly gave her both the steak AND the egg. Yes, I know she won that round.

If you have a dog that is not eating you need to look at the history and normal behavior of the dog. With Lan Mai, I immediately go into overload if she skips a meal since she ALWAYS eats. If Milan skips a meal, I just shrug and throw expensive food out the door and then we vow we will not give her treats, bones or bully sticks until she eats again. Look at your dog's symptoms. Is your dog vomiting, lethargic, fever, panting, diarrhea, or anything else that is unusual? If so then there is probably a reason for him/her not eating. Forcing food at that point is not good. Your dog doing a fast for a couple of days will give his/her digestion time to settle down and recuperate. However, if there is blood in the vomit (especially frothy) or bloody stool then you have a much more serious problem on your hands and vet attention is needed immediately. Your dog may be suffering from hemorrhagic gastroenteritis.

There are many reasons why a dog won't eat. The most common are dental problems, too much acid in the stomach, ear infections (pain when biting down), pain in other parts of the body and cancer. This list is not complete of course. If you happen to open a bag of dog food that your dog normally eats but turns his nose up at it, it might be bad. Trust your dog's instincts. Return the bag and ask for a replacement. Medicines of course can cause inappetance. Rimadyl, Deramaxx and Aspirin can cause gastro upset. Be especially aware if you see blood. Steroids can also cause gastro problems by causing ulcerations. Another cause of not eating can be the dreaded Amyloidosis and kidney disease. If a dog goes too long between meals, they can get too much bile in their stomachs. They will vomit a yellow froth. To avoid this feed their meals closer together. When one of mine has this I use a product called Fast Balance GI. It works wonders to settle the general upset stomach. You can buy it from Amazon.com and is certainly cheaper from them than from the vet.

If you just have a picky eater on your hands, you can try some of the following items:

Benadryl and Meclizine with help with nausea which will help to make your dog hungry again

Prednisone – My Milan had to go on a bout of steroids for a couple of weeks and WOW did she eat. Of course now we are off of them and she is back to sticking her nose up at her food.

Foods to tempt your dog:

Meat baby food

Nutri-cal

Human food – not junk food but healthy vegetables and meat

Honey

Bone broth

I have found that Milan does NOT like her food cold. She won't eat canned food that has been put in the refrigerator and is cold. Since I am now giving her part dry and part canned then I have to warm her canned food in the sink to get her to eat. Sometimes this works and sometimes it doesn't. We recently have added Tripe to her meals and she has been happily eating it until yesterday and all of a sudden it is "off the list". So we are back to square one and playing the waiting game – my husband and I have a bet. I say she will go 4 meals before she eats again – he is betting on 6. The prize – well there isn't any except the joy to see the little stink eat her food again. n

A Couple of New Products That Are Noteworthy

Recently I came across a couple of new products that I am immensely impressed with and wanted to pass them along. I recently had to take Milan to the Holistic Vet since she was having severe skin problems. Milan having skin problems baffled me since she was getting supreme supplements, digestive enzymes and salmon oil and raw frozen dog food. I tried treating it myself by giving her baths in Maleseb but finally after a month and her getting worse I gave up and went to the vet. She said that Milan's immune system was not working optimally and said she looked like she had mange. When she scraped her sure enough she found 1 demodectic mite. Well, instead of getting prescribed Ivermectin Milan was prescribed Thorne Research Veterinary Small Animal Antioxidant (2 capsules a day) and 2 droppers full of Maitake Pet Fraction made

by Grifron. We also did blood work to test for food allergies.

Food tests came back that she was allergic to chicken, turkey, pork, barley, alfalfa, carrots and peas. Hum, a lot of the ingredients in her food. We started the antioxidants and Maitake and changed her food and watched the hair fall off by the buckets. Natural remedies are tough since the dog almost always gets worse before he/she gets better. Milan became nearly bald but the itching stopped in less than 3 days. I also used Zymox Enzymatic Rinse on her several times a week to help kill the skin infection. This product is not an antibiotic rinse but uses enzymes to eat the bacteria and fungus and puts a protective coating on her skin. I have talked about Zymox before for the ears and also the shampoo.

Well, it took about 3 weeks and I started seeing new hair come in and the old dull yucky looking hair was being overgrown with shiny healthy looking hair. Milan has even gained 3 lbs and is eating better. She is still a picky eater but not as bad. I am thrilled with her progress and how great she looks. After the terrible time I had with Simon's skin problems, I was so upset to see Milan start having problems. So to see her have such a great recovery absolutely thrills me. The vet says that we might have to keep her on the meds for quite a while. I am ok with that.

The Maitake Pet Fraction can only be bought from a vet and it is very expensive so I called the Grifron company and found out that the Maitake D Fraction Pro is the exact same product and I can buy that over the internet. We are so impressed with the product that K9 Naturals is now carrying the product.

Maitake D Fraction is great to stimulate the immune system but also works on cancer. Years of research has been done on this product in Japan and is in the process of becoming FDA approved here in the states. The Sloan Kettering Cancer Center now uses this product to treat cancer. Georgetown University has completed a couple of studies on it and had great results. The Maitake D Fraction Pro works alone but also enhances chemotherapy and works even better when given with vitamin C (the Thorne antioxidant has Vitamin C in it). There is a huge amount of research on this product and its efficacy so it not only works for animals but for humans too! In fact I have an Aunt who has esophageal cancer and she has started taking it. We are praying it helps.

If you would like more information about the products, just email me. I will be happy to provide any information you might want. n

Are you a Fan?

More and more people are becoming addicted to FaceBook so MACSPRO decided to jump on that bandwagon to get a little more "face" time with the masses to advertise our dogs and our mission. Go to www.facebook.com and search for Mid-Atlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue Operation. Join our cause on FaceBook. n

Our Newsletter and a Plea...

We have a lot of email addresses so that we can send newsletters and other important information out to our MACSPRO family and friends but we still have a list of nearly 80 names with no email addresses. The cost of printing hardcopies and mailing via the U.S. Post Office has just become a cost we can't continue to bear. So, please, if you have received this in hard copy, we need your help. We know that most of you have a computer with an email address. If you do, won't you please provide us that address so we can add you to our contact list and eliminate the need to print? Just send an email to saveapei@gmail.com and say you are part of the MACSPRO family and friends and you will be added.





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There is still time to pay your MACSPRO membership for 2009. It's the same low price of \$25.00

If you enjoy the various information available in the newsletters, please show your appreciation by sending in your contribution today. Thank you.

Contribution enclosed: _____

(You may pay by credit card via our web site: www.macspro.org) Thank you for your support.

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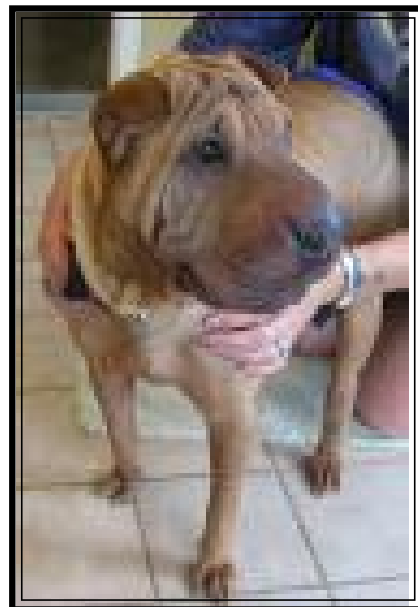
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