

## No Schnauzer Left Behind

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- Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati/ Florida is an Ohio based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization group established in November of 2004 by Pat Miller. We are dedicated to saving the lives of miniature schnauzers and schnauzer mixes. Our mission statement is:

*No Schnauzer Left Behind.*

- We have now branched out beyond Ohio into several states: Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Missouri, and Florida. We are always looking for volunteers to join our group. Please consider submitting a request to join us.

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### Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati/Florida Celebrates Nine Year Anniversary — November 1

November 1, 2004  
Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati was formed in Sharonville, Ohio. For nine years we have been saving Schnauzers and Schnauzer mixes and some honorary Schnauzers. I started this rescue group with Barb Littler, Doug Viars, and myself and look how we have grown. I asked my vet, Dr. Zekoff, if he would work with me on paying the vet bills so that I could get started and he agreed. I never would have ever dreamed that there would be so many schnauzers needing our help.

We wouldn't be successful without each and everyone of you and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. From our members who foster,

transport, walk pups at the ARK, write grants, organizes fundraisers, perform IT activities and perform the myriad of tasks that are required to run this rescue. To our adopters and donors who repeatedly return to adopt another Schnauzer or respond to our funding needs.

I felt that there was a need for a rescue group that would take Schnauzer mixes, regardless of their age or medical condition. Anyone can adopt out a young healthy dog, but, in my mind, the special needs and senior dogs need the most help. I have been fortunate enough to find a wonderful group of volunteers that have made us so successful. We all work hard and I think that our results show it. We currently have members in Ohio, Florida, Alabama, Delaware, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Texas, West

Virginia, and Bermuda. Our goal is to help all of those that we can. We take Schnauzers and Schnauzer mixes that most other rescues will not. We are proud to work with other rescue groups in our mission of saving dogs. Our current adoption count is now 1,150, and we have about 60 dogs in rescue right now. That number does not include the several that we lost while they were in rescue and became forever fosters, so you are talking about a lot of Schnauzers and honorary Schnauzers that we have saved. I look forward to being able to do this for a very long time to come. Thanks again,

Pat Miller, President and Founder

### 1100th PUP adopted from Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati/ Florida

On July 6, 2013, Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati adopted its 1100<sup>th</sup> pup, Rocky. Rocky had been found wandering around, all alone and confused in a parking lot along I-75 in northern Kentucky. He was taken to Boone County Shelter in Burlington, KY. SRC/F was contacted that there was a Schnauzer was in need of rescue. One of our rescue angels, Diana Umstead, picked up the pup and named him Rocky.

Rocky had been recently groomed, but no one came to claim him during the shelter holding period. He is not our usual rescue



Ricky today

## 1100th PUP adopted from Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati/ Florida

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as he was neutered and in good condition. He spent a few days at The Animal Ark Pet Resort, SRC's temporary boarding facility. While at the ARK he had his teeth cleaned and cleared to go to a foster home. Rocky was extremely stressed and not eating well in the boarding facility. Shirley Hamilton stepped up and took him home to foster. Rocky had 5 other Schnauzers to play with there and two doting foster parents. Rocky had a rough couple months with seizures and insecurity issues. He blossomed in the home environment. An application for adoption for Rocky was submitted by the Mohler family from Tipp City, Ohio.



Jack and Lynette Mohler Ricky and Lucy

*Rocky now Ricky is now a big brother and has a little sister named Lucy.. Rocky is the one sitting on Dad's lap.....he is a Daddy's boy! .*

Lynette writes: Ricky is part of our family now. He is starting to let us know when he needs to go outside. He has had a couple more seizures, but they do not last very long and our vet is not too concerned about them. He is on a special diet and seems to be adjusting very well. He has even started barking to let us know he wants to play. Ricky and his sister Lucy get along very well. We have no regrets in adopting him and would like to thank Wayarne Harlan and Shirley Hamilton for their encouragement.

## Black Dog Syndrome—submitted by Wendy Norris

What do the both [Princess](#) and [Duval](#), SRC/F feature pets of the quarter have in common? Both may be causalities of what is called Black Dog Syndrome (BSD). So what is Black Dog Syndrome? BSD is the theory that Black Dogs take longer to find forever homes, they spend more time in shelters and in rescue foster homes. Black Dogs are typically passed over for lighter hair pups.

A recent Petfinder survey of its member shelter and rescues —“most pets are listed for 12.5 weeks on Petfinder, whereas, less-adoptable pets (such as black, senior, and special needs pets) spend almost four times as long on Petfinder”<sup>1</sup>

Why are Black Dogs over looked? After reading several articles on Black Dog Syndrome, below are the common reasons that have been identified.

- Black dogs don't photograph as well as those with lighter coats, so pictures for online listings aren't as eye-catching.
- Black Dogs expressions may be

harder to read.

- Black dogs are often portrayed as aggressive.
- The color black has associated with evil and superstitions.

Rescues and shelters depend on pictures to grab adopters' attention. Eye catching pictures are critical. Black dogs are so hard to take pictures due to a lack of contrast.

When SRC/F fosters take pictures they add bright scarves, bandanas and sweaters to help highlight our pups. From personal experience getting good pictures of Jack, our Black Schnauzer is much harder than Ruby (salt and pepper) and Kelly (white).



Darbey

Currently half of the foster pups with SRC/F are black Schnauzers/

Schnauzer Mixes. Their personalities are similar to the lighter coated

Schnauzers. Black Schnauzers are just as playful and loving as lighter colored Schnauzers. So when looking for your next pet; please consider a Black Schnauzer. Please look at our Black Pups—[Olivia](#), [Scooter](#), [Darbey](#), [Sophie](#), [Thunder](#), [Colby](#), [Bam Bam](#), [Jet](#), [Jackson](#), [Maxwell](#), [Greta](#), [Dax](#), [Scooter Boy](#), [Toby](#), [Bailey](#), and [Ulysses](#).



Jet

<sup>1</sup> [www.petfinder.com/pet-adoption/dog-adoption/black-dog-syndrome](http://www.petfinder.com/pet-adoption/dog-adoption/black-dog-syndrome) 11-1-2013

**Barkaritaville 2013 - September 21, 2013 - Reynoldsville, Ohio Reflections - Diane Blankenship and Barb Littler**



The morning of Barkaritaville 2013 we awoke to rain. Fortunately we had a covered pavilion and many easy ups. A little rain wasn't going to stop the tenacity of Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati /Florida volunteers.

We had a beautiful location and a full day of activities planned -Blessing of the Dogs in Honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Reading of the Rainbow Bridge Poem, Pet Contests, Raffle Baskets, Reiki and Pet Communicators. Great Food and Deserts. Lots of Schnauzer related items for sale.

"What a great Barkaritaville--just like all the other ones. Such great people, wonderful workers, wonderful dogs, wonderful fosters, wonderful public, wonderful donations, wonderful consumers who open generously their wallets, it was all wonderful!!!!!! So great to get together with like minded people. Thank you to all!!!!!! " Diane Blankenship

"Now that the dust....or mud, has settled. I want to thank everyone for such a great group effort. We really had a 3rd co-chair with Wendy & Jim helping.

There are so many people to thank and I'm sure I'm going to leave someone out...if I have....my apologies

Diane Blankenship and I spent a lot of time on the phone planning and God bless her, had a flat tire in a no-signal area and then got lost trying to find the park, but she prevailed. She



and Tooler made it to help out and entertained. She organized the pet contests. She donated some really great prizes that we all wanted . The story of her showering with Tooler was over the top....

You Rock Diane!!!!!!

Thanks Pam Decker-Knapp for all the baked goodies. Pam walked in just as the event started with a dozen Tupperware containers of baked goods to donate for sale. We were limited on help and she stuck with me for the day and sold her goodies despite the fact she is crippled from a car accident that left her with two broken knees....OUCH!

Ann & Tom Bess-King brought tubs of sewing items to donate and sell all the way from St. Louis and took home a ton of raffle baskets that they and Kent Reinhold won. I thought they were going to need a U-Haul....Thank you guys!

## Barkaritaville 2013 - September 21, 2013 - Reynoldsville, Ohio Reflections -

Jim Hollenbeck matted and framed all the framed items that were raffled.....thank you Jim.

Wendy and Jim donated several raffle items....she crocheted a stuffed schnauzer and folks were wanting to place orders, Wendy and Jim also helped with the e-mail blasts and notifying me when a new adopter made our list. They worked the registration desk all day. She corrected and updated our mailing list....thank you Wendy for your diligence with this enormous task.



Amy Meyer won the Console Bed that Mendi & Steve Gardner donated. They converted a TV console into a beautiful dog bed along with raffle gift baskets and her friend Heather for her donations as well....They helped sell items on our sale table.- thank you guys.

Amy Meyer with her charm, managed to get soda pop and the best darn pulled pork I have in a great while for the event, along with yummy buns.....thank you Amy!

Pat Miller helped Amy with the selling of Raffle tickets and Pat made a monetary donation for raffle stuffers and to them both....Thank YOU!



Wayarne made a monetary donation to help purchase gifts basket stuffers and pushed raffle tickets and whatever else was needed. She also read the Rainbow Bridge Poem and named those little furries that have crossed the bridge in the past year. There was not a dry eye and she did a great job struggling through the tears herself....thank you Wayarne

Misty Skeen, Joan Kropp and Betsy Buchal-Condon were so gracious to donate their time on a miserable rainy day to provide pet communicating and Reiki Therapy.....They have offered to come back next year!!!! Thank you ladies!!!! Jodi Porter hustled 50/50 tickets for us and did a great job and topped previous years in sales....only problem....The metro park system considers this gambling... we need to find a new job for Jodi next year. The Park rangers gave us a heads up for next year.



Jim Payne gave a beautiful blessing of the pets while his wife Debbie helped with our registration desk and selling tickets.

Steve and I dished out food and drink and tried to maintain sanity...thanks to my parents for letting us borrow a 2nd truck to haul supplies. I am blessed after being a single mom for 17 years to meet and marry someone that shared my love and compassion for animals. We have 14 dogs of our own, 1 cat and 2 fish. We really wanted to attend the after party dinner, but our critters at home were waiting for us.

I know there were people that donated that flew in under the radar.- to those .....Thank you.



Nancy Powell drove in from NY and it was great to see her after a couple years Biscuit is the cutest.! However Pat Miller won the prize for the traveling the furthest to attend—1100 miles and 16 hours. Pat also won the Schnauzer Blue Print.



SRC got great publicity with the Columbus Dispatch and News 6 TV out of Columbus, Shirley Hamilton was a great spokesperson for SRC.

I'm ready to start planning for next year! Diane and Wendy.....are you ready to tackle this again?

Actually we have started to plan for next year—the date is **September 20, 2014**. Mark your calendars now for a great day of fellowship with Schnauzer friends. Again, Thank you everyone!!!!

Barb Littler

Quick facts about—Barkaritaville 2013—80 + pups attended from OH, IN, NY, KY, FL, PA, TN, MO, WV.

4 Adoptions occurred at B-Ville

4 Pups were taken in to rescue

SRC/F raised over \$3000 that day towards the medical fund.

For more pictures of Barkaritaville 2013

[Click here](#)

## Featured Pet of the Quarter - Florida —Princess



**P**rincess came from the Dothan Alabama animal shelter. We really don't know how old she is. We think she was probably a breeder dog. Her ear has a numbered tattoo in it, her teeth were horrible since all the nutrition goes to their puppies and her teats are very big due to having lots of litters.

Dothan had her heart worm check and she tested positive so they asked us to take her. We first got some weight on her and then had her teeth cleaned and pulled. She will need another dental next year so they can pull a couple more teeth. They are just not loose enough to pull. After she recovered from the dental the vet gave her the heart worm treatment.

After 4 months we retested her and she is now heart worm free. She is a very sweet girl who has no issues with anybody. She is crate trained and has started walking on a leash. She likes to be where you are. She is not a barker unless she wants out of her crate in the morning to get her breakfast.

I do still have issues with her potty in the house even though she knows to go outside and so I don't know if its a marking issue. Yes, girls

do mark when living with a pack so she might not if she was the only girl.

Please open up your home and finally give her a dogs life she so deserves. She is up to date and is spayed. She is on flea and heart worm preventative. Her adoption fee is \$250 which would help us out with the vet fee.

Princess Is fostered by Iris in Enterprise AL

## Featured Pet of the Quarter - Ohio —Duval



**H**i there!!! My name is Duval and I am a 2 year old Schnauzer mix about 29 pounds.

I am good with kids and submissive dogs, indifferent to cats. I like my kennel and have no problem going into it or settling down in it by myself. I will need someone who has time to work off my energy and teach me some social manners.

I LOVE to cuddle on the couch and play fetch. My first night with my new foster family I slept all night with them in bed and snored!! I am potty trained but would need someone to let me out every few hours until I get use to a new routine.

I get real nervous if there is any loud yelling or if someone comes at me fast, I can't tell my foster mom what I have been through, but she hugs me every time I get scared and lets me know that I will never have to fear anything again. I inhale my food so Foster Mom-Andie says I would need to be on a feeding schedule

and possibly fed out of a slow feeder bowl.

If you have room in your heart and life for a sweet guy like me please fill out an adoption form and mark it **DUVAL** and my foster mom will get in touch with you! I can't wait to have a family of my own!!!

XOXO,  
Duval

## Guest Veterinarian—Dr. Dale Diesel, DVM—Allergies

Many dogs suffer from allergies. Allergies are caused by the immune system of a dog's body reacting adversely when exposed to a foreign protein. 1 in 5 dogs are affected by allergies to some degree. There are two main types of allergies, environmental allergies, caused by allergens in the environment such as pollens and molds, and food allergies, caused by allergens in the diet of the dog. Food allergies get a lot of attention but only account for less than 10% of all allergies. Environmental allergies occur seasonally, Tree Pollens show up in the spring, Grass Pollens show up in the summer, and Weed Pollens show up in the fall. Molds occur in spring, summer and fall and is one of the most common allergies in the St. Louis area. Environmental allergens enter the body through the respiratory tract and react with the immune system in the lungs. This reaction then causes the release of histamine, leukotrienes, and other chemical modulators that cause itching. The most common areas of the body that are affected are the ears, the feet and the flanks. Most ear infections have allergies as an underlying cause and the

allergy must be addressed or the ear problems will continuously reoccur.

Most treatment of allergies do not cure the allergy, rather, they work to relieve the symptoms of allergies. These treatments include:

**Antihistamines** – About 25% of dogs respond well to antihistamines.

**Essential Fatty Acids** – Sometimes called fish oils, these oils can reduce the itching associated with allergies as well as improve the overall health of the skin. They do not work immediately but must be on board for 3-4 weeks before allergy season.

**Corticosteroids** – Many times referred to as cortisone, these agents are extremely effective in relieving the itching and inflammation associated with allergies. Their problems include short term effect and major side effects if overused.

**Cyclosporine** – Cyclosporine works by inhibiting the dog's immune system which then relieves the symptoms of the allergy. It is given daily for 30 days, then reduced to twice weekly thereafter if it is

effective. The problems associated with cyclosporine include the depression of the dog's immune system and drug has a hefty cost for dogs larger than 35 lbs.

Eliminating allergies involves first testing a dog to determine what agents the dog is allergic to, then formulating a vaccine which is given to reduce the dog's reaction to the allergen. This is what is commonly called allergy shots in humans. Once on a maintenance dose, these shots are given on a monthly basis and must be administered for 12 months before judging if they are effective or not. This treatment is successful in controlling allergies about 70% of the time. This form of treatment is costly, but it is the only form of treatment that actually "cures" the allergy. Most dogs can stop allergy shots after 3-4 years.

Food allergies require a totally different approach which will not be discussed here other than to understand the principle that if a dog is allergic to a particular protein, that protein must be eliminated from everything the dog consumes which includes food, treats and people

## Guest Veterinarian—Dr. Dale Diesel, DVM—Pancreatitis

The pancreas is an organ in the abdominal cavity which has two functions, it produces enzymes that are essential for digestion, and it produces insulin which regulates glucose levels in the body. If the organ becomes inflamed, it is called pancreatitis. The causes of pancreatitis are not well known but can be triggered by elevated lipid levels which can happen after consuming a fatty meal. Clinical signs can range from indigestion and inappetance in mild inflammation to pain, vomiting and diarrhea with more severe inflammation. All dogs can develop pancreatitis but it is more common

in dogs that are overweight, and Schnauzers are the poster child for pancreatitis.

Treatment for pancreatitis includes resting the digestive system by keeping the dog off of food, medicating to control pain, vomiting, and diarrhea, and administering fluids to correct and prevent dehydration. As the dog responds to treatment, food is introduced in small quantities, gradually increasing the amounts fed over 3 days until eating normal values of food at each meal.

While most bouts of pancreatitis

can be successfully treated, in some instances, the pancreas inflames so much that it releases the enzymes within the pancreatic tissues which results in "necrotizing pancreatitis" which can be fatal. Pancreatitis is prevented by feeding a diet that is low in fat and has higher digestibility. Any snacks or table food that is fed must also be low in fat to prevent a flare-up. Veterinary prescription diets are formulated to minimize the chance of pancreatitis and while they are more expensive, they are much cheaper than a visit to an emergency clinic.

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## Guest Veterinarian—Dr. Dale Diesel, DVM—Hypothyroidism

The thyroid glands are two kidney shaped structures located along the windpipe just before the windpipe goes into the chest cavity. They produce a hormone, thyroxine, that regulates the metabolic rate of the body. As dogs age, the thyroid gland can malfunction resulting in decreased production of the hormone. Lower hormone levels reduce the metabolic rate of the body. This is what causes the clinical signs of hypothyroidism which include: Weight Gain, Lethargy/Decreased energy level, abnormalities of the

skin which can be expressed as symmetrical hair thinning, recurrent infections, scaling/flaking or itching, and in some dogs it can cause personality changes. While all breeds can develop hypothyroidism, it is more commonly seen in Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Doberman Pinscher, Miniature Schnauzer, Cocker Spaniels, and Dachshunds. It usually doesn't develop until the dog reaches 6-8 years of age and many of the clinical signs can be mistaken for changes associated with aging.

Hypothyroidism is easily diagnosed with a blood test that measures the level of thyroid hormone in the blood. Once diagnosed, it is easily treated by giving the thyroid hormone by tablet twice daily. The thyroid hormone levels should be checked after 60 days on replacement therapy, then annually thereafter. The medication is needed for the life of the dog and dosage can change if the dog changes weight.

Dr. Dale R. Diesel graduated from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine in 1981. After graduation, he joined a 6 doctor practice in Breese Illinois where his responsibilities included farm calls to numerous dairy farms in the area and the companion animal portion of the practice. In 1986, in he left the practice and went to work for Purina Mills, Inc., where his responsibilities included technical support

and of product development in Purina's line of Health Products.

After a short introduction to downsizing and right-sizing, Dr. Diesel found himself facing a career change. Dr. Diesel decided to follow his real passion and go back into private practice, finding employment of Yorkshire Animal Hospital, which lead to his current position of practice owner. Dr. Diesel looks forward to every day, facing the many challenges that

keeps pets healthy and healing sick pets at present.  
<http://yorkshireanimalhospital.com/dr-dale-diesel.htm>

Dr. Diesel has been the primary vet helping with our pups coming from the Missouri/ Illinois Puppy Mills, getting them ready to travel to foster families in Ohio. — the Missouri 11, the Carthage Mill 5, and the most recently pups - Toby, Cricket, and Piper.

## Be a hero!!!— submitted by Nina Walter

I don't usually do this but here goes...Animal rescue is my passion. I'm pretty sure my family and (FB) friends already know that. That said - if you want to really be a hero volunteer to foster. I volunteer for **Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati and Florida**. They are an awesome rescue! Their motto is "**No Schnauzer Left Behind**". That means they take in the young, old, sick, injured, and discarded breeder dogs - they don't discriminate. They rely on adoption fees, donations and fundraisers to pay for all the vetting costs; somehow they do it! Most of all they rely on foster homes for the dogs to get the love and attention they so deserve. SRC/F is desperate for new foster homes. Some of the dogs have never felt a loving hand - some

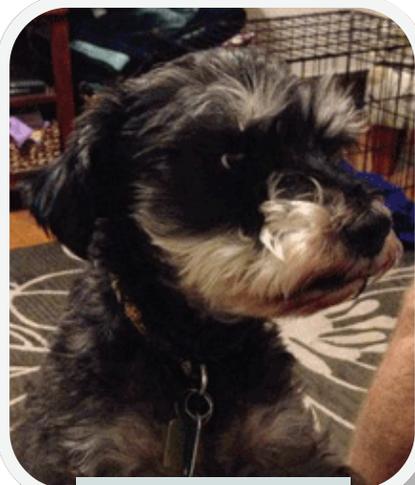
have never eaten good food - some of them have never had a warm place to sleep. But when they get to SRC/F members, that all changes. All the vetting is paid for by the rescue; as well as the monthly heartworm and flea preventative. All you have to do is provide a little food and a lot of love. The dogs will reward you 100 times over. I know a lot of you will say it's so hard to let them go - yes it is! But, when you let one go it makes room for another one that might not have another chance. Please help SRC/F. If you are looking for a New Year's resolution - this is it! Also please consider helping to transport. I spent another three hours on the road today (to Terre Haute and back to Indianapolis, IN) to help three awesome shelter

dogs on their journeys to their rescues/forever homes. Anyone who is close to the I70 East/West corridor; please consider volunteering for any one of the many Over The Road transporters. These animals don't wake up one day and decide to go to the local shelters...they are taken there by people who obviously don't know the definition of a companion pet. The same people mistreat and abandon them - so they end up in shelters. It's very easy. Message me and I will answer any questions you have and walk you through the process.

Editor's note— Nina is a SRC/F foster mom and transports for SRC/F and many OTR transports. She can be contacted via a message on her Facebook page—Nina originally posted this to her Facebook page.

## SRC Medical Fund—giving pups another chance —submitted by Wendy Norris

We wanted to introduce you to some of our recent minis that we have been able to provide a “new leash on life” thanks to our wonderful supporters. Without your generous support, we would not be able to continue our mission of “*No Schnauzer Left Behind*” We have recently had a deluge of minis needing bladder stone surgery.



**Bam Bam**

Bam Bam came to SRC/F as an owner surrender because his owner began ill and could no longer care for him. Bam Bam had a physical and it was discovered he had bladder stones. He had his surgery and has recovered. He is **10 years old, dark gray and cream colored Miniature Schnauzer**. He is really sweet and really does love to cuddle on the couch He is ready to find a furever family to love him.



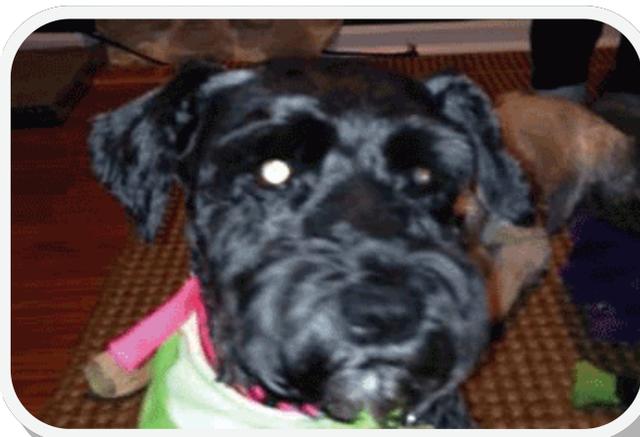
Mystery Pup. We never know what lies ahead when we accept a pup especially with puppy mill survivors. Every pup that comes into SRC/F is spayed or neutered if not already, heartworm tested, receives needed vaccines, dental work if needed and a day at that spa. Every month they get heart worm preventative and flea and tick preventatives. This is what is considered medical routine care.

Cricket came to SRC/F from a puppy mill in Missouri. She came in emaciated, heartworm + and with bad teeth. She has been spayed, had her teeth removed and began her heartworm treatment. She has a very sweet disposition, quite social for a breeder dog, and a strong will to live!!! She will be under treatment for several months.



**Cricket**

Coco came to SRC/F as a home surrender, she is diabetic and her family didn't think they could take good care of her. She is doing pretty well with her testing and shots. She takes it like a trouper! She will have a dental and some cysts removed once her diabetes is regulated.



**Coco**

SRC takes many schnauzer and schnauzer mixes that shelters and other rescues will not. SRC does not shy away from the difficult cases: older dogs, sick dogs or dogs with behavioral issues. Many of our pups would not be alive today if SRC had not recued them.

With the philosophy of :

**“No Schnauzer Left Behind”** comes extensive veterinary bills, prescription expenses and in other cases training fees. Some of our pups may never be adopted and will remain in the loving care of their foster families and for them this is their furever home.

If you would like to make a donation to our medical fund:

You can do it via paypal at:

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?SchnauzerRescueCinci/2b8856dbf0/TEST/def4bfe7ac>

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## Adoption of Two Great Babies—submitted by Marty Eisert

Our journey started around Christmas 2012. We had spent our first two holidays by ourselves. Being the parents of 6 adult children and 8 grandchildren, it wasn't an event we ever thought would materialize. My third oldest had made a passing comment about getting a dog...which hit home quickly. I started my conversations with her, as her step mother-in-law raised miniature schnauzers. She had a liver colored dog that she was willing to surrender, but all had to be on her terms. What we thought was going to be a month turned into two months and then a comment about the dog being taken to be fixed and found to have heartworms. Inasmuch as we wanted to believe her, it was difficult, as each day seemed to drag things further and further. We had asked for pictures of this little one, but none ever came. Close to devastated and patience wearing thin, our daughter, off the cuff, suggested adopting a rescue dog. It seemed like a logical suggestion, so then I spent all my free time staring at all the ones available within a 500 mile distance from our home in Harborcreek, PA. I had looked, picked ones I thought



Scrappy and Gracie adoption day

were adorable, and submitted adoption papers for one with SRC, but my daughter would come back with, Are you sure? Think about the possible upheaval they could be bringing with them especially when they were surrendered from a puppy mill. She made me see

that owner surrender was the most logical...so I searched for ones that fit this ticket. Some were available, but the organization wouldn't let the dogs go out of their state. Some got adopted before we were able to make contact with the rescue about the dog(s), and I'll clue you, I was at times relentless at asking questions. Pat Miller was an angel, and extremely patient with me. Through all I had read, many of the rescues needed companionship as they had become used to being part of a pack. I researched a little more, even talking to my one daughters and found that if I was hoping to have a good experience, I had to think outside of what I really wanted and think of the babies we were looking to take and bring into our home. In my scouring of Petfinder, I spotted Scrappy, and Pat had sent Debbi Payne my email address and phone number. We spoke and she affirmed the fact that I should be thinking about a companion for Scrappy. I knew to get another male, we ran the risk of issues with territorial issues. Then we spotted Calie (who is now Susie). She was with Amy Figgins. Those eyes of hers just pulled you in, had to work to adopt her too. Amy and I talked, but just when I thought we had this beauty of a dog, I found that another family had their application in since last November and had several dogs adopted out from under them.

After not being able to adopt the first dog we thought we wanted, I completely understood and said they by all means had the rights to Calie. Not a day had passed when Amy called to tell me that a new dog had just come into the rescue and seemed to fit what she thought would be a good fit for us. We got a picture the next morning...and there was Chelsea (now Gracie). Just as beautiful as Calie, I told Amy that Calie was there so that we would be drawn to have the contact with Amy, as Gracie was on her way to us, but wasn't quite there yet. Part of our destiny... All contact with both foster moms was fantastic. They were supportive, suggestive and gave good guidance. We drove to Columbus and met with Amy at a Motel 6 the first weekend in March 2013. Gracie seemed more than willing to be with us, so all worked well. I was then even more ready to make the trek over to Cambridge to pick up Scrappy. Another great experience that just left us full of hope that the rest of our journey was going to hold as much promise as that morning held.

It's been a little over a month and a half since they came into our lives. We have had NO issues or problems with either of them. Any time they get a little testy with each other, we tell them that they need to be tolerant of your sister/brother, and that patience was something they were going to have to learn. Each day we're greeted with enthusiasm and love. All gives a long day at work a light at the end of the tunnel. They're protective when our kids come to visit, but not one person is bitten. We get this look that seems to ask if the intruders are permitted. Grace seems to be everyone's friend, so Scrappy feels he needs to be the protective one. Once we tell him it's ok, we get a 15 minute grumble session, but he works to interact with our guests (family or friend) and things go well.

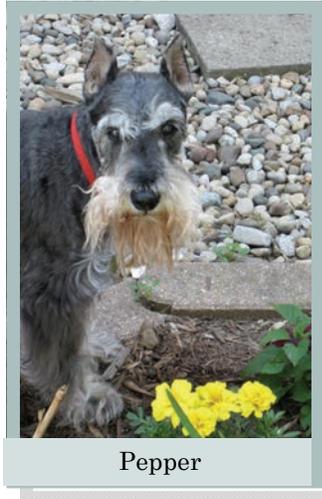
I have been told that our journey isn't the norm, but it's hard to believe we've been so blessed. Each day brings its sunshine and we love all the gifts we've been given. Hope others have the ability to allow all these good things come into their lives too.



Scrappy and Gracie now.

## What Pepper taught me — submitted by Dione Amirkhan

I wanted to let you know that Pepper lost his 14 month fight against cancer. He was struggling and I made the decision to not let him suffer any longer. I will share my thoughts about him with you because it is a tribute to what a wonderful soul he was and how fortunate I was to have him. I wrote it about a week before I lost him. Thank you to all who supported us through his fight. The outpouring of kindness we have been shown this year is overwhelming. In addition, Thank you to everyone here who volunteers for SRC/F in any capacity. It is because of these actions that Pepper found his way home in the first place.



Pepper

What Pepper taught me. The older I get the more I realize that each of us will face bad things in life, they are inevitable, but how we choose to respond to them and what we take from those trials is optional. I am reminded of this today as I look at my little old dog. Pepper is dying and his time here is short. It is measured in days or weeks now. I can focus on the sadness and grief of what will come or I can choose to learn from our journey together and be thankful. I choose the latter.

You see, I am a better person because he came to stay. Pepper was 10 1/2 when he arrived. He was

already an old dog who had been turned into a pound and was abandoned. He was taken in by the rescue people and stayed at several foster homes before coming here.

The family and life he had known was gone and his life was in turmoil. For the first few months he was here, he acted sad, we were strangers. Once he realized that he was truly home and that he wouldn't be passed around any longer, Pepper decided to open up and love us. He became the dog I have today. I relay this story because there was a valuable lesson in it.

He lost everything he had known and loved, his circumstances changed, and he had no choice in them. Yes, he is a dog, but this happens to many of us. Pepper grieved but he didn't become bitter or cynical. He adapted and because of that, ultimately his life became better than what it was before. There is value in second chances. That was the first lesson he taught me.

Before anyone gets the idea that I am glorifying our experience together, I will share one of the most trying aspects of the old dog. Food time. Pepper has zero patience. When it is time to eat Pepper walks over, looks at you and starts the 'Get it NOW!' bark. No amount of ignoring, correcting, or screaming at him will stop it. In five

years, I was taught that complying to his request was easiest. Lesson 2 learned: if you want something, ask for it and don't give up until you get it. Determination pays off.

The last and most important of lessons have been taught through his illness. You see, everyday I have watched him overcome obstacles. I watch him fight through bad days with dignity and determination. I watch him struggle to sometimes even breathe. I found myself often wondering why he hasn't given up and simply drifted off, as it would be easier on him. The answer for me is simply in love and the value of time. His most basic desire is to be with those he loves and to live. Lesson number 3 learned. The value of time we have on this planet becomes magnified when you know it is growing short. One realizes, quickly, that simply being with those you love takes priority over everything else. The common worries of life lose their importance. Moments together become the memories you keep.

I am fortunate that I was able to learn this through his life and not my own. It is a gift of perspective that a little old dog has given me. For that I choose to be ever appreciative and thankful. He will leave us and we will grieve but he has left behind a legacy of lessons. We are better people because he was here. I hope to accomplish as much.

Editor's note: Dione volunteers for SRC/F and pulls and transports from high kill shelters near Louisville, KY

## Volunteer Opportunities and Upcoming Events

- My Furry Valentine Cincinnati, Ohio - February 15th and 16th 2014 - Kathi Kelly—kellykathi@hotmail.com,
- Pet AFair - Cincinnati, Ohio -April 26th, rain date 27th 2014
- Northern Indiana Pet Expo - Fort Wayne, IN May 3 & 4, 2014 Kathy Lewellyn—kathy.lewellyn@yahoo.com
- Barkaritaville, Reynoldsburg, Ohio - September 20, 2014

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED AT THESE EVENTS  
WE ALWAYS NEED FOSTER FAMILIES AND TRANSPORTERS.**

## 2013 SRC Furbabies "Off Leash" — compiled by Wendy Norris

In memory of all the fur kids (SRC adopted, fosters and those of members, friends and family) that have passed in the 2013 as we say good-bye to pets who no longer grace the earth, though their memories will always soothe our hearts. Fur babies "Off Leash"

Tate, Smudge, Jake, Otto, Misty, Micah, Skip, Aidan, KC, Macy, Marco, Posey, Baxter, and Hannah, Ladybug, Dixie Lee, Rudi, Sadie, Elvis, Zeppelin, Shelby, Dawson, Heidi, Flutter Bug, Coca, Anna, Blake Fiona, Lucas, Zeke, Daisy, Linus, Pepper, Buddy, Toby, Lexie, Homer, Tate, Roxie, Skylar and Zach.

All SRC/F pups will be included in the Rainbow Bridge on the SRC/F website if a picture is supplied and on the memorial page of the SRC/F Calendar. Please send information to SRCnewsletter@yahoo.com

## SRC/F Furbabies Adoptions - compiled by Wendy Norris

April — Sebastian, Abbey, Phantom, Calvin, Austin, Schroeder, Ozzie, Riley, Charlie, Nika

May — Elsie, Haley, Bonnie, Shade, Misty, Aldo/Emmie, Parker, Eddie, Butterfly

June — Rosie, Bailey, Maximillian, Finn, Lulu, Pedro, Luna, Oreo, Macaville

July — Desi, Timmie, Wallie, Ellie Mae, Lucy, Binky, Sweet, Pea, Neeko, Rocky/Ricky, Benson, Biscuit, Elliot, Maisley, Newton, Morgan, Maxwell Smart, Wrigley

Aug — Abigail Ann, Rascal, Laney, Winston, Baxter, Maddie Mae, Marley, Harper, Dana, Lenya, Zoey, Cloe

September — Gizmo Boy, Reba, Arthur, Athena/FeBe, Kirby, Logan, Maggie, Chrissy, Hannah, Max

October — Missy, Stormy, Mindee, Jasper, Alfie, Scotty, Lexie, Sugar Baby, Zeke, Ike, Honey

We love to hear from our pups in their new homes - please send pictures and updates to srcnewsletter@yahoo.com All adoption pictures are included on Happy Tails on the SRC/F website and in the adoption collage on the SRC calendar.

April thru October      Intakes -80      Adoptions - 78      currently in foster -68 as of 10/31/2013



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# ASK JACK !!!!



**H**i my name is Jack and I live with a houseful of girls – Ruby and Kelly in Hanover, PA. I am writing an advice column for the New SRC Newsletter. You can submit your questions to [ask-jack.src@gmail.com](mailto:ask-jack.src@gmail.com)

**Dear Jack,**

Wow, I am so thankful to be in a fur-ever home this holiday season. There is so many new things that I have never experienced. I am told there will be parties and holiday meals—not sure what exactly that means. So any advice for my parents to help me with the Holidays is appreciated.

**Former Puppy Mill Gal**

**Dear Former Puppy Mill Gal,**

Congrats on your new home. Wow isn't it great to have two legged people to call your own. Holidays are fun but also dangerous. The Holiday parties can be overwhelming for any pup and especially a puppy mill pup. So hopefully you have a quiet place, a crate or a bedroom, to retreat to during the party events. Maybe you can come out and visit after everyone arrives and there isn't so much chaos. With people arriving and the doors opening often there is the risk of you slipping out and that would be very scary. It is better you are safe away from the door.

At holiday parties there is so much food and drinks. While that may sound like fun, some party food can be dangerous for a pup. People forget and set their

plates and cups in easy reach of you. This is a lot of temptation for a pup.

Below is a list of deadly foods. Love, Jack

## 8 DEADLY FOODS FOR PETS

	Toxin	Amount	Symptoms
Alcohol	Ethanol	Even in small doses	Drunken behavior, trouble breathing, cardiac arrest
Avocado	Persin	Moderate to Significant	Diarrhea, vomiting, or constipation
Cocoa	Theobromine, Theophylline	6-9oz milk chocolate for 20lb dog, <6oz of dark	Vomiting, seizures, trouble breathing, arrhythmia
Coffee	Caffeine	150 mg per kg of body weight	Restlessness, vomiting, tremors, arrhythmia, seizures
Grapes	Specific Toxin Unknown	19g per kg of body weight	Vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, kidney failure
Gum	Xylitol	Any exposure	Vomiting, lethargy, tremors, seizures, liver failure
Macadamia	Specific Toxin Unknown	As little as 6 nuts	Tremors, paralysis, vomiting, weakness
Dough	Yeast	Even small amounts	Gassiness, distended abdomen, vomiting, loss of coordination

**Wagwell**

## Book of the Quarter

### *ATTICUS: FORTY-EIGHT HIGH PEAKS, ONE LITTLE DOG, AND AN EXTRAORDINARY FRIENDSHIP*

by Tom Ryan

This book captures the essence of who saved who – Tom Ryan a newspaper in a Newburyport, MA. was struggling with his life

Tom Ryan had a gotten an email about a older Miniature Schnauzer – “Can anyone give Max, an older Miniature Schnauzer, a home? If we can’t find him a place, he may be dropped off at the pound, where, because of his age, he most likely won’t be adopted and he will be put down.”

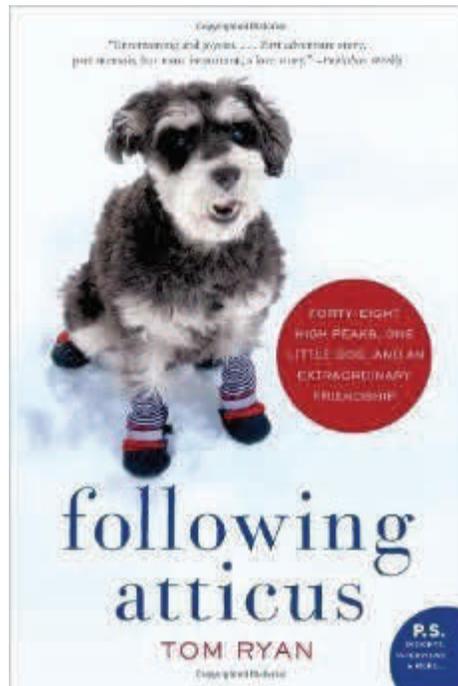
Ryan offers to run a free ad and it turns out Ryan adopts the Max. The two of them, Ryan and Max bond very quickly and Ryan takes the dog everywhere with him including meetings and assignments.

Max suddenly dies. Within a short time, Ryan gets a puppy Miniature Schnauzer he names Atticus Maxwell Finch. The book details how the two bond from the beginning. Ryan then takes readers into his decision making process to climb all 48 peaks of the New Hampshire mountains and his decision to take Atticus with him.

The book is very touching, especially for those who have dog they think is special and have had a special life with a dog.

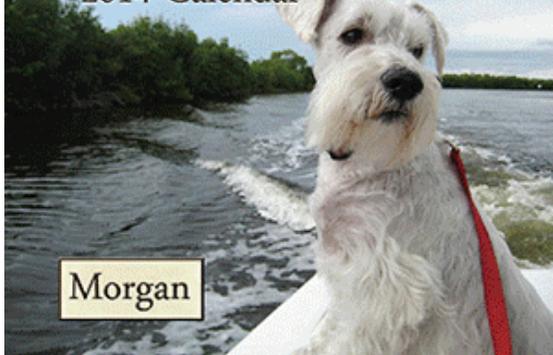
Since the book has been written Tom has sold the newspaper and adopted another older Miniature Schnauzer – named Will whose life has been transformed. Atticus is currently undergoing chemo for cancer for of his foot. You can follow Atticus and Tom on their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/FollowingAtticusBook> and blog <http://www.tomandatticus.blogspot.com/>

The book is available in hardback, paperback and e readers on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. If you are interested in a personally autographed book for holiday gifts contact [White Birch Books](#) at 603-356-3200, they be shipped around the country.



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## Note from the Editor



Ruby

Happy Holidays from my house to yours. We have so much to be thankful for this year. Unfortunately my house has been experiencing computer issues and this edition was to be sent prior to Thanksgiving. I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday.

Wow so much has happened since the spring edition. We had the calendar contest with 258 entries, overwhelming but a fun challenge. I did manage to get a picture of every pup that was submitted into the calendar. The Calendar Sale and of course Barkaritaville 2013 and all the planning and activities leading up to the actual event. All these activities preempted a Summer Newsletter Edition.

Boy has it been raining Schnauzers everywhere, we have had lots of puppy mill boys and girls surrendered as well as strays and owner surrenders. **We really need foster families** – or SRC/F will need to turn away pups. While we have the ARK as a temporary landing spot for pups. SRC/F pays for the kennel space and it adds up quickly. With the help of Martha's Mutt Movers SRC/F transported 4 Schnauzers – Biscuit, Laney, Wrigley

and Rascal to Florida during the summer to help decrease our numbers in the ARK, and all of them have been adopted. Hurray!!! We have transported with the help of our volunteer drivers several Schnauzers from Missouri, Northern Ohio, and West Virginia, We can not do this without all our volunteers.

**If you have considered fostering, now is the time to volunteer. If you are considering expanding your 4 legged family, please adopt we have many wonderful pups looking for the forever home.**

Happy Holidays to all.

Wendy, Jim, Jack, Ruby, and Kelly

## 2013 Adoptions for the year 150

Adopters came from all over Ohio, as well as Alabama, Bermuda, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia