

# Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati

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### Moxie has Moxie

Five year old, Moxie, arrived at SRC looking cute as all, but underlying was her out of control diabetes. Because of this, she has developed cataracts in both eyes. She is on a prescription diet and is on her way to getting her diabetes under control. Unfortunately, none of this treatment would help her cataracts. This process is stressful and takes time. Little Moxie has moxie and has been pretty cooperative – except for those shots; she is not a fan. :(

This courageous girl needs costly vet care. Regular testing, eye drops, monthly insulin and supplies, and prescription food are necessary for controlling this disease. SRC is committed to ensuring that Moxie gets the medical care she needs while in foster care. Part of that care is to make sure she has the best chance at a normal life of a 5 year old dog! Moxie will undergo testing in a few weeks to determine if she is a good candidate for cataract removal

surgery. The testing, surgery, and after care are expensive. We need your help to raise funds for Moxie's care. Please consider donating; any amount will help!

Donations can be made via PayPal to:

donate2src@gmail.com

Monetary Donations are appreciated & can be sent to:

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#### No Schnauzer Left Behind





Newsletter Editors: Lexus and Moe (joined fur-ever home in 2017)

Lexus and Moe cannot wait for Spring to come. Until then, they circled around and made nice couch beds.

#### Who We Are

We are active in: OH, KY, IN, MO and MI. We are always welcoming volunteers & foster homes.

Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati is an Ohio based 501c(3) non-profit organization group established in November 2004 by Pat Miller. We are dedicated to saving the lives of Miniature Schnauzers and Schnauzer mixes.

Please consider <u>submitting a</u> <u>request</u> to foster and join us. You can also reach us by at (513) 399-6477 or <u>srcadoption@gmail.com</u>.

Our mission statement is: No Schnauzer Left Behind



## Ring Around the What?

Q: Ever wonder why your dog walks in a circle before settling in? How does walking around on the carpet or in their bed really help? For what are they looking?

A: It is a comfort thing! It is rooted in a primitive instinct from when dogs were lying outside. In the wild, dogs would lie down in snow, dirt, grass, or underbrush. To pat it down, make it more comfortable, and to scare off snakes, bugs, etc., the act of walking around and pressing on it helped. Now, you may also see your dog tussle a blanket or pillows, it stems from this instinct.

We all like to be comfortable, right!?



Morty is comfy on a pillow and available for adoption on our site.

## **Sweeping Conversations**

You have some spare time, so what do you do? Clean, of course. And when you start vacuuming, your best bud starts barking at you. For some dogs, it is a game. For others, they see the noisy, vibrating robot as a threat. If your pup is scared or aggressive towards it, you can implement some counter-conditioning. First, bring the vacuum out and give him a treat so he starts to associate it with positive feelings. Then, coax him closer and closer, giving rewards along the way. Work this into short sessions over time and always respond to your dog's non-verbal cues. If he is too scared to take a treat next to the vacuum, move back a bit and revisit this again later. Eventually, he will ignore it and let you clean in peace.



What about when you were asking him why he was barking; did he tilt his head? And if so, why do dogs sometimes tilt their heads when listening? Is it because we think it is adorable when they look like little humans? It could be because floppy ears mask sound and he really does want to hear the sounds you are making in case something is familiar. It also could be to get a better look at you. Think about it, dogs with longer muzzles can have obscured vision, tilting their head gives them a better look at their favorite person. Lastly, it could be a learned behavior because it is so darn cute and he gets rewarded with "Ahhhs" and attention.

# Did you know:

- A dog tested a weak positive for the Coronavirus. This means the dog contracted a low level of the virus from the owner. However, experts say it is highly unlikely to transmit it from a dog. Read more.

## **Doctor Doggie**

Dogs have wet noses because it helps to absorb scent chemicals. They also have something called neophilia, which means they are attracted to new and interesting odors. And these super sniffers help detect illnesses in humans.

Dogs can be trained to detect cancer and other diseases in humans. Cancerous cells release different metabolic waste products than healthy cells in the human body. Dogs may even be able to sniff out cancer cells simply through smelling someone's breath.



Frankie and Alma are available.