



Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati and Florida's

No Schnauzer Left Behind

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SRC State of the Union

As SRC celebrates their 5th Anniversary we would like to thank two members that have taken on new duties in the rescue.

Amy Meyer is the new Fundraising Coordinator. She has done a wonderful job with several events to date under her belt.

Trish Fletcher is the new Transport Coordinator. She is doing a great job moving all the fur kids. If you can help with transport, or even just one leg, please contact her at trishfletcher_195@hotmail.com.

It's Raining Cats and Dogs...

Foster Coordinator – Jody Porter

Well, at least dogs!! If you are reading this newsletter that means that you have either adopted from SRC or have supported us with donations and we gratefully thank each and every one of you for supporting us in what we do.

For those of you that have adopted from us, you know firsthand how much companionship and love that these little guys and girls can give. We are receiving so many dogs lately that we have nowhere to put them, and we have to deny many schnauzers the possibility of getting a forever home. We currently have over 70 dogs in rescue, with more waiting for spots to come in.

I am pleading (O.K., begging) to please consider opening up your home to a foster dog. If each person could just take on one foster for SRC, we could help so many more dogs find their forever family. Please consider this, if someone had not stepped forward to foster your adopted dog, where would that dog be now?

We are desperate to find foster homes for these babies. There is no expense incurred to the foster family, except for food. Many people say that they cannot foster due to the fact that it is so difficult to give them up when the time comes that they are adopted. That is absolutely true, but to put it into perspective, you are giving that little dog a chance to live out the remainder of their life in a happy home, something most of our rescues have never known. Yes, it does hurt for a while, but keep in mind that there is another one coming in right behind them that will need the same care and love.

Each and every one of these special babies deserves a chance for a wonderful life. Won't you please help us out?

Please contact Jody at ferrarichick31@yahoo.com or Pat Miller at pmiller0000@aim.com if you can help.



SRC is having a Virtual Fundraiser!

You can get some great food and gifts for you and your family while helping Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati raise money for their medical fund.

To shop, just click on the link below. This is an ongoing fundraiser, and allows our supporters to purchase items all year long.



Please visit Joe Corbi's website at:

<http://www.joecorbidirect.com/store/index.php?orderok=1&cusId=OL30SCHRC&sellerId=241775>

Our organization ID is OL30SCHRC and our code is 241775.

Bunny and Zedd highly recommend the dog cookies! They come frozen in a tub and you just defrost what want and bake them fresh. An extra special treat for your extra special fur kids.

A Few Words from Tucker...



Hello folks, my name is Tucker and this is my little girl Georgia. I live with Georgia and her mom and dad but as you can tell, Georgia and I are best friends. Georgia is even going to take me to college with her. But I just have to tell you, I almost didn't make it here.

Without SRC and the Foster Home Program, I would not have had a chance. You see, my mom was Lexi and if SRC had not gotten mom out of the kennel and into a foster home, I would be dead today. All it takes is lots of love, yea, some time too. But without them, kids like me would not be around for little girls like my Georgia. Won't you please open your home and invite just one Schnauzer to come live with you until they are adopted?

I promise you that you will get lots of love in return and tons of doggy kiss'

Paws up and dancing around,

Tucker

Paws and Tails – Dog Lessons from Angel Sontag

As written by Deanna Sontag



My name is Angel and I am a 6 month old Schnauzer puppy. I am missing my right foot due to an amputation caused by infection from a Dew Claw removal. Now, I know this sounds very sad because people sort of see life from a negative point of view. I guess the great human writer, Erma Bombeck, put it best when she wrote if life is a bowl of Cherries, what am I doing in the pits? We Canines aspire more to the "Don't worry, be happy" philosophy. You know the whole Cesar Milan thing that Dogs live in the now and move on, well that is true. First, I would like to tell you about my Family and then list all the reasons Life is like a bowl of Cherries.

I have 2 big brothers and a Mommy and Daddy. I think my brothers probably like me O.K. but they let me know when I am being annoying but so far they have decided to let me live. Bandit is my biggest big brother and he is the enforcer in the Family. He is very controlling and likes to make sure everyone is doing what they are suppose to be doing. He sees himself as the Great Equalizer, a little bit like Sheriff Matt Dillon of the Dog world. Riley is my smallest big brother and he worries a lot and is a little bit paranoid but his passive aggressive tendencies usually make things work out for him pretty well. He would be like the Woody Allen of the dog world. He is a puppy mill dog, need I say more. Mommy and Daddy are great but they haven't decided on an appropriate name for me yet. So far I think they have it narrowed down to Menace, Varmint, Pissy Butt or Piranha Dog. Sometimes, but not often, I am good boy.

I want to get back to why Life is like a bowl of Cherries. These are reasons why life is good.

1. Going to McDonald's - I like going to McDonald's because I can compare the different dogs, the cars they are riding in and their owners. I like to rate myself in comparison to the other McDonald's diners. I usually consider myself to be the best until the other day when we pulled in to the parking lot. The German Shepherd was sitting on top of the tool box in the back of the pick up truck. Mommy must have been impressed to because she let out a low whistle when his owner came out. I do have a few issues with McDonald's. Mommy seems to be a lot more concerned with my cholesterol levels than she is with her own and why does the box want to know if you want to super size it, just go ahead and do it.

2. Football Sunday during Bengals season. - Friends, family, my cousin Sugar, excited adults and the occasional food mishap, which results in me getting a piece of cake or a Frito. Bandit thinks he is Cedric Benson and Riley would be Chad Ochocinco. I, of course, would be the great Carson Palmer, after all we both have the leg problem that we don't see as a problem. I am so thankful I didn't get adopted to Pittsburgh Steeler people, and that is all I can say because Mommy says if you can't say something nice then don't say anything at all.

I could go on and on with my list but this is getting pretty long. If you like this maybe I could do a continuation. The biggest reason life is like a bowl of Cherries.

3. Dog World - As a dog we relish life and find joy in most everything. We don't harbor regrets or feel sorry for ourselves. We go through our days with a good nature and seeing the best in situations. I am a happy little dog and I can run with the big dogs so what more could I ask for.

Wishing you a great day

My brothers - Bandit on the right and Riley on the left



Paws and Tails – Lexi

As written by Jeanne Bonds



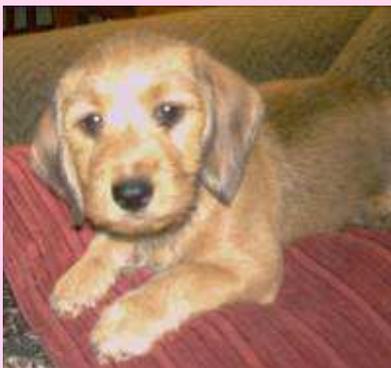
Lexi joined the Bonds family September 26. She is a wonderful little girl who was quickly "taken with" her new, older brother, Kaiser Wilhelm (aka Willie) who was adopted three years ago by Bob and Jeanne, when his human parents passed away. Willie was adopted on the exact same date as Lexi, three years prior!

Lexi is the perfect addition for Willie. She immediately attached herself to him and we thought about changing her name to "Velcro" because for the first week she actually would lie on top of Willie. They play well together and are best friends and Willie, at 10 ½, feels like a puppy again, after losing his two girls in 2007 and 2009. Lexi is our third girl and sixth schnauzer!

We are so grateful to the rescue for bringing Lexi in from a terrible shelter. When Willie's parents passed, he was taken to a shelter and was very much traumatized by the experience. Lexi is finally able to be a puppy herself, after having puppies much too soon. We knew she would miss them at first so we made socks into "sock puppies" something we learned from a previous female we rescued from a mill. These "puppies" comforted her for several weeks and she has adapted well. Though she has some fear biting tendencies, as does, Willie, with proper training, she has had no issues. She is house trained and very responsible though she does like to grab slippers occasionally. We work with her regularly to make sure she is calm and stable when visitors come over. With a lot of exercise, socializing with many people, we know she will soon overcome this tendency and has already done very well. In two weeks, she will be traveling on a little vacation to the Westin in Atlanta where she will experience a "heavenly dog bed" and a hotel stay. All of our schnauzers love this and we are sure Lexi will as well!



We love Lexi and are so glad we have the perfect addition to our family. Willie is very grateful for this young girl who loves to play with him, jump over him and lay on top of him. As members of the NC Schnauzer Rescue we are very much advocates for rescue. Thank you rescue members and thank you to Trish for taking in Lexi, helping her deliver her pups, and finding them all homes.



Lexi's puppy Tucker

Lexi's Story

As written by her foster Mom, Trish Fletcher

Hi, my name is Trish Fletcher and I live in Georgetown, Ohio. Last year, after a painful divorce, I decided to make a difference in my new life. As I owned, from birth, two miniature Schnauzers, whom were aging, I decided to become a foster parent to Miniature Schnauzers. Being very naïve to the world of puppy mills and throw away dogs, I thought, yea, I can do 2 or 3 easy.

Well let me tell you, this has been the most awesome adventure for me. I have learned so much and met so many fur kids with the most amazing stories. There was little Tobias who was a puppy mill dad who acted like a tiny little pup when I got him. His mouth had been kicked in and he had a horrible overbite. The little poodle who we helped travel to Florida with her body distorted and her feet splayed because she had lived in a little crate all of her life. Each one of them left me and took a piece of my heart and I will never forget them. But one of those stories is Lexi.



Lexi's before picture...

Last July a wonderful angel, Jane, contacted our rescue about a Mini Schnauzer who was in serious trouble. Her name then was Lexus. Jane told us that Lexus was aggressive and in danger of being put down because she attacked and bit humans. Pat, our leader, called the shelter and was told that they didn't think they would let her be rescued because of these issues. Besides that, they continued, she is old so why bother. But our leader talked them into it. The more I heard about her, the more interested I became. Me, I watch Dog Whisperer faithfully and am so convinced that there are no bad dogs. So, I volunteered to try out my theory.

I became driven and wanted her now. I was drawn to her. I feared for her and didn't trust that they wouldn't kill her. I searched the emails and found

where Jane worked and called her there. She said that as it was approaching the July 4th weekend that the shelter would be closed. She gave me their number and I called them to discover that I couldn't get there in time for their business hours. Surely, I said, you have to feed and water on Saturday could we get her then? So it was arranged, Lexus was ours. Jane offered to get her on Saturday and by the way, her son would be in Lexington on Saturday evening. Could I meet him to pick up Lexus?

When I arrived in Lexington, Jane's son handed me a very scared dog. She was a fur ball, she smelled and looked like she had just given up on life. To tell you the truth, I was a little afraid too because of the biting. Jane's son (I forget his name, sorry) said that he thought she had just delivered pups as she was very swollen. Pups at 11? Me, I don't know about that type of thing, but ok. I decided that since I picked her up in Lexington that I would change her name a little and call her Lexi.

I took her home and followed the procedure of isolating her and keeping her separate from my pack, in case of worms, etc. She was flea ridden so I bathed her right away and treated the fleas. The next day we went to the groomers and wonders to behold, she was beautiful. Her attitude changed and she acted like a dog again. Woo Hoo!!!! Ok, no biting yet. So the next day we go to the vet. I tell my vet, this dog is 11 and just had pups and BITES. My vet was so gentle with her and loved on her until she settled down for her exam. Still no biting. My vet, with very kind eyes, said, Trish, this dog is only one year old and she has not had her pups YET. But she will, within two weeks. Oh no!!!

So after I composed myself, I let the SRC group know that I was about to be a foster grandma. Oh No. In our group, we have a wonderful angel who specializes in pups and Pat suggested that I get Lexi moved to Iris' home. But not me, I am into the challenge and besides, I felt so attached to Lexi and her issues. I wanted to do this.

Not quite two weeks later I was mowing my yard and stopped for a break. By this time I had prepared the birthing bed for little Lexi and was again, keeping her separate from the other dogs. So, I decided to check on her. Oh Lord, there was a puppy there. Oh No. Well, I had studied up on this and had everything ready, scissors, alcohol, and towels. Lexi didn't need me. As soon as the first pup arrived she jumped up and cleaned him off. Of course I had to help so I picked him up and wiped his eyes and nose. So after she delivered and cleaned each one, she would nudge them towards me so I could wipe their nose and eyes. She let me help. Now we have Tucker, Molly and little Maggie Mae in our lives. Ok, I can do this.

As the days went by Lexi joined my pack and still no bad behavior. Until I had company. Lexi would charge and bite. She broke through clothing and bit, hard. She bit four people that came into my home and I am so blessed that they too understood. After that I had to keep her on a leash when somebody came over. Lexi became my project and my hope for her that now she was a mom, she might someday get to be a baby too. We walked a lot and I applied the techniques I learned, thanks Caesar, walking up to people, stopping to talk, etc. and eventually she quit charging and biting.

One day, Pat sent me an application for Lexi. Oh No. I didn't want to give her up. So I emailed this woman, Jeanne, and grilled her about her life. I told her about the biting and explained that this little girl had issues. She didn't care, she had experience with this type of problem and she wanted Lexi. Oh No.

Jeanne and Bob Bonds live in North Carolina, so ok, why did she want to come all the way to Ohio for my Lexi? Jeanne explained that when she saw Lexis picture on Petfinders that her heart jumped and she felt drawn to her. Sound familiar? Ok, my heart sank; Jeanne and Bob were going to take my Lexi.

On the designated Saturday I met Jeanne so she could take Lexi. Jeanne explained that Bob wasn't able to come with her as their fur kid, Willie, had an injury so Bob stayed home with him. She flew in and rented a car to drive Lexi back. When she approached Lexi, my

little girl didn't want to leave my side. My heart broke. But Jeanne had brought treats for Lexi and kneeled down to talk to her. She whispered love words to her and I knew then that Lexi would be ok. After all she had been through and taking care of the pups, finally, Lexi would be the special one. I hugged her, handed over her leash and drove home, alone, crying the whole time. Jeanne is such a special person that she called me many times to tell me of Lexi's adventures. She helped soothe the hole in my heart. But I still had Tucker, Molly and Maggie. They too were adopted. Tucker went to a wonderful home that has a 5 year old girl to grow up with. Molly and Maggie were adopted by the same family and will live together. This family has two young people to love them forever.

So we have a happy ending for Lexi and her babies. My heart, it will never forget Lexi, Tucker, Molly and Maggie. But I have room there for the next baby that needs me. I think of all the hard work and love displayed to this little family and thank them with all of my heart. They are:

Jane and her son

Pat Miller of SRC

My friends who were bit, Eldon, Tonya, Judy and Dick

My vet, Jenny

Iris, who I called with questions

And Jeanne and Bob Bonds who took Lexi into their home and hearts.



Lexi's puppy Maggie



Lexi's puppy Molly

SRC's Special Kids – Henry



Meet Henry. Henry is a young fellow who is living with his foster mom Jody while he waits for a forever home.

Henry's former owner had fallen on hard times and was unable to care for Henry properly. Henry came to us in need of surgery to have painful bladder stones removed. We were grateful to have a local vet help us by lowering his costs for his surgery and follow up care, bringing his bill down to \$500.

Henry is now well on the road to recovery and once healed will be looking for a forever home to all his own. He will need special food to make sure his bladder stones don't come back in the future.

The Rainbow Bridge

The hardest thing about being a fur parent is when you lose a fur baby



Roger and Mary Greer lost their beloved Lucy, the black and white, blind, diabetic Schnauzer that they adopted from Rescue. She passed quietly on September 14th. She was well and had gone from 9 lbs to 14 lbs and was as active as any blind dog could be. She loved being with the Greer's, they had an acre and she would run it was amazing to see.



On October 14th, Orelle Jackson suddenly lost her beloved Mikey to disease. She adopted Mikey in December of 2007, and he had a very special place in both her heart and her home.



On October 12th, we lost our little foster boy, Rowdie. He was taken in to rescue a few years ago with a number of health problems. He was only about 3 years old. Iris and Pam took such good care of him and he was actually doing a lot better, but his little liver failed and we lost him.



Barkley

On October 18th Gina Sentelik had a house fire that took the lives of her beloved Scrappy and her foster dog Barkley. Both passed away due to smoke inhalation. They will be missed, and we ask for your continued prayers for this tragedy.



Peaches and Pickles

On October 26th, Shirley and Mike Grabill lost their little Peaches. Last February Peaches was adopted by the Grabill's with her sister Pickles, who passed away a few months ago. They both had a wonderful home to live out their senior years and will be sorely missed by their family.



On October 27th we lost our little foster JJ. He had been having seizures for several months and was unable to be regulated, causing his health to deteriorate.



On November 5th Shirley Brewer lost her little girl Eliza that she rescued in August at the young age of 5 1/2. Eliza was a puppy mill girl from Missouri that Shirley fostered.

Eliza was fine until the last week when she stopped eating and her vet said she had kidney disease. She was at the vet's since her diagnosis and continued to go downhill.



Angie Chafin and Maxx

On November 14th the Chafin family helped Maxx to the bridge. I know what a big hole he has left in their lives. Maxx was a very special senior that lived out his final years in comfort and love. Run free at the bridge little man...



On November 22nd we lost little Felix. He will be missed by his foster dad, Doug Viars.

On September 18th Debbi Payne found that Oreo, their rabbit of almost 10 years, passed away sometime during the night. He spent the day before playing all day loose in the yard. When she went out to put him in his house he was sitting almost side by side with Fergie the Rott. It seemed she must have known he was ill. He never stopped eating and had gotten all his favorite treats in the past few months. Rest in Peace little one.

SRC is now on Good Search and Good Shop

Help us raise money for the medical fund every time you surf and shop the web. By using these simple set up directions, you can help us out. Please spread the news to your family and friends!

Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com/default.aspx> ; In the second drop down menu key in Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati; It should come up with our rescue.; Click on that to select SRC ; Then return to the search window under the tabs ; Enter your search item, depress the search button.

You can also download a yahoo toolbar so you don't have to go to Good Search first. If you have any questions, please contact the editor at celticangel@verizon.net.

Dog Jog/Barktoberfest Event a Success for SRC!

**As written by Amy Meyer
SRC Fundraising Coordinator**

For the first time this year, SRC participated in the annual Dog Jog/Barktoberfest event held at Lunken Airfield in Cincinnati. The event was held over two days on October 10th and 11th and benefits local animal organizations. For a small fee, SRC was able to participate by setting up a booth to sell items to benefit our medical fund.

treats to any dog who was allowed to have them and found it was a great way to break the ice and get the owners to do some browsing through all of our wonderful items.

Many thanks to Jody Porter, Shirley Murphy, Gina Sentelik and Chelsea Fournier for helping with the event. It would not have been the success it was without their assistance and salesmanship. And thank you to everyone else who made or donated items for us to sell including Ann Bess-King, Kathy Smith and Michelle Andrews.



It was a cold and damp weekend but a good time was had by all! We met some fabulous people and dogs and really spread the word about SRC. We also had a few of our adoptable fur babies there to generate interest. The dogs were a hit! Our booth sold a variety of items and raised a grand total of \$335.25 for the SRC medical fund. Our hottest selling items were the crate mats handmade by Ann Bess-King. And note to all: Want to get the owner interested in your booth? Bribe their dogs with treats! We handed out free



Photo Gallery

Here are some pictures to make you smile!

Willow and Zinnia in their new home...



Can you find Bogey Chafin hiding in the stuffies?



There he is...





Pause for Paws Drive

Take a moment out of your busy day to Pause for Paws and donate your used or new dog related items to dogs in need.



Every day Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati saves dogs that have nothing, not even food.

Many come into our rescue starved both physically and emotionally as well as being in dire need of immediate medical care.

Whether it is a donation of used or new dog related items or dog food, it will make a difference to a life in need.

All of these dogs have had no voice to the painful suffering they have endured and deserve a second chance in life.

Give them a fresh start and a chance to become happy again by donating items or sponsoring them. Please contact Amy at: ameyer@dbllaw.com.

You can visit our web site at www.schnauzerrescuecincinnati.org to see our current wish list and to donate directly from Pawz Pet Care Center the items the rescue needs.

Adoptions

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the members of SRC all of these fur kids found their forever homes!



**Since November of 2004
SRC has found forever homes
for 500+ rescues!**

September adoptions:

Crackers
Aiden
Turi
Jake
Bo Brummell
Sammy Jo
Burke
Isaac
Halo
PeeWee
Charley
Madison
Lexi
Max
Dexter

October adoptions:

Skipper
Cosmo
Hope
Myrtle
Layna
Bear
Maury
Jazzy
Tucker
Maggie Mae
Molly K
Cricket
Archie
Princess
Sassy
Molly
Zinnia
Willow

November adoptions:

Ivy
Sawyer
Kermit
Chloe Ann
Lady
Jasper
Sandy
Preston
Brody B
Harley
Charity



Wyatt says all the adoptions that SRC made possible are nothing to sneeze at!

Dogs Available for Adoption

The list of dogs we have in foster and available for adoption changes daily. To get the current list of dogs available, please see our PetFinder page at either:

<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/OH447.html> or <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/FL836.html> and click on "adoptable pet list".



Or go to our new website at:

<http://www.schnauzerrescuecincinnati.org/>

You can help out the minis in foster...



If you can send a donation for the little ones that are still looking for their forever homes, it would be greatly appreciated. We strive to make their stay in a foster home as comfortable as possible. You can help us out by:

Monetary donations can be sent to: Pat Miller 5809 Red Fox Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33884.

Donations of toys, collars, leashes (these can all be new or used – we can clean them up!), bowls, gas cards (any major gas company – this will help with transport of dogs coming in to rescue), dog food, boxed treats, dog beds, soft blankets, and anything else you can think of to make them comfortable can be sent to: Amy Meyer 10940 Elm Circle Aurora, IN 47001. You can email her with questions at ameyer@dbllaw.com.

Stop Puppy Mills

To help end the misery associated with large-scale dog breeding operations known as "puppy mills," The Humane Society of the United States has launched a national telephone tip line and encourages callers to report suspected cruelty or unlawful activities involving such breeding facilities.

The hotline, 1-877-MILL-TIP, is available to anyone with information of a possible crime involving puppy mills – but particularly welcomes information from those with "insider" knowledge, or from law enforcement officials who might be aware of such operations.

Point your browser towards...

On PetFinder in September we broke our previous high record from July. Our new record is 32,156 hits for the month!



Max the Schnauzer is a fun site to visit – check out the "your pictures" section to send in pics of your own fur kids!:

<http://www.max-the-schnauzer.com>

SRC is now on several web sites – check us out at:

http://www.petservicedirectoryonline.com/business_listing/listing.php?id=880

<http://www.pet-services.org/pet-rescues-and-adoptions/>

For a last minute holiday gift – check out *Strays to the Rescue*. The author's website is www.founddogs.com. She has written two other books: *Found Dogs* and *Second Chances*, both books that tell the stories of rescued dogs. She donates ALL proceeds of her book sales to animal shelters.

Dogs Deserve Better is a rescue group that frees and fosters formerly chained dogs. If you know of a chained dog in your area, you can contact one of their local representatives to check it out. You can visit them on the web at:

<http://www.dogsdeservebetter.com/>

Please support our donators...



Pink Puppy Designs donated some adorable collars and leashes to us for fundraising. Check

out their designs at

<http://www.pinkpuppydesigns.com/> and get something stylish for all the special dogs you know!

Attention Members and Friends

Save your old cell phones and used ink cartridges. These can be turned into cash for SRC. Ask your friends, families and coworkers to save them as well. When you have your collection together, contact



Pat Miller at pmiller@aim.com to have a Postage Paid mailer sent to you.