



Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati and Florida's

# No Schnauzer Left Behind

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## Happy Holidays



Sampson joins all of us in SRC/F in wishing you and your families a joyous holiday season and a happy new year.

We want to take this time to thank you for your support during 2010. It is not only our volunteers, but our adopters and supporters that enable us to ensure that "no schnauzer is left behind". Due to your generous support we are able to help the old, sick and otherwise unplaceable minis that would be euthanized in a shelter and find them loving new homes where they are treasured members of the family.

Please keep the sick babies in our care in your thoughts. We are currently treating 3 heartworm positive fosters (Parker in FL, Nathan in PA and Brady in OH) as well as our special baby, Noel, that is being treated for a broken jaw that she has been suffering from before she came to the shelter we pulled her from. Any donations to help for these furkids' care would be welcome and greatly appreciated.

## SRC/F State of the Union

SRC/F wants to congratulate our new board member – thank you to Wayne Warren for volunteering to serve as a board member.

We also would like to welcome Tracy Dudlik as our new Transport Coordinator and Sandy Zack as our Outreach Coordinator. Thank you for volunteering for the duties!



## Smith's Fight Back to Health

By Dione Amirkhan



*He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion." - Unknown*

This quote has always been a favorite of mine and never has it had more relevance to me than these past few weeks.

On November 5th, I was sitting on the couch with both my schnauzers, Smith and Pepper. It was late, so per our normal routine I told the boys it was time to go "Night, Night." I got off the couch, Pepper got off the couch, and Smith looked at me and didn't move. This NEVER happens. I quickly realized that he couldn't stand. I had noticed earlier in the week that he was a little more quiet than usual and had taken him to a vet that I normally only use for vaccinations. I asked that Vet to do blood work on him and he refused saying that he was sure it was just a little bug and prescribed antibiotics. I didn't like that response at the time, but Smith didn't have a fever and didn't seem all that sick so I went along with it against my better judgment. It was four days later and Smith was paralyzed in his back legs.

It was 1 a.m. in the morning when I called my regular Vet's emergency line. They got in touch with her and she immediately told me to meet her at the office, she would be there in fifteen minutes. Initially she thought it may be a spinal problem so she admitted him to the hospital, started IV antibiotics and anti-inflammatory drugs, and did a full panel of blood work. I left Smith in the hospital and went home in tears. The next morning she called with good and bad news. Smith could walk again but his blood platelet levels were extremely low and dropping. This wasn't a spinal problem, he was diagnosed with a disorder called Immune Mediated Thrombocytopenia. She told me we could be facing a dire outcome. I was shocked, Smith

is only 3 and has never been sick a day in his life. Now within a week of acting just a little tired, he was possibly going to die.

That is when my "I will not go down without a fight, a great big fight" attitude kicked in. I realized that my vet has 100 dogs a week with critical conditions and as wonderful as she is, no medical professional can research everything and be current on all information for every illness they see. I figured she couldn't have the time to know everything single thing about IMT, but I did. For 2 days, I researched IMT on the internet. First I learned everything I could about the disease, causes, treatments, and prognosis. Secondly, I found a web forum in the UK for people with dogs that have this disease and contacted them to find out what had worked for them and what hadn't. I started on the FDA website and researched the treatment drugs. Lastly, I also called or emailed everyone I knew that has dog experience looking for an expert on veterinary internal medicine and asking them to say prayers. I got a couple of names of Vets that specialize in internal medicine diseases and many prayers coming his way.

By Tuesday, Smith's platelet levels were critically low and still dropping. He only had a platelet count of 16, normal is between 175 - 500. He was in danger of hemorrhaging to death at any time. I walked into the vet armed with at least 40 pages of information and questions. I have to give my Vet. 100% credit, she was absolutely to that point, doing everything that was suggested to treat IMT, sans one thing. I found new research on drug called Vincristine that historically was only used as a last ditch effort for dogs with this disease. The new studies however showed that giving this drug at the onset was proving to show very positive outcomes. My vet, bless her heart, suffered through my questions and looked at every page of research I handed her. She didn't dismiss me. I explained to her that I fully trusted her and I hesitantly asked her if she would consult with the internal medicine specialist. I know with some doctors, you are walking a fine line with this kind of request. I told her that I truthfully had every confidence in her abilities, but that Smith is my whole world and if I didn't make sure that we covered every possible base that I would never be able to live with myself if the worst happened. I had already called the specialist's office and told my Vet that they had already agreed to speak with her. My vet did not hesitate to agree to the consultation. I told her of the new drug protocol and asked her to speak with the specialist about it.

Several hours later (after office hours, I might add) my veterinarian called me. She had spoken to the internal medicine veterinarian and afterwards had given Smith the Vincristine immediately. I wholeheartedly thanked her and prayed. By 9 am the next morning, my phone was ringing off the hook. It was the animal clinic; I picked it up in a panic thinking for sure that I was

getting bad news because they were calling me so early. It was my Vet on the phone; she called me because she was so excited that Smith's blood work had turned around overnight with the new drug. After five days of dropping, we had an increase and now had a level of 69. Not great, but better than it had been and it got him out of critical range. Five days later, Smith's levels are 394. He is recovering and he is home with me.

I learned from this experience that never again will I wait to see a vet if my dog seems even a little ill, I will not allow a vet to dismiss me and not do blood work, I will try to research everything I can about any condition that my dogs face, and I will not hesitate to ask my veterinarian to consult with specialists. I am so very fortunate and blessed to have a veterinarian who is beyond wonderful and truly has Smith's best interest at heart. She is open to learning, is not egotistic, and goes above and beyond the call of duty to help her patients. I cannot in words, express my gratitude to her for saving Smith's life. I hope that each of you have the same kind of support, but if you don't, do not hesitate to look elsewhere for a better veterinarian. Your dog's life may depend on it.

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## **Please Welcome...Julie Smith and One Dog at a Time Rescue**

**As written by Julie Smith**

Hello! My name is Julie Smith and I am from Warsaw, Indiana. I have co-founded a "mutt" rescue called One Dog at a Time Rescue! We have been very successful in placing some really great dogs that needed homes badly. One of those dogs came from a local high kill animal shelter, his name was Zeke.

I went in to the shelter almost every day at that time, and always stopped by to visit this little gray boy. He was a senior - and had only known the love of a home - but had found himself alone and in a very bad place. He was never happy at the shelter - but I noticed that every day he became a little more withdrawn and quiet.



So today as I look at Smith lying next to me, I reflect again back to that quote. Some people may think it overboard to be that proactive in a dog's healthcare but for what Smith brings to my life, I believe I owe him that.

Finally, one day I walked in and little Zeke had his face to his kennel wall and he would not turn around to look at me - no matter what I did. He just sat looking at the wall and shaking. He had reached his limit - and I had reached mine. I could NOT stand by and let that little guy suffer for the love of a family ANY LONGER. I immediately left the shelter and returned to work with a MISSION! I was going to find someone to take little Zeke!! I went online and began surfing the net for Schnauzer Rescue (don't tell my boss!) - and SRC was the first one I contacted. Within MOMENTS Sandy Zack (from SCR) said WE WILL HELP ZEKE!!!! That still brings tears to my eyes.

So, after a few days we were able to pull Zeke from the shelter and meet a wonderful transport volunteer named Nina who showed precious Zeke the first real schnauzer love he had had in a long time. He went from being the sad, lonely boy at the shelter to a very typical HAPPY Schnauzer when he and Nina met. It was an amazing transformation to watch. Nina and Sandy were WONDERFUL to me. They both kept me updated on Zeke and his adventures right until he was adopted. And then I got an update from the family that adopted him. I love dog people!! What a wonderful, happy moment.

I have been in love with SRC ever since - and when Pat Miller contacted my rescue with the idea of joining forces to help Northern Indiana schnauzers feel the love... well, I can tell you I was THRILLED! I have just pulled my very FIRST schnauzer as an official SRC volunteer. It is a pleasure and an honor to be a part of SRC. I look forward to many, many really happy success stories to share with you!!

# Barkaritaville 2010 a Huge Success!

By Amy Meyer, Fundraising Coordinator

This year's Barkaritaville was held on September 18th at Gil Lynn Park in Dayton, KY. It was the second year for the event and hopefully an annual tradition. The weather cooperated and we had not only a fun day, but a gorgeous one as well. It was also very successful! Thanks to all of those who donated and/or attended, we raised almost \$2700! Much better than anyone really expected and the money will go a long way to help us save dogs in need. It was great to see so many schnauzers in one place and to finally meet other SRC members and adopters. Many of the attendees traveled from out of town to come to the event, which was very impressive and goes to show the dedication of SRC members and adopters.

We were fortunate to have some very generous donors who provided us a wonderful meal. JTM, Pepsi and Frisch's provided the food and drinks; and attendees donated scrumptious baked goods for our bake sale. We had fun contests such as Best Trick and Biggest Schnauzer and had some wonderful demos on canine massage, doggie etiquette and anal gland expression. We also had a large selection of baskets for our raffle and many nice items for sale, as well as a book fair.

While there are so many who helped or donated, I would like to showcase a few:



Pat Miller – without Pat, there would be no SRC. Because of her dedication and hard work, SRC exists.

Michelle Andrews – my right hand person in getting the event planned. She and I spent most of the summer on weekly phone calls working out all the details. I could not have done this without her!

Ann Bess-King and Jody Porter – both these ladies went above and beyond in bringing items to the event and helping in the planning stages via many email messages. They were also great ticket sellers for lunch and our raffles!

To Debbi Payne, Kathy Veder (www.horizoninstitute.net) and Erin Ashley – each of



them put on a great demonstration and we all learned a lot. Thanks also to Debbi and her husband Jim for helping at the event.

Diane and Paul Blankenship - for organizing and running our contests.

Diana Umstead – for being there bright and early and helping us get set up.

Jason Yoder – he and his girlfriend managed the book fair.

Steve and Mendi Gardner – for helping set up and working the raffle table.

Patrick Meyer – my husband, for helping with anything and having the contacts to get us the food donated. Oh yeah, and for putting up with me being stressed out all summer!

Paula Meyer – my sister-in-law, for coming to help and taking charge of the food.

To everyone else - for attending and donating items. The event would not have been such a success without each and every person coming and contributing!!!

We hope next year's Barkaritaville will be even bigger and better! Look for details about the event to come out around spring of 2011. We learned a lot this year and plan to make each year more successful than the last!!



Lots and lots of raffle baskets!

Contests



Ah! The end of the day for SRC Volunteers and friends

## Paws and Tails – Maddie

As written by Kathy Smith

*In Celebration of Our First Year (9/26/2009 - 9/26/2010)*

Our vet said Becca had been living on "borrowed time" for the last 16 months. It would be hard for Spirit to be an only pup for the first time in his life, but I also knew it wouldn't be fair to Becca to bring another dog into our household and cause her more confusion and stress. So we waited.

About a month after we lost Becca, I began looking through SRC's list of foster pups for a new companion for Spirit. Spirit is a "special needs" dog so I knew it would be difficult to find that perfect match for him. I made a list of characteristics to look for, as well as traits to be avoided -- confident (but not dominant or rowdy), younger dog (but not a puppy), and preferably a female. I hoped for a small dog that was healthy enough so we could do some obedience and agility training and competing. Who in their right mind would give up a dog that fit that description?



I watched each notice of a new dog being rescued by SRC and for some reason one little girl's first photo really caught my attention. She was so thin and even after being cleaned up, she looked terribly sad. Obviously she would need the special care and attention of a foster mom or dad before she could be adopted. I discovered Shirley Murphy was fostering the little girl who kept "calling to me."

Shirley told me the pup was just about ready to list so we talked at length and then scheduled an appointment to meet on September 26, 2009.

The second I saw Madison I knew she was perfect. More importantly, when she and Spirit met there was an immediate connection! In a week's time it was as if Madison had been with us her entire life. Soon Spirit was sharing his favorite toys and cherished basket bed with Madison!

About a month later, Madison began her education. She excelled in her first obedience class and tolerated the loving glances of one of her classmates – a Great Dane!

Madison next tried out for her first agility class. Although she was a little cautious, that didn't last long!



Each week of class she became surer of herself. Now it is hard to get her to wait her turn! If interested, you can see Madison's progress in agility on YouTube at "schnauzermom7" where we periodically add new videos.

Soon we entered an agility trial just to see how Madison would do. The beginning level courses are easy but I had no real thoughts of qualifying -- I just wanted to have some fun with my pup. The big distraction was when Madison realized there were people she knew watching -- she just had to go say "Hi" before going on. But she always came back to finish the course. She qualified in her very first run and needs to qualify in one Jumpers course to complete her Level 1 title.

Another of Madison's adventures has been visiting at a couple of the local retirement villages. She especially enjoys visiting Grandma Virginia (I adopted Virginia's Schnauzer Rikki when she moved to her retirement



apartment several years ago and we have become like family). During one of our trips to First Community Village, we were asked to visit a woman who had recently had a stroke. Madison very quietly entered the woman's room, hopped up on her bed, snuggled up next to the woman and allowed her to pet her until it was time to leave. I was so proud of Madison!

Madison continues her agility training, and will graduate from the "Weaves & Teeter" class this week. She is also learning a sport called Rally Obedience, where the dog and handler complete a course made up of about 20 obedience exercises while being scored and timed. So far Madison has competed in Rally once and needs one more qualifying "run" to earn her first Rally title.

In her first year with us, Madison has become so beautiful, healthy and strong! And despite what she went through before SRC found her, Madison is always ready to explore, learn new things (like playing the piano) and meet new people. She certainly lives up to her name -- Madison Avenue's Social Butterfly! What a treasure we found!

## Madison's Big Weekend

As written by Madison and submitted by Kathy Smith

Hi, I want to tell you about my very special weekend. I attended a workshop to practice all the required behaviors for the AKC's Canine Good Citizen exam. Mom says I do very well with everything except the 3 minute separation from her. I really don't like that one because Mom has to leave me with a stranger and leave the building. The exam was this past Saturday. The friendly stranger was very nice and I did okay, with only a couple of "peeps" which they said was OK.

Also, Mom and I have been going to lots of training sessions over the last 6 weeks to prepare for the Dog Scout test on Sunday. (Both tests on the same weekend.) I passed several things during the training sessions, but had to redo my heeling exercise because the first time I had an itchy spot and kept stopping to scratch. Also, I saw an agility tunnel and really wanted to do that instead. All the dogs had to do a "leave it" exercise with a so-called "live" animal. (I already passed the "leave it" exercise using food -- boy, that was really hard, especially when one of the dogs dragged the food across the floor where we had to walk! I don't think he passed.) The woman who was testing us brought a "life-like" mechanical stuffed cat that purred and moved around. It rolled on its back when I came close. The woman said it was around her real cat so it would smell "real." This "cat" was pretty creepy and none of us dogs liked it. I don't think any of us were fooled into thinking it was real. A lot of the dogs refused to go near it. The problem was we had to heel around the cat within a foot or so. I did not want to but decided it was OK because Mom wouldn't ask me to do something that was bad. Once I passed this, I was done with my test. Whew!

Mom had to take an 8 page written exam which took her about 3 weeks to finish. She must have passed it because the woman didn't ask her any questions about it. So I am now an official Dog Scout. Mom and I will begin working on earning badges, especially for things like doing agility (my favorite thing), rally obedience, retirement home visits, playing musical instruments, hiking, etc. And I can learn new things like painting pictures! That sounds like a lot of fun -- and messy! Also, Mom talked with a teacher about starting a reading program in a school close to our home where children read while I sit and listen. This is supposed to help the kids build their confidence and improve their reading skills. Also, when they are done, they can pet me!

So I am now officially a Canine Good Citizen through the American Kennel Club and a certified Dog Scout. Also one very tired pup! Have to go take a nap so I can go to agility school tonight!

Bye, Madison

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## Help Protect Ohio Dogs

As written by Jody Porter

Ohio has no laws preventing dog auctions.

Many concerned citizens firmly believe the auctions serve not reputable breeders but large commercial facilities where dogs are bred to produce as many puppies as possible in conditions ranging from unsanitary to inhumane.

The Coalition to Ban Ohio Dog Auctions is spearheading a new, citizen-backed ballot initiative - The Ohio Dog Auctions Act. The measure (similar in language to Pennsylvania's Statute 459-603) will establish a statute to the Ohio Dog Law making it illegal for anyone to auction or raffle a dog in Ohio. It also would prohibit bringing dogs into the state for sale or trade that were acquired by auction or raffle elsewhere.

Voters across the state are communicating with their fellow citizens and have been gathering a goal of a minimum of 120,700 signatures by December 1, 2010 to place a measure on the November 2011 ballot. Volunteer petitioners are needed to make this initiative a reality in Ohio!!!

We need every one's participation to make this vital effort a success and end this inhumane and cruel practice.

For information on how you can help support our campaign, please visit [www.BanOhioDogAuctions.com](http://www.BanOhioDogAuctions.com)



## Paws and Tails – Marco

As written by Debbi Payne & Kathy Lewellyn

### Debbi's story –



Marco was rescued in Missouri by a rescue in WV. He was at a dog auction. The rescue brought him back to WV with 59 other dogs. Slowly the dogs were placed in foster homes. Marco with his sister Bridgette were constantly rejected as they were wild and could not be easily caught. They were

terrified. Somehow a member of the rescue group found out about me and SRC. She sent me an email about these two and one other. She said their group was not sure the male (soon to become Marco) was "salvageable". I agreed to take them from her.

At the time I didn't have a fenced yard and had to hand-walk everyone. The third schnauzer was doing better and partly leash trained. However, she slipped her collar when they were taking her to be behavior tested on a rural area and ran off into the woods. They tried and tried to find her with no luck. That area is full of coyotes. I was devastated.

About a week later an older couple who lived close to where she was lost saw a skinny stray hanging around their house and put out food. She wouldn't let them catch her, but would eat. One day they caught her. Flyers had been posted and they got her back to the Rescue, OK except for being thinner. I picked up all three dogs and took take Marco and Bridgett to the Ark until someone with a fenced yard could foster them. I took them to my mom's house for the night as she had a fenced back yard and garage they could sleep in. I bathed the two going to the Ark and trimmed their hair a little. They were terrified. Marco had to be cornered to be caught but was never mean just scared. They broke my mom's heart with their fear.

The next day we transported them to the Ark. I kept the third and fostered her about three months until she got adopted to a wonderful home in Kentucky. Shirley ended up taking the two at the Ark and Marco was her

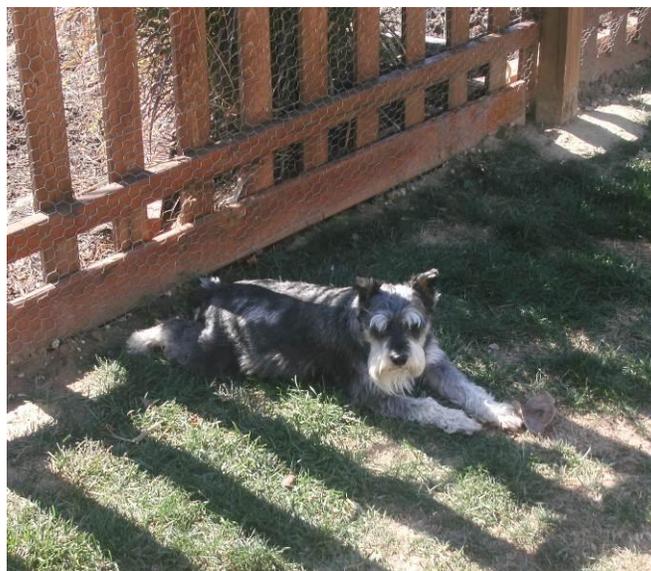
challenge. I think she wondered if he would ever trust people but eventually she made a breakthrough.

### Kathy's story -

I had just gotten the internet and I was trying to go to the website where we had gotten our schnauzer, Shadow. He had passed away a month earlier and we were ready to give one a home. I typed in schnauzer and the rescue site came up. I knew nothing about rescues. So I went to the page where the dogs and their bios were and I found Marco. I looked at the others but I kept going back to Marco. I told my husband that he needed a good home.

So we went through the process and talked at great length with his foster mom, Shirley. She answered all my questions, as I didn't know what a PuppyMill dog was. I just knew that whatever he endured it could be overcome with time, patience and lots of love.

We brought Marco home, he was so scared, I would



just sit with him. Everything made him nervous, he didn't bark for 3 months. I worked with him everyday, I even wondered myself if I was going to be able to help him. But then little breakthrough's would happen.

To see Marco now you would not know he was from a PuppyMill. It's like he is free of his terrible past. The love that we have shown to Marco he has repaid us 100 times over. He has taught me patience. The reward is to see Marco playing like a normal dog, his tail wagging when I come home. He loves to go for walks and his walking buddy is another PuppyMiller, Tyler. Our family is grateful to SRC for giving Marco the opportunity to find his forever home. We most certainly deem him salvageable!!!!

## SRC/F's Featured Kids – Hope



Meet Hope. Hope is one of the many senior dogs that SRC/F currently has in foster care that need forever homes. She is the sweetest little girl, and would love a new home for the holidays.

"Hi Everyone. My name is Hope, and they gave me that name intentionally. I was picked up as a stray in Kentucky and taken to the shelter. I had infections in my little ears and eyes and all over my body. I had walked so very long on the hot, hot streets of Kentucky, that I had blisters on the bottom of my little feet pads. I had lost so much weight my skin was hanging off my bones.

A rescue angel from Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati came and saved me. She took me to a nice vet and I got medicine and I am well on the way to recovering. They say I am 8 years old. I can see very good, but I can't hear too well, because of the bad ear infections. My vet said my hearing may or may not return. But that

doesn't stop me!!! I am such a good girl, I am housetrained and will sleep in my crate, but I prefer my foster mom's big ol' bed. I love to sleep under the covers like I am in a tent. I don't move a muscle all night, as I am so comfy in that big ol' bed.

I am in great shape now and weigh 14 pounds! I bark to let my foster mom know when I need to go out, want fed, or want picked up. All I am asking is to live out the rest of my life with someone that will cuddle me and love me for who I am."

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## Prayer of a Senior Homeless Dog

One by one they pass my cage,  
Too old, too worn, too broken, no way.  
Way past his prime he can't run and play,  
Then they shake their heads slowly and go on their way  
A little old man, arthritic and sore,  
It seems I am not wanted anymore.  
I once had a home, I once had a bed,  
A place that was warm, and where I was fed.  
Now my muzzle is grey, and my eyes slowly fail,  
Who wants a dog so old and so frail?  
My family decided I didn't belong,  
I got in their way, my attitude was wrong.  
Whatever excuse they made in their head  
Can't justify how they left me for dead.  
Now I sit in this cage, where day after day,  
The younger dogs get adopted away.  
When I had almost come to the end of my rope,  
You saw my face and I finally had hope.  
You saw through the grey, and the legs bent with age,  
And felt I still had life beyond the cage.

You took me home, gave me food and a bed.  
And shared your own pillow with my poor tired head.  
We snuggle and play, and you talk to me low,  
You love me so dearly and want me to know.  
I may have lived most of my life with another,  
But you outshine them with a love so much stronger.

I promise to return all the love I can give,  
To You, my dear person, as long as I live.  
I may be with you for a week or for years,  
We will share many smiles, you will no doubt shed tears.  
And when the time comes that God deems I must leave,  
I know you will cry and your heart will grieve.  
And when I arrive at the Bridge, all brand new,  
My thoughts and my heart will still be with you.  
And I will brag to all who will hear,  
Of the person who made my last days so dear.

Author Unknown



## Foster Homes Needed: Can you be a hero to a dog in need?

Foster Coordinator – Jody Porter



SRC/F has a need for foster homes in all states. If you are reading this newsletter that means that you have either adopted from SRC/F or have supported us with donations and we gratefully thank each and every one of you for supporting us in what we do.

I am pleading to please consider opening up your home to a foster dog. If each person could just take

on one foster for SRC/F, 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.**

*The hero dog above is from <http://ihasahotdog.com/>.  
Check their site out for the cutest dogs – and you can  
even get a daily dose emailed to you for something fun  
every day in your inbox!*



## Sammy Update

In August, our little burn survivor Sammy started his new life with Orelle Jackson as Bertie. We wish them many happy years together and are so happy that Sammy found his "happily ever after". He looks so handsome and happy in this new picture!

## New Blogs

Be sure to check out Nikki Moustaki's companion Pepper's blog about his trip on the Queen Mary 2 at [www.pepperinparis.com](http://www.pepperinparis.com)

Hope is a PuppyMill survivor that has a lot to talk about. Read her blog at <http://daysofourdogs.wordpress.com/>

Things I Learned from Mikey  
Written by Maria Bueno in memory of Mikey

## THINGS I LEARNED FROM MIKEY

Always give love, unconditionally with no expectations.  
Be happy with everything and everyone no matter what.

Be gracious under all circumstances. (not easy)

Beg for food, you'll eventually get some.

Live life to the fullest, run even when you hurt, and  
keep smiling all the time.

Climb onto the lap of the one you love, if turned away,  
keep climbing, you'll win eventually, love always does.

Sneak up on the bed, you'll be forgiven.

Learn life's lessons, even when it's difficult  
for you to accept them.

If, after giving love and then giving love some more,  
you are rejected, know when to walk away but  
always be ready to offer it when accepted.

No problems with anyone, ever! (this is difficult for a human)

If, after trying to have no problems you are attacked,  
if you have to defend yourself and attack accordingly,  
go for the throat. (this was scary to watch)

Always eat people food before dog food. (this one  
makes me cry, I wish I had given him  
all the people food he wanted)

Sing loudly and as much as you want even if you have bad pitch.

Never give up the fight unless it's time and then give up; it's OK  
to do so, those that know and love you will understand.

Let someone need you, they need it more than you know,  
even if they don't know it themselves.

Make do with as little as possible, you don't need  
as much as you think you do.

Make people smile, it gives joy to all concerned.

Stick your tongue out whenever you want to,  
it will bring a smile to everyone.

It's OK to have one ear up, one ear down,  
plastic surgery might not be necessary after all.

Pull on your leash as hard as you can, even if it chokes you,  
don't let up.

Even when you catch one bad break after another, keep going.

Let go when it's time and love until the end.....



## The Rainbow Bridge

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



On July 13<sup>th</sup> Orelle Jackson's beloved Cliffy went to the bridge to join Mikey. He was very much loved, and is missed greatly. Orelle posted his final blog for him: <http://caninecliff.blogspot.com/2010/07/final-post.html>



On September 5<sup>th</sup>, SRC/F's little Brody went to the bridge. He is at peace and playing with his friends.



A SRC adoptee, Dusty, lost his battle to cancer in September. Run free at the bridge little man.



On October 12<sup>th</sup>, little Steffi that was reunited with her original family after 12 years passed away. She had a good 2 years with them and her real mom.



On October 19<sup>th</sup>, little Romeo went to the bridge without finding a forever home. He will be waiting at the bridge to pass over with a rescuer. Run free sweet boy.



On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Maddie lost an 11<sup>th</sup> month battle with congestive heart failure. She was a happy little girl who truly loved life. She is remembered fondly by her fur dad, David Holscher.



On November 28<sup>th</sup> Bo T's foster parents Kathy and Dean Lewellyn helped him cross the bridge. God speed little one, run free of pain at the bridge. We miss you.



Little Bailey went to the bridge on October 1<sup>st</sup>. He was a little foster boy that was loved very much and was too sick to ever find a forever home. Rest in peace little man.



On November 11<sup>th</sup>: Kathy and Dean Lewellyn helped their little girl Surebee across the bridge. She was dumped at their groomer's and had been severely abused. When they adopted Marco, she could relate to him and then when she started fostering she bonded with some of their fosters.



On September 7<sup>th</sup> little Snookie was helped across the bridge by her foster mom Joanne Wood-Ellison. She had a number of health issues and her lungs were collapsing.



On December 1<sup>st</sup> SRC/F's little Sophie crossed the bridge. Her health issues had finally gotten the best of her and it was time to let her go and play at the bridge.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> SRC/F's little Max went to the bridge. He had a wonderful life with his foster mom, Iris.



On July 10<sup>th</sup> SRC/F lost little Dinky. He was a 12 year old owner turn in. He was buried with dignity in the Meyers back yard. Rest in peace little man.

On November 27<sup>th</sup> Nina Walter helped her sweet 16 year old boy Winston to the bridge. He had been with Nina since he was 6 weeks old, and is terribly missed. He is now running free at the bridge free of pain and sickness.

On December 10<sup>th</sup> Doug Viar's foster girl Jazmine passed away in her sleep. She was a little diabetic girl that had been with us for a very long time. She never found her forever home, but she was loved very much by Doug, and his mom, when she was still with us.

Go in peace little girl.

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## How do you spell schnauzer?

Thanks to Jody Porter, we now know how!

- S Silly
- C Committed
- H Happy Go Lucky
- N Noble
- A Attitude (as in full of it)
- U Undying Love
- Z Zany
- E Eager to please
- R Rambunctious



# How SRC/F Determines Adoption Fees

By Jody Porter, Foster Coordinator



Lately, especially with today's economy, we have been getting comments about our adoption fees and how we arrive at that figure. "Your fees are higher than if I bought from a breeder". "If you were really concerned about placing these dogs, you would ask a lower fee". "Why are your fees higher than a shelter"??

These questions are relevant and we understand. Let me share with you the answers to these questions.

We are a non-profit, no kill rescue. For over 5 years, we have been committed to the never ending and sometimes overwhelming job of rescuing homeless schnauzers. We do not have a brick and mortar rescue. Each dog is placed into a loving and caring foster home until they can be adopted. Every member of

SRC/Florida is a volunteer who gives their time unselfishly to save the lives of these dogs.

It is very important to remember that our fee includes the spay/neuter, all updated vaccinations, a dental when necessary, and a heartworm and fecal test. Therefore, our fee cannot be compared to that of a breeder or other rescue organizations. As a general rule, our dogs come to the adopter well socialized, partially or fully housetrained, leash trained, and sometimes crate trained. The foster family knows the temperament and behavior of the dog very well, and we try our very best to match the dog to the best forever home. When you purchase from a puppy mill or breeder, there is a lot of expense in those first few years and you know very little about the personality of the dog.

The dollar amount that we charge for our adoption fee does not even come close to covering our vet bills. Many rescues only take in the healthy, young and "easy" dogs. Our motto of "No Schnauzer Left Behind" is just not mere words. We feel that each and every schnauzer is deserving of a forever home. Some of our rescues require expensive heartworm treatments, while some others require extensive surgeries. The veterinary needs of our schnauzers result in thousands of dollars per year, usually above what we charge in adoption fees. To supplement our medical fund, we rely on fundraisers throughout the year and donations from volunteers, friends, family and past adopters.

Yes, you may be able to adopt a dog from a shelter at a lower price because they haven't spent any money on it and because shelters run on tax dollars. But the low fee at a shelter masks the number of dogs put down because they were sick or injured and only needed a little money and time.

We are in a difficult position. Today's economy has impacted people's ability to adopt or donate to our cause. We could lower our fees, but that requires us to be very selective in our rescue efforts. We know that adopting from SRC/F is not for everyone. The caring and loving people that adopt rescues see a bigger picture. It's about saving the life of an animal that may have been euthanized just for space at a shelter or not contributing to the vast pet overpopulation that is currently out of control.

There are many caring and kind people volunteering with SRC/F. We are not in this business to make a profit; we are here for the dogs. We know that you had a choice and we truly appreciate each and every one of our adopters, volunteers and supporters. Please spend a few minutes checking out our website at [www.schnauzerrescuecincinnati.org](http://www.schnauzerrescuecincinnati.org) to learn more about our dogs and our rescue efforts.

And in the meantime, please say a prayer for our rescued schnauzers and the compassionate volunteers who are working diligently to find them loving homes.

## Thanks to our donators...

SRC/F is very appreciative of all of our supporters. Without your donations, we would not be able to help as many dogs as we do.

We would like to thank all of the following people that have donated to our recent events and fundraisers – we couldn't do it without you.

- Maddie's Backyard –shirts, toys and goodies - [www.maddiesbackyard.com](http://www.maddiesbackyard.com)
- Ann Briggs – ties and toys (Winston is modeling his tie)
- Karen Litzinger - Heal Your Heart: Coping with the Loss of a Pet CD - [www.HealFromPetLoss.com](http://www.HealFromPetLoss.com)
- Schaefer Kennels – collars, leashes & ID tags – [www.schaferkennel.com](http://www.schaferkennel.com)
- Angie Chafin
- David Holscher in memory of Maddie
- Pedigree – for a grant to the rescue
- Mary Lynn Wiesman
- Kathy Smith
- Sue Woods
- Greg Fritz
- Ray Ford
- Nikki Moustaki
- US Bones
- PetPails.com
- Debbie Bond
- Merrick
- Monty Likes
- Kathy Lewellyn and her daughter
- Artful Canine – collars and leashes
- The Animal Ark – gift certificate
- Coastal Pet Products – collars, leashes and harnesses
- Ann Bess-King
- Carole's Zig Zag – dog collars and key keepers - [www.czigzag.com](http://www.czigzag.com)
- Cloud Star
- Mendi Gardner
- Sharon Hood
- Tiffany Weidendorf
- Larry Hade, Wayne Fruth, and Joe Sickmiller in memory of Doug Viar's mom
- Debbi Payne
- Sandy Zack
- Dolores Powers



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## Go Green with your very own Schnauzermobile Shopping Bag!



SRC/F is selling Schnauzermobile re-usable shopping bags. They are tan with the purple Schnauzermobile on one side. To get yours contact Amy Meyer at [ameyer@dbllaw.com](mailto:ameyer@dbllaw.com). The bags are \$6 each plus shipping.

## Photo Gallery

Here are some pictures to make you smile!



*Contessa Fowler ready to trick or treat.*



*Lexi Bonds is styling in her doggles!*



*Daisy Briggs enjoys a day at the park.*



*The Walter fur kids eagerly await the first trick or*

*The Blankenship fur kids on Mole Duty in the yard...*



*... and from the living room*

**The Three Meyer Amigos want to make sure you... "Don't forget to see what is new on the back pages."**



## **We Love the Animal Ark Pet Resort**

For all of your boarding, grooming and doggie playtime needs please visit the Animal Ark Pet Resort in Cincinnati, OH.

The Animal Ark loves minis! They allow us to board fosters at their facility that we could otherwise not rescue when we are low on foster homes.

Their groomers all do a super job grooming schnauzers, and have weekend and evening hours for grooming!

They also offer Tiny Paws Playtime for all fur kids less than 25 pounds. It meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-6 p.m. The first day is free.

For more information and directions, visit them online at [www.animalarkpet.com](http://www.animalarkpet.com)

## **Attention Members and Friends**



Save your old cell phones and used ink cartridges. These can be turned into cash for SRC/F.

Ask your friends, families and coworkers to save them as well.

When you have your collection together, contact Pat Miller at [pmiller@aim.com](mailto:pmiller@aim.com) to have a Postage Paid mailer sent to you.

## **Adoptions**

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



***Since November of 2004 SRC/F has found forever homes for 650+ rescues!***

### **July adoptions:**

Poppy  
Jazzie A  
Spencer  
Sylvia  
Jazzie  
Oreo  
Henry  
Rascal/Murph  
Seymore  
Lexus  
Sadie  
Jonesy  
Jack  
Truffle  
Woody  
Ruby  
Jade

### **September adoptions:**

Scotty  
Greda  
Baxter  
Dexter  
Hansel  
Bentley  
Zoe  
Dustin  
Bailey Bob  
Flynn  
Moe  
Rosie

### **August adoptions:**

Lance  
Leo  
Ziggy  
Sammie Boy  
Riley  
Molly  
Annie  
Gizmo  
Diamond  
Winston C  
Patches  
Isabella  
Chloe  
Allie  
Presley

### **October adoptions:**

Avery  
Gizmo  
Gretchen  
Bella  
Buster  
Misty  
Brandy  
Shadow  
Roger/Rascal  
Sarah  
Bogey  
Dolly  
Teddy  
Samantha  
Darby  
Zeke  
Benny  
Rainey

### **November adoptions:**

MaxV  
Harley  
Macy  
T-Bone  
Buckeye II  
Lindy  
Regan  
Skyler  
Breezey  
Ryder  
Sammie  
Scamp  
Stormie  
Snoopy

## 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](mailto:ameyer@dbllaw.com).



## Point your browser towards...

A site that helps get the word out to stop PuppyMills

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

Useful dog tricks – a fun video to watch:

<http://www.audioasylum.com/members/mgeneral/mesages/17/171636.html>

## In the Market for a Pet Door?

If so, please look at the great doors for sale at Hale Pet Door ([www.halepetdoor.com](http://www.halepetdoor.com)). We are a participant in their Hale's Rescue Rewards Program thanks to one of our adopters Mark Thomas. With Rescue Rewards, you let Hale know that you adopted a pet and will receive 10 percent off the cost of their pet door order. List SRC/F as the rescue group, and we will receive a donation from Hale for that same 10 percent amount.

## Donate a Kuranda Bed...

These beds are great for dogs, it keeps them comfy and off the ground – and they are chew proof. To donate a bed to the rescue, please go to <http://kuranda.com/donate/3433>

There are three different beds you can choose from. They will take care of shipping it, so no need to deliver it yourself.

Please note that the ARK is also signed up for the program if you would like to donate one to them as well.



## Attention all eBayers

Many thanks to Ann Bess-King and her husband Tom for getting SRC/F registered on Mission Fish.

This means that if any of you sell on eBay - or if you know anyone that does - you can designate a portion of your sales to benefit SRC/F directly!! You can indicate any amount to be donated from the sale to go to SRC/F's Mission Fish account.

So if you list on eBay - please consider designating SRC/F to receive a portion of sales.

If you know someone that uses eBay for selling - ask them if they would designate a portion of their auction to SRC/F.

And remember if you see a listing with the blue/gold ribbon on it - and it says there is a designation to SRC/F - buy, buy, buy!

Use the link below to see what is for sale that proceeds go to SRC/F.

Check it out at:

[http://donations.ebay.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP\\_ID=30099](http://donations.ebay.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=30099)