



# Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati / Florida

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## Barkaritaville!

Barkaritaville is the best big beard celebration in the Cincinnati tri-state! Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati's largest fundraiser is back to bring us together for a day of fun honoring our favorite furry friends.

WHEN: Saturday, September 29th  
WHERE: United Pet Fun Resource Center, 11336 Tamarco Dr. in Blue Ash, Ohio 45242  
TIME: 11am-4pm ET



Come one, come all, to a day of fur and fun. Activities include a photographer, groomer, and pet psychic. The coveted SRC calendars and t-shirts will be available for sale along with new schnauzer items.

Back by popular demand, there will be rounds of our raffle baskets and the dog contest.

## Pets = Comfort & Healing

Pets have the ability to bring us comfort, reduce stress and anxiety, and provide love. In fact, in a 2017 survey commissioned by PetSmart Charities and conducted by Wakefield Research, 94% of Americans surveyed agreed with the statement: Pets are essential for people to maintain good physical and mental health.

Pet therapy is a growing trend. In Pittsburgh, PA, the Parkway Pet Lodge is training dogs to pass the Therapy Dog International test to allow owners and dogs to visit hospitals, nursing homes, and other programs that are in need of therapy dogs for a rewarding and healing program.

Ivy Foder from PPL shared, "The amount of people there come in explaining their anxiety and stress when they are in public is much more than people know. Having a pet whom they trust completely creates a much more calming atmosphere for them. As long as the pet can pass the test to become a respectable animal in public, it becomes a win win for everyone."



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

Lexus and Moe are back from vacation and excited for Barkaritaville, meeting Sophie and more in this issue.

## Foster Much? You Can!

We are active in: OH, IN, MI, PA, WV, FL, AL, MO, DE, KY. We are always looking for volunteers & foster homes.

Please consider [submitting a request](#) to foster and join us.

Schnauzer Rescue Cincinnati/Florida 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.

Our mission statement is: *No Schnauzer Left Behind*

# A Sniff In Time

Did you know a dog can smell time? “Odors exist in time, and dogs perceive that,” explains cognitive scientist and canine researcher Alexandra Horowitz of Columbia University. “Dogs use smell to ‘tell time,’ in some sense, because a more recently laid odor smells stronger, and an older odor smells weaker.”



Sophie sniffing in the garden

Dogs are able to take in scent continuously, giving dogs “stereo” sniffing power that carries subtle grades of information.

When you arrive home, your dog can sniff you to understand your day from where you went, how long ago, who and what you touched, everything. To that same accord, editors, Lexi and Moe, get feisty around 5pm every day; I think it is because they know dinner is coming soon. They know. They can smell it!

## Schnauzer Spotlight

By Karen Enthoven

We recently adopted a delightful, two year old miniature schnauzer named Sophie through Schnauzer Rescue in Winter Haven, Florida. Sophie entered the rescue network when she developed Swimmer Puppy Syndrome after a family adopted her from a breeder.



Sometimes swimmer puppies don't survive, but Sophie did. Today she has a secondary condition that limits the use of her back legs. That gave me pause; I didn't know if we could be the home Sophie needed, so I asked.

“Spitfire!” That's how Schnauzer Rescue's Pat Miller described Sophie. “She plays with the other dogs here and doesn't know she's crippled. She runs fast,” Pat said. Does she use a wheelchair, I wondered aloud. “She has one, but she hates it,” Pat replied. “Sophie loves squeak toys and is a very sweet dog with some special needs.”

My husband and I agreed to have Sophie visit us to see if it would work. Pat brought Sophie to our home, a two-hour drive. My husband—the one who had delayed our having a dog again—was the first one out to greet her.

When Sophie came to the front door in Pat's arms, I sat on the floor inside. By the time Pat left her with us, Sophie was giving me kisses on the chin. Suddenly we had a dog with a blanket, a bed and a wheelchair. We tried hitching Sophie up to the wheelchair once and had to bribe her with treats to get her to walk with it.

We can't picture life without Sophie. We were overwhelmed by Sophie's affection and playfulness. Once she learned to run with her legs behind her, she developed a running style of bounding toward us, almost bouncing with enthusiasm. That's Sophie, and she melted our hearts.

In our backyard, she loves to explore and play fetch. To read more about Sophie and her family, check out the full article by [clicking here](#).

**Dogs can read facial expressions, communicate jealousy, display empathy, and even watch TV, studies have shown. They've picked up these people-like traits during their evolution from wolves to domesticated pets, which occurred between 11,000 and 16,000 years ago, experts say.**

## Paw-ternity Leave

There is a growing trend in progressive companies - pawternity leave. We all know being there for a new pet is important for adjustment and some companies are also acknowledging that employees should not need to use their PTO to be good pet-parents. A Nina Hale Vice President who helped devise the new pawternity policy stated, “The idea of offering benefits that just help keep employees at the office, that's over. For a lot of people, their pets are their children; our employees are at all different stages of their lives.” Kudos to Nina Hale and companies like Google for embracing pets as family members.



But as far as pets are concerned, few companies appear to have gone beyond Take Your Dog to Work Day. Most buildings have a no dog policies. Its been proven office animals enrich the lives and productivity of workers, so its a wonder more companies are not taking advantage of this furry manager.