



Operation Scarlet, Inc

Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue of Lancaster, PA

1991 Celebrating 20 Years 2011



Operation Scarlet Celebrates 20 Years And Over 1100 Rescues

Dawn Hertzog, Founder
of Operation Scarlet, Inc.
with Scarlet in 1989.



Scarlet's Dream

Hey, kids, this is Scarlet looking down from above; You fit in my dreams like a hand in a glove.
You see, while I still lived down there on earth, I had a dream and have now seen its birth.
My life wasn't easy and I wished I could find someone who was loving, patient, and kind.
Well, that someone found me and I'm here to say, I was one happy Shar-Pei.
While down there on earth, I dreamed that someday, there'd be a place for unwanted Shar-Pei.
Just a temporary home where their needs could be met, 'til the day they became someone's loving pet.
As you can see, my dream has come true, it's called Operation Scarlet, Inc. rescue.
I was the first rescue kid, so you see, that is why it was named after me.
I've looked down and have seen you kids in despair, some of you starved, and some with no hair.
I've seen one of you deaf, and one with one eye, and one of you left by the road side to die.
One tied to a lamp post by a busy highway, and some of you turned out to find your own way.
Oh, how you all have endured such pain! But through it all, you did not complain.
I just wonder, if the whole human race could somehow spend time in our place,
Would they be more aware of just how much we depend on their care?
Would they realize, we sometimes mess on the floor because we don't know how to open the door?
And would they ever stop to think, if our water bowl's empty, we can't get a drink?
To get our own food would be a neat trick, and we can't call a doctor when we get sick.
We're not just a toy they can play with today, and then when they're tired, just throw us away.
Well kids, this is Scarlet signing off for now, and here's hoping my dream has somehow,
Made your life easier while you wait, a family who loves you And knows you're first rate.

SCARLET 1986-1989

Written by
Kathleen Ankney
Nottingham, PA



From the Heart Scarlet's Dream

Scarlet certainly did have a dream and that dream definitely did come true. Her dream was to save more homeless Pei just like her, therefore Operation Scarlet was born.

Twenty years later over 1,100 homeless Shar-Pei have been saved by O.S. That beautiful mahogany red girl certainly knows how to pull strings and make things happen. Her name has become synonymous with Shar-Pei rescue. Her story has appeared in newspapers, magazines, TV spots and even Animal Planet. And yet, she never ceases to amaze me. For example, ever since O.S. was founded I have been using one picture of her over and over and over. Always saying that I had only one picture of Scarlet. Just last month I was cleaning out a file cabinet and came across what I thought was empty file folders. Fortunately I looked into the folders before tossing them in the trash. Low and behold there was an envelope with quite a few pictures of the sweet girl.

For TWENTY YEARS those photos remained in that folder. How ironic that in February of the 20th year, I just happened to find those pictures. I do believe she was giving me a very big nudge when I decided to clean out that file drawer. She wanted all of you to enjoy more photos of her. The photos on the first page of this newsletter were hidden away for quite a long time, but the memories of that dear sweet Shar-Pei were never hidden, lost or forgotten.

Whenever you sit down to hug your own adopted Pei, take a moment to think of Scarlet. Scarlet is responsible for bringing all of us together and the O.S. dogs we have all come to love.

Scarlet, we all know you are up there looking down on all the homeless Pei. We also know that you continue to help O.S. with its rescue endeavors. I am also absolutely sure you furiously wag your tail with joy every time another Pei walks through the doors of O.S. You inspire us. You encourage us. You give us something special to believe in. You have touched hearts and brought joy to many families. Therefore, you will never be forgotten.

Until you and I meet again, may you know that you are loved. Your paw print will remain on our hearts forever.

Dawn Hertzog



Scarlet

1994

- 155) Louise
- 156) Thelma
- 157) Sadie Mae
- 158) Butch
- 159) Ziggy
- 160) Enoch
- 161) Toby
- 162) Princess
- 163) Emmie
- 164) Yumi
- 165) Saggs
- 166) Bullet
- 167) Oscar II
- 168) Coal
- 169) Josh
- 170) Nanny
- 171) Bear II
- 172) Brutus II
- 173) Carney
- 174) Caesar II
- 175) Sherlock
- 176) Moe Joe
- 177) Grady
- 178) Bogie
- 179) Buddha
- 180) Darby
- 181) Rosie
- 182) Miko
- 183) Patsy
- 184) Ark
- 185) Maggie II
- 186) Sable
- 187) Riley
- 188) Rugas
- 189) Sabul
- 190) Tucker
- 191) Goober
- 192) Butkus
- 193) Humphrey
- 194) Rollie
- 195) Beryl
- 196) Mei Ling II
- 197) Sensei
- 198) Mya
- 199) Barney
- 203) Kow Tow
- 204) Sammee
- 205) Honey
- 206) Beuford



Brutus



China



Sable



Mei Ling



Chewy



Toby

In 1994 Operation Scarlet rescued 52 Shar-Pei starting with Thelma & Louise on January 2.

January of that year also brought the births of Butch, Ziggy, Enoch, Toby, Princess and Emmie at the rescue on the 27th of the month.

Shar-Pei in need from across the country found their way to the doorstep of Operation Scarlet including Rugas from Florida, Beuford from Georgia and Tucker, Humphry and Miko from California.



Nanny



Thurston



Honey

1995 started off with the rescue of Astro, Crystal, Chip, Dakota, Peaches, Pepper, Kei Lei, Manny Wrinkles, Precious and Sassy in January. These ten Shar-Pei were all rescued from the Douglas County SPCA in Georgia after being taken from a puppy mill that closed down. All ten Shar-Pei were flown to Operation Scarlet where they received the medical attention that they desperately needed, and later their loving forever homes.

1995

- 207) Jethro
- 208) Astro
- 209) Crystal
- 210) Chip
- 211) Dakota
- 212) Peaches
- 213) Pepper
- 214) Kei Lei
- 215) Manny Wrinkles
- 216) Precious
- 217) Sassy
- 218) Misty
- 219) Duke
- 220) Velour
- 221) Spuds
- 222) Ziggy II
- 223) Moo Shee
- 224) Gizmo
- 225) Romeo
- 226) Kirby
- 227) Simba
- 228) Czar
- 229) Sue Ling
- 230) Misty Ann
- 231) Champagne
- 232) Chit Chit
- 233) Moccasin
- 234) Homey
- 235) Buster
- 236) Emily
- 237) Elizabeth
- 238) Ho Tai
- 239) Marcie (Laverne)
- 240) Buddy II
- 241) Carter
- 242) Noel
- 243) Tootsie
- 244) Cheyenne
- 245) Pu-Chai
- 246) China Doll
- 247) Finch
- 248) Honey Bear
- 249) Honey Dew



Precious



Czar



Astro



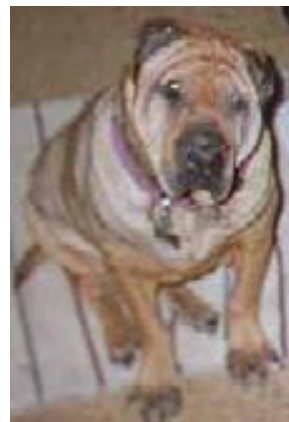
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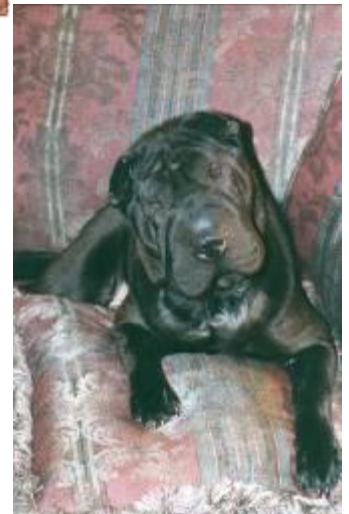
Simba



Carter



Emily



Ho Tai

1996

- 250) China
- 251) Wrinkles III
- 252) Mandi (Annie)
- 253) Jenny
- 254) Ruby
- 255) Norton
- 256) Izzy
- 257) Tai
- 258) Coco
- 259) Tia
- 260) Jumbo
- 261) Dee
- 262) Rosie II
- 263) Jade
- 264) Koko II
- 265) Ching
- 266) Zeus
- 267) Chloe IV
- 268) Sasha II
- 269) Ming Lee II
- 270) Ginger II
- 271) Cocoa
- 272) Kiki
- 273) Chee Chee
- 274) Sasha III
- 275) Kody
- 276) Koko III
- 277) Zoe
- 278) Jason
- 279) Red
- 280) Elmo
- 281) Rasputin
- 282) Hailey
- 283) Burl
- 284) Diva
- 285) Sho-Lai
- 286) Kris
- 287) Cheyenne II



Dee Dee

Sasha II



Izzy



Sasha III



Koko



Wrinkles

**The Chinese Shar-Pei
Club of America presented
Operation Scarlet
with the National Rescue Award
for seven consecutive years.**

1992 – 1998

**Dawn Hertzog was present at the
nationals to accept three of those
seven awards at
Tulsa, OK
St. Louis, Missouri and
Virginia Beach, VA**

**Operation Scarlet
Shar-Pei
Rescue Count
2-21-1991 to 12-31-1996
287**

20th

Scarlet's Kids

Read about the kids that are new to the rescue, looking for a home, found a home, need some extra help or just have something special to share with you.



Mugsy III is a very handsome 2-year-old Shar-Pei mix who lost his home due to family issues. He has a playful, outgoing personality.



T.Bear is a big, handsome brush coat with a big presence. He loves attention and enjoys being around people.

Meet the "New Guy" at OS



Happy Jack wants to send Dan a huge thanks for transporting him to OS. "Hi Dan! Thanks for delivering me safely to OS. I think I am going to like it here. It was wonderful meeting you. Sorry for the barking but I had lots to tell you. Thanks again!!! Happy Jack



Star is a dog that personifies "survivor". He has lost his home several times and is, once again, waiting for his forever home. This very special dog has been honored as a hero for saving his former owner's life. Contact OS for more information about this special guy.

Happy Jack

certainly lives up to his name. He's one happy-go-lucky guy. His tail never stops wagging nor does his tongue stop giving kisses. Despite being picked up as a stray, homeless for who-knows how long and despite having one of his hind legs amputated, this charming boy hasn't lost any of his love for life. Happy Jack is approximately 5-6 years old and is a black brush coat. He has some white markings on his face, making him stand out in the crowd. He's hoping he doesn't have to stand out in the crowd for too long; he'd rather be out of the crowd and in a forever home.

Lexys is one of the sweetest dogs you'll ever meet. She suffered some kind of trauma in her young life resulting in the amputation of her right front leg. Lexys has the heart and courage to move beyond this hurtful past and give a deserving family all the love she had no one to give it to before. She so deserves a home that will keep her safe and give her the love and attention she's certainly earned.



Winston, a fawn brush coat, and **Talleulah**, black brush coat, both approximately 4 years old, lost the home they had since puppyhood, when their owner passed away.

Great News Talleulah and Winston have been adopted by Heidi and John D'Alessandro. Heidi and John have been with OS for quite a few years and have adopted three Pei from OS over the years. Ironically years back they had come to a Valentine Open House and while visiting chose their Pei, China Boy. When visiting for this year's Valentine Open House, they were quite taken by the pictures of Talleulah and Winston and knew that it was time to adopt again.

Happy Tails

Hi, my name is Sebastian. I came from a shelter in OH. I was left at the shelter door in a crate with a note from my owners giving just my name and that they did not have time for me. Hmm - boy I could have really said lots more about myself if given the chance. I am happy, love life and in search of a loving home. That is what I would have said. Anyway, my life is much better now. Really nice members of OS - Mr. Joe and Miss Barb went to the shelter and bailed me out. I stayed with them until Mr. Mike another great person at OS drove from PA to OH to transport me to OS.

Had lots of fun at OS but am really glad they found me an awesome home. I now live with a wonderful family who also has a female Pei. LIFE IS GOOD. My new mom has some things to say about me. Go ahead mom - I am all ears.

Bashi is what we call him now, he is a bit stubborn, likes to hide under coffee table so I can't get him out when he needs to go to his crate. so lately we let him have a whole room and put gate up when we leave or sleep. Bashi and my female Shar-Pei, Aisha, don't bother with each other much, I think they are still feeling each other out. Bashi likes to eat and loves going outside. He listens well to Ed but not so much to me. Oh, and by the way, he snores!



Well here I am doing what I like best in my new home, sleeping on sofa.

My Forever Home Included a Disney World Vacation!



*Sparky is doing great...he especially enjoyed winter in Florida {as we did}. He even enjoyed a trip to Disney World as they now have a kennel on site.
Carol and Ken Behr*



1106 Shar-Pei Rescued Since 1991

Sponsor a Pei

The Sponsor a Pei Program was started in 2003 to help OS save homeless Shar-Pei when the rescue was full. Donations to this program pay for boarding until room is available at Operation Scarlet. Thank you to these recent donors for helping the rescue kids.

*Frank & Betty Hughes, Dawn Hertzog, Holly Kohl, Phyllis Golden
Holly and Jeremy McCavera, Chris & John Minninger*



Twentieth Anniversary Donations

Operation Scarlet and all of the kids at the rescue would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and for all of the heartfelt letters that were received for our Twentieth Anniversary.

Your dedication to supporting Operation Scarlet over the past twenty years has made it possible for over 1100 homeless Shar-Pei to get a well deserved second chance in life.

Sandy and Dick Klees – in Memory of Lester,
Munchie, Wrinkles, China Boy and Candy

Steve and Marilyn Apelman – in
Memory of Yoko

Dear Dawn,

Well, it happened again. Since our phone call last night about your newsletters I decided to read about your “Scarlet” in the February newsletter. All I can say is you are an amazing individual and our family is so lucky to have stumbled across you and Operation Scarlet. Someone please pass the Kleenex. I hope you will print some of what I have written below because it is therapeutic for me and I am hoping it will be the same for others to share a little about their own Pei’s.

In commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of Operation Scarlet I am enclosing the following donations:

\$20.00 in memory of Riki who we adopted from a family in Long Island many years ago. He was Diane’s dog of course until we started a family. He became my companion shortly thereafter. He loved walks and having me chase him around our large pool. He developed a very aggressive form of cancer and we put him to rest when he was overcome with pain. Riki-you were the best little boy we ever have known...

\$20.00 for Jack who is the most handsome Pei we have ever met (extreme bias aside). He is my companion since the day we met in your living room. He loves everyone-especially guys who like to rough it with him. He is so affectionate and a bit jealous but he always has accepted other Pei’s into “his home”. Jack loves stuffed toys and playing tug-o-war especially with me and Colbie...

\$20.00 in memory of Zoey-Diane’s soul mate. As I recall Dawn, you warned us that Zoey was the one who did not like men because she did not trust them from something in her past. She immediately bonded with Diane but she did not shy away from me. Zoey stunned us during our ride home with her from Operation Scarlet, she leaned her head on my shoulder the entire 2-hour car ride home. Zoey decided to sleep upstairs just outside the bedroom doors. We bought her a dog bed and then Diane “invented” the “tuck-in”. She would cuddle with Zoey every night and allow herself to be covered with several blankets. We miss you gentle Zoey-Diane cries for you most nights...

\$20.00 for Colbie who has really adjusted quite well in our home in a short time. She has become Jack’s equal-two alpha’s...Colbie is not quite as emotional as Zoey or Jack, but she too loves everyone in the household. I will say that she is skittish when meeting new people but in a short time she comes around. She LOVES stuffed toys even more than Jack-something we didn’t think possible. She loves her chew toys and loves to play fetch. She has given us scares with the two seizures but thanks to the meds she has been stable for over a month now-thank you for your guidance and support!

Please apply the balance of the donation towards the Sugar Fund and accept it as thanks for sharing many emotional stories over the years and especially the recent stories of Murphy, Sugar and of course Scarlet...I am not sure how much more I can stand these newsletters but I cannot help myself. Ever since I cried as a little boy when Lassie would wave goodbye every Sunday night I was hooked...

Thank You So Much...The Waldman’s of Marlboro, NJ--Steve, Diane, Laura, Bobby, Jack and Colbie...

Thank You for Supporting Operation Scarlet!



Although they have crossed the Rainbow Bridge, they will forever live in our hearts.

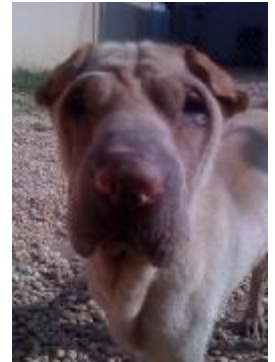
Selena Miller Bon Bon Kerper Sara Lee Raniolo Apollo Kelly



Thank you to everyone who remembered Sugar by helping to pay for her \$2,100. vet bill. A total of \$1,135 was raised. Those who donated in her memory were:

Fred & Terry Antonacci Gerre Davis Susan Fretterd Gwen Goldfarb
Cathy & Glenn Hall Dawn Hertzog Patty Kirschner Holly Kohl
Donna Rotandi Nancy Tartala Steve Waldman

Sugar's story was featured in the December 2010 Newsletter [Sugar's Story](#)



VCA Helping Operation Scarlet

Operation Scarlet recently received some very good news from VCA hospitals. Each VCA hospital takes turns choosing a rescue of their choice to receive donations from clients for a period of three months. This month the staff at Smoketown Veterinary Hospital chose Operation Scarlet to be the recipient.

The VCA hospitals at Bridgeport and Smoketown will be participating in this event. When clients go to the register, the staff member asks if they would like to make a donation to OS or round off their bill to the nearest dollar. All proceeds from April 1 through June 30, 2011 will be donated to Operation Scarlet. VCA will also either match or add a percent to the donations.

Smoketown has long been the primary provider of veterinary care and boarding for many of the rescue kids. Their care and compassion is one of the first steps for a homeless Pei on their journey to a new home.

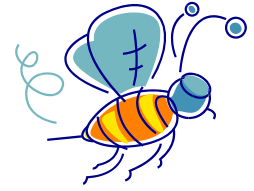
The proceeds from this event will help Operation Scarlet to continue to offer care for the many homeless Shar-Pei that find their way to Operation Scarlet.

Learn more about Smoketown Hospital and VCA: www.vcahospitals.com/smoketown



Thank
You
VCA!





Remembering Past Rescues

Lorraine was rescued in 2000 and was featured as the November 2001 Pei Mate and the 2001 "Rescue Dog of the Year".

Hello, my name is Lorraine. I was rescued along with my two Shar-Pei friends by Operation Scarlet. We were abandoned in a home in New Jersey. We were very frightened and had no food for days. I was also in a lot of pain because my back was broken. The nice people at Operation Scarlet saw to it that all of our medical needs were taken care of and they gave us lots of love. Many very caring people sent donations for our medical expenses. My two Shar-Pei friends, Oatmeal and Chipper, and I would like to send a big WOOF of thanks for all your help. All three of us are feeling much better and are now in very loving homes.



I recently attended Operation Scarlet's fall luncheon on October 27, 2001. I had a lot of fun and dressed up like a little bumble bee. I live with nine other Shar-Pei, but my mom says I am definitely the "Queen Bee" so this was a very appropriate costume.



I remember the morning Dawn called and said three girls were coming from New Jersey. Their owners had abandoned them and kept them in the basement. Needless to say they were in really bad shape. Along with the malnutrition, dehydration, mange and open sores, Lorraine had a broken back. We can only wonder how long she was in this condition. She received no medical attention and she suffered through it herself.

She has had several operations and is doing wonderful. She gets around so much better. She doesn't have to walk like a little seal anymore. She runs and plays and likes to roll on her back. Since becoming a member of our family it was apparent early on that Lorraine is a very special little girl. She gets along really great with all of her brothers and sisters. She can still offer affection, loyalty and trust despite the horrid conditions she had suffered.

Her daily routine consists mostly taking long naps. But not much goes on without her knowing. When she is outdoors it's interesting to watch her sitting and quietly observing everything around her. We affectionately call her the QUEEN BEE of the Chamberlin household.

In our opinion, this is the true meaning of animal rescue. Lorraine and ourselves would like to say Thank You to Dawn and to Dr. Dow for hearing her and Oatmeal and Chippers cry for help and to Dr. Hall and the team at Smoketown Veterinary Clinic.

Also a BIG THANK YOU goes to Dr. Jankowski and his team of experts for doing such a great job on Lorraine if it would not be for these wonderful caring people Lorraine would not be doing as great as she is today. Lorraine is a cherished member of our big happy family.

I am very proud of this picture. Here I am with my mom and dad, Wil and Janice Chamberlin. I really love them a lot. I am really grateful to them for giving me a second chance at life. Operation Scarlet presented me with the Rescue Dog of the Year award. I feel very honored to have received this award and I proudly appear at all the O.S. events. I must say that I am now a very, very happy dog!!!!





Special Events Coming in 2011

Sunday, April 10, 2011

Spring Luncheon Lancaster Host Resort

Wednesday April 27, 2011

Sub Sale, please contact OS if you would like to sell subs

Saturday May 7, 2011

Flea Market in Leola

Sunday, June 5, 2011

20th Anniversary Celebration Lancaster Host Resort

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Fall Luncheon Lancaster Host Resort

Flea Market in Leola – Operation Scarlet will have a table at the flea market on May 7. Please contact OS if you can help at the event or would like to donate items to sell. All proceeds will benefit the kids at the rescue.

Dollar Dog Days

Operation Scarlet would like to thank Donna & Rick Rotandi for offering the "Dollar Dog Days" at their Pizza Shop on February 20, 2011. The Village Pizza & Subs, located at 1765 New London Road, in Kemblesville, PA raised a total of \$40 for the kids at the rescue. Frank and Betty Hughes, associate members and former adopters, stopped by for a hot dog.

Thank you Donna & Rick for all that you do to help the homeless Shar-Pei at the rescue.

Bon Ton Results

The Bon Ton event raised \$828.25 from the sale of the coupon books and donation and Bon Ton contributed \$728.00, giving Operation Scarlet a total of \$1,556.25! Special thanks to everyone who helped with this event and to Bon Ton for sponsoring this great community event.

From Our Readers

This one was probably the "bestest" ever ! Thanxs so much ! Bob & Trudy Shinn
Newsletters are always excellent, but March is exceptional.thx for all you do.....see everyone at April luncheon...from Fred and Terry Antonacci

Associate Renewals

Rose & Steve Wilcox

Rep Renewal

Dawn Witmer

Thank you for being a part of Operation Scarlet!



Shelby & Dakota Loser

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