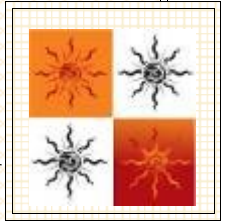




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Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue of Lancaster, PA

Scarlet's News



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From the Heart

For The Love of Scarlet and All of the Shar-Pei We Have Known Along the Way

It was just another day at Operation Scarlet until the phone rang. Dawn answered the phone and listened as the caller asked, "Did you get the picture of Presto?" "Would Operation Scarlet take the dog?" "Presto is on the shelter's list to be euthanized, if you want her, you will have to come to get her by tomorrow." Operation Scarlet was full and Dawn's heart raced as she asked herself "where could we keep Presto," and "who would be able to transport her on such short notice"? How can we afford to take in another dog?

As she started to form the words, "I'm sorry, we just can't take her," in her mind's eye she visualized the Shar-Pei from the picture and the needle that would pierce her skin tomorrow. "Yes," Dawn blurted out, "we will take her, someone will be there tomorrow."



As Dawn hung up the phone, she thought, "What have I done"? How can I possibly get someone to pick up Presto by tomorrow? If we can get her by tomorrow, where will she stay? Operation Scarlet is full and there is just no room, much less the money to care for one more dog. Dawn had almost convinced herself that she had made the wrong decision, but as she reached for the phone to call back the shelter, she saw another vision. It was Scarlet. Her paw was placed over the phone. Scarlet was there to let Dawn know that she had made the right decision, and to give her the resolve to save another Shar-Pei. "Okay Scarlet," Dawn whispered, "one more time".

Since 1991, Operation Scarlet had done "one more time" a total of 1,062 times. 1062 Shar-Pei, homeless and alone in the world, teetering on the edge between life and death. Through the kindness of loving hearts, these Shar-Pei were given a second chance in life.

Dawn began making calls. Yes, someone would rescue Presto tomorrow. With Presto's safety concerns under control, the next challenge would be paying for boarding until space opened up at Operation Scarlet and taking on the cost of more vet bills.

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Once again, the challenge was met by the network of caring people that are the heart and soul of Operation Scarlet. An exceptional group of people whose lives have been forever touched by a Shar-Pei. They value and treasure the gift of this very special relationship and how their lives have been enriched by the experience. They pass this gift forward by helping another homeless Pei find a home and by giving another person the chance to enrich their own lives through this experience.

As Presto was getting ready to leave Operation Scarlet, it was hard to tell who was happier, Presto because she finally had her forever home or her new family. As Presto left with her new family, she looked up at Dawn and wagged her tail, as if to say "thanks." This brought a smile to Dawn's face and triggered so many memories of Presto's days at Operation Scarlet. However, never once did Dawn see that terrible vision she had seen months ago. The joy of this moment, although somewhat bittersweet, had blurred the memory of that day, and only produced happy memories of Presto's journey to her forever home.

It had been a long hard road from the day of that phone call to the joy of today. So many volunteers and supporters, donating their time and money to ensure that Presto was given a chance to live a happy and healthy life in a forever home. Countless fundraisers and the tireless dedication of volunteers at the rescue had made this day possible.

It had been a really good day for Dawn, for Presto's new family and most of all, for Presto. Dawn sighed, and thought, well, against all odds, we did it again. Everyone that is a part of Operation Scarlet can be proud of what was accomplished today. And, yes, the joy of this one moment is worth the hardship of getting to this special day.

Dawn's thoughts were abruptly interrupted by the sound of the phone ringing.

"Yes, Scarlet", Dawn whispered, "I know we can, *and will*, do this one more time."

This month's From the Heart was written by Gerre Davis and was inspired from actual events.



Chyna's Happy Tail

I'M SO GLAD MY MOMMY SAID, "YES, I'LL ADOPT HER"

Hi ----- My name is Chyna Rodenkirchen and I am so glad my mommy Ellie decided to adopt me. In October 1999, I was left on a Friday evening, locked in an old crate at the back of a Maryland SPCA, without food or water until someone accidentally found me on Monday morning. It should have been warmer but it was a weekend where the temperature fell below freezing. I thought I was going to die. I was so scared, very cold, hungry, and tired and when they found me, I was very happy Shar-Pei. They called Operation Scarlet and luckily OS sent someone to get me and that was the beginning of my new life. Operation Scarlet named me Angel.



A few months before I met my future mommy, she had to send her German Short-haired pointer Kaci over the Rainbow Bridge because she was so very sick. Kaci was 13 ½ yrs old and mommy's best friend. Mommy tried not to get another dog right away because she was so very sad. Then she heard about me from my other mommy Auntie Dawn which is what I call her now. She decided to come visit me and think about adopting me. Well, I showed her my best behavior and my cutest smile and when I wagged my tail, licked her hand, and kissed her cheek that did it. I was hers. She instantly fell in love with me and I with her. Who could resist meeeeeeeee!!!!

It has been a most wonderful experience for me. Mommy has provided me with lots of love, a wonderful warm home with a lot of furry friends (5 cats), and a bird. When I was at OS before she adopted me I was treated so wonderfully by all the OS volunteers. I felt like a Queen.

I would say my life is something very special because every day mommy tells me she loves me, she does treat me just like a Queen, and (I like that). Am I spoiled? You bet I am Life is great, I am in my "forever home," and I thank Operation Scarlet for finding me my "forever family."

We are now living in South Carolina. What an adventure this has been for both of us. I am now almost 11 years old and am partially blind and slowing down a little. I can't see my Mommy anymore but I listen to her voice and see her through her voice when she talks to me. We both have more wrinkles than when we first met (boo hoo) but we say most are from smiling because we have each other. I would say dreams do come true because Mommy and I will always have each other even when I go over the Rainbow Bridge and she goes to Heaven where we will meet again. Thank You OS and Thank You Ellie for loving me unconditionally.



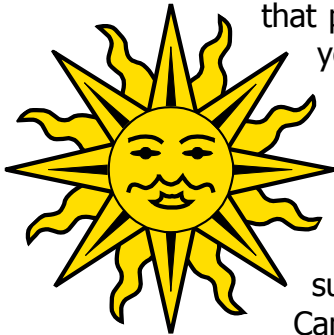
Ellie Rodenkirchen and her much loved and spoiled rotten Chyna

Quarter Auction

Operation Scarlet would like to thank Mindy Smith for organizing the Quarter Auction that was held on June 20 and to thank all of the volunteers that helped to make this a fun and successful event. Approximately \$600 was raised from the auction and the sale of food.

If you would like to host an event in your area to raise money for the rescue kids contact Operation Scarlet at OpScarlet@verizon.net.

The Dog Days of Summer



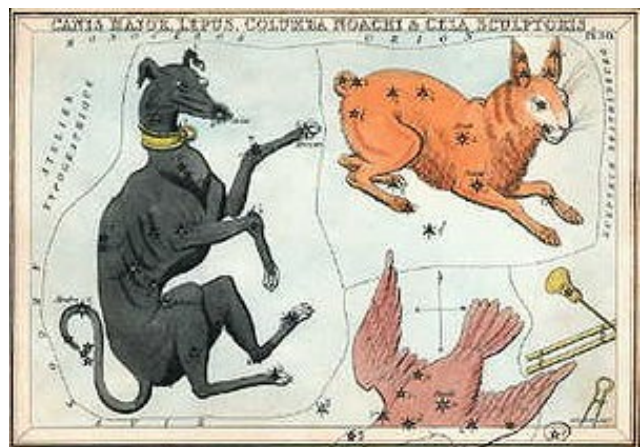
We have all heard the expression the "Dog Days of Summer" and relate that phrase to the hottest months of the year, July and August. But, have you ever wondered why that period of the year is referred to as the "Dog Days"?

In ancient times, different cultures drew pictures in the night sky by connecting the stars. We call these pictures constellations and we use them to map out the night sky. These pictures included animals such as bears, Ursa Major and Ursa Minor; a bull, Taurus; and dogs, Canis Major and Canis Minor.

The brightest star in Canis Major is Sirius, which is also the brightest star in the night sky. The name "dog star" came from the ancient Egyptians who called Sirius the Dog Star after their god Osiris, whose head in pictograms resembled that of a dog.

During the summer, Sirius is in conjunction with the sun and rises and sets with the sun. The ancients believed that this star added to the heat from the summer sun and caused July and August to be the hottest months.

They named the period that started 20 days before the conjunction to 20 days after the conjunction the "Dog Days," after the star Sirius.



Canis Major as depicted in [Urania's Mirror](#), constellation cards published in London c.1825. View the set of all 32 cards: <http://www.ianridpath.com/atlas/urania.htm> Courtesy Ian Ridpath.

The Doctor is IN

Caring for your dog during “The Dog Days of Summer”



Even the healthiest pets can suffer from dehydration, heat stroke and sunburn if overexposed to the heat. Heat stroke can be fatal if not treated promptly.

Symptoms of overheating in dogs include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or collapse. They can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomiting along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees. Elderly or overweight dogs are more susceptible to heat stroke and extra precaution should be used when caring for these dogs.

If you suspect your pet is suffering from heat stroke, get help from your veterinarian immediately.

Here are some precautions to help prevent your pet from overheating:

- Avoid dehydration by giving your dog access to plenty of fresh, clean water.
- Make sure your dog has a shady place to get out of the sun.
- Do not allow your dog to over-exercise in the heat.
- Keep your dog indoors when it's extremely hot.
- Never leave your dog alone in a parked vehicle, even with the windows open.
- Don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Your dog's body can heat up quickly, and paw pads can burn.
- Restrict walks to early morning or evening to avoid the hottest part of the day.

Here are some other tips to ensure that your dog has a safe summer:

- Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool—not all dogs are good swimmers. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and keep your dog from drinking chlorinated pool water.
- Backyard barbecues or parties are an opportunity for your pet to come in contact with food and drinks that may be poisonous to dogs. Alcoholic beverages can cause intoxication, depression, and comas. Remember many of the snacks people enjoy are not safe for your dog. Any change of diet, even for one meal, may give your dog severe digestive ailments. Avoid raisins, grapes, onions, chocolate, and products with the sweetener xylitol, as they may be toxic to your dog.
- Exposure to lit fireworks could result in burns or trauma to curious dogs. Unused fireworks can be hazardous as they may contain potentially toxic substances such as potassium nitrate, copper, chlorates, arsenic, or other heavy metals."

Dogs are our link to paradise. They do not know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring- it was peace. *Milan Kundera Czech author*

All I Need To Know About Life I Learned From My Dog

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joy ride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Thrive on affection and let people touch you - enjoy back rubs and pats on your neck.

When you leave your yard, make it an adventure.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

No matter how often you're scolded, don't pout - run right back and make friends.

Bond with your pack.

On cold nights, curl up in front of a crackling fire.

When you're excited, speak up.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.

Don't go out without ID.

Leave room in your schedule for a good nap.

Always give people a friendly greeting.

If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.

Author: Unknown

Rainbow Bridge

An eternal flame is glowing in loving memory of the following rescue Chinese Shar-Pei:

Sophia Bumba Simba Marsteller Rudy Mulhern Mocha Laucks

Autumn Merkey Althea Williams Shrek Gatchell Timber Rader

May they find peace and happiness while they await the arrival of their loved ones at the Rainbow Bridge.

Sponsors

Thank you to the following people for supporting the Rescue Sponsor Program. These sponsors donate money to pay boarding fees for homeless Shar-Pei when there is no room at the rescue. This important program has saved the lives of many homeless Shar-Pei.

Nancy Tartala Ellen Walton Dawn Witmer Donna Rotandi



The program is simple. Just sign up for the program and when there is a Shar-Pei that must be boarded, people on the sponsor list are called and asked how many days boarding fees they would like to donate. Boarding fees are \$16 a day and you may agree to donate for as many days as you like. You may also opt not to donate at that time and the next person on the list will be called. Contact Operation Scarlet at Opscarlet@verizon.net to sign up for this program.

Hi, my name is Shadow. My life was saved by the Sponsor a Pei Program! I was an owner surrender to a Manhattan shelter. I'm 4 years old, playful and I love attention. Please contact Operation Scarlet if you have a home for me.

Memberships

Associate Renewals: Ken Berry and Carol Smale

Rep Renewals: Mary Ellen Berry

Interested in becoming an associate member of Operation Scarlet?

Request your associate member application form from Operation Scarlet. The membership fee is \$25 per person or \$40 for two individuals in one household. You will receive an OS Tee shirt, membership card, and invitations to Operation Scarlet member's events

Gorgeous, single fawn females looking for someone with a very kind and loving heart to share a meaningful life long relationship. This person or persons must share our fondness for long walks, good company, and great food. Honest, loyal, and sincere, seeking someone who shares these qualities. Must appreciate the simple things in life and understand the meaning of forever. We are on the rebound from having been hurt in a prior relationship, but are now ready to look for true love. Contact us at Opscarlet@verizon.net to arrange for a meeting.



Sadie, 6, and Butter, 2, are mom and daughter. They were surrendered together to a shelter without much background information given. Butter is friendly, curious, and eager to please. Sadie is smart, outgoing and would be a wonderful addition to a loving family.



They are very attached to each other and are desperately seeking a home that they would be able to share together.

Why Adopt?

My heart told me it was time to add someone new to our family. I wasn't sure what type of dog I wanted or even where to find her. So I typed "sweet little dog" on my computer. Lots of stories and photographs of dogs came up on my computer screen, but one dog immediately caught my attention. I clicked on her photograph and it took me to petfinder.com. Ming was described as a sweet little dog at Operation Scarlet in Lancaster. When I met her, I knew I found my someone.

Ming fit into our family right from the start. She loves our two children and their friends. She loves to run errands in the jeep. She loves to be outside in the yard. She is always there when any one of us needs a friend or someone to talk to.

Ming has been a part of our family for five years. I never imagined that just one "sweet little dog" could bring so many wonderful things into our lives. She gives so much to us here at home, but one of the greatest gifts Ming has given us is the opportunity to be a part of Operation Scarlet.

Operation Scarlet has done amazing work in the past, and I know that this will continue in the future because of the great people involved in this organization.

Ming and I thank you. *Donna Carpenter*



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*In memory of
 "Scarlet"
 Our first Rescue Shar-Pei
 1986-1989*

Scarlet's News

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We're Home

We are so happy to announce that we have found our forever homes!



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We would like to thank everyone that is a part of Operation Scarlet for helping us make the journey from homeless to having a forever home. We would not be here without your loving support and dedication to saving homeless Shar-Pei.

1065 Shar-Pei Rescued Since 1991

Would you like to be a part of this heart-warming cause? Operation Scarlet welcomes support in helping Shar-Pei that have lost their homes and families.

Here are some of the many ways you can support OS:

- Become an associate member.
- Volunteer at the rescue.
- Help with fund raising events.
- Donate money or supplies.

Please contact Operation Scarlet at OpScarlet@verizon.net for more information on ways that you can help the rescue.

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