



Operation Scarlet, Inc

Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue of Lancaster, PA

1991 Celebrating 20 Years 2011



Happy 20th Anniversary, Operation Scarlet!

Twenty years ago, on February 21, 1991, Operation Scarlet was founded by Dawn Hertzog and six other Shar-Pei owners in the Lancaster, PA area. The organization was named in the memory of Scarlet, a beautiful mahogany red Shar-Pei that was rescued by Dawn Hertzog. Although Scarlet's earthly life ended tragically a short time after her rescue, Scarlet lives on as the continuing inspiration to the many donors and volunteers who to this day, rescue homeless Shar-Pei in her honor.

To date, Operation Scarlet has rescued over 1100 Shar-Pei. Sometimes struggling to maintain the resources to continue these rescues, but always persevering with the goal of saving just one more homeless Shar-Pei.

"Why?" you ask. For that one very special moment when a Shar-Pei, formerly lost or abandoned, sick or forlorn, proudly leaves OS for a second chance in life with a new home.

As the saying goes, there are some things money can't buy.

Please join us in this very special year long celebration. There will be many events throughout 2011 to commemorate the 20th anniversary. Scarlet's News will mark this year with stories from this year's events as they unfold with the pages titled "Celebrating 20 Years", as well as pages titled "Remembering 20 Years", dedicated to stories and events from the past twenty years. Scarlet's News is looking for pictures or stories from our readers for the "Remembering 20 Years" pages. Please email ScarletsNews@aol.com with your submissions.

Well, Without Further Ado - Let the Celebration Begin!



Join Operation Scarlet on Facebook

Yes, Operation Scarlet is now on Facebook! Just in time to help celebrate our 20th anniversary, OS is reaching out to everyone on our Facebook page.

Thanks to Ken Berry, Operation Scarlet will be spreading the word about helping the rescue kids on Facebook. Check our page for daily updates, event news, reminders and comments from our friends.

Please join us on Facebook and invite your friends to join us as we continue to look to a broader community interested in helping homeless Shar-Pei.

Thank You, Ken!



From the Heart *In Memory of My Dear Scarlet*

I believe this is the most difficult article I have written since the night I wrote Scarlet's story 21 years ago. I was totally consumed with sadness and grief and blaming myself for not being able to help her. A friend suggested that I put my feelings down on paper hoping that would ease some of the emotional pain. Thus Scarlet's story and the beginning of a venture into the wonderful world of Shar-Pei rescue. My feelings for Scarlet run deep. It was a beautiful and special relationship filled with love and trust. To this day I cannot tell the story without tears streaming down my face. I continue to visit her grave at the local pet cemetery and she receives a wreath every Christmas. It was a painful heartbreaking experience to come home from work on that fateful day to discover that she had passed due to bloat. No one was there to help her. No one knew she was in a crisis situation. If only I could have the opportunity to just once let her know that I am so deeply sorry that she had to pass in that way. Alone and in such pain. I felt her pain then and I feel it now as I struggle to write this. I suppose the rainbow at the end of this story is that through her death, Operation Scarlet was born. Her passing opened the doors to a safe haven for over 1,100 other Shar-Pei in need of the same love and good care that Scarlet was once needed. I feel her presence around me quite a bit. When I am frustrated or troubled, she comes through and gives me strength, patience and even comfort. When I am down, a phone call or email arrives that gives me renewed hope. I often send up a thank you to that beautiful mahogany red girl when something short of a miracle occurs at O.S. I can never take credit for all the good that happens at the rescue for I truly know who is at the helm of this ship – and it certainly is not me. Scarlet works through me. She inspires me. She motivates me. And she gives renewed hope to the homeless Pei that have yet to come through the doors. I have been fortunate to personally meet and come to know all the Pei that have been saved by Operation Scarlet. I also have had the privilege and honor of meeting and getting to know several thousand people who have opened their hearts and homes to Scarlet's kids. People who have become part of the O.S. family. It is an awesome feeling to be able to reflect on 20 terrific years. What a ride this has been. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine that one little Chinese Shar-Pei named Scarlet would have such a dramatic impact in my life. And that impact encompasses all of you and your sweet Shar-Pei that you have come to know and love. It turned my whole world upside down and inside out – but I would not change one minute of it. I have no regrets. Only high hopes that O.S. will be able to continue its mission – saving more Shar-Pei in need of loving homes. Thank you, Scarlet. You touched a place in my heart that I did not even know existed. I love you dear Scarlet. Someday we will meet again.

In loving memory of my sweet girl,

Dawn Rutter Hertzog





How it All Began.....

What is a Pipher's Wildwood Scarlet, you say? *By Dawn Hertzog*

Well, the name definitely does not mean much, unless you would have had the pleasure of meeting her. Yes, I said her.

Pipher's Wildwood Scarlet was a beautiful, female, red brushcoat, Chinese Shar-Pei. Scarlet was born in New York in May 1986. Her mother was red and her father was cream colored. Yes, they do come in a variety of colors.

Scarlet had one of the prettiest, dark red coats I had ever seen. It was a rich mahogany color, which is not at all that common in Shar-Pei, but a very desired color among breeders. She was a beauty and her personality was sweet and gentle, which blended nicely with her good looks.

Scarlet lived with a breeder in New York for the first two years of her life. While living in New York, she produced one litter of puppies. I was told she was a very good mother, which does not surprise me at all. Her gentleness and soft, kind eyes were two attributes I noticed when I met her.

Scarlet was adopted by a man who brought her to his home in Lancaster County in 1988. No more big city living for this little lady, she was now going to become a "country gal". That was fine with Scarlet, and she started to adjust quickly to her new surroundings. It looked like things would be fine. Fine that is, if her master would have been able to share time with her, enjoying the country air and great outdoors.

It did not take Scarlet long to realize that life in a small town could be quite lonely, since her master was away on business trips most of the time. Scarlet's long days and lonely nights in a basement were brightened only by a short visit from a kind person who gave her a daily meal. Her brief trips outdoors were not what she imagined her country life would be.

Unfortunately, as often happens, puppies are sometimes adopted by people who give no consideration to the responsibilities involved in raising a puppy. They look at an adorable, wrinkled puppy, fall in love with it, and make an impulsive, yet misguided decision to adopt. In this case, the beauty and charm of lovely Scarlet plucked at the man's heart strings, but failed to touch upon his usual wealth of common sense and good judgement.

In time, her new owner finally came to his senses and knew this was not fair to the sweet little lady who waited patiently for his return, always greeting him with her wagging tail and the slurps of her black tongue. Yes, black tongue (another characteristic of the Shar-Pei). Scarlet's new owner finally realized that she needed a loving family who could spend time with her and give her care and attention she so rightfully deserved.

Her owner called a local organization called ORCA (Organization for the Responsible Care of Animals) to see if they might have the kind of home she would most enjoy. Unfortunately, he not only wanted to find a good home for her, he also wanted to retrieve some of the money on the initial purchase. Goodbye heart strings, hello purse strings. Since ORCA works on a contribution basis, they could not help him out.

Fortunately, luck was with the little lady. One of the volunteers at ORCA heard of his dilemma, and called her mother who is a lover of Shar-Pei and has great respect for the breed. Her mother already had a male Shar-Pei, but after hearing about Scarlet, she became concerned about her and decided to pay her a visit. Just a visit, of course, to see what could be done for Scarlet.

The woman and her husband followed the carefully drawn map to the new owner's home. To their dismay, they found the elegant Shar-Pei tied in a very undignified manner to a barn door. The only attention she was getting was from a swarm of horse flies and occasional glares from a few of the farm cats. Scarlet started plucking at those heart strings again, but this time to the woman and her husband. Remember, they just wanted to look at her. Scarlet, however, had other ideas.

Well, as you may have guessed by now, the woman who went to Scarlet's rescue was me. I was broken-hearted to see this beautiful little lady with the soft, kind eyes tied this way. Since she was tied, she was defenseless from the attacks of the farm cats and displayed several nasty looking gashes on her head. I offered my hand and she licked it gently, while she looked up at me with soft watery eyes. Yes, I said watery. Unfortunately, she was also suffering from entropion. Although suffering from these maladies, she still was able to wag her tail to let us know she was pleased with our visit and very happy to meet us.

Needless to say, our return home was a very somber one. My husband sat quietly behind the wheel, weaving in and out of traffic, and I sat in the back seat staring out the window, thinking about what I had just witnessed. I was drawn back to reality by a cold wet nose that was nuzzling my arm. You guessed it. Scarlet was occupying the back seat with me, a little nervous, yet behaving like the fine lady she was.

Now I'll give you a brief summary of what happened over the next two months. She was introduced to our male Shar-Pei, who was quite hesitant at first about accepting a possible rival. Within a few days he started to enjoy her company and began to accept her as part of the family.



Scarlet's Story, continued

After a few days in her new home, Scarlet was whisked off to our vet for her first visit. She was given the standard health exam and then surgery for the entropion. The operation was a success and she was able to see and appreciate all the beautiful things that were in her new world. We began taking our special little walks in the evening. Just the two of us, in order to get to know one another and create that bond that is so special between two friends. She would happily bounce along beside me, holding her head up in the air, proudly sporting her new facelift. Everything was fine with her and her new life.

As you recall, I had mentioned earlier that she already had one litter of puppies, but I decided to have her hips x-rayed anyway. Why x-ray the hips, you say?

Well, a hip x-ray is taken to look for hip dysplasia which is a very painful disease that can be crippling and is also hereditary. Any breed, not just Shar-Pei, showing signs of dysplasia in an x-ray should never be bred. Unfortunately, Scarlet had a "very bad case" of dysplasia. Oh, well, no problem. We wanted to make her life as enjoyable as possible, and we would not do anything to jeopardize her health or future puppies, so we scheduled an appointment to spay her.

Within several weeks, Scarlet was off to the vet again once again. She trotted ahead of me, wagging her tail to the assistants and acting her usual friendly self. I watched her go through the door with the assistant, tail wagging, totally enjoying the attention she was getting. I drove to work hopeful that all would go well and I could bring her home the next day. I was informed later in the day that the patient was doing fine, resting comfortably and would be able to return home the next day.

My husband and I looked forward to the following day with great anticipation. In fact, we were so anxious to get her back home again that my husband picked her up on his lunch break instead of waiting until evening. The afternoon hours crept slowly by. While I worked at the office, my thoughts kept drifting to Scarlet and how I was going to give her the royal treatment during her recuperative period. After all, a beautiful, sweet lady such as Scarlet deserved the best and was going to receive the best from now on.

The work day was finally over and I excitedly made the drive home. As I entered the house, I quietly began calling her name, but there was no little snorting sounds of happiness to be heard. The house was too quiet. All I heard was Beijing, our male Shar-Pei, softly whining.

I will never forget that sight as long as I live. My feelings of happiness and joy were suddenly shattered as I stood staring at my beautiful, little Scarlet, who lay motionless on her bed. One of the most dreaded of all maladies had attacked her - bloat. Bloat is a build-up of gases in the stomach. This life-threatening condition requires immediate veterinary help. But it was too late. Scarlet was gone and I was totally devastated.

My only consolation in this very sad experience is that I know, even though her first two years of life were not the best, she had in the two short months with us experienced the love and attention she so rightfully deserved. I wanted to give her the best and do what I thought was right for her. Unfortunately, I lost her anyway.

My dear Scarlet. No more tail wagging. No more licks of her soft, black tongue. No more special little walks. It was a very painful experience, and one I will never forget. I can't turn back time and change what happened. I can only look ahead and offer my help again to those Shar-Pei who could be just like Scarlet, looking for a loving home. Therefore, I have written this in her memory, in hopes I can inspire other fellow Shar-Pei lovers to always be on the lookout for those unfortunate ones who need a caring home.

Scarlet deserved the best and we gave her the best. We buried her in the local pet cemetery and the inscription on her bronze memorial reads -

SCARLET
1986-1989
We had but a brief time together
Dawn and George Hertzog

My hope is this story has touched your heart, for that is what it was intended to do. If the opportunity arises, I encourage those of you who have the pleasurable experience of befriending a Shar-Pei to consider doing what I have done. Believe me, it is a very rewarding experience. The rewards far outweigh any temporary inconvenience that might occur.

Yes, we did have "But a brief time together" but it was a beautiful, memorable time that will never be forgotten.

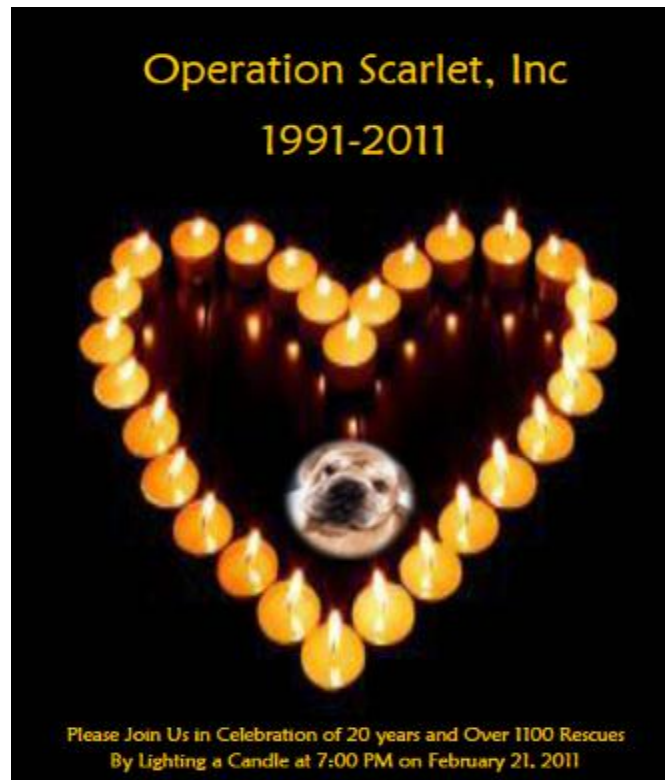


The Candle Lighting Ceremony A Very Special Tribute to Our Beloved Shar-Pei



Please join us from your home as we create this symbolic union between everyone who is a part of Operation Scarlet and those Shar-Pei, past and present, that have shared our lives and forever touched our hearts.

This year, on February 21 at 7:00PM we would like to once again, take a moment to reflect on all that we have accomplished together and the gift of unconditional love that we have received in return. We have chosen this date to correspond with the 20th anniversary of Operation Scarlet.



Kathy, the animal communicator will be sending a blessing from her home in New York for all of the rescued Shar-Pei and will help to connect us with those that have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge.

Hold close those with you now, cherish the memories of those that wait for you at the Rainbow Bridge, and renew the strength within you to reach out to those that are still waiting to be saved.

So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth

BEYOND THE RAINBOW

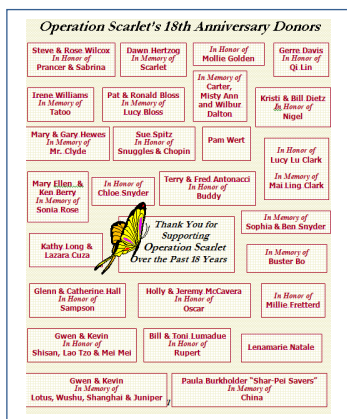
As much as I loved the life we had and all the times we played,
I was so very tired and knew my time on earth would fade
I saw a wondrous image then of a place that's trouble-free
Where all of us can meet again to spend eternity.
I saw the most beautiful Rainbow, and on the other side
Were meadows rich and beautiful - lush and green and wide
And running through the meadows as far as the eye could see
Were animals of every sort as healthy as could be
My own tired, failing body was fresh and healed and new
And I wanted to go run with them, but I had something left to do
I needed to reach out to you, to tell you I'm alright
That this place is truly wonderful, then a bright glow pierced the night
'Twas the glow of many candles, shining bright and strong and bold
And I knew then that it held your love in its brilliant shades of gold.
For although we may not be together in the way we used to be
We are still connected by a cord no one can see
So whenever you need to find me, we're never far apart
If you look beyond the Rainbow and listen with your heart *Unknown*

Twentieth Anniversary Donations

Scarlet is asking if all who could, would please donate \$20 in celebration of 20 years of rescuing homeless Shar-Pei. That would represent one dollar for each year that Operation Scarlet has been giving homeless Shar-Pei a second chance in life with the gift of a fresh start in a new home.

Donations may be made in "Honor of" or in "Memory of" your Shar-Pei, or list the donor's name(s). All of the names will be published on special commemorative pages in an upcoming newsletter acknowledging all those that participated. It is our hope to have as many of the over 1100 Shar-Pei that have been rescued in the past twenty years, represented on the Twenty Year Anniversary pages of the newsletters. We would also like to invite you to send your personal comments to include in these pages. Similar pages were created for the celebration of the eighteenth and nineteenth anniversaries.

In addition, donations made in "Honor of " or in "Memory of " any dog will have a votive candle glowing in their honor at the twentieth anniversary celebration on June 5, 2011. This will be open to any Shar-Pei and will not be limited to OS Shar-Pei.



Donations can be mailed to:
 Operation Scarlet, Inc.
 P.O. Box 8463
 Lancaster, PA 17604

Your Donations are Greatly Appreciated.



The Animal Rescue Site Contest

The Animal Rescue Site contest is running from now until xx. Please vote everyday for Operation Scarlet as your favorite rescue. With your help, OS could win up to \$10,000 for the rescue kids.

Voting is free and simple, just follow this link to vote for Operation Scarlet daily. Please enlist the help of friends, family, relatives and co-workers to boost our chances of winning some of that prize money to help the kids. Remember, OS is now on Facebook, so invite your Facebook contacts to join in the voting.

[Please Vote at The Animal Rescue Site](#)

Operation Scarlet's King & Queen of Hearts Contest

As the King & Queen of Hearts Contest begins for 2011, we would like to remember some of the winners from the years past. Have you entered your Pei yet? Entry form and rules to follow.

Wilbur
adopted by Karen and Jerry Dalton



King

Tasha
adopted by Julie and Robert Breighner



Queen

2003

Blooh
Adopted by Michelle and Jay Rader



King Runner Up

Sable
Adopted by Carol and Donald Long



Queen Runner up

Charlie Brown
Adopted by
Sophia Roth and Mike
Riddelle



King

2002

Storm
Adopted by Robin and Don Moyerowned



King


Shayna
Adopted by Stephen and Valarie Hawkins



Queen

2001

Fiona
Adopted by
Jayne Richards and Kris
Muzzillo



Queen



Operation Scarlet's

KING AND QUEEN OF HEARTS CONTEST RULES 2011

Last Chance to Enter! All Entries Must be Received by February 16, 2011

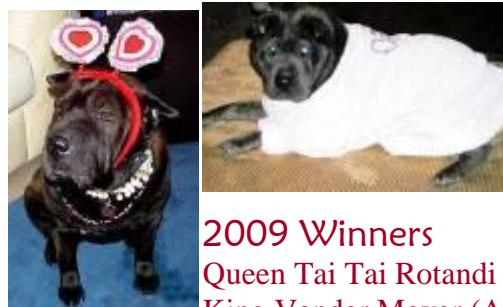
Operation Scarlet's 2011 King and Queen of Hearts Contest is back by popular demand. The contest was not offered last year and there have been many requests to offer it again. So here goes!! Would you like your much loved wrinkled kid to receive the prestigious award of King or Queen of Hearts? If so, please complete the following entry form. Votes are \$1.00 each. You may purchase as many votes as you wish. The more tickets purchased the better the chance your dog has of becoming the 2011 King or Queen of Hearts. There will be two runners up for the most votes who will be the Prince and Princess of Hearts. The winners will be announced at **Operation Scarlet, 520 S. Queen St. on February 20th between 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.** Pictures and entry forms must be received by **Wednesday, February 16.** All are invited to attend the open house, but it is not necessary to be present in order to win.

Rules of the Contest

- The photo must be of a Chinese Shar-Pei rescued by Operation Scarlet
- "In Memory" photos of O.S. dogs may not be entered. Only those kids that are still with us.
- No people in the photo.
- No other pets in the photo.
- Pictures may NOT include multiple Chinese Shar-Pei rescued by Operation Scarlet. Strictly one O.S. dog per photo.
- Professional photos must have a signed release from the photographer
- Picture Perfect Pets (professional pet photographers) gave permission to use their photos
- Photo must be of good quality. No Polaroid photos. They do not reproduce well.
- The dog's name must appear on the back of the photo
- Adopter's first and last name must appear on the back of the photo
- Votes can be purchased for \$1.00 per vote
- Make your check payable to Operation Scarlet

Prize Package:

- ♥ Winners will appear on an OS tee shirt
- ♥ Winners will appear in 2012 OS Calendar
- ♥ Winners will appear in newsletter and web site
- ♥ Winners will be invited to the spring luncheon for crowning
- ♥ Winners pictures along with all contestants will be recognized at the 20th anniversary celebration



2009 Winners
Queen Tai Tai Rotandi (L)
King Vander Moyer (A)

Get out those cameras, adopters, and start taking pictures of your potential King or Queen!!

Don't Wait! Just print and mail the entry form on the next page along with the picture of your King or Queen of Hearts and \$1.00 for each vote. The more votes you submit, the better your chance of winning. Get your friends, relatives and co-workers to purchase votes for your special Pei.

Remember the Pei with the Most Votes Win!



**OPERATION SCARLET'S
KING AND QUEEN OF HEARTS
ENTRY FORM 2011**

Dog's name _____

Entry is for King of Hearts

Entry is for Queen of Hearts

Adopter's name _____

Phone number () _____

Email _____

Total amount enclosed (payable to Operation Scarlet) \$ _____



Mail to:

**Operation Scarlet, Inc.
P.O. Box 8463
Lancaster PA 17604-8463**

DEADLINE: Must be received no later than Wednesday, February 16.

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.



Roxie is a pretty, fun-loving young girl, approximately 3 years old. She's a black horse coat, long and lean in stature. She's friendly, out-going and is guaranteed to bring good times into her forever home.



T.Bear is a big, handsome brush coat with a big presence. He carries himself with that regalness that only Shar-Pei can pull off. He loves attention and enjoys being around people



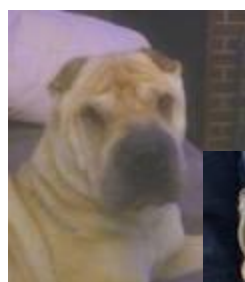
Mugsy III is a very handsome 2-year-old Shar-Pei mix who lost his home due to family issues. He's a beautiful mahogany color and has a playful, outgoing personality



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 owners life. Contact OS for more information about this special guy.

Great News!

Sam and Sebastian have been adopted and are now enjoying a second chance in life in their new homes. See page 15 to read their stories.



Sam



Sebastian

Happy Tails - Jack's Second Chance

I thought I would give you another update on Jack. He is starting to show his true colors so to speak. He is doing a fantastic job and we all absolutely adore him. Each day we are learning new things about him. He is personable and funny. He no longer does his fast barking either. He is doing well with tricks and commands. He knows sit, lay down, he gives both paws he also has learned to speak, and I can get him to hope like a bunny for a treat. He enjoys his walks. Jack's coat is really gorgeous, you can see so many changes in him as he is settling in just fine.

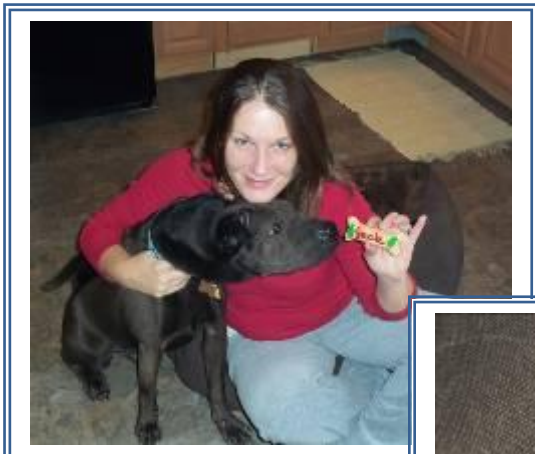
He did really good at his vet exam. I ended up taking him to my dad's vet that is about 20 minutes from our home. The vet is familiar with the breed. The vet really liked him as well. The vet said that Jack has the best skin that he has seen any Shar-Pei have. We took him to get his nails trimmed the other day and he did a great job. One girl held him around the back and rubbed his belly and talked to him while the other girl trimmed his nails. I also bathed him, he again did well with that, he stayed in the tub with no fight, I didn't even have to hold him in the tub. I always had to hold my mom's dog as well as my other dog to bath them.

He sleeps in bed with us, like we weren't going to do. He is so good though, He likes to lay at the bottom of the bed as if he is on guard.

When we took him to the pet store he was well around the other animals, also was happy to greet new people. He is also okay with guests coming to our home.

I cannot wait to put a fence up this spring so he can play with the kids in the yard. I have taken him out already with them on a leash and the times he is not out with them and they are out his is glued to the sliding door watching them.

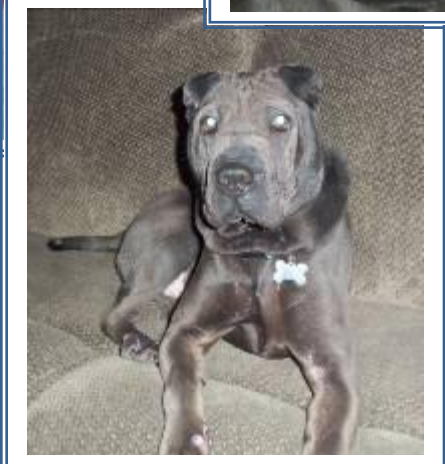
I took him to my dad's house this week with us for dinner, he did a great job with my dad's yellow lab, and also the neighbor is a good friend of the families for years, he has a chocolate lab. After letting the dogs sniff each other we slowly let them out into the yard to play together, and they all did great. That lets me know in the future I think Jack would love another friend in the home. And so would I. He is very smart too. I could go on and on.



Heather presenting Jack with his present from Santa



Jack enjoying all the comforts of his new home



Operation Scarlet and the rescue kids would like to thank Jerry and Karen Dalton for their very special Christmas treats. Karen and Jerry travel from the Allentown area every Christmas to deliver a personalized biscuit for each of the kids spending Christmas at the rescue.

Jack found his forever home just before Christmas and got to enjoy his biscuit in his new home.



The Bon Ton Community Day

Operation Scarlet will be participating in the upcoming Bon Ton Corp. Community Day Event which is scheduled for Saturday February 26, 2011. The sale involves selling coupon booklets for \$5. The booklet contains many coupons including a \$10 off coupon for anything in the store with limited exclusions. Operation Scarlet, Inc. keeps the \$5 donation for each booklet sold. To preview the booklet or for more sale information, see www.communitydayevent.com.

Operation Scarlet volunteers and some of our Shar-Pei ambassadors sold over fifty booklets at the sale held in the Park City Mall, Lancaster BonTon store on January 15th and raised \$282 with donations. We will return on Sunday February 13, 2011 from 12-6 PM to sell more of the coupon booklets. If we sell 100 coupon books, then we will get a percent from all of the register sales of the books. In addition to the sale of the booklets, we also sold a case of the Wolfgang candy bars.

All the Shar-Pei ambassadors were great representatives for Operation Scarlet. Ming Li Hertzog, making her first official appearance, was a bit nervous in the beginning, but then she started to relax and allow people to pet her. Sam, now Dillinger Arment, who just went to his new home yesterday, also made his first appearance as an OS ambassador. Much like Ted Williams, Sam was homeless one day and on public display the very next day. Special thanks go out to everyone who is helping with this ongoing event.

The Bon Ton Community Day events have been very successful fundraisers in the past as well as a great opportunity for the community to meet some of the rescue kids and learn about our mission. To obtain booklets for the February 26th sale contact Dan Dushanko at DAN351@aol.com or at 717-747-3454.

Wolfgang Candy Bars-On Sale Now!

OS is once again selling these delicious candy bars to raise money for the kids. If you would like to buy candy bars for yourself or to sell to family, friends, relatives or co-workers, please contact OS at OpScarlet@verizon.net.

Spend a Day Calendar Event Ends

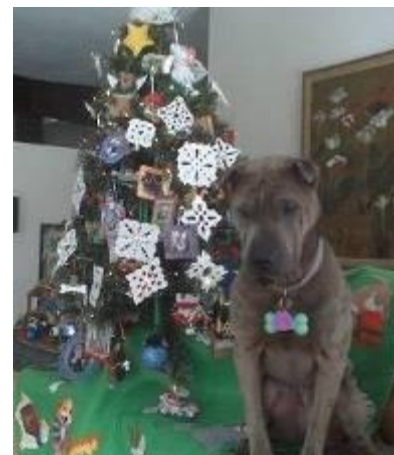
Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun event for the month of January. Now it is time to add up your change and mail your checks to: Operation Scarlet, Inc. P.O. Box 8463 Lancaster, PA 17604. Thank you, Ellie Rodenkirchen, for creating this fun way for us and our families to remember the homeless Shar-Pei once a day in January.

Special Events Coming in 2011

- Sunday February 20, 2011
King & Queen of Hearts Contest & 20th Anniversary Open House
- Monday February 21, 2011
Candle Lighting Ceremony Honoring 20 Years & 1100 Rescued Shar-Pei
- Sunday, April 10, 2011
Spring Luncheon Lancaster Host Resort
- Sunday, June 5, 2011
20th Anniversary Celebration Lancaster Host Resort
- Sunday, October 16, 2011
Fall Luncheon Lancaster Host Resort



Dotty Arment with newly adopted Dillinger at the Bon Ton Community Day Event



What do you mean, he won't be back again until next year? Mushu Rontandi



Rolo Kerper Martin Brodhecker

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



Rainbow Bridge Tribute to Sabel

We were Shar-Pei owners for some time and had just lost our most recent Shar-Pei when we found Operation Scarlet. We made an appointment to meet the dogs and Sabel just broke my heart. She was so scared and skinny, and very stand offish. She was very stressed but we decided to take her anyway. When we got home she had a hard time blending in with our other dog. Don was ready to send her back but I knew there was a great dog in there somewhere. She spent the first week on a blanket on our sofa and only went out to do her duty. Finally she started to take treats from my hand and warm up a little. After much time sitting with her, talking to her and just letting her get to know us she started acting like a member of the family. We had many grandkids at that time and was concerned how she would act with the younger kids because we did not know if she had been around any children when she was young. Well she turned out to be one of the best dogs with the kids. She loved them all, well most of them, one grandson always wanted to chase her and she just avoided him. She turned out to be Don's best friend and she slept at the bottom of our bed every night. We miss her very much and would love to have another Shar-Pei with her personality.

Don and Carol Long



Sugar Fund Donations

Donations have continued to come in to OS in response to the Story about Sugar in the December newsletter and the request for donations to the Sugar Fund. We would like to thank the following people for their recent donations. To date \$665 has been raised towards the \$2000 vet bill.

Holly Kohl Gerre Davis Nancy Tartala Donna Rotandi Cathy and Glenn Hall

If you missed Sugar's Story, it can be found at this link:

<http://www.operationscarlet.com/opscarlet/files/Download/December2010.pdf>

Dear Dawn,

Reading Sugar's story in the December newsletter brought me to tears. But, it also made me smile knowing what comforting and loving care she received in her final days. I'm so thankful for you and the volunteers at Operation Scarlet for providing compassionate care and locating happy and loving homes for this wonderful Shar-Pei breed.

Glenn and I are thankful every day for Samson, whom we adopted in October 2008. He is such a sweet and loving dog.

Keep doing what you're doing! It's Sugar's story that makes it worthwhile. Please accept this donation in her memory.

Cathy and Glenn Hall and Samson

Polly has been placed after waiting nine months at OS for her forever home. Thank you Randy and Jim for giving her that very special second chance.



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Since
1991

It is the kindness of the many donors and volunteers that gives these Shar-Pei a second chance in life.

Winter Safety Tips for Your Pei Antifreeze Warning

Ethylene Glycol Toxicity has the highest fatality rate of all poisons that our pets are exposed to. Automobile antifreeze solutions are 95% Ethylene Glycol. Exposure is most common in the fall, winter, and spring months, when radiator fluid is changed, but is also a problem when a leak in the radiator occurs and fluid accumulates under the vehicle. Antifreeze is colorless, odorless and has a sweet taste that dogs and small children find appealing and will readily drink. Cats are less likely to drink unknown fluids, however, if they walk through it and later clean their feet, poisoning can result. A tablespoon of antifreeze can cause poisoning in a dog.

Once ingested, it is absorbed and the liver converts the Ethylene Glycol to more toxic substances. These substances injure many organs including the kidneys.

Prevention is best obtained by eliminating exposure via careful handling and disposal of antifreeze solutions and not allowing dogs to roam in areas unknown to the owner i.e. neighbor's garage, etc. Always exercise caution when walking your dog and do not allow your dog to approach standing water as possible antifreeze contamination could be present. In addition, one can use antifreeze solutions that do not contain Ethylene Glycol (Sierra, Arco), as these are unpleasantly flavored and are relatively non-toxic.

Other Safety Tips

- ♥ Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
- ♥ Never leave your dog alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.
- ♥ Make sure your Pei has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.
- ♥ Towel or blow-dry your dog if it gets wet from rain or snow. It is important to dry and clean its paws, too. This helps avoid tiny cuts and cracked pads. A little petroleum jelly may soften the pads and prevent further cracking.
- ♥ Avoid letting your dog eat snow or anything else on the ground. Dangerous objects or chemicals may be hidden in the snow. Also, eating snow can cause stomach upset and even hypothermia. Always keep fresh room temperature water available at all times.

Sam and Sebastian From Homeless in Ohio to Adopted in Pennsylvania

Sam and Sebastian's story started several months ago when Operation Scarlet learned of a Shar-Pei in Ohio named Sabastian that was in need of an emergency rescue. Sebastian had only two days left at the shelter before he was to be euthanized. Barb and Joe Raniolo, loyal OS volunteers who moved to Ohio a few years ago, were called to see if they knew of a kennel in the area where Sabastian could be placed until transport was available.

Barb and Joe offered to do more than that, they offered to rescue Sabastian from the shelter and foster him until this handsome one year old could be transported to OS.

When Barb and Joe arrived at the shelter another Pei was walking through the doors – a stray named Sam. One homeless Pei quickly became two homeless Pei and they took Sam and Sebastian to stay with them and their four Scarlet's kids.

In January, Sebastian got his second chance in life when he was adopted by Tara Ackerman, and Sam has been adopted by Dotty and Elvin Arment and their sweet Pei Ginger. Elvin and Dotty have since changed Sam's name to Dillinger.



Thank
You
Everyone
We
Are
Home!



Dillinger at the Bon Ton event. He went from homeless on Friday to adopted and working the crowd on Saturday.

Way to go Dillinger!



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