



# Operation Scarlet, Inc

Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue of Lancaster, PA

1991 Celebrating 20 Years 2011



## Operation Scarlet Continues to Celebrate Their 20 Year Anniversary

Operation Scarlet's luncheons are always special occasions, but this year special stories and events from the past twenty years were remembered. From the ice sculpture, to the cake, the many guests and the crowning of the King & Queen of Hearts, this truly was a day to remember.



Attendees at Operation Scarlet's Spring Luncheon reminisce about their experiences at the rescue. Clockwise from top left : Gwen Goldfarb, Carole Dunkle, Holly Kohl, Sue Crowle, Mary Ellen Berry, Dawn Witmer, Ken Berry, Debbie McGinness, Steve Fries, Mary Hewes.



## From the Heart

### Reflecting and Reminiscing

O.S. has been doing a lot of that this year. Where did the time go? It just seems like a few years ago that the doors of Op Scarlet opened to receive Spiro, the first Pei rescued. Now, 20 years later, I am looking back on a lot of fond memories and celebrating the lives of 1,100 rescued Shar-Pei.

If you were not at the spring luncheon, this newsletter will take you there with many photos. It was an awesome day. I enjoyed meeting with many adopters that I have had the pleasure of knowing for many years. Frank Hughes and his wife Betty were present. I met Frank in 1993 when he first came to the rescue to adopt Buffy. Gwen Goldfarb who was one of the first members of O.S. who helped get O.S. up and running in 1991. Debbie McGinness who adopted Jet in 1991. Carole Dunkle who has been an adopter since 1993. And then, of course, some of the more recent adopters were also present. Dawn Temple with her second adopted Pei, Beau, who received the Rescue Dog of the Year Award. Craig and Jean Marsteller who have been adopters for quite a few years, but attended their first luncheon with their adopted boy, Caesar, who was crowned King of Hearts. The day was heartwarming and inspiring to say the least. The ice sculpture of Scarlet was breathtaking. People gathered round and just stood silently staring at that well known Pei face. It was truly a moment when time stood still – her face staring back at the people – frozen in time. All in all, it was a very memorable and enjoyable luncheon.

Now for the big celebration on **Sunday, June 5**. This celebration is totally different from the luncheons. June 5 is a day to socialize and celebrate. Stop by for cake, punch and good company with fellow Shar-Pei people. Wander through the Memorabilia Room and the Rescue Wall of Fame. There are a few surprises along the way like the one-of-a-kind, magnificent centerpiece on the cake table. I am hoping to chat with many, many O.S. friends that I have not seen for quite a while. If your Pei enjoys meeting folks, bring your wrinkled friend along. Doggie hors d'oeuvres will be served to the four legged guests. The day will end with a candle lighting ceremony to commemorate the occasion.

Hopefully, you have received your invitations in the mail by now. Please complete those responses and get them back to me ASAP. I am so looking forward to seeing a gigantic turnout.

My wish is to visit with lots and lots of adopters, former adopters, prospective adopters and good friends of O.S. Whether old friends or new, you are all welcome.

Come join in the celebration on **Sunday, June 5**.

**Dawn and All of Scarlet's Kids**

P.S. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact me

at [opscarlet@verizon.net](mailto:opscarlet@verizon.net). I will be happy to mail one to you.



1997

- 288. Sally
- 289. Abby
- 290. Kahlua
- 291. Boo Bear
- 292. Scooby Doo
- 293. Oreo
- 294. Sabrina
- 295. Molly
- 296. Rudy
- 297. Rex
- 298. Roxanne
- 299. Mocha
- 300. Tai Pei
- 301. Tara
- 302. Tessie
- 303. Shadow
- 304. Khan
- 305. Gizmo II
- 306. Diablo
- 307. Bruce
- 308. Moo Shu
- 309. Misty II
- 310. Max III
- 311. Rocky V
- 312. Radar
- 313. Peaches II
- 314. Sweet Pea
- 315. CoCo
- 316. Xena
- 317. Angel
- 318. Princess II
- 319. Blue
- 320. Kahlua II
- 321. Stella
- 322. Carmen
- 323. Winnie
- 324. Rudy II
- 325. Sam
- 326. Razzle
- 327. Endy
- 328. Magic
- 329. Lucky II
- 332. Chyna
- 333. Rusty
- 334. Ice
- 335. Tawny
- 336. Mason
- 337. Pudge



Boo Bear



Khan



Levi



Angel



Kahlua II



Bruce



Brandy



Carmen

- 338. Mike
- 339. Krinkle
- 340. Sheba
- 341. Charlotte
- 342. Ginseng
- 343. Chin
- 344. Nala
- 345. Pogo
- 346. Pai Lei
- 347. Kiko
- 348. Max IV
- 349. Lindsay
- 350. Kody II
- 351. J.R.
- 352. Dustin



Lexus



Dustin



Ginseng



Mason

By the end of 1998 Operation Scarlet had rescued 419 Shar Pei from across the United States. Each rescue had its own story to tell, and most of those stories told of the hard times they had endured. All had suffered either physically or emotionally. But the story of Sasha who was stuck by a car and left on the road showed both the bad side of humanity as well as the good that mankind is capable of doing. Sasha's story is on page 5. Sasha was later featured on Animal Planet.

**1998**

- 353. Sarge
- 354. Sam II
- 355. Casey II
- 356. Satchae )
- 357. Sammee Lee
- 358. Peaches III
- 359. Louie
- 360. Macey
- 361. Hoppy
- 362. Yardley
- 363. Sonia Rose
- 364. Sampson
- 365. Merlin
- 366. Winston
- 367. Joe Joe
- 368. Maxx
- 369. Brutus III
- 370. Melanie
- 371. Belle
- 372. Marcus
- 373. Taz
- 374. Molly II
- 375. Suki II )
- 376. Sammy
- 377. Gladys
- 378. Simba II
- 379. Sasha Lu Lu
- 380. Ming Chee )
- 381. Norton II
- 382. Bonsai II
- 383 Radar II
- 384. Tiffany
- 385. Levi
- 386. Izzy II
- 387. Rupert
- 388. Aja
- 389. Su Ling
- 390. Wrinkles IV
- 391. Pumpkin
- 392. Sophie II
- 393. Hannah
- 394. Magoo II



Gilbert



Merlin

- 395. Fuzzy
- 396. Bill aka Bleu
- 397. Rose
- 398. Meeko
- 399. Yuengling
- 400. Brandy
- 401. Cassie
- 402. Twoee
- 403. Sasha IV
- 404. Storm
- 405. Sammo
- 406. Arthur
- 407. Tika
- 408. Roger
- 409. Wilbur
- 410. Tango
- 411. Kiara
- 412. Logan
- 413. Gypsy
- 414. Mickey
- 415. Sandy
- 416. Rocky VI
- 417. Abbey
- 418. Connie Chung
- 419. Dusty II



Macey

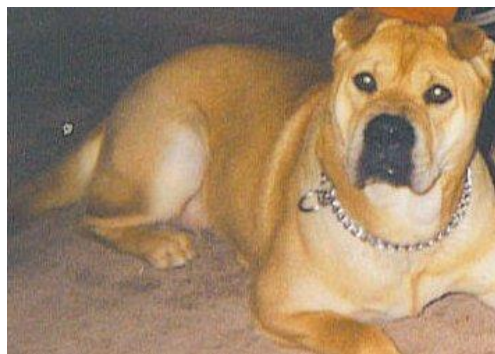


Ming Chee



Aja

**Operation Scarlet**  
**Shar-Pei**  
**Rescue Count**  
**2-21-1991 to 12-31-1999**  
**419**



Tiffany

Sasha Lu Lu



The year was 1998.....

## New Wrinkle in Rescues: Ga. Peach is on the Mend

The Southern belle in question is a Shar-Pei, injured on an Atlanta interstate and flown here for care. She'll soon need a home.

**By Nicolle Gehr - Sunday News Staff Writer**

Sasha is one lucky dog.

Several weeks ago, the 2-year-old female Chinese Shar-Pei was hit on a busy eight-lane interstate in Atlanta Ga. The driver that ran over her never stopped to help the severely injured dog.

A witness, however, did. She took Sasha to a local pet emergency clinic. Her hips were crushed, she had a broken leg and ankle, some internal organs were exposed and she had many lacerations.

The total medical bill was about \$2,500.

Sasha's story was televised in Atlanta and the woman who rescued the dog raised enough to cover her vet bills. Sasha now has pins in her leg and a plate in her hip, and may need more surgery in the future to remove the pins.

Despite the dog's sad story, no one called the TV station to claim her. So Operation Scarlet Inc., a Chinese Shar-Pei rescue organization based in Lancaster, stepped up to help.

"She'll stay with me until she recovers and we find a home for her," said Dawn Hertzog, who founded the group in 1991.

Two associate members of the group's Georgia chapter traveled from Atlanta to Lancaster on Friday to drop off Sasha and another Shar-Pei, a male found in the Atlanta area, at Hertzog's home. The members were coming to Lancaster for Operation Scarlet's annual luncheon at the Eden Resort Inn Saturday.

"I said, 'Put them all on the plane and bring them along.'" Hertzog said.

Hertzog said Sasha came to Lancaster because the group's members in Georgia were already taking care of several Shar-Pei and didn't feel comfortable keeping Sasha because of her injuries.

"So, of course, I said I'd take her on," Hertzog said.

Hertzog decided to found the group around 1989, when she rescued a homeless Shar-Pei. The dog, named Scarlet, later died, and Hertzog named the rescue organization Operation Scarlet after her.

The organization has 300 members nationwide, and has saved 473 Shar-Pei. It has received numerous awards for its efforts.

The local group plans to pay for any future surgery Sasha needs. The dog won't be up for adoption until she has healed. The standard adoption fee is \$175.

Despite the severity of Sasha's injuries, she is expected to recover. "Her prognosis is good," Hertzog said.

"I've talked to my vet about her condition. The adopter needs to understand, though, that she's not going to be a Frisbee dog or a dog to go running with."

Hertzog has four Shar-Pei of her own at home, not to mention the other rescued dogs in a special "rescue room" at her home. By Monday, she will have nine Shar-Pei available for adoption.

Hertzog said it's always tempting to keep a rescued stray, but she'll search out the right family for Sasha.

"My purpose is to find loving, responsible homes, but it's hard to say good-bye. I see them at their worst - when they're sick and scared - and I get them ready to go. That feeling of knowing that they are finally in a safe, loving home is worth all the work."

*Cindy Phillips and Jane Wake who transported  
Sasha to Operation Scarlet*





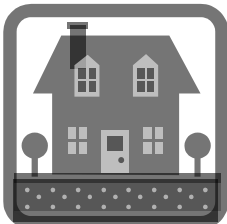
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# Scarlet's Kids

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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**Jazz**, an adorable cream horsecoat, was picked up as a stray. When he first arrived at OS, thin and confused, he needed surgery to reposition his knee cap. This young (approximately a year to year-and-a-half old) is now happy and healthy and in love with everyone he meets. The only exception his foster mother noted is Jazz prefers life without small dogs; dogs his size are fine with him. She also said he loves french fries. Jazz enjoys his walks and has quickly learned how to walk on a leash. Now he's ready to learn so much more in his own home. If he could have an occasional french fry....all the better!



**T.Bear** has gotten his second chance, he was adopted in April.

### King & Queen of Hearts Crowned at the Spring Luncheon

The canine King & Queen of Hearts, Caesar Marsteller and Abby Riddelle, were crowned at the Spring Luncheon. The very lovely Queen of Hearts, Samantha Hewes, presided over the ceremony.

### Beau Temple Rescue Dog of the Year Award.

Dawn Hertzog presents the award to Beau and his adopter, Dawn Temple. (Top left, bottom center)



### The Latest Canine Fashion Unveiled at the OS



Tai and Musha Rontandi modeling the headbands made by OS adopter, Sherry Rine. Sherry made and sold these headbands at the luncheon.

Tai, Choppy and Mushu Rotandi

Dear OS,

To all at OS: Enjoyed luncheon very much. Hope to see everyone in June! Thanks for all that was done in planning event!....

Terry & Fred Antonacci

1107 Shar-Pei Rescued Since 1991

## Here are the Lucky Winners of the 2012 Calendar Contest

Snuggles and Chopin Spitz Lyla Bowers Jack Waldman Colbie Waldman Zachary Hertzog  
Qi Lin Davis Bark Lee Roth Chloe Chandler Casper Breighner Misha and Foxy Samuels  
Talleulah and Winston D'Alessandro Abby Riddelle

Millie Fretterd was drawn as Lucky 13 for the calendar and will have her own bio page.

Special thanks to everyone who participated in this and helped to raise over \$3,600.  
Look for the calendar sale announcement coming this fall.

## Spring Luncheon's Canine Guests

It just wouldn't be an Operation Scarlet luncheon without the special canine guests! Here are some of the four legged guests who entertained the crowd.





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

**Ginger Arment**

Ginger was a faithful greeter for many years at luncheons and fundraising events.



**Sara Lee Raniolo**

The words that no one wants to hear, "she has a large mass, it's probably cancer, her lungs are almost gone." After many trips to the vet, we were forced to face with the unfortunate news, Sara Lee did not have much time left. Despite Sara Lee's best efforts to stay a little longer with us, Friday morning, April 11, I woke up to snow and the roads covered and all the schools closed. I noticed she was breathing through her mouth, so I called Joe and told him I needed her home. I could not do this myself. She was my constant companion for nine years. Wherever I was, she was. She was always at my feet. She loved me as much as I loved her. At 2:00, Joe loaded her in the car. She was so excited to be going for a ride with her dad, one of her favorite things in the whole world. When he returned without her, my world was shattered. I know everyone thinks their dog is the best, but she truly was. Her claim to fame was she could escape from anywhere. She had a habit of getting out of the fenced in area and when I would discover her, she would look at me like what is your problem, I'm fine.

There will never be another Sara Lee for me. I am sure we will have other Pei. We have three other ones now, but she had that special place in my heart that will forever be empty. I didn't think I had any more tears left, but I was wrong. I truly loved her with all my heart and soul, and when she left us, she left a hole in my heart that will never be filled again. I love you Sara Lee and will never forget those wonderful years you gave me.

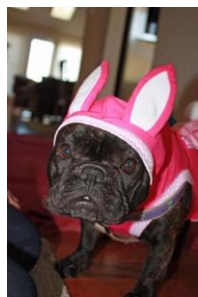
Rest in Peace, Baby Girl. Barb Raniolo

*Perhaps they are not stars, but openings in Heaven  
Where the love of our four legged friends  
Pours through and shines down upon us to  
Let us know they are at peace.*



**Thank You Steve!**

Thank you to Steve Hawkins and his special assistant, Greer Garson, for capturing the events at the Spring Luncheon and for sharing the wonderful photo collages that he created with the readers of Scarlet's News.



**Associate Member Renewals**

Helen & Ronald Bucher      Jona & Joe Maiolo

Bob & Trudy Shinn

Dawn & Mike Riddelle      Roe and Art Pettinato

**Thank you for being a part of Operation Scarlet**

## Remembering Past Rescues

*In celebration of 20 years of rescue,  
We would like to remember the day Mia was rescued.*



Mia was a stray that was rescued from Animal Control in New Jersey. She arrived at Operation Scarlet in August 2000. She is a sweet little girl with a bubbly personality and just simply loves life. It did not take very long at all until that "special person" came to the rescue to meet Mia and it was love at first sight. Say "Atlantic City" and people immediately think of the beach, boardwalk, and especially the casinos. Everyone is hoping to win the jackpot, but I truly have done it. My prize was Mia, my sweet little four-legged girl. The moment I saw her at Operation Scarlet, I knew she was to be mine. When I petted her, I discovered she communicates by snorting. It is music to my ears.

Mia is quite a character. At first, she would drag rugs and toys to the center of the hallway. Now, she is more selective, only items with mom's scent on, particularly clothing and shoes. Every day, after my shower and before I can put the wet and used bath towels and washcloths in the hamper, Mia has confiscated those items for her building project. Every day, she creates a new artistic collage in the hallway.

Mia is my sentry. She lays, sits, and stands up on her back legs to look out the windows. Any person or animal, squirrels, rabbits, birds, etc, walking along the road in front of the house, she makes sure I know it. However, Mia does not forget to take time to chew a nylabone or play with Jake, my male Shar-Pei.

I have saved the best for last. Bedtime is game time for Mia. After she and Jake have been outside just before we go to bed, Jake heads to the bedroom and snuggles up in his bed. Mia waits patiently in the dining room, as I turn out the lights. Then she runs around the dining room table for several minutes and I chase her. Finally she stops, sits down, and I pick her up. I carry her like a baby, and put her in her bed. Luck and good fortune comes in different types of packages. For me, it is a little, black brushcoat Shar-Pei

## Spring Luncheon

### In the Spotlight

Frank and Betty Hughes (top) were chosen to be the family In The Spotlight. Frank adopted Buffy in 1993. Frank and Betty adopted Bella in 2002.

### Shar-Pei Rescues

Jane Wake (left) was representing the Georgia Shar-Pei Rescue and Jeanne Johnson (right) represented Mid-Atlantic Shar-Pei Rescue.



## Spring Raffle Ticket Winners

- \$400 – Robert Mummaw, PA
- \$300 – Anna Foltz, PA
- \$200 – Mary Ann Susavidge, PA
- \$100 – Gwen Goldfarb, PA

A huge thank you to all who sold or purchased tickets. The proceeds will go directly to the care of Scarlet's kids.

## Operation Scarlet's Sub Sale

The Sub Sale was a huge success with 230 subs sold and over \$800 raised for Scarlet's Kids.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event!

## Exciting News!

Silpada has initiated online ordering straight from my website. You can shop 24/7 for .925 sterling silver artisan jewelry for women, men, and children, or purchase gift certificates. They even have a Bad to the Bone charm for your Shar-Pei (or other breed)! That's OS's Tai Tai who is modeling the gorgeous jewelry on my web page! All items come gift boxed and shipped directly to your door within a week - or faster if you need it sooner.

Even more exciting is that I will donate 30% of your total sale to Operation Scarlet - just send me an email and let me know you're an OS supporter and my commission will go straight to help OS rescue more adorable Shar-Pei.

You can check out Silpada's new styles in the Spring supplement catalog too.

Log on to [www.mysilpada.com/donna.rotandi](http://www.mysilpada.com/donna.rotandi) or if you prefer, contact me and I'll mail you a catalog. Want to help OS even more? Consider hosting a party & invite your friends. Call me for details and available dates.



Donna Rotandi Independent Silpada Designs Representative [drotandi@yahoo.com](mailto:drotandi@yahoo.com)

## From Our Readers

To Dawn and all of your hard working volunteers:

Thank you so much for allowing Brian and I to be part of your wonderful caring organization. What a great time we had on Sunday visiting with all your Pei and Peis' people. Although the years go by so swiftly, there is not a day I do not remember our Annabelle and the link she created between us.

God Bless you all for all you do. Jeanne & Brian Johnson MidAtlantic Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue

## April Sponsor a Pei Donors

John & Susan Mergo

Art & Roe Pettinato

Gerre Davis

Maria Tavener

Donna & Rick Rotandi

Nancy Tartala

Thank you! Your donations helped to pay for boarding a Shar-Pei until there was room for them at the rescue. Contact Operation Scarlet if you would like to join the Sponsor a Pei Program.

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