



Operation Scarlet, Inc

Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue of Lancaster, PA
Scarlet's News



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Operation Scarlet's Fall Luncheon

The Fall Luncheon was held on October 24, 2010 at the Lancaster Host Resort. The day was filled with fun and friendship as human and canine guests shared their rescue stories.

Special events included the presentation of the A. Marie Cross Humanitarian award that was presented to Gwen Goldfarb and Kevin Bedgood, and the OS Hero award presented to Denise Wilson. Cathy Dull did a canine agility demonstration and allowed some of the canine guests a try at the course.

Raffle ticket winners were drawn for the many cash and gift prizes. Snowflake, who has been the OS mascot for the past eleven years, celebrated her eleventh birthday.

This issue of Scarlet's News is filled with pictures of this event, so take a moment to either re-live the day, or see what you missed!

Scarlet's News would like to thank Steve Hawkins for creating the wonderful collages of the luncheon events and sharing his pictures with our readers.



From The Heart

If you attended the luncheon, I am quite sure you felt the love and positive energy everywhere in the room. I certainly did. Not just for a portion of the program, but for the entire afternoon. There was one heartwarming story after another. Along with very excited Pei who were eating up all the attention and thrilled to be with their new families. From the podium I could see all their happy wrinkled faces and tails wagging to beat the band. Some content to lie by the feet of a loved one and others looking adoringly into the eyes of their new mom or dad. Shar-Pei that just months before were sitting in shelters without a family or home. Many on that dreaded list that counted off the number of days before their time was up.



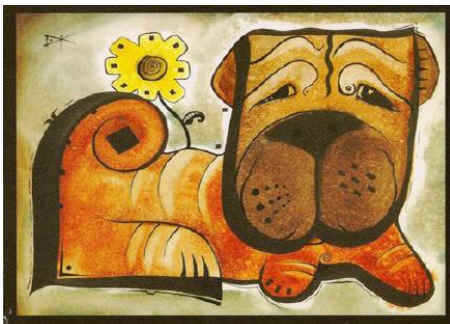
Dawn and OS Mascot, Snowflake

They rose from the depths of despair to a day of celebration - proudly strutting around the room pleased in knowing they were loved. That is my story this time folks. Simply conveying to you the thrill and joy I felt that afternoon watching those content, happy and loved Pei. And also realizing that they would not have been sharing that special day if not for Operation Scarlet. If you attended the luncheon, many thanks for your support. I feel sure you left that day feeling not only inspired but satisfied in knowing that you too are a part of Scarlet's family. If you did not attend, please mark Sunday, April 10, 2011 on your calendar. We would love to have you join us. It's very heart healthy.

Dawn, Scarlet and All the Kids

*We can only be said to be alive in those moments
when our hearts are conscious of our treasures.*

~Thornton Wilder



Check out the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America's November Newsletter.

Our very own Polly, who is patiently waiting for her forever home, is featured on page three.

<http://www.cspca.com/Newsletter/NovNews2010.pdf>

Thank You for Supporting Operation Scarlet



Sponsor a Pei Jerry & Karen Dalton Joann Holmes Yvonne Hersh
Pat Bloss Steve & Valarie Hawkins John & Susan Mergo
Mike Riddelle Joann Holmes Vicky Seeger
Thank you! Your donations saved a Pei when there was no room at OS.

New Associates Welcome Kris Axberg, adopter of Enzo
Associate Renewals John & Chris Minninger Ellen Walton
Maria Tavener Holly & Rick Kohl Yvonne & Glen Hersh
Fred and Terry Antonacci

Friendly's Night A total of \$190.66 was raised at Friendly's Night. Thanks to all the members who worked at the information table and to all those who supported Operation Scarlet by stopping by for a dinner and or a very delicious ice cream treat.

Pennies From Heaven Ken & Mary Ellen Berry Jean & Craig Marsteller Nora Hoffert
Alan Kinney Roe & Art Pettinato Janice Hallman Gerre Davis
Susan Fretterd Mike Riddelle Margaret Clark

A total of \$1,269.50 has been donated so far to Pennies from Heaven. Your donations will help to change the life of a homeless Shar-Pei. Thank you for your donations.

Vote for Operation Scarlet at the Animal Rescue Site

Once again the Animal Rescue Site is featuring the Shelter Contest Challenge. From now until December 20 you may support Operation Scarlet by logging on to the web site and voting for Operation Scarlet as your favorite rescue. Voting is simple, fast and free and your votes could help Operation Scarlet win some of the prize money.

[Click Here to Vote Now, Vote Every Day.](#)

Bon Ton Community Days

Purchase a Bon Ton Community Day Coupon Booklet From us for \$5.00 and Receive a \$10 Coupon Plus Other Many Great Coupons!

Stop by on these dates and times. We would love to see you!

Nov 6 2-4 PM Nov 12 6-8 PM

December 4 & 5 Pet Expo Lancaster Expo Center

Located on corner of S. Queen and E King St On the square in Lancaster-Just blocks from OS!
Operation Scarlet will be visiting, but we will not have a booth at this event.

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.



Bogie is a small, fun-loving 5-year-old male. He was adopted from a shelter and 3 ½ years later was back at the same shelter, once again looking for a home. Bogie has quickly settled into the routine of life at the rescue. He's on the small side, with a very cute, impish face. If you're looking for a happy-go-lucky Pei, this guy's for you. He's hoping "third time's the charm" comes true for him and his next home is his forever home.



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.

Polly is a very cute cream brush coat who's aspiring to be a bear coat.....she has some wisps of long hair here and there which only add to her cuteness. She was an owner surrender; the reason given was the family had no time for her. She lived in a home with 4 children so it's a good guess that she's an easy-going dog. Polly is between 1 to 2 years old and somewhat shy at first. Once she gets to know you, you'll find her to be a gentle, quiet dog. Polly rides well in the car and is very good at vet exams.



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Shar-Pei
Rescued
Since
1991



Honest,
it was
the
Devil
who
made
me do
it!

Lucy Lu Clark



Millie Fretterd dressed for Halloween and the Steelers game!

Operation Scarlet's November Pei Mate



Unique Opportunity to Enrich Your Life and The Life of a Very Special Shar-Pei

Star came to OS in 2008 after having been in an Arizona shelter and then a Pennsylvania Shelter. He was awarded "Rescue Dog of the Year" in 2009. Shortly after being adopted in 2009, he helped to save his person's life resulting in his being given the "Canine Hero Award" by OS and was honored at the San Francisco SPCA Bark & Whine Ball as a hero. After his strength and spirit allowed him to recover from being hit by a car in 2010, Star received the Operation Scarlet "Miracle Dog Award".



Star is.....

Love, loyalty and
heartwarming spirit,
neatly packaged and
mobile on four legs.

Star needs.....

a loving home.

I had an accident and lost an eye - But I get along fine with just one

My person had a heart attack - But I stayed by his side and called for help and he was saved

I was hit by a car and suffered traumatic injuries - But I defied the odds and I recovered

I have lost my home four times - But I have found a new home three times

I am currently a homeless Shar-Pei at OS - But I believe I will find my forever home soon

Some dogs have a pedigree based on who their parents were on the outside;

Star has a pedigree based on who he is on the inside.



Scarlet's Kid's Halloween Costume Contest



Lucy Lu Clark



Patrick Berry



Sumo Dushanko



Cheyenne Pettinato



One of the highlights of the luncheon was being entertained by the Shar-Pei that competed in the costume contest. Congratulations to the winner, Mushu Rotandi, dressed as a hot dog accompanied by ketchup and mustard.



Ginger Arment

Thank you to all of the contestants!

Operation Scarlet's Mascot, Snowflake, Retires

Snowflake chose the Fall Luncheon and her eleventh birthday to announce her retirement.



I am the OS Mascot. But I guess I am a bit ahead of myself, so I will start at the beginning. I was rescued by OS when I was just seven weeks of age. I was in a shelter and homeless when I was a wee baby. I arrived at the rescue in 1999, just two weeks before Christmas. It was not long before people at the rescue noticed I was not behaving like a normal puppy should. I could not walk straight; I would keep spinning in circles. I would also want to put everything in my mouth – twigs, stones, dirt, etc. Dr. Hall examined me and said in the nicest way he possibly could that I had neurological problems. As a puppy, I was quite a handful. Well, Mama Dawn, the lady that is founder of OS decided to just add me to her

family. I had to be watched constantly because I would chew and swallow everything that would fit in my mouth. Taking me on a walk was an experience because I just snuffled up everything on the ground. Mama Dawn tried putting me in bed with her at night and by morning the sheets looked like Swiss cheese. I would chew on the sheets all night long instead of



sleeping like normal puppies would. I had to stay in my crate in order to keep me safe unless someone could watch over me. I was very happy and quite excited when I was told that I was going to be the OS Mascot. That is a very important job, you see. I would need to attend the luncheons and greet all the people as they

arrived. Boy, did I feel important. I have been performing that duty for about ten years now. I am now eleven years old. I have mellowed with age and can even be trusted out of my crate for most of the time. I only need to go in my crate when Mama Dawn goes away. I now sleep in bed and the sheets are still in one



piece in the morning. I am pictured here with two of my favorite pastimes, getting cookies from the Yuppy Puppy machine and pretending to be "Miss Daisy" as I am chauffeured while the other Pei are out for a walk. Thank goodness for OS. I know I would not have made it in this big world without their help.



Thank You Snowflake for a Job Well Done!

Scarlet's Seniors

Some of Scarlet's Seniors were guests at the Fall Luncheon



Recently, Ming, 13, lost her home due to a divorce. Ken & Mary Ellen Berry opened their hearts and adopted Ming.



When Lucky found himself homeless at 11, Mary Hewes gave him a home.



New to OS, Moses is a senior looking for a home. Currently Debbie McGinniss is his foster mom.

[Click here for adoption information](#)



Senior Pei guests, ten years of age or older, from left to right: Pat McGinniss with Ice, 14 1/2; Denise Brodhecker with Cricket, 11; and Carol Smale with OS Mascot Snowflake, 11.

Happy Tails Bailey and Beau Temple

Bailey met me one cold February day at the Operation Scarlet shelter. She nestled her big black head gently in the crook of my left knee as I petted and massaged her back. She initially shivered then relaxed in knowing that she had found her human.

She came home slowly testing each step...through the door, walking on the wood floor, then the carpet, putting on the collar, slinking onto the couch, and finally crawling into her huge bean bag chair now known as "Bailey's daybed." I had recently rehabilitated to being able to walk after being hit by a car and not walking for five months. Walking was slow but a crucial part of my physical therapy. Bailey hopped along beside me patiently with each step of our 3 miles a day. Both of us had apparent limps with big smiles on our faces.



All 52 pounds of her muscle moved in a determined, cautious manner. Her back right leg was taken by a man too impatient to put on her lead and too cruel to ease her pain when he broke it by simply taking her to a vet. She healed herself, trusting no one. Always gentle and loving she remained.

When she came home, she worked hard to learn all the new tasks in obedience class like, "sit, lay down, leave it, shake." Each trick well worth the treat paid for it. She earned the award for "Most Vigorous Wagger" as her entire back end moved in a helicopter type fashion when she was happy. She is happiest when chasing a bunny, eating a snack in bed, and

when playing with one of her doggie friends running full out with her back end tucked in as if she were competing in the Kentucky Derby.

We invited an animal communicator to interpret for us when thoughts about surgically adjusting her remaining half leg. She told me many things, she told the cat, Cooper, more. Bailey did not trust, she needed time. She would accept another dog, but it had to be a boy and little. "A puppy?," I thought, with my lacking energy this would not be good. How would I be able to meet her desire?



Bailey loved her home now with Cooper, the cat whom thought he was a dog, and the safe place to curl up in the sunlight in the middle of the living room floor. Cooper said that Bailey and I had our lives come together so we could both heal from our tragedies. This was happening. Bailey's food, walks, sleep times followed schedules, became predictable. Her smile was more apparent, and her velocity and weight of the flop in the bed at the end of a long day was felt with such pleasure. We were happy. Each day she became more sure of herself. She started greeting strangers with a light lick on the hand, familiar faces with the vigorous wag and a body bump. Things continued in this manner until a Friday in August.

Beau had shown his battered tan body in the Operation Scarlet newsletter in the Spring of 2010 under the name of "Bubba". His front left leg was taken by a gunshot wound, and his back left leg also had a scar depicting obvious surgery or wound. Despite everything in my being saying that he belonged with us, I hesitated. There was a wedding, a big trip out west planned, a potential surgery for me, and twenty other reasons that Beau was not Bailey's little male friend that she had agreed to accept. We were happy, fulfilled. I went to meet Beau when I could no longer not meet him.

I had a list of conditions. He exceeded every single one. At our first meet he danced on his back legs with his one front leg on mine, licking my face, telling me it would be ok and that he would take care of everything if I would just finally get him home.



Beau needed a small surgery and a hurdle to overcome getting there...The Vet. His front left leg was shot and had to be removed prior to coming to Operation Scarlet. His rear left leg had an obvious surgical repair as well. Mister Beau was quite the gentleman when all places, except the vet as it had been a place of pain. A muzzle was needed. He became out of control and needed work. Dawn Hertzog faithfully had spent much time helping him to adjust to going to this necessary evil. Everything changed with the next visit after Beau came home. The vet gave him cookies and let his new

Mommy take samples from his ears. No growls, snarls, or muzzles. Lots of wags, kisses, and eating more cookies. The vet is now a fun place to go.

Beau put a sense of fun into the home. Everything was new, the cats, toys, treats, tricks, walks, bunnies, everything. He would jump up on to the couch to chew a 12" pressed rawhide bone as if he had done it for years on the first day that he came home. He frequently pops up on the couch to curl in someone's lap for the company and for a little scratch in his itchy spot.

Bailey watched for a couple of days certainly wondering what kind of mayhem this little guy was going to cause. She also saw that people were



laughing and petting him and crawling on the floor and no craziness happened. She came up, leaned against my Mom whom was visiting to help me recover from surgery, and just looked up to her and allowed herself to be touched, scratched, loved. A near stranger, now a source of safety, cuddles, and good snacks, of course.

Our Doggy Cart



Bailey's defenses lowered. She approached strangers on the street for affection, previously NEVER a consideration. She did expect order in the home, though. When Beau would get a little too excited over the squirrel in the back yard or the stray cat and start barking, Bailey would bump him with her side and give a little correction growl, "Keep it down, young un."

The two now, only two weeks into making a home together have bonded



and balanced one another. Our "happy" home is now a "fulfilled" home. The missing piece that we did not know was gone, came home. Beau completed us. We thought we were providing him a home and exactly the opposite happened. He offered us one. The story is not one of two dogs with three legs each. It is about wounded hearts coming together to become whole hearts. Thank you Dawn, and Operation Scarlet. You have brought us all home. There is no price too high for that, and we owe you everything.

Dawn Temple

Luncheon Raffle Prize Winners

\$500 – Casey Hayes, Indiana; adopter of Buckles
Thank you Casey for donating the prize money to OS.

\$300 - Shirley Sarnowski, New Jersey; adopter of Amber

\$200 - Jona Maiolo, PA; adopter of Tanner and Pearl

\$200 – Joann Holmes, Connecticut; good friend of OS dog, Jack Jack
Thank you Joann for donating the prize money to OS.

**Thank you
to everyone
who helped
raise money
for the kids
by buying
and selling
raffle tickets.**

Absentee raffle prize winner was Alan Kinney, Rochester NY, adopter of Dakota.



The absentee raffle was for this sculpture of two beautiful glass Shar-Pei tugging playfully at a sock. Mounted on a nicely formed piece of slate, this one of a kind handcrafted piece is dated 2000.

This item was donated by Mary Ellen Tarman, Historian of Shar-Pei and was part of her personal and extensive Shar-Pei collection

Special thanks to Mary Ellen Tarman for donating this prize.

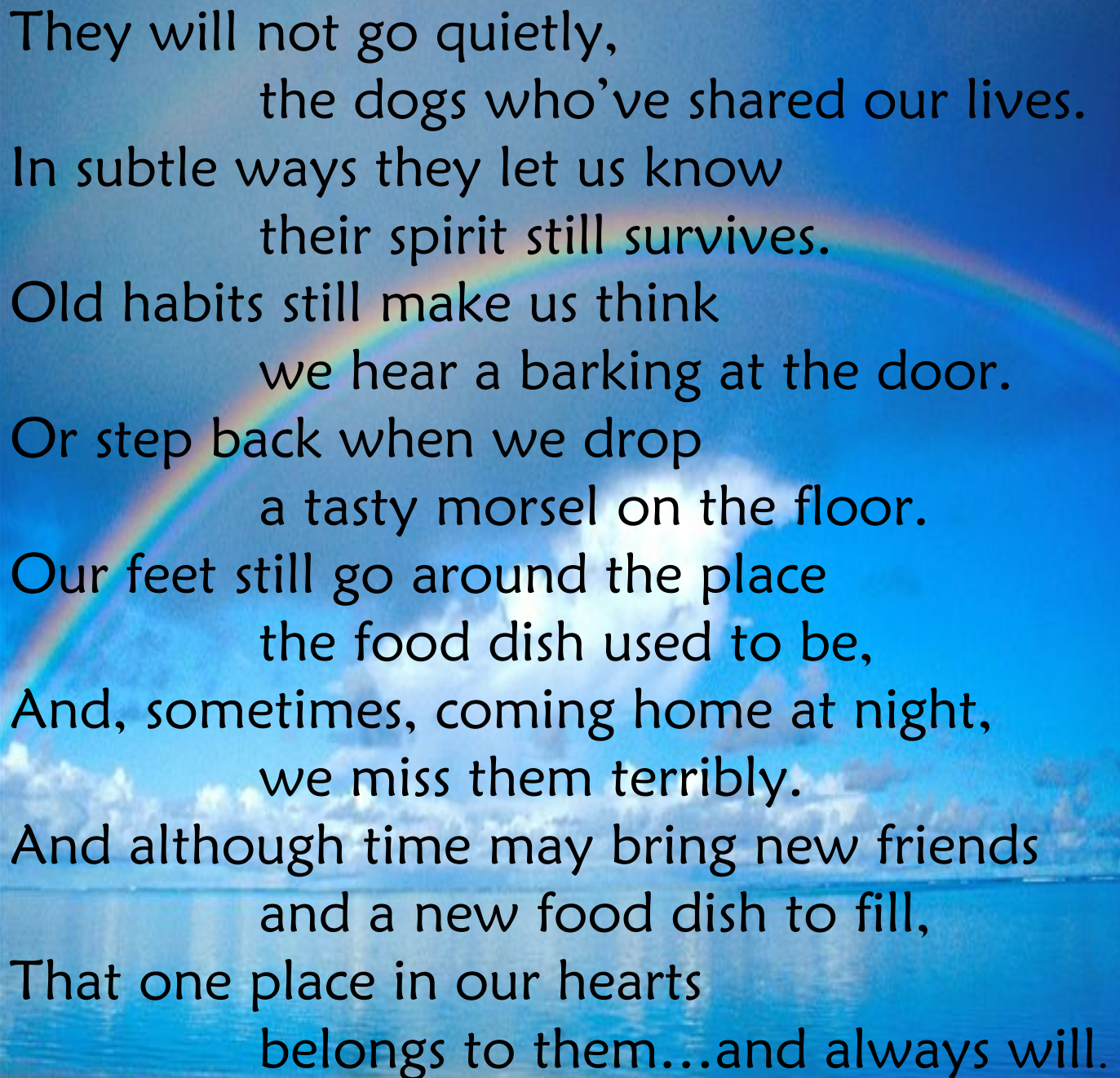
Rainbow Bridge

Buddy Leo

Otto Berry

Esko Mesler

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



They will not go quietly,
the dogs who've shared our lives.
In subtle ways they let us know
their spirit still survives.
Old habits still make us think
we hear a barking at the door.
Or step back when we drop
a tasty morsel on the floor.
Our feet still go around the place
the food dish used to be,
And, sometimes, coming home at night,
we miss them terribly.
And although time may bring new friends
and a new food dish to fill,
That one place in our hearts
belongs to them...and always will.

\More From the Luncheon



Operation Scarlet presented the A. Marie Cross Humanitarian Award to Gwen Goldfarb and Kevin Bedgood by Dawn Hertzog



Dawn Hertzog , right, presents Denise Wilson with the Operation Scarlet Hero Award.



Cathy Dull demonstrates the canine agility course.



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Our First Rescue Shar-Pei
1986-1989

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Letters to the Editor

Reading the OS newsletter always brings a smile to my face, but I have to say I especially loved this one! =>) Aside from loving seeing my boy, I also loved all the great pictures of Pei! What a great job you all do with the newsletter! Thanks! Stacy Lindemuth

Gracie Francis adopted me several months ago. She had a history of severe ear infections, scratching and chewing her feet. I began cleaning her ears twice weekly and used oatmeal shampoo for bathing. The ears were slowing improving, but the other symptoms remained unchanged.

Upon Dawn's suggestion, I started Gracie on grain free dry dog food. After ten days, I added canned food and continued to add one thing at a time at regular intervals. Results began to appear after two weeks. Now, two months later, the continuous scratching and chewing are gone, Gracie's coat is softer, her skin is no longer dry and I clean her ears every three weeks. This has been the best find ever! And Poochie loves every morsel. I am using "Taste of the Wild" smoked salmon regularly and I am trying "California Natural" herring with sweet potato. Both are available at Keystone in Mount Joy and Leola Pet Foods. There are other entrees, so I can imagine that my bowl could soon be right next to hers. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM. Join us. Carol Smale



The Rotandi Pei

Mushu Rotandi, who won the Halloween Costume contest at the luncheon using human stand-ins for the mustard and ketchup, is pictured here with her canine sidekicks, Chopsticks and Tai Tai as the ketchup and the mustard.



Trick or 
 Treat!