



# Operation Scarlet, Inc

Chinese Shar-Pei Rescue of Lancaster, PA

1991 Celebrating 20 Years 2011



## Operation Scarlet's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Continues at the Annual Fall Luncheon October 16, 2011

You will not want to miss this year's Fall Luncheon that will be held on October 16, 2011 at the Lancaster Host Resort.

The Operation Scarlet Fall Luncheon, which features everyone's favorite, the Canine Halloween Costume Contest, will also include the Grand Finale of Operation Scarlet's 20th Anniversary Celebration.



The luncheon will be an inspiring afternoon filled with fun, good food and a chance to meet with other members of the Operation Scarlet family. There will be lots of Halloween baked goodies and drawings for the door and raffle prizes. The AMC Humanitarian Award and Hero Award will also be presented at the luncheon. If you did not receive the luncheon mailing and would like to attend, please contact Operation Scarlet at [opscarlet@verizon.net](mailto:opscarlet@verizon.net).

Directions or accommodations:



Lucy Lu Clark

2010 Contestant



## The OS 2012 Calendars Have Arrived!

This colorful, picture packed calendar is our best ever! This year, thirteen of Scarlet's Kids that won the calendar contest will each be featured on a full page, and all that entered the contest will be featured on collage pages. The "[Rescue Dog of the Year](#)", along with the "[King & Queen of Hearts](#)" will be proudly feature as well.

The 2012 calendar is a great tribute to these formally homeless Pei kids. Calendars may be purchased for \$19 each plus \$3 shipping and handling. All proceeds from the sale of these calendars will go to creating a safe haven for more of Scarlet's Kids during their journey to their forever homes.

Quantities will be limited, so order your calendar now. Calendars will also be sold at the upcoming Fall Luncheon on October 16, 2011.

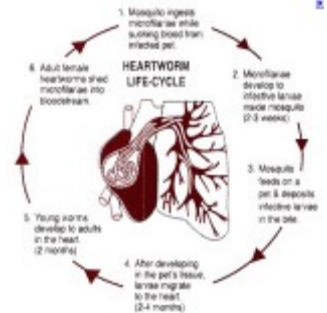
## Heartworm Alert-Keep Your Dog on Heartworm Prevention!

The medication that has been used to treat heartworm has been taken off the market. There is no other treatment available at this time. Heartworm is a fatal disease if it goes untreated. The only protection from this dreaded disease is heartworm prevention – Heartgard, Heartgard Plus, Interceptor and other generic forms.

**Please for the sake of your dog’s life – keep giving the monthly preventive.**

NOTE: If your dog has not been taking the prevention, you need to have the blood tested before starting the dog back up on the prevention.

**For more information regarding the unavailability of Adulticide**  
[www.heartwormsociety.org/urgentalert](http://www.heartwormsociety.org/urgentalert)



**[Learn more about your dog and the risk of heartworms](#)**

## Are You and Your Pets Ready for an Emergency?

Many of us living on the East Coast were recently affected by Hurricane Irene. Hopefully, you did not have to evacuate during this storm. But what if you had to evacuate? Would you, your family and your pets be able to evacuate safely?

Take the time to read about being prepared for emergencies with your pets. Follow this link to the PDF that details emergency planning for your pets:

**[Pet Preparedness — Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team — Penn State University](#)**

**Always Be Prepared, They are Counting on You!**



## Happy Halloween, But Remember.....

Chocolate is highly toxic to dogs and ingestion can be fatal. Sweets of any kind are not Pei approved and should not be shared with our canine trick or treaters. Please be sure to supervise your precious Pei during the Halloween festivities and take the time to secure any ghoulie goodies in a Pei safe location!

## Friendly's Event 9-28

Operation Scarlet joined with the Friendly’s on Centerville Rd for a fund raising event on September 28, 2011. Representatives from OS met with customers and gave out information about Chinese Shar-Pei and adoption procedures for anyone who would have a forever home for one of Scarlet’s Kids.

A total of \$24.75 was received from customer donations and Friendly's donated 10% of their sales from 5:00 to 8:00pm. A total of \$150.75 was raised for Scarlet's Kids. OS would like to thank Friendly's for hosting the event and for their generous donation. Special thanks to everyone who helped with the event and to all of the donors.

*Celebrating 20 Years*

**Letters from Scarlet's Kids**

Dawn receives many nice letters from Scarlet's Kids who write to her to let her know how they are doing in their new homes or sometimes just to say "hi". Dawn has decided to share some of these very special Pei letters with the readers of Scarlet's News.

If your special Pei would like to reach out to Dawn, she would love to hear from them. Have them send their letters to Dawn at [OpScarlet@verizon.com](mailto:OpScarlet@verizon.com).



*Hi Mama Dawn! This is Odie! Me and my girls killed another groundhog. Now Mommy gets to bury it! I'm sleeping in the bed w/ mommy these days and the other day I surprised her by jumping straight up into the recliner in her lap!! She laughed so hard I thought she was going to pee herself! I'm not growling anymore when mom or the girls walk by my bowl--(mom says to tell you I haven't been doing that for awhile now actually)-- and she lets me eat with the crate door open sometimes in the evenings when she can stay with me and keep a close eye on everybody. I've been doing zoomies all over the house and mommy kisses my nose a lot. Here is a kiss from me to you (O)! Talk to you later, Love, Odie*

Hi Odie

Glad your behavior is improving. I knew you could do it, sweet boy. I miss you bunches, but so glad you are enjoying your new and wonderful life.

What's with the groundhogs?? I know Pei have a prey drive, but try not to be so hard on the roly poly little guys. Back at ya with kisses and hugs!!!

Mama Dawn



Hey!

*Dakota here - just wanted to let you know that I, and my Mommie and Daddie, thank you for your note regarding heartworm.*

*I am all set for heartworm - Mom gives me this yucky tasting 'treat' on the 5th of every month and I have regular blood tests.*

*When I first came to this here 'nuthouse', a few years ago, I had been treated for being heartworm positive so my vet keeps a real close eye on me.*

*Oops, guess I gotta go - my tummy's rumbling so I think it's time for din-din.*

*Later, Dakota*



**A Gift from the Heart**

*David Crowle recently celebrated his 80th birthday and requested that in lieu of gifts, donations be sent to Operation Scarlet to help the kids still waiting for their second chance in life.*

*A total of \$425 was donated in David's name in honor of his 80th birthday.*

*David and Sue Crowle have been a part of OS since they adopted Finch in 1995. They have adopted a total of seven Pei from Operation Scarlet.*

*Thank you David for your kind and generous donation.*

## How the Sponsor a Pei Came to Be.....Remembering 2003

In April, 2003, the "Sponsor-A-Pei Program" was initiated by Dawn Hertzog and Karen Dalton. The Harrisburg Humane Society had called Operation Scarlet to notify Dawn that they had a cute, little Shar Pei in their possession and that it had only 10 days to be rescued or they would have to put it down. They just didn't have the capacity to keep every stray that they found, and neither did OS! Every day the Harrisburg Humane Society called OS, reminding them of how many days were left for this poor Shar-Pei.

On the ninth day, meaning the little Shar Pei only had one more day to live, Karen said, "We've got to do something to rescue that little guy!" Karen then asked Dawn, "What would it cost to board the little guy at Smoketown Clinic for a few days until we get room here at OS?" Dawn said, "It was \$11 per day, but that OS just didn't have any extra money in the budget for boarding." Karen then said "Well, here is \$44, go get the little guy and board him at Smoketown. If we need more money, I'm sure that the other associates will chip in! "

Operation Scarlet rescued that little Shar Pei, named him Erik, and boarded him at the Smoketown Animal Clinic.

The associate members of OS were notified of the plan to board any Shar-Pei that Dawn didn't have room to keep. In May, 2003, Bob and Trudy Shinn of Bucks County, PA adopted Eric and took him into their home, which had a Shar Pei named Soco waiting for him. Eric was renamed "Mr. Ming" and is living happily ever after.

Debbie McGinness calls upon the associates, whenever the need arises to board a homeless Shar-Pei. And that is how the "Sponsor-A-Pei Program" continues to help Operation Scarlet in its rescue mission.

Bob Shinn

To date, approximately 210 Shar-Pei have been saved thanks to the Sponsor a Pei Program

### *Thank You to These Sponsor a Pei Donors who Donated for of June, July and August*

Denise Wilson   Joann Holmes   Karen and Jerry Dalton   Melinda Davis   Holly Kohl

Valerie and Steve Hawkins   Frank and Betty Hughes   John and Chris Minninger

Dawn Hertzog   Sherry Heverly   Cindy and Travis McLoughlin   Holly McCavera

***The Sponsor a Pei Program helps to pay for the cost of boarding when there is no room available for a newcomer at the rescue. Currently, Tom is being boarded until room is available at OS. Please contact us at [Scarletsnews@aol.com](mailto:Scarletsnews@aol.com) if you would like to become a sponsor.***



## Operation Scarlet's Associate Membership Program

Would you like to be an Associate Member of Operation Scarlet and join others who share of love a of the Shar-Pei breed? Be a part of this great organization that has been dedicated to rescuing homeless Shar-Pei for the past twenty years. With the help of our members, we have rescued over 1050 Shar-Pei since 1991.

Membership dues are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$40.00 for a double membership. Your membership dues go directly towards helping Scarlet's Kids. Along with your membership card, you will receive an Operation Scarlet t-shirt, or if you prefer, for an additional \$5.00 you will receive an Operation Scarlet sweatshirt.

Membership is easy; just complete the form on the last page of this newsletter.

Already a member? Please check your membership card for your renewal due date and use this form to complete your membership renewal.

Please mail your completed form, along with your check made payable to Operation Scarlet to:

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



*Thank You to  
These Members for  
Their Participation in  
Operation Scarlet's  
Membership Program.*



**1126  
Shar-Pei  
Rescued  
Since  
1991**

### **Associate Renewals**

Debbie & Pat McGinness    Carole Dunkle    Julie & Bob Breighner    Bill & Kristi Dietz  
Rick Rotandi    Gary Hewes    Tracy Broomall    Steve & Valarie Hawkins    Pam Wert  
Doug Bonsall & Craig Staller    Steve & Marilyn Apelman    Karen & Grant Lemaster  
Steve & Maureen Weller    Kirk & Pam Kondos    Craig & Jean Marsteller  
Catherine Havemeier & Kate Oppenheimer    Robin & Don Moyer    Vicki Showers  
Denise Brodhecker    Ann Warren    Michele Moore & Alan Rennard    Ronnie Farmer  
Brenda McCray    Sue Crowle    Carol and Ken Behr    Russ and Maureen Bumba  
Ellen Walton

**New Associates**    Rhonda Bichard – recently adopted Odie    Dick Dunkle

**Rep Renewals**    Donna Rotandi    Mary Hewes    Stacy Lindemuth  
Gwen Goldfarb    Heather & Dan Dushanko    Sue Spitz

# 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.



## Adoptions

*Rhonda Bichard*  
has adopted **Odie**

*Heather Kirkessner and  
Josh Klinedinst*  
have adopted **Blinkin**

*Bob & Pat Berger*  
have adopted **Krackel**

*Gwen Goldfarb and  
Kevin Bedgood*  
have adopted **Shaolin**

Thank you for sharing your  
homes and hearts with some  
of Scarlet's kids.

**Rocky** is a very handsome black horse coat, approximately 4 years old. His life, like his name, was rocky to say the least. After a life of seeming neglect, the final insult came when he was abandoned on the property that had been sold by his owner. Rocky is ready to make up for lost time. He's curious about the world around him, enjoying new experiences. Rocky's ready for a real home, something he's been denied in the past.

**Jordan** is a handsome young sable brush coat who weighs in at 65 pounds. He came to OS as a stray so his background is a mystery. He knows the commands for "sit", "stay", "come" and "shake hands". Jordan shows himself to be quiet, well-behaved, playful and enjoying attention and treats. Jordan is a people-pleaser. He's one smart dog! With his willingness to learn and great attitude, he'll make a wonderful companion for that special forever home he's patiently waiting for.



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

**Happy Jack** is 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.

**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. She's looking for a home that will give her love and attention.

**Brisky** is a well behaved young lady who is looking for a chance to have a new home. She is very intelligent and learns commands quickly.



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



**Buddha McCormack    Trevor Mummert**

**Pearl Maiolo    Millie Fretterd**

## Our Tribute to Millie

By now we all feel like we knew Millie intimately – after all, she was an O.S. Calendar girl for nine years running. Millie came to us as our second Pei buddy. Bourbon was our first, and after losing him, we decided at first not to get another dog. That silly idea lasted all of about three months before realized we needed another Pei, and that it should be a deserving soul who needed to find a home.

So, we made a trip to Lancaster, where Dawn introduced us to Millie, among a few others. Miss Millie immediately took charge of that meeting, followed shortly by our home and then the neighborhood. Her name at that point was Marshmallow, but that certainly never fit her personality, so a change was in order.

Two of her primary interests were being the life of the party, especially at Christmas and was an avid Pittsburgh sports fan.

Those who remember her from her days around O.S. will recall that she was always quarrelsome with other dogs, but that turned out to be just a matter of demonstrating who was boss. In fact, she had a number of good doggie friends and got along just fine, running together for hours, as long as they were on opposite sides of the fence.

Millie crossed the Rainbow Bridge just after Labor Day after beating back liver cancer for over a year. Now that they've all crossed that bridge, we're sure that she and her good neighbors Mocha and Jinx are romping together again. And we're sure the squirrels there are glad they have tall trees.



High Five, baby!    Ray & Sue Fretterd



## Operation Scarlet's Newest Volunteers

Operation Scarlet was very surprised and pleased to have recently received the following letter:

*Dear Operation Scarlet,*

*Hello my name is Abigail Schlageter. I am 12 years old and am in a karate class and happen to be in the leadership program that teaches us to help our community. Our homework is to find an organization that means a lot to us and to contact them and see if we can help them. I proudly chose Operation Scarlet rescue because I own a rescue dog and helping other rescue dogs would mean a lot to me. Please email me back to let me know if there is anything that my classmates and I can do to help. Please let me know. Thanks ahead of time! From, Abby*



*My classmates, Kayla Graybill, Mathew Bittle, Samantha (Sammy) Schlageter (my twin sister) and I, Abigail Schlageter (Abby) at Fear Knot martial arts studio, are in the leadership program.*

*Over the past couple days we have been doing a bake sale, selling raffle tickets, and selling bracelets all to benefit Operation Scarlet.*

*We already have raised over \$100 and are expecting more over the course of the rest of the week.*

*We have also done advertising for Operation Scarlet and have introduced OS to all of the Karate classes. We are very excited to present all of the money earned to OS. I have attached the picture of my leadership group at our table! We wish all the best, Abby*

Operation Scarlet would like to thank Abby and her classmates for their help in supporting Scarlet's Kids on their journey to finding their forever homes.

*I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now; Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.*

*Ettiene De Grellet*



**Operation Scarlet, Inc**  
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 1991 Celebrating 20 Years and Over 1100 Rescues 2011

**Meet Members of Our Organization and Our Rescued Shar-Pei Ambassadors at**

**Bon Ton in the Park City Mall**

*Learn about this wonderful breed of dog and How you could adopt or help a homeless Shar-Pei.*

**Stop by Bon Ton on**

<b>Saturday 9/17 10-4</b>	<b>Inside the Booklet are the Following Coupons</b>
<b>Sunday 10/23 12-6</b>	\$10 off with limited exclusions
<b>Saturday 11/5 10-4</b>	30% off early bird coupon
<b>To Purchase a Coupon Book and Meet with the Operation Scarlet Organization, or Purchase a Book from this Community Volunteer Booklets Good on November 11 &amp; 12, 2011</b>	20% off purchase
<b>Bon Ton is Donating the Proceeds from these Booklets to Help the Homeless Shar-Pei at the Rescue Operation Scarlet, Inc P. O. Box 8463 Lancaster, PA 17604</b>	\$30 off Columbia brand outerwear
<small>Visit us on the web at <a href="http://www.OperationScarlet.com">www.OperationScarlet.com</a> Email us at <a href="mailto:OpScarlet@verizon.net">OpScarlet@verizon.net</a></small>	\$20 off designer denim for women
	\$24.99 Timberland fleece jackets
	Coupons for outer winter wear
	40% off entire stock of coffeemakers and Accessories Keurig brand included!
	\$30 off EMU brand wool boots

**Don't Forget to Visit Us at the Bon Ton Event!**  
 Operation Scarlet has sold fifty coupon books so far at the Bon Ton Community Event.

Operation Scarlet will be at the Bon Ton store in the City Park Mall again in October and in November selling coupon books. Stop by to say hello and purchase a \$5.00 coupon book. All proceeds from the sale of these coupon books will go to helping Scarlet's kids.

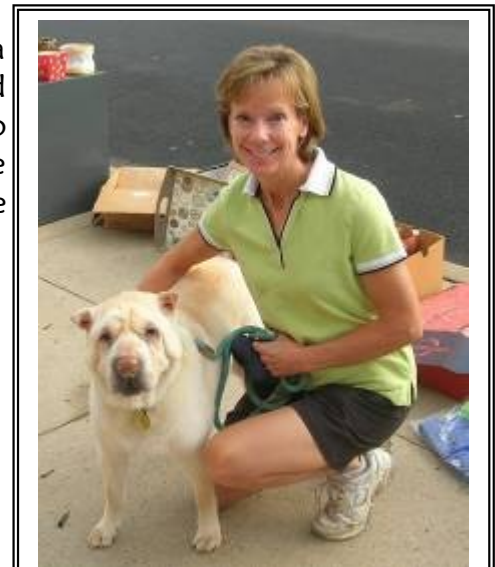


Visit Bon Ton for more details!

Each booklet contains a \$10 coupon good on almost any merchandise item of \$10 or more (customers spend \$5 for the booklet and get \$10 back on their first purchase!), a 20% off shopping pass, a 30% off early bird coupon, plus great bonus offers — available on Community Day only. All coupons are valid on top of our already low One Day Sale prices, and they're good all day long! Some exclusions apply on coupons; see stores for details.

### Operation Scarlet's Sidewalk Sale

The OS sidewalk sale that was held on September 24th at the Rescue was a big success thanks to the combined efforts of volunteers, donors and shoppers. A total of \$462 was raised for Scarlet's kids. Thank you to everyone who donated items, donated food and drinks, and worked at the sale setting up and tearing down. Special thanks to Mother Nature for the temporary reprieve from all of the rain that we have been having lately!



Ice with his owner and OS associate, Debbie, stopped by the sidewalk sale.

Ice, who is now 15 years old, was adopted from Operation Scarlet in 1997.

Ice had fun looking but didn't see anything he wanted to buy, except the cookies and hot dogs. :)

### Operation Scarlet Participates in Rescue Round-Up Event



Mary helped at the event, despite having broken her ankle last week.

That Fish Place/That Pet Place in Lancaster, PA hosted it's first ever Rescue Round-Up event on Saturday, October 1, 2011, from 11 am. - 5 pm during their annual Customer Appreciation Sale It was a fun day for all. The parking lot was packed with cars and the overflow parking in the field was full too.

The dogs did a wonderful job. Shaolin Goldfarb, Lu Cee Hertzog, Doogie Lindemuth and Shrimp Goldfarb really knew how to work the table. Thanks to Gwen, Dawn W, Helen, Stacy, Kate and Mary for doing a great job too!



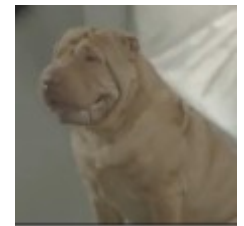
Doogie Lindemuth & Shrimp Goldfarb working the Operation Scarlet table.

### Thank You VCA Charities and Smoketown Hospital

Operation Scarlet was recently presented with a check for \$3,195.00 from VCA Charities from a fundraiser that ran from April through June of this year. Donations were collected from customers for Operation Scarlet at VCA locations and VCA matched those donations. Special thanks to VCA Charities for their kindness in sponsoring this event and for their donation, and to the associates of Smoketown Hospital for choosing Operation Scarlet as their choice for the fundraiser.

### Check This Out!

iams is featuring a Shar Pei on their new commercial. See the behind the scenes filming on Facebook. The actual commercial is currently being aired on TV.  
<http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=10150353019190712>



Don't Forget to Visit [Operation Scarlet on Facebook](#)

### Operation Scarlet Hosts Reiki Classes

Kathy, the animal communicator, spent a week at the rescue and offered several Reiki classes and readings. Five people attended the Reiki 1 Class and Kathy donated the entire amount to Operation Scarlet. Her generous donation totaled \$625. The kids at OS were very much appreciative of her generosity.

Please visit [Kathy's website](#) to learn more about animal communication.



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### Dawn Hertzog Founder



*"In Memory of "Scarlet"  
Our First Rescue Shar-Pei  
1986-1989*

### Scarlet's News

Gerre Davis, Editor  
Please send comments, contributions or suggestions to  
ScarletsNews@aol.com

## Associate Member Renewal Form

Please complete this form and return it to the address below: Current membership dues are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$40.00 for a double membership.

Please select membership category:  Single (\$25)  Double (\$40)  Remove

Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size(s) – T-Shirts are included with your membership dues. If you'd prefer a sweatshirt, please add an additional \$5.00 per shirt

T-Shirts:  M  L  XL  XXL \_\_\_\_\_

Sweatshirts:  M  L  XL  XXL \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Business Cards Needed?  Yes  No

If you'd like more information on any of our programs we offer or are interested in volunteering your time, talent or services, please let us know. We are open to any thoughts or suggestions you may have and look forward to hearing your ideas for this organization.

Fundraising  Dog Valuation/Transport  Walking/Feeding Dogs

Event Volunteer  Foster Care  Rep Membership

Other (please indicate below)

My employer provides Community Service Days:  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ # Days Available

Comments/Suggestions/Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

Scarlet's Kids Thank You!