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Crate Expectations

By Cheri Lucas



Have you ever wondered why your dog loves to worm his way under a chair, table or other tight space? Dogs are den animals by nature and look for spaces in your home or yard to mimic a den. Dog crates make excellent dens and provide that safe, secure environment that dogs crave.

"Crate Training" has been proven to be the fastest and most effective way to housebreak a puppy. A dog's instinct is to avoid being near his own waste, so he'll make an effort to avoid elimination in his crate.

Begin by choosing a crate that is large enough for your puppy to stand up, turn, and stretch out. If it's too large, the puppy may choose to use one end as a bedroom and the other as a bathroom! If you prefer to purchase a crate that will work for your dog when he's full grown, look for the type that has a divider panel.

Keep the crate in your common living area during the day, so that he can be part of family activities. If possible, move the crate to your bedroom at night or get a second crate for sleeping. Dogs instinctively want to sleep near their pack. This will also allow you to correct him if he gets fussy in his crate.

When a dog is released from his crate, he should be taken outside immediately and encouraged to eliminate. Praise him when he accomplishes this! Supervise your dog 100 percent when he returns to the house if he's not completely housebroken. If you become busy or distracted, crate him with a special toy that he only gets while he's confined.

If you keep your pup on a regular feeding schedule and use his crate religiously, you will be rewarded with a fully housebroken dog in no time.

Destructive chewing behavior is often the result of an unsupervised dog being bored or anxious. Using a crate during an owner's short-term absence eliminates this possibility. Dogs sleep the vast majority of the time when their owners are away anyway. Crating your dog while you're away keeps him from being destructive and prevents him from ingesting something that could potentially harm him.

Separation anxiety occurs when a dog becomes distressed over his owner's departure. Because dogs are pack animals, they are not always prepared to cope with isolation, even if it's temporary. Making your dog's crate time a positive experience can help remedy this. Therefore, the most important rule of crate training is to never use

MSRH Mission Statement

Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Houston, Inc. is an all volunteer, donation sponsored, non-profit organization dedicated to the overwhelming task of saving the lives of abused, abandoned or unwanted Miniature Schnauzers who, through no fault of their own, have lost their homes. Many of these dogs come to us healthy. However, some are sick, injured, or abused. They come from shelters, off the streets, from owners who, for whatever reason, can no longer care for them, and from puppy mills, where they have never felt the loving security of a home. Our goal is that they will never have to feel unwanted or unloved again.

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the crate as a place of punishment.

Never make a big deal about letting your dog in or out of this crate. Wait until he's calm before releasing him from his crate, and avoid giving praise or affection until he's relaxed.

If you plan on travelling with your dog, they have to be crated. So preparing him early for this experience is the best way to ensure a stress-free trip.

With proper training, it won't be long before your dog's crate becomes a wonderful sanctuary for him and the favorite training tool for you!

About Cheri Lucas

Cheri Lucas is the founder and president of Second Chance at Love Humane Society, a no-kill dog rescue in Templeton, California. In 1999, Cheri began mentoring under Cesar Millan. She has since appeared in five episodes of The Dog Whisperer and has been a guest on Sessions with Cesar. Cheri is a member of the International Association Of Canine Professionals. <http://www.cherilucasdogbehavior.com>



Part 1 of 8: TICK-BORNE DISEASES

Ehrlichiosis in Dogs

By Holly Nash, DVM, MS

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Canine ehrlichiosis is a disease of dogs and wild canids (e.g., wolves) and is found worldwide. Canine ehrlichiosis is also known by other names, such as 'tracker dog disease', 'tropical canine pancytopenia', 'canine hemorrhagic fever', and 'canine typhus'. It affected a large number of military dogs in the war in Vietnam.

What causes ehrlichiosis?

Ehrlichiosis in dogs is most commonly caused by *Ehrlichia canis*, *E. chaffeensis*, *E. ewingii*, and possibly *E. ruminantium*. There are multiple strains of Ehrlichia affecting different species of animals. Some also affect people. Some organisms that were formerly classified as Ehrlichia have now been classified as Anaplasma. The Ehrlichia organisms are what we call rickettsia,

which on the evolutionary scale are between bacteria and viruses.

How is Ehrlichia transmitted?

Ehrlichia are transmitted by ticks including the Brown Dog Tick, *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* and the Lone Star Tick *Amblyomma americanum*. The immature form of the tick feeds on an animal infected with Ehrlichia. When these immature ticks or a mature form of the tick feeds on another animal, the Ehrlichia is passed on to that animal. The Ehrlichia can remain alive in the developing tick for up to 5 months. This means a tick could become infected in the fall and infect a dog the following spring.

Because the disease is transmitted by these ticks, it can occur wherever Brown Dog and Lone Star Ticks are

found. Almost every state in the United States has reported a case of ehrlichiosis.

What are the symptoms of ehrlichiosis?

Ehrlichiosis can have three phases. Signs of the acute phase of the disease usually develop 1-3 weeks after the bite of the infected tick. The acute phase of the disease generally lasts 2-4 weeks. The Ehrlichia enter white blood cells and reproduce inside them. In addition to the blood, these cells are found in the lymph nodes, spleen, liver, and bone marrow. Platelets, the small cell fragments that help blood to clot, are often destroyed, as well. As a result of the infection, the lymph nodes, liver, and

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spleen are often enlarged. Anemia, fever, depression, lethargy, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, joint pain and stiffness, and bruises are often seen. Many dogs will be able to fight off infection. If not, they enter the subclinical phase.

In the subclinical phase the animal may appear normal or show only slight anemia. During this phase the Ehrlichia live inside the spleen. This phase can last for months or years. Ultimately, the dog either eliminates the Ehrlichia from the body or the infection may progress to the chronic phase.

The chronic phase can be either mild or severe. Weight loss, anemia, neurological signs, bleeding, inflammation of the eye, edema (fluid accumulation) in the hind legs, and fever may be seen. Blood tests show that one or all of the different blood cell types are decreased. One cell type, the lymphocyte, may increase and be abnormal in appearance. This can sometimes be confused with certain types of leukemia. If a dog becomes chronically infected, the disease can keep coming back especially during periods of stress. In some cases, arthritis or a kidney disease called 'glomerulonephritis' may develop.

A decrease in the number of platelets (platelets help the blood clot) in the blood is the most common laboratory finding in all phases of the disease. Changes in the protein levels in the blood are common. The most common protein, albumin, is decreased and other types of protein called 'globulins' are increased.

Since one tick could be infected with and transmit more than one disease (e.g., haemobartonellosis or babesio-

sis), it is not all that uncommon to see a dog infected with more than one of these diseases at a time, which generally causes more severe symptoms.

How is ehrlichiosis diagnosed?

The diagnosis is based on the typical clinical signs and results of special blood tests.

Two blood tests that detect the dog's antibodies (proteins produced to fight off infection) to Ehrlichia are available. One is called the indirect immunofluorescent antibody (IFA) test, and the other is known as an ELISA test. A veterinarian cannot rely solely on these tests to make a diagnosis. The antibodies may not be detected in the early phase of the disease, since it takes some time for the body to make them. Also, if a dog is extremely ill, he may not be able to produce enough antibodies to be accurately detected. A positive test demonstrates that the dog has been exposed to Ehrlichia, but not that he necessarily is currently infected. In the acute stage of the disease, the antibody level will rise significantly. Often two tests will be done 2 weeks apart, and the results compared. Dogs with an active infection will show a significant rise in the amount of antibody present.

The antibodies can last for one or more years after the infection, but they do not make the dog immune to ehrlichiosis—the dog could get reinfected.

A newer diagnostic test called PCR tests for the presence of the organism itself, not antibodies to it. Unfortunately, it does not distinguish between live and dead organisms. For this reason, it is generally recommended to perform the PCR along with one of the

antibody tests to make a diagnosis.

Sometimes, the organism can be seen inside cells on a blood smear. To find them, a small drop of blood is spread over a microscope slide, stained and examined under the microscope. The organism can only be found in the bloodstream for a few days during the acute phase of the disease. So, this method of diagnosis could miss some cases of the disease.

How is ehrlichiosis treated?

The antibiotics tetracycline or doxycycline are used. Treatment is usually for 3-4 weeks, even though the dog's symptoms generally improve after several days of therapy. Some dogs will need blood transfusions or intravenous fluids depending on the severity of the disease. Generally, the prognosis during the acute phase is good, if the animal is properly treated. Dogs who go on to the chronic phase have a poorer prognosis. German Shepherds and Doberman Pinschers tend to have a more severe chronic form of the disease.

The drug, imidocarb dipropionate, is sometimes used in conjunction with the antibiotics. It is given as an injection, but may not be available in all areas.

Some of the damage caused by Ehrlichia may be due to the dog's own immune response to the organism. For that reason, if immune-mediated arthritis or decrease in platelets occurs, corticosteroids (e.g., prednisolone) may be given.

How can I prevent ehrlichiosis in my pet?

Tick control is the main way to prevent ehrlichiosis. Products which repel and kill ticks, such as those containing per-

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methrins are excellent choices. Tick collars containing the active ingredient amitraz (Preventic collars) are also used, sometimes in conjunction with permethrin products in those areas with high tick infestations. If a large number of cases of ehrlichiosis are diagnosed in an area, some veterinarians recommend placing dogs on low doses of tetracycline or doxycycline during the tick season.

There is no vaccine for ehrlichiosis.

Can people get ehrlichiosis?

Yes. The common symptoms in people include fever, chills, headache, and muscle aches. Other less common symptoms include nausea, loss of appetite, weight loss, abdominal pain, cough, diarrhea and change in mental status.

People do NOT get infected directly from a dog, but through a tick bite. Also, the Ehrlichia species most often implicated in human infections is *E. chaffeensis*.

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AUGUST

INTAKES = 20

ADOPTIONS = 18

THE LITTLE GIRL WITH A BIG HEART



Allyson and her Schnauzers

Allyson and her family have both adopted Minis from MSRH and fostered them as MSRH volunteers in the past, so needless to say, Allyson has grown up loving our favorite breed. Recently her tenth birthday was approaching, so party plans were in the works. Allyson decided that in lieu of gifts, she would like for the party guests to bring cash donations to MSRH! However, one friend invited to the party happens to be the owner of *Pet Talk* Magazine.

This particular guest offered half a

page of advertising space in the magazine's October issue instead of cash. Rick Meidel, our webmaster, drafted the ad with a little input from *Pet Talk*. In addition to this awesome ad, Allyson's other birthday guests brought in **\$535** for MSRH.

We are grateful beyond measure for the generosity of this young lady, but more importantly, we are moved by the example she has set for all of us.

Below is the ad that will appear in the October issue of *Pet Talk*!

Make a Difference Today!



**MINIATURE
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CELEBRATING

10

YEARS
2000-2010



MSRH Rescues & Adopts More Than 200 Miniature Schnauzers Every Year! Particularly in this economy, we need YOU on the MSRH Team! Whether as an adopter, a foster or a financial contributor, you can make a BIG difference in this, our anniversary year!

MSRH is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. We do not operate a kennel or shelter. Our dogs live in loving foster homes awaiting a forever home adventure! Visit us at our website or on Facebook to see what we're up to and how you can be a part!

This ad is a birthday gift to 10-year old Allyson who, in lieu of traditional gifts, asked that her friends support her favorite rescue organization! Happy Birthday Allyson - you're beautiful - inside & out!

www.msrh.org
www.facebook.com/minatureschnauzerrescuehouston

Featured Pets—Sophie and Bailey Terrill



Sophie and Bailey Terrill

Sophie and Bailey Terrill are a 3 year old sister and brother. They are salt and pepper in color, weigh 18 lbs. each, have cropped ears, and docked tails. Both are house and crate trained. They are very shy and sweet and do not bark much.

Sophie likes to talk to you and get belly rubs. They both love the attention of their human and especially want one who will love them forever, because they'll return it right back.

Adoption fee for each is \$350. They would love to be adopted together, if possible.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Callie and Kevin Wolf

Announce the birth of a daughter (a human)

Norah Estelle Wolf

Born August 30, 2010

Weighing in at 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and 19 1/2 inches long

MSRH extends congratulations and very best wishes to little Norah and her parents!



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Be sure to mention that you are associated with MSRH when you board your dog at Parker Road Pet Resort and a donation of \$1 per day per dog will be made to MSRH. Not only will your dog be treated like royalty, but MSRH will be receive a benefit, as well.

PLEASE NOTE: PARKER ROAD PET RESORT HAS DONATED \$139 TO MSRH OVER THE LAST 7 MONTHS!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—SANDRA PLUNK

The Plunk family likes to call themselves the North Texas Branch of MSRH. I have been involved with MSRH since June 2006 when I adopted Shelby Lynn, sight unseen, because Karen Coleman told me to. I had visited Petfinders for a long time looking for the perfect Schnauzer as a pal for the Schnauzer that was already

part of our family. I spoke with Karen many hours on the phone after completing the adoption form, and we drove to Huntsville and picked up Shelby Lynn, because Karen said she would be perfect for us. Karen was right; Shelby is now 9 years old and has been a wonderful addition to our family.

In April of 2007 we again spoke with Karen, and she stated that she had another perfect little Schnauzer girl for us that had been in MSRH ICU and was ready to be adopted. We again drove halfway to Houston and picked up Candy Lyn. She is the most beautiful and perfect Schnauzer, and we loved her immediately. Candy is now 4 years old, and although she still has medical problems, we will be forever grateful to have adopted her.

In April 2009 after picking up a little Schnauzer pup originally from San Antonio from another volunteer in Fort Worth to be transported to Houston, I decided that we would foster this

little girl, have her spayed and then send her on to Houston. Three months later it was too late, and although she was the most rambunctious little Schnauzer I have ever seen and has chewed on almost everything that she has come in contact with (including the 10 year old Golden Retriever) she won us over and joined our family.

If we lived in Houston, we would be much more involved in MSRH, but we try to do our part from Dallas. The first time Karen called and asked me to pick up a little fellow at the Dallas Animal Control, I left my office not knowing what I was getting into. I was dressed for work and totally unprepared for my assignment. He had been left in an apartment after his family had moved. He stunk so badly as did my clothes and auto and was so matted he could hardly walk. I needed to get him help immediately and drove around while my husband Don called groomers asking if anyone would bathe and groom him. I finally came upon a PetSmart who had the time to shave him completely and give him a bath. All they asked was his name. Oops, he didn't have one. I told him he was a foster dog and from that moment his name was "Foster". Since that time I carry collars and leashes in my car - just in case Karen calls again.



Sandra with Shelby, Angie & Candy Lyn

Since that first fateful day I have picked up numerous dogs around North Texas that usually other rescue groups have turned down. Even a couple that we could only call "Schnauzerly". I am so grateful that MSRH never says "no". I have met many great volunteers in Madisonville or Buffalo to hand-off these little ones. I have come to love that drive because I know that whatever little dog I may have in my back seat, he or she is going to be loved and taken care of for the rest of its life. It doesn't happen nearly as often as I wish, but I love doing home visits around North Texas and then seeing that North Texas family's picture with the perfect Schnauzer. Makes it all worth it!

I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love.

For me, they are the role model for being alive.

—Gilda Radner

A LITTLE GIRL WORKS HARD TO FIND THE RIGHT PUPPY

"Puppy size." Danielle keeps repeating it over and over again. "We've been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this," the mother told the volunteer.

"What is it she keeps asking for?" the volunteer asked. "Puppy size!" replied the mother.

"Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for."

"I know . . . we have seen most of them," the mom said in frustration.

Just then Danielle came walking into the office. "Well, did you find one?" asked her mom. "No, not this time," Danielle said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back on the weekend?" The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed. "You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply," the volunteer said.

Danielle took her mother by the hand and headed to the door. "Don't worry, I'll find one this weekend," she said.

Over the next few days both Mom and Dad had long conversations with her. They felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend or we're not looking anymore," Dad finally said in frustration. "We don't want to hear anything more about 'puppy size', either," Mom added.

Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now, Danielle knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs.

Tired of the routine, Mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window, so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted. Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out, and she held each one. One by one she said, "Sorry, but you're not the one."

It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door, and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer.

"Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!" She screamed with joy. "It's the puppy size!"

"But, it's the same size as all the other puppies you held over the last few weeks," Mom said.

"No . . . not size . . . the sighs. When I held him in my arms, he sighed," she said. "Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sigh!"

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug the child, she did a little of both.

"Mom, every time you hold me, I sigh. When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other, you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms," she said.

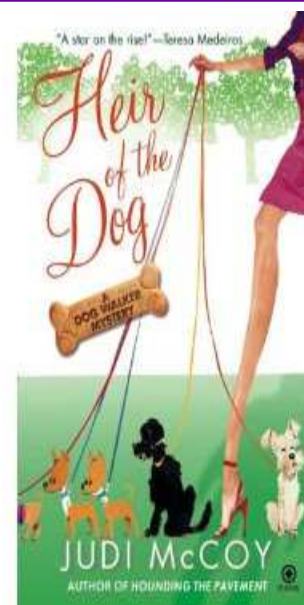
Then, holding the puppy up close to her face, she said, "Mom, he loves me. I heard the sighs of his heart!"

Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh. I not only find it in the arms of my loved ones, but in the caress of a sunset, the kiss of the moonlight, and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot day. Take the time to stop and listen; you will be surprised at what you hear. "Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away."

BOOK OF THE MONTH

"Heir of the Dog"

By Judi McCoy



"*Heir of the Dog*", the second book in former romance writer McCoy's captivating mystery series, is a wickedly entertaining mix of terrific characters, an intriguing plot, sexy romance, and a touch of the paranormal.

Professional dog walker Ellie Engleman is more than just a pal to her pooches. She can also read their minds. When Ellie and her terrier mix, Rudy, find the corpse of a troubled, but harmless park dweller in Central Park, the dog walker becomes a prime suspect for murder.

When it turns out Rudy is the sole beneficiary of the victim's inheritance, Ellie, Rudy, and Detective Sam Ryder follow the trail of clues to a key to a safe deposit box that just might point to the motive and help them sniff out the real killer!

"*Heir of the Dog*" may be purchased through <http://www.amazon.com> for \$6.99 (paperback) or \$5.99 (Kindle). This book has received 21 customer reviews on Amazon, with 17 of them 5-star. Please note: If you purchase your book through Amazon, all royalties earned will be donated to Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, UT, the largest no-kill shelter in the U. S. **HOWEVER CHECK IT OUT BELOW!**



Judi McCoy

JUDI MCCOY JOINS MSRH AT PETFEST

Judi McCoy will be at MSRH's booth at Pet Fest 2010, Old Town Spring, both Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24. All three of her currently published mystery novels, "*Hounding the Pavement*", "*Heir of the Dog*", and "*Death in Show*", will be available for purchase. **If purchased at Pet Fest, the proceeds will be donated to MSRH, plus Judi will autograph all copies of the books you purchase.** These books will make great reads for not only yourself, but they will make wonderful gifts for the holidays coming up.

This event is very special for all pet lovers, but it is extremely special this year with Judi making such an effort to be there for us. So, please mark your calendars to come out for either Saturday or Sunday.

DON'T FORGET TO ENROLL IN THE 2010 KROGER NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PROGRAM!

A PORTION OF YOUR GROCERY BILL WILL BE DONATED TO MSRH.

QUESTIONS? SEND E-MAIL TO NEWSLETTER@MSRH.ORG

Dear Sophie—I've been skunked! My parents have advice to pass on.

Dear Sophie:

I made a terrible mistake recently. I saw these black and white furry animals nested in the bag of our lawn mower that looked a lot like cats or squirrels of some kind. They were just too good to pass up. Well, I took after them expecting a grand ol' time, but it was anything but. They sprayed me with the stinkiest smelling stuff in the world! My parents had a heck of a time getting the smell off of me, and it still lingers a bit. I am sending along the advice they learned from the experience for you to share with your readers, so if this happens to other dogs, their parents will know just what to do.

Yours truly,
Reeking Ricky

Dear Ricky:

Thanks so much, Ricky. This will save many of our parents and us dogs a lot of time and agony should this happen to us. Here is the advice to our parents:

1. Don't try and get in the middle of the fight. Once your dog is sprayed, you really can't help matters much by getting sprayed yourself. Most likely your dog will kill the invaders, so be prepared for a crime scene cleanup after. Unfortunately, most pest control services do not offer skunk removal. To make matters worse, most groomers will not accept a skunk sprayed dog. There are

some mobile grooming services, but it's impossible to get one to come out immediately, so the smell is going to be something you have to deal with first.

2. DO NOT SPRAY YOUR DOG DOWN WITH WATER OUTSIDE. After a dog is sprayed by a skunk, your first instinct will be to wash them outside since the smell is so awful. That's fine, but you will need a few things first before using ANY water. If you use water first, the smell will bind to the coat of the dog and very little you do will help after that.

3. A product other pet owners on <http://www.eHow.com> say works really, really well is called Tecnu, which you can get at Walgreen's or C.V.S. It is a cleanser made to get poison oak or ivy oils off the skin, and it will work with skunk oil, too. Be careful not to get the cleanser in your dog's ears, eyes, or mouth. Just soak a cloth in the cleanser and saturate your dog's dry coat with it first, (it's okay to rinse afterward) then follow with the other remedies.

4. Here is a good mixture to try next and it does not require a bin or tub for bathing, just a spray bottle (again, protect the eyes, ears, and mouth):

http://www.ehow.com/how_3017_skunk-smell-pet.html

5. Tomato juice baths DO work, but it takes a lot, and it's messy. If you have tomato juice or beer on hand, you can pour it on them (be careful

to avoid their faces) to give you time to get the ingredients for the mixture above. Use a wash rag soaked in beer or tomato juice to go around their face avoiding their eyes, nose, and mouth.

6. Wash, wash, wash. Once you've got the dog to a tolerable level, you can trim off most of their hair and get rid of some more of the smell, if necessary. A full shave is best. Once you are at this level, a groomer will take them in if you don't have your own grooming equipment.

Finally, the only thing that cures the smell is time. Be sure to check your dog for any strange behavior after the incident and always be sure rabies shots are up to date. Skunk spray can be blinding, as well, so watch for any signs of eye trouble after.

Ricky's parents hope this helps anyone else who ends up with a skunk emergency and nowhere else to turn. They had to learn everything by looking online. No one had any advice for them, and they called their vet, groomer, and the Houston Animal Control Helpline.

Sincerely,
Sophie



Until one has loved an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 2

H.A.P.I.

RESCUE MEET & GREET

Where: Blue Line Bike Lab
3302 White Oak
Houston, TX 77007

Time: 5:00—8:00PM

Chair: Gabriela Garcia

Tel: (832) 357-8958 or
(713) 392-6871

E-mail: ggarcia07@rrienergy.com

Gabriela needs volunteers to help set up beginning at 4:00PM and take down starting at 8:00PM. Volunteers are also needed to distribute flyers and answer questions about MSRH and our Schnauzers. Those of you fostering a Mini are encouraged to bring him or her. All dogs must be on a leash or in a crate. There will be NO on-site adoptions. This is a "meet and greet the Schnauzer" day only. Several rescue organizations will be participating.

Saturday, November 6

MSRH GARAGE SALE

Where: 21714 Moortown Circle
Katy, Texas 77450

Time: 7:30AM—3:00PM

Chairs: Martha Sarrack & Regina Schroeder

Tel: (281) 829-3293 or (281) 825-8647

E-mail: minimarti65@sbcglobal.net

Items are needed for the sale, so start cleaning out your closets, attics, and garages! **NO BOOKS OR CLOTHING!** Please have everything clean and price marked. No pickup service this time! Martha will begin accepting items for the sale on October 1. Please contact her to arrange delivery or to let her know if you would like to volunteer to help with the sale. All sale proceeds will be donated to MSRH.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST A GARAGE SALE AT YOUR HOME IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MSRH, WE WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL. YOU MAY CHOOSE ANY DATE CONVENIENT FOR YOU. PLEASE CONTACT:

Linda Love at Tel: (409) 766-7326 or
e-mail: newsletter@msrh.org

Saturday & Sunday, October 23 & 24

PETFEST 2010

PetFest 2010 is a weekend event in Old Town Spring dedicated to finding homes for the many wonderful animals in shelters and rescue groups across Houston and surrounding areas. We invite you to grab your fur kids and join us for this fun-filled festival of entertainment and education while helping raise money, volunteers and foster homes.

There will be two days of contests, demonstrations, seminars, live music, pet supplies/products and even a "Yappy Hour" from 5pm to 8pm to keep you and your pets entertained.

MSRH will have a booth at this event and will need volunteers to help man the booth for a few hours or all day on either Saturday or Sunday. Please bring our foster babies out to meet and greet the public at this event!

Where: Old Town Spring

Time: 10:00AM-5:00PM Sat

11:00AM-5:00PM Sun

Chair: Karen Coleman

Tel: (832) 277-4904

Email: houstonschnauzerrescue@yahoo.com

SPECIAL NOTICE

Author Judi McCoy will be making a personal appearance at our booth during this event. All three of her currently published books (*Hounding the Pavement*, *Heir of the Dog*, and *Death in Show*) may be purchased and autographed by Judi at this event with all proceeds donated to MSRH, so be sure to mark your calendar not to miss this opportunity!

More info: <http://www.petfestoldtownspring.com>

Saturday, November 6

4th ANNUAL KINGWOOD BARKTOBERFEST

Where: Kingwood Town Center Park (8 N. Main Street in Kingwood)

Time: 10:00AM—5:00PM

Need a person to chair this event and volunteers to man our booth for a few hours or all day. **BRING THE FOSTER BABIES** Please contact:

Sherry Eitel

Tel: (713) 298-4999 or (281) 358-7303

E-mail: sherry@eitel.com

Dozens of animal rescue groups and pet related vendors, manufacturers, and sponsors will come together for this fun-filled day for families and their dogs. Come see exhibits, demonstrations, educational seminars, special attractions, product giveaways, entertainment, auctions/raffles, food, fun, and things for adults and kids to see, do and buy—both human and pet related!

RESULTS OF EVENTS PAST & DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

H.A.P.I. RESCUE MEET & GREET on September 4: Many thanks to Gabriella Garcia for chairing our booth at this event. Jim Gwinn brought his fosters, Lindsay and Dixie, and Byron Townsend brought little Pearle. Diana and Marsha Houston also came out to lend their support. Diana has been working hard to promote MSRH and spread the word about available dogs to the public.

Many Thanks To Our August Transport Volunteers!

MUCH APPRECIATION GOES TO: **Linda Love** for picking up Stevie at Brazoria Co. Animal Shelter on 8/4/10; **Sherry Eitel** for picking up Frannie & Scooby at BARC on 8/6/10; **Sherry Eitel** for picking up Brady, Cooper, Drake & Eli, owner surrenders, on 8/6/10; Tag Team **Marilyn Simmons/Susan Konter/Jennifer Slaton** for picking up Patrick, a stray, on 8/8/10; **Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Buzz at Harris Co. Animal Control on 8/11/10; **Sarah McGee** for picking up Paulie James & Sophie Mae, owner surrenders, on 8/12/10; Tag Team **Carol Harrington/ Sherry Eitel** for picking up Spencer at LaPorte Animal Control on 8/18/10; **Karen Coleman** for picking up Thor & Jax at Harris Co. Animal Control on 8/18/10; **Karen Coleman** for picking up Harry & Suni, strays, on 8/19/10; Tag Team **Thecia Taylor/Cheryl Martinez/Steve Grubbs/Martha Sarrack** for picking up Maizy at Brownsville Animal Control on 8/22/10; **Carol Harrington** for picking up Glory at LaPorte Animal Control on 8/23/10; **Linda Love** for picking up Teeny at Galveston Co. Animal Control on 8/24/10; and Tag Team **Steve Grubbs/Martha Sarrack** for picking up Tucker, a stray, on 8/30/10.

From the Editor

Dear Readers:

Our feature article this month on crate training may raise several different opinions. I know some dog owners use crates for their dogs more than others, but most of us will use a crate at least from time to time during the lives of our dogs. Using a crate is an excellent way to house train a puppy, for example. However, remember a crate is not a place of punishment. Never force your dog or puppy into a crate in anger. Even if he needs a time out, don't yell at him, throw him into the crate, and slam the door. Instead, quietly remove him from the scene and invite him into the crate to give both of you an opportunity to calm down. Also, remember that the crate is a place for short-term confinement. It is not a place to leave your dog all day while you are at work with no opportunity for a break.

In our April issue, our feature article was about traveling with our dogs. Automobile travel was one mode of transportation that was explored. Dog safety harnesses were stressed over and over--for good reason. On August 20, I read an article in *The Houston Chronicle* entitled "Car No Place For Pets to Roam Free, Study Warns". The article stated "About two-thirds of dog owners surveyed by the AAA organization said they routinely drive while petting or playing with their dogs, sometimes even giving them food or water while maneuvering through traffic." Although I don't have room to quote the entire article, it went on to say, "Dogs inside wrecked vehicles often become protective of their owners when police and emergency responders try to rescue injured occupants, sometimes leaving authorities no other option than to shoot the animal in order to help the driver and passengers, say Illinois State Police troopers



Linda with Sophie & Barkley

who have been dispatched to such accident scenes."

When I read articles in magazines and newspapers that support information that I have previously passed on to you in one of our newsletters, it makes me feel good to know that I have given you accurate, timely information. I hope that you have found it useful and that it has made a difference in the lives of both you and your pet.

Sincerely,
Linda

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY IS SEPTEMBER 25!