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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.

Antifreeze Poisoning: Diagnosis, Treatment & Prevention

By Holly Nash, D.V.M., MS

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Antifreeze Ingredients

Antifreeze products usually contain one of three active ingredients:

- Ethyl glycol
- Propylene glycol
- Methanol

Ethylene Glycol

Toxicity. Ethylene glycol is the ingredient found in most antifreeze products, usually at a concentration of 95-97%. It is an extremely dangerous toxin. The lethal dose for dogs is 2-3 ml/lb. and for cats, it is 0.64 ml/lb. There are 15 ml in a tablespoon, so 2 tablespoons could be lethal for a 15-pound dog, and less than one-half a tablespoon is lethal for a 10-pound cat. Smaller quantities can still make an animal critically ill. Antifreeze containing ethylene glycol has a sweet taste that animals and children like.

Ethylene glycol is metabolized by the liver. The metabolites that are produced cause damage to organs and the subsequent symptoms. The metabolites (in the form of oxalates) are most toxic to the kidneys. Ethylene glycol causes severe damage to the kidney, termed "acute renal tubular necrosis". Ethylene glycol also changes the pH of the blood to be more acidic (metabolic acidosis). Many brands of antifreeze also contain phosphorus rust inhibitors, which may increase the phosphorus levels in the bloodstream.

Signs of poisoning. There are three stages of ethylene glycol poisoning:

- **Stage 1:** 0-12 hours after ingestion, nervous system signs develop, including mild depression, ataxia (loss of coordination), knuckling, seizures, hyper excitability, stupor, rarely coma, and death. These signs are similar to acute alcohol intoxication and resemble drunkenness. Other symptoms may include lack of appetite, vomiting, drop in body temperature, and an increase in drinking and urination.
- **Stage 2:** 12-24 hours after ingestion, cardiovascular system signs including increased heart rate and an increased respiratory rate can be seen.
- **Stage 3:** 12-72 hours after ingestion, kidneys are affected. Symptoms include severe depression, vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, kidney failure, and death.

Diagnosis: A test kit for dogs is available which detects ethylene glycol, but not its metabolites, in dogs. It is useful within 30 minutes to 12 hours after ingestion. Before or after that time period, a false negative test result may occur, because either the ethylene glycol has not yet entered the bloodstream, or it has already been broken down into its metabolites. Peak levels of ethylene glycol in the blood generally occur 1-4 hours after ingestion. To perform the test, various

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chemicals are added to a blood sample, and if the ethylene glycol is present, a color change occurs. This test is not sensitive enough for use in cats. Some human hospitals, large veterinary hospitals, or emergency clinics have more sensitive tests that can be used for cats.

A veterinarian may conduct other laboratory tests to assess kidney function (BUN, creatinine), pH of the blood (blood gases), and look for the presence of oxalate crystals in the urine (urinalysis).

Treatment: If ingestion of ethylene glycol is suspected in a pet, induce vomiting and seek veterinary attention immediately. The veterinarian may continue the induction of vomiting, perform gastric lavage [a washing out of the stomach, also referred to as stomach pump], and administer activated charcoal.

Supportive treatment will be given and may include correcting hydration and the acid-base balance by administering IV fluids and sodium bicarbonate. Oxygen is given as needed. Peritoneal dialysis helps remove the ethylene glycol from the body, if used early.

Fomepizole (Antizol-Vet®, 4-methylpyrazole) is the treatment of choice for ethylene glycol poisoning in dogs. It is given intravenously for 36 hours and stops the metabolism of ethylene glycol into its damaging me-

tabolites. Ethanol is the treatment of choice for cats and is administered for up to 64 hours. With Fomepizole or Ethanol treatment, starting treatment early before permanent kidney damage occurs, usually within 8 hours of ingestion, is essential. Supportive care may need to be given for weeks. Some veterinarians may refer the pet to a specialized center for treatment.

Propylene Glycol

Propylene glycol is safer than ethylene glycol. Antifreeze products containing propylene glycol, usually at a concentration of 50% or less, such as Sierra™ and Prestone LowTox® are safer and are unpleasantly flavored to prevent ingestion. These safer products will not metabolize into oxalate, but could cause other problems, including system injury resulting in incoordination and possibly seizures and Heinz body anemia [a condition in which red blood cells are destroyed].

Methanol

For cats and dogs, methanol is the least toxic of the ingredients. However, it is very toxic to humans. Methanol can also be found in some windshield washer fluid. The toxic dose in dogs is 3.6 gm/lb; the toxic dose in cats has not been determined. If only a small amount is ingested, only mild gastric upset is seen. In any case of suspected ingestion, contact your veterinarian immediately. Larger

amounts may cause metabolic acidosis, retinal damage, and seizures requiring immediate veterinary attention.

Prevention of antifreeze poisoning:

- Clean up any antifreeze spills immediately and dispose of any antifreeze-contaminated rags or paper towels in a sealed container.
- Regularly check your vehicle(s) for antifreeze leaks.
- Store antifreeze in sealed, clearly marked containers, out of the reach of children or pets.
- Never allow pets access to the area when draining radiator fluid from a vehicle.
- Use products that do not contain ethylene glycol.
- Do not allow pets to drink out of or walk through puddles as water runoff may contain antifreeze from other vehicles. Wash the pet's paws when finished with the walk.
- Do not let your pet roam.
- If ingestion of antifreeze or engine coolant by a pet is suspected, seek veterinary attention immediately.

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He has told me a thousand times over that I am his reason for being; by the way he rests against my leg; by the way he thumps his tail at my smallest smile.

—Gene Hill

Part 2 of 8: TICK-BORNE DISEASES

Haemobartonellosis (Hemotropic Mycoplasmosis) in Dogs

By Holly Nash, DVM, MS

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Haemobartonellosis is a tick transmitted (and sometimes flea transmitted) disease that affects both dogs and cats. Haemobartonellosis targets the red blood cells which are responsible for carrying oxygen. In cats, it is called feline infectious anemia or feline hemotropic mycoplasmosis.

What causes haemobartonellosis?

Haemobartonellosis in dogs is caused by *Mycoplasma haemocanis*, formerly known as *Haemobartonella canis*. *Mycoplasma haemocanis* is not a typical bacteria, but belongs to a group of microorganisms called mycoplasma, which are the smallest free-living type of 'germs'. *Mycoplasma haemocanis* is termed "hemotropic mycoplasmas" or "hemoplasmas" because they are blood (hemo) associated (tropic).

How is *M. haemocanis* transmitted?

Fleas and ticks become infected with hemotropic mycoplasmas by feeding on an infected animal. When the flea or tick then feeds on another animal, the mycoplasma are passed on. Because they live in the blood cells, they could be spread via a blood transfusion from an infected animal to a non-infected one. In the cat, hemotropic mycoplasmas can also be spread from the queen (mother cat) to her kittens. There is evidence bitches can also pass mycoplasmas to their puppies, but it has not been proven.

What are the signs of haemobartonellosis in dogs?

In the dog, the disease is generally not

apparent unless the dog has previously had its spleen removed (splenectomy), has a suppressed immune system (e.g., from taking cancer chemotherapy), or is infected with other organisms, such as Ehrlichia. The spleen is responsible for filtering blood, and its job is to remove and destroy damaged red blood cells, like those seen in haemobartonellosis. That is why a dog without a spleen is more susceptible—there is nothing to remove the infected cells (and the mycoplasma) from the bloodstream.

In acute disease, the dog will usually show depression, loss of appetite, weight loss, and fever. In severe cases, death can occur.

A chronic form of the disease has been reported rarely and may cause some weakness, an increase in appetite, and pica [an abnormal craving or appetite for non-food substances, such as chalk or clay].

Since one tick could be infected with and transmit more than one disease (e.g., haemobartonellosis, ehrlichiosis, babesiosis), it is not all that uncommon to see a dog infected with more than one of these diseases at a time.

How is haemobartonellosis diagnosed?

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 number of organisms in the bloodstream can fluctuate dramatically. There can be many observed in one sample, and a sample taken two hours later may reveal

none. A polymerase chain reaction (PCR) blood test to detect this hemotropic mycoplasma is available.

How is haemobartonellosis treated?

Antibiotics such as tetracycline, oxytetracycline, or doxycycline are given for three weeks. In some animals, it is necessary to give one or multiple transfusions.

How is haemobartonellosis prevented?

As with other diseases transmitted by fleas or ticks, flea control and tick control are the foundations of prevention. Products which repel and kill ticks and fleas, such as those containing permethrins (Bio Spot-Spot On for Dogs and K9 Advantix) are good choices for dogs. For dogs, tick collars containing the active ingredient amitraz are also used, sometimes in conjunction with permethrin-containing products in those areas with high tick infestations.

Can people get haemobartonellosis?

There have been no reported cases of haemobartonellosis in people, although organisms resembling hemotropic mycoplasmas have been found in people with suppressed immune systems.

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Making Your Newly Adopted Dog Feel Loved & Welcome Takes a Little Help From You

By Cissy Beasley

For those old enough to remember, there was a Carpenters song with opening lyrics that said, *"Bless the beasts and the children, for in this world they have no voice, they have no choice."*

I was 14 when that song came out, and from the moment I first heard it, to this day, it stirs something deep in my soul. When I hear that song, I identify with my child self, and the words of the song return me to those days when I was dependent on my parents to provide for me; I was completely vulnerable to them. Thank God they were loving and generous, and gave me an excellent foundation to become the person I am today. Many children, and as we who are associated with MSRH know, many pets, are not so blessed.

In 1997, I acquired my first Miniature Schnauzer, a beautiful girl I named Ellie. She quickly became my canine soul mate. When Ellie was a fetching young thing, she met a handsome Schnauzer chap named Max, and soon, Ellie's plump belly produced four lively pups. I kept the one female and named her Emma.

Several years ago, Emma was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Sadly, in May of this year, after coming back from the precipice of death a number of times, she could fight no longer, and we said goodbye to her. Not long after, a friend suggested that I adopt a Schnauzer, and referred me to MSRH.

After visiting the MSRH website and inquiring about this and that dog, I happened upon a male named Reid. I wanted a youngish dog who could pal around with my unbelievably energetic yellow Lab, and who could provide Ellie - now a dignified senior "petizen" and member of "AARF" - with good company.

Since I knew that Reid arrived to MSRH covered with matted hair, I decided to name him Matt, or Matty. He quickly took to his new name and bonded to me, and all of that was very good. The only fly in the ointment: Matty had a dark side, which came out suddenly and aggressively. Any time either of the other two dogs had anything Matty thought should be his, here came his inner monster and he attacked, favoring the ear flap as an easy target for sharp teeth.

These attacks, while not frequent, were upsetting and concerning, especially for my old girl Ellie. I couldn't have her defending herself in her sunset years, when she should have it easy. So, with heartbreak and regret, I advised MSRH that Matty wasn't going to work out.

Twice, I had the chance to let him go, either to another adopter or back to MSRH. And twice, something inside me wouldn't let it happen. I finally realized that I had not yet done everything I could to help him fit in -- I had not taken responsibility for my part in his assimilation into this family. I had not committed. Initially, it seemed best to just give him back, but for me there was a nagging problem with that. I felt like I was letting him down and shirking my responsibility to this process. I needed to do more.

While I am no Dog Whisperer, I knew that if I focused on this situation -- namely that Matty was trying to take care of himself in the only way he knew -- I was capable of resolving it. I had to make the time and the effort to pay attention to Matty and not just expect him to figure out for himself how to get along with the other two dogs. I had to instill in him the confidence that he no longer had to take care of himself, that there was someone to take care of him, feed him, love him, and give him a safe and secure home. The other dogs already knew that; Matty, God love him, did not know that. I had to teach it to him.

It was clear that driving his inner monster was fear-- fear that he might not eat or get enough affection. I had to directly address this fear. In the book "Conversations With God", God (allegedly) says that behavior is motivated by one of two forces: love or fear. And the Bible says in Corinthians that love trumps all. So, it was a simple strategy with Matty that entailed overcoming fear with love.



Cissy with Ellie, Matty, and Punkin

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My primary objective was to prevent the attacks in the first place by supervising meals and paying close attention to behavior and hints that a meltdown was about to occur. At those times, when it was apparent that Matty was about to pounce, I would sit down with him and talk to him with direct eye contact, reassuring him that he was loved and fine, and he would never have to worry about anything. He responded beautifully to that message, which I continue to deliver to him as often as is needed.

If he continues to progress as well as he has just in the last week or so, our problems will be over. Today, he allows Ellie her space at the food bowl. He and Punkin, the Lab, play until they are so tired they drop where they stop. Matty is obedient to me and incredibly bright and smart. He was planted here, and here is where he grows. And God bless him, he has made me grow, too.

The point of this narrative is to encourage adopters that if you run into unexpected issues with your new pet, not to give up too easily. These are not throwaway dogs; they have been through who knows what, and they come to us with battle scars and fears. We wanted to adopt presumably because we knew we had love to give. I say, let that loving spirit and motivation guide you as you work your new pet into your household. They truly are at our mercy.

Matty was adopted by Cissy from MSRH on August 7, 2010. Since mid-September according to Cissy, she is now "blessed with a fabulous pet in Matty. He honors the other dogs' boundaries, and everyone is getting along just fine." All it took was analysis of the problem, understanding it, showing patience, and most important of all—proving to Matty that he is loved. Didn't take much time at all!

Bless the Beasts and the Children

Bless the beasts and the children
For in this world they have no voice
They have no choice

Bless the beasts and the children
For the world can never be
The world they see

Light their way
When the darkness surrounds them
Give them love
Let it shine all around them

Bless the beasts and the children
Give them shelter from a storm
Keep them safe
Keep them warm



Rowdy—a ball of energy!

Featured Pet—Rowdy

Hey! Wanna play? I'm Rowdy, a 7-month old white Mini Schnauzer boy with natural ears and a docked tail. So far, I weigh only 6 lbs. I love to play with other dogs, and I love people, too. I'm crate trained and content to stay there. I'm still working on my house training skills, and my foster mom says I'm making good progress. I've got the doggy door down pat. I love to ride in the car, and I behave well in my seat. I'd love to come live at your house if you'll adopt me. But remember, I'm just a baby, so I'm still learning the ropes. Adoption Fee: \$450

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—SUSAN & DAVE SRULOWITZ

Dave and I have been married for 33 years and moved to San Antonio in 1995 due to an Air Force transfer. Dave is retired from the Air Force now and works as a project manager. I am an elementary school nurse. We have 5 children, 4 grown and out on their own, and the youngest is in her last year of college at the University of Arizona. Empty nest was sneaking in, and we had lost our sweet Schnauzer, Skittles, in October 2006. We found the Miniature Schnauzer Rescue when we were looking to adopt another pup. Skittles was our 4th Schnauzer, and we knew that was the only breed for us. Whiskers, Blossum, Muffin, and Skittles had brought us so much joy that we couldn't imagine our house without another Schnauzer. We ended up adopting Hansel and Gretal from MSRH, have fostered 4 dogs, and helped transport 3. My wish is that we lived closer to Houston, so we could help more!



Susan with Hansel & Dave with Gretal

Many of you may recall an urgent e-mail that went out last March asking for a volunteer to go to Austin to pick up a 10 to 14-yr. old male Schnauzer who had been dumped in the night kennel at a shelter there. This poor senior was going to be euthanized in approximately 72 hours of our receiving notice. Dave immediately drove to Austin to pick him up. Dave and Susan named him "Austin" and fostered him until he was adopted into a forever home shortly thereafter. Susan didn't tell this story in the bio above, but it is certainly worth telling and a big thank you, especially from Austin! You just never know where those Schnauzer angels will pop up!



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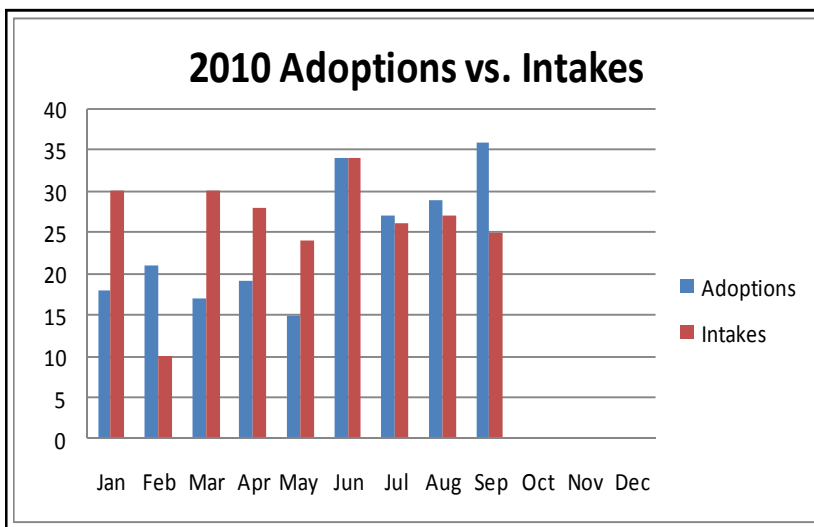
Be sure to mention that you are associated with MSRH when you board your dog at Parker Road Pet Resort and a donation of \$1 per day per dog will be made to MSRH. Not only will your dog be treated like royalty, but MSRH will be receive a benefit, as well.

THIRD QUARTER ADOPTION STATISTICS

| Table 1: Adoptions Comparison 2008-2010 | | | |
|--|------|------|------------|
| Month | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Jan | 22 | 13 | 18 |
| Feb | 24 | 12 | 21 |
| Mar | 15 | 11 | 17 |
| April | 20 | 12 | 19 |
| May | 22 | 16 | 15 |
| June | 21 | 28 | 34 |
| July | 19 | 27 | 27 |
| August | 12 | 22 | 29* |
| Sept | 14 | 17 | 36 |
| Total | 169 | 158 | 216 |

| Table 2: 2010 Adoptions Vs. Intakes Thru 3rd Qtr | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| Month | Adoptions | Intakes | Foster Pool (+/-) |
| Jan | 18 | 30 | +12 |
| Feb | 21 | 10 | -11 |
| Mar | 17 | 30 | +13 |
| April | 19 | 28 | +9 |
| May | 15 | 24 | +9 |
| June | 34 | 34 | 0 |
| July | 27 | 26 | -1 |
| August | 29* | 27* | -2 |
| Sept | 36 | 25 | -11 |
| Total | 216 | 234 | +18 |

*Corrected number over what was reported in September newsletter.



Please note that there have been FOUR months during 2010 where we actually have had more adoptions than we had intakes (February, July, August and September), and one month where we had an equal number of each (June). So, for a total of FIVE months out of nine our foster pool did not grow! This is the goal we strive for--to see the blue bar in the above graph be taller or at least equal to the red one. At this same point in 2009, this had happened in only two of those nine months. While definitely encouraged, our news is not entirely good. During the four months that the red bar was taller (January, March, April and May), it was significantly so, leaving us with a net gain of 18 to the foster pool at the end of the third quarter. It will be interesting to see what we are able to accomplish by the year's end. All the foster parents have done a terrific job with great website photos and personality profiles and getting the Minis out to the Meet & Greet events. Keep up the good work!

BOOK OF THE MONTH

"Death in Show"

By Judi McCoy



"*Death in Show*" is the third book in author Judi McCoy's dog walker mystery series, and there is nobody quite like professional dog walker Ellie Engleman as she talks to her canines and hears what her four-legged friends have to say.

One of her paw pals is Lulu, the Havanese, who is a strong candidate for champion ribbons at the Mid-Atlantic Canine Challenge held at the Javits Convention Center. At the show, Lulu's handler dies. The police arrive with Ellie's boyfriend, Detective Sam Ryder, as the lead investigator who hopes he can keep Ellie from snooping. Before she even learns that the handler's death was probably a homicide, Lulu's owner, Mrs. Flora Steinman, asks Ellie to be the handler in the competition. After surviving that ordeal, Flora thinks the cops are working too slowly on solving who murdered Arnie Norris, so knowing Ellie has solved some homicides before, asks her to investigate. Ellie agrees placing herself in the crosshairs of a killer.

Although the police are unsure whether a homicide occurred, the audience knows from the onset the cause of death. The fascination in the latest dog walker mystery lies with an unknown toxin, the method of delivery, and the motive. Readers will enjoy the latest escapades of the heroine who frustrates Sam as she plunges into another amateur sleuth whodunit (see "Hounding the Pavement" and "Heir of the Dog") while her dog Rudy and her canine clients add amusing antics to the mix.

"*Death in Show*" may be purchased through <http://www.amazon.com> for \$6.99 (paperback) or \$5.99 (Kindle). This book has received 11 customer reviews on Amazon, with 10 of them 5-star. 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'm trying to mark my territory in the household!

Dear Sophie:

I am the top dog here in this family. I pretty much run this joint. Oh yeah, I've been neutered, but I still have to show whose boss whenever my parents have human friends over that bring their dogs along. However, every time I make my mark in the bedroom or the dining room or wherever, you won't believe the big ruckus it causes. The humans just don't understand that this is my house. Could you please explain to them for me please? I am so frustrated.

Yours truly,

Stanley Markus

Dear Stanley:

It is normal for intact male dogs to mark their territory outside. It is part of their pack mentality to live within a well-defined territory. A territory contains all necessary resources to maintain a pack, including mates and their offspring. Making it clear to outsiders that they have crossed a boundary into one's territory helps avoid unnecessary fighting. So, no one should be angry at you for doing what comes natural outside the house.

Since you are neutered, though, I am surprised that you still have a desire to do this. Approximately 60 percent of neutered dogs no longer mark, at least inside the house. Those that do have an exaggerated view of their own importance within the household or they feel territorially stressed or frustrated.

From what you say in your note, it sounds to me like you do have both issues—an exaggerated view of your

own importance and feel territorially stressed with other dogs coming over to visit. In other words, you feel a little jealous and imposed upon. That is quite understandable. I have some suggestions for your parents to try to take the pressure off of you and stop this territorial marking. It is NOT good, Stanley.

Parents, here are my suggestions:

- Establish a clear hierarchy. It is very important that you are leaders of the pack! Simple steps to establish yourself as pack leaders include not allowing your dog to sleep on the bed with you. Sleeping on the bed elevates him to your status and sometimes creates confusion. Once your dog understands that he is not the leader, he'll feel less need to mark. He can rest; that's your job.
- Since your dog is already neutered, you have already taken the next step. For those who have not neutered their dog, then neuter as early as possible. Urine marking is triggered by a change in hormones. Dogs that reach sexual maturity advertise their prowess by leaving their scent behind them. Dogs that do not reach sexual maturity will not. The earlier you neuter your dog, the less likely he will need to mark.
- Do not physically punish your dog. He will not get the point. In fact, NEVER physically punish your dog! Instead, focus on changing the relationship between you and your dog to establish that you are the leader.
- Supervise your dog closely to get him to stop. Catching him "in the act" is an extremely effective way to curtail marking behavior.
- Remove all urine odors from affected areas. Don't leave an invitation for

him to re-mark an area again. You will need to use an enzyme deodorizer to completely remove (not just cover) the urine odor, and you will need to be vigilant. Some examples of these products are Zero Odor, Anti Icky Poo, Nature's Miracle, etc.

- Use training aids. Crates can be used to prevent your dog from urine marking, because dogs will not eliminate in an enclosed space. Also, use baby gates to block entry into rooms you want to protect. Also, belly bands can be used to wrap around the dog's belly to prevent him from urinating on objects. If the dog is wearing the belly band and he marks, the belly band will function like a diaper and hold the urine. Dogs don't like being wet, and they will normally stop marking once they learn that marking makes them uncomfortable. A shaker can may be made by taking an empty soda can and filling it with coins. Then, tape the opening closed to keep the coins from flying out. The can will then make a lot of noise when you shake it up and down. Watch your dog for signs when he is about to mark. Then, shake the can to interrupt him and get his attention. Give him commands to "Sit, Stay, then Come". Of course, praise him. This sends a positive message and encourages him not to mark.

Sincerely,

Sophie



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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, November 6

H.A.P.I.

RESCUE MEET & GREET

Where: Blue Line Bike Lab
 3302 White Oak
 Houston, TX 77007
 Time: 12:00-4:00PM
 Chair: Gabriela Garcia
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Gabriela needs volunteers to help set up beginning at 11:00AM and take down starting at 4:00PM. 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.

RESULTS OF EVENTS PAST & DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

H.A.P.I. FAMILY PET FESTIVAL at St. Christopher's on October 2: Many thanks to Gabriella Garcia and Jim Gwinn for manning our booth at this event. Also, much appreciation goes to Marilyn Malaney for delivering fosters Eliza, Remington, Merrick, and Avery to the event and for picking them up afterwards. The church grounds were beautiful, and it was also a beautiful day!

Many Thanks To Our September Transport Volunteers!

MUCH APPRECIATION GOES TO: **Lisa Granger** for picking up Arlie at Town Lake Animal Control on 8/7/10; **Sherry Eitel** for picking up Tasha at BARC on 8/18/10; **Susan Srulowitz** for picking up Jasper & Teddy, owner surrenders, on 8/26/10; **Linda Brown** for picking up Bosley & Randy at Humane Society of Harlingen on 8/30/10; **Ruth Davis** for picking up Hank from Houston Humane Society; **Paul Alli** for picking up Allyson, Ian, Murphy & Simon at Harris Co. Animal Control on 9/9/10; **Carol Harrington** for picking up Ike & Tanner at LaPorte Animal Control on 9/14/10; **Sheri Golden/Angela Palmer/Herb Hayes** for picking up Nora (now deceased) at Town Lake Animal Control on 9/15/10; **Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Sawyer, a stray, on 9/20/10; **Carol Harrington/Sherry Eitel** for picking up Eliza, Lexie, Merlot, Picabo & Zak at Pasadena Animal Control on 9/22/10; **Good Samaritan** for picking up Hans, a stray, on 9/22/10; **Donna Papparazzo** for picking up Richard at Harris Co. Animal Control on 9/22/10; **Angela Palmer/Herb Hayes** for picking up Roger & Drew on 9/25/10; **Karen Coleman/Sandra Plunk** for picking up Roby on 9/25/10; **Kara McClain** for picking up Rowdy & Sebastian at Pasadena Animal Control; **LaTonya Wright** for picking up Stefan at Alvin Animal Control on 9/25/10; **Linda Love** for picking up Greta at Brazoria Co. Animal Control on 9/27/10; and **Sherry Eitel** for picking up Paisley at Conroe Humane Society on 9/28/10.

From the Editor

Dear Readers:

Just want you all to know how difficult it is to find topics for Dear Sophie that can be addressed thoroughly and concisely on one page! For this newsletter, Sophie wanted to first, address barking problems. There are so many different causes for barking, and each one must be dealt with according to the cause. Can't do that on one page! Then, there is separation anxiety, one cause of barking, which is a pretty detailed topic in itself. Can't do that on one page either, even though Sophie made an attempt. Both of these subjects are important areas of interest that I am sure all of you would like to know more about. Therefore, look for feature articles on these coming up in 2011 newsletters.

Regarding the series on ticks, I know

you are all finding them quite technical with those big scientific words. etc. Believe me, I understand. If I could, I would edit these articles to make them easier to read and understand, but the authors do not allow me to do that. Except for those parts, though, I hope you are able to cull out enough information that is educational to you. Before we had one of our fosters die from a tick-borne disease last year, I personally had no idea how serious these diseases could be and how important it was to watch out for ticks on your dog and even on yourself.

We have decided not to participate in Barktoberfest (November 6) this year. We have other events going on that day, plus we would really like to focus more on PetFest this year, especially since Judi McCoy is traveling all the way from Virginia just to be with us and to donate the proceeds of any



Linda with Sophie & Barkley

sales of her books during that event to MSRH. If you usually attend Pet Fest, then by all means, don't miss it this year! If you've never been before like me, then let this year be your first time. I'm going to make every effort to drive all the way from Galveston on Sunday. Maybe I'll get a chance to meet you, too, for the first time.

Sincerely,

Linda


OCTOBER IS ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH!