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## How To Take Your Dog's Temperature

By Dr. Dawn Ruben

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### Taking Your Dog's Temperature

When your dog is ill, you may have to determine whether or not he has a fever by taking your dog's temperature. It's relatively easy and all you need is a thermometer. Learning how to take your dog's temperature properly can help determine if immediate veterinary care is needed.

Your dog's normal rectal temperature is 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. Higher temperatures may necessitate a trip to your veterinarian, depending on other symptoms. Feeling the ears, nose or head is not considered a reliable method; you have to determine your dog's internal temperature to find out for certain. This is done using an oral or rectal thermometer, either digital or mercury. Ear thermometers can also be used in dogs. They are generally fast and easy, but it is essential to use a proper technique to obtain an accurate temperature reading.

### Instructions for Rectal Temperatures

Some dogs will allow you to take their temperature, but others do not like it at all. It might be easier if you get another person to assist by holding your dog. Then do the following:

If using a mercury thermometer, remember to shake it with a quick flick of the wrist until the mercury is below 94 degrees. Then lubricate the thermometer with petroleum jelly, KY jelly or other water-based lubricant.

Have your helper hold the head and front part of the body by tightly hugging your dog.

Lift the tail and insert the thermometer slowly and carefully into the rectum located just below the base of the tail. Insert the thermometer about 1 inch and hold in place—two minutes for mercury thermometers or until the digital thermometer beeps.

Remove the thermometer and read the temperature.

### Instructions for Ear Temperatures

The normal ear temperature in dogs is between 100 degrees and 103 degrees Fahrenheit (37.8 degrees and 39.4 degrees Celsius). The ear thermometer works by measuring infrared heat waves that come from the ear drum area. The ear drum is considered to be a good indicator of body temperature as it measures brain blood temperature. It is important to place the thermometer deep into the horizontal ear canal to obtain an accurate reading. An ear thermometer, such as the Pet-Temp® designed for cats and dogs works best due to a longer arm that allows for the probe to be placed deeper into the ear canal. The first few times you use it, take both ear and rectal temperature and compare. The results should be very close if you are using proper technique.

**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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## How To Take Your Dog's Temperature *Continued from Page 1*

If your dog has a body temperature less than 99 degrees or over 104 degrees, contact your veterinarian or local emergency facility immediately. A high temperature could mean your dog has an infection or heat-related illness. A temperature below normal can be just as serious, indication other problems, such as shock.

## Part 3 of 8: TICK-BORNE DISEASES

### Hepatozoonosis in Dogs

By Holly Nash, DVM, MS

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*Hepatozoon canis* is a one-celled parasite that is transmitted by ticks, usually the Brown Dog Tick, *Rhipicephalus sanguineus*. Because of the long time interval between becoming infected and developing illness, this disease is not just seen during the tick season, but all year round. It is not a very common disease in the United States, but when it does occur, it is usually in Texas and the surrounding states. This parasite infects dogs, coyotes, and fox.

#### What are the signs of disease caused by *H. Canis*?

Most infections with *H. Canis* do not cause illness. It can cause serious disease, however, in animals with concurrent disease such as ehrlichiosis and babesiosis, or in animals with suppressed immune systems. Signs of disease include fever, loss of weight, loss of appetite, nasal discharge, and weakness of the rear limbs. A mild anemia and bloody diarrhea may also be seen. As the disease progresses, lameness, severe muscle pain, and an inability to rise are often observed. These signs may occur on and off for years. To better understand how *H. Canis* causes these signs, let us look at the life cycle.

#### What is the life cycle of this tick-borne parasite?

When an infected tick is eaten by a

dog, *H. Canis* is freed and migrates through the dog's intestine to the liver, spleen, lymph nodes, heart, and muscles. Inside the cells of these organs, the parasite reproduces by dividing and eventually ruptures the cell. The parasite then moves into different cells to continue the process of maturing and rupturing cells. The damage caused by the rupturing of these cells causes the severe muscle pain. Eventually, the more mature forms enter particular white blood cells.

When the tick bites the dog, the tick takes in the white blood cells. *H. Canis* reproduces in the tick, and when eaten, the tick will infect another dog. *H. Canis* does not move to the salivary glands of the tick, so it is NOT transmitted by a tick bite—only by eating the tick.

#### How is infection with *H. Canis* diagnosed?

A diagnosis of *H. Canis* infection is made by microscopically examining the blood and finding the parasite in particular white blood cells called neutrophils. A great increase in the number of this certain type of white blood cell is a characteristic sign of this disease. Finding the parasite in a muscle biopsy is a very reliable method of diagnosing this disease.

In some severely affected dogs, the point at which the muscles attach to

the bones may become inflamed. These bony changes may be seen on radiographs (X-rays).

#### How can infection with *H. Canis* be treated and prevented?

There is no effective treatment or vaccine for this disease. Certain drugs, such as imidocarb in combination with other drugs have sometimes been successful in lowering the number of organisms in an animal. Using supportive care, such as aspirin, some cases will respond, but they will not be cured.

As with other diseases transmitted by fleas and 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.

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## Thanksgiving Safety Tips

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'Tis the season for friends, family and holiday feasts—but also for possible distress for our animal companions. Pets won't be so thankful if they munch on undercooked turkey or a pet-unfriendly floral arrangement, or if they stumble upon an unattended alcoholic drink.

Check out the following tips from the ASPCA experts for a fulfilling Thanksgiving that your pets can enjoy, too.

### **Talkin' Turkey**

If you decide to feed your pet a little nibble of turkey, make sure it's boneless and well-cooked. Don't offer her raw or undercooked turkey, which may contain salmonella bacteria.

### **Sage Advice**

Sage can make your Thanksgiving stuffing taste delish, but it and many other herbs contain essential oils and resins that can cause gastrointestinal upset and central nervous system depression to pets if eaten in large quantities. Cats are especially sensitive to the effects of certain essential oils.

### **No Bread Dough**

Don't spoil your pet's holiday by giving him raw bread dough. According to ASPCA experts, when raw bread dough is ingested, an animal's body heat causes the dough to rise in his stomach. As it expands, the pet may experience vomiting, severe abdominal pain and bloating, which could become a life-threatening emergency, requiring surgery.

### **Don't Let Them Eat Cake**

If you're baking up Thanksgiving cakes, be sure your pets keep their noses out of the batter, especially if it includes raw eggs—they could contain salmonella bacteria that may lead to food poisoning.

### **Too Much of a Good Thing**

A few small boneless pieces of cooked turkey, a taste of mashed potato or even a lick of pumpkin pie shouldn't pose a problem. However, don't allow your pets to overindulge, as they could wind up with a case of stomach upset, diarrhea, or even worse—an inflammatory condition of the pancreas known as pancreatitis. In fact, it's best to keep pets on their regular diets during the holidays.

### **A Feast Fit for a Kong**

While the humans are chowing down, give your cat and dog their own little feast. Offer them rawhide strips, Nylabones or made-for-pet chew bones. Or stuff their usual dinner—perhaps with a few added tidbits of turkey, vegetables (try sweet potatoes or green beans) and dribbles of gravy—inside a Kong toy. They'll be happily occupied for awhile, working hard to extract their dinner from the toy.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM MSRH!**

## Holiday Safety Tips

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Holly, Jolly and Oh-So-Safe! Of course, you want to include your furry companions in the festivities, pet parents, but as you celebrate this holiday season, try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. And be sure to steer them clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations:

### O Christmas Tree

Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.

### Tinsel-less Town

Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.

### No Feasting for the Furrries

By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising fur kid will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

### Toy Joy

Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Choose gifts that are safe.

- Dogs have been known to tear their toys apart and swallow the pieces, which can then become lodged in the esophagus, stomach or intestines. Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible.
- Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer—and tons of play sessions together.

### Forget the Mistletoe & Holly

Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

### Leave the Leftovers

Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.

### That Holiday Glow

Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders placed on a stable surface. And, if you leave the room, put the candle out!

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### Wired Up

Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock, and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth.

### House Rules

If your animal-loving guests would like to give your pets a little extra attention and exercise while you're busy tending to the party, ask them to feel free to start a nice play or petting session.

### Put the Meds Away

Make sure all of your medications are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away, too.

### Careful with Cocktails

If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

### A Room of Their Own

Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.

### New Year's Noise

As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines if ingested, perhaps requiring surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears.

## PUMPKIN COOKIE DOG TREAT RECIPE

### Ingredients:

1-1/2 cups whole wheat flour	1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 cup pumpkin, canned	4 Tbs. Crisco
2 Tbs. brown sugar	1 egg
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon	1/2 cup buttermilk

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Combine flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cut in shortening. Beat egg with milk and pumpkin. Combine with dry ingredients, mixing well. Stir until soft dough forms. Drop by tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 12–15 minutes. Let cool and serve with care noting the Crisco content.



Roger loves to sit in your lap!

### Featured Pet—Roger

Hi! I'm Roger. I'm a male salt and pepper Mini with natural ears and a docked tail. I'm 5 years old. I weigh about 19 lbs. I have a reputation for being lovable and sweet. I get along with other dogs. I like people. I love to chase squirrels, play, and sit in your lap. I am crate trained. I know how to use a doggy door. You like my resume? If so, ask for me on your adoption application. I'll be moving into your place in no time.

Adoption Fee: \$350

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF MARC LaVALLEY



Marc LaValley

With much sadness, we announce the passing of MSRH volunteer Marc LaValley on October 2, 2010. Marc was a very kind soul who loved the Schnauzer breed. He began fostering for MSRH about a year ago. He fostered Evan, Oscar, Rocky, and Corbin. He also groomed them for us. Marc had a Schnauzer of his own by the name of Cody. Marc's friend, Jerry, is taking care of Cody.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Marc's family and friends during this difficult time.



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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.

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**OCTOBER  
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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—DIANE LEWIS

My name is Diane, and I have been a Schnauzer foster mom for over 7 years. During that time I have also been the "finishing school", because my dogs always leave my home knowing doggy etiquette.

My love of terriers started over 20 years ago with Wire Haired Fox Terriers, then Yorkies, and finally Miniature Schnauzers. I have come to believe what the Bible says that "there is more happiness in giving than receiving" (Acts 20:35). My first terrier was given to me as a gift. However, after his death it took me 7 years for another to grace my life. My journey started when I contacted Karen Coleman, President of Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Houston, Inc., concerning AJ, who became available due to his owner suffering from breast cancer. We talked for hours, which unknown to me was a fostering interview for MSRH. My meeting AJ for the first time was a scary one. He was a little spicy with an aggressive bark, and I thought to myself, "What am I getting myself into?" It's been 7 years, and he has my heart. Although I can't recall how many dogs I've fostered over the years, I can tell you it has been wonderful, and I encourage all who can to do so.



Diane Lewis

Karen always says that Schnauzers are people in fur coats, and I have experienced their great determination. Why do I say that? I saw this determination first hand one day. After baking a pound cake and serving it to a friend at lunch, I sat the left over cake on top of the back burner of the stove. I went to work, and when I came home, the pound cake was gone. The only evidence left was a crumb trail on the floor. So, I went to the property manager to ask if anyone had been in my apartment that day. She said, "No, and why do you ask?" I said that someone had eaten my food. At that point she gave me the strangest look of wonderment. She asked was there anything else missing. I said, "No, just food." She asked why would someone just take food, and I said maybe they needed some lunch. I left the office with a mad look on my face saying to myself what a stupid question to ask.

After a few days I decided to make two lemon pies for a gift. I began the pies and then took a break from the kitchen to go pickup my mail and to stop by the management office to ask about my missing food. I asked the manager if it was possible that maybe one of the workers had forgotten to return the keys to my apartment. She gave me another strange look and said no one has been in your apartment for any repairs for over two months. I left and went to my apartment. I opened the door and walked around the corner. To my amazement I saw AJ on the kitchen counter leaning over the stove finishing the second pan of pie crust. I stopped dead in my tracks. AJ stopped eating and starred at me in the eyes thinking which way should I run? She has the door blocked! He immediately ran to the bar window opening connecting the kitchen to the living room, then to the back of the chair, to the arm of the chair, to the ottoman, and then to the floor and finally to his crate. I shouted "No, you didn't!" I took my white plastic spoon and took him out of the crate to the kitchen. I gave him 4 pops and the word "No". To this day, AJ goes to the edge of the kitchen to sit.

My pride would not allow me to apologize to the manager for several days, but I finally went and told her the story. We both laughed so loud and hard our stomachs hurt. She said, "I thought it possibly might be AJ, but I know how protective you are of your dogs, so I kept it to myself."

What I have learned from this is never underestimate their determination to get what they want.

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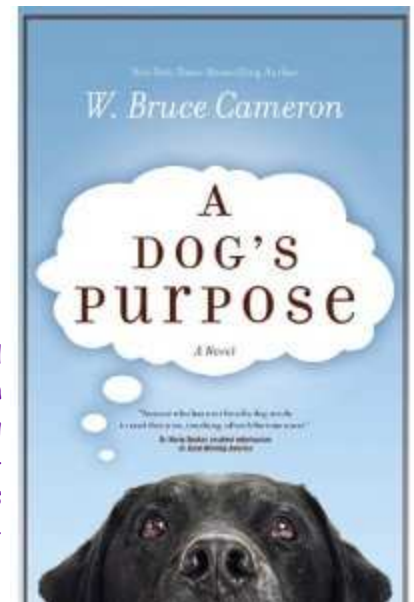
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## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### "A DOG'S PURPOSE"

BY W. BRUCE CAMERON

REVIEW BY LINDA LOVE



When I first started this segment of the newsletter, Book of the Month, I tried to read every book first before I recommended it to you. Well, that became an overwhelming task that I just couldn't keep up with, so I resorted to recommending books that had the very best reviews I could find. In some cases, books are suggested to me by others, as well. Still, though, I try to read as many of the books as possible, even if it happens to be a few months after the book has been featured in "The Paw".

In this case, I have read "*A Dog's Purpose*" already, and while I could just copy reviews from Amazon that others have written, I would like to personally tell you how much I loved this book. It was one of those books that I could not put down, because at the end of every chapter I was left begging to find out what was going to happen next. It dragged out deep emotions in me—love, fear, anger, sadness, joy, and yes, I cried more than once. As the book came to a close, I didn't want it to end.

This is a story that is told through the eyes of a dog, thus narrated by the dog. He lives through four different lives beginning as a feral dog (Toby), then is reincarnated as a product of a puppy mill (Bailey), then as a search and rescue dog (Ellie), and then lastly as Buddy, a black Labrador Retriever, where his true purpose becomes abundantly clear. He learns lessons from each of his four lives which he carries with him and applies to each new life he experiences, and he gives love and loyalty in abundance to the humans fortunate to be part of his lives throughout.

I just found out from Bruce Cameron's website that Dreamworks is planning on making a **MOVIE** out of this!!! Mr. Cameron and a lady by the name of Cathryn Michon are writing the screenplay right now! This doesn't necessarily mean it will actually make it to the big screen, but if it does and it is done right, it's going to rank right up there with *Lassie Come Home* and *Old Yeller*! I'll be at the movie theater on opening day, for sure.

William Bruce Cameron is an internationally known humor columnist. He is also the author of "*8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter*", a best selling self-improvement book, which was adapted to the short-lived ABC sitcom "*8 Simple Rules*", which aired from 2002 to 2005. Another book, "*8 Simple Rules for Marrying My Daughter*", released in the spring of 2008, already had a Hollywood movie deal before its publication date with Wendy Finerman, producer of "*The Devil Wears Prada*". He authored "*How to Remodel a Man*", which was excerpted in the August 2005 issue of *O. The Oprah Magazine*, and was the subject of the November 1, 2005 Oprah Show.

In 2006, Bruce Cameron was awarded the Robert Benchley Society Award for Humor and the National Society of Newspaper Columnists Award for Best Humor.

If you would like to read what other reviewers have written about "*A Dog's Purpose*", go to <http://www.amazon.com>. It has received 214 reviews with 198 of them being 5 stars. There is no paperback edition out yet. Amazon's hardback price is \$10.02. Kindle edition is \$10.99.

**Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come.**

—Anne Lamott

## Dear Sophie: How about some new toys that challenge my mind!

Dear Sophie:

I love to play with toys. Of course, I love to go fetch a ball any day of the week, and I also love the squeakers and the tug-of-war types, too. While I'll never get tired of these, I'd like to know if there are any toys available that will actually make me think, like a puzzle, for example. Do you know of any toys I can play with where I'll have to actually figure something out?

Ponderingly yours,

Werner Von Schnauzer

Dear Werner:

Actually, I do have some great toys for you, but they don't come cheap. Nina Ottosson, a Swedish manufacturer, makes super doggie puzzles. Her puzzles cost in the neighborhood of \$50 a piece, but they are made of wood, so they're built to last. They usually work with a little food treat involved, but I'm sure you don't mind that. One of my favorites by this manufacturer is called the Dog Brick Puzzle.



The way this works is your parents place a little treat in the indents at the end of each channel in the wood and then cover them with the black sliders. Then, your challenge is to move the sliders the other direction to uncover the treats. Pretty cool!

I found two websites that sell the Nina Ottosson toys. They are:

- <http://www.bestfriendsgeneralstore.com>
- <http://www.activepettoys.com>

Both websites provide UTube videos of dogs playing with the toys, so you can see for yourself how they work and how fun they are!

Also, both websites sell plenty of other wonderful, challenging toys you'll like, as well, that are not quite so expensive. At the [www.activepets.com](http://www.activepets.com) website, you'll find one called the "Busy Buddy Linkables Treat Dispensing Puzzle Toys".



You have to use your problem-solving skills to get the Linkables to dispense the treats. They come in three shapes, which can be used alone or linked with other Linkables. You

have to move them around in order to get them to dispense the treats, and the difficulty increases with the number of Linkables added. Each Linkable costs \$13. Linkables also sells the a bag of treats for \$6, but you can probably just use little nuggets of your own dog food if they're small enough. Since these are a little costly, your parents could just buy one to start with and then just add the other two one at a time. This would also spark new interest for you each time a new piece is added.

A manufacturer called Kyjen makes really fun plush Hide-a-Puzzle dog toys.



You can get these from the [www.bestfriendsgeneralstore.com](http://www.bestfriendsgeneralstore.com) website. There are about 4 different ones, but my favorite is Hide-a-Squirrel. It comes in 3 sizes—junior (\$8.79), large (\$11.19), and jumbo (\$15.35). If you lose the squirrels or destroy them, you can order replacements for \$6.79. My brother Barkley and I have this toy, and we love it. Mom buries the squirrels, which have squeakers in them, by the way, in the dirty clothes hamper for about 12 hours to get the smell of our favorite humans on them first. Then, she stuffs them into the stump. We go nuts trying to get them out. Our parents are laughing their fannies off just watching us go at it.

I hope these examples have given you some ideas of what's out there, and the websites have given you some places to start looking for some great new toys, but there is a caveat: Don't play with these toys too often or you will lose the novelty and challenge. Save them for that special treat.

Sincerely,

Sophie



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 4

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

**E-mail:** ggarcia07@rrienergy.com or gabriela.garcia@att.net

Note: James Oxford & Lance Marshall, who have spear-headed the H.A.P.I. organization, are moving to NY. MSRH is sad to see them go and is very grateful for the opportunities they have given us to showcase our fosters this past year. Unless new leadership takes this organization over, this H.A.P.I. event may well be our last. Please try to join us.

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!

**PetFest at Old Town Spring, October 22, 23, 24:** Many thanks to Karen Coleman for chairing this event and hosting author Judi McCoy. Also, special thanks to Lynda Lucas for hosting Judi at her home for the weekend. Several MSRH folks got together on Friday night, October 22, to welcome Judi to Houston. Those attending besides Judi were: Karen Coleman, Rick & Natalie Meidel, Paul & Leslie Alli, Lynda Lucas, Marilyn Malaney, Cameron O'Connell, Beverly Mattocks, Donna Papparazzo, and Sandra Plunk. On Saturday and Sunday, October 23 and 24, those attending the event were Karen Coleman, Sarah & Kelly McGee, Teresa Carney & daughter Rebecca, Paul & Lesli Alli, Donna Papparazzo, Laura Yokel, Sandra Plunk, Ann Neal, Nan Whomes, Marilyn Malaney, Mike Coleman, Bev Smith, Lynda Lucas, Al & Gloria Ewert, and Linda Love. Special appreciation goes to those of you who brought your fosters and also to those of you who helped set up before and break down the booth after the event. All of you made this weekend an enormous success. We collected \$125 from merchandise sales and donations. Judi sold 42 of her books with \$293 in proceeds being donated to MSRH. Also, Judi is conducting a special raffle, and has sold \$125 in chances already. See details below:

### YOU AND YOUR DOG COULD BE CHARACTERS IN JUDI'S 6TH BOOK! HERE'S HOW!

Judi will begin writing book #6, "*Fashion Faux Paw*", in March 2011 (release date 2012). This one will have Ellie and Rudy going to Manhattan for a style show. The models will be walking the runway with a canine companion, also all "dolloed" up in their own attire. One of the models will get murdered. There will be a Mini Schnauzer that needs rescue. Ellie has an old friend (maybe from college) that lives in Houston and belongs to MSRH. Her friend will offer to come get the Schnauzer and bring the dog back to Houston. This will obviously give her friend a chance to play catch up on Ellie's life. MSRH will be mentioned in the acknowledgements along with a write up about our organization. In order for a chance to be Ellie's Houston friend (can use any name you choose in the book) and your Schnauzer to be the one needing rescue, purchase a raffle ticket(s). The chances are \$5/each or 3 for \$10. See Page 11 for ticket forms. All proceeds from the raffle go to MSRH! **RAFFLE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1, 2011.**

**Garage Sale, November 6:** Kudos go to Chair Martha Sarrack and helpers Regina Schroeder, Crystal Cook, Jim Gwinn, Joanne Sapp, and Anthony Sarrack for bringing in a whopping **\$1,355** for MSRH. Also, many thanks to those of you who donated items for the sale. They couldn't have made all that dough without you!

**H.A.P.I. Meet & Greet, November 6:** Thanks so much to Gabriela Garcia for setting up and manning our booth at this event all by herself. Also, much appreciation goes to Marilyn Malaney for delivering and picking up 3 foster dogs for the afternoon.



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Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Houston Says:

"Thank You Judi McCoy!!"

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## Many Thanks To Our October Transport Volunteers!

MUCH APPRECIATION GOES TO: **Wendy Velez-Rodriguez** for picking up Molly & Tucker at San Antonio Animal Services on 9/29/10; **Sherry Eitel/Nan Whomes/Ann Neal** for picking up Sophie Marie at BARC on 10/1/10; **Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Bristol, a stray, on 10/1/10; **Angela Palmer/Herb Hayes/Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Michaela at Lampasas Animal Services on 10/2/10; **Thecia Taylor/Mary Griffin/Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Lars, Paige, Pierce & Reuben from Brownsville Animal Control on 10/3/10; **Cheryl Martinez/Martha Sarrack/Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Crystal, McKenzie, Schubert, Shasta, Buffy, Jazz & Kristi from Corpus Christi Animal Control on 10/3/10; **Sherry Eitel** for picking up Baylor & Otto from Harris Co. Animal Control on 10/6/10; **LaVon Kellerman** for picking up Sparky, a stray, on 10/6/10; **Melissa Gallegos** for picking up Dusty Rose, a stray, on 10/11/10; **Sandra Plunk/Karen Coleman/Lynda Lucas** for picking up Maximus from Noah's Ark-Gainsville on 10/14/10; **Good Samaritan/Karen Coleman** for picking up Dakota, a stray, on 10/16/10; **Diane Gersch/Martha Sarrack** for picking up Sandy at Town Lake Animal Control on 10/18/10; **Sandra Plunk/Karen Coleman/Lynda Lucas** for picking up Devon at Denton Animal Services on 10/18/10; **Karen Coleman** for picking up Watson, a stray, on 10/23/10; **Thecia Taylor/Randy?/Herb Hayes/Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Brandon at Brownsville Animal Control on 10/25/10; **Carol Harrington** for picking up Booker at LaPorte Animal Control on 10/26/10; **Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Griffin & Roland at Harris Co. Animal Control on 10/28/10; **Martha Sarrack** for picking up Kirby, an owner surrender, on 10/29/10; **Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Redmond, an owner surrender, on 10/30/10; **Johan?/Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Jody from Georgetown Animal Services on 10/30/10; **Johan?/Marilyn Malaney** for picking up CeCe from Town Lake Animal Control on 10/30/10; and **Carol Harrington/Sherry Eitel** for picking up Chip from LaPorte Animal Control on 10/31/10. VERY BUSY MONTH!

## From the Editor

Dear Readers:

I just finished typing up the transports for October in the section above, and although this is certainly not the first time for me to notice this, I thought I ought to point out the time and effort that has gone into some of these transports, just in case you haven't noticed. There were two transports in October that really got my attention. They are the ones from Brownsville to Houston. That is a distance of 357 miles, and it takes approximately 6 hours to make it by car. Of course, no single person had to drive all of that distance. Three people shared the burden of the first trip, and four people shared the second trip. But, in addition to the driv-

ing, that took quite a bit of coordination between all involved to make sure they were synchronized. Of course, there were some other long trips that took quite a bit of time, too, such as Lampasas (225 miles & approx. 4 hrs. plus overall); Gainesville/Denton (309 miles & approx. 5 hrs. overall); Corpus Christi (219 miles & approx. 4 hrs overall); and Georgetown/Austin (176 miles & approx. 3 hrs overall).

All I can say is there were some lucky dogs in those cars. Why do I say that? I've seen the winners of this year's calendar contest. Those dogs look like the luckiest dogs on the planet. Whenever they were before they were rescued by MSRH and then adopted by their new families, it couldn't have



Linda with Sophie & Barkley

been any better than where they are now. Just no way! So, whatever part you play in the rescue process—transport, foster, donate, or whatever—it's worth every bit of it! Thank you so much!

Happy Thanksgiving,

Linda

NOVEMBER IS ADOPT A SENIOR PET MONTH!