



# The Schnauzer's Paw



Dear Schnauzer Lovers,

Our newsletter this month has two returning columns that will make many people happy! Linda Love is adding her "Dear Sophie" column and her "Book of the Month" column to *The Schnauzer's Paw* once again, and we are very happy about this. Also included are the 2011 adoption and intake statistics, as well as different ways to continue to raise awareness and funds to help the minis at MSRH. In addition, there are some health and safety alerts to be aware of when caring for our minis. Please look at these, as they could have a big impact on your minis' health. As always, we are in need of loving homes to foster and adopt, so spread the word to everyone who might be able to help. As always, many thanks go to the countless individuals, named and unnamed, who help support MSRH. Without you, we would not be here!

Kathryn McCoy



## 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, or 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.



## The Year in Review 2011

Table 1: Adoption Comparison 2008–2011				
Month	2008	2009	2010	2011
Jan	22	13	18	34
Feb	24	12	21	19
Mar	15	11	17	20
Apr	20	12	19	27
May	22	16	15	18
Jun	21	28	34	26
Jul	19	27	27	18
Aug	12	22	29	22
Sep	14	17	36	31
Oct	16	16	25	17
Nov	20	18	23	12
Dec	24	19	28	38
Total	229	211	292	282

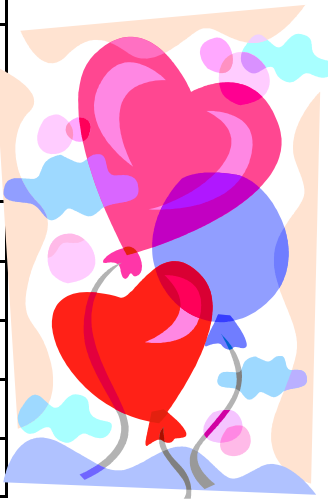


Table 2: 2011 Intakes vs. Adoptions			
Month	Intakes	Adoptions	Foster Pool (+/-)
Jan	31	34	-3
Feb	23	19	+4
Mar	26	20	+6
Apr	28	27	+1
May	16	18	-2
Jun	23	26	-3
Jul	35	18	+17
Aug	13	22	-9
Sep	18	31	-13
Oct	23	17	+6
Nov	22	12	+10
Dec	28	38	-10
Total	286	282	+4

Overall, MSRH was able to rescue 286 schnauzers in 2011! We adopted out almost as many! We had a very busy but successful year helping our minis find loving homes. We will continue to help these minis, and want everyone to know how valuable volunteering, in whatever way you can, helps us to achieve this goal. With this in mind, look at the various ways that you and your friends might be able to help these minis:

**Adopt**—our minis come fully vetted, ready to share their love with your family.

**Foster**—if you aren't ready to adopt, perhaps you could share your home temporarily with a mini, and provide a secure, warm environment for him or her until a loving forever home can be found.

**Sponsor a Mini**—if you just don't have the room to foster or adopt, maybe you would like to help defray the costs for a mini while it is looking for a home.

**Volunteer**—we are always needing extra help with fundraisers and publicity for MSRH.

**Donate**—any amount of money you can spare is ALWAYS appreciated to help cover MSRH's expenses for medical services and supplies for our minis.

**Let's all try to make 2012 better than ever for MSRH!**



Katrina

## MSRH Needs You!

Please volunteer to help with our booth!  
Bring one of your minis, they are welcome!

2012 Houston Pet Expo

Reliant Center

Saturday, April 14th

10AM—6PM

Email [kmccoy8083@embarqmail.com](mailto:kmccoy8083@embarqmail.com)



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Indoors!

Free Admission!

Lots of Fun!

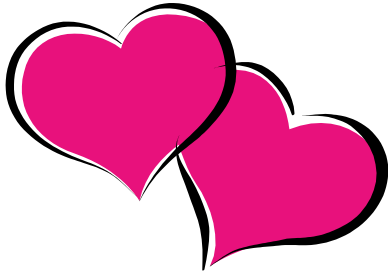
Help MSRH raise awareness and  
funds!



Gracie Mae



## Be My Valentine



**"Aiden"**

**"Have you ever walked alone at night; Like a man against the world? No one takes your side; A boat against the tide. When your faith is shaken, you start to break; And you heart can't find the words. I have walked the path from dark to light. Alone I take my stand; I'm only a man against the world." I'm getting up there in years. Life hasn't been all that easy. But I'm in a good place now and I'm praying that there's a forever home, just for me! I'm Aiden and I'm a male, salt & pepper Miniature Schnauzer with natural ears and a docked tail. I'm about ten years old and I weigh about twenty-two pounds. I've been a good boy here at MSRH. I'm sweet and good natured. I love my human friends (and especially like riding in the car)! I'm don't like the crate but I am house trained. My foster mom says so far so good! I know how to use a doggy door and I also know some basic commands. I'm even good when walking on a leash. With maturity comes many benefits! I'm not necessarily submissive but I am certainly not aggressive. If challenged, I just walk away. Another maturity thing. With that kind of temperament, it's no surprise that I've gotten along with every dog I've made contact with here at MSRH. I've even gotten along with a cat! Of course, that was when I was having 'man surgery'....I was thinking about other things! My calm demeanor suggests that I'd be good around children. "And love, like a distant reminder, it tugs at my shoulder. It calls me home." Love is calling me to your forever home! Help make it happen! Ask for me, Aiden, on your MSRH adoption application! Adoption Fee: \$150**



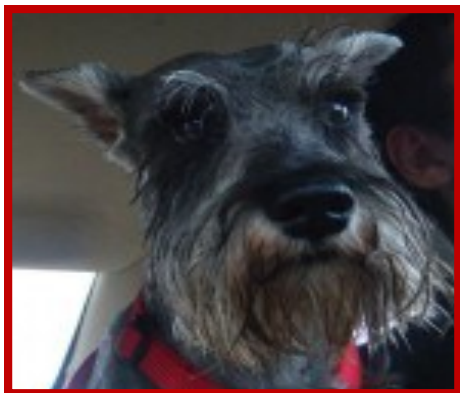
Dargie



Joseph Thomas



Ronny



Kenny



Kris



## An Eight Year Old "Angel"

I came home one evening and checked my email only to find an email from one of the shelters, a shelter known for its high kill rate. Once being the Vice President and Rescue Coordinator for MSRH, I relinquished this very heart wrenching job to Sherry Eitel, after a bad illness on my part in 2006. I very seldom get emails about shelter dogs anymore, and when I do, I usually just forward to Sherry and Karen, but this one caught my eye as well as my heart. Angel, an 8 year old, Scottie/Schnauzer mix, a Schnottie, had been left by her owner's attorney, who was handling the estate, along with 3 other furry buddies. The owner has passed away and there was no family to take the dogs. The shelter contacted MSRH as a last hope as the others had been rescued. Rescue is overwhelmed with purebreds, and a mix is hard to take when you have to use a boarding facility for many of the purebreds. I contacted Sherry and Karen and agreed to foster Angel if they would pull her. Sherry went to work and picked her up the next day. It was right before the Thanksgiving holiday, and we were leaving town, so she had to be boarded for a week before we picked her up.

She fit right in with our family. I just lost my 15 year old mini, Rascal, to a massive stroke in September and my family, a teenage son, husband, cat and 2 older minis, who were once rescues, were still grieving for the loss of our little Rascal. Angel did help fill that void.

She did not answer to her name, at first. We soon realized she had some hearing loss. But that does not stop her. She plays with her toys, and walks with us and as long as you get her attention, she comes when you call her. She sleeps with my son on the foot of his bed. She was a perfect little foster, house trained, loved to ride in the car, you could tell she was once loved and part of her owners' life.

We adopted her in December.

*Her owner died, it was the holidays, and her name was Angel.... We had to help her! After losing our Rascal, I had thought we would get a younger dog, if we got another dog at all. But, she is an eight year old sweetie, who knows how to be part of a family and I know her owner is looking down from heaven saying "Thank you, for giving my little Angel a home".*

**PLEASE CONSIDER FOSTERING OR ADOPTING A SENIOR. THEY ARE THE FORGOTTEN ONES FULL OF LOVE AND NEEDING A FAMILY MOST OF ALL!**

Bev Smith



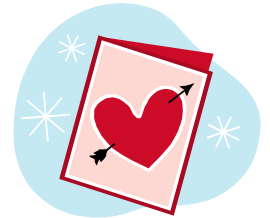


**Many heartfelt thanks go out to the following individuals and businesses, as well as to the many anonymous "angels" looking out for MSRH's rescues:**

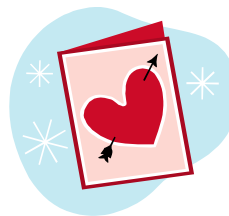


**Khambrel Marshall**, KPRC Channel 2 Weatherman and anchor, for promoting the MSRH 2011 Calendars and *Schnauzerly Yours II Cookbooks*, as well as the rescue itself on television.

MSRH 2011 Calendar Volunteers **Bea Alfonso**, **Rick Meidel**, **Rocio Herrera**, **Karen Coleman**, and **Marilyn Malaney** who helped to coordinate the distribution of the calendar. The sales brought in approximately \$2700 to MSRH.



**Michelle Mantor**, editor of Houston Pet Talk Magazine, for promoting MSRH, not once, but twice in the Jan/Feb edition of the magazine. It can be found at Specs, Walgreens, and Petco at no charge. It has lots of exciting "pet happenings" in the Houston area for all to see and learn about.

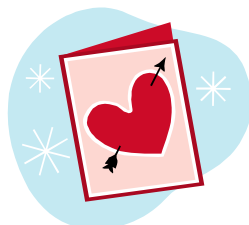


**Linda Love** for the *Schnauzerly Yours II Cookbooks* which are a big fundraiser for MSRH.



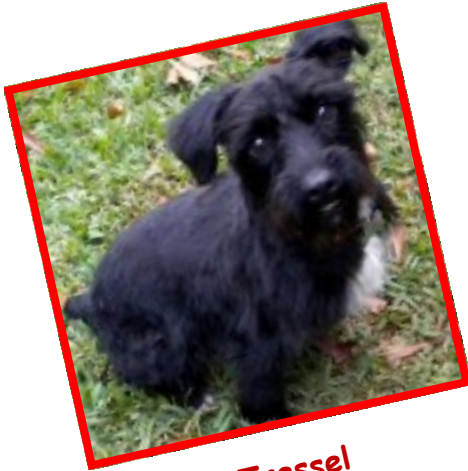
**Kroger "Neighbor to Neighbor" Program** that donates a percentage of each individual's bill to MSRH if you sign up at the store.

**All who transported minis** from all over Texas and Louisiana.





## Parker Road Animal Hospital and Pet Resort



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Parker Road Animal Hospital (PRAH) and Dr. Tom Dayton will donate \$20 to MSRH with each adopter's first visit

Also as a MSRH adopter you will be entitled to a set discounted rate of 10% on examinations, laboratory diagnostics, x-rays/imaging, hospitalizations and surgeries

At the end of each year, PRAH will donate 5% of your total dollars spent to MSRH after your initial office visit

Other services PRAH offers are grooming and boarding, and if any dog stays in one of the luxury cottage facilities, \$1.00 per day per dog will be donated to MSRH

Dr. Dayton has been Karen Coleman's, president and founder of MSRH, personal vet for 23 years and has been the critical care vet for MSRH since our beginning in 2000

Dr. Dayton has been practicing veterinary medicine in Houston since 1981 and has owned and operated Parker Road Animal Hospital since 1984. His special areas of interest include preventative wellness, diagnostic medicine and orthopedic surgery

Please contact PRAH when scheduling your next vet appointment, not only will your pet get state of the art care but MSRH will also benefit

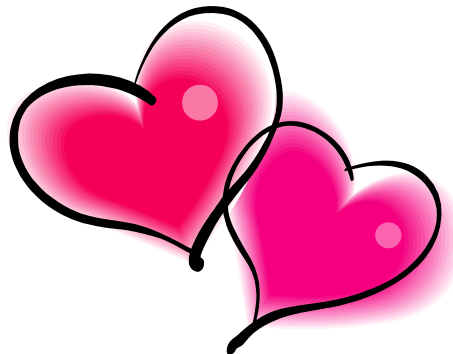
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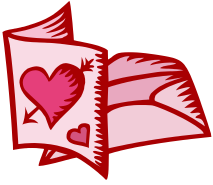
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Saving one Schnauzer may not change the world, but PRAH has saved many MSRH Schnauzers, which certainly changed their world.





## Dear Sophie: Why is Mom offended when I sniff butts?

Dear Sophie:

Every time we go to the dog park or meet up with Mom's human friends who happen to have fellow dogs, she gets all embarrassed and apologetic when us dogs do our routine sniff test of each other's anal area. I don't know what the big deal is. We've been doing this since the beginning of time. Can you help Mom get with the program?

Gratefully,  
Sniffen Urend

Dear Sniffen:

I know its hard for us dogs to communicate to humans about our etiquette rules and how they are vastly different than theirs, but here is the story on the butt stiffing for Mom:

As most people know, dogs have two anal glands on either side of their rectums, which emit a strong scent. Those who have ever had to express those anal glands will attest to that! A dog greeting another dog wants to get a whiff of that scent because it carries vital information about the other dog-- kinda like a microchip that

stores data, such as the dog's sex, health status, and temperament. So, it isn't really a "handshake" sort of thing. It is a way we decide if we want to become friends or not. So, Mom, it is best that you don't interfere with our natural way of sorting this social thing out. We have our own rules that work just fine, and it is best that you just relax and stay out of it.

Sincerely,  
Sophie



## Health and Safety



**Chicken Jerky Treat Warning**—The FDA has not officially recalled Chicken Jerky Treats from the market, but it has been documented by individuals and veterinarians that dogs have been getting very sick, with some even dying, from what they believe is caused by those treats made in China and distributed by companies in the U.S. Please check what you are giving your dogs, and watch for unusual behaviors and symptoms. Call your vet immediately if you notice any.

**Berber Carpet Warning**—Recently a professional in the carpet industry described an incident with his dog involving using a piece of Berber carpet in the dog crate. The dog started feeling bad, was taken to the vet, and had to have major surgery to remove a 5-foot piece of the yarn that had been swallowed and had wrapped around the stomach and intestines. Please check what type of materials your dog is exposed to, and watch for signs of distress .

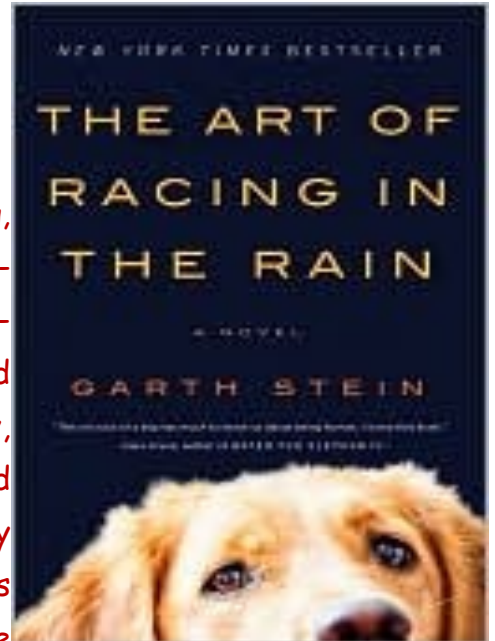


## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### "THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN"

By Garth Stein

This is a novel written from the point of view of the family dog, Enzo, which will pull you into the story immediately, and your emotional attachment will build through the entire story. It's refreshing to root for a dog in an adult story about love, loss, and redemption. The main male character is Enzo's master, Denny, and Denny aspires to become a race car driver. Denny works hard at this, but has many hard knocks along the way. Enzo truly shows the compassion and importance a pet can have in a human's life in his attachment and friendship with Denny. Enzo is there



when Denny needs someone the most without fail. *"The Art of Racing in the Rain"* is an excellent example of modern fiction that is quite an emotional, but beautiful and life-changing journey.

This book may be purchased from <http://www.amazon.com> in paperback for \$9.45, Kindle for \$9.99, or Audio, CD, Audiobook, Unabridged for \$10.19. As of this writing, it has received 1,732 customer reviews with 1,333 of them 5-star.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Garth Stein's New York Times best selling novel, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* (Harper, 2008), is now published in 30 languages. It was the #1 BookSense selection for June, 2008, the Starbucks spring/summer 2008 book selection, and has been on the IndieBound bestseller list since its publication.



Born in Los Angeles and raised in Seattle, Garth's ancestry is diverse. His mother, a native of Alaska, is of Tlingit Indian and Irish descent; his father, a Brooklyn native, is a child of Jewish emigrants from Austria. After living in New York City for 18 years, Garth currently lives in Seattle with his wife, three sons, and their dog, Comet.