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Summertime Tips Fun in the Sun with Rover

By Norma Bennett Woolf © 2011

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.

Here comes summer, the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. It's too darn hot, but the livin' is easy. There's cheeseburgers in paradise, and Rover's waiting for his share.

While the family enjoys the warmth of summer sun and the softness of summer evenings, Rover may be suffering from the heat or from overindulgence of leftovers. To avoid tragedy, families should consider the effects of increased day length, temperatures, and snacks-after-the-barbecue on the family pet. Livin' with Rover can be easy if you heed these warm-weather cautions and follow these tips.

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are distinct possibilities if the dog is subjected to high temperatures in poorly ventilated areas, including cars (even with windows cracked open), sheds, or other enclosures. Dogs dissipate body heat by panting, not sweating, and rapid panting causes increased loss of water and carbon dioxide. If the dog is stressed by high temperatures and humidity and poor ventilation, his circulatory systems can be overtaxed.

Heat stroke is the most common and most likely to be fatal. Symptoms are: panting; staring; warm, dry skin; extremely high fever (106 degrees or higher); rapid heartbeat; vomiting; and collapse. Treatment includes immersion in cold water. If no tub is handy, spraying the dog with a hose is the next best action. Ice packs applied to the head and neck may also help. Heat stroke is life-threatening; get the dog to the veterinary clinic as soon as possible after lowering

his temperature.

Heat exhaustion is less serious and generally follows heavy and prolonged exercise in intense heat. It develops more slowly than heat stroke and may be preceded by a salt deficiency or a complication of heart disease. The treatment is the same; lower the temperature with cold water, then get the dog to the clinic.

Here are some tips for helping you and Rover enjoy the warm weather:

- Never leave children under eight years old alone with a dog. Kids run and scream while playing, and high pitched noises and running can trigger Buddy's prey drive. Whether Buddy responds by "herding" the child with ankle nips and body slams or by "attacking" and grabbing, children get hurt and Buddy gets a black mark on his record.
- Dogs can be irritable in hot weather and should be protected from kids' boisterous attentions.
- Groups of kids may tease Rover or inadvertently let him out of the yard.
- Crawling babies can get into dog dishes and steal dog toys. Avoid trouble by keeping baby and Rover apart unless you can supervise.
- Errant baseballs, tennis balls, and other toys can find their way into Rover's yard. Make sure that all neighborhood kids know to knock on your door before

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- entering the yard—or padlock the gate so they cannot get in. Dogs that are protecting their property don't know the difference between an intruder and a child trying to find his ball or Frisbee.
- Since doors are open more often in warm weather, Mom and Dad should take precautions to keep Ranger from following kids outside if he can then run free. Several approaches will work, from teaching the children to make sure the pooch is confined before they open the door to locking the screen door so the little ones cannot open it themselves. If Mom has to open the door for the kids, she can make sure Ranger is under control and can't escape to get hit by a car or wreak havoc on the neighbor's lawn or shrubs.
 - Teaching Ranger to "sit-stay" will also help. If he learns to sit and stay until someone tells him it is OK to go through the door, chances are he'll wait. This command is most helpful when someone is coming into the house, as the approaching person will block the dog's path of exit and he'll be more likely to stay put.
 - It's too much for a young dog to be told to "sit-stay" in front of a door that's opening outward, though, especially when the kids are headed outside. The motion and excitement entice him and he'll probably bolt. However, if he has a leash on, you can step on it and control the situation.
 - No one wants their outdoor party ruined by noisy dogs, so open windows present another challenge if Buster is a barker. The easiest solution is to let him join the festivities as long as he's well behaved. If he's a food thief or a nudge, or if he'll pester the kids, this might not work. However, if he's allowed to play a game of fetch or Frisbee and then told to "down-stay" during dinner, his company could add to the fun.
 - If Buster is a barker and is ill-behaved, sign up for an obedience school. After all, he cannot be expected to know what he has not been taught!
 - If Rambo is an outdoor dog, make sure he has shelter from the sun and rain and always has a bucket of fresh water. Dogs have a higher internal body temperature than humans and get warm at lower temperatures than we do. Since they cannot shed their coats and they do not sweat, they pant away a lot of moisture during warm weather and must have constant access to fresh water. Puddles won't do it, and neither will three-day old tepid water with a layer of pond scum.
 - Avoid strenuous exercise in the heat of the day if the dog has not been conditioned for the strain. Take walks in the early morning or evening; limit vigorous play sessions; and provide plenty of fresh water. If Roughy spends a lot of time in air-conditioned splendor, heat and humidity will be tough on his body—it's better for him (and for you) to limit the use of air-conditioning. If he's an outdoor dog, make sure he has well-ventilated shelter from direct sun and plenty of fresh water.
 - Remember that heat and humidity are more stressful for puppies, geriatric dogs, dogs that are overweight or out of condition, dogs with chronic illnesses, and dogs with shortened faces such as Boxers, English Bulldogs, Pekingese, and French Bulldogs.
 - Don't make the mistake of thinking a long-coated or thick-coated dog should be shaved for summer. Long, thick coats were developed to provide insulation in both cold and hot weather, and removal of the natural insulation could stress the dog further. Do make sure long and thick coats are kept free of mats, tangles, burs and other seeds, etc., to help maintain Rover's comfort.
 - If Sassy finds the family cookout, don't feed her leftover burgers, brats, or hotdogs. She could bloat, suffer a stomach torsion, and die. Bloat and torsion are serious, life-threatening illnesses, and the incidence rises in summer precisely because dogs have access to barbecue leavings. Symptoms include extreme restless, unproductive vomiting, a bloated appearance, and collapse. The disease progresses quickly; a dog that has stomach torsion can die on the way to the emergency clinic.
 - If you or your adjoining neighbor hire a lawn service, make sure Pansy stays inside while pesticides are sprayed. Keep her off the sprayed grass for at least 24 hours to avoid contact with the chemicals or clean her feet so she doesn't ingest poison if she licks her paws.
 - If Mister travels with the family, **don't' ever, ever** leave him in the car alone, even with the windows cracked open. If you park in the shade, remember that shade moves as the day progresses. The temperature inside a closed car can quickly reach 120 degrees—even with the window cracked open—and cook the dog's brain.

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- If you must leave your dog in the car for a few minutes, use window grills so the windows can be left open, park in the deepest shade you can find, put a reflective space blanket over the windshield, and hot-foot it back to the car in less than 15 minutes. Otherwise, leave Mister home.
- A crate is a perfect solution for those who would like to take Misty along on the family picnic, the kids' soccer game, or the concert in the park. A collapsible crate can be set up in seconds and provide a safe place for Misty while the family enjoys the event. If Misty is obedience-trained, she can do a down-stay on the blanket during the concert.
- The crate is great if you take Peanut on vacation. Motels are more likely to accept dogs in a crate and dogs are more likely to feel at home if they have their own bed along. If you do take Peanut along, make sure you clean up her feces, don't let her pee in the flower beds, don't clean the mud off her feet with motel towels, and don't bathe her in the motel tub. Bring along plenty of plastic bags, Mutt Mitts, or a poop scoop for cleaning up waste, and bring towels from home for muddy paws.
- Lots of dogs like to run through the sprinkler or swim in a pool, lake, or pond. If a large body of water isn't available, some dogs enjoy a dip in a child's wading pool. Most dogs enjoy a game of fetch or Frisbee played in the cool morning or evening hours.
- Keep your canine first aid kit packed and ready for action, and have the telephone numbers of your veterinarian and an emergency clinic handy just in case. Accidents, insect stings, dog fights, and heat stroke can require immediate attention.
- Many dogs will eat less in hot, humid weather. If Ranger leaves some food behind, throw it away, wash the dish, and feed less until the temperature drops.
- your dog and making sure he is as comfortable as possible on hot, humid days.
- Give him plenty of fresh, cool water.
- Walk him in the morning or evening, and always keep him on a leash.
- Brush his coat and check for fleas, ticks, and debris in his hair.
- Give him a child's wading pool to splash or lie in if he likes water.
- Limit active games to the cooler hours of the day.
- Remember that heat and humidity are especially stressful on dogs that have shortened muzzles, heavy coats, black fur, or spend most of their days in air-conditioned splendor.
- Be aware that short-coated white or cream-colored dogs can get sunburned, especially on their ears and around their noses.

More Warm Weather Tips

- When you're home on summer vacation, spend some time playing with

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Special Note: Friends of MSRH receive a 10% lifetime discount by using the Promo Code “MSRH” when they get a no obligation quote. On top of that, Healthy Paws donates money to MSRH’s medical fund for each quote or enrollment that comes from MSRH. So get a quote, learn more about Healthy Paws, and you’re also helping the Schnauzers in our care.

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Featured Pet—Pierre



Pierre—loves to sit in your lap!

Hi! I'm Pierre. I'm a male salt and pepper Miniature Schnauzer with cropped ears and a docked tail. I'm three years old and weigh 18 lbs. I love to sit beside you or in your lap where you can pet me. I love my adult human friends, but get a little nervous around children, so an all-adult home would probably be best for me. I also get along well with other dogs and can play well in a group. I am crate trained and about 90% house trained. I can use a doggy door. I love to chew on a bone, and I must be honest, I like to bark.

Adoption Fee: \$450

GET YOUR PHOTOS IN FOR THE 2012 CALENDAR CONTEST !!!

Entries are being accepted for the 2012 calendar contest. Keep your cameras at the ready to capture those special moments nestled in the spring wildflowers, in a summer garden, among the Halloween pumpkins, around the Christmas tree—all those wonderful times throughout the year that make each season so special!



Cooper Olsen
June 2011 Calendar Page Winner

Deadline for entries:

August 1, 2011

Winners will be announced by:

October 1, 2011

Calendars will be mailed by:

December 1, 2011

For contest info and to submit your entry, go to:

<http://www.msrh.org/category/resources/calendar-contest/>

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, WE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

KROGER NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PROGRAM:	\$1,901
PASADENA PET ADOPTIONS:	\$1,000

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—BEV SMITH

Hi, my name is Bev Smith. Many of you know me, many do not. I joined the Rescue in 2000. I had just moved to the Woodlands from Mandeville, Louisiana, a suburb of New Orleans. I brought with me my husband, George, 8 month old son, Matthew who is now 11, 2 Schnauzers, Maggie and Rascal, and a cat named Pooty. I had always loved and worked with saving animals and wanted to continue to volunteer with an organization to help save the lost and abused.

I got in contact with Karen through the internet and offered my services as a volunteer. Back then, it was just a handful of people helping out. Because I had a small child, she was skeptical to let me help. But I pestered her to the point she gave me some projects to do. She wanted to acquire a non-profit status so that was one of my first big projects. With the help from a wonderful former adopter and attorney, that was accomplished.

Everyone did all jobs, fostered, picked up at shelters, interviewed prospective volunteers as well as adopters, took dogs to the vet, asked for donations, it was a lot of work. But also, I discovered a world of dedicated animal lovers, true to the love of a wonderful breed, Mini Schnauzers. Karen was the most dedicated and hard working person I had ever met, giving her time, love and money to the breed she also loved. She became my friend, as well as my mentor.

I once held the titles of Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator, Shelter Coordinator, and I am still on the Board of Directors. In 2006, I had a case of septic shock, after a nasty kidney stone put me in the hospital. Due to complications, I was in the hospital for 6 months. My MSRH family, especially Karen, and many others watched over me with their prayers. Sherry Eitel, Lynda Lucas, Marilyn Malaney and others stepped up to the plate to take over in my place. They all did and still do an awesome job, making it all work.

Since I recovered, we built a house and moved to Magnolia. I have 3 Schnauzers, (2 rescued), Maggie, and Buddy. My sweet Maggie was adopted in Louisiana. Buddy was a MSRH foster. He was found on Hwy. 59, malnourished, and scared. He was very glad to be in a foster home with people who loved him.....so much we ended up adopting him. Rascal is my oldest. I had him since he was 9 weeks old. He will be 14 this December. My other 2 are also senior dogs. I also have 2 rescued cats, Fluff and Rusty.

Thanks for asking me to reintroduce myself. Helping rescue the little ones can be a very hard undertaking. You are all hardworking volunteers, dog lovers, who give your time and money for the love of the breed, Miniature Schnauzers. We all deserve a huge thank you.....THANKS Everyone!!



Bev with Rascal, Buddy, and Maggie

To your dog, you are the greatest, the smartest, the nicest human being who was ever born.

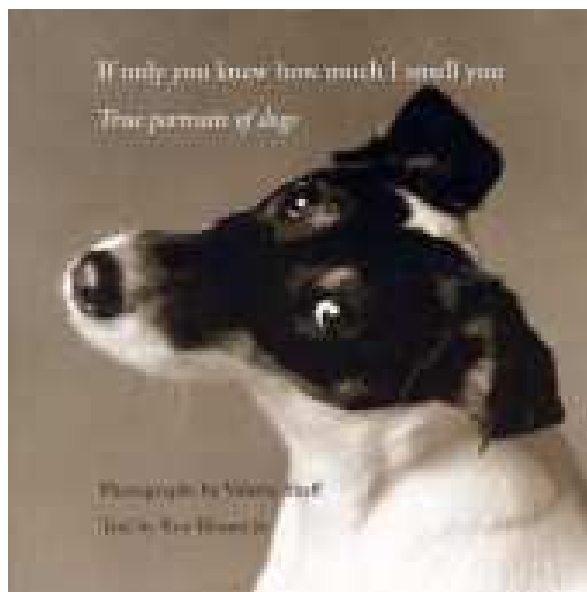
~ Louis Sabin

BOOK OF THE MONTH

"If Only You Knew How Much I Smell You: True Portraits of Dogs"

Text By Roy Blount, Jr.

Photography by Valerie Shaff



Dogs are said to be Man's Best Friend—and with this book, it's easy to see why! The many moods and faces of dogs (ranging from comical to cuddly to downright cute) are chronicled in gorgeous sepia-toned photographs by Valerie Shaff. While Wegman dresses up his Weimaraners to elicit "human comedy gone to the dogs", Shaff shows true nature of the beast through poignant and heartwarming pictures that allow the personalities of the dogs to really shine through. Each photo is accompanied by incisively witty text by Roy Blount, one of America's best-known humorists. Whether you're a dog owner or not, this book will bring a smile to your face (and if it doesn't . . . well, then, you probably just haven't met the right dog yet!).

This book may be purchased from Amazon, <http://www.amazon.com>. It has received 68 customer reviews with 61 of them being 5-star. It is available in hardcover only for \$13.57. There is no Kindle edition. A paperback edition is available from other sources at a lower price, but the hardcover edition is the preferred format for this book. This is one you most likely would want to display on your coffee table, and it would make a great gift for a friend or family member, who happens to love dogs.

For more information about Roy Blount, go to <http://www.royblountjr.com>. For more information about Valerie Shaff, go to <http://www.valerieshaff.com>.

SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER

THE COOKBOOK RECIPE AND PHOTO DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO
FRIDAY, JUNE 24

DUE TO RECENT WEBSITE PROBLEMS. IF YOU SENT IN RECIPES AND/OR A
PHOTO, BUT DID NOT GET AN E-MAIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT,
PLEASE RE-SEND. WE PROBABLY DID NOT RECEIVE.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday—Sunday
July 21—24, 2011**

34TH ANNUAL RELIANT PARK WORLD SERIES OF DOG SHOWS

Chairs: Paula Tolbert and Sherry Eitel
Where: Reliant Park, One Reliant Center, 8400 Kirby Drive, Houston, Texas 77054
Hours: 10:00AM to 5:00PM each day, except Sunday (short day)
Tel: Paula (281) 358-2874; Sherry (713) 298-4999
E-mail: pjtolbert@yahoo.com or sherry@eitel.com

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up Thursday morning, 7/21, or pack up Sunday afternoon, 7/24, or to man the booth each day of the event. Attention foster families: We would love to have you bring your foster Mini to the booth, including the seniors, for a few hours. If you are interested in volunteering or bringing your foster, please contact either Paula or Sherry, so they can work out the schedule. As always, there will be no on site adoptions.

SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2011
YAPPY HOUR

Chair: Martha Sarrack
Where: Animal Tales
Hours: 6—8PM
Tel: (281) 829-3293
E-mail: minimarti65@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for this event. Contact Martha to arrange to bring your fosters out to meet the public and help with passing out flyers.

SAVE THE DATE!
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 &
 23, 2011**
PETFEST

Chair: Karen Coleman
Where: Old Town Spring
Hours: TBD
Tel: (832) 277-4904
E-mail: houstonschnauzerrescue@yahoo.com

Mark your calendars for this event. More details to follow as event approaches.

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011
PET ADVENTURE DAY

Chair: Need Chair—if interested, contact Sherry Eitel
Where: Ella & Friends Dog Park—500 W. 13th St., Deer Park, Texas
Hours: 10:00AM to 2:00PM
Tel: (281) 358-7303 or (713) 298-4999
E-mail: sherry@eitel.com

Mark your calendars for this event. More details to follow as event approaches. We have booth application form. There is no charge.

RESULTS OF EVENTS PAST:

May 14, 2011—Spring Bark: Many thanks to Callie Wolf for chairing this event for MSRH. We did not have a booth, but Kevin Wolf, Marilyn Malaney, and Cindy Hunter helped Callie pass out flyers and spread the word about MSRH. Also, Marilyn brought three foster dogs to meet the public. We are very grateful to Callie, Kevin, Marilyn, and Cindy for their time and effort promoting our cause.

Many Thanks To Our May Transport Volunteers!

MUCH APPRECIATION GOES TO: **Karen Oubre** for picking up Jody, an owner surrender, on 5/1/11; **Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Ginger & Ralph at Harlingen Animal Control on 5/3/11; Good Samaritan **Andrea Peterson** for picking up Tassy, a stray, on 5/4/11; **Sandra & Rob Farquhar** for picking up Benji at Houston Humane Society on 5/5/11; **Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Anise at Harris Co. Animal Control on 5/5/11; **Dave Srulowitz** for picking up Higgins at San Antonio Animal Control on 5/5/11; **Marilyn Malaney** for picking up Scruffy at Harris Co. Animal Control on 5/5/11; **Sandra & Rob Farquhar** for picking up Heinrik at Harris Co. Animal Control on 5/9/11; **Susan & Dave Srulowitz** for picking up Gidget at San Antonio Animal Control on 5/10/11; **Sharon Rode** for picking up Hanna at Missouri City Animal Control on 5/16/11; **Sandra Farquhar** for picking up Rikki at Harris Co. Animal Control on 5/20/11; **Good Samaritan** for picking up Misty Lyn, a stray, on 5/23/11; **Martha Sarrack** for picking up Liberty, an owner surrender, on 5/26/11; and **Debbie Cowan** for picking up Justice, a stray, on 5/27/11.

From the Editor

Dear Readers:

I must say I am very pleased with the response we have gotten on the cookbook. It was slow at first, but starting in May things really became exciting. We have received some great recipes and adorable photos of the doggies. Please note that we had some website problems at the end of May that caused us not to be able to receive e-mails and photos for a few days. Therefore, please see the text box on the bottom of Page 7, which asks anyone who sent a recipe and/or photo, but did not receive an e-mail acknowledgement (from me) to please resend them. We are making every effort not to make any omissions.

We will start taking pre-orders for the books soon, and it is my hope that the books will be ready for delivery by late July or early August. Even if you didn't contribute a recipe or a photo, you still might like to purchase

a book for yourself and maybe a few extras for gifts.

I hope our feature article this month on Summer Time Tips provides some information you can use. One thing the article didn't mention is sunscreen for dogs. In our July 2009 Dear Sophie, the question was about that very thing. If your dog has a white coat, pink skin, or has a very thin coat, then sunscreen might be very helpful if he or she will be spending much time in the sun this summer. There are two brands available: Epi-Pet Sun Protector and Doggles Sunscreen. The Epi-Pet product is a 4-oz. spray bottle that is SPF 30-40 and costs \$17.95. You can order it from www.epi-pet.com. The Doggles product is a 2-oz. spray bottle that is only SPF 15 and costs \$9.99. You can order it from www.doggles.com. Both are expensive, but the Epi-Pet product gives twice the protection and is a tiny bit cheaper per ounce.



Linda with Sophie & Barkley

Also, if your family likes to go camping in the woods during the summer, and your furry family members come along with you, remember that ticks are very likely to be in wooded, brushy areas. Apply Advantix to your doggies a couple of days before the trip, and they should be protected from any tick (and flea) problems.

Enjoy your summer and be safe!

Sincerely,
Linda

MAY INTAKES = 16

ADOPTIONS = 18