



The Contest Is Over - Which Name Did We Select?????

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Late

Name Our Newsletter

And the winner is ...

Thank you to the many NJSRN adopters and foster families who put on their creative thinking caps and sent suggestions. As was to be expected, many contained the words "Schnauzer" and "rescue"; a few made us smile, and two people separately provided the same suggestion. One name stood out to the contest committee because it helped connect the theme of our new logo with the reason NJSRN exists and the purpose of the newsletter.

We're happy to announce that our newsletter's new name is "NJSRN Life Lines." Webster's Dictionary defines "life line" as "something regarded as indispensable for the maintaining or protection of life." We liked that the name can be a reference to the "lines" of our newsletter. More importantly, though, it should remind us all that NJSRN is the life line between the Schnauzers that need saving, and our wonderful adopters who open their homes and hearts to our rescued dogs.

We at NJSRN sometimes question who is saving whom. Are our wonderful adopters, volunteers, and members rescuing the Schnauzers? Or are the dogs actually rescuing us ... helping to fill our days with joy and life lessons? It seems that the "life line" can go both ways. Whichever way it's working, we hope you'll enjoy reading every issue of "NJSRN Life Lines," NJSRN's ongoing connection to the many wonderful Schnauzers and people that have come our way.

As to announcing the winner and publishing a photo, the winner has asked to remain anonymous.

NJSRN Out and About

Upcoming Events

WoofStock 2011

Responsible Dog Ownership Day

September 18, 2011

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Riverfront Park

Harrisburg PA

(WoofStock is held in Riverfront Park, along the Susquehanna River between Market and Forster Streets in Harrisburg.)



Visit with NJSRN as you enjoy the many special activities available at the 7th Annual Woofstock event between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm along the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg. Join in the 5K Walk/Run, enter the pet costume contest, watch magical grooming transformations occur, visit vendors, and enjoy the entertainment. All proceeds benefit the Central Pennsylvania Animal Alliance's Spay/Neuter Fund.

Our booth was awarded "Most Fetching Member" at WoofStock 2008!

Meet the Breeds

November 19-20, 2011

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Javits Center

New York NY

(The Javits Center is located on 11th Avenue between 34th and 39th Streets.)

NJSRN members and some of our dogs will be in the American Miniature Schnauzer Club's booth on November 19 and 20 during the AKC Meet the Breeds event at the Javits Center in New York City.

AKC Meet the Breeds, hosted by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and The International Cat Association (TICA) will return to the Jacob Javits Center in New York City on November 19th and 20th, 2011. Last year's 39,000 attendees enjoyed 200 individually decorated official breed booths that allowed dog and cat lovers to interact with dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens and learn about their history and unique attributes directly from the experts; 100 vendor booths offered every imaginable product for pets and their owners; and demonstration rings featured law enforcement K9s, grooming, agility, obedience, and more. This year's event will be one not to be missed and will be the perfect place to create lasting memories with dog and cat owners. Mark your calendar to attend this spectacular event!

Summer Travel Tips

Pet Safety

While the warm weather is still here, many of us are hitting the road for that last summer day trip or driving vacation. If you're taking your Schnauzer with you, take the proper precautions for a safe trip. Trips with Pets (<http://www.tripswithpets.com/>) has a great article titled "Pet Travel Tips for the Car" on preparing for your trip and things to know while traveling. [Click here](#) to read more.



*Lucy prepares for her move to Brussels.
(She wasn't really shipped with the boxes!)*

Remember that leaving your Schnauzer in a parked car can be a deadly mistake. On an 80-degree day, a car can reach 120-degrees within minutes, a condition that can cause your dog to suffer or even die. During hot weather months, please leave your Schnauzer at home. If you see an animal in a car on a hot day, act immediately! Have the owner paged in the store, or call the police or your local SPCA. Signs of heat exhaustion include heavy panting, rapid pulse, vomiting, glazed eyes, dark tongue, dizziness, and a lack of coordination.

Beat the Heat: Imitation Frosty Paws

Recipe

- 1 32 oz container of yogurt (low or no fat), any flavor
- 2 T or a bit more of Peanut Butter
- 1 Banana
- 1 T Honey

Whirl in the blender, pour into waxed Dixie cups halfway, put them on a cookie sheet and freeze until solid. (Makes about 14 depending on how much you fill the cups.) Cut the excess cup off and pop them into a freezer bag until ready to use. Eliminate any ingredients to which your dog is sensitive. Consider other combinations of yogurt and fruit. Since human ingredients are used, you, too, can enjoy these treats with your pup. Make sure that none of your ingredients contain artificial sweeteners; some can be deadly to our four-legged friends.

Please "Touch"

Training Corner



Gus graduates

Miniature Schnauzers are smart dogs and love to stay busy. Training is often overlooked or stopped after that first basic obedience and manners class has ended. But because they are eager to learn and bore easily, "touch" is one of the best commands you can teach your dog. Yes, a simple touch to your hand can help you and your Miniature Schnauzer in many situations. For me, the "touch" command was instrumental in helping my rescue Miniature Schnauzer pass his AKC Canine Good Citizen test when he was 12 years old ... proving that you really can teach an old dog new tricks.

First, let's discuss some of the uses of the "touch" command:

1. The touch command can substitute for the come command. Dogs will enjoy the touch command so it can be substituted for the word "come." If your dog knows touching your hand will result in a treat or praise, he'll be eager to run up and touch your hand. "Touch" should be a fun activity, a game, for your Schnauzer.
2. Use the touch command to redirect your dog's attention. You can use the touch command to distract your dog from something he might bark at on a walk or while you are at home. Touch is an invaluable tool when walking your Schnauzer and there's a need to keep his attention on you instead of all the interesting people, dogs, and wildlife. Touch allows you to refocus your dog on you.
3. You can teach your dog to touch any object. The touch command is used to start more advanced "targeting." Targeting is when a dog is taught to push, press, or touch an object. Once your dog will touch your hand, you'll be able to transfer this knowledge to touching other objects. This is how service dogs are trained to turn on lights and open automated doors. You can use "touch" to train your Schnauzer to ring a bell when he needs go out for potty time.

Now, let's learn how to teach the "touch" command:

When training a dog to do anything, it's best to break a concept down into simple steps. Touch is a perfect opportunity to use clicker training or verbal markers (I say "yes" in a happy voice when my dog does what I want.) With both techniques, you immediately click or say "yes" when your dog does the behavior you are looking for. If you mess up and click or mark in error, you must still give your dog a cookie. It's only

fair because you made the mistake, not your Schnauzer.

1. **Put a small treat between two of your fingers, hold out your hand, and tell your dog to touch.** The treat will attract the dog to your hand. It's easiest if your dog is sitting or standing in front of you at first. Just hold out that hand and without saying anything let the dog come to your hand and his nose will touch your hand as he attempts to take the treat (Don't let him have this treat; read #2). Repeat and once the dog starts to understand the game, say "touch" before your dog touches your hand.
2. **Reward your dog by giving him a different treat with your other hand.** If you are using a clicker, hold it in your opposite hand and click as soon as your dog's nose touches your hand. If using a verbal marker/"yes" command, the same thing applies. Then give him a treat. Do not let your dog take the treat from the hand he touched. Instead, immediately give him a treat from your other hand. This will teach him to quickly touch your hand and then look to you for a treat. The goal is to touch your hand, not look for the treat.
3. **Change the position of your hand.** Once your dog has been successful touching your hand in one spot, move your hand a little higher or lower, left or right, and say "touch."
4. **Say "touch" without a treat in your hand.** It will probably only take your dog two or three repetitions to figure out if he touches his nose to your hand, he gets a treat. So, after success with that step, move on and hold out your hand with nothing in it. Say "touch" and give him a treat from your opposite hand once he does it. If your dog is confused, then go back to using treats in the hand he is touching.
5. **Switch hands.** Hold out your opposite hand and say "touch." Give the reward from the other hand. Don't be surprised if your Schnauzer seems confused. You changed "the game" when you switched hands and dogs DO NOT generalize what they learn. So a nose touch to your right hand is a different trick than touching your left hand. Touching your hand might be enough for you and your dog, but to make it more interesting, you can teach him to touch other objects. Have you ever wished your dog would tell you when he needs to do his business. Transferring "touch" from your hand to a bell at the door is easy and the way to accomplish your goal.
6. **Teach your dog to "touch" an object.** With this step, you will do the same as step one, but instead of holding out your open hand you will use a Post-it note in your hand as the object to touch. Post-its are great because you can move them to any object you want to teach your dog to touch. Say "touch" as usual, and when your dog touches the Post-it, give him a treat.
7. **Move the object.** Once your dog is comfortable touching an object you are holding, place the same object on the ground and say "go touch" or whatever command you want to use. When he does, give him a treat. If he doesn't understand, then go back to the previous step. You may have to tap on the object or even set a treat on it to get your dog to touch it the first time. Just remember not to let him take the treat from the object; quickly block the dog or put your foot over the treat. The reward should come from you.
8. **Slowly increase the distance.** Once your dog understands the concept of "go touch," you can keep moving the object further and further away.
9. **Repeat the steps with several different objects,** but don't introduce new objects until your dog is successful with the first object. The more you add, the more likely he will get confused.
10. **Introducing the potty time bell.** Hang a jingle bell or desktop bell near the door. Teach your dog to ring it by first placing a Post-it note on the bell and then giving the "touch" command. You could also put your hand in front of the bell. Eventually, you will be able to remove the Post-it or your hand so your dog hits

the bell without even trying. When the dog rings the bell, immediately take him outside and give your potty command. You do have a potty command, right? "Do your business" is popular. My husband is a fan of musicals and taught one of our dogs to do his business when he heard the Shipooopi song from the Music Man.

This whole process is a journey and can take several weeks for your dog to learn. If you rush your dog, he will only get confused and you will get frustrated. TV commercials are just long enough for a training session that will not frustrate your Schnauzer or you.

Teaching your Schnauzer to "touch" is a wonderful tool for gaining and keeping his attention on you during walks, when people enter your/his house, when he's getting rambunctious with the kids or other pets, at the vet's office ... anytime!



Slammer practices "touch"

Be a Schnauzer-Sitter

Ways You Can Help

If you've adopted from NJSRN, you already know there are many reasons why Schnauzers and Schnauzer mixes are available for adoption. Schnauzers with no form of identification escape from yards and are not found by the owner, despite their best efforts. The state of the economy has resulted in higher than average unemployment, forcing many people to move from their homes to "no pet" rental properties. When money is tight, many families cannot afford health care for the children and adults, let alone pay for their dogs' medical expenses. Getting the cute Schnauzer may have been an emotional decision made while walking past the pet store and the owner is not prepared to deal with the cost, care, and training required by the dog. Regardless of the situation, the dogs are taken to a shelter or the owner contacts NJSRN to surrender their pet. The less fortunate Schnauzers are dumped in an alley or on the side of a seldom-traveled country road.



Thanks to her foster family, Coco felt comfortable snuggling with BJ and Frank as soon as they met!

Yes, these are the Schnauzers NJSRN takes in while finding each dog its match for a permanent, loving home. But we're unable to make the ideal match until we ensure that it is assessed by a veterinarian and has its vetting complete, and until we understand the temperament of each dog, their likes and dislikes, and the quirks that give each Schnauzer its distinctive personality. For this reason, we want every Schnauzer to live for a short period in a temporary location known as a foster home. NJSRN covers (or reimburses) most expenses.

We are actively seeking more foster homes. The fact is, NJSRN is currently hindered in the number of purebred and mixed Schnauzers we can help due to a shortage of



Dennis (left) and Paulie make a perfect match thanks to Paulie's foster family!

temporary homes.

We often hear "I can't foster; I could never give up the dog." Successful foster families think of themselves as babysitters and nannies. For those of us who babysat in our teen years, we may have liked the kids (some more than others!) for whom we babysat. But they were not our children and we had no illusions of them ever becoming our children. Fostering a dog is the same. They aren't ours, we enjoy helping them heal, seeing their personalities unfold, and most important, we get giddy over the joy they bring to their new owners. As "Schnauzer-sitters" and foster parents we love receiving pictures and hearing stories about the Schnauzer boys and girls that have lived in our homes.

Take a few moments to think about the importance a foster home played in helping to get your sweet Schnauzer ready to join your family. Determine if you might have the wherewithal to help another dog and family come together. If so, please review and complete the [foster application](#) on our website. As the saying goes ... **Pay it Forward!**



The training provided by Rolfe's foster family led him to Mary and Gregg!

Special Connections: Bill D.

One of NJSRN's repeat adopters

NJSRN is proud to feature Bill D. as our Special Connections adopter. Bill has adopted seven and fostered three Schnauzers from NJSRN, and provided a home to others that came his way. This is Bill's "Special Connections" story in his own words.

"On your approach to our side door, you will be met with the view of four black noses, each pressing against its own small window pane. These noses belong to our most recent adoptees from New Jersey Schnauzer Rescue Network.

They are 'Barney,' from New York State, 14 years old and toothless. Sweetheart 'Casey,' from the streets of Camden, NJ, 12 years old, and one of the best natured dogs you would ever want to meet. 'Frisky,' from Cherry Hill, NJ and as near as we can figure, in his 12th year and as frisky as he can be, thus his name. Before he arrived at

our home, NJSRN provided Frisky with life-saving cancer surgery on his mouth and he was nursed back to health by his foster mom, Hope. And our last little friend, is 'Willie' from May's Landing, NJ. Willie is the oldest, at nearly 15 years of age, the smallest, and full of pep and vinegar with a mind of his own. I must say that all four of these dogs are as happy as pigs in mud! We also fostered three other Schnauzers, Toto, Oopie, and Lucy, until they obtained homes.

The Schnauzer that started the adoption cycle was Ricco. When his elderly owner passed away, he landed at Popcorn Park Zoo in NJ and during a visit with out of town guests and their children, we adopted him. Then a few more Schnauzers from NJSRN were added to our happy home. There was Matthew, 13 years old from central NJ; Kaido, 12 years old from Silver Springs, MD; and one super live wire, Kati, a black 14-year-old gal. Kati ruled the roost and had all of the boys under control. She was the greatest!

Allow me to suggest that if you are thinking about adopting, please do not be afraid to get an older dog. They typically are trained, do not chew or destroy, they sleep, eat, and go for walks. They stay very close to you and appear grateful. It is unbelievable! An older dog immediately becomes your best friend. A senior dog is great for a Senior!

One other thought for adopters. I have started to partner with a friend when I adopt and put the dog in both names. This is for the protection of the dog. A special 'Thank You' to my friend, Ed M., for helping me keep and care for my Schnauzers! I know they will be in good hands."

NJSRN thanks Bill for sharing his "Special Connection" with NJSRN! We'd like our adopters to share their "Special Connections" story by sending a write-up and photos to connect@njsrn.org.

Welcome to the Family!

Adoptions

We are happy to announce the following adoptions from January through June 2011:

Annie to Joan S.	Kirby to Dani K.
Bella to Monika & Timothy H.	Klinger to Denise H.
Bridget to Marie & Roger C.	Lacey to Bill & Pat V.
Brie to Jodi & Scot S.	Lacey to Sonia & William S.
Bunny to Carol C.	Lucy to Marion T.
Camio to Norm & Vicki A.	Lupo to Susan G. & Janice S.
Chester to Hollie & Michael D.	Madison to Amy B.
Cheyenne to Rod B. & Karen F.	Mason to Bill & Nancy V.
Chloe to Leonard & Marie H.	Max to Jennifer C.
Coco to BJ & Frank S.	Mindy to Carl & Mellissa B.
Coco to Britt J.	Mitch to Jenny & John M.
Coco to Denise W.	Mojo to Matt & Meg E.
Cody to Elizabeth B.	Mulligan to Tiffany B. & Rosemary M.
Cubby to Julie & Mark M.	Paulie to Dennis W.
Doogie to Bill R.	Popi to Jill & Richard H.
Elliot to Carolyn D. & Brian G.	Rolfe to Gregg & Mary L.
Eros to Jill & Richard H.	Roxie to Deb V.
Frisky to Bill D. & Ed M.	Sly to Pam K. & Jack W.
Goldie to Lisa & Patrick T.	Snickers to Jackie B.

Gracie to Michele N.	Stori to Gayle B.
Hailey to Deb & Robert N.	Sunny to Annie & Gene K.
Harper to Karen B.	T-bone to Karen & Richard L.
Heidi to Jim & Sue L.	Tiger to Dorian R. & Chuck S.
Hutch to Christine B.	Tony to Jonathan L.
Jack to Steven S. & Jake W.	Tosha to Bill R.
Jax to Dorian R. & Chuck S.	Tucker to Bill & Nancy V.
Kaya to Joyce R.	Willie to Bill D. & Ed M.

Congratulations, all! We hope your fur-kid brings you years and years of happiness!

Schnauzer Angels

In Memory ...

We say good-bye to the sweet boys and girls that changed our lives and crossed the Rainbow Bridge in 2010 and 2011.

Zelda	Rod B. & Karen F.	02/01/10
Mulder	Claudia J.	02/26/10
PJ	Al & Ruth D.	03/01/10
Kay-T	Anita & Melvin H.	03/23/10
Hedda	Bob & Donna R.	03/24/10
Dee Dee	JoAnn S.	04/17/10
Beauty	Rod B. & Karen F.	04/18/10
Benjamin	Barbara L.	04/22/10
Punky	Rod B. & Karen F.	04/23/10
Skittles	Carol & Ray A.	05/01/10
Hallie	Delores C.	05/23/10
Tanner	Donna & Morris C.	05/30/10
Boomer	Carolyn H. & James R.	06/11/10
Junior	John & Sherri R.	06/14/10
Charlie	Barbara P.	07/21/10
Anya	Dorian R. & Chuck S.	07/24/10
Louie & Molly	Elizabeth B.	08/01/10
Duncan	Caton & Mark M.	09/22/10
Toto	Jonathan L.	10/03/10
Rascal	Karen B.	10/29/10
Morgan	Bill & Nancy V.	12/01/10
Frankie	Brad P.	12/16/10
Cleo	Brad & MaryAnne B.	01/06/11
Zoey	Mary Alice S.	01/09/11
Fred	Jay L. & Cathy W.	01/19/11
Sammie	Lisa H. & Marc R.	02/21/11
Lilly	Larry C.	03/15/11
Jenny	Heike J.	03/18/11
Daisy May	Lisa Z.	03/22/11
Martha	Toby G.	04/16/11
Winston	Bill & Nancy V.	04/19/11
Percy	Brad & MaryAnne B.	04/25/11
Mia	Nick G. & Helene L.	04/28/11
Buddy	Bob & Lori J.	05/01/11
Tibby	Ellen S.	05/07/11
Gussie	Jennifer & Rudolf M.	05/13/11

Happy	Bob D.	05/19/11
Kirby	Danielle K. (caregiver)	05/29/11
Maxwell	Kelly R.	05/31/11
Sere	Beth L.	06/23/11
Sammie Sam	Joanna A. & Marc C. (caregivers)	07/05/11
Ebony	Len S.	07/10/11
Razor	Bonnie M.	07/18/11
Shadow	Gayle F.	07/31/11

NJSRN wants to acknowledge every furkid that has crossed our path, so please make us aware of your loss by sending an e-mail to info@NJSRN.org.

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