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Miniature Schnauzers and Schnauzer Mixes



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Welcome to the NJSRN Family!

We are happy to announce there were 40 adoptions recorded between January 1 and May 31, 2012.

Congratulations to all. We hope your new family member brings you many years of happiness!

Huck	Ken & Lisa G
Boomer & Max	Marysol & Hector R
Sgt Pepper	Brad S
Marcel	Sandy & Mark C
Charley	John & Kathryn D
Micah & Raven	Mary H & Ginny H
Hershey	Anne H
Eddie	Steven T
Molly	Diana G
Max	Alicia A
Bugsy	Jennifer R & Claire B
Muffy	Sharon & Jim R
Bella	Eric & JoAnne D
Tony	Brian G & Carolyn D
Lacey	Kristin L & Justin Z
Alex	Michael & Roberta F
Max	Bert D
Bella	Terry L & Timothy M
Trixie	Janet & Howard P
Scotia	Kevin & Cynthia F
Callie	Terry S
Wrigley	Sarah M & Lawrence S
Edie	Anne McL
Newton	Marie & Frank S
Mel	Lisa & Scott A
Rusty	Bob & Miriam P
Shady	Rayna & Ray J

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It all started August 31, 1997 when Fred, our very first rescue Schnauzer, was adopted. Fifteen years and rehoming nearly 1800 Miniature Schnauzers and Schnauzer Mixes is a wonderful legacy. Help us celebrate this special milestone and continue the wonderful work performed by our adopters, friends and members. Join us at our events in August, September and October; and share your stories with our members and volunteers. Drop us a note at info@njsrn.org and your story might be featured on our website! Always feel free to post your stories and pictures on the [NJSRN Facebook](#) page. Fifteen years ... nearly 1,800 Miniature Schnauzers ... and countless friends. We can't wait to see what the next 15 years brings!

Thank You to Two Special Friends

NJSRN sends a big "thank you" to Jamie and Doreen Trontell for using their July 3-5 hike in the White Mountains of New Hampshire as a fundraiser for NJSRN. Congratulations for accomplishing your goal and helping NJSRN. We love you!

Special Connections: Leslie T. and Champ

This is a story of love and adversity, and how a very special NJSRN adopter, Leslie T., successfully approached an often misdiagnosed health challenge with her adopted Schnauzer, Champ. We share this story to help our extended Schnauzer family understand the resilience and will power of the Miniature Schnauzer breed, and to understand how important it is to lend an extra hand to our dogs during their times of adversity. Think how much comfort and unconditional love your Schnauzer has provided to you. Leslie and Champ have a very "Special Connection."

"As I drove away from my adoption meeting with Karen F. of NJSRN, I looked over at Champ and thought "I hope we like each other." I had wanted a dog in my life for a long time and after dog-sitting for my brother's Schnauzer, Minnie, I knew it was time and this was the breed for me. I'd reduced my work hours to care for my mother, who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease, so I had more time for a dog. Getting an adult dog fit my lifestyle and providing a loving home to a rescue felt right.

Benny	Kristine & Chris R	Trans
William	Tom R	
Skippy	Susan C	
Caymus & Kirby	Keith H	
Phoebe	Susan G	
Winnie	Elisabeth E & Marc D	
Newman	Marie & Frank S	
Angel & Pixie	Barb P	

In Memory of our Schnauzer Angels

We say good-bye to these sweet Schnauzer boys and girls that crossed the Rainbow Bridge between January 1 and May 31, 2012. Gone, but never forgotten.

Cheyenne	Karen F
Georgie	Cyndi M
Andy	Brad P
Sylvee	Sheila & Tom H
Monty	Donna & Bob R
Polly	Monica & Tom C
Dexter	Dorian R (foster)
Gus/Bear	Loretta C (foster)
Dodger	Nancy P
Queenie	Scott B
Princess	Scott B
Bella	Michael K

Please let us know if your adopted Miniature Schnauzer has crossed the Rainbow Bridge so that we can acknowledge his or her passing. Just e-mail us at info@NJSRN.org.

NJSRN Out and About

Show your support for NJSRN and get out of the house by leashing up the dogs and joining us at these upcoming events:

L'Oreal Your Dog is Worth It Too, Cranbury, NJ: **Saturday, August 18 (raindate 8/19) from 9 AM – 4 PM** join NJSRN and our adoptable Schnauzers at this tremendous pet event at L'Oreal's U.S. headquarters. Join more than 5000 dogs and their people, numerous animal product vendors and rescue groups at this fun filled event that benefits the Susan G. Koman Fund. There's something for everyone, including numerous pet oriented games, raffles, contests, dock diving and more. Pre-registration is required only if you want a goody bag; <http://www.yourdogisworthittoo.com/>

Dog Daddy Fest, New Hope, PA: **Sunday, September 9, from 10 AM – 5 PM**. Join in the fun at this "carnival for dogs, funfest for all" event. NJSRN members and adoptable dogs will be on hand to "talk Schnauzer." Learn more by visiting <http://www.dogdaddy.org/dogdaddy-fest>.

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Champ posing for the camera

Champ, a champion show dog earlier in his life, had been in several homes, both loving and abusive (causing fear aggression), prior to joining me. We bonded quickly and thoroughly. I can't imagine my life without him, but I had to do just that five months after he became my best buddy. After coming up the back steps from his bedtime outing he suddenly lost control of his hind legs! He looked up at me as if to say "Mom, what's wrong with me?". A late night MRI at the Animal Medical Center in Manhattan revealed a Fibrocartilaginous Embolism. Simply stated, a microscopic piece of disc material had broken free and blocked a vessel to the spinal cord. I now know FCE is a condition rare in small breeds, but of these it's most common in Miniature Schnauzers. His partial paralysis was accompanied by incontinence of both types.

While his prognosis was far from rosy, I felt he needed a chance to show what he could do. I knew that his champion spirit would come through if I worked to help him recover. Two weeks of crate rest followed by rehab was recommended. Our veterinarian boarded him for a week while I learned how to express his bladder and did daily range of motion and weight bearing exercises with him. Lucky for Champ he got a mom who's a nurse with neurosurgical experience! We continued this at home and after two weeks started formal weekly rehab at Red Bank Veterinary Hospital which included walking on an underwater treadmill as well as exercises to build his strength, balance and mobility. By three weeks he was regaining control of his bladder and walking short distances. A suede Tiffany & Co. bag proved to be just right when one toe became abraded from dragging on the sidewalk. Today he can walk, climb stairs (especially if a treat is dangled within sniffing distance) and chase four-legged interlopers from his yard. And yes, he has regained bowel and bladder control. He just can't jump, lift his leg or wag his nub.

Woofstock 2012, Riverfront Park, Harrisburg, PA, **Sunday, September 30 11 AM – 5 PM** **Trans**

Put on your tie dyed t-shirts and Birkenstocks and join NJSRN for the grooviest dog event of the year. Huge and fun are the operative words and why NJSRN members and adoptable Schnauzers call this one of their favorite events of the year. For more information go to

<http://www.cpaawoofstock.com/>

AKC Meet the Breeds, Saturday, October 20 and Sunday October 21 at the Jacob K.

Javits Convention Center in NYC provides the opportunity to come by the American Miniature Schnauzer Club booth and meet some NJSRN members and their dogs.

Tickets go on sale July 1. This is a spectacular event with more than 160 dog breeds represented and demonstrations of nearly every dog sport. Meet the Breeds is big fun in the Big Apple! For more information visit http://www.akc.org/meet_the_breeds/

Past Events:

NJSRN and several of our little rescue schnauzers spent the day with staff, students and friends at the West Chester University Integrative Health Conference.



Daphne enjoys a comforting shoulder

"Thank you" to our supporters that came to the fundraiser at the Cool Dog Cafe in Camden, NJ. You're the best!

NJSRN in the News

The Huffington Post and Mayor's Alliance for New York City Animals are cooperating on a series of stories to help the public understand the joy and benefits of adopting older and/or special needs animals. NJSRN was asked to share William's story and, with the support of William's adopter, author Tom Ryan, we submitted a story about William's adoption. William now shares his life with Tom and Atticus, the inspiration for the book "Following Atticus". Our friends can [read the story](#).

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Water treadmill therapy at Red Bank Veterinary Hospital

Despite his medical issues and fear aggression problems Champ is such a great source of joy for me and I can't thank NJSRN, and especially Karen and Kelly, enough for placing him with me. In addition to being all those things we love our dogs for: loyal companions, confidantes, even comic relief, there is another aspect for me. As I cope with the frustrations and sadness surrounding my mother's Alzheimer's disease, at any time I can pick up my boy, bury my nose in his fur and be comforted. Somehow he makes everything seem more tolerable. Sometimes I think he has rescued me.

So, regarding liking each other: nearly four years later I can unashamedly say I absolutely adore this sweet, wonderful boy and I like to think it's mutual! I discovered this was even apparent to strangers when at the end of a long ferry ride, during which I had been holding him on my lap and comforting him, the woman sitting on the other side of my mom stood to put on her coat and turned to me to say "I want to come back as your dog!"

Share your "Special Connection" story by sending it to newsletter@NJSRN.org and we may select it for an upcoming issue of NJSRN Life Lines

Training Corner: Making Your Schnauzer a Model Citizen



The Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program, started in 1989 by the American Kennel Club (AKC), is designed to reward purebred and mixed breed dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The CGC Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the AKC. If you're interested in doing therapy dog work, passing the CGC test is the first step in preparing your Schnauzer to become a certified therapy dog.

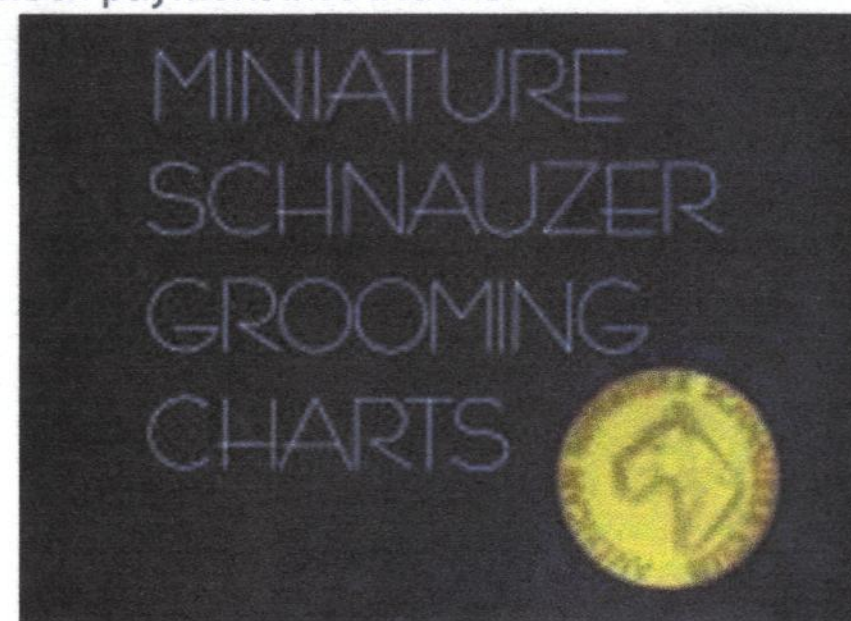


Atticus, William and Tom Ryan

Miniature Schnauzer Grooming Help

Have you thought about grooming your own Schnauzer but have no clue how to get started? Wondering how you can help your groomer to make your Schnauzer look more like the show dogs you see on TV? Then you might want to consult the [grooming page](#) of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club (AMSC) website. It provides details on clipping (done for most pet Miniature Schnauzers) and the more sophisticated show dog grooming technique known as stripping.

The AMSC also sells a great grooming book with nine beautifully illustrated 9 1/2 x 12 inch charts, spiral bound in hard cover, punched to hang on the wall. It costs only \$13 (including shipping) and provides the correct method to clip and trim, plus advice on most grooming problems. Visit the [publications page](#) of the AMSC website to order via PayPal or for check payment instructions.



Schnauzer Things To Do

All-Terrier Agility Trial October 2-5, 2012 in Kimberton, PA

Have you watched Animal Planet and seen the show where the dogs and owners run around an obstacle course of jumps, teeters, tunnels, and weave poles? Well, you were

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As you work with your Schnauzer to teach the CGC skills, you'll discover the many benefits and joys of training your dog. Training will enhance the bond between you and your dog. Dogs who have a solid obedience education are a joy to live with; they respond well to household routines, have good manners in the presence of people and other dogs, and fully enjoy the company of the owner who took the time to provide training, intellectual stimulation, and a high quality life.

Before taking the Canine Good Citizen test, owners will sign the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge. Responsible dog ownership is a key part of the CGC concept and by signing the pledge, owners agree to take care of their dog's health needs, safety, exercise, training and quality of life. Owners also agree to show responsibility by doing things such as cleaning up after their dogs in public places and never letting dogs infringe on the rights of others.

The CGC test is comprised of 10 items a well behaved dog should be able to do: 1) accept a friendly stranger, 2) sit politely for petting, 3) have a neat appearance and be good with grooming/handling, 4) walk on a loose lead, 5) walk through a crowd, 6) sit and down on command and stay in place, 7) come when called, 8) have a negligible reaction to another dog, 9) minimal reaction to distraction, and 10) remain calm during supervised separation from the owner.

When your dog passes the CGC test, you'll be able to order a collar tag that lets others know you've spent time training your Schnauzer to be a welcome member of the community. For additional details on the test, locations and test dates, visit the [Canine Good Citizen program](#) on the AKC website.

Good Health:

Schnauzer Bumps and Dry Skin Cure

When you pet your Miniature Schnauzer, do you feel those infamous tiny mounds on his/her skin that are commonly known as Schnauzer Bumps? Does your dog suffer from dry flaky skin? If so, you may want to try an easy and inexpensive trick used by many other Schnauzer owners (including show dog owners) ... rinse your dog with the human version of Mane 'n Tail conditioner.

This brand of shampoo and conditioner is available at chain drug stores such as Walgreens and CVS. The shampoo can be diluted 1 part shampoo to 3-4 parts water and put in a spray bottle to spritz your dog at bath time. The conditioner can be diluted equal parts of water and conditioner. The product bottles have instructions for animal use.

Creepy, Crawly Ticks

Ticks seem to have infested the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic area and are a serious health issue for people and our pets. It's important to do our best to reduce the possibility of our Schnauzers being bitten by ticks, especially deer ticks that can carry Lyme disease. Dog ticks are the large variety most often

watching an agility trial; a great sport in which to train and exercise your Miniature Schnauzer's body and mind

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The largest East Coast terrier only agility trial will be held at the Kimberton Fairgrounds in Kimberton (Phoenixville), PA, approximately one hour west of Philadelphia on Tuesday Oct 2- Friday Oct 5. There are always a few Miniature Schnauzers in attendance. So come out and learn more about the wonderful sport of agility and why the shirt "Real Women Train Terriers" is so popular among the competitors. Terriers ... you never know when they will cooperate and have a great run or make you look like a fool. It's why we love them!

Miniature Schnauzer Parade of Rescues October 7, 2012 in Blue Bell, PA

Everyone loves a parade, and that includes your rescue Miniature Schnauzer. Every October, the Montgomery County Kennel Club hosts the largest terrier-only conformation show on the East Coast. This year the show is on Sunday October 7 at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, PA, 45 minutes northwest of Philadelphia and practically in the backyard of many of our adopters.

The American Miniature Schnauzer Club is incorporating a new feature to its 191st Specialty show... a Parade of Rescues. Any rescued or rehomed Miniature Schnauzer is eligible to participate and will receive a rosette for participating. Adopters need only submit a registration form and pay the \$8 entry fee. The entry receipt deadline is September 19.

To enter your Miniature Schnauzer, e-mail barbaramd_2000@yahoo.com for instructions and forms.

And while you are at the show, check out the great dog product vendors. You can find many Miniature Schnauzer logo'd items including shirts, vests, purses, shoes, jewelry, collars and leashes, plus statuary and health aids.

We hope to see many of our Miniature Schnauzers strutting their stuff in the Parade of Rescues!

Schnauzerpalooza 2013, here we come!!

Thinking about a spring road trip, but can't decide on a destination? Well, Purina Farms, outside of St. Louis, MO should be your destination if you'd like to see the first and largest Schnauzer only event of its kind.

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found in our yards and parks. Deer ticks are the real trouble makers and are easily identified because they are very small and have a small white dot on their back. NJSRN suggests all adopters consider using an oral or topical (liquid or collar) tick preventative treatment year round, not just in the spring, summer and fall.

Should you find a tick attached to your Schnauzer, we have several suggestions for safe and easy removal:

1. Lightly lay your finger on top of the tick and gently rotate its body counterclockwise; after a few rotations the tick will detach.
2. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball, cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for 14-20 seconds; the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. Or put a large glob of thick liquid hand soap directly on the tick and wait for it to detach.
3. When using tweezers, use great care that the head does not break off from the body. Consider buying tweezers specifically designed for tick removal.
4. The "Ticked Off" tick remover provides an extremely easy method for removing ticks, especially deer ticks. It is inexpensive, works well, there's no direct contact with the tick and no pressure applied to the tick's body (which could cause entry of Lyme Disease and other bacteria into the host). To learn more and find retail locations, visit www.tickedoff.com.

Seek veterinary care when your dog has been bitten by a tick. Save the tick in a container or baggie and take it to your vet. If your Schnauzer tests positive for Lyme disease, s/he will be put on antibiotics. Ask your vet about doing a longer than usual course of the antibiotic, perhaps as much as 60 days, so your dog is less likely to have a recurrence of Lyme disease. Dogs have been known to test negative, so it's not unusual to repeat the test. NJSRN has often taken in a Schnauzer with behavioral issues and the SNAP test, which detects Lyme Disease, is one of the first things we ask the veterinarian to perform.

Excessive Salivation and Your Schnauzer

If you notice your Schnauzer is salivating excessively, here are a few things to which to be alert:

- Excessive saliva is typical after a seizure
- Did the dog molest a toad or snake? Our Schnauzer hunters will persevere until they catch a hopping toad or slithering snake. After mouthing either, your Schnauzer may appear to be deathly ill, sitting on the floor with head hanging and streams of viscous saliva pouring out of its mouth. Very frightening, but your dog should recover in about thirty minutes.
- Has the dog gotten hold of some kind of medication? Be especially cautious of your dog licking your skin if you use hormone creams. Always check hotel room floors (under the bed and around nightstands) before allowing your Schnauzer in the room.

Miniature, Standard and Giant Schnauzers from around the world will converge on Purina Farms May 8 – 12, 2013 for a woo-woo'ing **Trans**

good time. Schnauzers of all sizes and colors will be competing in agility, conformation (breed show ring), herding, obedience and rally obedience. Check it out at <http://www.facebook.com/Schnauzapolooza>

Ways to Help NJSRN

Adoption donations alone do not provide the funding NJSRN needs to provide medical care and our other services to the Schnauzers we rescue. So we're always looking at ways to raise funds.

We were thrilled to find out the NJSRN is now approved to receive donations via the **2012 Central PA Combined Federal Campaign** managed by the United Way of the Capital Region. Let your family, friends and co-workers who are government employees and military personnel in the Harrisburg, PA area know they can assign their contributions to NJSRN.

NJSRN Website Makeover

The [NJSRN website](#) got a major make-over thanks to member Kelly R. The beautiful, new site is easier to navigate, has many great Miniature Schnauzer photographs and continues to provide valuable information. Take a look and tell us what you think by posting comments on our [Facebook page](#). And while you're on Facebook, thank member Ruxandra R. for keeping it interesting, fresh and up-to-date. Be sure to encourage friends and other Schnauzer owners to sign up for our newsletter, NJSRN Life Lines, and to friend us on Facebook. Our dogs need your help ... be a Life Line for Miniature Schnauzers in need!

Got Questions?

This is "your" newsletter, so send your behavior, health, training and general Miniature Schnauzer questions to newsletter@NJSRN.org and we'll do our best to put your question and our answer on our Facebook page www.Facebook.com/NJSRN and in an upcoming issue of NJSRN Life Lines.

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- Have you just applied a new type of flea/tick preventative, or has your dog received a vaccination within the past 48 hours? Excessive salivation can be a sign of an allergy-type reaction and may require veterinary attention.

Dealing with the Loss of Your Schnauzer

As much as we dread the thought, the day will come when we will have to say goodbye to our devoted Schnauzers. But that knowledge does not make our loss any easier or our bereavement less real. Our Schnauzers are not "just a dog", they are our family. We hope the following helps our adopters when the time comes to deal with the loss.

"Dogs in Cast Stone and Metal", in York, PA is well known for its realistic and attractive dog sculptures and now provides a way to memorialize your Schnauzer. They have developed a unique method in which your beloved Schnauzers' cremated remains can be incorporated into a memorial sculpture. Their Miniature Schnauzer statue is one of the nicest, most authentic looking on the market. Additional information about the company and the process they developed is available on their [website](#).

Never underestimate the impact the loss of your Schnauzer has on your life and well-being. There is no need to suffer alone. Instead consider contacting The Association for Pet Loss and Bereavement (APLB), in Brooklyn, NY for a variety of support options. APLB offers the opportunity for people to join in three different types of chat rooms; Pet Loss, Anticipatory Bereavement, and Compassion Fatigue in Animal Care. Visit the APLB [website](#) for additional information about pet loss services.

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