



Schipperke Rescue News



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SRN WELCOMES SIX NEW RESCUES WITH MORE ON THE WAY

SchipperkeRescue.net (SRN) recently took in six dogs from distressed situations over a relatively short period of time. Rescue Coordinator Susan Fogleman was busy coordinating shelter contacts and arranging foster homes for dogs across the entire country ... from North Carolina and Florida, all the way to California. Announcements on the SRN page on Facebook drew attention to the plights of these dogs, and volunteers began to surface quickly to assist in all aspects of the various rescue efforts.

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SRN Boosts Fund Raising Efforts Through Facebook Online Auctions

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RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE SRN FOSTER FAMILY



QUINN is a 10-year old female that was found running loose near a park in Charlotte, North Carolina. The shelter identified her family and notified them; but they refused to claim her. She seems to have a sweet temperament, however, she acted shy and somewhat frightened at the shelter. She has receding gums and great need for dental care. She appears to have been used far too many times for breeding and was not taken care of very well. She is now in foster care in North Carolina and is having further testing for liver issues. Her blood work is leaving the veterinarian with questions. At this point, we think we are looking at atypical Cushings Disease.

There is liver damage from somewhere and it is possible she may be facing a liver tumor. We are working with her veterinarian to get the best possible help for her, starting some liver support, and looking into other tests to find if there is actually a tumor or not. Quinn is in a foster home in North Carolina.



MILLIE and MOLLY are two senior girls that were in a kill-shelter in Southern California, and had been abandoned by their owner. Lynn Brown of Angel's Gate Rescue picked them up from the shelter and arranged for their initial veterinary care. Millie is believed to be 12 years of age or older. She had severe dental disease and infected anal glands when Lynn brought her home. Molly is a senior girl and a few years younger than Millie. She also has infected anal glands and was in need of dental care. Both Millie and Molly were still intact, so their initial care required both spay and extensive dental surgery. Millie had to have follow-up dental surgery because of problems with the stitches in her fistula repair not holding. SRN extends a special *"Thank you so very much!"* to Becky Kelber who made a special match donation of \$500 to help cover the medical care for these two girls. They are in a foster home in California.

CRUNCH is a nice little guy who is probably between 4 and 6 years of age. He was picked up as a stray in mid-central Florida on May 18th. He is a such great little guy, friendly and outgoing. We think he possibly was a house dog as he goes to the door to go out and when he is done comes right back to the front door to come back inside. Sadly he is heartworm positive, so he will be undergoing heartworm treatment with an experienced foster home in Georgia. Crunch will be available for adoption through SRN when his heartworm treatment is completed.



BABY is a little girl who is about six months old and is one of two rescues brought in from a North Carolina shelter. We do believe she is a mix, but she is still an adorable little girl that deserves the best we can offer. She has been to a veterinarian for her initial care and testing, and will be scheduled for spay surgery. She is a sweet girl with a lot of leg and lot of love. Baby is in a foster home in North Carolina.



TOOTSIE is a female that was found loose in the Miami, Florida area and was being held by a local veterinary clinic. The clinic was unable to keep her long-term and was desperately looking for a foster home so that they would not have to turn her over to a shelter. Tootsie is a senior girl, believed to be about 12 years old. Tootsie's initial veterinary visit with her foster mom included blood tests and a careful examination of her mouth. Dr. Peters found that she has a heart murmur, plus she was suffering from receding gums and badly decayed teeth, of which ten were extracted during the dental procedure. Tootsie is a very sweet-tempered girl, who made herself the darling of the house in less than 24 hours after her arrival. She is with a foster home in Florida.

GABBY came from a shelter in the Tampa, Florida area and is estimated to be about seven years old. She had her intake medical evaluation, which revealed several medical issues. Gabby has a scar on her back, which the veterinarian believes to be some type of burn scar. There are a few other marks scattered on her upper body. Gabby is in need of a dental due to moderate gum disease, and her nails were grossly overgrown, Gabby was reported to us as being blind, and further medical evaluation has revealed that she has a condition known as Iris Atrophy. Gabby can see, but her eyes have a higher light sensitivity and weak long distance vision as compared to normal canine eyesight. This condition should not cause total blindness and does not require medication. Gabby is in a foster home in Florida.



SRN Fund-Raising Effort Fits to a T!



Tara Ollis of St. Petersburg, Florida, recently launched a fund-raising effort to support SRN ... rescue-themed T-shirts and stickers! Tara readily admits that she likes to design t-shirts as a creative outlet, and she has created designs for teams in her shuffleboard league over the past several years. Tara knows that people want to have a choice on such critical wardrobe items like T-shirts, so she is always looking for websites that have a good design tool and a nice variety of T-shirt styles available at a reasonable price. Tara recently started using the *TeeSpring* website for her most recent shuffleboard team shirt designs. While using the site, she noticed that the site included an easy-to-use fund-raiser interface for the sale of custom-designed T-shirts. Being both a shuffleboard and Schipperke aficionado, Tara decided to put together a T-shirt fund-raiser to benefit SRN to generate some additional money to support the medical care of special needs dogs, especially the recent arrivals. “*There have been so many posts about the number of Schips requiring a lot of medical care lately! Also people always post like crazy when someone finds a cool Schipperke T-shirt online, so I thought this would be popular*”, Tara advised. She set up a storefront on TeeSpring called “*Shuffle & Schip*” that provides an automated order management system. Tara established and manages the rescue T-shirt and sticker sales at no cost to SRN. In the past, she received compensation for a design from one of the shuffleboard teams, “*One team gave me a 6-pack of my favorite adult beverage once ... so I guess I got paid for that design!*” So, check out the Shuffle & Schip storefront at <https://teespring.com/stores/shuffleschip>. You can order various styles of rescue-themed T-shirts and all the proceeds go to SRN. Tara guarantees that SRN will get cash ... if any 6-packs of her favorite adult beverage result from the T-shirt sales ... well, she will just have to keep those as the cost of doing business for a worthy organization!



POSTS FROM THE POOCHIES!

This is Cooper! He was rescued from an animal shelter, and brought down to Valdosta where Barb Lewis fostered him while he got the treatment for heartworms. We met him at the Valdosta SchipNic and took him home that day. He is now part of our family and we each have a dog. I, of course, am the Mom's dog and Ava Bee Schipperke Vance is the girl's dog, and it turns out Cooper is the Dad's dog! They have become real buddies! Ava and Cooper play a lot! They run and romp and roll around. I too old for that nonsense and I stand by and growl as I watch them to warn them not to get too rough. I am the alpha dog, and they know it. So we have become a nice pack! Thanks to Schipperke Rescue Network for all that everyone did to find Cooper a home! And he certainly is home! ~ Pepper Dee Schipperke Vance, Palatka, Florida



Loki tries the very subtle approach of barking incessantly to entice Jackson to play with him “*just one more time!*”. Loki and Jackson live in Ellensburg, Washington with Laura Stanley and Ona Solberg.

This little lady is Rosie Posie. We adopted her from a lady with too many Schips and too little space. She was 5 months old and had not been potty trained or out & about. To see her now is amazing. Loyal, smart, potty/leash trained, water loving, and showing traits of every wonderful Schipperke we ever had. She's a keeper! ~ Andrea Patricia Espinosa, Arlington Hts., Illinois

Today we celebrated SRN foster Sara's 17th Birthday!

Sara celebrated with her favorite meal followed by her favorite treat banana pudding! Many thanks for SRN's continued support of this grand dame! Donations make this possible!

~ Debra Alward Foster



SRN Boosts Fund Raising Efforts Through Facebook Online Auctions

SRN conducted online auctions through a group on Facebook called “Schipperke Rescue Network Benefit Auction” in October 2015 and in April of this year. Each auction brought in just over \$4,500 from winning bids. This Facebook group boasts the support of volunteers who manage membership, solicit donations, publicize upcoming auctions, and maintain interest levels among supporters before, during, and after an auction.

SRN held our first Facebook online auction on the weekend of October 16–18, 2015. Auctioneer Holly McDaniel Ward opened up the bidding at 5:00pm (EST) on Friday. The auction was conducted in a manner similar to an online, real-time silent auction. Ellen Black had posted pictures of each of the donated items, along with the required minimum opening bid for each item. Bidders used the “comment” block below each picture to register their bids. Holly monitored the bidding process to assure that minimum bids were met and that higher bids were visible to everyone interested in the item. Bidding went at a rather furious pace for the first 24 hours. There was a bit of a lull as people enjoyed their Saturday evening out and their more restrained Sunday morning activities, however, there was another flurry of bidding as Holly was about to pound the closing gavel.



Following the close of the auction, Holly, Ellen, and Susan Fogleman went through each of the 70+ items to record the name of the winner and the amount of the winning bid. Follow-up comments from the participants echoed a recurring theme ... *“Hey, this was lots of fun! We sure hope SRN will do this again. Lots of great items to bid on and the money goes to such a worthy organization.”*

We took the comments to heart and started the entire effort rolling again with our second auction that we scheduled for the weekend of April 01–03, 2016. SRN volunteers Gretchen Lemoine, Barb Lewis, and Jennifer Bernhard posted pre-event notices on Facebook and various chat lists to capture as much attention as possible. Ellen contacted people to request donated items. In many cases, people heard about the auction and contacted her directly to offer their items. Additional items were donated while the auction was taking place, so it was always a great surprise for the bidders to find that a new treasure had suddenly popped up for bidding.



Donated items spanned the spectrum ... Schipperke-related knick-knacks and memorabilia, doggy clothing and toys, doggy paraphernalia, yummy chocolates, gift baskets, and doggy-themed clothing for humans. Each of the two auctions offered more than 70 items for bid, and each one resulted in about \$4500 in winning bids, for a total of about \$9,000.

The SRN Auction Team is already in the early planning for our next Facebook online auction that will take place this coming October. We will make sure that everyone receives advance notice through announcements on Facebook and chat lists. Some of our donors have indicated that they can't wait for the next auction, and they are busy working on handmade items and collecting together ready-made items that are sure to delight our bidders.