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## The Nature of a Dog's Eye

### Can Make Problem-Solving Difficult

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### Our Vision

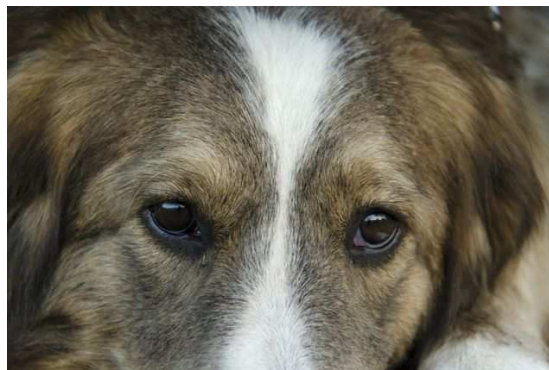
Every Schnauzer a home,  
one adoption at a time.

### MSRH Mission Statement

Within the organization's scope and reach, MSRH is dedicated to rescuing every abandoned or lost Miniature Schnauzer that we can and migrating them to a loving forever home.

### Behind the Scenes

In the interim period, between rescue and adoption, our all volunteer team provides temporary homes in a safe and loving environment while we search for an adoptive home that is the right match for each Schnauzer. We never forget that most adopters see only a snapshot of our overall organization. As such, we strive to ensure a perfect experience to give that snapshot exceptional clarity. Every perfect adoption experience requires a network of committed volunteers, veterinarians, partners, loving foster families and friends who pay the love forward with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We want every Schnauzer to have a home. At MSRH, we make it happen . . . one adoption at a time.



A dog's eye is less efficient than a human's when extracting information.

The man standing beside the young black Labrador Retriever looked slightly frustrated. He held up a bright red rubber bumper, which is typically used to train dogs to retrieve and explained to me "I'm trying to get her to retrieve this quickly. When she can see me toss it, and she gets to watch where it falls, she does great. But if I have her facing in the opposite direction so that she can't see the

actual throw, then when I send her out to find it she'll often run right past it as though she doesn't even see that it's there."

The problem that this dog owner is facing is not that his dog can't figure out what is wanted of her, but rather she is looking at the world through the eyes of a dog. Although the dog's eye looks very similar to the human eye, the dog's visual capacities are much more limited than ours are. To begin with, dogs have limited color vision. Part of the problem which this dog was having is based on the fact that for dogs the red or orange colors (like in the re-

trieving bumper) look virtually the same as the color green (like the high grass on the field that the bumper was being tossed into). You can see that in the figures to the left.



Human Color Vision



Dog Color Vision

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So suppose you were setting up a problem-solving situation in which the dog had to find a red flower surrounded by green foliage. The dog's limited color vision would make this a more difficult task as you can see below.

But color is not the only problem that a dog faces relative to a human when trying to solve problems based on visual information alone. In addition to limited color processing, there are two other problems. First, dogs don't discriminate levels of brightness as well as humans so that their world appears somewhat washed out and there appears to be less contrast between areas of different brightness as you can see here.



Normal Human View

**Task: Find the Flower**



Normal Dog View



Normal Human View



Dogs see fewer brightness gradations

Much more importantly the visual acuity of dogs is more limited than that of people. Dogs are relatively farsighted, meaning that distant objects are most clearly seen. Objects which are close, or in the middle range (nearer than around 10 feet or so) will appear to be blurry in comparison to what a human sees. That will affect the visual image as you can see below.



Normal Human View



Dogs have reduced acuity

If you put all of that together you will find that dogs are losing a lot of important information that they could use to solve problems simply due to the limits on their visual abilities. Let's return to the example that we started with, namely "Find the red flower". For a human with normal vision, this is a trivial problem. However given the nature of canine vision, when we combine the dogs' limitations on color vision, brightness discrimination and visual acuity, the difficulty level of this problem rises dramatically, becoming something more like a hidden object puzzle, reminiscent of the "Where's Waldo?" puzzles, which were popular a few years back.

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You can see that when we compare normal human vision to normal canine vision (with all three forms of visual processing limitations included) and now I ask "Where's the Flower?".



Normal Human View

**Task: Find the Flower**



Normal Dog View

Just how much a dog's normal visual limits can interfere with its problem-solving abilities was recently demonstrated by it team of researchers headed by Péter Pongrácz of the Department of Ethology at Eötvös Loránd University, in Budapest, Hungary. While it would be nice to run an experiment in which you corrected all of the dog's visual limitations and then saw how much better it performed in various problem-solving and information processing tasks, that can't be done. So instead this team of investigators adopted the opposite strategy and processed images to look like they would appear to a dog (much as I have done above) and then presented these modified images to human beings to see how efficient they were in extracting information.

Specifically, 50 test subjects were provided with photographs which showed a young woman who was indicating whether an object was located to her left or her right. The photographs could

either be unaltered or processed so that only the information available to a dog would be available to the person viewing them. The woman used three different types of directional signals to indicate which side was the correct one (supposedly the side where a ball could be found). One signal was quite large, namely pointing with an extended arm. The next type of signal involved the person turning her head in the direction of the object. And finally, the most subtle signal was one in which the model simply turned her eyes in the direction of the object without turning her head or body.

The results were exactly as these researchers expected. When presented with the normal, unaltered, photographs the subjects were virtually perfect in their ability to figure out which direction was being indicated. However, when presented with the photographs showing the world as the dog would see it many errors began to creep in. As the signal became more subtle, moving from the broad signal involving a pointing arm, down through the head turn and finally just involving the eyes turning to one side or the other, the error rate went up significantly. Overall the human subjects were most prone to making errors when asked to detect the correct side based on the direction of gaze alone if all that they had available was the view that a typical dog's vision provides.

So if you are trying to train your dog to make some sort of discrimination and your pet is having difficulty with the task, it is important to assess the situation to see if the dogs visual abilities might be placing a limitation on the amount of information that your pet can process. Perhaps broader signals, especially those involving movement, or using items with large brightness differences (rather than color distinctions) might help to solve the problem.

I suppose at this point some of you are wondering, "If dogs can't easily discriminate the red of a dog toy or retrieving an object from the green of the grass covered surface that it is being tossed upon, why are the most popular colors for dog toys either red or reddish orange?" The answer to that is simple. Red is easily discriminated by people, and it is a human, not a dog, who is buying the toy.



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## Third Quarter 2017 Adoption Statistics

MONTH	INTAKES	ADOPTIONS	TOTAL IN RESCUE
July	20	35	38
August	9	17	33
September	20	14	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>66</b>	

### DID YOU KNOW YOUR EMPLOYER MAY MATCH YOUR DONATIONS TO MSRH?

Many corporations match donations made by employees to a wide range of nonprofits to support employee charitable giving and to extend corporate philanthropy. Many nonprofits, like MSRH, miss out on revenue simply because many donors are unaware of their employer's gift matching programs.

To find out if your employer will match your donations to MSRH (double them), go to the following link:

<http://www.msrh.org/matching-gifts>

If your employer matches, and you are currently giving \$50 per month, for example, MSRH will then start receiving \$100 per month.

## OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

### GRANT WRITER

Do you have grant writing experience? MSRH is looking for a volunteer to analyze our organization for grant competitive qualities to help us qualify for foundation grants. Once any corrective actions have been taken to improve our competitiveness, then the grant writer would research grant opportunities and prepare applications to include a budget and budget narrative. Other MSRH volunteers will work with the Grant Writer to help gather required information for applications. Time required for this position will vary. If you are interested, please email [volunteercoordinator@msrh.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@msrh.org) or call (281) 336-1163 and leave a message.

### NEED FOSTER HOMES EXPERIENCED WITH TREATING DOGS FOR HEART- WORMS:

If you are knowledgeable and experienced with heartworm treatment, have a quiet home environment, and time for required visits to the vet, we want to talk to you. Please email [volunteercoordinator@msrh.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@msrh.org) or call (281) 336-1163 and leave a message.

**WILLING TO LEARN HOW TO CARE FOR DOGS  
GOING THRU HEARTWORM TREATMENT? WE'LL  
TRAIN YOU!**

## DEAR SOPHIE: What's the difference between an allergy and a yeast infection?

Dear Sophie:

I've been itching like crazy. My mom has been trying to figure out what's causing me all of this misery so she can properly treat it. How does mom tell the difference between an allergy and a yeast infection?

Sincerely,

Itchy Ivan

Dear Ivan:

About 90 to 95% of all dogs will have a skin problem at some point in their lives in the form of itchy skin, hair loss, flaky dandruff, etc. In most cases, the symptoms are caused by an overgrowth of yeast, a systemic infection. If your parents can recognize this quickly, no matter what the cause, they can reverse it quickly.

When you scratch yourself, your nails open a protective barrier, which allows an infection to take hold. This is the time to nip it in the bud. Remember, as with most illnesses, the most effective treatment is prevention, and early detection is the key.

Your underbelly holds a wealth of information. Have your parents turn you over on your back and inspect your genitals and the area where your rear legs join your body. Healthy skin here should be almost white, depending on your color overall. It should look clean and pure, maybe even very slightly pink.

On the other hand, if the skin is unhealthy, here are some signs they'll see:

- Red, rusty, or black dots or specks on the skin, accompanied frequently by a strong odor. These dots or specks look like tiny pinpricks or blackheads, but are flat or flush with the skin. It may just look like dirty skin with a general grayness overall. This first appears in the groin area, usually near the genitals. If your parents see this, you already have a problem, and it is most likely yeast.
- Black specks that look like pepper or small poppy seeds are actually "flea

dirt", which is your excess blood consumed by the flea and passed as feces (gross). However, I am assuming that you won't have this problem, since all good MSRH parents give a flea preventive to their dogs, because they know that fleas are the instigator of secondary problems.

- Crustiness or flakiness like dandruff on the rump area (especially on the back where the tail joins the body) is an early sign of skin disease. Dogs, like people, do not have excessive flakes if their skin is healthy.
- Any rash, red spots, or raw places. Your parents should especially check the "underarms" where the legs join the body, and the front of the chest.
- Thinning hair or bare spots. On the back, near the tail, thinning is usually accompanied by crusty flakes. Bare patches on your sides could be a condition known as bilateral alopecia. This is a well-known disease, but not very well understood.
- Scratches, scabs, and other superficial wounds. Keeping infection out at this early stage is the best way to treat it.
- Reddish or rusty hair between the pads and toes. This hair should be the same color as the rest of you. If it looks reddish, this is yeast in the feet. That rusty color is not caused by licking. The rusty color is caused by the yeast. The licking is simply an effort to soothe the itching.

In addition to the appearance and smell of the skin, you may shake or tilt your head or lose your balance and/or hearing. This is an indication that the yeast infection is in your ears.

It could well be that an allergic reaction has started the problem, like a bug bite or bad reaction to grain in food. But what happens next is the local immune system can't function properly allowing the yeast to bloom and invade. An al-

lergy is a reaction to an allergen, of course. In order to treat it, the allergen must be removed from your environment. The consequence of an allergic response is basically a failure of the immune system to protect you from infection, whether it is bacterial, fungal, or yeast.

Prednisone and other steroids only mask the symptoms. They do not treat the underlying infection, and they depress your immune system further, thereby allowing the infection to ruthlessly advance.

More than 90% of persistent skin conditions are actually caused by systemic yeast infections, even if a temporary allergic response was what started it all.

Treatments for yeast infections:

Medicated shampoos can be purchased at any pet supply store or vet's office. The shampoo should contain chlorhexidine, miconazole, or ketoconazole. When bathing, your parents should make sure that shampoo is on your skin for a full 10 minutes before rinsing. Baths should be given every 3 to 5 days for up to 12 weeks or as long as symptoms last.

Topical creams containing miconazole can be applied to the infected area a couple of times per day for about 10 days. The creams can be purchased at a pet supply store or your vet's office. Follow application instructions carefully.

Apply ear cleaners designed to lower pH levels. Zymox is a good brand to use. Serious infections can take up to 6 weeks to cure.

Ivan, I hope your rid of the itch soon! See your vet if none of the above remedies help.

Sincerely,

Sophie



## WAYS TO GIVE TO MSRH WITHOUT SPENDING ONE EXTRA PENNY!

### **When you shop at Kroger**—Got a Kroger Rewards card?

Go to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Follow the instructions to register. You'll need your Plus card number, but if you don't have your card, call (800) 576-4377 and select Option 4 to get it. Once registered, log on to your account. There will be a place for you to enter MSRH's Non-Profit Organization (NPO) number, which is **80020**. If done correctly, you'll see 'Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Houston' on the right side of your Account Summary Page. When you shop, you'll also see 'Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Houston' on the bottom of your grocery receipt.

**When you shop at Randall's**—If you have a Randall's Remarkable Card, go to the Customer Service Desk and ask to participate in their Good Neighbor Program. They'll give you a form to complete where you will provide your Remarkable Card number and our charity number, which is **11942**. Once you do that, they'll link your card with our charity number in their system. Thereafter, a portion of your grocery bill will be donated to MSRH.

**When you purchase NuVet Labs vitamins and joint therapy**—We understand that not everyone purchases these products for their dog, but NuVet guarantees that their products can eliminate most ailments, such as allergies, skin and coat problems, scratching, itching, biting, hot spots, arthritis and joint problems, etc. These products are not available to the general public without this order code: **52564**. A portion of your purchase is donated to MSRH. Call (800) 474-7044 or order online at [www.nuvetlabs.com](http://www.nuvetlabs.com).

**When you purchase products through Amazon**—nearly everybody these days makes purchases from Amazon. Now there is a way to have 0.5% of your purchase (excluding shipping and taxes) donated to MSRH. Just go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Once you're on this website, you'll be given a chance to select a charity. Type in 'Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Houston'. Then, you'll be redirected to the regular Amazon website where you log on with your usual username and password and start shopping.

**When you buy or sell a home**—Robin Slack with RE/MAX has agreed to donate 20% of her commissions to MSRH for any clients who are our volunteers, donors, or adopters. So, if you are ready to buy a home or sell one, call Robin direct at (713) 540-7553 or email [robin@sellinghouston.com](mailto:robin@sellinghouston.com) and tell her MSRH sent you.

**When you purchase medications for your pets**—for every purchase you make through Pet Rescue RX, a licensed veterinary pharmacy, Pet Rescue RX will donate 100% of their profits after they pay their bills, employees, and overhead costs. When you register at [www.petrescuex.com](http://www.petrescuex.com), you will be asked to complete information about your pets, your veterinarian, and the rescue group you wish to receive donations (Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Houston). If your order is for prescription-only medications, such as Trifexis, Comfortis, Heartgard, etc., Pet Rescue RX will contact your veterinarian to get his/her approval.

**Just about every time you shop online**—go to [www.igive.com/rMsg3U](http://www.igive.com/rMsg3U) to register. Then, install the iGive button on your browser bar by following the instructions. You'll see the little orange flower icon on your browser once you're done. Then, every time you shop, click on this icon first. Select the store you're wanting and you'll be re-directed there to start shopping like you always do. All your favorites are there, like Chico's, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Apple Store, Petco, Petsmart, Ulta, Shoebuy, Macy's, etc. The store will donate a portion of your purchase to MSRH (each store has their own percentage amount that they donate).

**When your beloved pet crosses the Rainbow Bridge**—If cremation is your choice, go to [www.liveoakpetservices.com](http://www.liveoakpetservices.com). We service the Houston and surrounding area and exclusively Texas A & M Veterinary Teaching Hospital, The Houston SPCA, North Houston Veterinary Specialists, and Animeals on Wheels. We will donate 20% of the fee you pay us to MSRH, so if you choose to use our services for your pet, please let us know that your pet was adopted through or was a foster of MSRH.

**If you want your pet's photo converted into an oil painting**—go to [www.timelessartsoncanvas.com](http://www.timelessartsoncanvas.com). Click on 'Commissioned Art Agreement and Ordering Details' for more information. The artist, Astrid, will donate 10% of the painting cost, excluding tax and shipping, to MSRH, so be sure to tell her you were referred by us.

## HAPPY TAILS

### Jack (formerly Coco Chase)

New mom, Ruth, writes: "Coco Chase (he's Jack to us) has been with us nearly two years, and he is the most beloved in our family.

He's so sweet and gentle. While he was skittish with other dogs in the beginning. He has a lovely lady friend and loves going to the groomer where he gets play dates with other minis.

Best to all of the amazing MSRH folks!"



Jack with human sibling, Becca.

### Ruby



Dad and Ruby checking out The Grand Canyon.

New mom, Catherine, writes: "This is Ruby sight-seeing at Colorado National Monument, the Grand Canyon, and Monument Valley. We had a cold night in the mountains, so I gave Ruby my hoodie. Ruby is such a good traveler. At first she was a little nervous about packing up and moving but now she knows the routine and gets in her spot and waits for us to get ready. We have to move an ottoman from one room to another and her new trick is to jump up on it and sit on it while we carry it. She thinks it's funny. We keep saying that whoever gave her up was crazy. She's so good. Their loss, our gain. I know we've said it before, but thank you, Miniature Schnauzer Rescue Houston."

### Romey (formerly Romeo Binley)

New mom, Beverly, writes: "Thank you for Romey! He is a very sweet and special little guy. He fits into my family perfectly. Dazey and I love him!"



Beverly with Romey.

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### Fritzie (formerly Reggie)

New mom, Gean, writes: "I just wanted to say how much I am enjoying this little munchkin! As it turns out, God has a way of working things out, and Fritzie has actually become Bevo's seeing-eye dog (blind from diabetes). They are so sweet together as you can see from the picture. They are inseparable, and Fritzie lets Bevo know where to go at any given time. Bevo follows his ringing dog tags as he bounces around the house. They are laying next to me in this pic on the couch which is our usual position. My granddaughter is here visiting, and Fritzie is her new BFF. Anyway, I just wanted you to know how great things are going. We still struggle with daily housebreaking issues, but they are small, because he is small, and I don't seem to mind so much. He is a loving sweet addition to our family, and I'm so grateful to MSRH for putting us together. God bless you all. I tell everyone I know about your wonderful organization."



Fritzie (black) and Bevo

### Milo (formerly Oliver)



New mom, Tyasha, writes: "We are enjoying our Mini mix, Milo (formerly Oliver) tremendously. He is a wonderful addition to our family. We will continue to share the joy with others in hopes of gaining their support through adoption, volunteering and/or donation.

Thank you for all that you do in support of the needy Minis in this area.

I believe in the mission of MSRH and view its work as an invaluable contribution to the Earth. I am also a volunteer. :)"

### Stella (formerly Mona)

New mom, Michelle, writes: "We LOOOOOVVVVVEEEE our Stella! Pure sweetness. MSRH did a WONDERFUL job pairing us with the PERFECT fur baby. She is pure preciousness."



Dad with Stella, relaxing!

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## HAPPY TAILS continued from Page 13



Chief with his new family!

### Chief (formerly Keaton)

New mom, DeNiece, writes: "We love our new addition! He is exactly what our family needed. He is spoiled rotten by my 3 kids and the entire high school soccer team. ! HAHA"

### Ava (formerly Kahlua)

New mom, Linda, writes: "Allen and I are so thrilled with our baby girl, Ava (formerly Kahlua)! She is absolutely precious and such a wonderful little girl. She has definitely stolen our hearts and, at 13 pounds, she calls all the shots and is already running the show at our house!"

Linda and Mona told us about Ava when we attended the Dog Show in Houston where we visited with them at the MSRH booth. Many, many thanks to them for their most kind assistance in our adoption of Ava. Blessings to you all and your wonderful organization."



Ava with new parents, Linda and Allen.



Kash & Karl with new parents, Warren & Judy.

### Kash & Karl (formerly Kole)

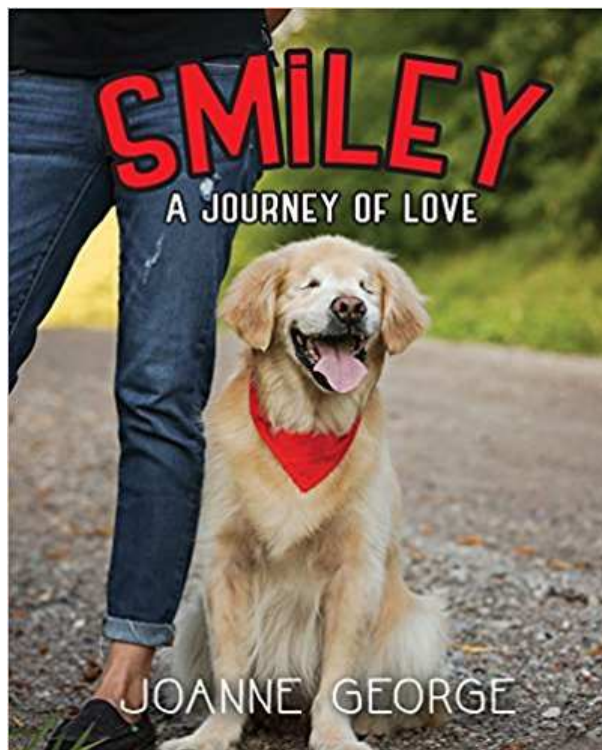
New mom, Judy, writes: "We are enjoying our little guys very much! Not really sure how much Schnauzer is going to come out in them, have to wait for hair to grow more! But we love them anyway! Maybe Mom's Schnauzer personality will shine through!!

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

### *“Smiley: The Blind Therapy Dog”*

By Joanne George

While working as a veterinary technician, Joanne George heard about a puppy mill not far from the clinic and embarked on a rescue mission with her co-workers. On that special day, Joanne met Smiley for the first time. He had been born without eyes and with dwarfism, and because of his time in the puppy mill, Smiley was suffering from serious anxiety. While the other dogs rescued that day were found loving homes, Smiley was going to need some extra special care. Nothing happens without practice and patience, and Joanne and Smiley learned both those traits together. Gradually Smiley was able to walk off-leash and started greeting Joanne at the back door. She gave Smiley a loving home, and he taught her patience, understanding, and acceptance. It became evident that Smiley would be a wonderful therapy dog. Joanne and Smiley are now part of the St. John's Ambulance therapy dog program, visiting nursing homes, libraries, children's programs, and schools—making other people's lives brighter along the way.



This book, published September 5, 2017, is written for 4th grade level and up. It may be purchased on Amazon in hard cover only for \$16.12. As of this writing, the book has not received any reviews.



Joanne with Smiley

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Joanne shares her home with husband Darrin, son Shepherd, and their three dogs—Pippi, Pearl, and Smiley.

She volunteers at a home for people with mental and physical disabilities. The residents readily wait upon her arrival with that little golden dog, Smiley. They spend their time there visiting with residents, and Smiley giving himself to be mauled over by everyone. It is therapy for everyone involved.

When she is not training, walking the dogs, or spending time with her family, you can find her at the barn riding and training her thoroughbred horse, Benji.

This is all Joanne has ever done. She started knocking on doors asking to walk people's dogs if she saw them in the yard or peering out a window at the age of 11. She has worked in breeding kennels, pet stores, petting zoos, animal hospitals, and obedience training schools, and has done countless rescues of dogs, cats, and horses. It has been a life-long passion.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SATURDAY

OCTOBER 7—NOVEMBER 4—DECEMBER 2  
(EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH)

#### KRISER'S HEIGHTS MEET & GREET

Where: 250 W. 20th Street  
Houston, Texas 77008  
(The Heights Area)  
Kriser's phone: (713) 239-0058  
Time: 10AM to 1PM  
Chair: Linda Brown  
Tel: (281) 336-1163

### SATURDAY

OCTOBER 21—NOVEMBER 18—DECEMBER 16  
(EVERY THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH)

#### KENNEL CLUB MEET & GREET

Where: 9040 Highway 6 North  
Houston, Texas 77095-2303  
(Between Hwy 290 and West Road)  
Kennel Club phone: (281) 809-7748  
Website: [www.kennelclubhouston.com](http://www.kennelclubhouston.com)  
Time: 10AM to 1PM  
Chair: Brenda Kennedy  
Tel: (281) 336-1163

\* Beware of construction on Hwy 290.

#### REMEMBER—NO ONSITE ADOPTIONS!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING, PLEASE COMPLETE AN ONLINE ADOPTION APPLICATION IN ADVANCE AT:  
[WWW.MSRH.ORG/ADOPTION-FORM/](http://WWW.MSRH.ORG/ADOPTION-FORM/) OR CALL (281) 336-1163.





## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

As of August 1, MSRH supporters will need to once again register their Kroger Plus Card in order to participate in their Community Rewards Program for 2017-2018. When registering, you have the opportunity to select the charity of your choice—MSRH! Thereafter, every time you shop at Kroger and swipe your Kroger Plus card, a portion of your grocery bill is donated to MSRH at no additional cost to you!

Even though you may have previously registered your card and designated MSRH as your charity, you still have to register again by following the steps below. If you have never registered your card before, please also follow the instructions for that also below:

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you may get one at the Customer Service Desk at your store.

Once you have the card, then you need to register it (i.e., create an account) online, if you haven't already done so, at:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

You'll need to provide your zip code, click on your favorite store, enter your email address, create a password, enter your Kroger Plus card number, and agree to terms and conditions. You'll get an email back from Kroger with a link for you to click on to verify that your email address is correct. [If you use your phone number at the register, rather than present your card, you can call (800) 576-4377 and select Option 4 to get your Plus card number.]

Next, you'll need to log on. There will be a place for you to enter MSRH's Non-Profit Organization (NPO) number which is: **80020**

To verify that you have enrolled correctly, you will see 'Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Houston' on the right side of your Account Summary page. You will also see "Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of Houston, Inc." at the bottom of your grocery receipt each time you shop.

If you shop at Kroger, we would really appreciate your doing this for us at your earliest convenience. It really makes a difference. For the past few years, MSRH has received about \$2,000 annually from Kroger, thanks to each of you who have signed up for this program.

Have you ordered your 2018 MSRH Calendar yet?

Calendars are \$26.00 each. To order yours, click on the following link:

<https://www.msrh.org/order-calendar>



Scruffy, the lover

## Featured Pet—Scruffy

Hi! My name is Scruffy, and I have a secret. I am just a little bitty guy that is a lover and, um, a licker. There is nothing better than just being loved on and next to my bestest friend. I am not sure where I got the name “Scruffy”, because I am not scruffy at all. As a matter of fact, I am really soft, and if I may say so myself, quite handsome and debonair. I am an 8-year-old Miniature Schnauzer boy with natural ears and tail. I weigh 17 pounds.

I have been known to growl and even show some teeth, but I don't mean to be bad. I just don't like certain things. My foster mom says I would be great for a family experienced with dogs. It would be ideal if the family has only one other dog and no small children. Those little kids like to pull on stuff, and that's one of the things I don't like. I'm pretty good about going potty outside, but I do have accidents, especially if I feel my territory has been breached. I am on a special diet to prevent bladder stones, but otherwise I am healthy and ready to go to a forever home.

If you are interested in meeting me, complete an online no-obligation [Adoption Form](#) and ask for me, Scruffy. An adoption counselor will put you in touch with my foster mom for more information. If you would like to meet me in person, arrangements will be made. I promise you will fall in love.

**Adoption Fee: \$250**

## From the Editor

Dear Readers:

The recovery from Harvey is moving along slowly, but surely. We were lucky at my house, but certainly not the case for many others, including pets.

I would like to salute so many of you that pitched in to help your friends, family, and even strangers. Some of you helped with the actual cleanup and donated money, but others who were unable to do those things, came up with some small unique ways that really made a difference. I am not going to name names for fear of leaving someone out, but one person I know took in laundry. She even picked up and delivered. Another friend baked cookies to deliver to those working hard with the clean up.

MSRH took in some unfortunate little Schnauzers and got them to veterinary care. Some we were able to reunite with their families. Others were placed in an MSRH foster home to await a new forever home.

The experience with Harvey has shown that, aside from politics, the people are not divided. They can come together to solve a problem, and although we all wish the storm had never happened, it was a beautiful thing to witness the charity and benevolence in action afterwards.

Until next time,

Linda



Linda with Gertie Sutton