



Rescue RoundUp!

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Editor's Corner

Welcome to Rescue RoundUp!

As the saying goes, necessity is the mother of invention. After submitting a Rescue Success Story to the Giant Schnauzer Club of America's April newsletter hoping to showcase the valuable rescue efforts of HT-Z, we were told by the GSCA:

"In an effort to keep the newsletter small in size and with current information only, it was decided that we will not be using the article you sent after all".

Since, rescue is an ongoing concern for Giant Schnauzers, it was felt all Giant Lovers would like to be better informed as to the efforts of HT-Z and what rescue is all about. Therefore, the Rescue RoundUp was born.

HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue, Inc. was established in 1999 as a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization. Until 2007, HT-Z served as the official rescue organization of the Giant Schnauzer Club of America. Since then, HT-Z has continued to be dedicated to the Giant Schnauzer and the highly dedicated people who work tirelessly to assure that each and every Giant rescued gets the best possible chance at a loving, forever home.

Rescue RoundUp will include updates on the HT-Z, useful information on upcoming rescue-related events. Also be on the look out for the amazing success stories of the many Giants who have found happiness in loving forever homes with the help of HT-Z.

If you are interested in volunteering with HT-Z as a foster home or transporter, please contact us. We are always looking for helping hands! We hope you will consider becoming a valued volunteer.

HT-Z UPDATE

Things unfortunately remain busy for HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue. To give you an idea of how busy, HT-Z and its satellite members in 2009 processed 73 Giants through rescue and expended close to \$50,000 in just vet expenses alone. Additional expenses not in this total are transportation, food, board and grooming costs.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
CAROLYN JANAK**

Allow me to welcome you to the first issue of Rescue RoundUp!. As some of you may be new to Giant Schnauzers or don't remember HT-Z's beginnings, this is a recap about the establishment of HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue.

HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue was established in 1999 by a bequest left to me and my Rescue efforts from Hertha Thomas-Zagari that was designated to go to Giant Schnauzer Rescue. In complying with the wishes of Hertha and her bequest, HT-Z works only with purebred Giant Schnauzers.

Prior to establishing HT-Z I was involved in two rescue groups and found it very hard to do an adequate job giving the appropriate attention to both. Thankfully, Hertha made the decision for me and for the last 12 years have continued the work I started in 1984 with Doris Redmond and the GSCA.

One misconception about HT-Z is that there is an "unlimited pot of money"! The original bequest is but a small portion of the operating funds used by HT-Z. We rely on donations from organizations, generous donors and just regular people who send us a few dollars to help the Giants. Yes, we can keep things going, but it is getting harder when we are not breaking even or at times losing money on each and every Giant we rescue. Like everyone else, our expenses grow for not only vet costs but food, boarding and transportation. HT-Z's first, last and only concern are the Giants that we rescue. It is a sometimes daunting task but we will continue on.

I hope you enjoy this the Rescue RoundUp! and will contact us about getting involved in HT-Z and Giant Schnauzer Rescue.

Carolyn Janak, Founder and CFO

**Thank You!
To all of our
wonderful
volunteers,
transporters
and foster
homes without
whom our job
at HT-Z would
be much
harder!
Why not
become a
volunteer? We
would love to
have you!**

The History of Giant Schnauzer Rescue

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Capo was a 76 lb. boy when adopted and has grown into a strapping 105 pounder! He has the sweetest personality. All he wants to do is play and be loved! He gives hugs, sweet kisses and takes treats out of the hand so gently. We just love him so much.

Between 1930 and 1965, a total of 1010 Giant Schnauzers were registered. During that period the breed was so rare that locating a breeder willing to part with a puppy or an adult was considered a challenge. During the 1970s, the breed experienced a burst of popularity and registrations climbed dramatically. Indeed, 4033 Giant Schnauzers were registered during that decade, which was four times the number that were registered during the preceding 40 years. While the increase in registrations was beneficial to the breed in many ways, there was also a down side – Giant Schnauzers began to turn up in humane societies and shelters.

Yvonne Schilla publicly addressed the problem for the first time in an editorial that appeared in the November 1974 issue of Giant Steps, a magazine published by the Giant Schnauzer Club of America (GSCA). She discussed the fact that homeless Giant Schnauzers were no longer a rarity and asked the membership to respond to three questions.

Do you know of any homeless Giants?

Do you know of anyone interested in an older dog, one past the puppy stage but with a lot of loving left?

Is there anyone out there who would be willing to undertake the task of finding suitable homes for these dogs?

By January of 1975, the GSCA's Homeless Giant Adoption Agency had been established co-chaired by Catherine Brown and Catherine Robins. In the July 1975 issue of Giant Steps, the committee reminded readers that Giant Schnauzers were turning up in animal shelters and instructed interested club members to act as contact points for their local shelters when a Giant was found and needed to be placed. They also noted that the committee was working on an application form for people interested in adopting a Giant Schnauzer through the club's Adoption Agency.

In the August 1976 issue of Giant Steps, page 4, an appeal was made to club members with the head line; "HOMES WANTED". Committee members Cathy Robins and Barbara Vroom also outlined their committee's intentions: "The Adoption Committee was initially conceived as a means for rescue of abandoned Giants from animal shelters and to provide aid for strays. The committee was deliberately established in anticipation of the critical need we see developing over the next few years as Giants continue their climb in popularity." They stressed how difficult it was to place adult Giants into loving and permanent setting because most people want puppies.



The day we met Bronson, his hair was so matted he was shaved down to his skin; you could feel every bone in his body and his ears had nothing on the Flying Nun. But when it was all said and done he had that special sparkle that began to fill that hole in our hearts.

Tom & Jody K'Burg

Tom and Jody K'Burg took over the chairmanship of the Adoption and Rescue Committee in the fall of 1976. In the November 1976 issue of Giant Steps, page 24 in "An Open Letter to All GSCA Members", the newly appointed chairmen asked for everyone's help and cooperation. They wanted to consider all club members as members of their committee so that help would be readily available across the country. They also noted that because of the rising number of homeless Giants, the committee's expenses were escalating and they asked of contributions.

In response to the committee's first official request for financial support, all the proceeds from the 1977 eastern Regional Fun Match benefited the GSCA Rescue and Adoption Committee. The 1977 Fun Match was such a financial success that since then, the proceeds from the annual event have continued to benefit Giant Schnauzer Rescue. Tom and Jody K'Burg, Karen and John Palmer, Gary and Sue Dolbins and Harry and Marie Russ deserve special mention as the organizers of early matches. Popular with Giant fanciers up and down the Atlantic Coast, the Eastern Fun Matches are held each spring around Mother's Day. They always include a pot luck luncheon, an obstacle course for dogs and handlers, a raffle and auction of Giant Schnauzer Collectibles and Memorabilia, as well as the customary obedience and conformation competitions.

For many years the GSCA held an auction of Giant Schnauzer Collectibles and memorabilia in conjunction with the Annual Award's Night Banquets as a benefit for the Rescue and Adoption Committee. The auction proved to be financially profitable and helped cover the expenses for countless homeless Giant Schnauzers over the years.

Doris Redmann

In 1980, Giant Schnauzer registrations rose to 540, with approximately 50 active breeders. The number of homeless Giants kept pace and the Rescue Committee was swamped with work. In 1984 after serving eight years as the Rescue Committee's co-chairpersons, Tom and Jody K'Burg gave up their positions and Doris Redmann became the Chairperson. She served in the capacity up until her death from cancer in 1993. Carolyn Janak became the chairperson in September of that year.



Maggie went through several homes, the first of which got rid of her because she had the nerve to jump up on their fancy car. Maggie enjoys her new life, chasing squirrels out of the yard, practicing and learning new tricks, and being Greta's special friend.

Carolyn Janak and HT-Z

From 1993 to 1999 Carolyn Janak served as the Adoption and Rescue Committee Chairperson. In 1999 Hertha Thomas-Zagari, of Denver, Colorado passed away and left her estate to Carolyn for the establishment of an organization exclusively devoted to Giant Schnauzer Rescue. Herta and her husband Fred were devoted Giant Schnauzer owners whose dogs all came from Germany, except one which she inherited from Fred's brother.

Thus, HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue, Inc. was founded as a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Carolyn serves as President/Treasurer.

According to Carolyn, because it is a 501(c) 3 non-profit, she must keep strict records, file yearly with the IRS and pay for insurance – of which is costly and uses precious dollars that she would rather spend on the dogs. HT-Z also donates to shelters who contact Carolyn about Giants or possible Giants. This is also “insurance” because the shelters won't forget HT-Z when they think they have a Giant! It has worked well over the years.

At the time HT-Z was not affiliated with the Giant Schnauzer Club of America. However, it was the official rescue vehicle for the GSCA and Carolyn served as Chairman of the Club's Adoption & Rescue Committee. In the year 2000 with

the establishment of HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue then GSCA President, Lonnie Small, worked with the AKC and the IRS to re-designate the use of the Doris Redmann Fund to move from being used for Rescue to being used for Rescue Education. These funds were no longer to be used for rescue expenses but to fund educational programs and publications that will educate the public so fewer Giants come into rescue.

“Honest Santa, I have been a really good girl”. Abbi, a 5 year old female, natural ear & docked. She loves life, is training in agility and is definitely the Divine Miss A!!.



Since 2007 Carolyn Janak and HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue have been operating independently of the GSCA and continue to be the ONLY rescue organization exclusively doing Giant Schnauzer Rescue. Although HT-Z was started with a bequest from Herta Thomas-Zagari, the number of Giants coming through rescue increases every year and the money to care for rescues gets stretched even farther.

As the number of Giant Schnauzers has continued to grow, so have the number of rescues HT-Z has taken in and re-homed. In 2008, 2009 and 2010, HT-Z processed 147 through rescue. Without the generosity of those who support HT-Z, they would not be able to help as many Giants annually as they do. Carolyn Janak as Founder and President is supported by a Board of Directors as well as a national network of shelters, volunteers and supporters 20+ years in the making who keep the important work of Giant Schnauzer rescue going 24/7/365.

If you have a rescue that you got through HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue and would like to share your story, please forward a brief narrative and photos to htzgiantrescue@yahoo.com
We would love to share your stories.

Opie The Wonder Dog Brings in a Calf!

by Tim Force

Introduction: *Tim Force adopted a Giant rescue pup from Carolyn Janak and HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue in January 2006. Opie is just one of the success stories HT-Z has had over the years. Tim lives in Montrose, CO and sends Carolyn wonderful stories like the following about his Giant Schnauzer Opie. Tim, Opie and Skinner (Tim's mule) make quite an unconventional team on the trail, but have earned the respect from their co-workers over the past few years. By the way, if you are wondering about Opie's name, according to Carolyn, he got it (O-Pee) after he urinated on Tim's grandmother's 150 year old Navajo rug. The following article demonstrates the success HT-Z has in placing their rescues.*

A Super Special Thank You to Enid Lagree for providing the articles and photos for the Rescue RoundUp. Both stories in this issue were first published in the SCGSC Hotline and were updated for this printing.



Opie supervising the packing at the bottom of the Ripple Creek Trail in the Flat Tops.

Opie Elway is still making quite a name for himself. Seems like he is always doing something that amazes me and everyone else. He is quite the partner!

Last Friday we were moving about 400 head of cows/calves from one mountain pasture to another. Had to spend all day gathering them and then trail them about two miles to the new pasture. It was rocky and steep through two deep canyons.

One calf kept thinking that he had left his mother behind and kept trying to turn back. We got pretty frustrated with that calf! When it finally made it's break, all the dogs took after it. Must have been four red heelers, about four blue heelers, two border collies, one black mouth cur and Opie. The heelers and collies returned to the herd in about five minutes.

After about 20 minutes, the cur returned. After about 40 minutes, here came Opie with the calf, at a full run. He got a big round of applause from all the riders. The boss man said, "Well, looks to me like Opie is now an official cow dog". Quite a compliment from a solid blue heeler man.

He then told the owner of the black mouth cur that he ought to shoot his ole hound and get a black butter (Opie's nickname is "black butter", because he jumps up and butts the cattle in the rear to move them—that way he doesn't get kicked...leave it to a Giant to "reason" that out!). Everyone got quite a laugh out of it, 'cause the cur owner thought his dog was the best on the mountain.

So, Opie has a firm place in the dog pack now.



Opie & Max keeping the cows on the trail

Some Texan hunters had a bet going on what kind of dog he was. After a couple of days, one of the hunters finally asked me. When I told him that Opie was a Giant Schnauzer, he said, "Well, ole Fred won the bet". So, someone out there knows about Giant Schnauzers. Reckon the others said Standard Poodle, Bouvier or Labradoodle. That's the most common guesses that I hear.

Opie's pretty tired right now. He has been beside me for about 200 miles in the last two weeks. He's pretty lean, but in great working shape. Loves to go and loves to get after the cattle.

I have company coming this afternoon. They will be here for about 10 days. I will stay home and visit with them, so Opie and the mules can get some rest and good food, but I bet he will be ready to roll when we return to the mountain after cattle.

We will be riding after cattle from Sept. 24-Oct. 5. After that, Opie and I will be going to the Flat Tops to hunting camp Oct 10-17. Then it is back to the Plateau to chase cattle again until November.



Tim Force on Skinner the mule



*Getting ready to ride out of cow camp. Burch's Cow Camp on Bull Creek on the Uncampahgre Plateau west of Montrose. Opie the Wonder Dog in the foreground.
L-R Bill, Brad, Kelly, Tim, Cody, Dean, Billy*

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