



# Rescue RoundUp!

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## Editor's Corner

Welcome to Rescue RoundUp!

HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue has been very busy as always. Since our last newsletter we have had 12 Giant Schnauzers come into rescue and all have been placed in or will be heading to their forever homes soon.

It has been interesting that in recent months we have seen an surge in older Giant Schnauzers (9, 10 11 year olds) being turned into shelters and needing our help. Another disturbing trend are people who have had a problem placing puppies from a litter in turn are bringing the balance of the litter into the shelters. With the downturn and slow recovery of the economy, this is a growing problem because "breeders" continue to breed despite knowing there may not be a current market.

We at HT-Z are proud to announce the publication of a brochure that will be distributed to shelters all over the country to assist them in identifying a Giant Schnauzer when it comes into their facility. Although we have a mailing list for shelters around the country we are looking for volunteers to help distribute these brochures to shelters in their area. If you would be willing to receive some of these brochures for distribution please send an email with the number of brochures you could distribute to [htzgiantrescue@yahoo.com](mailto:htzgiantrescue@yahoo.com) and we will get them out to immediately.

As in every issue we have a wonderful story about Tru and her companion Jack Belcher. Jack and Tru are a wonderful example of what happy endings occur in the lives of the Giants we rescue.

Don't forget as the summer months are now upon us, please remember to keep your Giants and yourself cool. At my house that includes a filled baby pool in the backyard, so I rarely have a dry Giant these days. Also, make sure they have plenty of drinking water.

Stay cool and hope you enjoy the Rescue RoundUp!

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT  
CAROLYN JANAK**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who emailed such wonderful comments about the first Rescue RoundUp! newsletter. It let me know that there are a lot of you out there concerned about Giant Schnauzer rescue and we are glad to update you on what we are doing.

It is an exciting time for HT-Z as our rescue efforts continue to be successful and I am especially excited about the publication and distribution of our identification brochure that will be going out to shelters around the country. It is our hope that this information will help shelter workers to make a determination on dogs that they get in and know whether or not it is a Giant.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Rescue RoundUp!

Carolyn Janak, Founder and CFO

*We are always looking for interesting information and articles to pass along. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see in the Rescue RoundUp! please send your suggestions to [htzgiantrescue@yahoo.com](mailto:htzgiantrescue@yahoo.com).*

**UC Davis Survey**

I just received this and thought I'd pass it along.

UC Davis Vet School Survey

Only takes a few minutes - please participate and share!

Please help us at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California at Davis, learn more about the effects of spaying and neutering on dogs by taking about 15 minutes to fill out our new survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Intact\\_vs\\_NeuteringDogs](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Intact_vs_NeuteringDogs)

We would greatly appreciate your reposting this link so that friends can also participate. The results will be published after analysis.

## PET DISASTER KIT, DO YOU HAVE YOURS?

With all the floods, tornados, severe storms and power outages, we often have a plan for what we humans will do, but not a plan for our pets. The following list will give you a good start on what you should have on hand in case of an EMERGENCY!, so make sure your *Giant* is ready.

A Pet Disaster Kit can be a used gym bag, old backpack, a large plastic container that will hold all items except food and water. Your kit should contain the following items:

- ✓ Blanket, towels, pet shampoo
- ✓ Crate with ID and bedding for each pet.
- ✓ Collapsible feed and water bowls.
- ✓ Current copy of pet health certificates, medical and vaccination records, copies of current prescriptions if any.
- ✓ Current photo of owner with all pets showing unique markings or features.
- ✓ Microchip information if your pet has one.
- ✓ Dawn dish soap.
- ✓ Detailed instructions for animal care and rescue workers.
- ✓ Disinfectant
- ✓ Extra leash, collar or harness
- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ Hand sanitizer
- ✓ List of pet friendly hotels and copy of family disaster plans
- ✓ Manual can opener
- ✓ Out of state emergency contacts and phone numbers
- ✓ Pet comfort items - favorite toys and treats
- ✓ Pet first aid book

In addition to these items you should have:

- ✓ 5-7 days of bottled water per each pet. Veterinarians recommend at least 2 gallons a day per pet.
- ✓ 5-7 days of food for each pet based on your normal feeding requirements.

**BE PREPARED!!!!**

## Pet Owners Favor Adoption, Survey Says

A person looking for his or her next pet is more likely to go to an animal shelter or rescue than a pet store, according to a survey released yesterday by Hartz Mountain Corp. of Secaucus, NJ.

The Hartz Pet Trend Report, conducted by Richard Day Research, Polled 1,026 U.S. cat and dog owners about their pet and pet-related topics. It found that 60 percent of the respondents would prefer to adopt their next pet from a rescue society, while 10 percent said they'd go to a registered breeder, 4 percent said they'd go to a pet store and 4 percent said it wouldn't matter.

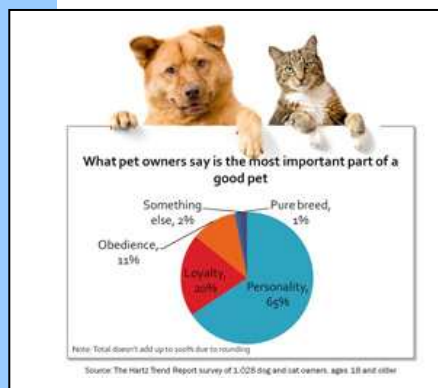
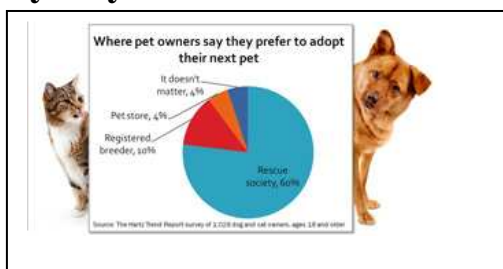
Hartz said it commissioned the survey to better understand what pet owners think about issues and to gain insight into pet owners' relationships with their four-legged companions.

When considering what makes a good pet, the majority of pet owners polled (65 percent) said personality is the most important characteristic, follow by loyalty (20 percent), obedience (11 percent), "something else" (2 percent) and purity of breed (1 percent).

The report also revealed that nearly half (47 percent) of the respondents said their pet is like a child to them, (42 percent) said they would compare their pet to a good friend.

The release of the Hartz Pet Trend Report coincides with National Pet Week, scheduled May 1 to 7 2011. To celebrate the observation, which recognized the bond between humans and their pets, Hartz plans to encourage prospective pet owners to adopt a shelter or rescue animal. The company also has pledged to donate product to 10 U.S. shelters as part of an online contest.

*\*This article was reprinted from an email post 04/27/2011*



### Pumpkin Pops for Pups

#### Ingredients:

- 1 (1.5 oz) Sugar Free Instant Vanilla Pudding mix.
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1 cup milk, low or fat free
- 1 (15 oz) can pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling mix)

#### Instructions:

Whisk the vanilla pudding mix, pumpkin pie spice and milk together until dissolved, approximately 2 minutes. fold or gently stir in the pumpkin. Scoop mixture into small paper or plastic cups or plastic popsicle mold. Place in freezer and freeze completely, about 3 hours. Take out desired serving and let sit 5 minutes. Release from mold and serve to your Giant.

Storing: If frozen, these will last for 3 months.

### ***Editor's Note***

*This months Success Story is from Jack Belcher who adopted his rescue from Debbie Dayton who runs one of HT-Z's satellite organizations Heart of Ohio Rescue. We thank Jack for sharing Tru's story and photos.*

## **Tru's Story**

### **By Jack Belcher**

After I lost my beloved Giant Gert to cancer, I did not think I could go thru that with another dog. After several I missed the companionship of my Giant, but knew I was too old to contend with the great activity of a Giant puppy. Having belonged to the Giant Schnauzer Club, I contacted Debbie Dayton asking if she know of a young female Giant who needed a good home. She invited me to her home and I met True. She was a two and a half year old who had been on the show circuit had been boarded for a long period of time. Since her owner had had an unsuccessful organ transplant and was no longer able to take care of her she was in need of a forever home.

#### ***How Tru got her name.***

*After hanging out with Paris Hilton and her crowd she decided to make her name more hip. Actually she was a rescue spelled True and when should became part of my life I decided to make her Tru to symbolize her new life.*

❖ *Jack Belcher*



At first she barked at me and was reluctant to come over and see me seated in an arm chair. A large male saw me, ran over to be petted and tried to get into my lap. Seeing this, she ran over and tried to get him out of the way so she could get the attention. After about a half hour, she came outside and jumped into the back set of may car ready to go home.

I had her spaded and she was in great health until she was four and a half when she was diagnosed with a form of lupus. She goes to Ohio State School of veterinarian Medicine twice a year and daily takes an antibiotic, fish oil and another medication. She will be 9 in August and thinks she is a puppy.



*Jack's beloved Tru  
Sleeping.*

She is with me constantly and spends six months in Florida and six months in Cleveland. A great traveler and delighted to have people make a fuss over her. Great with Children, other animals and very bright, but stubborn. I have reminded her that I am the ALPHA and she gives in reluctantly but never a growl or snarl. She is most affectionate but never gives up trying to be in control.

I hate to see her getting older since the loss of Gert is still with me and her ashes remain in a cabinet ready to reside with me when I pass away. Tru also will be cremated and go in my urn.

Heart of Ohio and rescue will always be a vital part of my life. Debbie Dayton deserves sainthood for her roll in saving Giants with her knowledge and compassion.

*Editor's Note: HT-Z wants to extend a special thank you to Debbie Dayton and Heart of Ohio Rescue for their commitment to helping us with Giant Schnauzer Rescue. Debbie devotes much time and energy to rescue efforts and has been invaluable to Carolyn Janak and HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue over the years.*

*THANK YOU DEBBIE DAYTON!*

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Giant Schnauzer  
Rescue are tax  
deductable!***

*Life is what you make it, be careful  
what ingredients  
you choose.*

*Unknown*