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Editor's Corner

Welcome to this SPECIAL EDITION of Rescue RoundUp!

After attending the Giant Schnauzer specialty shows in St. Louis it became very evident that further education concerning HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue is warranted. That is the purpose of this Special Edition.

We thank all of you for your participation in our raffle and related activities. 100% of your generous gifts will go to helping Giants in need.

Thank you again so much for your support and I hope you will take time to read this very important Special Edition of Rescue RoundUp!

**MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT
CAROLYN JANAK**

HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue would like to thank all who participated in our Raffle for Rescue. We had a wonderful time in St. Louis and were very appreciative to those of you who took the time to chat with myself and other volunteers with the HT-Z organization at Purina Farms. It was wonderful to be at the specialties, renew old friendships and make some new ones. It was also nice to see all the dogs.

On a personal note, my beloved 11 year old Misha showed in Veteran Dog and got a ribbon or two. Jim's and my heart swelled with pride to see the old man strut his stuff and the rousing reception he received from those in attendance. That being said, for myself and those of us who do rescue on a daily basis, it is not about the ribbons, trophies, titles, shows, it is about this magnificent breed, each and every Giant and especially the ones that end up coming through HT-Z rescue.

Thanks to you our fund raising efforts were quite successful. Through your donations, purchase of raffle tickets and shirts, we will continue to help Giant Schnauzers in need. Rest assured that 100% of your donation goes to helping the dogs. HT-Z is fortunate to have a fund that covers business expenses and provides a small portion of the income we use to take care of the dogs. No one working with HT-Z, including myself, receives compensation for the work we do, we are all volunteers.

This has been an unusually busy and expensive year for HT-Z as we have had several dogs who have required a great deal of care and expense. We were extremely fortunate to receive a gift from Ken and Pat Bonine, through the Giant Schnauzer Club of America, at the time when an 11 month old girl came into rescue and required a TPLO surgery to repair a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament. The surgery as well as related care and a spay was covered by the generous gift from Ken and Pat Bonine. This little girl has recovered nicely, is in a foster home and being rehabilitated for adoption. Edie and HT-Z thank Ken and Pat for helping this little girl to have a chance at a long wonderful life.

No donation is too small and even in these hard economic times those of you who do put the dogs first have donated what you could and we are so grateful for each and every one of your donations. Without support from donors the money would be quickly spent and HT-Z would be out of business.

Please remember that rescue is never ending. It is simply not "backyard breeders" but even well known breeders as well as GSCA members and Board members have not been immune from having their dogs end up coming through HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue. However, HT-Z doesn't discriminate against any breeder or Giant, we help all those we can.

Carolyn Janak, President and Founder
HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue, Inc.

WHAT IS RESCUE REALLY ABOUT???

There seems to be a misconception out there about what is involved with rescuing one of these wonderful dogs. These dogs do not come in to rescue merely in need of a bath, some grooming and go to a new home. It involves homes to foster these rescues, careful evaluation of temperament and physical health, evaluation of adoption applications, and carefully matching a rescue with the right forever home. This requires hours annually and a wonderful and dedicated group of volunteers.

On average, a Giant coming into rescue runs about \$500 when it comes in the door. This amount involves paying shelter fees if any, having the dog seen by a vet, shots, sometimes minor medical attention, spay or neuter. Then there are the ones like Edie, previously mentioned, who run around \$6,000 or more to care for and rehabilitate. It is easy to see that over the course of the year handling 70-90 rescues, \$35,000 to \$45,000 can be spent which shows how important donations are.

To put things in a little more perspective, we would like to share with you the following success story about one of HT-Z's worst cases and yes it does have a happy ending. A friend of HT-Z, at their personal expense, had this story compiled into books for each of the GSCA Board Members, to clarify to them how important the job HT-Z does for the Giant Schnauzer breed is. We have been accused of doing it for the "shock value" which could not be farther from the truth. It is a reality! Not all the Giants HT-Z gets in are "pretty", in fact although not as bad as Griffin many are in bad shape. Rescue is first and foremost about the dogs, but secondarily we have a responsibility to educate the public and this is what motivated the telling of this story. It again shows that these dogs are not for everyone and what can happen when these magnificent Giants end up in a bad situation through no fault of their own.

The following is Griffin's Story. Please be advised that some of the pictures are graphic, but in this case, there was a very happy ending.

GRIFFIN'S STORY

Griffin is one of HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue's amazing success stories. After coming into rescue, the veterinarians that examined Griffin gave him a less than 5% chance of surviving with or without treatment. Carolyn Janak and HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue gave Griffin a chance that others would not.

Bill Sarbo drove to a remote area of Kentucky to pick up Griffin who had been tied to a tree, intercepted by someone who saved him from a certain death had animal control picked him up and taken him to the local shelter.

Some of the photos that follow are graphic, but are a testament to the great work HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue and its network of volunteers does 24/7/365.
This is not a part time job.



These photos were taken just after Griffin
Was rescued from a certain death.





After 9 months of rehabilitation in his foster home with Bill and Juliana Sarbo, Griffin recovered, healed a broken leg, and once again looked like a noble Giant Schnauzer. Griffin is now in a forever home and living very happily ever after thanks to HT-Z!





Each year HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue, Inc. continues to advance its mission of rescue, care and re-homing of Giant Schnauzers throughout the United States. Through HT-Z's efforts and those of Carolyn Janak for the past 20 years, Giant Schnauzer's lives have been changed for the better.

Also, due in large part to HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue, its careful evaluation of dogs coming into rescue, its application process, evaluation of prospective homes and owners, rehabilitation of rescues through fostering and then placing in the right match home probably is a big reason that the Giant Schnauzer has not ended up on the insurance carriers

"BAD DOG LIST".

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A very special thank you to
Bill and Juliana Sarbo for being Griffin's
angels and not only rescuing him but
nursing him back to health.

Thank you for taking time to read this
Special Edition and yes, there will be a
regular edition in November, so stay tuned.

*Don't forget that your
donations to HT-Z
Giant Schnauzer
Rescue are tax
deductable!*

*"To those who understand, no explanation
is needed. To those who do not understand,
no explanation will suffice."*

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