



Rescue RoundUp!

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Editor's Corner

Welcome to Rescue RoundUp!

Hope you all are having a wonderful summer! I can't believe it is September already, where did the summer go?

HT-Z will have a booth at the specialty shows in St. Louis. We will be having a raffle with some great one of a kind items, so buy some tickets for a chance at these raffle items and support rescue at the same time. If you will be in St. Louis, please be sure to stop by, we will have lots of information and a few surprises! There will be daily drawings and we will also have items for sale to benefit rescue.

We continue to see puppies in multiples being dropped off at shelters because the "breeder" cannot sell them. We are following a couple of what we call "repeat offenders" who are breeders that come to rescue for help and within 6 months are back in business. One has to question people who live off the backs of their dogs???

The brochure distribution is moving along but we can still use some help. If you would be willing to distribute some of our Identifying a Giant Schnauzer brochures to shelters in your area we would sure appreciate it. Just contact us via email at htzgiantrescue@yahoo.com and we will get brochures to you as soon as we can.

HT-Z UPDATE

Giants continue to come in to HT-Z. In just the month of July we had 9 come into rescue. One of the girls that came in to HT-Z is an 11 month old who had a ruptured ACL and has had TPLO surgery to repair the problem. She is in a wonderful foster home who is making sure this little girl recovers to have a full Giant life. Our rescues also includes 3 puppies from the same litter surrendered by a breeder because they could not sell them.

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!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
CAROLYN JANAK

As you can see by the update on the cover page, HT-Z continues to be busy. HT-Z would like to express our appreciation to all who have donated and hope you will participate in the upcoming raffle. We are very fortunate to have some creative folks who have donated items and others who have offered some one of a kind items for the raffle.

Things have been very busy for HT-Z over this summer. As noted in the update the Giants continue to come into rescue on a regular basis. We continue to see multiple puppies from litters being turned in as was the case with John, Paul and Ringo in Texas. A big thank you to our partners in Texas who despite the oven they have been in all summer have been there to help us with rescue.

Thanks to all of you who have contacted us about helping with transport or even going to a shelter to do an on site identification for us. All this helps to make HT-Z's job go so smoothly. That is not to say we can't always use more volunteers.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis in October and do stop by and see us at the HT-Z booth.

Liver Brownies

Your dog will love these!

- 1 20 oz. container chicken livers
- 2 cups flour
- 4 Tbs. garlic powder

Place all ingredients in a food processor and mix till the consistency of brownie batter. Line a 9 x 13 pan with foil or parchment paper and spray with Pam. Spread dough in prepared pan. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 35 minutes. Cool, cut into bite size pieces and freeze. They will last up to 3 months in the freezer. Simply take out a supply as you need them and store in the refrigerator.

A Chronic Canine Disease - What You Should Know Today...

Seemingly healthy dogs can have heart murmurs indicative of cardiac disease. Owners don't even realize there's a problem until their veterinarian picks up the presence of a murmur during an exam.

While cats and puppies can have innocent murmurs, virtually all murmurs in adult dogs indicate structural heart disease.

Sources:

Clinician's Brief May 18, 2011

Dr. Becker's Comments:

Unfortunately, heart problems in dogs are relatively common.

A heart murmur can be caused by abnormal blood flow within the heart, usually involving the heart valves. Murmurs can also be caused by problems in communication between the left and right sides of the heart.

Murmurs can be present at birth (congenital). They can also be acquired due to disease or the aging process.

Normal Heart Sounds vs. Murmurs

When your veterinarian listens to your dog's heart, a technique called *auscultation*, she's checking for heart rate and rhythm, and heart sounds. In a normal, healthy heart, there are only two sounds heard – sort of a lub-dub – and they should be clearly audible, not muffled or difficult to pick up. The two sounds should have uniform loudness (the 'lub' isn't louder than the 'dub' or vice versa), and a regular rhythm.

Each heartbeat has an associated pulse in the blood vessels, which is felt easily in the femoral vein in the back leg.

The lub-dub sound is made by the heart valves closing as blood exits the heart chamber. If a valve doesn't close completely, it allows blood to flow backwards into the heart. A murmur is the sound of blood flowing in the wrong direction back into the heart.

There are [six grades of heart murmur](#) based on loudness. They are:

- Grade 1 = a very soft, localized murmur detected only after several minutes of listening
- Grade 2 = a soft murmur, heard immediately but localized to a small area
- Grade 3 = a moderately intense murmur, that is readily detected and detected over more than one location

- Grade 4 = a moderately intense or loud murmur, detected over several areas, usually both sides of the chest, however, a precordial thrill (vibration) is not detected in this case
- Grade 5 = a loud murmur accompanied by a precordial thrill over the point of maximal intensity
- Grade 6 = a very loud murmur accompanied by a precordial thrill and the murmur is detected when the stethoscope is pulled slightly off the chest wall

These grades or levels of murmurs don't necessarily distinguish a non-serious murmur from a dangerous one. For example, loud murmurs are heard in both mild and significant heart disease. And soft murmurs are typical in myocardial (heart muscle) failure, also called dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM).

Causes of Heart Murmurs

Murmurs on the right side of the heart can be caused by tricuspid regurgitation or ventricular septal defect (VSD).

Tricuspid regurgitation means the heart's tricuspid valve isn't closing correctly, allowing blood to flow backward into the heart. A ventricular septal defect (VSD) is a hole or holes in the wall separating the [left and right ventricles of the heart](#).

Murmurs on the left side of the heart are most often caused by myxomatous mitral valve disease (MMVD), stenoses of aortic or pulmonary valves, or patent ductus arteriosus (PDA).

MMVD, also known as mitral valve prolapse, is a problem with the improper closure of the mitral valve separating the upper and lower chambers of the left side of the heart. This is the most common cause of acquired murmurs in adult dogs.

Stenosis of the aortic or pulmonary valves means the valves have narrowed, causing the heart to work harder to pump blood through the smaller openings. Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) is a condition in which the ductus arteriosus blood vessel fails to close normally, interrupting the normal blood flow between the aorta and pulmonary arteries that carry blood from the heart.

Heart valve lesions cause murmurs. Congenital (from birth) lesions are much more common in young dogs, while acquired lesions are more often the case in adult dogs.

Diagnosing the Cause of a Murmur

When your vet has evidence of a heart murmur in your dog, he or she will discuss which of the following diagnostic tests are most appropriate.

- **Blood tests.** A CBC (complete blood count) and serum chemistries can aid in detecting problems with major organs like the kidneys and liver, which need to be healthy if heart medications are prescribed. There is also a blood test that measures the amount of stretching the heart muscle is undergoing, called a [proBNP blood test](#)
- **Chest x-rays.** X-rays of your dog's chest can give important information about her heart and lungs. The heart's size, shape and position can be visualized, as can blood vessels and lung patterns.
- **ECG.** An ECG (electrocardiogram) can aid in detection of heart rate and rhythm abnormalities, heart chamber size, and electrical activity in the heart.
- **Cardiac Ultrasound.** An ultrasound of the heart shows strength of contractions, the size of the chambers of the heart, thickness of heart muscle walls, and heart valve function. It can also detect heartworms and tumors.

Treatment of a Heart Murmur

Actually, the murmur itself isn't treated.

The underlying cause of the murmur is treated or not, depending on a variety of factors including the severity of the problem, the age and health of your pet, cost of treatment, etc. A visit to a [board-certified veterinary cardiologist](#) can also provide more information about the severity of your pet's heart condition.

Your [holistic vet](#) should discuss all appropriate treatment options and partner with you to manage your dog's heart condition.

I recommend all animals suffering from any heart pathology increase their intake of [ubiquinol](#), the reduced form of CoQ10, and Omega-3 essential fatty acids, specifically [krill oil](#). Additionally, holistic vets may recommend Chinese herbs, homeopathic remedies, supplemental amino acids, such as Taurine, Arginine, and Acetyl-L-Carnitine, D-ribose and herbs, such as Hawthorne berry and Cayenne.



Symptoms of a Heart Condition

A few signs to watch for if you suspect or know your pet has a heart problem include:

- Coughing
- Bluish appearing tongue
- Loss of appetite
- Fatigue, weakness, loss of stamina, decreased exercise endurance
- Too fast or too slow heart beat; increased respiratory effort, including increased respiratory rate

Tips to Proactively Protect Your Dog's Heart Health

- Ask your veterinarian for the [proBNP blood test](#). This test can give you peace of mind that your dog has no early signs of heart disease. It's a simple blood test with a fast turn-around time that can provide the information you need to proactively manage your dog's heart health.
- Help your dog maintain a [good body weight](#) through regular, aerobic exercise.
- Feed a high quality, species-appropriate [diet](#), which meets your pet's nutritional requirements for optimal protein (and amino acid) levels, [healthy fat](#) and coenzyme Q10.
- Take excellent care of your dog's [dental health](#) (bacteria from dirty mouths have been linked to heart valve infections in dogs).

Caring for your Giant

Take a few minutes each day to give your Giant a massage. This is not only relaxing for you and your dog, it helps you to know your dog's body and find potential trouble spots if they pop up.

IN MEMORIAM

"What is LOVE is remembered in the heart"

We at HT-Z Giant Schnauzer Rescue would like to extend our sympathies to all those who have lost a Giant, it is never easy. On occasion, we would like to take an opportunity to acknowledge those Giants (rescue and purebred) who have gone to the Rainbow Bridge and their owners who have suffered a great loss.



KAZ
2000-2011

In October of 2001, we went to Ashtabula, Ohio to get a Giant Schnauzer puppy and instead we came home with a 14 month old U-Kaz. Kaz bonded instantly with Ken and you would have thought they were "long lost buddies" reunited. Kaz was very good with kids and was very protective of his family. Everyone in town knew Kaz and asked about him if they didn't see him walking or riding with Ken. On June 4, 2011 we had to have Kaz put to sleep as he had suffered a stroke during the night. He was a loyal, dedicated friend that we won't ever forget.

*Dearly missed,
Ken and Pat Bonine*


Farewell



Bear in the Woods

By Myra Johnson

We moved back to New Hampshire from upstate New York in 2005. Sadly, we lost our 2 older dogs within 3 months of each other in late 2006. Since we had adopted 2 other Giant Schnauzers in the past, we began a search through Giant Schnauzer Rescue and Carolyn Janak. Luckily, Carolyn had information about an 8 month old black male in Alabama. On December 22, 2006, my husband drove to Boston and picked up Bear at the airport.

Grafton, New Hampshire is a very small town of 1100 people. We live in the woods on a rural road with no neighbors and it is an ideal setting for fun and hiking with the dogs.



The road to Ruggles Mine is right opposite the house, so we do see lots of cars and trucks going up to the Mine and it didn't take long to recognize the protective and guard dog traits that make up Bear's personality. Bear perceives his job to be protection of the house and property. He is constantly watching, smelling and listening. When we walk on the road, he lets me know when a car is coming before I see it and comes to stand next to me.

To help socialize him, we took Bear to Doggie Daycare 2 days a week, so that he would get to see and play with other dogs until we got Teddy. Teddy is a Golden/Lab Hybrid and a good companion for Bear. She is only interested in fun and games. Bear, also, went to town with me often to meet people on the street carrying food, especially children, see police in uniform, and hear lots of noise and experience confusion. He loved it and we can take him anywhere. The fun part of living as we do is that the dogs can be free, but that doesn't mean without supervision. Bear can be trusted to run free on our daily walks and is seldom on a leash. But, it took a lot of time and training to get to this place.

There is definitely a lighter fun side, too. He is very affectionate, and although he takes his job seriously, he loves people especially kids. His favorite things are running with the 4-wheeler in the woods, playing ball, riding in the car and playing games with the cat (which he always loses). He is a terrific companion. My husband found that Bear is a good bird dog and frequently flushes woodcock along our road.

The challenges of having a Giant are they have an exhaustive amount of energy and are relentless in trying to be the boss. In the dictionary opposite the word “stubborn” is a picture of Bear! He is 5 years old now and we hope to have many more years with him and we can’t weaken or he will gladly be boss.



Coming in November

A recap of the activities and events from
St. Louis so don't miss it!

