

# The Merrick Fund Foundation e-Newsletter

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**Helping animal rescues and shelters save lives**

<http://Merrick-Fund.org>



**Mission statement: To provide funding to central Pennsylvania rescues and shelters for emergency and catastrophic medical care expenses for adoptable animals**

## **Pennsylvania Week for the Animals September 20-28, Join us at Woofstock**

On September 28th, the Merrick Fund will be participating in "Woofstock 2008" and the Grateful Dog Walking event on City Island. After the walk we will be hosting a booth along Harrisburg's Riverfront Park where you can **purchase raffle tickets** for amazing gifts. If you are interested in participating as a grateful dog walker, or making a donation to sponsor a walker, please call 717-215-0674 or email [merrickfund@gmail.com](mailto:merrickfund@gmail.com).

## **Squeaks**



When Squeaks was adopted, she thought it would be forever, but alas, she was given to someone else, who didn't look out for her and she was hit by car. Sadly, untreated, almost a week went by before her condition was brought to the attention of the SPCA of York County. After a medical consultation, she ended up at a specialist to treat her multiple hip fractures and road rash. After recovering in foster care, we are happy to report Squeaks has been adopted by one of the dedicated and caring SPCA volunteers.

## **Bridget**



For American Bouvier Rescue League, this was no ordinary spay. After surgery, Bridget just couldn't get comfortable. Two days later, the situation escalated, with split stitches, an infection and possible allergy to the material used. She underwent emergency surgery to replace both internal and external stitches and is now recovering comfortably in foster care. Two families will be visiting her soon to see if one of them will be her new forever home.

## **Please Join Us**

Please join us in helping central Pennsylvania rescues and shelters with their caring and difficult mission! Let's always be there for them by helping with emergency medical expenses. We are looking for volunteers to help us reach out to the rescue community with our message and to tell our story to animal lovers.

**So we never turn down a rescue in need. All donation monies are used for medical expenses. None are used for fund administrative costs.**

### **Scarves!!!**

Visit <http://merrick-fund.org> for a nice selection of reversible dog bandanas in small, medium and large.

### Got Skunked?

It's that time of year again, when skunks and pets sometimes mix! Skunks carry rabies – see your vet if there are open wounds.

Combine in an open bucket:

1 quart or liter of fresh unopened 3% Hydrogen Peroxide  $H_2O_2$  , ¼ cup Baking Soda, 1 tsp. Liquid Soap. Use immediately and discard any remaining mixture. Do not store. Using latex gloves, work mixture into skin and fur with lukewarm water while the mixture is bubbling. Keep away from animal's face and eyes. Let mixture stand 10 minutes and rinse off. If skunk spray got into eyes, (it is very painful) consult a vet.

### Calling All Young Artists!!!

The Merrick Fund Foundation is looking for artists Grades 6 and under to participate in a contest to draw a picture of a happy yellow Labrador retriever to possibly be used as our logo. The winning artist will receive a \$100 cash prize. Drawings should be 8½ x 11 inches or smaller and mailed to The Merrick Fund Foundation, PO Box 4323, Harrisburg PA 17111. Do not fold. Please include your name, address, phone number, school and grade. Drawings must be received by October 24, 2008. Questions may be directed to 717-215-0674 or [dsminnick@yahoo.com](mailto:dsminnick@yahoo.com) or at the address shown below.

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I would like to contribute to the Merrick Fund Foundation with a tax deductible gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed. Does your company have a Matching Gift Program?

I would like to join the team and help do \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me more information on how our rescue/shelter can apply for a grant

Please Mail to: The Merrick Fund Foundation Administrator, PO Box 4323, Harrisburg PA 17111

### Remmy



Little Remmy somehow managed to escape his backyard and fell into a hole, fracturing his back leg. He was surrendered to the SPCA of York County by the owner. After his surgery, he is recovering well in foster care and working on his rehabilitation exercises. He is a little terrier bundle of lovable energy! Remmy is about 8 months old and weighs 10.7 pounds.

**Please consider your company's Matching Gift program when donating – double your kindness!**