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SRC Reminder about Heatstroke

Temperatures at 80° without proper water intake can raise canine temperatures to dangerous levels. Heatstroke can be deadly for your dog if you are not aware of the symptoms. Younger, older, overweight dogs or dogs with breathing problems can experience life threatening heatstroke even during normal activities.

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If your dog is having trouble keeping his body temperature under control, symptoms such as excessive panting, drooling, foaming at the mouth, dry gums or deep breathing can be signs of moderate heatstroke. Progression to vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, confusion, trouble walking, lack of coordination, trembling and grey gums will lead to the later stages of collapse, seizures, coma and death if the animal is not quickly cooled down and rushed to a vet clinic.

The shortest time from exposure to high heat to death can be as little as 20 minutes. Dehydration causes the blood to thicken, puts a strain on the heart and causes decreased circulation to vital organs. Organ failure can occur quickly. Sometimes organ damage is irreversible resulting in lifelong problems and causing your dog to be more susceptible to overheating again.

So keep your pets in the shade, out of parked cars, off asphalt and concrete, and out of places that reflect the heat like the beach when the temperatures are high and make sure they have plenty of water.

Dog's normal temperature: 100-102.5° Moderate Heatstroke: 104-106° Severe: Over 106°

"Lower temperature by wetting dog thoroughly with cool water (for very small dogs, use lukewarm water), then increase air movement around him with a fan. CAUTION: Using very cold water can actually be counterproductive. Cooling too quickly and especially allowing his body temperature to become too low can cause other life-threatening medical conditions. The rectal temperature should be checked every 5 minutes. Once the body temperature is 103°F, the cooling measures should be stopped and the dog should be dried thoroughly and covered so he does not continue to lose heat. Even if the dog appears to be recovering, take him to your veterinarian as soon as possible." From Drs Foster & Smith Pet Education. com

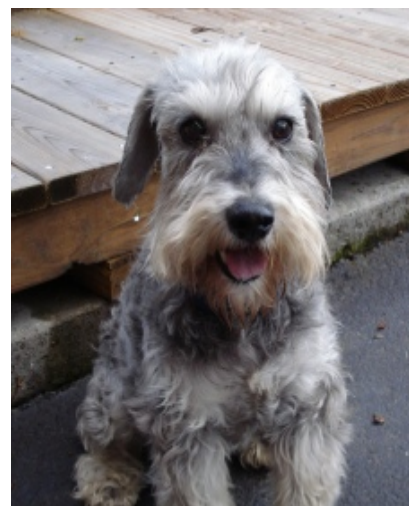
SCOTTIE # CL-135 - 13 year old ADOPTEE

Scottie's (CL-135) original family loved him but there was another mini in the home that was very ill. The illness caused turmoil between Scottie and his "brother" so Scottie had to be isolated. It was breaking the family's heart to see him so unhappy. Scottie's family knew that he was a treasure and that he deserved to have a home where he could enjoy his golden years. So Scottie, a 13 year old, 23 pound, salt and pepper, senior male, became an owner placement with SRC.

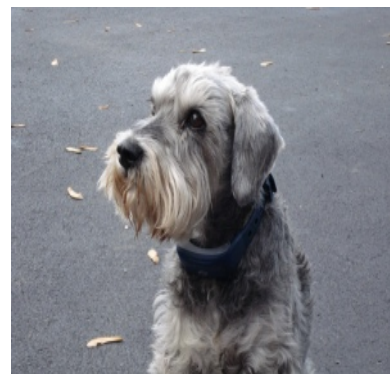
Scottie had been well taken care of through the years and he had received veterinary care plus dentals. Preventive medical care will extend life expectancy in dogs so Scottie is expected to have many more good senior years.

In June 2009, Mark and Jan were thrilled to find such a great pet as Scottie available on the SRC website. He was listed as being completely house broken, a wonderful walker on a leash and a lover of being cuddled. He was good natured and loved attention yet he was independent enough that he did not require constant dotting. That's a great thing about SRC...they evaluate and are truthful about each dog available for adoption.

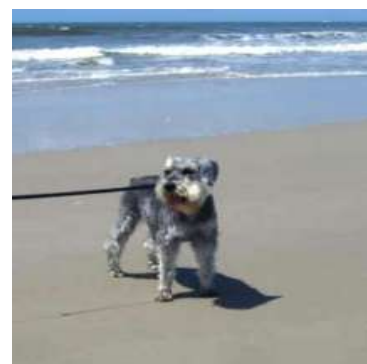
As soon as Mark and Jan received Scottie into their household, they found him to be well trained. Mark reported that Scottie "walks great on a leash, he sits, lays down and stays when directed to do so. He adjusted quickly to his new home and has been a great companion during the first few days after his adoption. This morning he was rolling over to get his belly rubbed, and awoke with the energy of a teenager – ready for his breakfast and then a brisk walk. Last night he even played with a lambs wool toy for a few minutes – something his previous owner indicated was a sign that he was at ease in his new environment. When I got home last night he was on the couch with my wife as she worked on her computer as comfortable as can be." Turn about is fair play as the saying goes...Mark said that he got home from the office the other day and Scottie was lying in his new bed while



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Scottie – 13 year old ADOPTEE -- Continued

his wife was curled up next to him on the floor!

In this hot summer weather, it's always a good idea to walk your dogs in the coolest parts of the day and that the length of the walk is appropriate for the age of the dog. Therefore, Scottie is taken for an appropriate walk each morning and a short walk in the evenings once things have cooled off. The pace picks up when Mark makes the turn toward home as Scottie was quick to learn the way home. Scottie has attached to both Mark and Jan and he spends time with Jan in the yard during the morning and with Mark during the evening. Scottie lets them know when he is ready to go inside by going to the front door. Both Mark and Jan say Scottie is a delight.

Scottie's new home has a horse and of course this was an object of great fascination. There was a great lure to walk into the horse's stall to see the horse up close and personal. All it took was being told NO on two occasions and now Scottie knows to sit outside the stall while Mark or Jan is in there. Mark compliments Scottie on being a good listener. He is "much better than a puppy. Scottie is so proud of himself when you compliment him – I did so last night after I walked the horse out and Scottie stayed a safe distance behind the horse and stopped 30 yards from the paddock where the horse was going. When I told him what a good boy he was, he ran to the front door, went inside and barked at my wife to let her know he had been good and was rewarded with a cookie – he was really hilarious!"

Mark says that "each day is as enjoyable as the first. He is really cute in the morning, bouncing around ready for breakfast. He has that Schnauzer trait of speaking to you when it is time to eat! Amazingly, during Scottie's vet appointment he was unbelievably calm and well behaved – both waiting to be seen and during the exam. The vet checked him pretty thoroughly, including testing his neurological functions. He thought he might have a little discomfort in his back – but at his age, who wouldn't! We will have many happy years with Scottie"

"Scottie is a real pleasure to be around. He is happy to take a nap, or to be your companion. Over the weekend, when I have horse duties, he was a willing companion. He got right into the routine and on Sunday was typically leading me from one chore to the next. He clearly is a smart boy. He's learned short cuts around the yard, and when it gets too hot outside for him he heads for the front door. Once inside he heads for his new bed designed for senior dogs that we've positioned in front of a fan – cools him off pretty quickly!"

SCOTTIE continued

“Scottie has settled into our home and our hearts very quickly. Now nearly 3 weeks after we got him, we continue to be surprised at how easy Scottie is to deal with. He can be a constant shadow/companion, always wanting to help. If the garbage needs to go out, Scottie is ready to help. Put dinner on the grill, Scottie is ready to help. Shovel manure – he is right there – watching. While he is smart, I’m not sure we’ll ever get him trained to clean the horse stall! For anyone considering adopting a dog, we would recommend the special characteristics of a senior dog. They quickly win you over, and don’t take near the amount of effort of a puppy or a young adult.”

Older dogs for adoption come in bigger sizes too!



Brenda Masters from Virginia is one of long time SRC’s members and an adoptive parent. She and her husband have been very supportive of SRC rescues. She sent this email along with a photo of herself and her beautiful Giant Schnauzer companion, Shana (SRC #384), adopted in June, 2007. “When I get home or in the mornings I always give her hug and say ‘Shana, how is my big bear?’ Well she’s gotten used to it so whenever I call her “big bear” she looks at me. I just adore her. Monday was our two year anniversary of adopting her and she got a frosty paw! She’s almost ten now and the vet said she has a little arthritis in one knee and appears to have some cataracts forming, but for her age she’s in great shape. She is a true treasure!”



Greta # 602 was a puppy mill victim. Here she is with Max & mom Marianne.

Calvin & Vasily said "Greta, now Zoe, was our ultimate challenge. We thought she was lost. But she has been our most successful placement."

Calvin and Vasily and all the critters at Rainbow Acres want to share this with SRC foster parents and members.

From Greta (now Zoe) they received a Father's Day card with a paw print and a sweet note. Greta wrote:

From your Daughter "Zoe"

Dads, I'll always be your little girl---

And I'll always love you.

Happy Father's Day

Dear Calvin & Vasily,

Thank you for giving me a chance for a good life and for finding a "forEVER" family for me.

I will never forget you & you will always be my "two daddys".

I Love you both so much.

Zoe (A/K/A GRETA)

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