



# Schnauzer Rescue of the Carolinas Inc Newsletter

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## SRC RESCUE FUND RAISER UPDATE

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From May 1 - 31<sup>st</sup>, SRC will again receive a special contribution from any purchases by SRC members or SRC friends at the Uncommon Garden website. They offer many great gifts in unique note & greeting cards, candles, totes, pillows etc. Please shop for friends or family and pass the site to all those in your address book. Our 'special fundraiser website' address will be the following: [www.theuncommongarden.com/SRC.htm](http://www.theuncommongarden.com/SRC.htm). Using this web address will ensure that SRC gets the credit. **A PORTION OF ALL SALES PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SRC FOR THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF RESCUE DOGS//LAST YEAR SRC MADE \$1100 IN MAY FROM THE UNCOMMON GARDEN TO HELP OUR RESCUE DOGS//PLEASE HELP AGAIN THIS YEAR:**

### LUCY #684 - One Lucky Giant Lady

Schnauzer Rescue of the Carolinas does not just focus on miniature schnauzers. Giant Schnauzers need our help also and the giant can be a joy to foster. For the folks who haven't stumbled onto Lucy's (#684) story, it is an example of how good things can come out of not so good circumstances.

In August 2008, Lucy was dropped off at an emergency clinic in northern GA. The clinic was told that she had been hit by a car on the interstate highway. The clinic looked her over and could not find any signs of injury but her right foot did have an ugly tumor on it. Since Lucy was abandoned, the clinic did not invest any time or health care on her and took her to the nearest dog pound.

Fortunately, there are good souls working in the pound who try to help animals that obviously will not be adopted and try to find a rescue group who can take them. Of course, the bureaucracy required that she be spayed before allowing her to be taken from the facility. Poor Lucy, she was already suffering with a painful foot and then had to go under the knife to be spayed and had a biopsy on the tumor. All with no pain medication after surgery!!!! When Lucy arrived at her foster mom's, she was doing lots of scratching with fleas, scabs, and had every worm know to dogs. Lucy's odor was awful and the foster mom's vet said it was due to her bad foot, her ears and basic poor health. Grooming revealed a beautiful coat and the smell of death was gone.

## LUCY # 684

Lucy was an older dog (at least 10) and looked to have had puppies every cycle. She weighed only 60 lbs and had only one whole tooth left in her head. Lucy's foster mom reported that "She is a smart, smart girl. She is good about food, not challenging or defending, and cleans her plate - but water was a whole different story. Until I filled up all the water bowls and lined them up from our study down the hall to the kitchen, she did not realize that water would always be there for her. Wow, can you imagine not having water? I am guessing she lived in a small area for a very long time, and they forgot to give water. There is no muscle tone except on the back legs somewhat, and 50 feet is a big walk for her."

Lucy's tumor was something she had growing for a long, long time. The tumor was the size of an upside down china coffee cup and Lucy had an indentation in her chest where she held her right foot close to her to protect it. On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the biopsy report revealed that Lucy had a squamous cell carcinoma. SRC ORDERED FURTHER X-RAYS AND ASPIRATION OF THE LYMPH NODES TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THE SPREAD OF THIS CANCER AT THAT POINT.

The additional medical tests results were most favorable! The cancerous tumor in her paw had not spread into the lymph nodes so her prognosis is far better than was initially feared.

After Labor Day, further consultation was held to determine if Lucy was strong enough for her surgery to remove the malignancy from her body. She needed to build her physical and emotional strength first.

Lucy improved each day with the love and care she received from her foster mom. SRC owes a special thank you to Aiken Animal Hospital. The vets there treated her with such compassion. Their primary interest was to assure that Lucy was healed and the financial aspect was secondary. It is such a blessing to find medical care so professional and so in tune with the limitations of rescue budgets. Lucy had her surgery and did well. Her "ring finger" on her right paw was amputated and she did not lose her leg as once feared. Since the cancer had not spread in her lymph nodes, Lucy's prognosis looks good.

She will stay with her foster mom in South Carolina to live a peaceful and loving life. From Lucy's foster Mom (who officially adopted her not long ago): "Lucy has come a long way and is doing well."



Lucy # 684  
In August 2008



Lucy #684  
In April 2009

## LUCY #684

Now she is always on 4 paws, unless she steps on uneven ground. She runs, romps and plays. My heart smiles when she goes around in the 'zippity zoom' mode feeling so good. At work she is always waiting for attention -- she conveniently puts her head under any idle hand, hoping for a pat. She loves grooming and car rides too."

"She used to fret that I would leave her, but she has settled in to knowing that I am always coming back. Lucy goes willingly into her crate (It's a Great Dane crate. I wanted her comfortable.) and the promise of a 'Big Cookie' is always a bonus for her! She still thinks she is boss of all the dogs, but gets along great with them. But she has determined that all squirrels are to be chased up trees."

"She is definitely an old girl, but very joyful and quite content with her life. There are no long walks since she has no stamina - years penned up I guess. But there are lots of casual walks, and she never meets a stranger or strange dog. She has a rather large fan club and is the best Giant with kids I have seen."

"As of her wellness exam the first of April, 2009 she now weighs a comfortable 78 lbs.! Her appointment was with the vet that had done the initial intake and saw her thru the early pain and tough times last Fall before surgery. We have been trimming her nails frequently and examination revealed that they are now growing true. She had carried the foot tucked up close to her for so long that that her nails were crooked. Gone is the indentation where she used to 'nest' the paw, and she has muscle tone in both shoulders now that she is using both front legs. Her teeth are very short from years of chewing - on fencing and/or rocks maybe? But they are strong, white and tarter free. Her natural ears have scar tissue, which they assume is from fighting. But her general health is good - no arthritis, no apparent stiffness, and she is happy, very happy."



Lucy # 684  
In April 2009



Lucy # 684  
In her Easter outfit

## KEMO #636 "Hello Again"



KEMO EASTER 2009

I have had a slow recovery since my surgery in early March. This "Nursing Home" I am in has taken good care of me but they keep waking me up to go outside and to eat. I was really chugging along until had I a really bad seizure April 25<sup>th</sup> and I am just not myself. It wiped me out and I am so weak but my appetite is still good and I chime right in when my brothers bark. I just can't stand up for too long and walking is a chore. I have enjoyed sitting outside on great grandma's quilts to enjoy the spring time and be a part of the planting of the vegetable garden.

Hello again. It's Kemo. In recent weeks SRC has been hit hard with the devastating medical needs of rescued dogs like me: **Carlie (#712) \$2200** due to pancreatitis & **\$389** on dental; **Marty (#719) \$1175** for his urinary tract surgery & over **\$900** on his needs prior to surgery; **Rascal (#693) \$758** due to pancreatitis & **\$466** previously for surgery; **Max's (#734) \$400** neuter due to floating testicles (does not include expense for vaccines, hw test, etc.); **Zizzy (#733) \$400** for dental and parasites; **Sam (#740)** will need another full dental. Funds are short. SRC is committed to helping as many dogs as possible – not just the young/healthy ones -- and will continue to do so as long as it is financially feasible. Thank you for any amount you can donate. Every dollar helps the continuing support of our worthy mission.

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