

# STAR

# NEWS!

Happy Valentine's Day!



## SSMPR Welcomes More Volunteers to the Pack!

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We, at SSMPR, would like to welcome Minnesota volunteers to our growing rescue family. Heather Terpening, Lisa Craig, Deb Henrich, Mandi Neison and Michelle Trafas have joined SSMPR and they all come to us with previous rescue experience.

Also, this month, Angie Greider joins our Illinois rescue team and Jennifer Lyles joined our Michigan team!

Thank you all for joining our rescue efforts in order to save more miniature pinschers!

It's all about the dogs!



*The STAR of it all!*

*Adopted from SSMPR?*

*We would love to hear from you! Submit your story and pictures to Dawn@ssmpr.org!*

*We couldn't do what we love to do without great homes like yours!*

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# Featured Foster

## Our Special Boy—Brody

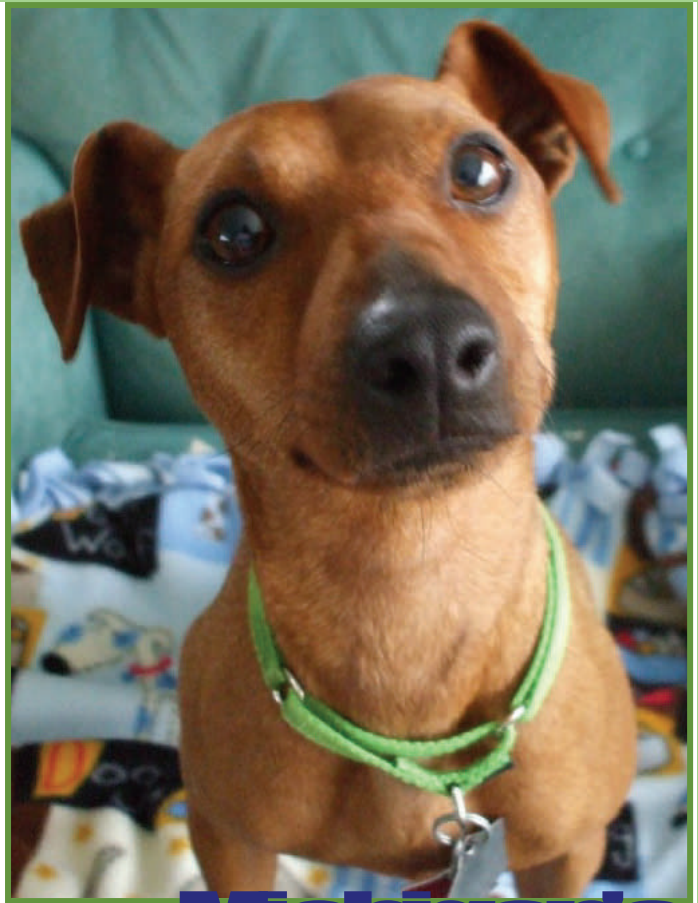
I'm sure some of you will remember Brody and his plight for help.

Brody was adopted to a home a couple of years ago. Several months ago we received an urgent email from his adoptive home that he was hit by a car, and awaiting emergency care at a vets office. The adoptive home could not pay for his surgery, so he was released back to our wonderful Michigan volunteers and underwent orthopedic surgery.

Brody remained in high spirits throughout his surgery and therapy for recovery. His foster mom is dedicated to him and he is such a great boy!

Brody runs, plays, and jumps quite normally. He occasionally favors the right rear but most of time uses all 4 legs. Now when he does it, it's more out of habit than necessity. When it's cold and snowy, he still runs around on his two front legs, something he learned when he didn't have the use of his back legs. He still undergoes an exercise routine.

If you are interested in this beautiful boy, please contact Martha for more information at [martha\\_bailey828@yahoo.com](mailto:martha_bailey828@yahoo.com). Brody is located in Washington, Michigan



## Michigan's Brody



## *Kalua's Korner*



# *Special One*

On August 10, 2008, we lost a very special little girl who touched the lives of volunteers Howard and Gayle Wellman in WA State. Her name is Kalua. Kalua came into SSMPR on February 16, 2006. She was estimated at about nine years old. Kalua was turned into a shelter by her owners. Diagnosed with chronic bowel problems, she fought a long battle. In September 2007, Howard submitted papers to adopt Kalua—Kalua's adoption was going to be Gayle's birthday present. A very sweet minpin, who always brought a smile to Gayle's face, was medically not improving. She lived another year in the arms of Gayle until it became too much for her weak little body. Kalua will always be a treasure to so many. Rest in peace, our friend.

To honor Kalua, every month we will feature a "special one" that is currently in foster care.

## **Michigan's Girls**

Meet Michigan's  
Macy and Kali!

Both girls, Macy, only 21 months old, and Kali, 9 months old, both had their right front legs amputated due to an injury.

Macy, weighing only 8 pounds and Kali 6 pounds, are just the most delightful little girls and they get along with everyone.

Please don't let their handicap keep you from adopting them, as they can keep up with the best of the minpins!!!

Very happy and healthy, they are looking for their individual adoptive homes. For more information on these two precious girls, contact their foster mom Carrol at [LCZoscsak@charter.net](mailto:LCZoscsak@charter.net)

## *Michigan's Macy*



## *Michigan's Kali*



## Happy Valentines Day!



Reese is "Pretty in Pink" with her coat and Valentine bonnet.



Reese in a more devilish mood. Daddy, I've had enough of these silly Valentine's Day costumes ! I want my Valentine candy and I want it NOW !"



Reese waiting patiently at the front door for the mail carrier to bring her valentines. She'll even be nice today and not bark at him/her !



Reese, the belle of the Valentine's Day Ball !

## From Canada with Love!



Yuri enjoying his new valentine pillow

"Oh oh, here comes Mary—trouble."



Yuri says, "I don't like this one little bit! Mary is a bed hog."

Mom says "I think you can share, would you?"

Peace is restored. Don't we look adorable and very, very spoiled? We are!!



# Mary and Yuri

## Congratulations to Sherri and Rob!

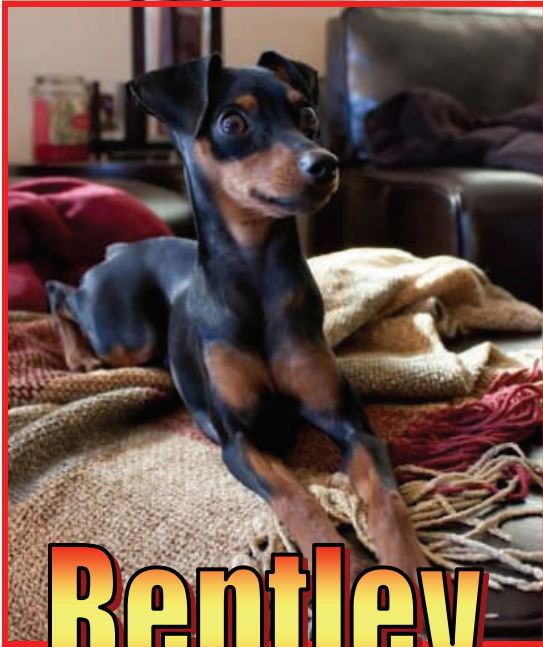
Hi to Southern Star!!!

Rob and I had our (human) baby February 4th at 3:04pm. He was 7lbs and 20.25". We had the dogs at the pet hotel for the duration of the hospital stay, and had my sister bring them home to be introduced. All four MinPins LOVE little Coda Jesse. Java follows him around constantly, and Peanut has decided that the Moses basket that we keep him in at night is for her, too. All is well at the Berkman MinPin residence, and all of our babies, human and canine, are ecstatic about each other.



**Coda**  
**Jesse**

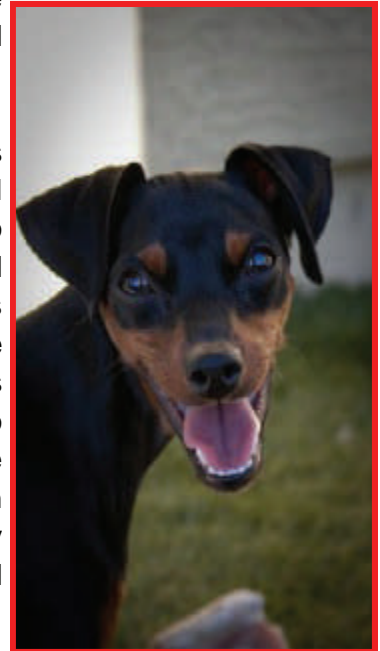
## Texas Pupdates!



# Bentley

Update from Erin, adoptive mom of Newton, now called Bentley!

I have attached some pictures of the little guy. Bentley is still such a sweetheart and loves to cuddle (in fact, I think he would do it all day if I let him). His favorite thing to do is to be chased BY our cat, which is hilarious and also loves to chase leaves (other animals he could care less about) down the street. He has definitely made our world brighter and every day is an adventure!



One year ago, February 23, 2008, Sophie came to live in our home. She has brought a lot of fun, companionship and joy into our lives in that year and we're glad to have her as a part of our family.

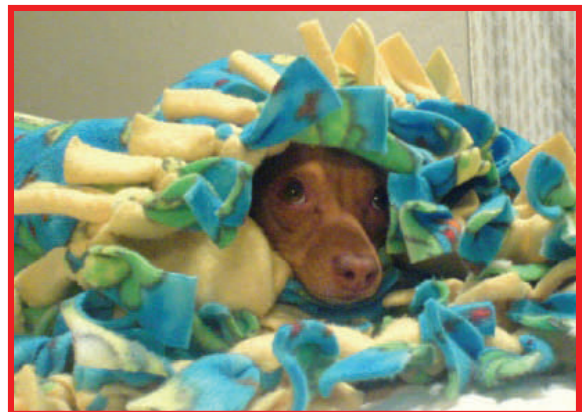
As my shirt says "You had me at Woof !" - yes you did, Sophie, yes you did... and still do.

George, TX

# Sophie

Marvin's adoptive mom Shannon, from Abilene, Texas, send us a cute picture.

# Marvin



## Washington/Oregon Pupdates!

I thought I would send a couple of pictures of life here in Seattle. The first is Kobi and her feline sister Chloe 'napping'. Well Chloe is yawning and trying to nap and Kobi is hoping she will play. Like most minpins, she likes to snuggle down and get comfy. She really likes laundry day and 'helping' me with the clothes fresh from the dryer. She also likes to 'help' make the bed, mostly by running under the covers as I'm trying to straighten them.

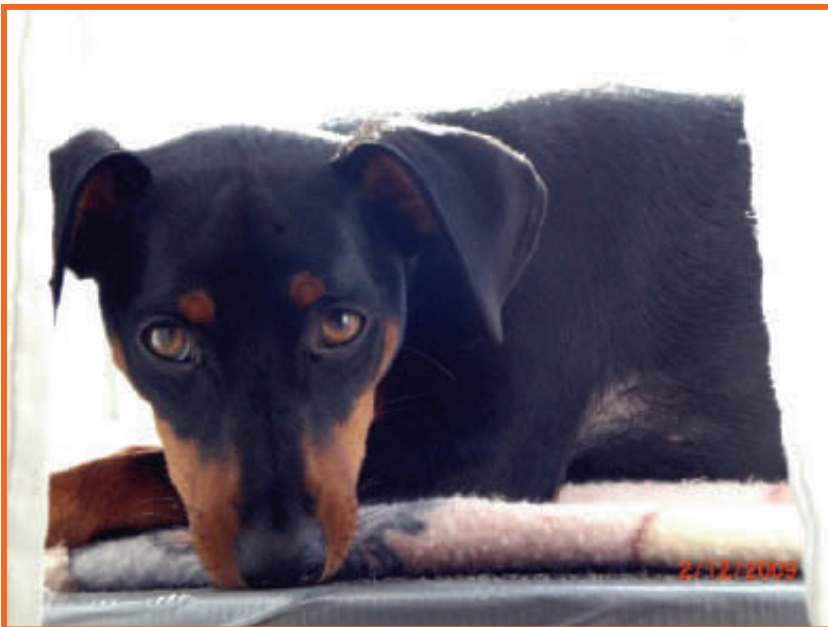


Now that the weather is somewhat better, we have gone to the dog park a few times to run off energy and socialize.

There is one that has a 'small and shy' dog area, and we have met some other minpins there. Also, we have been attending obedience classes, and she seems to really enjoy it.

That's about all for now,  
Sharell, Chloe, and the lovely Kobi

# Kobi



Sweet Emily,  
resting in her  
adoptive home in  
Washington.

Thank you  
Samantha for the  
adorable picture!

# Emily



## Washington/Oregon Pupdates!



Foster mom and dad, Gayle and Howard Wellman, visited with Daisy (aka Panda Bear) and took along their minpin Mandy. Daisy is growing like bad weeds and she's not even a year old!



# Daisy



Little Mr. Butch is doing fantastic. He never fails to put a smile on my face and I love the way he is such a busy body, you know he has to be into everyone's business.

Kim

# Butch

## Washington/Oregon Pupdates!

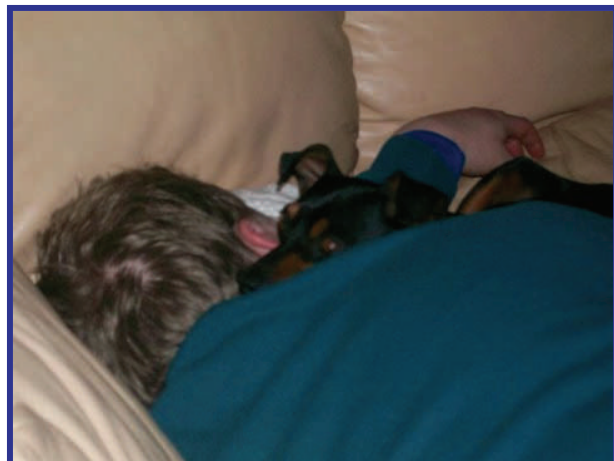


Volunteer Shelby in Oregon sharing photos of her Maggie and Ruby playing in the snow!



**Scooter and Catherine, playing in the snow. Scooter ate the face off of Catherine's snowman—a carrot nose and two small pieces of bread for the eyes!"**

# Scooter

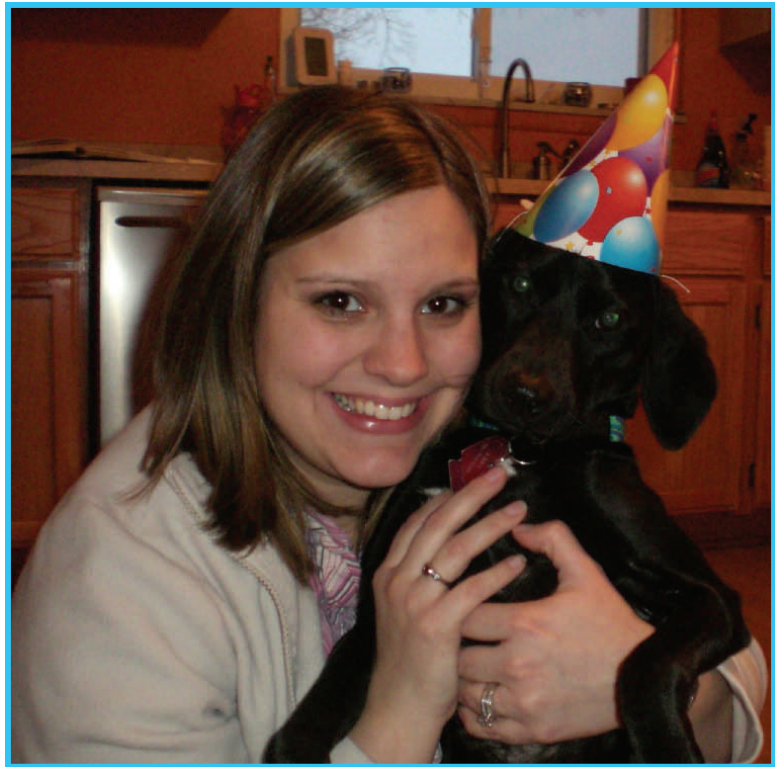


## Happy Birthday to Abby!



Abby, born in SSMPR from a minpin mom, celebrates her first birthday!

*"Just wanted to share some pictures of Abby's First Birthday!! She was so cute and she loved her doggy cupcake! We just love having Abby in our life as does her big sister Penny. Also thank you to Carrol for Abby's present she loved her rope, tug is her favorite game! Especially at 6:30 in the morning while I am blow drying my hair :)  
Kelly and Tim, Michigan"*



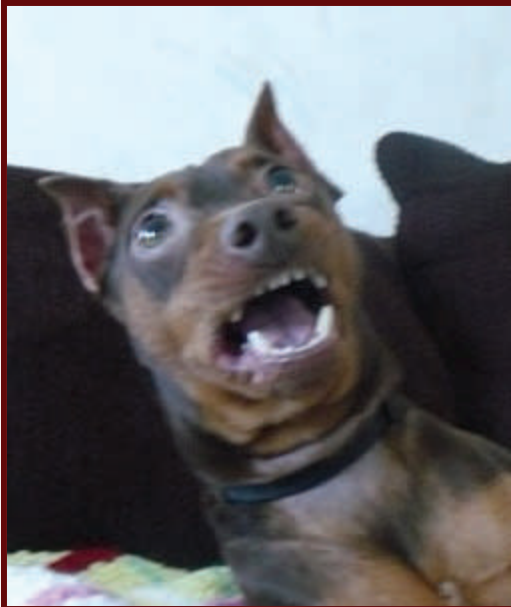
# Abby



# The Odd Couple

Below are pictures of Ohio's Cabela and his GSD brother Sonny! From adoptive mom, Elle

*"I love this picture. I am holding his toy, Cabela shows a lot of teeth when playing but no growling. So what are we playing with?"*

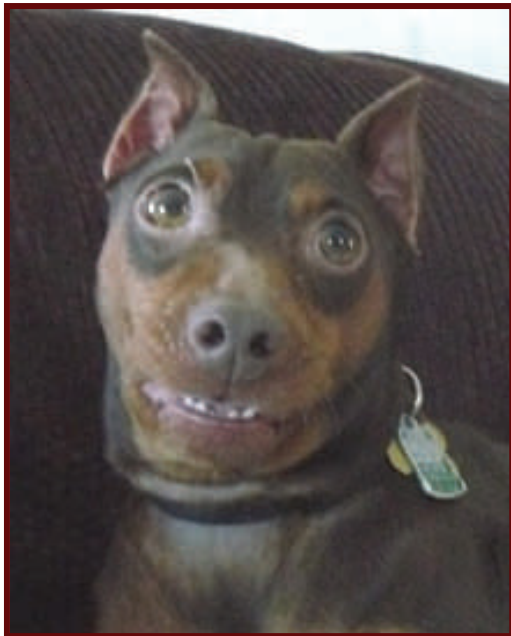


*"A stuffed raccoon tail but wait what happened to the raccoon? (I JUST BOUGHT IT!)"*

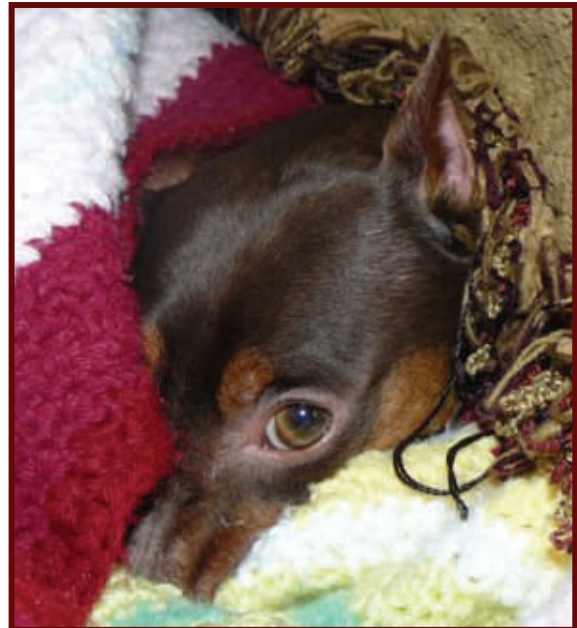
*"Yeah Mom what did happen to the other part of the raccoon?"*



*"What raccoon MOM....that old thing oh Cabela doesn't need the WHOLE THING."*



*"No fair, why does Sonny always get the bigger piece?"*



# Cabela & Sonny

## Louisiana's Taz and the Crawfish



It's the beginning of crawfish season in Louisiana and Taz had a ball!

The live crawfish in the basket was too much of a temptation for Taz, he scooped in and got one!

Below pictures are of Taz talking to the crawfish and the crawfish resisting! We all know the fate of the crawfish with a minpin around!

Potatoes, garlic, onions, sausage, lemons, celery boiling and the finished crawfish! Delicious!



## Alabama Happenings

Thought that you might like a recent photo or two of Paco. I've dubbed the one on the bed under the cover as "waiting for Spring". The little fellow does like to have a human member of the pack to snuggle against during the night.

He still gets a bit panicky if he thinks that he is going to be closed in but, otherwise, he considers himself as the lead dog in the Lovett pack. One of his favorite activities is chasing cars, trucks and school buses along Indian Springs. With our "dog yard", he's got about 200 yards to run (which he does at full speed) before having to stop for the upper fence. Willow, needless to say, doesn't see the sport in chasing something that you can't catch and bring in the house. BTW, his other favorite activity is treeing the squirrels and woodpeckers and bluffing the deer (on the other side of the fence). Tom



# Paco

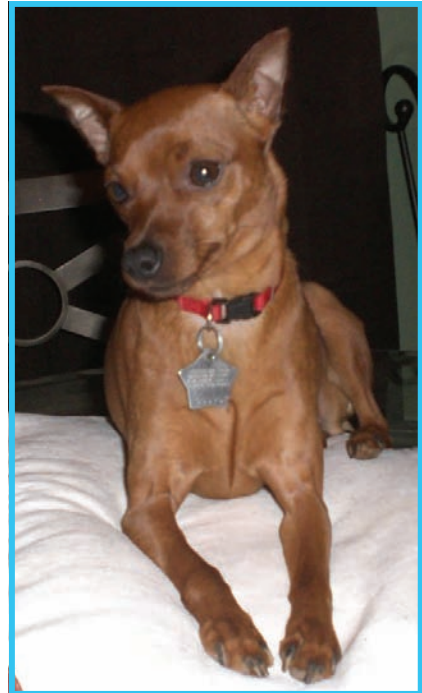
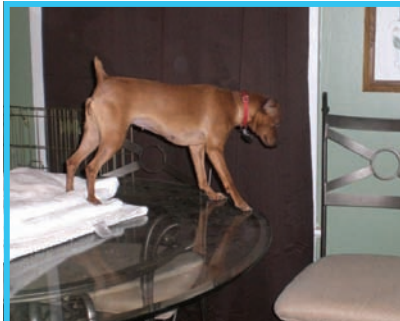
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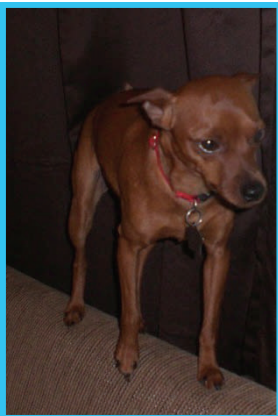
Mary in Canada always helping sister Laurel play her video games after school.



# Mary



This little girl is going to be a tough one to part with - she already thinks she owns the house. Here are a few pics of how she sleeps on the dining room table now (and she jumps in the chairs to get up there) & how she stands on the back of the couch like a little tight rope walker :)



Lady is being fostered in Alabama

# Lady

## This and That



**A tired minpin, is a good minpin!**

**Crimson (black/tan) owned by AL volunteers Jenny and Adam, and foster minpin Lady.**

**My Sky, in her favorite spot with dad Lemcy in Louisiana!**

**Where you see one, you see the other!**

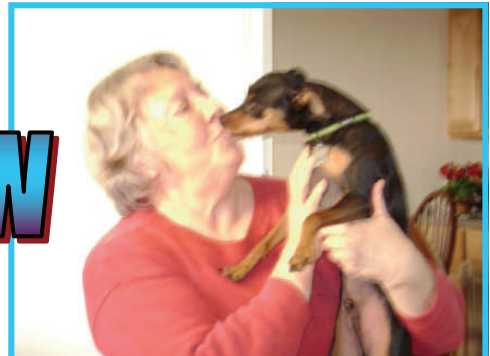
**She sure loves her daddy and her daddy loves her!**

# Sky



**Congrats to Ivan and Nancy in Oregon on their recent adoption of our precious minpin named Shadow!**

# Shadow





## This and That



Daisy in Washington state laying in the front of the warm furnace vent with all her toys in reach!

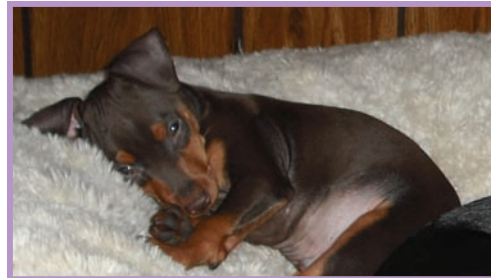
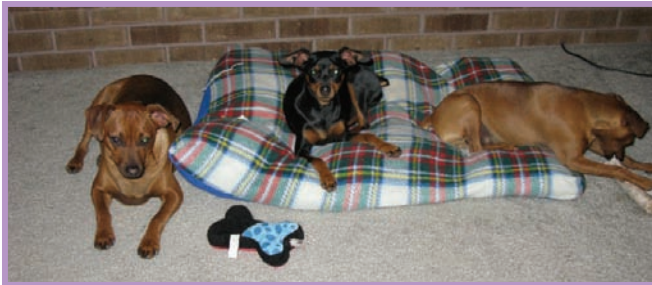
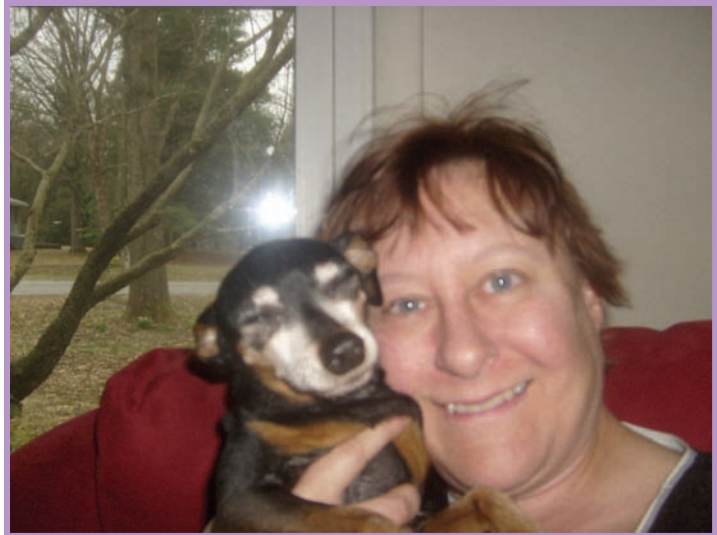
Thank you Vicki for sharing this special photo! Too cute!

# Daisy

Lucy, with mom Celeste in Illinois!

“Lucy must have blinked with the flash. I love her dearly, she is so cute and funny.”

# Lucy



A special thank you to Bret and his minpins for their donation to our organization! Elton Duke (Larger Red) – almost 2 years old, Piper Duke (Black /Rust) – Just turned 1, Brodie (Small Red) – Just turned 1, Leo Cullen (Chocolate / Rust) – Almost 4 months

*Michigan's Sammy*



*Michigan's Macy*



*Michigan's Minnie*



*Michigan's Kali*



*Michigan's Regis*



*Washington's Peanut*



*Washington's Sammy*



## **New Fosters**

For more information on any of our newest foster minpins, please visit our website at [www.ssmpr.org](http://www.ssmpr.org), click on "Our Minpins", then "Adoptable Minpins".



Please visit our ebay store at <http://stores.ebay.com/Cocoas-Closet>

100% of sales of this merchandise is donated directly to SSMPR for the care of our minpins in foster care. This is just a few of the items!

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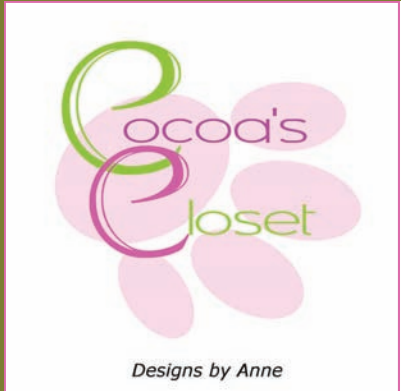
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