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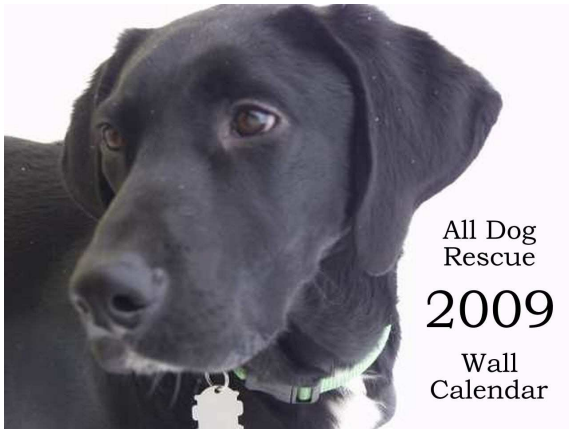
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## All Dog Rescue Makes Your Holiday Shopping Easy!

It's hard to believe the holiday season is just around the corner! This year, All Dog Rescue has some wonderful opportunities for you to help our organization while easily taking care of some of your holiday shopping!

### All Dog Rescue 2009 Wall Calendars



All Dog  
Rescue  
**2009**  
Wall  
Calendar

This professional 11x17 features a striking color photo of a different All Dog Rescue dog each month.

### All Dog Rescue Logo Apparel

We have a wonderful selection of apparel, hats, and totes that come professionally embroidered with the new All Dog Rescue Logo. There is sure to be something for everyone on your holiday shopping list!

### Gift Catalog Fundraiser

See page 2 of this newsletter for details!

For more information on our calendars and apparel, please visit our online store at:

<http://www.alldogmn.org/Shop.html>

## Board of Directors Update

All Dog Rescue now has a five-person Board. Due to Kathryn Schwartz needing more time with her family because she is expecting her first baby in January, we decided to add two members to our current board so we can better balance the duties. Welcome Kathryn Hansen (adopter of two All Dog Rescue dogs and still fostering) and welcome back Susan Bakken (co-founder who also has adopted from All Dog Rescue and continues to foster). Kathryn Schwartz, Shelley Cooksey and Erica Sutherland remain active board members.



Humans, from left: Erica Sutherland, Susan Bakken, Kathryn Schwartz, Kathryn Hansen, Shelley Cooksey  
Dogs, from left: Maks, Tess, and Sydney

### Halloween Safety Tips for your Dogs

- Make sure your pets are safely inside well before the trick-or-treat period starts.
- If you have a shy or nervous dog, settle him/her safely in a quiet place or crate before the kids in costumes arrive.
- Chocolate is poisonous to dogs – make sure the candy bowl is out of reach.
- Make sure your kids understand that while sharing is a very good thing, their Halloween loot should not be shared with Fido!

## Another Holiday Shopping Idea

Another great opportunity for your holiday shopping is to participate in All Dog Rescue's gift catalog fundraiser!

Dr. Amy Haarstad is a veterinarian who has worked with All Dog Rescue since our inception. She also owns a business selling *Ribbon* gift catalogs, and she has generously offered to donate **100%** of her profits to our organization from any gift catalogs purchased by friends of All Dog Rescue between now and the end of 2008!

How it works: The gift giver chooses the *Ribbon* Gift Collection to give from the selection on Amy's website, and will be sent a catalog (or gift card, if preferred) that they can give to the recipient. The recipient chooses the gift he or she wants online and redeems it. The selected gift is delivered directly to the recipient. There are many different gift collections with prices to fit every budget.

For example, one of the collections is called *Pamper*, and it contains a wonderful selection of indulgent items like candles, lotions, slippers, a tea assortment, and more. You purchase the catalog and give it to the recipient, who then gets to select any item s/he likes from the catalog. That item will then be shipped directly to the recipient.

One of our volunteers purchased several of these gift catalogs last year, and she found the recipients were very excited about the gift selections and very happy with the items they received. Best of all, her order resulted in a donation of over \$70 from Dr. Haarstad to All Dog Rescue!

These catalogs make great gifts for friends, family, clients, teachers – there really is something that would be right for everyone. And since the recipient gets to choose the gift, you can be sure you are getting everyone exactly what he or she wanted!



Some of the *Ribbon* Collections Offered:

- Arrival* – for the new baby
- Cuisinart*® – culinary tools for the home gourmet
- Delicious* – delectable food items plus more
- Ghiradelli*® – for the chocolate lover
- Guy Gear* – from electronics to tools
- I Do!* – for the newlyweds
- Klutz*® – creative books and kits for kids
- Sweet!* – awesome stuff for teens
- Ultimate* – upscale, premiere quality items
- Variety* – something for everyone

To order your catalogs and help All Dog Rescue, please visit the "Fundraiser" page on our website:

<http://www.alldogmn.org/Fundraiser.html>

*I talk to him when I'm lonesome like; and I'm sure he understands. When he looks at me so attentively, and gently licks my hands; then he rubs his nose on my tailored clothes, but I never say naught thereat. For the good Lord knows I can buy more clothes, but never a friend like that.*

– W. Dayton Wedgefarth –

## Bloat – What Every Guardian Needs to Know

Because of the seriousness of this condition, All Dog Rescue wanted to give you some helpful information about bloat or GDV.

Bloat is when gas and or food stretches the stomach many times its normal size. GDV is gastric dilation volvulus or twisting of the stomach onto itself.

Not many canine disorders compare to this life-threatening emergency. Things begin to happen very quickly without much warning, and a dog with a bloated twisted stomach will die in a lot of pain in a matter of hours. So it is important to act quickly and get your dog to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

Symptoms that could indicate bloat include:

1. The dog is attempting to vomit but is mostly unsuccessful, producing only dry retching or mucus. This attempt to vomit starts and stops every 5 minutes or so and will continue.
2. The dog becomes very restless, pacing and giving a sense of being uncomfortable.
3. The stomach becomes much larger than usual, visibly swollen and tight (“drum-like”).

Veterinarians are still puzzled as to the primary causes of bloat. Many believe stress and anxiety can be a contributing factor. Dogs with fearful or anxious temperaments may be more susceptible, especially in high-stress situations like a change in the dog’s routine, bringing another dog into his/her home, or taking the dog to a boarding facility.

Dogs with certain builds and physical characteristics seem to have more problems with bloat than others. These dogs are built with deep narrow chests – breeds like Dobermans, Great Danes, and Irish Wolfhounds are some of the most common. However, it is not just exclusively large breeds affected. Unfortunately, even smaller dogs can be struck with bloat.

Eating habits may also contribute to bloat. Rapid eating and drinking water or vigorous exercising within the hour before or after eating can result in bloat.

Not knowing the exact cause of bloat, veterinarians can only make suggestions as how to try to prevent it. Some of their suggestions include:

1. Feed the dog two or more meals a day, and mix dry kibble with some water to help with food absorption and digestion.
2. If the dog is a rapid eater that swallows a lot of air, you may need to hand-feed to prevent him/her from gobbling large amounts of food too quickly.
3. Lifting the dog’s food and water dish up off the ground may help taller dogs swallow.
4. Do not allow the dog to eat or drink too much within one hour of exercise.

When the dog’s stomach is enlarged it can begin to press on organs and on major blood vessels carrying blood to the heart. Many times emergency surgery is needed to decompress the stomach. During the surgery the vet may perform a gastropexy. This is done to tack the stomach in a position to prevent it from ever twisting again.

It is crucial to be aware of bloat and GDV and be prepared for it. Always have a vet clinic in mind. For Sundays and after hours, make sure you know the location of the nearest 24-hour emergency clinic.

*The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. . . .He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. . . .When all other friends desert, he remains.*

– George G Vest –

## Bloat – Two Real-Life Experiences

Two All Dog Rescue volunteers share their own beloved dogs' experiences with bloat:

### Jade's Story



All Dog Rescue volunteer Kathryn Hansen had an experience with bloat last summer – she relates Jade's experience:

"Jade's bloat came on suddenly, late in the evening. It started with her retching every few minutes without producing anything. I initially thought something was stuck in her throat and I tried to give her water.

"Within 10 minutes of this retching, her stomach clearly blew up to three times its size. Her stomach was very hard and seemingly quite uncomfortable. We were vacationing but were luckily within 40 minutes of an emergency vet. After consulting the emergency vet on the phone, we were on our way and Jade underwent surgery within 90 minutes from the onset of symptoms.

"The vet had warned that Jade had a 40% chance of dying during surgery but she made it through with flying colors. She remained hospitalized for 2 days and was able to have her staples removed within 2 weeks. She has recovered fully and remains the most active 8 year old lab I know."

### Alexis' Story

All Dog Rescue volunteer Shelley Cooksey lost her dog to bloat. It is absolutely true that it can happen to any dog even when precautions are exercised. Her Doberman, Alexis, ate a late night dinner (out of a normal routine since it was late) and within 45 minutes of eating became visibly uncomfortable. Her stomach was distended and she was trying to vomit but only loud noises and a foul smell resulted. Shelley and her husband recognized the signs of bloat immediately and called the emergency vet clinic and left the house very rapidly.

Upon arrival at the emergency clinic, an x-ray was taken to confirm the diagnosis of bloat. Upon review of the x-ray it was discovered that yes, this was indeed bloat. It was also discovered that her entire spine from neck to rump was absolutely covered with arthritis. She was 10 ½ and they were told her quality of life, even if the bloat surgery was successful, was going to be poor. They knew she had been slowing down but never suspected arthritis to this extent. Given her age, and her less than ideal prognosis, she was humanely euthanized in the loving arms of her parents, which freed her from her extreme pain. She is loved and missed to this day.



### A Few Winter Holiday Tips for your Dogs

- Poinsettias, tinsel, and candy can all cause problems for dogs, so skip the tinsel and make sure the others are safely out of reach.
- When burning holiday candles, take care that Rover's tail can't knock any over.
- Resist the urge to over-treat – you don't want her holiday gift to be a sick tummy!
- Holiday chaos can be very stressful for your dog – make sure you take the time to be attuned to his needs during the season!

## Happy Endings

### Tess

Sweet, beautiful Tess (right) was surrendered to All Dog Rescue due to a serious illness in her former family. She waited for some time in her foster home for the perfect home to show up, and when it did it was hard to believe how perfect it truly was! She now has two Brittany sisters including her “twin” sister Moppins (left). Tess is enjoying her big back yard and being spoiled rotten with the other girls – she has more beautiful leashes and collars and “bling” than most human girls have clothes!



### Summit

Poor Summit was dropped off with one of our rural MN shelter partners on his fifth birthday. Luckily for him, he was taken in by an All Dog Rescue volunteer who fell madly in love with him. Summit never left his foster home, the most recent victim to the phenomenon known as “Foster Failure.” Seeing how happy Summit looks with his new human and canine sisters, we’re pretty sure he is thrilled that his foster home morphed into his new forever home!

### Jesse

Jesse (formerly Austin, the border collie mix to the right) loves swimming more than any dog his foster mom has ever met, so we were all thrilled when he was adopted by a wonderful family that spends much of their time at their lake cabin. The first time he was there he jumped right in the water, grabbed a rope attached to the inflatable boat his new human sister was playing in, and towed her to shore without being asked! Here he is enjoying life at the lake with a couple of his canine buddies. What a lucky boy!



## Our Featured Adoptable Dog – Sasha



Sasha is a sweet female black lab mix who loves everyone! She has a soft, fuzzy neck and head and the rest of her is covered with wiry hair like a GWP or Airedale. She was a stray so her breed makeup is anyone's guess, but the one thing that is certain is she is absolutely adorable!

Sasha is a happy, outgoing, energetic puppy who enjoys meeting new people, other dogs, and cats--she's been friendly to her foster parents' two cats and tries to convince them it's fun to play. She's done well with children and is house-trained. She loves to play at the off-leash dog park, run, bounce, fetch, swim and chew her nylabone and the occasional shoe, which her foster parents are working on. She is a champion snuggler and follows her people everywhere.

Sasha is a quick learner! She has learned several commands since coming to her foster home. She is house-trained. Sasha does get a little anxious when left home alone, and will probably do best in a home with at least one other dog, dog-friendly cats, or a stay-at-home person. Her foster parents are working on crate training with her-- at this point she can sleep all night in her crate with the door latched! Overall she's a super-sweetie who will enjoy a fenced yard and lots of exercise to channel her puppy energy. She is a wonderful companion who will make some lucky people very happy!

To apply for Sasha, please fill out our online adoption application.

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Special thanks to **Barb Williams** for her leadership with this publication!

All Dog Rescue would like to thank

**Josh Schoen**

for designing our new logo!

All of us here at All Dog Rescue wish founding member **Kathryn Schwartz** and her partner **TR Ekhardt** all the best as they prepare for the birth of their first baby!

Kathryn and TR, we are all excited for you!

Been a while since you visited us online? Make sure to check out our redesigned website! And remember, we'll gladly post a "Happy Ending" page for your adopted dog if you email us your story and photos!