



ALL DOG RESCUE
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HOMES FOR
RESCUED DOGS

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All Dog Rescue is an all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to helping needy dogs and finding them lifelong homes.

As a new 501(c)(3) organization, we are on a tight budget and in need of donations! Please consider making a contribution by becoming a member for \$25. Your membership dollars go directly to helping dogs in need.

Upcoming Adoption Events:

September 15th 11-2pm
(at Woofstock)

October 6th 12-2pm

October 20th 12-2pm

November 3rd 12-2pm

Come to
Chuck & Don's
in Bloomington on
the 1st & 3rd
Saturday of the
month from 12-2pm

All Dogs Speak

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Holiday Tips

September is here, the kids are back in school, and the holiday season is just around the corner. And while the holidays can be great fun for human and canine alike, it is important to remember some of the dangers the season brings for our furry friends:

Halloween:

- Mmmmm chocolate! Delicious for humans, deadly for dogs. Let your kids know not to share chocolate with their beloved dog, and be sure to store Halloween treats where Fido can't reach them (for the hound owners, this may require some ingenuity!)
- Keep your dog in a separate room during "trick or treat" time so as not to over-excite her or stress her out. This will also keep her from slipping out of the open door in the midst of the chaos, and will keep her safe from children who may not know how to behave appropriately around a strange dog.

Thanksgiving:

- Remember that home-cooked bones – including turkey bones - should not be given to your dogs. They can splinter and cause severe damage or even death.
- Fatty scraps and rich "people food" are not good for your dog either – aside from the potential upset tummy they can cause, dogs are just as susceptible to holiday weight gain as humans!

Winter Holidays:

- Make sure the poinsettia, holly, and mistletoe are out of reach – all are poisonous to your dog.
- Don't use strands of tinsel to decorate your tree; if swallowed by your dog, they can cause major internal problems.
- Don't allow your dog to chew on wrapping paper, ribbons, or strings
- Keep lit candles safely away from your dog's interested nose and wagging tail.
- Make sure electrical cords are taped down or hidden from your dog's curious gaze.
- If you have a live tree, cover the tree stand with a skirt to keep your dog from drinking the water.
- Use common sense with gifts - if you wrap up a smoked sausage gift pack and leave it under your tree, be prepared to come home to a deconstructed, empty package and a dog with an extremely happy face and a very sick tummy.

All Dog Spotlight... Georgia

Georgia is a beautiful, senior black lab mix that our vet estimates to be "at least" 7 years old. She is a friendly girl who loves everybody she meets; she wiggles to greet them with happiness, just looking for a little bit of petting and love. She is a very good girl who is housebroken and can be trusted loose in the house during a normal workday and overnight. She gets along splendidly with the resident dog and cats in her foster home, and adores her foster mom. She loves to get pets and will roll over on her belly for tummy rubs. She knows her basic commands and is a wonderful companion. Her foster mom says she is a "phenomenal" dog. Georgia needs a special home because she has hip dysplasia combined with arthritis in both of her hips - and

because of the combination, surgery will not fix the problem. Georgia gets around very well - her foster mom was very surprised to hear she has this issue at all - but her adoptive home will need to be able and willing to provide her with arthritis medication for the rest of her life. She is slightly overweight, so it is imperative that her adoptive home continue to help her lose any remaining weight and then maintain a healthy weight to avoid putting additional stress on her hips.



Thank You to our Newest All Dog Rescue Members and Donors!

Andrea Kish
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A very special Thank You goes out to our kind and compassionate veterinarians that take wonderful care of our All Dog dogs!

- Animal Wellness Center (Maple Grove)
763-420-7958
- Minnesota Veterinary Hospital (Shoreview)
651-484-3331
- Bloomington Veterinary Hospital (Bloomington)
952-884-3228

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Become a Member of All Dog Rescue Today!

In January of 2007, All Dog Rescue placed our first dog with a wonderful family. Since then we have found loving homes for over 80 dogs with a small core of dedicated volunteers. Please support our efforts by becoming a member for just \$25.00. Your contribution goes 100 percent to caring for our dogs while they await adoption. As a member of All Dog Rescue, you will be in a position to influence the direction our young group takes. You will be invited to our annual meetings and receive our newsletter. In addition to monetary donations of any amount, we are also looking for donations of the following items: indoor kennels, dog food, dog treats & dog toys.

Its not too late to make a difference in 2007!

As you look forward to the start of a new year and reflect on the year past, please consider making 2007 the year you become a member of All Dog Rescue. All Dog Rescue is a new non-profit all volunteer Minneapolis based dog rescue organization whose mission is:

- To rescue and rehome stray, abandoned, surrendered, or otherwise homeless dogs;
- To provide safe and loving foster homes for dogs awaiting adoption; and
- To educate the public about responsible dog guardianship.

I'm ready to become a member of All Dog Rescue!
 (Please mail donations to P.O. Box 17343, Minneapolis, MN 55417)

Enclosed is my donation to All Dog Rescue.
 \$25.00 (Basic Member) \$50.00 (Premier Member)
 \$100.00 (Super Platinum Member) Other \$_____

Write your information here:

Name: _____ E-mail address: _____
 Mailing Address: _____

This donation is in memory honor of _____

All Dog Rescue sincerely thanks you for your donation!
 Your generosity will ensure more needy dogs receive a fresh start.

Happy Endings!

Mia



Mia has been an absolute joy! She was a tiny 3 month old lab/terrier mix when she came to live with us and now is 8 months, over 50 pounds and growing. We experienced the normal crate training challenges with many accidents on the floor and trips home from work at lunch to let her out until she was 6 months old but otherwise she has been a relatively easy addition to our family. Mia loves squeaky toys, chew toys, tennis balls, treats and bones. She loves to go on walks, go to the dog park and be outside. Mia loves to be in bed with us when we let her. She loves people and other animals no matter the size or shape! She plays nicely with tiny dogs and is walks right up to even the biggest dogs with her tail wagging. When 3 cats came to stay with us, she was very offended that they didn't want to play with her and didn't seem to understand why they didn't want to be friends. We love Mia and can't imagine our lives without her! Thank you All Dog Rescue for the amazing work that you do!

Check out our website, www.alldogmn.org for a fully illustrated Happy Ending for Mia

Lilah

Lilah is doing wonderfully in her new home! Her new owner writes that she has settled right in and everyone agrees that she is a total sweetheart - well, Oscar the cat still needs a little convincing, but he'll come around. Oscar likes to tease Lilah - pretending he wants to play with her then changing his mind - but the two of them also like to sit by the back door together and watch the squirrels outside. Lilah loves her box of squeaky toys, and for some reason this large girl loves squeezing into the cat beds whenever she gets a chance - even though she has plenty of comfy beds of her own!



Bentley (Ben)



Bentley (FKA Ben) has been a wonderful addition to our family and we feel very lucky to have found such a great companion. My husband and I were amazed at how quickly we all adjusted to one another - even our 11 year old Shih Tzu doesn't seem to mind having him around! He has a ton of energy, is well mannered and is very eager to please. He loves his daily walks and especially loves those days that we go down to the lake for exercise. Bentley has been a big hit at obedience class and has been called handsome more than once - he loves the attention. He's a smart dog and a quick learner and has been very easy to train. Thank you All Dog Rescue for bringing Bentley into our lives!

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Lucky (Phoebe)

Lucky's new owners report that she has settled into her new home beautifully! She loves to play with her new family, and they adore her. She loves to go on long walks with her new family, and already got to go to the lake for her first family holiday! She proved to be a great traveler, got to play with her canine cousin at the lake, and loved to go out fishing on the pontoon. The resident cats are still trying to decide what they think about this new addition, but we're confident Lucky will win them over just like she did with the rest of her new family!



Sophie



Sophie's new dad says: Sophie is a great pet. She came to us a little shy, but it did not take long for her to make herself at home and make me very happy! She is a great delight to have around, she is friendly and outgoing. All of my family members love her!

Check out our website, www.alldogmn.org for a fully illustrated Happy Ending for Sophie

The Importance of Fostering by Erica Sutherland

The question I'm asked the most frequently about fostering is how I can give up a dog who has lived in my home for weeks, and sometimes months. My answer is always the same: because I want to help another homeless dog.

It is not easy to say goodbye. I remember fostering a special cattle dog where every morning as soon as I woke up, I'd lean my hand over the side of the bed. She'd always be there and lick my hand. For several days after she was adopted, I'd automatically put my hand over the side of the bed, only she wouldn't be there. And then I fostered a lab mix who was my shadow. He would literally follow me everywhere, even into the shower. Over the last few years I've fostered 24 dogs, and each has touched my heart. But I already have two dogs of my own, and if I keep another I can't foster. So, All Dog Rescue finds wonderful homes where my foster dogs will be loved dearly, and I can save another precious life.

Most of our dogs come from overcrowded shelters in rural communities within a few hours of Minneapolis. These dogs end up at shelters through no fault of their own. They are abandoned because their families are moving and won't take them, or because the kids have "outgrown" them, or because they are too energetic. For a variety of reasons, these loyal companions are abandoned – and due to overcrowding, they face euthanasia a couple of weeks later. Nationally, 56 percent of dogs who enter shelters never make it out alive.

While All Dog Rescue is a no-kill rescue and does not have the ability to save them all, we take in as many of these dogs as we can. We do not have a shelter, so all our dogs live in foster homes until adopted. Fostering is not easy work. Nursing dogs back to health, trouble-shooting behavioral issues, and providing basic training is easier said than done. But All Dog Rescue is fortunate to have committed, compassionate, and truly remarkable foster families who volunteer their hearts and their homes. We've been blessed to have three new incredible foster parents join our team this summer. We foster because every dog deserves a second chance. We foster because finding loving homes allows us to save more.

If you are interested in learning more about fostering, please email us at alldogmn@yahoo.com and one of our dedicated volunteers will discuss fostering options with you.

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All Dog

Thank you to our volunteers that created this newsletter, Sonya and Barb, for their continuing efforts to educate the public about All Dog Rescue and the plight of homeless dogs.

Thank You!

Have you met Alfie?

Alfie is an adorable young shih tzu / bichon mix that is looking for a forever home. Alfie is around 3 years old and 14 pounds; he has an adorable under bite that gives him a sweet, unique smile and he also has the cutest, curliest tail imaginable!

Alfie is an incredibly friendly and loving little guy. He stands on his hind legs and dances for his treats and he loves snuggling up with his foster mom in bed at night. He is housebroken and loves other dogs; he hasn't yet been observed around cats but given his sweet temperament he would likely be fine.



Like many small dogs, Alfie has a luxating patella on one of his back legs, but it does not cause him any discomfort and does not affect his mobility at all. He is a sweet, loving, fun, playful little guy who is going to make one lucky family a wonderful companion!

Dangerous Foods and Pets submitted by Barb Williams

Pet owners should not assume that human food is always safe for pets. Some foods contain chemicals which rarely cause problems for humans, but for dogs, these same chemicals can be fatal.

Below are potential dangerous foods to avoid.

1. Overdose of chocolate

Chocolate contains theobromine which increases the dogs heart rate or may cause the heart to beat irregularly. Death is quite possible, especially with exercise. The smaller the dog the greater the health risk. Theobromine is in cocoa powder, cooking chocolate, semi-sweet, and dark chocolate. Milk chocolate can also be dangerous.

2. Onions

Pets affected by onion toxicity will develop haemolytic anaemia where the pets red blood cells burst within the circulatory system. Poisoning can occur with all forms of the onion. Dehydrated, raw, cooked, even table scraps.

3. Macadamia Nuts

Even a few macadamia kernels can be dangerous. Macadamia nuts have been known to cause locomotory difficulties. Dogs develop a tremor of the skeletal muscles, weakness or paralysis of the hindquarters.

4. Other potential dangers

Rhubarb leaves
Raisins and grapes
Potato peelings and green looking potatoes
Alcohol
Coffee grounds, coffee beans, and tea
Tomato leaves and stems
Large amounts of broccoli
Hops used for home brewing
Cocoa bean mulch for gardening

**The best way to prevent any problems of toxicity with your pet is to avoid these items. If you have any questions to what is safe and what is not, always check with your vet. Remember to keep a close eye on your pet inside the house and outside. Consequently, one of the most important commands to teach your pet is to "drop it". This will teach them to immediately spit out whatever he or she may have on their mouths.