

# All Dogs Speak

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#### ALL DOG RESCUE FINDING LIFE-LONG 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:

May 5th	I2-2pm
May 19th	12-2pm
June 2nd	12-2pm
June 16th	12-2pm

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

# A Teen's Perspective on Fostering

Jake Bakken age 15

We've been fostering for quite some time now; one of our old dogs, Cookie, hates when we first get our new fosters. We always have to go through this "introduction" phase, where we block our three dogs in the entry way and let them up one at a time to meet the new guy. Our youngest dog Duke



loves everybody. Duke is always the first one up there to meet the new foster. Then Cookie, who we have to watch very closely because she never really gets along with them. Then finally Warren, who never really has any troubles like Cookie does. We call Cookie "Grandma Audrey" after my grandma; grandma always liked the "no fun" visits. Anyway, once all three of them are up there with the new foster, it is one big dog-butt-sniffing party.

During the first couple of weeks of the new foster being around, about 1,000 accidents -(depending on the foster) occur. By now, Cookie is just barely used to the foster and Warren our 80 pound lap dog gets jealous because we pay more attention to the foster than to him, so at night when Warren and I go to bed he's licking like crazy so I'll pet him, then he jumps down and scratches at the door until I boot him out. Cookie is still old and cranky, but sometimes she starts to play with the foster. That's like finding a needle in a haystack; its possible but highly unlikely.

Around a month later (if we have them that long), things start to settle down a little bit and accidents go down. The new foster has learned manners and not to mess with Cookie in the morning. They are mostly potty trained if not completely. Then they get adopted and things go back to normal after some crying and the famous quote "Boy do we miss him, but he went to a really good home!" Then we wait impatiently for updates. When they come, we all huddle around the computer (then you can tell who hasn't showered yet), and sometimes there's more crying involved. Then we go back to our sort of normal lives and wait for the next one.

# All Dog Spotlight... Jade

Poor Jade. She just can't catch a break. After living in an outdoor kennel, she was surrendered to a shelter because her family didn't want her any more. One of our volunteers saw her sun damaged nose and worn out face and wanted to help this sweet girl. Jade moved into her foster home where she quickly adjusted to the good life – lounging on the couch, playing ball in the yard, and being treated like a loved member of the family. Unfortunately, our vet was not pleased with Jade's condition. Besides being ten pounds underweight, Jade tested positive for heartworm disease. Transmitted via mosquitoes, heartworms live in the heart and adjacent blood vessels of infected pets. They cause damage to tissues, which can lead to congestive heart failure and death. Heartworm infection



is easily preventable – but Jade's former family didn't bother to protect her. Heartworm is treatable, but because of the lengthy period during which Jade has been infected, her heart is enlarged and her lungs are damaged. Our vet is working hard to help Jade, and she should be available for adoption in the upcoming months. All Dog Rescue is committed to providing our animals with the vet care they need, which means we sometimes have to go the extra mile. Please help All Dog Rescue continue to care for dogs who require extra medical attention. And please remember to have your dogs heartworm tested this spring and to give them monthly heartworm preventative.

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# **Heartworm Prevention**

Heartworm is a disease that has spread virtually all over the US and many parts of Canada since the early 1970's. It is spread by mosquitoes; thus, areas like Minnesota heavily populated by these insects, tend to have a greater incident of heartworm disease. Prompt detection and early treatments are vital to a successful cure. April is the time of year when most veterinarians begin to check dogs for the exposure to heartworms.

If your pet was infected last mosquito season, evidence of the disease may now begin to be detected. If not detected and controlled with proper treatment, heartworm can lead to congestive heart failure and death. As a safeguard, many veterinarians recommend annual or biannual blood screening tests even for dogs that are on preventatives.

Preventing heartworm disease is done easily with a once a month medication. As long as it is given monthly, it is very effective in keeping your dog free of heartworm infection. Please remember to call your vet today and schedule your pet for heartworm screening test and prevent needless suffering.

# Are you looking for a way 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, surren-

dered, or otherwise homeless dogs; -To provide safe and loving

foster homes for dogs awaiting adoption; and -To educate the public about responsible dog guardianship.



#### Become a Member of All Dog Rescue Today!

Although All Dog Rescue is a new group, the volunteers all have previous experience in dog rescue. For just \$25.00 you can become a member of All Dog rescue. As a member of All Dog Rescue, you will be in a position to influence the direction our young group takes. You will also be invited to our annual meetings and will receive our newsletter. For those of you in the position to donate more generously please know your money will make a big difference in the lives of the animals we help. In addition to financial contributions, we also welcome our members to become more involved in the group. If you are interested in volunteering for All Dog Rescue, please contact us. In addition to monetary donations of any amount, we are also looking for donations of the following items: Kennels or Crates, Dog Food, Dog Treats & Dog Toys.

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

Mailing Address:

This donation is in  $\Box$  memory  $\Box$  honor of

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

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Jade

# Happy Endings!

# **Tiegan adopted February 2007**

Tiegan is doing wonderfully. His new brother, Coco, and him

absolutely adore each other! When they are not playing (which rarely happens), they are just as content to snuggle up to each other and take a nap. He had adjusted well to his new home and we are so happy to have him!

We've already been on a few walks, and we're getting better at them. And we certainly love this snow!

The boys are constantly wanting to go outside, and come in covered! Thank you so much for everything you do for these animals. We couldn't be happier with our new addition!

# **Ruby adopted January 2007**

Beulah (aka Ruby) is doing great! She adjusted really fast to her new home. She loves playing with our other dog, Sal, and after a week of pouting, Sal finally gave in and realized that playing with Beulah was fun for her, too. She's twice as big as when we picked her up. She weighs 21 pounds already! We had our first puppy kindergarten class last night at The Canine Coach. We're working on teaching her self control, especially not to jump at food, bite hands and noses (she loves to nip at people's noses! :) and jumping up on visitors. She's obsessed with food and will do anything for a treat. Which is great when training her. She's very social and loves people and playing with other dogs. A friend of ours has a 6 month old blue tick coonhound, and even though he is totally rambunctious and weighs 60 pounds, they wrestle

and play together really well! She's sometimes reluctant to go outside, but I don't blame her in this cold! We got her a vest and some boots to help keep her warm. She's not so fond of the boots but loves the vest and wears it all the time. We're all doing great and are so happy to have her with us! Thanks again for the care you took of Beulah before we found her, and for the work you do with all the other dogs.

# Dixie adopted February 2007

Dixie's mom says she is adjusting to her new home just beautifully! She describes Dixie as a sweet, loving, well mannered dog, and her entire family just loves and adores her. Dixie follows her new mom everywhere, and her they are looking forward to some warmer weather so they can go for long walks together. Dixie loves playing with stuffed toys and snuggling on the couch and in bed with her new family!







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# All Dog Rescue Memberships and Donors

We would like to give special thanks to those people who have purchased memberships and/ or made donations to All Dog Rescue this year, it has made all the difference in ensuring we are able to continue rescuing dogs and finding them life-long homes.

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Snuggles

These generous donations help ensure all of our dogs have vet exams, heartworm tests, current vaccinations, and microchips; and that all dogs adopted through us are spayed or neutered. They also make it possible so we can help "special needs" animals who require extra medical attention.

All Dog Rescue is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donation is tax-deductible.



Branson

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Thank you to our volunteers that created this newsletter, **S**onya and

Barb, for their continuing efforts to educate the public about All Dog Rescue and the plight of homeless dogs.

**Thank You!** 



### Cinder

Thank you to all of our volunteers and partners for making All Dog Rescue what it is! Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization. All Dog Rescue has the best volunteers and foster homes possible! Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of our volunteers for caring so much about the dogs; for dedicating your hearts, souls, and time to work that - while so rewarding - can also be exhausting and heartbreaking at times. You are what makes it possible for All Dog Rescue to continue to find life-long homes for rescued dogs!

# Perro Fiesta!



Hola Señors and Señoritas - K9-Connection invites you and your perro (dog) to an extended Mexican Cinco De Mayo celebration, once again at the accommodating Nomad World Pub.

The first round of margaritas or your favorite Mexican beer included, along with tasty Mexican appetizers, interactive outdoor games (weather permitting) with prizes for your pooch, homemade dog treats, and favor bags for all!

Your name will be entered for raffle prizes with admission, increase your chances by purchasing additional raffle tickets to benefit **All Dog Rescue**.

Prizes will be awarded for best "Mexican themed" dog/owner contest. Photo opportunities available by Inspired Moments Photography.

What: Perro Fiesta! When: Saturday, May 12th - 4:30-7pm Where: Nomad World Pub (501 Cedar Ave S, Mpls.)

Cost- \$35 advance - register now at www.k9-connection.com

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Rosie