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Newsletter of Dogs2ndChance.org

ADOPTION EVENTS

**March 5,
Hollywood Feed in Bartlett,
Meet n' Greet with our Adorable
Adoptable Dogs from 11-2**

**March 19,
Petco, Poplar & Highland,
Meet n' Greet with our Adorable
Adoptable Dogs from 11-2**



**Coming Attractions: We have 9 very
cute puppies that are now being
weaned and will be ready for posting
and adoption on our website by April.**

Microchip Event



**Sunday March 27th
Hollywood Feed Germantown
(Corner Poplar & Germantown Road)
12:30pm — 3:00pm**

MICROCHIP \$20

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Spring is on the Way

Hey now on February 2nd. (Groundhog day) our good friend Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow, so according to him spring is right around the corner.

Well that means it is time to get to planting all those beautiful flowers that beautify your home. Now what better place to get those lovely flowers than from a place that gives 50% of the sale back to Dogs2ndChance. Not only do you get to plant that beautiful garden, but you also help Dogs2ndChance's Medical fund.

Flower Power Fundraising has some very beautiful flower bulbs and plants of the finest quality.

["http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=4840"](http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=4840)

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***For Every Item You Buy,
Dogs 2nd Chance Receives 50% Profit.***



Shopping for a great cause

by: Ginny Holder

Memphis Dog Rescue Examiner

Dog rescue can be expensive. Donations often can't spread as far as the medical costs, requiring many rescues to rely on fund raising events to help with the vet bills. Right now there are several ways you can help dog rescue in Memphis, and get something in return.

["http://www.dogs2ndchance.org/"](http://www.dogs2ndchance.org/) are participating in ["http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=4840"](http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=4840). 50% of all sales go to their medical fund. So go shopping for those garden items you will need when spring arrives. If you shop for plants and bulbs anyway, why not order online and have them delivered directly to your house? You will be helping a rescue at the same time.

Dog rescues oftentimes rescue the helpless, the injured and the heartworm positive dogs. These volunteers incur additional medical costs by taking in more than just the easily adoptable. Their belief is that all dogs deserve a chance to be adopted by a loving family. Not just the healthy and young ones.

Dogs 2nd Chance and ["http://www.dogs2ndchance.org/"](http://www.dogs2ndchance.org/) are also selling t-shirts. Five dollars per shirt goes directly to either rescue depending on which shirt you buy. Show off your love of dog rescue with both t-shirts. They make great gifts. Share the links with your family and friends. Let's show people that Memphis loves rescue dogs!

["http://www.lacroixtees.com/animal-rescue/Dogs2ndChance/"](http://www.lacroixtees.com/animal-rescue/Dogs2ndChance/)

["http://www.lacroixtees.com/animal-rescue/TailsofHopeDogRescue/"](http://www.lacroixtees.com/animal-rescue/TailsofHopeDogRescue/)

If you are a rescue group, be sure to email me your announcements so I can include you in future articles.

Ginny lives in the Memphis area and is a member of the rescue group, JCCARE. She wants to let people know how much help is needed, and honor those that already are doing so much to provide care and love to rescued dogs from kill shelters and puppy mills. Feel free to contact her at ginny.holder@gmail.com.

DOG OF THE MONTH



ANNABELLE

Hello Everyone, my name is Annabelle and I am almost 2 years old and about 30 pounds. They found me at a truck stop in Tennessee along with my baby Zoey.

Now I am a very playful and friendly dog, I get along with anyone and everyone. I love children and I am very gentle with them. I am very well behaved, don't jump on people, not startled by household noises, I am house trained and they say I am very well adjusted. Now when someone comes over I really get excited, I prance around, then throw my front legs down and bow down.

When they found me I was heartworm positive, but that has been taken care of, and now I am up to date on my shots, I have been spayed, and I am so ready for a forever loving home.

Oh Please won't you make me a part of your family. It would make me so happy and grateful. Just go to <http://www.dogs2ndchance.org> and fill out an adoption application for me.



Adoption is a smart move

by: Ginny Holder

Memphis Dog Rescue Examiner

Adopting a dog from a shelter or rescue group is not only the compassionate thing to do, but it's actually a smart move. By adopting from a shelter, you are saving that life plus assured that you are not contributing to the homeless animal population by encouraging breeding of even more animals. However, it is also a smart way to confidently include a new member of the family.

Foster families and adoption counselors can share their experience with dogs and help you make the perfect match. They know which ones will do great with a family of young, growing children. Or which one will be that lovable couch potato you want to share your home with. Trust their advice when you go to adoption events, or to the city's animal shelter. They have observed that dog with different people and probably different environments if they fostered them at their own house, and can guide you toward making the right choice.

Too often, dogs end up at shelters, because their previous owners did not learn about their breed first, or educate themselves on proper socializing skills for dogs. There are not "bad" dogs, just owners that do not want to take that extra time needed to make sure they were making the right decision before bringing a puppy or dog home.

Many homeless animals are already housebroken and trained. That's a better start than getting a puppy from a breeder or pet store. Most rescue groups have already had their health checked, had them spayed/neutered and they are ready to go. If you bought a puppy from a breeder, plan on those puppy shots after you get him/her home along with house training.

Some rescue groups even have their dogs micro chipped which is included in the adoption fee. So actually, it's a smart move to adopt. These dogs may be homeless, but they aren't worthless. Be a hero, plus a smart shopper, and adopt your next pet.

When is a Dog Considered Senior?

by Dr. Donna Spector

Dogs are considered “senior” in the last 25% of their expected lifespan. If you have a Labrador Retriever with a 10 to 13 year life expectancy—his “senior” years start around 7 ½. Similarly a Toy Poodle with a 14 to 16 year life expectancy reaches his golden years at 10 ½. Aging varies by breed, body size and individual pet characteristics—typically larger breeds of dogs age more quickly than smaller dogs.



Top 10 Tips—Caring for a Senior Dog

Provide your senior dog the healthiest and most nutritious food you can. Select a wholesome, natural dog food that does not contain artificial dyes, preservatives or rendered meat meals. This helps minimize your dog’s exposure to potentially harmful chemicals and reduces the risk of an adverse food reaction.

Don't overfeed your senior dog—it can lead to weight gain and increased problems with arthritis. As dogs age, their metabolism declines and they often require 30-40% less calories than younger dogs of the same size and breed.

Consider using natural supplements in your senior dog. Vitamins, fatty acids, digestive enzymes, glucosamine and other supplements are often used to counter degenerative organ changes that occur during the aging process. Many senior dogs experience beneficial effects in their energy and quality of life while taking supplements.

Find an excellent veterinarian. It is advisable for older dogs to visit their veterinarian every six months. This helps your vet detect problems early for the best possible outcome. Many older dogs with arthritis or chronic digestive disturbances may benefit from acupuncture or other alternative therapies.

Become informed about common ageing changes which commonly cause “slowing down” in senior dogs. Notify your veterinarian immediately if your dog begins exhibiting new or concerning symptoms of illness.

Continue attending to basic health maintenance as advised by your veterinarian to insure your dog is well protected against preventable diseases. To avoid unnecessary risks, ask your vet about newer vaccination protocols and safer anesthetic dental procedures for older dogs.

Recognize that older dogs often experience hearing loss and failing eyesight—eliminate un-

safe objects such as tables with sharp corners or holes in the yard that your dog may not see. Announce yourself with your voice and footsteps when approaching your dog to avoid startling him or her. Training your dog to a vibrating collar (not an electric shock collar) can be helpful when hearing is significantly impaired.

Avoid stressful situations for your older dog. As dogs age they often become less tolerant and even irritable in certain conditions. Recognize what constitutes stress for your dog (crowds, noise, children, etc) and avoid exposure to keep them happy and comfortable. Provide your dog with adequate exercise. With aging often comes decreased mobility and problems with arthritis. It is important to continue exercise in order to avoid obesity and keep your dog's muscles strong in order to support their aging and arthritic joints.

Swimming is often an excellent choice for older dogs since it limits stress on their joints and encourages a large range of motion.

Provide your dog with a constant source of unconditional love, patience and respect—it will help them thrive regardless of their age!



Donna Spector, DVM, DACVIM, is a renowned, board-certified Veterinary Internal Medicine Specialist, an active AVMA and AVHMA member, and leading speaker and writer on pet health and nutrition. She is widely recognized for her role as consulting veterinarian to HALO, Purely for Pets and her TV appearances with Halo co-owner Ellen DeGeneres. Dr. Donna performs medical, nutrition and weight loss consultations for dogs and cats through her web-based veterinary consulting service, "<http://www.SpectorDVM.com>".

LOOKING FOR A HOME I GOTTA HAVE A HOME

Baby Girl



Cheyanne

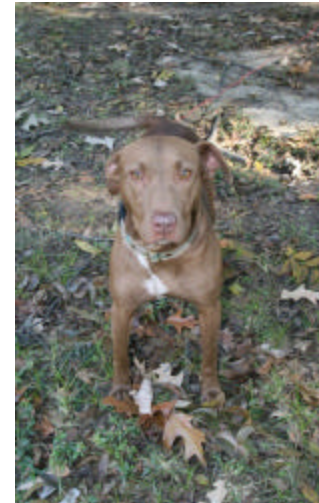


Kris Kringle

Chestnut



Marmaduke



Lucy



Princess

Lotte



For the most current list of dogs available for adoption please visit our website
<http://www.dogs2ndchance.org>

Warning Signs That Your Child's Behavior Is Dangerous To Pets

tips from the ASPCA

Children are naturally interested in interacting with—and getting a reaction from—the family pet. It's not uncommon for them to hide food, play a little too rough, play dress up with the pet or put makeup and hair products on her. In these situations, parental guidance is needed, as a pet may feel uncomfortable or suffer harm if dangerous substances are ingested.

More serious, however, is when a child intends to hurt an animal. Whether the cause is peer pressure or a cry for help, true malicious animal cruelty is not a behavior that children outgrow by themselves. Professional intervention may be needed to prevent behavior problems that can stay with a child into adulthood, and even be acted out on other human beings.

The following behaviors may indicate that intervention is needed to guide your child away from cruel behaviors toward animals:

- Chasing a fleeing pet
- Locking a pet in a closet
- Leaving a pet outdoors
- Knowingly or unknowingly feeding a pet harmful human food
- Feeding human medications that are dangerous to pets to see what effect the pills will have
- Placing a tight rubber band around a paw
- Painting a pet's body
- Putting a small animal in a washing machine, microwave or other appliance
- Staging fights between dogs or letting one animal chase another
- Deriving pleasure from seeing a frightened or suffering pet
- Responding to adult reprimands by engaging in secretive, hostile acts toward the pet
- Burning an animal
- Teasing an animal with firecrackers
- Repeatedly showing off the inhumane handling of a pet to others
- Putting an animal in dangerous situations, such as dangling her outside a window or bringing her into the road

Taking Action

If you discover your child repeatedly putting an animal into dangerous situations, act swiftly to teach him that these behaviors are not acceptable. The following guidelines may help:

- Do not ignore or dismiss pet-unfriendly actions. Most children, when dealt with as though they've committed a serious offense, will think twice before repeating the behav-

ior.

- Use the same serious tone of voice that you would use if you saw your child running across the street without stopping to look for oncoming traffic.
- A simple, clear statement such as, “We don’t hurt animals” is far more effective than lecturing.
- If your child persists in hitting, kicking, pinching or teasing your pet in spite of your repeated corrections, consult with your pediatrician or an expert in child development.
- You set the example. Never hit, shake, jerk or yell at your family pet—your child may imitate you and go too far.
- If you overreact in anger toward your pet, show your child that it’s all right to apologize to the pet, just as you would apologize to a person.
- If your teenager involves the family dog in high-risk activities such as dog fighting, not only should you intervene, but check in to see if your child is being influenced by alcohol, drugs, gambling or other unhealthy behaviors that involve peer pressure.
- Remember that for most children, learning empathy and respect toward animals is part of the normal socialization process. These values are instilled the same way as learning not to hit friends or tease mercilessly.

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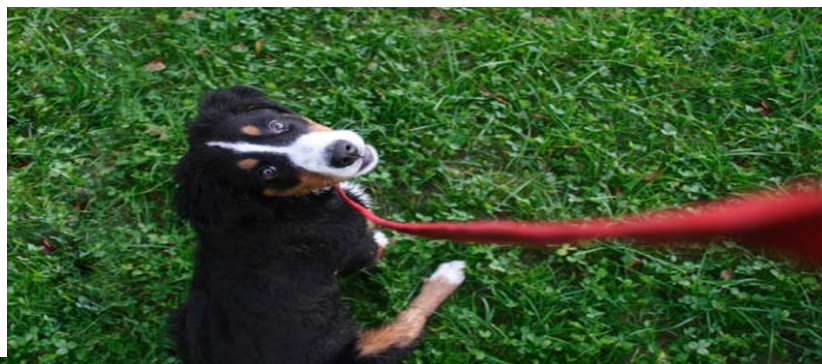
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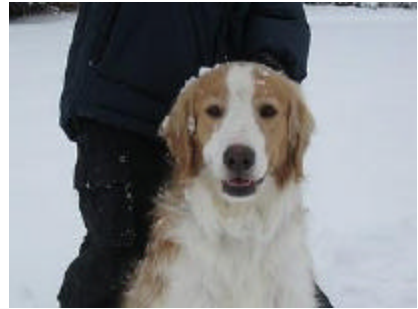
Brownie

After recently losing our dear "Furry Family Member", I knew our hearts were ready for a new dog. I started looking on the internet for what I thought might be the best fit for our family. I came across a face that I just knew I could love- "Brownie". I made the call to "Dogs 2nd Chance" and took the family to one of their adoption days. "Brownie" just warmed our hearts. My two kids pleaded, "Daddy can we take her home?" Well, that was it, our new Pet Kid.

She has been perfect from day one. She is completely house trained, plays with the kids outside, sleeps in her bed through the night, doesn't chew-up anything she's not supposed to, and is an excellent walker. I told my husband, "she must have had a session with the Dog Whisper."

We look forward to her living out happy days with our family. I believe that a dog chooses "you", and the love of a rescued dog is like no other.

Thank you Dogs 2nd Chance,
The Robinson's



Mae

Mae was picked up by Rachel, her new owner in NH Rachel is happy and Mae for the first time in her life has a **real loving home** with a new collar leash, bed, and a acre to play on. (we did good)

John,

We're doing great! I absolutely love her and she's quickly getting comfortable with me. She's nervous on walks when we walk past other people on sidewalks but she is already getting better with that and also she loves the snow (which is great because we have plenty!) I set up a private training class for her Thursday night. I think a group class might be too distracting for her at first. I'm loving getting to know her. She's amazing :)

- Rachel



Snowball

This little dog had to have been one of the most worried-about puppies we ever had. He was described as a young white pit-tie puppy who had been abandoned in the freezing cold – no food or water. He had an incredibly tight rubber band on his tail to “cut it off”. The stub had fallen off and the tail was badly infected. This is all we knew. It was a few days before Christmas



EVERYONE offered to venture in to a dangerous part of town to look for him. They didn't stop until he was found. People left work – searched early – searched late. He was found! A wonderful woman (Polly Sack) stepped up to pay his veterinary bills.

Then many people wrote to us about fostering or adopting him, but he had surgery ahead of him to heal his tail and neuter him. We wanted him to be safe and close (in Memphis) to accomplish this. An incredible rescue group (Dogs 2nd Chance) stepped up and picked up this baby boy from the veterinary hospital and took him to a safe foster home.

The foster home (Stacy Harris) gave this little boy the love, warmth and care he needed to become healthy again.

Now he is a gorgeous dog – healthy and happy – excited to meet his new family here in Memphis.

There were MANY more people to be thanked here – it took a village! You know who you are!

Elizabeth Reed

Caramel & Java

Our sweet brothers, Caramel and Java, (Mamma Latte's sons) left on the New England transport to their new "fur"-ever homes. Luckily, the new parents wanted to adopt both the brothers and they will be together in their new home. They were such sweet boys and we are all very happy that they will not have to be separated.



The father in the family that wanted both of them is an assistant warden at a prison in the Northeast. The family saw the pups on the website, spoke with John several times and made the arrangements to pay the fee and have the dogs sent. Once the pups got there, the father called John and told him the following:

He really thought this was a total scam, that they would get there and there would not be any dogs. He figured he could afford to lose the adoption fee and had warned his kids that they needed to be prepared to not have the pups be there. He informed John that he was very pleasantly surprised and pleased that the dogs were, indeed, there and that the professionalism of the staff both with the Dixie Dogs Express and Happy Dogs of New England impressed him immensely. The brothers are happy in their new home, interested in all the snow and the kids and family could not be happier.



Tyler (formerly Tequila)

He Loves the snow. He dives into it. Shoves his head under the snow pops out and does it again. We had over two feet which was deeper than him and he would disappear under it, now we had some rain and the two of them can run on top. They play all the time. we do not keep them out to long because it has been as low as -20 F. Tyler is now 34 pounds but he still seems small. As you can see they love each other.
Rob

