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# BARK BARK

Newsletter of Dogs2ndChance.org



## September Events

### Showcasing Dogs 2nd Chance Rescued Dogs

Hollywood Feed  
Hwy 70, Bartlett, Tn  
Sept 11  
11am-2pm

Fred's Store  
1565 Munford Ave  
Munford, Tn 38058  
Sept 25  
10am-1pm

### Cooper Young Festival Sept 18th 7am-8pm Volunteers Needed

*For those of you in New England  
Happy Dogs of New England will be  
Showcasing some of our dogs every 3rd  
Sat 12noon -9pm  
Manchester, NH  
PetSmart at 777 Willow Drive*

## Shop Schnuck's, help Dogs2ndChance

I wanted to send a reminder that Dogs 2nd Chance is part of the e-script/Schnuck's fundraising team. Dogs 2nd Chance earns 3% back on each grocery purchase when you show your card.

If anyone shops at Schnucks:

1. Go to customer service and ask for a Schnuck's Customer Card. (it is free!)
2. Register your card online- cut and paste this link

["http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/customer.jsp"](http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/customer.jsp) and click on Register Your Card Today

3. or go to ["http://www.schnucks.com/"](http://www.schnucks.com/) and look for the escripts program.

### 4. search for Dog's 2nd Chance and register your card

5. Make sure they scan your card every time you shop!!!!

(you can also call 1800-931-6258)

Easy money that can really add up to help! encourage your friends to get a card...and make sure to REGISTER it!!!!

# Microchip Event



Microchip your PET

Sunday

September 26th

12:30pm-2pm

**please sign up today!!!!!!!**  
**at**

Hollywood Feed

11154 HWY 51

Atoka, TN

**Cost: \$20**

Includes free registration with your in-  
formation

**PetLink.net**

**no annual fee**

All proceeds go to

**Dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Medical  
Fund**

a local 501[c]3

non-profit dog foster group

[dogs2ndchance.org](http://dogs2ndchance.org)

# DOG OF THE MONTH



## Marissa

**WANTED:** A kind, loving family with no young children. Fun and love and attention in abundance. Food to eat, water to drink, and belly rubs galore. A home with other dogs and/or cats acceptable. A calm-natured home with yard to play in. Love, love, and more love.

**AVAILABLE:** A sweet, young lady with a lot of love to give. She is well-behaved, understands basic commands, and loves to play and be rambunctious. She is beautiful and friendly with an ever-puppyish demeanor. Aggression scares her gentle heart, but she is strong and loyal with a fierce love that cannot be outmatched.

**Online applications** ["http://www.dogs2ndchance.org/adoption-application"](http://www.dogs2ndchance.org/adoption-application)

# *Looking For A Home*

## *I Gotta Have a Home*



*Goosey*

*Bo*



*Jasmine*



*KD*

*Chico*



*Rocky Racoon*



*Bruno*



*Marissa*

For the complete and current list of dogs available for adoption Please go to  
[Http://www.dogs2ndchance.org](http://www.dogs2ndchance.org)

# Teaching Your House Trained Dog to Ask to Go Out

Tips from the ASPCA

Some house trained dogs show obvious signs when they need to go out, like scratching or barking at the door. But others aren't as adept at telling people when they need to relieve themselves. They know that outside is the place to go, but they can't figure out how to get there. So they station themselves by a door and wait...and wait...and wait. Eventually, their perplexed people may notice them quivering with desperation and discomfort, ready to explode! If their people don't notice them in time, these dogs are forced to urinate or defecate inside, often right in front of the door where they've been silently waiting. Does this sound like your dog? If so, don't worry. There's a way to help him let you know when he needs a bathroom break.

## Is Your Dog Really House Trained?

Before you attempt to teach your dog to ask to go out, make sure you're dealing with a communication problem, not a health, house or urine marking problem.

### Medical Problems

If your dog soils indoors, it's important to visit his veterinarian to rule out medical causes before doing anything else. Common medical reasons for inappropriate urination and defecation include gastrointestinal upset, a change in a urinary tract infection, a weak sphincter, hormone-related problems after spay surgery, bladder stones, diabetes, kidney disease, Cushing's disease, neurological problems, age-related and certain medications. Please see our article on ["http://aspcabehavior.org/articles/79/Medical-Causes-of-House-Soiling-in-Dogs-.aspx"](http://aspcabehavior.org/articles/79/Medical-Causes-of-House-Soiling-in-Dogs-.aspx) to learn more.

### Incomplete House Training

If your dog relieves himself in various spots around your home, not just by doors that lead outside, he's probably not completely house trained. Many dogs who regularly make mistakes inside simply don't fully understand where they should and shouldn't eliminate. Please see our article on ["http://aspcabehavior.org/articles/3/House-Training-Your-Adult-Dog.aspx"](http://aspcabehavior.org/articles/3/House-Training-Your-Adult-Dog.aspx) or our article on ["http://aspcabehavior.org/articles/4/House-Training-Your-Puppy.aspx"](http://aspcabehavior.org/articles/4/House-Training-Your-Puppy.aspx) to learn how to remedy this problem.

### Urine Marking

If your dog urinates on vertical surfaces, he's probably scent marking. Most male dogs and some female dogs who scent mark raise a leg to urinate. Dogs scent mark to claim territory, when they want to identify themselves to other dogs and when they're anxious or frustrated. For more information, please see our article on ["http://aspcabehavior.org/articles/6/Urine-Marking-in-Dogs-.aspx"](http://aspcabehavior.org/articles/6/Urine-Marking-in-Dogs-.aspx).

## Give Your Dog a Communication Tool

If your dog is house trained but doesn't call attention to himself when he needs to go out, you can teach him to do something obvious to ask for outdoor access. One of the simplest solutions is to train him to ring a "doorbell." When your dog rings his bell, you can clearly hear his request, even if you're in another room.

### Stage One: Teaching Your Dog to Touch the Bell with His Nose

You can make your own dog doorbell using a couple of sleigh bells from a crafts supply store. Attach some kind of sturdy string to the bells. (You'll use the string later to hang the bells on a doorknob or on a hook next to your door.) Before starting your first

training session, cut a number of tasty treats into raisin-sized pieces. Use something your dog loves, like soft dog treats, chicken, hot dogs, croutons or cheese.

Say "Touch" and present the bells to your dog. Hold them just an inch or two away from his nose. He'll probably move toward the bells to sniff them. (If he doesn't, you can rub a treat on the bells to make them a little more interesting.)

The moment your dog's nose touches the bells, say "YES!" and immediately give him a treat. Your timing of the "YES!" is important. Your dog needs to know he's doing the right thing the instant he touches the bells with his nose. (If you use a clicker to train your dog, you can click instead of saying "YES!" To learn more about this kind of training, please see our article on ["http://aspcbehavior.org/articles/53/Clicker-Training-Your-Pet.aspx"](http://aspcbehavior.org/articles/53/Clicker-Training-Your-Pet.aspx).)

Repeat 10 to 15 times or until your dog readily touches the bells with his nose.

When your dog confidently pokes the bells with his nose as soon as you present them an inch or two in front of him, start to present the bells a little further away or off to the side each time you say "Touch." Your dog will have to turn his head or take a few steps to touch the bells.

Spend three to five days practicing the exercise above, aiming for at least one practice session per day. Then you're ready for Stage Two.

### **Stage Two: Teaching Your Dog to Ring the Bell on the Door**

Use the string connected to the bells to hang them on your doorknob or on a hook next to your door. Get your treats ready and call your dog over to the door.

Take the bells in your hand (with them still hanging on the knob), say "Touch," and hold them out toward your dog.

Right when your dog's nose touches the bells, say "YES!" and then deliver a treat.

Repeat 5 to 10 times or until your dog readily touches the bells as soon as you say "Touch."

After a short break from the three steps above, do the exercise again, but this time just point to the bells instead of holding them.

Say "Touch," and point to the bells.

As soon as your dog touches the bells with his nose, say "YES!" and give him a treat. (If he doesn't touch the bells, go back to steps 1, 2 and 3 above, holding the bells in your hand when you ask your dog to touch them. After practicing these steps for a couple of days, try just pointing to the bells again.)

Repeat the exercise 5 to 10 times.

Plan to practice Stage Two with your dog for three to five days, just like you practiced Stage One.

### **Stage Three: Teaching Your Dog to Ring the Bell at the Right Time**

Now you can put your plan into action. When you take your dog outside for a potty break, ask him to touch the bells with his nose right before you open the door.

Approach the door with your dog. Say "Touch," and point to the bells.

The moment he touches the bells with his nose, say "YES!" Then open the door and let your dog go outside.

Ask your dog to ring the bells every time you take him out. With repetition, your dog will learn that he has to touch the bells with his nose to make you open the door. Eventu-

ally, when he wants to go outside, he'll go to the door on his own and ring the bells. The first time this happens, praise him enthusiastically and immediately let him outside. Give him a few tasty treats after he does his business to make sure he understands that you love it when he rings his potty-break bells.

## **Troubleshooting**

### **Playtime vs. Potty Time**

Once they discover that bell ringing makes the door open, many clever dogs ring the bells whenever they'd like go outside—even when they don't need to relieve themselves. If this sounds like your dog, you need to teach him that bell ringing is only about potty time. When he rings the bell to go out, praise him, clip on his leash and take him directly to the place where you'd like him to eliminate. Don't play with him. Just give him three to five minutes to urinate or defecate. If he does, great! Praise him again and give him a treat before taking him back in. If he doesn't do his business, just take him back inside.

### **Dogs Who Prefer Using Their Paws**

Does your dog seem reluctant to touch things with his nose? If so, try teaching him to ring a doorbell with his paw instead. There are a number of dog doorbells currently on the market, such as the Tell Bell™ or the Lentek Pet Chime. After mounting one of these products on your wall or placing it on the floor, you can train your dog to paw or step on it. See the product's packaging or user manual for training instructions.

### **Help Is Available**

If you'd like one-on-one help training your dog to ask to go outside, don't hesitate to contact a qualified professional, such as a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT), for guidance. Please see our article on "<http://aspcbehavior.org/articles/32/Finding-Professional-Help.aspx>" to locate an expert near you.

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## **Cooper Young Festival**

**Sept 18th  
7am-8pm**

## **Volunteers Needed**

**we will be working in shifts to help set up, take down and man Dr Middleton's ask the Vet Booth.**

**we will not only help her, we will be giving out information about Dogs 2nd Chance, rescue work, microchipping fund raising etc.**

**We will have brochures to hand out and donation jars.**

**Plan to work a couple hours and also enjoy the festival.**

### **Please contact Linda**

**[lectrolinda@gmail.com](mailto:lectrolinda@gmail.com) to sign up**

**Place Cooper Young in Subject line**

**Please indicate time slots you are willing to help**



## [gender-reassignment-surgery-saves-dog](#)

A Pomeranian who was born intersex- with partially formed male and female reproductive parts- was saved from euthanasia.

msnbc said intersex dogs are very rare.



The dog Red, who was genetically male, was found wandering in San Bernadino. When he was brought to a shelter, shelter authorities decided to euthenize the dog.

Until Sharon Blechinger stepped in and donated the \$1,100 for Red's surgery.

"I just felt he was a very adoptable dog," said Blechinger, director of the Helping Every Animal League to the Press-Enterprise.

Red is now living with a woman whose Pomeranian died in June. He is still recovering from surgery.

# Autumn Safety Tips

## Tips from the ASPCA

Ah, fall—there’s nothing like crisp, cool air, the first months of school and luscious foliage to get you excited for the changing seasons. Your pet, too, is probably welcoming the break from hot, sticky weather. But pet parents, beware—fall is also a time of lurking dangers for our furry friends. From household poisons to cold weather hazards, the season is a minefield! Here are some tips to keep your pet snug and healthy during the autumn months.

- The use of rodenticides increases in the fall as rodents seek shelter from the cooler temperatures by attempting to move indoors. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets—if ingested, the results could be fatal. If you must use these products, do so with extreme caution and put them in places inaccessible to your pets.
- It’s back-to-school time, and those of you with young children know that means stocking up on fun items like glue sticks, pencils and magic markers. These items are considered “low toxicity” to pets, which means they’re unlikely to cause serious problems unless large amounts are ingested. However, since gastrointestinal upset and blockages certainly are possible, be sure your children keep their school supplies out of paw’s reach.
- Training tip: If you and your pooch haven’t been active outdoors in a while because of the summer heat, do some remedial recall training. Dogs, like people, get rusty on their skills if they aren’t using them.
- Fall and spring are mushroom seasons. While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity, "[http://www.aspcapro.org/animal-poison-control/documents/zd-yetm0207f\\_095-100\\_.pdf](http://www.aspcapro.org/animal-poison-control/documents/zd-yetm0207f_095-100_.pdf)" (PDF) can cause life-threatening problems in pets. Unfortunately, most of the highly toxic mushrooms are difficult to distinguish from the nontoxic ones, so the best way to keep pets from ingesting poisonous mushrooms is to keep them away from areas where any mushrooms are growing. Contact your veterinarian or the "<http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control>" immediately if you witness your pet eating a wild mushroom.
- In order to generate body heat, pets who exercise heavily outdoors, or who live outdoors, should be given more food during colder seasons. Make sure horses and other outdoor animals have access to clean, fresh water that is not frozen.
- Autumn is the season when snakes who are preparing for hibernation may be particularly “grumpy,” increasing the possibility of severe bites to those unlucky pups who find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Pet owners should know what kinds of venomous snakes may be in their environment—and where these snakes are most likely to be found—so they can keep pets out of those areas.

- Many people choose fall as the time to change their car's engine coolant. Ethylene glycol-based coolants are highly toxic, so spills should be cleaned up immediately. Consider switching to propylene glycol-based coolants—though they aren't completely non-toxic, they are much less toxic than other engine coolants.

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*Asked on Facebook*

## ***Which Would You Rather Have: A Lover, A Pet, or Both and Why?***

*Here is what you said*

Pet Definitely. Human relationships come and go and, often, the “thrill” wears off - Sometimes too soon. A loving pet will never run out of love or affection, and most (good) pet owners will never grow tired of giving love in Return - *Keith*

I'll take a loving pet anytime - *Mary*

I am not allowed to have a pet in my apartment complex, so I'll take the lover. - *Ingrid*

Delemma Solved. I have two pets. Unconditional love, no fighting, emotional roller coasters, trust issues - minimal to no drama. Freedom issues only arise when you want to go out of town for a length of time. - *Cynthia*

Both, the more love a person has the more love she/he gives! - *Charles*

A good lover you won't forget, but you will get hurt... at some point. A loving pet is such a joy always and will never hurt you. - *KarynMarie*

My dog snores, farts and hogs the bed. I feel like I am married. - *Lindy*



# Foster Home Found

## *A special Thanks to you from Mama Latte and Dogs2ndChance.org*

Early one August morning, Latte was spotted at a Sack n Save market, she wasn't there to shop



but she was there to find bits of food, she was starving and you could tell she had babies. The call went out for good people to find this girl and her babies, the temp was in the hundreds, with the thought of no food or water, this girl and her babies had a slim chance to survive.

Later on she was spotted at a house, one of our rescue people talked with the owners who said Latte was theirs, that she had 4 babies all of whom were being fed and watered by them, of course

anyone with common sense could tell they weren't being fed or watered, that they were on their last leg of hope, full of worms, ticks, and fleas....life was gonna be short for them.

A call was made to MAS, Mathew Pepper got involved, he sent his animal control officer to find Latte and her babies. Latte's so called home was found and the ball of hope began rolling. The officer asked the owners if they had been feeding her, they said yes, then the officer asked if they could show her some of the food. They had none, even though the rescue had wanted to leave some the day before. The officer then wrote out a citation for animal cruelty and asked that they be surrendered, in which they did. Later on several more dogs were picked up at the same house.

Dogs 2nd Chance was in on this from the start and was kept up to date as to what was going on. Once Latte and her pups were on their way to the shelter, one of our rescue people was already there to meet and take Latte and her 4 babies. Latte was brought to our rescue home, where, on the first day was treated for fleas and ticks. The following day shots were given to all and they were wormed. They were starving and thirsty, but are now getting good food and plenty of it. Having lived the life she had been living, to struggle everyday for food, Latte's personality was just super fantastic. She loves everyone. She is not afraid. But most of all, she is getting the love and attention she never had from anyone. The babies are in good shape now, Latte needs to put on a lot of weight to get her to normal, and probably a 1st for that.

It took a combination of many people involved in rescue to make this a success, Linda, Liz, Ra-

chel G, Cindy, Pepper and Chester.

Momma Latte and her babies have already recieved donations of food and supplies and can use more.

Hopefully by the next newsletter momma Latte and pups will be well on the road to recovery. New pictures and update in the next Bark Bark.

This sweet lady and her babies are in need of a foster home for a couple of months. Once the pups are spayed/neutered, and given their shots, they will be going to New England for adoption up there. They can also be adopted locally after Spay/neuter[about 10 weeks of age] Right now it is believed the pups are about 6 weeks since they are eating solid food, drinking water and have a good set of teeth.



*Please adopt an animal, save a life,  
they cannot speak for themselves,  
only you can speak for them.*



## *The Story of Jack*

The house was foreclosed on, the occupant had to move out. But unlike being a good dog owner, this person left poor Jack with the house. No food, no water, no shelter, filthy living conditions. Left to languish for 12 days in heat that exceeded 100 degrees.

But fortunately for Jack he was found by someone who did care about animals. Peggy, a neighbor found Jack and then called

Teresa who used to live next door. They then began feeding Jack . They called Linda at Dogs2ndChance along with some other rescue groups. Jack was in need of help and lots of it, and he needed it soon. They took Jack to the Northgate Animal Clinic where it was determined that he was heartworm positive along with other medical problems. Financial help for Jack, was offered by Elizabeth. Rescued by Dogs2ndChance, Jack was starting to get the help he needed.

Amanda and Linda then contacted Cindy Sanders and Jackie Johns. Upon discovering Jack's situation they then contacted Matt Pepper - the new director at MAS. Mr. Pepper came, saw the conditions that poor Jack was living in, talked to the neighbors, as well as contacted Teresa. Abandonment, neglect, abuse, all things that Mr. Pepper saw that he absolutely would not tolerate. Charges were filed against the former owner and now she will have to stand before a judge.

At this point I would like to thank Mayor A.C. Warton for his appointment of Matt Pepper to be the director of the Memphis Animal Shelter. Many improvements have been made to the animal shelter and people who treat animals like poor Jack was treated are now being put on notice. He absolutely will not tolerate abuse or neglect of an animal.

Today, Jack is safe at Linda's house, outside with 2 other dogs with a large fan under the Air conditioned porch. He has access to both areas and is adjusting well. He is learning to be a dog again. But it would be nice to have him in a home getting used to things before the treatment.

Jack is in need of medical care right now, and still somewhat timid from the neglect he has gone through for so long, but is already beginning to trust at Linda's. He has such a look of appreciation in his eyes. You can just see it! He is such a worthy sweet boy and Teresa just can't wait to see the lucky, lucky folks that end up with him as part of their family.

Thanks Dogs 2nd Chance - Linda for all you did to save Jackson. A thanks to all who have come to Jack's aid . John, Peggy & I will be forever grateful to You!

With Much Respect,  
Teresa

Will you provide Jack with that home, foster him or adopt him? Jack would sure appreciate it. To foster Jack or any dog from Dogs2ndChance, please go to the website <http://www.dogs2ndchance.org> and complete a foster application or if you wish to adopt fill out an adoption application.



### PLEASE CAN YOU FOSTER JACK TEMPORARILY?

**Jack is a younger male lab mix.**

**He is smaller and only weighs 41 pounds.**

**His family's home was foreclosed on and they moved out leaving little Jack behind in the hot sun with no food or water.**

**Two neighbors finally stepped in to save him and he is rescued, but still a little frightened right now.**

**This little boy will be neutered, is being treated for HW & will receive all shots.**

**He is SO ready to be loved!!**

**Please reach into your heart and give this little boy a temporary home**

**[dogs2ndchance@gmail.com](mailto:dogs2ndchance@gmail.com)**



### A Home for Goosy Lucy!

Dixie Dog Express and Dogs 2nd Chance worked together by donating and reducing fees to find the perfect match for Goosey Lucy and Susan. All Susan of New England wanted was a dog to love and play fetch!! *"We could not have accomplished any of this without Happy Dogs of New England. It makes your heart feel good to be part of such a perfect match. Thank you Shirley Warrick for saving Goosey Lucy"* stated Linda Sutphin of Dogs 2nd Chance about the meeting and adoption on August 21st in Manchester, NH at the local PetSmart.

From Susan's Aunt

Hi Audie,

I just want to thank you so much. You were right on target with Lucy! She is a perfect fit and my cousin and uncle ADORE her already!!!

I don't think Susan really believed Lucy was "HER'S" until we drove out of the parking lot!!! I'm not very computer savvy, but when I learn to attach photo's I will send you some. It was a wonderful day and we feel really blessed to have Lucy. We will be in touch to update you as you requested. Thank you so much again, Audie. You made a girl and her dad so very happy!  
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Goosy Lucy  
with her new Family



## Romeo

Just wanted to send you a quick note to let you know Romeo is working out beautifully in our home. He's the King of the Castle. We had one 'runaway' moment, but that ended quickly. He's a wonderful little guy who loves nothing more than to plot strategy to intercept squirrels and chipmunks.

This is already a great relationship and "Rocky" (his new name...because of his tough-guy attitude toward chipmunks and squirrels) is definitely "at home" and knows it.

Best regards,  
roy



# Dallia

To Dallia's Foster Mother

Hi Chami, I just wanted you to know how much we love Dallia/Puppy. A course she misses you and your husband very much. Puppy has not slowed down at all. A friend to me these dogs are puppies for 10 years. I glade just isn't sleeping all the time like my old dogs did. Time goes bye very fast, and I just want to enjoy her!

We have a large veggie and flower gardens. Puppy love's it when Jack sprays her with the hose. She act's the same way, as she does with the flash light. So I got Dallia a large inexpensive pool. Only thing she did was to walk thru it once. Have to separate her from Rufus, in the am. Rufus like to sleep in late, and doesn't want to be bothered.

She love's staying out side. I keep an eye on her, but seems to be very loyal. Like you said she'll play by her self. A copy of this email is also being sent to Linda. She has a blog, and maybe Dallia will be on her blog. Linda wanted pictures. I hope you continue to foster homeless dogs. Chami, you did a wonderful caring job with Dallia. She is confident, and all love.

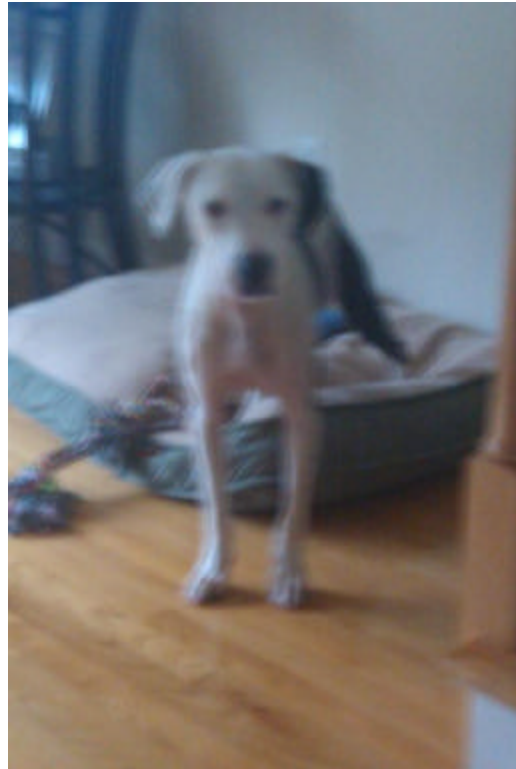
warmest regards,  
dorothy



## *July*

Good morning! I know it has been all of 12 hours. Given the circumstances and this guys timid nature I just wanted to let you know all is well. Not that you had any doubt, but July has already started to open up. His tail has been up and wagging since hes been here. 100% different than when i met him, tail between his legs curled up in a ball in the backseat trembling. He is eating and playful. It is pouring here so we haven't had a chance to go exploring too much outside yet.

I have actually been calling him Memphis who knows if it will stick... he seems to answer to anything at this point. Regardless.... he is even sweeter than you described and very eager to please. I hope to get a few pounds on him before long and will be sure to keep you updated with lots and lots of pictures.



Lastly but most importantly- thank you for your efforts in getting July up here and thank Mark for his generosity!!! I really appreciate the everyone going out of there way to give this guy a chance.

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### **New Hours For Memphis Animal Shelter**

**Sunday & Monday: Closed to the public.**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10 AM-7:00 PM.**

**Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays: 10 AM-5 PM.**

**Sundays and Mondays will be devoted to ensuring the cleanliness of the shelter. The shelter's field operations will remain unchanged to ensure adequate response to citizen's calls regarding stray animals.**