

The Way Home

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1,000+ rescued & counting!

Mini-Mingle was a blast!

Several of our members traveled to Lost Lodge in Somerset, Kentucky for a Mini-Mingle in mid October. Unfortunately a large portion of our membership could not attend, but from all accounts, a tremendous time was had by all.

Lost Lodge (www.lostlodge.com) is a favorite for PapHaven. Owners Dona and Mike Howard open their cabin resort to us. Their lovely facility combines the grandeur of nature with the fully-stocked cabins that afford PHR Members the ability to “just show up”! Basically only needing food-stuffs (both human and canine) and not much else. Their cabins have all the necessities – coffee-maker, etc – so we don’t have to bring much with us to enjoy this wonderful trip!

Here are a few pictures of the event.



Attending members (r to l) included Pat Schmidt (OH), Andrea Southworth (TX), and Annie Paynter (PA).



Pappy Impound - the safe-haven for our paps while we chat with friends old and new!



(Above) – Annie & Moe Paynter (PA)



Members chat while watching their paps in “Pappy Impound!” (Above)



Pat Schmidt & the Cincinatti Crew (OH) (Above)

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Watch for the December issue of *The Way Home* for Auction Results and up-to-date details about the Westminster Games.

Westminster Games are approaching

Want to add a little more excitement to the evening as you watch the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show? Make yourself feel like you have a stake in the outcome ...

Please join us to play the Westminster Games! It’s fun, easy, and it helps PHR Cover the medical costs of our rescues. Tickets cost \$10 for a group of 5 breeds; or \$20 for a group of 15.

Watch the upcoming issues of *The Way Home* to get more information about when and how to purchase your tickets. Then just sit back and watch the WKC Dog Show on the USA Network and CNBC to see if you’re a winner.

Editor’s note: Please be aware that this game CANNOT be purchased using PayPal. All purchases must be made by check.

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As of 10-30-12 (total rescues)

1,200

For the months of October/November:

15 Intake

20 adopted out

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RV Owners beware

Don't let this happen to you and your pets!

Members of the PapHaven family -- Chuck and Dianne Replogle -- asked me to share their story. They are praying that by letting you know what happened to them, hopefully you can keep it from happening to your beloved pets!

"This is an honest recount of our experience, but some may find it too graphic. Honestly, this was more painful to write than I thought. The other pieces I wrote were more factual, but in this one I had the need to put it all out there," wrote Dianne.

Just an ordinary trip

We own a motor home, and when we travel in the motor home our three dogs come with us. We purchased a motor home primarily because we did not like leaving our dogs home while we traveled. We have a wonderful dog sitter that our dogs love, but we liked it better, when we could share our experiences with our dogs. They liked it better too. They loved being in the motor home, and why not? Everything centered around them. We took more walks, they met more people and pets, and when we took day trips they were almost always included. They know the difference between the sound of our car keys vs. the sound of the motor home keys. Rattle the motor home keys and they would fly to the door, run to the motor home steps, and not leave until they entered the motor home.

Off on our adventures

This past August we took a three week trip, staying in three different locations for 5-9 days each. At the end of our last week, we were preparing to make the 10 hours of driving time trip back home. You have to realize that 10 hours of driving time is more like 14 or 15 with three dogs. Part of the prep work is disconnecting from your power source, water and sewer, bringing in all the stuff that ended up outside, lowering your antenna, raising the jacks, hooking up your tow vehicle and



ABOVE -- Many RV travelers have large units similar to the one shown. While they afford you a lot more room, this extra space can come with a very high price ... your pet's life!

bringing in the slide outs; we have three slide outs, two close and leave walking space and our bedroom slide closes completely against the wall cabinets, leaving no walking space.

When that was all completed I told my husband I was going to take the dogs out one last time before getting on the road. That is when we realized that one of our dogs was missing. Where could he be? We had taught them to never leave the motor home door without being invited. Did Schultzie ignore that and sneak out without us seeing him?

We searched the campground asking everyone if they had seen our dog. We and our dogs were known to most people in the campground, but no one had seen him. In my panic, I wondered did someone enter our motor home and intend to steal our dogs but was only able to get one? My husband said Schultzie must be somewhere in the motor home and we just missed him.

And then, devastation

We rushed back to the motor home and searched again. He was no where to be seen. It was then that my husband looked down between the slide and saw black fur. He yelled out, "He's trapped between the slide! OMG is he still alive?" When we retracted the slide he was already dead and it was obvious that he

was crushed to death. What an awful sight. I screamed at Schultzie to wake up. We wailed for hours ... what kind of parents are we! Who does this to their dog! How could we do this ... how could we not save our dog? How did he get there?

We had to face the dilemma of clean up and what do we do with him so far from home. We knew he had to come home with us and be buried in our pet cemetery in the back yard. We wrapped him in a blanket and placed him in our shower. We purchased ice and packed him with it. We cleaned up the best we could thru eyes blurred with tears.

Rest in peace, dear Schultzie

As I recount it now, I don't know how we did it. Grief and guilt is a extremely difficult combination. Schultzie was a kind, gentle, and nurturing dog. He was our greeter as a foster dog entered our home. He cared for them until they were comfortable. We will never be as good of foster parents as we were when Schultzie was here to help us.

To give this accident some meaning -- some purpose -- we are trying to educate as many people as possible to the dangers of slide outs that close completely. We have written our shortened story to many RV magazines, to RV manufactures, also to RV forums and blog sites. We had the opportunity to speak at a rally of RVer's. The response to all has been overwhelming. So please take our story and tell your friends who are RVer's, and alert them to this danger. Ask them to check and double check. We hope no one ever experiences what we have.

Editor's note: While I cannot fully express my sympathies to Chuck and Dianne, I would offer a piece of advise. As you pack up your site, especially when you have slides, crate your dogs or take them out of the RV until your "close-up" is complete. Don't let Chuck and Dianne's pain become yours! We pray you have safe and adventurous travels with your pets. Be sure to consider everyone's safety first!

Top 10 steps to a healthier dog

Monday June 29th, 2009 – <http://dogtime.com/ten-steps-to-a-healthier-dog-aspca.html>

1. Spay or neuter

Spaying, or removing the ovaries and uterus of a female dog, stops a female dog from going into heat and can help prevent breast cancer and pyometra (infection of the uterus). Neutering, or removing the testicles of a male dog, can mellow out aggressive conduct, and help prevent testicular cancer, prostate disease, and hernias.

2. Vaccinate

By three months of age, the protective antibodies naturally passed along through a mother's milk have been used up and a puppy needs a five-in-one vaccine to help protect it against many common infectious diseases, including leptospirosis, distemper and parvovirus, as well as a rabies vaccination. Your vet may also recommend vaccinations for kennel cough and Lyme disease.

3. Visit your vet

Like you, dogs need regular visits to the doctor to ensure good health. An annual health check gives your vet the chance to nip any illness or health concerns in the bud before they can cause big problems and bills. The vet will ask about your pet's behavior, eating, and exercise habits, while checking your dog's vital signs.

4. Declare war on fleas

Fleas can cause health problems beyond itchy skin. They can be the source of allergies, anemia, and tapeworms. Fortunately there are a myriad of flea control products available, including Advantage and Frontline, two of the most popular. Monthly applications should be given based on the weight of your dog. Keep in mind when you are gearing up for your flea wars you must treat all your pets, not just the ones where fleas are obvious.

5. Treat heartworm by preventing it

Heartworm is very difficult to treat and can be fatal for your dog, so prevention is the key. Giving your dog one dose monthly of a tablet, like Heartguard, can stop heartworm before it starts.

6. Exercise your dog every day

And not just a quick jaunt around the block. Exercise through walking and playing with your dog will keep him physically fit and mentally healthy, and reduce the chance of belligerent and destructive behavior, too. Regular exercise also helps your dog maintain a healthy weight and heart, while increasing muscle mass. Your dog's exercise requirements will be different depending on breed, sex, age, and health.

7. Watch his weight

Lack of exercise and overfeeding is as much a problem in pets as it is in people. Your dog cannot decide how much exercise he needs or what kind of food he should eat; only you can do that. Arthritis, liver disease, and coronary disease are just a few of the health issues facing an overweight dog. To help your dog lose weight, your vet may recommend a mix of exercise and switching to a low-calorie brand of food, or gradually reducing the amount of regular food by 10 to 25 percent.

8. Weekly health checks

One of the best ways to prevent health issues is to check up on your dog weekly. First, inspect your dog's coat and skin for swelling, flakes or scabs. Then look into your

dog's ears and eyes for any signs of redness or discharge. Finally watch for any changes in eating or drinking habits. If anything differs from what's normal for your dog, consult your vet.

9. Stay away from dangerous foods

The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center compiled a list of foods that could be dangerous, even poisonous for your dog: alcoholic beverages, chocolate, avocado, coffee, fatty foods, macadamia nuts, spoiled or moldy foods, onions and onion powder, grapes and raisins, salt, garlic, yeast dough, and products sweetened with xylitol. Post this list and be sure your family and any caregivers are aware of it.

10. Brush his teeth!

Bad breath can be a sign of teeth or gum problems. Particles of food, saliva, and bacteria known as plaque can build up on the gums and teeth and cause infection. If you don't treat this, infection can result in tooth decay and even move into the bloodstream and affect your pet's heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, bones, and joints. Inspect teeth and gums weekly, and check with your vet for instructions on regular brushing with canine toothpaste.

Source: Adapted from the ASPCA

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Example of how they work

DIY Physical Exam: An “owner’s manual” for your dog

Part 1 in a 4 Part Guide – reprinted from *The Bark.com*

Posted by Shea Cox, DVM | 08/23/2012

To identify an illness or abnormal situation, you must first be able to recognize what is normal for your dog. You know your dog better than anyone else and you will have to decide when an abnormal situation warrants professional help. Sometimes the condition is so serious it leaves no doubt. Frequently, however, the changes are subtle, or happen over a longer period of time, making noticing a problem more difficult.

Over the course of the following weeks, we will provide you with information on how to perform an at-home physical exam, helping to determine and establish what is normal for your pet. It is recommended that you occasionally perform this exam – while there is nothing wrong – so that you can begin to get used to what is normal. This practice will help allow for the early detection of changes in your dog’s health.

I will start with the basics this week:

A good look, temperature, and how to obtain a heart rate. Next week will continue with a systems approach beginning with the head area, followed by the chest, and lastly, the abdomen. At the completion of these 4 blogs, you should have a complete home guide on how to perform a screening exam. Ready?!

The Basics:

First, before you start your hands-on exam, stand back and just simply look at your dog for a few minutes. Notice the posture, breathing, activity level, and general appearance can really tell you a great deal. Get a good picture of your dog’s “normal” in its relaxed home environment – this mental snapshot will help you notice any subtle change.

Temperature:

Taking your dog’s temperature is an easy and important procedure. Use a digital rectal thermometer (the ear type is less reliable and mercury thermometers can break!). Lubricate the end with petroleum jelly and gently insert the thermometer into the rectum about 1 inch for small dogs and about 2 inches for larger ones. If it does not slide in

easily, do not force it. And do not risk taking your pet’s temperature if you feel there is a risk of being bitten.

Normal – A normal temperature is between 100F and 102.5F – The thermometer is almost clean when removed

Abnormal – Temperature is below 99 F or above 102.5 F There is evidence of blood, diarrhea, or black, tarry stool on the thermometer; black/tarry stool can indicate a bleeding ulcer in the stomach or small intestines, or point to other sources of disease

Pulse & Heart Rate:

Learn to locate the pulse on your dog before a crisis. The best place on a dog is the femoral artery in the groin area.

Here’s how: place your fingers around the front of the hind leg and move upward until the back of your hand meets the abdominal wall. Move your fingertips back and forth on the inside of the thigh until you feel the “roll” of the artery and the pulsing sensation as the blood rushes through it. Count the number of pulses in 15 seconds and multiply by 4. This will give you the pulse

rate in beats per minute. Pulse rate is a highly variable finding and can be affected by recent exercise, excitement or stress. Do not use the heart rate as the sole evidence that your pet is sick or healthy.

The heart rates that are listed are for healthy dogs at rest in their home, not for animals that are evaluated in a veterinary clinic where higher heart rates might be detected due to excitement, stress of a visit to the clinic, or disease.

Normal – 60 to 160 beats per minute (bpm): relaxed, large breed, or athletic dogs tend to have slower heart rates, while small breed dogs and puppies tend to have higher heart rates. This marked variability in heart rate stresses the importance of knowing what is normal for your pet.

The pulse should be easily felt and the quality of it should be strong and regular

Abnormal – Too rapid or too slow. Pulse is weak, irregular, or hard to locate

Practice these essential skills and we’ll see you next month for all things head related, including the ears, eyes, nose, and mouth!

Did you order your Papillon Calendar yet?

Papillon Haven Rescue’s 2013 Calendars are available for purchasing until the original stock is depleted. So get your orders in soonest. Think Holiday and New Year’s gifts! The beautiful cover art was donated by We have a beautiful cover donated by ZD Kripke of California.

Delivery will be during the first week in December 2012. Cost is \$24 each. The Calendar price includes shipping & handling for each calendar. Bulk orders will have shipping & delivery determined at the time of order.

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Butterflies bring joy to those who cross their path

by Liddy-Ann Everett (Arkansas)

My former boss, Jim Harvey, died last month – a victim of West Nile Virus, among other things. Jim was famous in Central Arkansas for running up and down Pinnacle Mountain west of Little Rock. This is the same mountain PHR's Chili called home for we don't know how long.

When Jan Jorolan first posted the story about Chili's rescue with the picture of him, I asked Jim if he had ever seen this little fellow on the mountain. Jim said, yes, he thought maybe he had, in an area where hikers generally left tidbits for the feral and wild creatures on the mountain. He said he often took birdseed and kibble to the site but none of the animals ever came close except for a small red & white dog. The dog would come close but not close enough. He said it never occurred to him that it might be a Papillon, it was in such bad shape.

From then on I'd pass along news on Chili's progress and when I came back from the 2011 Mingle at Branson I sent Jim a photo of Chili in his full glory. Jim was tickled to see such improvement and framed the picture and put it with a collection of his own family pets.

Linda, Jim's wife, called me a little while ago and said the family was going thru Jim's computer and found a whole directory for 'Chili' with emails, photos, and copies of the PHR Newsletter. Linda wanted me to pass along to PHR how very much Jim



Chili Sundberg today

enjoyed following 'Little Chili' as he called him.

I guess the point of all this is: Spread the word – our little butterflies bring joy and unexpected support from just about everywhere. My company is raising funds for a dedicated bench to be put on the mountain hiking trail – I have suggested it be placed near the feeding station.

Jan's story

Here is the back story. "A lady and her daughter -- 10-12 years old -- were on the mountain one afternoon, and someone told the daughter about a "dog." So she went looking for the "dog," and found him off somewhere in the wild part of the park. He was not doing well, so they took him home with them to Little Rock. Mom gave him a bath, but dad would not let him stay in the house 'cause he was worried the "dog" might be sick. Next day, mom took the "dog" to her vet and had it examined and vaccinated. This did not help the "dog" and he actually got worse. Mom got the name and number for PapHaven from the vet clinic, I believe, and called me. By this time the "dog" could not stand up and could not eat or drink." We agreed to meet up as quickly as possible and she brought him to Hot Springs. We met at Cracker Barrel parking lot. She may have thought I was not very social, or even rude, but when I looked down into that tiny box he was in and saw how desperately ill "dog" was, I said I'd love to visit, but I MUST get this one to my vet ASAP. Which I did. And of course, 'the rest is history,' as they say."

Chili's story

Nancy Sundberg writes, "One thing I remember very vividly is the FIRST post & photo Jan sent out (*shown above*) about the little dog recovered on the mountain, and from her tone I really didn't think he was going to be a survivor – I don't think Jan thought so, either.



Chili – shortly after he was rescued from Pinnacle Mountain

I wanted to add to Jan's initial story of Chili – but first I MUST say, so many of you have mentioned other PHR paps that have meant so much to you and I NEVER want to discount any of them. Each and every one of our babies has a story to tell, their past: horrible, neglected, or just cast aside... and every one of them deserves recognition. There are so many remarkable tales, it just shows, although tiny, how strong this breed is."

"After Chili was brought to Jan and she rushed him to her vet's office, they wondered if he would survive. He was so starved and dehydrated. The vet worked to get this little red and white dog to eat while giving him IVs to rehydrate. He didn't have a name yet and if I'm correct, Jan said the vet techs thought he looked like a Red Hot Chili Pepper, so Chili became his name. As you saw from pictures that were posted, he was so skinny and had lost so much fur. His skin was just raw. He was found to have erlichia, a tick borne disease and had fleas. The first night he didn't eat and I remember Jan saying the vet stayed with him and hand fed him chicken. He made it through the night and then it was determined he needed a blood transfusion. The resident vet's office Pit Bull donated blood for Chili. With the transfusion, food & water and drugs, Chili turned the corner and was going to survive. "

Success stories

Basilie & Tiamo

in their new home! They are doing well and Gregg just adores them. So does his friend who took these pictures.



Bamm Bamm



Hi- I just got this picture of poor suffering BammBamm...I should suffer so much.

Also got the following from his new mom.....BammBamm hit the jackpot.

... he is doing great and loves his back yard. We call them the three musketeers always chasing the chipmunks. We love him so much.

Bumble

Bumbles was a foster a few years ago that I did the home visit for in Virginia Beach. Just last year, the owner decided due to various life changes that she could no longer keep him. One of the things she told me was that he constantly went places where he shouldn't (on furniture, in the wrong rooms, etc – yeah, whatever) and they just did not have time for his activity level.

Long story short, I fostered him for just a few short weeks last fall and with the help of my vet, he was placed with an active retired couple where he has just thrived and she says they have never had the slightest problem with him (I didn't either). My vet called to tell me that Bumbles is now a licensed therapy dog and is doing really well. They are constantly telling her to thank me and Paphaven! Just wanted to pass that along...

Kim White, Virginia Beach VA

No current photo available at press time

Ezra (Ezzie)

With permission, I have attached two recent e-mails I received from Ezra's furever home. Remember, she went to northern Minnesota to live at a Bed & Breakfast. Sounds like she's got the life. Yeah!!!

No current photo available at press time

Nancy Sundberg

Ezzie is finally home with us and we can't be more happy to have her.

She made one little growl at our pap Teddy, but when we let her out of her kennel, she just started investigating the house and ignoring Teddy and little Teddy just followed her all around.

Teddy is a much smaller pap than Ezzie. When we first got him he was 4 years old and 6 pounds (also a rescue dog). She is his same age as he is now and I think you said she is 11 lbs. Her bone structure is much bigger than Teddy and she can jump up in our lap all on her own. Teddy can't jump with his very fine bone structure.

We took her out in the back yard to let her go potty and we took her on her leash out to the mail box (1000 feet way) and back. She just loved it; we jogged. too.



I think she will be very happy here. We are giving her a lot of attention and she is giving us that very happy pappy smile.

Thank you so much for her.

I got on Skype so Mom could see her. We just watched her and petted her for awhile while talking on Skype. Mom can't wait to get home to see her, too.

Marcia V

(a couple days later)

We just LOVE little Ezzie! She is so sweet and so good and minds so well. We have tile floors, so we don't care if she can't get it right away with the bathroom thing and has an accident. But she is getting used to going outside to the fenced backyard to go potty now, and is doing just fine with that.

She has taken to sleeping with Deb on her bed. Teddy sleeps with me. They are both so precious to us and we couldn't be happier. We now have a Happy Pappy Family!!!

Gus and Foxy

I don't have an actual camera; have been taking these on my phone. Will get my parents to come by with theirs and get some that can be large (I hope!).

Think I'm gonna have to get Foxy some smaller bandanas!!

Jesse

Butterflies bring joy

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"I will never forget seeing that first picture of Chili and saying to myself, "I have to foster this little dog." After talking to Bruce, we made the trip from Minnesota to Arkansas to bring Chili home. On the way home, Bruce will tell you that it was apparent Chili would not be fostered, but would become a Sundberg. I was in love and could not let him go. And the rest is history.

Liddy-Ann said her former boss, Jim, had seen Chili on Pinnacle Mountain and I believe he left food for Chili which helped keep him alive. They will be placing a bench on the hiking trail in Jim's name. I am planning to donate to this commemorative bench in the name of Chili and PHR."

Editor's note: Chili and his brothers (Rocky, Jesse, Max) and sister (Mocha) are living "the high life" in Oak Grove, Minnesota. Their parents love and protect them. Nancy is the Regional Team Leader for the Midwest regions.

Success Stories (continued)

Harry Houdini

OK, everyone – Ready or not! Here is the on going saga of Harry Houdini. He was adopted by a lady in NY. Their daughter, who had initially contacted us about a dog, was just finishing up her doctorate at Cornell University in NY. So her mom adopted Harry instead. Well, his human sister just graduated and the proud mom sent me 10 pictures... I will attach a couple of them. Good old Harry struck it rich.



Andy Watson



Hello Momma Andy, It's Prince Harry checking in. Well, I am just living it up. I am practicing my climbing skills for the Summer Olympics. How those squirrels act on my

last nerve. They come into my yard, climb my trees and taunt me. I make them run and scamper higher. My Mom just laughs and encourages me to go after them. I trample all over her flowers, but I am the Prince so it's ok. We would have been on a road trip this weekend but Mom is so exhausted from packing up her classroom. She has to move

to a new building for September. My Mom hates packing. I will chat with my Grandpa and all my Uncles via Chat and Skype tomorrow. *WOOF WOOF!* Give my love to all. Ebony is so delightful. I have become more accustomed to that big sister of mine called Zara. She is just a big hulk. With the nice warm weather and Mom getting that long vacation I will get more walks and of course that means a chance to get more ladies to call me cute!!!! Give my love to all.

Love Always, Prince Harry

A month later ...

Well, as you can see I am just living the great life. My NY Mom is totally exhausted from all the family that came in from Maryland to spend a few days before heading off to Trinidad. Everyone left today. I have never seen so many pieces of luggage. I was keeping clear of that so as not to be a stow away. Everyday we go out later, because Mom does not want us to get dehydrated. I am still able to attract the ladies who call me such cute names. I LOVE every minute of that. They must think Ebony is my date so they are trying to get her jealous. They better have some respect for my loving sister!!!! Mom has an agenda for the summer so as we execute plans I'll fill you in. My big sister Zara and I are cool now. She is just a big leaping horse so I give her enough space. Love to all. Give all my brothers and sisters big kiss for me BOWWOW!

Your loving Son Happy Harry Houdini.

MING

Hi Andrea!! Of course you may use the photo! I hope to have many, many more good ones of her.



Just got back from her first trip to PetCo. She did very well! She rode in the cart with Risi and her blankie and let the groomer fit her with a harness. Everyone loves her!

I will sign up for the newsletter. I've had such wonderful experiences with everyone at PapHaven!

Thank you so much for everything you do!

Heather, Risi & Ming :)

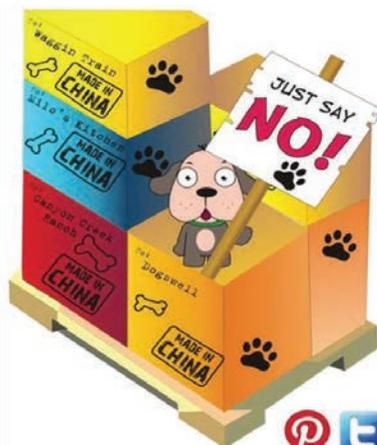
Monroe

Here is a note from Monroe's adopter with a picture of Monroe.



Sorry for the delay in sending you a photo of Monroe. If you need a better one just let me know. I want you to know that Monroe has adjusted well here. Doesn't always want to go outside with the other dogs but we're working on it. He is getting along with the other 3 paps. My wife said she wanted to change his name to velcro as he follows us everywhere. Took him to Pet Smart for a new leash and collar. He thought he was in heaven there. He also is the best of the 4 dogs at riding in the car.

Larry



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Success Stories (continued)

Roxy

Thank you for your message. It is a blessing for me to be able to help!

I live in the DFW area so I felt that much more connected to Roxy's situation.

I love the newsletter, and I would love to stay up-to-date on Roxy. Is there another site or Facebook page with updates?

Our prayers are with Roxy and her foster family.

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Sadie (formerly Lucy)

Here is a picture of Sadie (Lucie), Chopper, and Roxxi hogging the bed. I think we are going to need a bigger bed. She is doing wonderful. She is learning to play. She loves to cuddle. She has been coming with me twice a week to my Granddaughter's softball games and is really beginning to enjoy them. She is such a great addition to our family. We never expected her to warm up as fast as she has, but we'll take it. Believe it or not she is wagging her tail quite often on a daily basis. She is definitely my dog. She follows me everywhere. I love it. I am so sorry that I haven't sent pictures; I am so bad with things like that. I have a few more to send. And could you re-send me Lee's e-mail. I lost everything with the virus I had in the computer.

Have a great day, Donna

Sparkie

(aka Beau)

I can't believe it was only one week ago that we drove to La Grange to pick up "Sparky." I want to let you know that he has easily settled into the routine here and doing really well!!!



We start our morning with a trip to the back yard. I prepare their breakfast which they wolf down. After breakfast we all go out to the back yard. I sit on the patio and read while they run around and do their business. Penny chases the pigeons and squirrels as little bit runs after her and barks. It so quickly has become a morning ritual!

Sparky loves to sleep on my bed, but at the foot end where I have a white, fluffy throw. He decided that was the dream spot on the bed, and that is where he is in the morning when I wake up. We had only one poopie accident the first night, but that is not a surprise. I think he forgot when he was outside in all of the excitement. Other than that... there have been no puddles or problems. His belly band is dry in the morning. He seems very happy, and he and Penny get along very well.

I am enclosing some photos that I took of both dogs. Sparky is very photogenic! They love their little treats, and Penny – the ham that she is – is always there smacking her lips!

Thank you for your kindness throughout the adoption process...it was a pleasure!

I have an appointment with Doc. Hicks for the first part of May so that they can get acquainted.

May you always have
Love to share,
Health to spare,
And friends who care.

a month or so later ...

My granddaughters, Delaney (6) and Leighton (3) have grown up with dogs. Their gentle, family Rottweiler passed away one year ago. He was like a male Nanny to them. They presently have an Italian Greyhound in their home.



When they come to Nana's house...they love our little Papillon, Beau. The girls know to be very careful with the little guy because of his diminutive size and age (11 years), and have gained his trust. He is always smiling and thrilled when they come over to play.

Yesterday my younger granddaughter asked me when Beau would turn into a girl. She said he was too pretty to be a boy. I said, "If Beau were a girl, what would you name him?" She answered, "Isabella." Beau had the name "Sparky" at his foster home with the Watson's. Can you imagine his confusion when she calls him Isabella?!?

He is such a little Papillon, but he has taken over a large area of my bed at night. He can't reach such lofty heights, but when we get ready for bed he stands there; waits patiently; and expects to be lifted to his royal position. He acts like Louie XIV!

Our other rescue dog is a Boxback – i.e., half Boxer and half Rhodesian Ridgeback. Penny was saved by an investigative officer of the HSPCA. She in turn has taken Beau under her wing. Beau is a loving addition to our whole family!

Love and Light, Susan

Stevie (Sissy)

This is the adoption announcement for Sissy now Stevie.



Success Stories (continued)

Tucker

I adopted my sweet pup, Tucker, from Pap Haven about 4 years ago and he has brought so much joy to our family! We drove to Houston to pick him up from his foster family (Olive Paradise). I included a picture of this beautiful boy.

Thank you Jan, for all of your hard work and dedication to this organization. You have made a great and positive difference in many lives!

Victory

I've been thinking about posting, but I wanted to get a few more cute pictures first. That being said, I do have two to show you.

Victory (we call him "Little Dog" now) is doing just fine. He is more than ever my daughter's dog; he goes up to her room at night this way: despite being in every other way very spry, Little Dog does not climb the stairs. He doesn't even try. So at bed time Jill sits down on the floor and calls him. He goes to her and climbs in her lap (he does this when she comes home, too and every other chance he can for cuddling). She then carries him off to bed, with a stop at her Mom and Dad's room for both of them to say "good night". I'm including a picture of him in her arms, about to go upstairs. He then settles down in her room and sleeps so soundly she has to wake him in the morning by petting him. Then, it's climb into her lap again, and reverse journey down the stairs.

He goes outside on a leash, but we are resigned to letting him lead us where he wants. This is a dog who wants his own way! So, we wander about the yard and try to keep him away from our chickens (who are free ranging at the moment). He seems to think

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they're some kind of dog, and tries to go and sniff their rears....something hens don't appreciate. Since they've been known to peck, we try to steer him away, but oh! he finds those feathered dogs fascinating!

In addition, I have to say he's quite the begger. He wants to share all meals with humans! We have put a few pounds on him with the bits of toast and cheese...

Well, this is his picture. I promise to take more as spring sets in (it's beautiful today, after snow and cold last week). Right now, Little Dog is snoozing on the rug in the sun.

Best wishes, Barb

Prima

I just got a call from one of Prima's adopters. They are so happy with her and she is doing so well. Thanking everyone for your hard work for her. After having her in my home for almost two years it was not easy to let her go and as you know, I insisted on seeing these ladies who were going to take my girl, face to face. But you were right, they are perfect for her and she is now a member of their family. Thanks so much for all you do for all the pappys but especially thank you for finding the perfect home for my girl!

Pat (Cincinnati)

Loni, one of Prima's adopters sent these pictures to me this morning and I had to share them with all of you. As many of you know, Prima is the little girl I had in my home for close to two years. There were times when I wondered if she would ever be ready for the adoption list and then times when I questioned the decision to make her adoptable. I so worried that all of her new

found confidence was wrapped up in me and if I left her, passed her on she would revert back to the scared to death little pup that had come into my home. I remember delivering her to two very gentle ladies and crying all the way back to Cincinnati, worried that when I got home there would be a telephone call telling me to come back to get her and, at the same time, hoping there would be such a phone call. As you can see, from the note and the pictures I needn't have worried. Andy did what she does so well yet again and my sweet girl got the home that we pray for as we foster these sweethearts. Prima will likely always be my favorite. I've never seen a dog come so far or try so hard to meet the expectations I set for her. It brings new tears just thinking about the faith and trust she learned to put in me and later her adoptive parents. I can close my eyes and see her bouncing across the office, wanting so badly to be a part of the games we were playing and yet afraid to allow that much trust, or the day she finally got up her nerve and ran up to grab one of Amy's squeaky balls and run off with it like she was possessed, tail going so fast I wouldn't have been surprised if she had risen like a helicopter. This is what fostering is all about, loving, helping them fix themselves and then letting go so we can bring another one into our home. Thanks to Loni for the phone calls and notes and pictures and thanks to Andy for finding Prima the perfect forever home.

Here are pictures of Prima as promised. They aren't as good as I'd like. Camera acting up.

Prima has been such a joy. She prances with her head held high and is a very happy dog. We are so glad we rescued her from your organization.

Loni



Yellow Ribbon on a Dog's Leash – *why?*

by Laura Simpson – <http://www.care2.com/causes/what-to-do-if-you-see-a-yellow-ribbon-on-a-dogs-leash.html>

Anyone who has ever had an infirmed, unsocial or elderly dog is going to love The Yellow Dog Project, a global movement for parents of dogs that need space. The concept behind it is quite simple. If you see a dog with a yellow ribbon or other items tied to its leash, that signifies a dog who needs space and you should not attempt to pet the dog or bring your own dog over for a greeting. Now here's an idea that's long overdue.

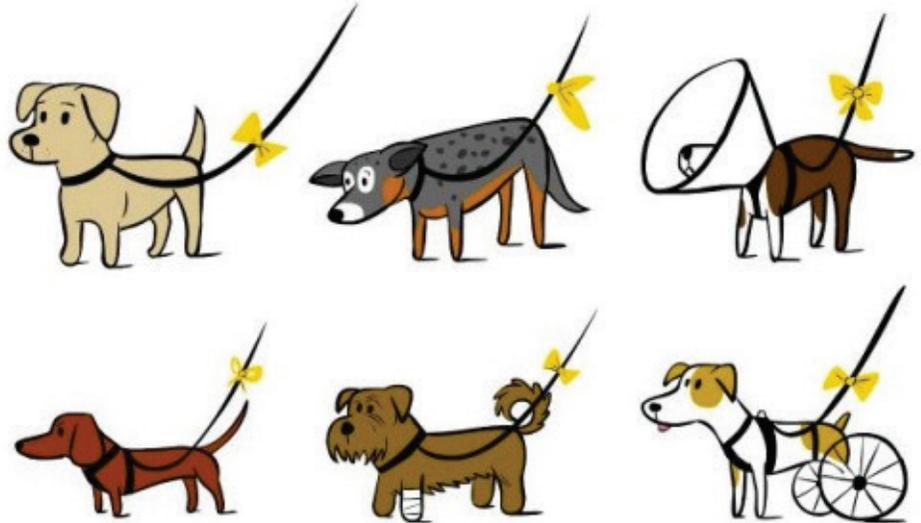
The Yellow Dog Project has now made its mark in 45 countries and educational materials have been translated into 12 languages. Fans are calling it, "Brilliant" and "The best thing to happen since the invention of the leash."

Recently, I was walking my two dogs on some trails behind the local elementary school. I go there because of the open fields and because few people come through the area in the evening. My dogs need space. I have an elderly Labrador with laryngeal paralysis (a condition which inhibits a dog's ability to breathe when he is warm or excited). It's very important to keep him calm, and with my mid-sized terrier mix boinging alongside him, I already have my hands full in keeping the walks safe for both of them. But then along comes a man with absolutely no boundaries. As he made a bee-line for us I hollered out, "Please don't bring your dog over." His response was, "Don't worry he's friendly." And with that he let go of his dog's leash and says, "Go get em!"

Now here I am holding the hand of a small child and balancing two leashes in my hand, trying not to let the dogs tangle or to allow my elderly dog to get any sort of additional stimulation, and this dog comes at us like a bowling ball. As expected, it was a mess. My two dogs got tangled around one another. My older dog felt threatened and

THE YELLOW DOG PROJECT.com

If you see a dog with a **YELLOW RIBBON** or something yellow on the leash, **this is a dog who needs some space**. Please do not approach this dog with your dog. Please maintain distance or give this dog and his/her person time to move out of your way.



There are many reasons why a dog may need space:

HEALTH ISSUES
IN TRAINING
BEING REHABILITATED
SCARED OR REACTIVE AROUND OTHER DOGS

THANK YOU!

Those of us who own these dogs
appreciate your help and respect!



the oncomer snapped at him. My daughter was frightened and this guy just casually saunters over with no regard for the fall out. I had to ask him two more times to please move away with his dog before he finally understood. By that time, my elderly dog was gasping for air and I had to kneel on the ground with him for a full 15 minutes before he could recover.

These days we have a yellow bandana tied around both leashes and look forward to the day when this concept is widely embraced by the pet loving community. You can visit The Yellow Dog Project.

Read more: <http://www.care2.com/causes/what-to-do-if-you-see-a-yellow-ribbon-on-a-dogs-leash.html#ixzz29NqUyLrr>

Give Me a Kiss!

Understanding Dog Language

<http://www.thedogtrainingsecret.com/blog/give-kiss-understanding-dog-language/>

Who Wouldn't Want to Kiss This Face?

This morning as I sat trying to wake up, sipping some water and watching a bit of TV my 18-month old Belgian Malinois, Jovi, came up for a snuggle.

I have been sad and mourning the loss of my almost 13-year old Belgian and I think we both needed a little lovin.'

As I leaned in for a little kiss (*something my other Belgian LOVED*) and Jovi leaned away, it reminded me of how often we misinterpret doggy behavior and infer our human behavior on them.

In the dog world it is called *anthropomorphizing* or giving them human traits that they really don't have.

He leaned away from me, not because he was being aggressive, and it wasn't even that he didn't want my love... it was simply because dogs don't get in other dogs' faces. It is rude, it can be aggressive and it usually isn't tolerated well.

He respects me as the "ultimate alpha" or "Momma" of our pack. My leaning into his face just made him a little uncomfortable.

The reason my older dog liked this behavior; was because I had taught him when he was little to tolerate and then enjoy the behavior.

I remember when my old guy was little. He too was very submissive to me and so asking for eye contact was very difficult for him. Staring into my eyes, at first made him uncomfortable.

He would look around and about my face but was uneasy staring at my pupils.

But, he was fairly easy to train and learned that staring brought the click and food rewards and soon he was staring at me from across the room in hopes I would reward him.

Starting young can desensitize! But never allow your children to kiss a dog he/she doesn't know well!

As a young dog trainer, I wondered if he would be comfortable taking food from my mouth. I remember leaning down with a fry in my beak and trying to pass it to his.

He was HORRIFIED! Dog's don't take food out of the mouths of other dogs!!! This is a terribly rude behavior and can result in trauma and possibly death in the wild!

It took some major coaxing and teaching him that the behavior was acceptable on cue.

I must admit there is no real reason to teach your dog to take food from your mouth; actually as a seasoned professional I would never recommend it... it could cause more behavior problems.

But, I was curious and we often do silly things in training that we may regret later (I also taught him to unzip my purse – BIG mistake!!). Thankfully he was the kind of dog that never made me regret this training and my lips still remain intact.

I need to desensitize my big Malinois that kisses are affectionate from me. This does not mean he would tolerate it from anyone else (unless they wanted to find their lips next to their cheek on a table at the hospital), but he is very submissive to me, so it is not a dominance problem.

I would never kiss my 5-month old pup in the face, he is WAY too dominant!!! I could lose some lip for sure! Kissing a dominant dog is like "paying homage to an already arrogant ego," it's not something you would want to do!

But it made me reminisce how much we really forget dogs have a different set of behavior rules and keys!

It makes me scared for children who think leaning into a furry snout is acceptable behavior; or hugging a dog is okay.

Both of these behaviors are very rude to dogs and very, very dominant. A submissive dog will often tolerate it, and some dogs seem to learn from our training and behavioral cues and begin to like it after a while;



but some dogs would rip your face off for trying it.

Dominant and or aggressive dogs often don't give much of a cue before biting!

A dominant dog or puppy may stiffen just a bit, his eye will probably dilate and many dogs will roll their eyes to the side right before biting you. But if you are already in his space; you aren't going to see it.

It reminds me of the news anchor that got bit in the face on live TV.

The dog had saved his owners life and so they were doing a news story. The news anchor was obviously a dog and animal lover; but didn't know much about them in the way of behavior. The dog was backed up to his owner and on a very short leash; so when the new anchor leaned in for a snoot kiss he reacted by almost ripping her nose off.

I watched the news clip and from a dog trainers perspective I can see his body stiffen, his eyes get hard and the flash of white right before he bit. But not everyone is a dog professional; especially not our children.

So what do you do?

- Keep your kids out of an other dog's face!
- Don't ever let them hug or kiss a dog they don't know, and be cautious about allowing them to get in the habit of doing it to your family pet.
- Your dog may not mind; but their best friend's dog may! So preventing the bad habit from forming is sometimes key!

And, know your dog

I like to desensitize my dogs to weird behavior that they may encounter from someone else and teach them some rude "human" behavior.

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Ingredient in pet shampoos can be potentially fatal

Dog owners are being warned to be careful using pet shampoos containing D-Limonene as an ingredient, as it can cause some animals to have a severe, and potentially fatal, allergic reaction.

D-Limonene is a botanical oil extract taken from citrus fruits that is often added to shampoos. Unfortunately, the chemical can also cause severe allergic reactions in some dogs and cats.

For one 3-year-old Pomeranian it caused a severe allergic reaction that was life threatening. The dog's abdomen became very red after the shampoo was applied. When she was x-rayed she had edema everywhere and so much blood in her lungs she nearly died. Thankfully, she received treatment just in time.

Her vet, Dr. Fondacaro, did some research and found that D-Limonene was likely the culprit. He points to a statement in a veterinarian medical annual that reads "Septicemia, which is a serious, life-threatening infection, was reported in a 2-year-old cat following application of a D-Limonene containing insecticidal shampoo."

The Environmental Protection Agency has also said active D-Limonene is not recommended for use on dogs or cats.

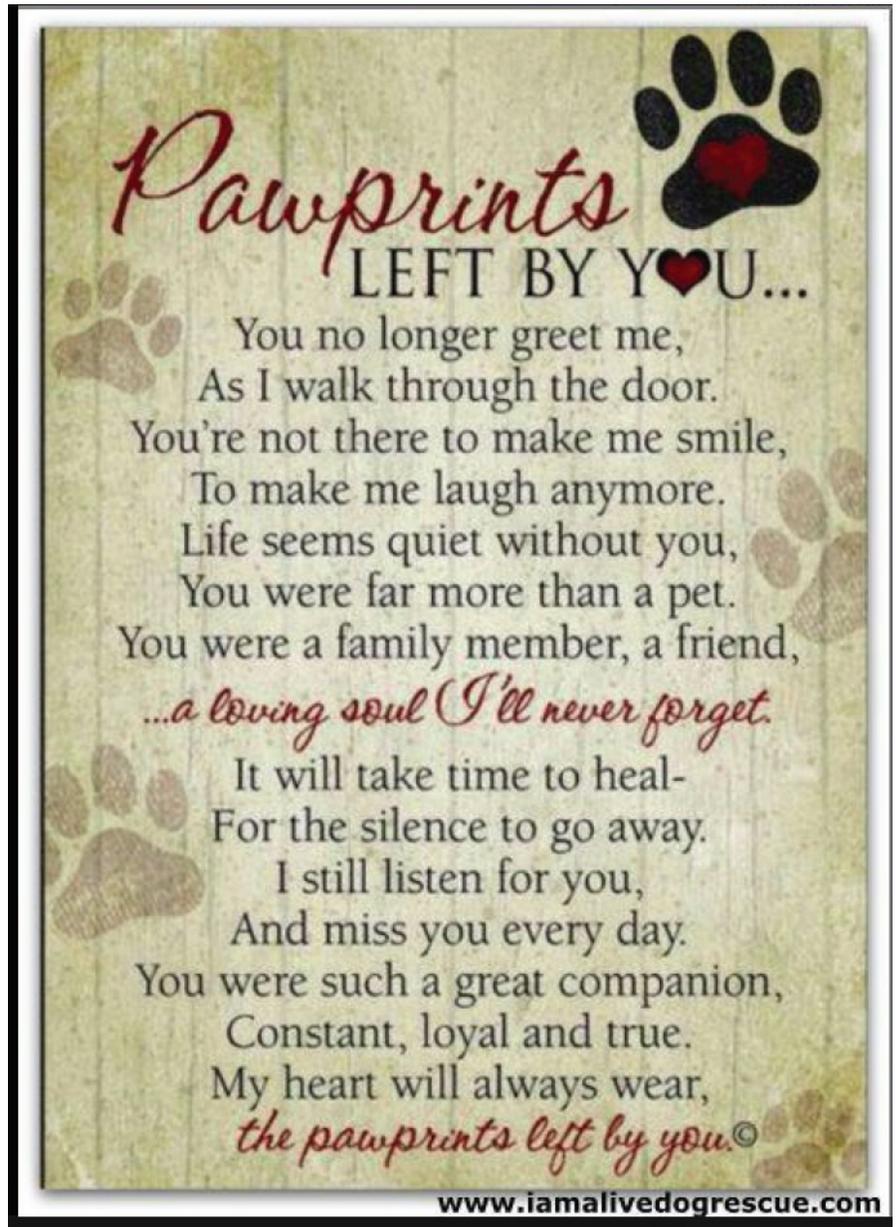
Dog owners are recommended to test a patch of skin on their dogs or cats before applying any product containing D-Limonene.

Give Me a Kiss!

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But I would never get in the face of a dog I didn't know, and I would never allow someone to get in the face of my dogs!

Understanding them and recognizing that dogs are different from humans will take you a long way in your dog training program!



Seeking Success (Happy Tails) Stories

Hi! My name is Leslie and I NEED your help!

I am helping out with the Happy Tails...can you help me? All I want you to do is send me – at this following email yarell@twcny.rr.com – is a photo or 2 or 3 original unaltered (not resized or photoshopped in any way), and a small write-up about where they came from, the whys and where fores, their fostering, what you did, they did, we did, and how and where they are now. It would be AWESOME if we had a photo of them now in their new home and with new family, but that isn't always possible.

You don't have to make it jazzy, or cute, just facts... my imagination will do the rest. Unless you want too! PLEASE feel free to write it up yourself, but I offered my help because I know you all are so super busy. We do not use family names in our stories.

This also goes for your write ups on the site, if you feel they need spiffing up.

Even if your foster (or whoever you are wanting on Happy Tails) happened awhile ago, please feel free to share. The more we can show the public what we do so well, the more they will come to us.