

to the RESCUE



ABRN News

Rehoming Some of Colorado's Most Eligible Dogs

President Speaks: Tooting Our Horn

Martha Smith

In recent years, All Breed Rescue Network has participated with other members of the Denver animal welfare community in an organized effort to gather data about the animals that pass through our sheltering organizations. Members of the Metro Denver Shelter Alliance are committed to providing accurate information about the scope of the problem of euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets in our community to each other and to our public.

Every year, the groups on the ABRN Breed Rescue List are asked to return a statistical summary of their activities as a part of that effort, and I am happy to report that this year, almost everyone turned in their numbers.

In 2004, we handled over 3,800 dogs, of whom approximately 1,240 needed to be spayed or neutered before placement. Forty three percent of us routinely microchip rescue dogs, and all make sure that they are current on distemper-parvo vaccinations. Nearly everyone is testing for heartworm and doing dentals, as well.

The really amazing number in all of this is the amount spent for the veterinary care of those dogs: \$588,604.61. Add another 10-50% to that figure—the amount our very generous veterinarians discount their services for rescue dogs. So very many of our groups provide extraordinary care for our orphans, from pulling bad teeth to replacing bad hips; we could not do it without the veterinarians who partner with us.

159 of the dogs we took in were euthanized. Although this number is higher than in previous

years, proportionately it is only .01% more than the 100 out of 3500 plus dogs reported in 2003. It is always hard to lose a dog, but the ability to recognize when euthanasia is the best choice for the animal is one of the hallmarks of a good rescue. So is the willingness to take on a higher risk animal with the knowledge that you may not be successful. It is for these reasons that ABRN has never described itself as "no-kill." We are a limited admission program, unlike those shelters who by law or because of their mission, take every animal, regardless of age, temperament, or condition. I firmly believe that every time I say "no" to an animal, I am complicit in any subsequent decision that may end its life.

Euthanasia is a community problem that needs to be addressed by the community as a whole, not just by those of us who work with the animals. Members of the Alliance have come to understand that "no kill" and "100% adoption of adoptable animals" are phrases that allow people to believe that pet overpopulation is no longer an issue. By using clear and common language and counting the numbers of animals who pass through our shelters in the same way, we can communicate the real scope of the problem to our public. Once the problem is accurately defined, we can be clear about the resources needed to solve it.

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Are You Rescuing the Breed that is Right for You?

Bonnie Guzman



Ozzie the Wire Fox Terrier



Great Dane Puppy

Looking back at my dog history, the breeds I rescue, for the most part, have picked me. I was introduced to my first Wire Fox Terrier when I lived in Germany in 1971. My neighbors had a Wire, and I loved Maggie. I had always coveted the looks of the Smooth Fox, so it is no surprise that the Smooth quickly followed the Wire in my heart. However, 35 years later, reflecting back, I am not sure that it would have mattered which breed caught my heart. I am and always have been a dog lover, so there really is no dog I couldn't love. I grew up with Toy Fox and as any dog person can tell you, Toys ain't Wires! Not even close.

Terriers are feisty, difficult, animal aggressive, stubborn, clownish, sometimes boisterous, high energy and escape artists. Aside from the clownish part, none of these attributes appeals to my personality. As I get older, some attributes are downright annoying. Did I choose the wrong breed all these years? The answer is no and yes. I didn't choose the wrong breed because I love them more than any other breed. My heart still melts when I see them. Always will. However, there are so many—non-terrier—breeds I have always coveted having Rottweilers (been lucky enough to have one of those), Dobermans, Bouviers, French Bulldogs, Whippets, Salukis, Azawakhs, and Ibizans.

Last year I adopted two Whippets. These two old ladies changed my life, and they got me to thinking about my future owning and rescuing dogs. I'm not as young as I used to be, not as quick as I used to be, and not as tolerant as I used to be of barking, chasing dogs, and dog fights. The Whippets are very terrier like in some ways—they can run off and you can't

catch them, they are mischievous in their own ways, and they ignore you when they don't want to listen. It's the ways they are DIFFERENT that I love. They are couch potatoes and they are quiet, passive and indifferent to most other dogs. Sounds good to me in my retirement years!

There is a certain degree of guilt when thinking of changing breeds. Who would take care of the Fox Terriers in need? What would my terrier friends think? Could I still rescue the terriers AND some sighthounds? I can and am. However, I am changing how I do business. I will no longer own young terriers. They are too much for me to handle, physically and mentally. I WILL always own a senior citizen terrier or two. Few people want them anyway, so those will be my terriers. I can and will continue to rescue Fox and Lakeland Terriers but with a new perspective, one that accommodates my age and interests. I will likely own a lure-coursing hound in the future. That will be my one young dog. It will be a breed I can handle easier and one that, when I am honest with myself, better suits my personality.

I would never say that owning terriers all these years has been a mistake. I love them too much to think that. Nevertheless, I am not afraid to admit that there are other breeds out there that I can open my heart and hand to and that I love just as much. Some of you who have done rescue for many years may think along the same lines as I do. Others may not. However, times change, people change, and we aren't getting any younger. Maybe there is a different breed for YOU to consider too. I haven't met a homeless dog yet that won't thank you. 🐾

Best in Show

Martha Smith

I get compliments on this publication all the time, and I wish to acknowledge the two people who deserve all the credit.

Susan Brown, our tireless, patient, literate, ever faithful editor. It is a miracle that she hasn't yet murdered me for being late, changing my mind, retracting, re-editing, and generally making her life a living hell. She also manages our hotline volunteers and keeps everyone informed of changes to our various contact lists. Susan, you are a saint.

Debbie Davis, who has done such a wonderful job of designing our newsletter since July of 2003, gave us our new look and has put us online. We have been unbelievably fortunate to have her professional skill and care at our disposal for the last two years. Debbie is taking a break, and we are going to miss her greatly. Thanks for giving us such a polished presence, Deb. We appreciate you more than you will ever know. 🐾

Maggie: A Safe Harbor Lab Rescue Success Story

Susan Brown

Maggie came to Safe Harbor Lab Rescue with a severe leg deformity that she had suffered with for most of her young life, but that didn't stop her a bit from being amazingly sweet and happy. Leslie Brown, Adoption Coordinator, and the other folks at Safe Harbor Lab Rescue just knew that they needed to help her. And as soon as she was mended, they would have to find her a very special home. She would need a lot of patience and TLC while she recovered.

Maggie lived at Arvada West Veterinary Hospital for three months while she was recovering from surgery and being rehabilitated. Les walked her morning and evening, seven days a week. Maggie's surgeon was Dr. Steve Petersen at Wheatridge Animal Hospital and yes, he's just wonderful. Maggie was also seen by Dr. Dennis Ting who took Maggie for walks during one of her stays at Wheatridge. Maggie was also featured on the Channel 7 News with Ann Trujillo. Many people took an interest in Maggie's welfare.

"Maggie was very special," said Mary Kenton of Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies. "But beyond that I thought Les' dedication to that little girl was way beyond what most people are willing to do for our rescue dogs. EVERY DAY, twice a day, she was there caring for Maggie. Maggie was far from the calm senior that can just 'hang out' to recover. She is an active, strong, stubborn, beautiful, little girl. Les had a job in just trying to keep her entertained in that run to avoid her destroying her leg brace and bandage. I saw how hard Les worked to give this girl the best chance at a great life. Maggie owes her wonderful new life to Les and SHLR."

ABRN hotline volunteer Jacky Eckard said, "Isn't she just an adorable little girl? Les did the 'wheelbarrow,' a physical therapy exercise, with Maggie every day for many weeks. I think Maggie's story defines what rescue is all about."

At the same time SHLR was looking for a special home for Maggie, Shannon Roche had recently lost her Labrador Retriever, Colorado, to a brain aneurysm. Shannon's dad knew how devastated Shannon was, so he offered to buy her a Lab puppy. Shannon told her dad that instead, she wanted to rescue

Hi Leslie,

I wanted to drop you a line to let you know how wonderful little Miss Bailey is! If you wouldn't have introduced us, I would still be dogless and sad. She is sitting right next to me on the couch as I write you. She is a wonderful girl and is really getting close to me. I cannot thank you enough for keeping her for me until I could be ready to have her. We are going to Kari's class starting next Sunday and are checking in with Dr. Peterson a week from Thursday. I thought I would let you know how great she is and how much I appreciate you getting us together! I couldn't imagine having any other dog.

Shannon and Bailey

a Lab. Her dad is paying for Maggie's obedience training with Safe Harbor's main trainer and behaviorist Kari Bastyr, of Wag and Train.

Shannon describes Maggie, renamed Bailey, as a "bundle of joy" and a "happy, well-adjusted" dog who is very outgoing and friendly. With her great personality, Maggie loves to greet everyone, and Shannon has a hard time keeping her down. We guess no one told her that she was supposed to stay calm as she recuperates from surgery! Maggie is still getting used to her new home, but she has already made friends with a neighbor dog named Cedar and she is also making new friends on her regular walks at Washington Park. Maggie loves her tennis balls and is looking forward to the day when she can run and retrieve (after all, she is a Labrador, ya' know). Her favorite place to relax is on the couch and she also gets to snuggle in Shannon's bed. She is home! As soon as Maggie gets the okay from her doctor, she will be starting obedience classes so she can learn all of the things that proper young ladies should know (and spend some quality bonding time with Shannon). We think she will be a star student!

Les says, "We are told that Maggie's best quality is whenever Shannon has had a rough day and is feeling down, she can look at Maggie and see her wonderful attitude despite everything she has been through. It makes Shannon realize that maybe things really aren't so bad! As far as we are concerned, things are terrific now that Maggie is settled into her new forever home. We are truly grateful for Shannon and others like her who open their hearts and homes to our Labs with special needs. These are the most wonderful success stories of all!"

Safe Harbor has helped numerous special needs dogs - hips, torn ACL's, ear surgery, broken legs, intestinal blockages, happy tail, blindness and orthopedic evaluations, mysterious organic things, lumps, and so on. SHLR has terrific veterinary partners, but it's still expensive. For more Lab success stories or to make a donation, please go to www.safeharborlabrescue.org. 🐾



Maggie



Les and Maggie doing "the wheelbarrow"

The Rescue Network

Susan Lummanick, Miniature Schnauzer (and sometimes Cocker Spaniel) Rescue



Lady

Recently, no group within ABRN has been rescuing Cocker Spaniels. Unfortunately, there are still lots of Cockers, primarily in shelters, that need rescuing. One of the wonderful things about ABRN is how we all work together to benefit the dogs.

Lady and Delilah came to ABRN from two different shelters. Muffy, who was only six months old, came to me through the hotline, from owners who couldn't keep her. All three dogs were healthy, loving, and under a year old, prime candidates for adoption.



Delilah

ABRN shelter liaisons work closely with the management at area shelters to identify purebred dogs and to notify the respective rescue group. Often liaisons go "above and beyond" the call of duty to try to help dogs, even when there is no official ABRN rescue for the breed. Once Lady, Delilah and Muffy came into rescue, the many resources of ABRN went to work to find these three girls great forever homes.

Lady and Delilah were featured on Petline 9 one snowy Saturday morning. Susan Brown, who also works to publish this newsletter, has developed a good working relationship with the folks at Channel 9. This great relationship allows ABRN members to showcase our dogs periodically throughout the year. In February, ABRN was even asked to bring adoptable dogs of various breeds for a special feature promoting the Plum Creek Dog Show.

Calls from prospective owners wanting to know more about adopting Lady and Delilah came into the hotline immediately after the show. ABRN's hotline volunteers answer the hotline messages and direct callers to the appropriate rescue or other resource. Coordinated by Susan Brown, thirteen volunteers rotate the phone duties, each taking their week about once every three months. These volunteers are a key link to help each breed rescue group to find loving, permanent homes for the dogs they take into rescue.



Muffy

Lady, Delilah and Muffy were also featured on ABRN's website as "Available Dogs." Pictures of the dogs and short biographies are included on the website, along with appropriate contact information. Potential adopters can easily contact the rescue person to learn more about the dog or dogs that they are interested in.

Each rescue utilizes different adoption procedures depending on the number of volunteers, the nature of their breed and the number of dogs they rescue. Most groups have an adoption application that people can complete. The adoption application provides a great deal of information to the rescue group. It helps the rescue group determine if there is a good fit between their breed and the potential adopter, gives reference information, and may raise questions for later follow-up.

Once the application is reviewed and approved, the potential adopter meets the dog, and often it is love at first sight! Lady was adopted by a family with three older sons and a big back yard. The family owns their own business, so Lady gets to go to "work" everyday and supervise. She is always with her people and the boys play with her every evening.

Delilah was adopted by another family with one son and another Cocker Spaniel for companionship. This family, too, owns their own partially home-based business. This means that Delilah has human company most days and "doggie" company always. She also has a big back yard where she can play and sun herself.

Muffy was adopted by a couple and another Cocker Spaniel. Muffy helps the man with his home-based consulting business. When the man is busy meeting with clients, Muffy has her Cocker Spaniel friend to play with.

Despite the fact that there is no "official" Cocker Spaniel rescue within ABRN, members and volunteers worked together with me to find these three great dogs three wonderful forever homes! 🐾

Family Lucky to Win "Bingo"

Jenni McKernan, Colorado Sheltie Rescue

Bingo was 8 years old when her owners took her to a shelter and requested that she be euthanized. They said she was "just a guard dog" and no one would want her as a pet. I can't imagine what she was guarding them from, unless it was combs, brushes and shampoo. Seems the family was moving to a "safer neighborhood" and no longer had a need for a guard dog. Anyway, the shelter talked them into surrendering her instead of euthanizing her, so she came to us.

When I contacted the previous owner to ask about her life I was told that Bingo had always lived outside. The husband had never allowed Bingo to be groomed "because that would make her nice to people". He didn't want to have a friendly guard dog, so she basically had no human contact. They didn't even feed her personally. She had one of those huge self-feeders. She didn't even see her people everyday. What a terrible way to live

After we had her for about a week, they decided they wanted her back! I made it very clear how I felt about the way they had treated her and that I would find an appropriate home for her where she would be loved and treated as a family member—and that's what I did. This girl is such a doll. She loves people, as you can see from the picture of her with her new boys.



Bingo Before



Bingo After



Bingo with her new family

After years of living a lonely and loveless life, Bingo finally got lucky. The caring folks at the animal shelter recognized that she should not be euthanized just because her owners had no further use of her. We were lucky to take her into our program and watch her blossom into the lovely, gentle companion she was always meant to be. And her new family was luckiest of all. They get to enjoy this sweet dog as a member of their family for years to come. 🐾

In Memory: Drake 1998 to 2005

Drake we will miss your fighting spirit, passion for tennis ball fetching, counter surfing for food and funny little gimpy gait. You were a "Wonder Dog" to us and we will cherish the memories you gave us of the funny little things you did in your short time with us. Your "forever home" is now in our hearts and we will love you always. See you at the Bridge, Drake.

Thank you to all the ABRN volunteers who sent us such kind words and support after our terrible loss of Drake. Your kindness is appreciated.

Mary Kenton and Scott Nelson



The Dumb Friends League® 2005 Furry Scurry® a great success

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All Breed Rescue Network Table

For the second year in a row, the Denver Dumb Friends League invited the All Breed Rescue Network and its representatives to participate in their 12th annual King Soopers Furry Scurry, a two-mile walk and fun run in Denver's Washington Park.

This event is great fun and provides ABRN a wonderful opportunity to inform and educate the attending public about specific

breeds. At the same time, it provides an opportunity to enhance the working relationship existing between the ABRN and the DFL.

The participation of knowledgeable ABRN representatives, possessing valuable first hand experience and information about their specific breeds, is most useful to members of the public potentially interested in adopting. ABRN representatives possess a significant knowledge base of experience about their individual breeds, and answered questions concerning breed temperament, behavior, compatibility with adults, children and other animals, care needs, grooming, diet,



Maggie, Darby, Lola, & Jock (who was the FIRST BLIND DOG to ever participate in the Furry Scurry!)



Martha Smith congratulates Jock for a job well done!

space requirements and the like.

More than 6,500 people and their dogs participated in this fun event raising nearly \$475,000 for the Dumb Friends League and the animals in their care.

We want to express our many thanks to all those who participated representing specific breeds such as Shih Tzu, Lhasa Apso, Maltese, Golden Retriever, Miniature Schnauzer, Scottish Terrier, Irish Wolfhound, Wire Fox Terrier, and Ibizan Hound.

Proceeds from this year's Furry Scurry help the League:

- Care for tens of thousands of homeless animals
- Find new loving homes for thousands of homeless pets
- Reunite thousands of lost pets with their owners
- Investigate numerous cases of animal cruelty and neglect
- Provide humane education to thousands of children and adults
- Provide behavior assistance to thousands of pet owners 🐾

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Zoe Ann the Border Collie

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Stay in Touch!

- If you are interested in being on our rescue referral list or if you are on the list and have changes you need to make, please contact Bonnie Guzman at (303) 733-4220 or terrierlvr@comcast.net.
- Would you like to feature a dog on ABRN's website, www.allbreedrescuenetwork.com? Jenni McKernan is the liaison with the (new) Webmaster, Terrye Hoffman. Contact Jenni at (303) 783-5772 or at colosheltierescue@prodigy.net to highlight a rescue dog on the website. Please follow up with Jenni when that dog has been adopted.
- If you have a temporary change, such as a vacation, please contact the hotline coordinator, Susan Brown, at (719) 748-5777 or mollybrown@peakinet.net
- To find the appropriate rescue group to adopt or surrender a purebred dog, first check our website, www.allbreedrescuenetwork.com. If the information is not found there, call our hotline, (303) 989-7808.

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None at this time. If help is needed, contact a board member

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Note: If unable to contact a shelter liaison or if there is none, please contact a board member.

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Thank you for your support!

Pit Bull Ban

Martha Smith

All of us in All Breed Rescue Network are saddened by Denver's decision to resume enforcement of its pit bull ban. The seizure and destruction of many perfectly nice family pets does nothing to enhance public safety and diverts scarce animal control resources from dealing with the many dogs conditioned by ignorant and/or brutal owners to be dangerous. We have always supported stricter laws and more severe penalties for owners of vicious dogs, regardless of breed. We will continue to work towards replacing Denver's breed ban with a less antiquated and more informed set of animal control ordinances that will improve public safety by addressing issues of cruelty and responsible ownership. 🐾

Some People's Trash

ABRN Garage Sale Raises Needed Funds

The All Breed Rescue Network annual garage sale, held in May, raised \$945. Many doggie kisses go to everyone who generously donated items for sale. Garage sale coordinator and board member Diane Leshar and her father, Ted Warren, manned the sale for two days. Others who were invaluable in making this annual fundraiser a success were Hannah Evans, Chuck Vaile of Doberman Rescue, board members Jeannie Phipers, Rosa Dela Cruz, and Sandy Moore, and hotline volunteer Carol Farina. Thanks to Diane's good business sense, no item was priced less than a dollar. Unsold items were donated to the local Goodwill. The sale involved lots of hard work. Everyone was dog tired and had the satisfaction of a job well done. 🐾



Hanzie & Howie



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