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ABRN News

Rehoming Some Of Colorado's Most Eligible Dogs

2008 ABRN Annual Meeting

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On September 27, 2008, fifty ABRN members and the Board of Directors met at the colorful White Fence Farm restaurant in Lakewood for the 2008 annual meeting. Lisa Ransdell was elected to a 2-year term, and treasurer Susan Lummanick, Sandy Moore, and secretary Jeanne Phipers were re-elected for 3-year terms. Continuing to serve on the ABRN board are president Martha Smith, vice president Karen Brown, Diane Leshner, and Mary Toornman.

In addition to enjoying the camaraderie of fellow rescuers during the consumption of a delicious dinner, many delightful door prizes were won. Karen Brown, Diane Leshner, Sandy Moore, Jeanne Phipers, and Mary Kenton donated a whimsical array of dog-related prizes, and we sincerely thank them for their generosity. We also want to thank Karen Brown and Sandy Moore for coordinating the meeting and Pat Dinkey for checking in guests at the door.



Board members Susan Lummanick, Jeanne Phipers, Sandy Moore, Martha Smith, Lisa Ransdell, and Mary Toornman. Karen Brown and Diane Leshner were not in attendance.

present a great opportunity to share information about their specific rescue groups. Many people felt it was one of the more interesting meetings we have had as a result. It was clear that many of our rescue groups are facing unique challenges this year, including the difficulty in finding and keeping good foster homes, the increase in owner surrenders as a result of the current financial climate, dogs being abandoned in foreclosed properties, a decrease in the number of potential adopters, and a marked increase in attempts

made by puppy mill brokers to get surplus mill dogs, often from other states, into our programs. Many of us have had firsthand, often tragic experiences with such dogs. Mary Lou Wilde shared some of her own experiences with this. Many mill dogs have

drained the limited resources of rescue groups only to be deemed unadoptable due to health or behavioral issues and have to be euthanized. Martha Smith cautioned that those rescue groups considering taking in mill dogs need to be aware of the potential consequences and potential for failure. As for taking in out-of-state dogs, ABRN's stance is to give preference to in-state dogs . . . fetch the rest on page 2

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There was no speaker, which gave everyone

2009 Calendar Fundraisers

Doggone it, what could be better than all dogs, all the time? You can help support these rescue groups by purchasing a 2009 calendar for yourself and others who appreciate dogs, i.e. most of the people we call our friends.

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... you found it! Meeting

whenever possible. "It would not be a good thing to turn down a local shelter dog because we are full to capacity with out-of-state dogs," Martha added.

Some groups, such as Weimeraner and Rhodesian Ridgeback, have experienced an increase in aggression problems in their breed, which can result in euthanizing dogs. Martha Smith pointed out that the law in Colorado pertaining to dog bites is stricter now, and if a dog bites someone just one time, the rescue group may be held liable. Liability is limited to economic damages only (not pain and suffering). Rescue groups for large, powerful breeds are rightly turning away dogs with aggression issues due to potential liability issues.

On a positive note, Denver Municipal Animal Shelter is now willing to turn over dogs to ABRN member groups without charge if they are not quickly adopted at the shelter. This is a new policy for them. Martha also indicated that Dumb Friends League and the Humane Society of Boulder Valley do not have enough dogs right now, so if rescue groups are full, we can suggest to owners seeking to surrender their

dogs to take them there. Both of those organizations will call the owner to let them know if the dog has not been adopted and give them the opportunity to re-claim the dog.

Another fact that rescue groups need to know is that there is a rule change in 2008 for PACFA. No more than 8 adult dogs or cats may be housed in any foster home at any time – this includes foster animals and one's own animals. A female dog with puppies under 8 weeks of age will be considered as one adult.

Judy Greenfield stated that, partly due to the economy, Greyhound racing has ended in Colorado. However, they are trying to help the Spanish Greyhounds (Galgo) in Spain. She said they are abused and killed in large numbers there, and they welcome any help to improve this situation.

As with any ABRN gathering, St. Bernard Rescue was well represented. They weren't at liberty to discuss the details of a cruelty case they are involved in, and everyone expressed hope for the surviving dogs and a good legal outcome.

Lisa Ransdell talked about the Jog

Dog program (more about that on our website), and Jenni McKernan can now add an animated dog figure next to the "available dogs" for active dogs that would be suitable for active families. Jeanne Phipers said that for the first time in years, she has no toy or mini poodles, only standards. That was before Lisa Ransdell told her about a toy at DMAS. Oh well, it was fun while it lasted. Mary Kenton's group, Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies, has placed over 300 dogs already this year. Safe Harbor Lab Rescue continues to see large numbers of owner surrenders.

Sally and Don Gilman indicated that the membership renewal packets will be mailed out certified mail. No second notices will be sent, so if the membership renewal checks are not received by the deadline, memberships will be cancelled. When that mail arrives, please tend to it in a timely manner.

Rescue can be a lonely business, but at least at the annual All Breed Rescue Network annual meetings, we can meet and get to know others who share the same passion and have many of the same triumphs and sorrows. Based on that criteria, the 2008 meeting was a huge success. Thanks to all.

Rescue Spotlight: Yorkie Rescue Colorado

by Erin Bradford

After adopting a Yorkie from a local shelter, Trish was heartbroken when the little dog passed away, and she began looking for another to adopt. "I haunted the shelter every day to find one. Finally I did. However, when I took him in to get groomed, the groomer called and told me that he knew the original owner.

It was such a sad story about how he lost the dog that I returned Fritz to him. The man knew I was heartbroken about it. But the following day I found a check in my mail slot for \$500 and a note telling me that the man hoped it would help me get myself another Yorkie...and it did." After the initial seed was planted in her head, Trish started taking in homeless Yorkies and rehoming them on her own. After joining a national breed rescue and butting heads with the big brass, Trish struck out on her own and started a 501c3 last year. Many people told her, "You have to be crazy. Don't even think about it," Trish jokes. But luckily, she got some great advice from Diane Barnett,

who said "Don't ever let the rescue get out of your control. Run it the way you think it should be run."

Trish has wasted no time in that endeavor. With only a year under her belt, Trish has jumped headfirst into the rescue game. This year, Yorkie Rescue Colorado has rehomed 25 dogs. While you might think that puppy mills would impact the small breed rescues most, Trish has a strict policy about which dogs she is willing to take in: "Our policy is to take dogs from Colorado before any others." Also, the group does not take in puppy mill dogs unless it has fosters available for any needy Colorado surrenders or shelter dogs in need. Trish has had to take a firm stand in deciding not to

pull mill dogs from regular brokers, but it is never an easy decision for any rescue to make. "They don't give the puppy mill rejects away - they sell them to brokers who sell them to rescues, along with their problems. As sorry as I feel for the dogs, I see no sense in having these people who trade in misery making one thin dime from our rescue."



Lily

As with many rescuers, Trish has had to battle with burnout. "It doesn't take long to become jaded," she admits. And with some of the horrible stories she tells, it is hard to believe that anyone in her position would carry on. One dog was tied up with rubber bands after being run over and then thrown in dumpster. And the stories go on.

Even so, Trish is doing her best to keep the rescue up and running. Since she doesn't have an abundance of fosters or money (a small online store was a major "flop," she admits), she does not take in elderly or sick dogs with little chance of adoption. "The

next hardest thing is turning down a dog because I know we cannot afford the medical care it needs to have. We will not knowingly take in a dog we cannot afford to provide for sufficiently. Sometimes it just happens and we struggle to do our best, usually out of our own pockets."

Trish has had a very educational year in rescue. If she could give advice to newbies in the rescue world, it would be to make sure to have all financial concerns and paperwork addressed before beginning. She also suggests that anyone thinking of starting their own rescue talk with other rescues: "there is a lot

you don't know, no matter how well intentioned you are." Be willing to deal with unreasonable people. Get tough when you have to, but in a kind way. Be fair to everyone - be truthful to your donors and your adopters, and be sure you are in rescue for the right reason. Answer all emails. Treat your fosters with patience and respect - without them you cannot save as many as you can alone. Yorkie Rescue Colorado currently has four fosters who are the heart of the rescue - Kerry Klun, Phyllis Morrow, Suzanne Adams, and Mike Nelson. Trish also advises people to remember that people who surrender are never 100 percent honest. Trish also reminds us that "rescue is

not a competition. We are all in this for welfare of animals, regardless of breed. If you can help another rescue, do it."

Although she is battling breast cancer, recovering from a mastectomy and undergoing chemotherapy, Trish Rose's hope and dedication for homeless Yorkies in Colorado continues to thrive. Trish has said that continuing to do Yorkie rescue during this difficult time has helped her maintain her sanity and focus on something outside of her own ordeal.

To contact Trish Rose at Yorkie Rescue Colorado, call her at 970-243-0559, email trishrosej@yahoo.com, or go to their website, www.yorkierescuecolorado.com.

GRRR Reunion Picnic

by Mogley G. Retriever

Saturday, September 13, 2008, was a beautiful warm day in the Rocky Mountains. The sky was the dark blue that fall brings to our land, an early snow made the mountain peaks glisten in the thin air. Early in the morning we drove to Boulder Reservoir where we helped set up tents and tables for the annual Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies Reunion Picnic, aka GRRRRP for those who like nonsensical abbreviations. GRRRRP sounds like a dog that is panting after swallowing too much water.

At 1:30 all dogs were held on the shore, the water was filled with tennis balls; some had been marked for prizes. Then it was “release the hounds” and the chase was on to fetch the marked balls and win prizes.

Tables laden with food featured special dishes brought by everyone. Grilled brats supplied by GRRR kept the humans well fed. A D.J. Played music to keep their minds off of the wet dogs spraying everyone in the tent with water when we shake next to the food tables. Dog hair is a condiment,

right? Above and below; several humans tried to help, but they don't fetch very well. It's a special talent we Goldens have. Happiness is several hundred tennis balls, all at once.

Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies has been rescuing dogs for many years,

perhaps over 400 this year alone. Thousands of alumni owe their happiness, their health and their very lives to the hard work by the volunteers of GRRR who work to rescue, transport, foster and re-home dogs. Donations to our medical fund to heal sick dogs have made a difference in so many lives. Our annual reunion picnic is very important to all of us. We see the many friends we made when we fostered rescued dogs during the years. We can exchange stories on how we were rescued, tell each other about the many adventures we have had in the past year, celebrate our new homes, and mourn those special friends that we have lost in the past year.

The real story of GRRRRP is not the tables of food, it is not a lake filled with swimming dogs and a beach covered with running, playing, happy, wet dogs. The story of GRRRRP is a celebration of the 1,000+ dogs who have found new homes; rescued from chains in a lonely backyard, taken

from shelters, rescued from families that took their dog to a vet to have it killed because it was too old to jog with them, or because a puppy chewed up a cushion in their million-dollar home. All are true rescue stories. It is about hundreds of owners who brought their dogs from all over

Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico to celebrate the happiness that a rescued Golden Retriever can bring to a home,

and the joy a home can bring to a lonely dog. Several people drove 1,000 miles so that an adopted dog can play with his friends and have a special day, the ultimate “Play Date” to celebrate life and newly found happiness.



A Very Tired and Wet, Mogley

I know, I was lying on

a stainless steel table in a vet's office; my owner thought that an 8-month-old puppy with a heart problem was too much work and expense. He had told them to give me that final injection; someone intervened at the very, very last moment and Golden Retriever Rescue took me away and gave me a happy forever home. That is how I know how special rescue organizations can be.

One person looked at the madness on the beach, the running, splashing and playing dogs, the smiles on the human faces and said, “This is why we do what we do.” If you have ever wondered if you could make a difference in someone's life, just look at these rescued dogs play.

Thanks GRRR. It was a fantastic day for all of us rescue dogs, I hope the humans who attended had fun as well. It is all about people who make a difference in the lives of dogs and in the lives of those who adopt them, forever. Visit us at <http://www.goldenrescue.com/>



The Tennis Ball Fetch

A Cause for Paws 2008 5K Doggie Dash and 3K Walk-a-Thon

by Jordan Dimarco,
ABRN Hotline Volunteer

Every year for the past 19 years the Humane Society of Boulder Valley holds one of its most important fundraisers – the Cause for Paws. I have participated for 4 of the 19 years and plan to participate in the coming years.

The Doggie Dash consists of lots of able-bodied humans and their four-legged companions vying for the top spot. The race is a Boulder Boulder qualifier and is always a lot of fun to watch. This year 160 people participated and finished the race.

The Walk-a-Thon is enjoyable at a slower pace. The path takes several hundred people and dogs into an open space and down the creek bed where the pooches can take a dip. At the turnaround point there are water stations for dogs and humans alike. Each year it is a challenge to try and guess the breeds of many of the dogs, as a lot of the HSBV alumni come to visit each year.



Everyone who participates in the race or walk submits a donation to the Humane Society and is encouraged to collect pledges for the event. Each year they have pledge incentives ranging from Humane Society water bottles and camp chairs to airline tickets and iPod speakers. It is always neck and neck for the top spot, but this year I won! I raised \$1,775 for the Humane Society and was deemed the top adult fundraiser. I am so glad that I was able to raise that much money for a worthy cause. The total fundraising for the event was \$53,000!

After everyone had their exercise, participants were invited to replenish calories at a yummy pancake breakfast and check out vendors at the Pet Expo. Local companies such as groomers, dog daycares and veterinary clinics have booths. Many local sponsors participate as well – including Boulder’s own KBCO 97.3

FM and the Daily Camera newspaper. Ginger from KBCO is a regular, and she is always happy to announce the race winners!



The Humane Society of Boulder Valley is a great asset to our pet community. Every year they take in and rehome hundreds of dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, ferrets and small mammals. They will often rush to the aid of natural disasters, opening their doors to animals displaced in hurricanes or fires. Their

veterinary clinic boasts a wonderful caring staff that not only takes care of shelter animals and strays, but is open to the public as well. As an ongoing support to the animals they adopt out, the Humane Society has a Training and Behavior Center with socialization and puppy classes. Of course, all of this would not be possible without the extraordinary work of volunteers who donate their time to assist in shelter operations, pet adoptions, and veterinary clinic work. Thanks to all who answered my call to donate this year to this worthwhile organization. You can expect to hear from me next year, too!

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We are grateful, also, to our regular donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Libby's Story

by Ronda Brewer

Sometimes a beloved pet ends up needing rescue despite the best efforts of a family to care for it. Such was the case with Libby, my darling, 4-year-old Japanese Chin. She had been raised since birth by two Connecticut nuns, best friends and roommates. These kind ladies loved Libby dearly and nurtured her for the first few years of her life. When their health declined, however, they needed to move to a living facility that prohibited their keeping Libby. Heartbroken at the thought of letting her go to a stranger, they asked a family member to bring Libby to Denver so she could stay in the family.

Unfortunately, what had seemed a good idea turned into a nightmare for poor little Libby. Already stressed by separation from the nuns she'd known and loved, she felt frightened and terrorized by the family's unfamiliar, exuberant terriers. Whether from actual aggression on their part or from rough play is unknown, but Libby suffered a serious eye injury, resulting in the loss of her vision in that eye. Realizing it was impossible to keep Libby, the new owner reached out to Denver's Japanese Chin Rescue.



Holly Wolfe took Libby into her home, got her the treatment she needed, and provided her with a calm, stable place to recover in the company of other well-loved Chins. Cuddling and belly rubs from Holly and husband Brian ensued; Libby began to heal physically and emotionally from the trauma she'd experienced. Soon she had adapted quite well to having one eye. Holly's regimen of healthy food and regular fresh air and exercise with other Chins even slimmed down Libby's shall we say, voluptuous, frame by several pounds. Libby was thriving. All that was needed now was a forever home with the right people.

About this time, I felt the time was right to get a dog and had just finished researching which breed would have the temperament and needs that matched our lifestyle. The Japanese Chin was it! Not only are they cute as can be, but they are small, spunky, cuddly dogs who don't require excessive amounts of exercise or outdoor time and aren't terribly "yappy." We have no children, which made us good candidates for a Chin. A generally healthy breed, their delicate limbs aren't really sturdy enough to withstand the antics of playful children. I chose adopting from rescue rather than buying a puppy from a breeder. I loved the idea of being able to get tips and specifics about my dog from its foster family.

I contacted Holly Wolfe, who directed me to the All Breed Rescue Network site to view

some of the available Chins. One of the Chins on the site caught my eye...I couldn't wait to see "Libby" in person. She looked so beautiful, so serene, so contemplative in her lovely "glamour shot" on ABRN. When I got to Holly's home, I was surrounded by several spritely, adorable Chins. Libby was by far the biggest - at 16 pounds, she's the largest female Chin Holly has ever placed! It quickly became clear that Libby was the one for me after I reached down and picked her up. I cuddled her in my arms, stroking her beautiful, long, silky hair. It has been more than a year that we've had Libby, and we can't imagine life before or without her.

Life with Libby has not been without challenges. Her picture was only partially accurate: she is beautiful, yes, but "serene" isn't an adjective I'd used to describe the real Lib -high maintenance is more like it! As for "contemplative," well, our Libby is a rather hedonistic girl. She lives in the moment, and the only thing she contemplates is, "What's for dinner?" Nevertheless, every moment with her has been worth it. The nuns, who stayed in touch with Holly, are delighted to know their girl is in a loving, forever home and enjoy getting updates on her spoiled life. Libby, our unique and wonderful little Chin, is the joy of our lives, and we are so thankful that ABRN and Holly Wolfe helped bring her to us.

To reach Japanese Chin Rescue, you can contact Kristi DeMao at 303-618-4221 or roccopug@hotmail.com or Mark Gill at 303-246-9096 or mgill25@aol.com .

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• Would you like to feature a dog on ABRN's website? Contact Jenni McKernan 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. Let Jenni know if the dog would be suitable for an active lifestyle, and she can add the "Jog Dog" icon.

• If you have a temporary change, such as a vacation, please contact the hotline coordinator, Susan Brown, at (720) 851-7222 or editor@skybeam.com

• 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.

ABRN Mission

The mission of All Breed Rescue Network, Inc., is to provide a vehicle for the fostering and rehoming of abandoned purebred dogs, to assist in increasing the adoption of shelter dogs by promoting awareness and working with shelters, and to educate the community regarding responsible dog ownership including the spay/neuter of companion animals.

ABRN Vision

Ending euthanasia of adoptable dogs in Colorado.

Adams County Animal Shelter (Brighton, CO):

None at this time*

Aurora Animal Care Center (Aurora, CO):

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None at this time*

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Thank you for your support!

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8 Happenings...

Pugs in the Park

Colorado Pug Rescue held its 8th Annual Pugs in the Park Event on September 28th. It was a huge success with lovely weather. Almost 300 pugs and pug lovers attended City Park to play and socialize with other "pug-people". Numerous pugs participated in our costume contest and pug games, including the pug eating contest! It was a wonderful opportunity for our foster pugs to be showcased, and numerous adoptions are pending due to the event.

The Colorado Pug Rescue will also be holding a photo contest for our 2010 rescue calendar. Entry submission begins December 1st and ends March 31st. Please visit the website www.copugrescue.org for more information.



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