



New Beginnings Shih Tzu & Friends Rescue

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New Beginnings Shih Tzu and Shih Tzu Mix Rescue is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. All contributions are tax deductible. The dogs profiled in our newsletters are in foster homes throughout WI, IL, IN, NE, OH, MI, AR, MN, and SD. More than 451 dogs rescued to date

February 2008 Hoping for a Home

The February newsletter is sponsored by: FurryFolks.com

<p>Chris Pugsley Rockstar-M/1.5/MN <u>Continental Lover seeks female companionship...or male companionship... or both.</u> Whatever, dude, I'm easy. <u>Stats:</u> Young, hot, hip, and available <u>Likes:</u> cat-gazing, mixers at the D.P. (dog park), abdominal massages, cuisine (any kind), rocking out with the Crew (canine & human) <u>Dislikes:</u> anything having to do with "NO" Get the full Rockstar package with this guy; need family and playmates with high energy and relaxed principles. Must love to be cool. MN</p>	<p>Maya/F/6/ WI I'll guarantee you won't find many shih tzus that as cute and unique as I am, I can even smile. Since being with my foster mom I've really developed into a sweet and loving little girl. I'm still cautious around new people and can be a little picky with who I warm up to but once I do I'm very loyal with an endless supply of kisses and affection. My foster mom says I have wonderful manners, I have learned to sit on command but am still working on stairs and potty training. I enjoy the company of others dogs and would like to find a home where I won't be left alone for a long time every day. A quieter home that likes to play and take walks with me would be ideal.</p>	<p>Oliver/M/2.5/WI My foster mom calls me little man cause I'm so short, but don't let that fool you, I'm full of personality and can hold my own with the best of them. I quickly mastered going up stairs. I'm learning how to sit on command and am very well mannered. I enjoy being around other dogs and LOVE playing with people, who I loyally adore and prefer to have home the majority of the day. New faces still scare me a little but it doesn't take me long to warm up and when I do watch out! Cuddling is wonderful and at night I sleep as close as I can to my foster mom dreaming of the day I will have a family of my own. Might that be with you?</p>	<p>Buddy/M/7/WI. Single male poodle mix seeking permanent relationship with fun-loving, playful, affectionate people. I'm a real love sponge that appreciates a good tummy rub and snuggling during quiet times. Speaking of quiet, I am very quiet unless someone comes to the door or I hear loud noises outside. Then I bark to let you know your attention is needed. Because of nerve damage to my spine most people don't see what a treasure I am, but I can walk and run with the rest of the pack! I love squeaky toys and tennis balls and as long as you throw 'em, I'll retrieve 'em. I look forward to meeting you soon. - Buddy (aka "Klepto")</p>

I hope everyone appreciates *how* these lives get saved ... they get saved because of the efforts of people who network, transport, foster, recruit their friends and adopters to foster, sew, create beautiful quilts, design calendars, do Petco, put dogs on Petfinder, write articles for the website and newsletter, pay our bills, schlep newsletters to vet clinics and grooming shops, talk to coworkers about rescue, handle dog records, fundraise, pray ... they are saved because of *you*.

Every dog in this rescue has every volunteer in this rescue standing behind him or her. And you. We couldn't do it without you. They wouldn't be alive without you. When you receive your newsletter, look carefully at each of the little faces. You transported, sewed, contributed, thought of us, spoke to a friend or a vet. You prayed for our dogs. *You* saved them.

We are saving lives and changing lives, one dog (and one person) at a time.~ Bekye Walker

Angels: Thanks to you for your generosity with time, funds, understanding, and / or special projects:

Allison Moehlenkamp and Marissa Shoemaker of Dachshund Rescue of North America who split the difference between Troy, IL and Springfield, IL on our January 5 transport, saving the next NB driver over 5-1/2 hours of driving! They and Pat Torregrossa have driven legs for *many* of our transports and they surely saved this one!

Melissa and Don Berger, for providing bed and breakfast space to dogs who have been adopted, when their parent-owners are on vacation

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Where to find us:

Petco Greenfield (WI) 76 th Street south of Layton Ave	2/10 3/2 3/9 3/16 noon – 2:00
Pet Supplies Plus Greenfield (WI) 76 th Street north of Layton Ave	2/24 noon – 2:00 NEW LOCATION!
Petco Lake Geneva (WI)	2/2 2/16 1 st and 3 rd Saturday of the month noon – 2:00
Petco Kenosha (WI)	2/9 3/8 4/12 11:00 – 2:00
Petco West Bend (WI)	2/17 10:00 – 2:00 GRAND OPENING
Petco Harwood Heights (IL)	2/10 2/24 3/9 3/30 noon – 3:00
Petco Skokie (IL) Touhy Ave	2/9 3/1 3/29 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Petco Bloomingdale (IL) 412 Army Trail Rd / Bloomingdale, IL 60108 / 630-307-1210	2/9 2/16 3/22 noon – 3:00
Petco Skokie (IL) across from old Orchard shopping center	2/23 3/8 11:00 – 2:00
Petco Romeoville (IL) Weber Road at Airport Road just south of the I-355/I-55 interchange	2/10 noon – 3:00
Petco Richfield (MN)	11:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Petco Grand Forks (ND)	2/9 Valentine's Party
Pet Supplies Plus in Valparaiso, IN	Coming Soon

<p>Time to anticipate <i>Coming up:</i></p> 	<p>SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2 – Great Lakes Pet Expo Wisconsin Expo Center / State Fair Park / West Allis, WI</p> <p>FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15 – Better in Show Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center / Eau Claire, WI 4-9 p.m.</p> <p>FEBRUARY 16 & 17 – Minneapolis Pet Expo Mpls Convention Center, Hall D (Booth 1027)</p> <p>FEBRUARY 23 & 24 – Int'l Kennel Club of Chicago McCormick Place</p> <p>MARCH 14 - MARCH 16 Chicago Pet Expo (Arlington Park Racecourse)</p> <p>APRIL 12 – Burlington Expo Burlington, WI</p> <p>NEW BEGINNINGS QUILT RAFFLE</p>	 <p>crafted by Rena Lewin</p>
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			<p style="text-align: center;">ME! HerBIE!</p>
<p>Sophie/F/8/IL Cream puff girl who loves balls, being outside, being admired and admiring you. I'm housetrained and loyal. Be my sugar, and give me a ring.</p>	<p>Patch/M/8/WI Former bad guy looking for love with someone who understands reformed bad guys. Prison was not the best for me and I'm looking for a residence a bit more homey. You can answer this ad to NBSTR.org and just ask for Patch.</p>	<p>Herbie Handsome SWM, small size, slim build, 5 years young seeks, F, M, F&M, M&M, F&F, M&F&F...well, you get the picture, for a lifetime of love, play, companionship and all around good times. I'm a little skittish and shy at first, but once we get to know each other, I love to snuggle and spend time in bed with you, but I can also be feisty and play with the best of them. I'm well mannered and play well with others too. In fact I don't mind larger groups at all. I'm still learning about life outside of being a breeder boy, and sometimes you have to teach me a thing or two about life, but that will be part of the fun! Heck, I'm a quick learner and I already know what "Outside." is for. Take me home! Love me! Teach me! You won't be disappointed and you'll have a loyal, loving, companion for life.</p>	
			
<p>Soft, dreamy female finding love in her bed. Want a girl or guy of your own? Contact nbstr.org</p>	<p>Rusty/M/2.5/IL Hold me, hold me, Never let me go until you've told me you love me. I want to be in love with you.</p>	<p>Sam/M/3/NE I'm in the clink, and outta luck, need a girl...a guy...gotta get unstuck. Got a name, but no address. Need a hand, and a caress.</p>	<p>Griffin/M/10/KY Your voice calls to my heart. Let's make beautiful music together, in full time. I may not be able to see you, but I can hear how much you care.</p>
			
<p>Duchess/F/6/WI Quiet, happy, gentle, and friendly girl seeks male or female companionship with view toward lifelong commitment. Principals and family welcome. Royal connections negotiable: I have enough status to share.</p>	<p>Mitzi/F/13/IL I'm a princess. I'm an active dog who KNOWS I am a princess. If you are a prince, looking for a princess to love, check me out: Mitzi. I prefer my diamonds to be pink.</p>	<p>Jackson/M/WI 6 year-old male seeking TLC. I am a Puppy Mill survivor with a gentle, sweet and playful personality. I am hoping to find someone who can accept me with my special needs to cuddle and snuggle with to my heart's content. If you're looking for someone to share your life with, I'm your man. Love, Jackson. WI</p>	<p>Penny/F/10/ WI Blonde female Shih Tzu seeking fun-loving family. Enjoys going for walks and riding in the car. Squeaky toys bring out my playfulness. Fond of belly rubs and treats!</p>

			
<p>Precious/F/3/WI I'll fill your lap with love. I think I'm considered a "designer" woman because of my varied pedigree, but darned if I have any idea what was in my daddy's woodpile. But then is that a proper question for a dignified lady like me? Just give me a calm, quiet home where I can lounge at my leisure and gently shake my booty close to you.</p>	<p>Cachu/M/6 months/WI Catch me if you can. I'm Mr. Popularity. Everybody wants me to lavish my attention on them. I'm a tiny (4#) playboy who enjoys smothering you with my sweet kisses. See if you have the energy to keep up with me and let me be your boy toy. I haven't been around long, but I'm a quick learner and will grow into a mature lover.</p>	<p>Angel/M/2/MN My name is Angel, and I want to kiss you all day. I'm a boy, but I don't care about your gender or species. I'm two years old, but I still act like a clumsy puppy. If you want puppy playing and puppy-kisses (not puppy-housetraining), then I'm your guy! I'm in love with my foster brother, but he says it's time for me to move on.</p>	<p>100 plus member rescue group welcomes new volunteers interested in helping dogs, road trips (with dogs), eating chocolate (to pay vet bills for dogs), and sharing love and laughter (as well as the heartache and hope that comes with rescue). Interested? Apply at www.nbstr.org</p>
			
<p>Nathan/M/8/IL Fluent in dog-to-human conversation (I "talk"); eager to hang out on the couch (where we can talk about what's on tv and what's for dinner); eager to broaden my horizons (I used to be caged by a back yard breeder).</p>	<p>Mollie/F/1.5/WI Shy girl recently out of a puppy mill looking for someone who can see past the cattle call. I want to be someone special to you. Toys and treats will have me eating out of your hand.</p>	<p>Annie/F/4/IN Girl who likes dressing up and parading around looking for fashion-savvy mom and dad. Let me strut my stuff for you. Bring your fashion accessorizing ideas (and your charge card); help me expand my wardrobe.</p>	<p>Ralphie/M/6/IL I'm your compact size honey at 10 lbs. Not fussy about food or treats and really enjoy going for walks. Ask for Ralphie.</p>
			
<p>Cricket/M/4/NE I'm a lover, a player, a dancer, and a prancer. None of that reindeer stuff for me, though: it's a cuddle-snuggle on the couch. Squeaky toys are music to my ears. If you need one more reason to love me: I'm housetrained.</p>	<p>Danni/M/10/WI I'm not much for social butterflies; let me have my one love and I'll be happy. Anybody cutting in on us might get a rude awakening from me; I don't always take well to strangers in these parts, cowboy.</p>	<p>Cinders/F/10/WI Shy girl, wants to stop being a wallflower and bask in the sun of your affection. I'm built for snuggling.</p>	<p>Tex. You – me – guy-type stuff. Football, loafing on the couch, a training jog. Snacks on the couch. Crumbs in bed? Not when I'm there with you. Love you, babe. WI</p>

Ways to help:

<p>iGive.com (Cause ID is 40105) Complete details are available at: http://www.iGive.com/html/causestats.cfm (You must log in as a member to view this page)</p>	<p>Pick N Save Grocery Stores Your Advantage card will result in a 1% contribution to New Beginnings, with no extra cost to you. Register your card to # 536625</p>	<p>GoodSearch Use this search engine and for each online search you do, New Beginnings receives money. Be sure you list New Beginnings as your designated charity.</p>
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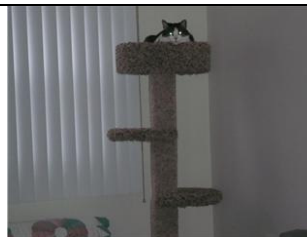
			
<p>Loretta/F/11/WI Cuddle up a little closer, honey dear. I came into rescue from a shelter; they found me stuck in a snowbank, and Wisconsin snow in January is colder than a brass toilet seat on the shady side of an iceberg. Lookin' for a warm blanket, a hot meal, and a pair of arms to snuggle into.</p>	<p>Chelsea/F/9/WI Looking for a gal who's no pushover? That's me! How about someone who likes to show you how to have a good time---as I romp in the open air? If you're really nice I'll show you my pretty white paws. And who says tall, dark, handsome is only for the guys? Check out my lovely locks!</p>	<p>Tiko/M/5/WI Let me gaze into your eyes, hide beneath your bed, and listen to gentle words from your lips. I may not be the bounciest guy in the world right off the bat, but I can tell you that I appreciate every sweet thought and moment.</p>	<p>Domino/M/10/WI Sweet old man looking for a new pack to love. I love belly rubs, treats and all other dogs. I especially love to care for young pups and females. If you have babes that need to be cared for, please contact my foster mom Carol.</p>
			
<p>Cruiser/M/1/IN Cruisin' into your heart, babycakes. I'm bright-eyed, and idealistic. Let's count the stars in the skies and the snacks in the dog treat jar. I'm willing to share love with you and Peanut my buddy.</p>	<p>Peanut/M/2.5/IN Me 'n Cruiser is a pair of guys. See how much alike we look? Handsome, suave, deboner...ah, debonaire. If you're looking for two fun fellows, you can't do better than us.</p>	<p>Tess/F/2/IL Gorgeous full-size female seeks appreciative affection, and professional belly-rubber. Large collection of fuzzy toys a plus if you want to win my heart.</p>	<p>Adam/M/7/IL Quiet mature male looking for someone to exchange loving glances with. Willing to bond over a liversausage sandwich, but will settle for dog treats.</p>
			
<p>Prince Charming/M/AR</p>	<p>Davie/M/6/IL Single male hunting for adult family with large hearts and refrigerator privileges.</p>	<p>Cody/M/15/IL Look into my eyes...you love me...you LOVE me...and I love you.</p>	<p>Bruno/M/7/IL Long-suffering boy seeks fun-type girl. Object: love.</p>

	<p>Liza Her skin is so much better & the hair is coming back on the bald spots, even her tail! (which she still hates to have touched!)</p> <p>We have a routine, when it's time to go to bed we race up the stairs, she gets excited and circles down the hall, gets into the bedroom & circles while waiting for me to put her on the bed, once I do she prances and does little leaps around the bed (king size), she play bows to me & I have to pretend like I'm going to get her feet, we wrestle a little bit & then once I'm under the covers I pat the bed & she comes up to my shoulder & curls up to sleep. My vet is very pleased with how well she's doing and the vet techs love her! ~ Cindy Johnson</p>
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Who we are

I came up to Greenfield Petco to pick up Buddy and on the way home Al and I were talking about NBSTR and how nice everybody was and what a nice thing you did, so on Monday I spoke to Aggie and that's how I got into the rescue.

Now Al he got in without even knowing. I would just ask him if he could do me a BIG FAVOR and he does. He is pretty easy going that way and especially for the dogs I know he would do anything for them.[except take another one in for now]
~ Al and Marie



H: It all started with the library.
B: I thought it started with a car ride. Do you know, we've put well over 10,000 miles on the cars, driving transports.
H: I saw a rescue information display in the library, and called the rescue. We found out there's a whole world out there, saving dogs and other animals. Then we found Piglet at a shelter, and Pig led us to Shih Tzu/Lhasa/Maltese rescue.
B: I knew he was coming home with us.
H: We said, "It would be nice to have another dog like Piglet."
B: You said that. Not me.
H: So I went to Petfinder. And got to know people online. One of the most amazing things about rescue is that we are all related: rescue covers the country, but it's also a community that makes the world better. Now, I meet someone, and I find out that they already know the same rescue people I do. It's the dogs, but it's also the people saving dogs.
B: Bekye and I drove 1,200 miles in 22 hours, to bring dogs back on that transport from Milwaukee to Springfield, MO and back. Carol and Tom and Trish and Rich wanted to have breakfast with us, at the end of the trip. You forgot the meat.
H: What meat?
B: The roast. When you have people for dinner, you need food.
H: You meet the nicest people in rescue.
B: Good people. Don't forget the steaks.
~ Bob and Holly



When it's wrong to stash

Walked in the door and among the dogs greeting me with tails wagging was little Lexie, who was staggering and then collapsed. Her tongue was hanging out and it was quite blue. I snatched her up and pried open her mouth. Easily visible was a piece of dog biscuit, stuck in her throat.

Easily visible but hard to pry loose. Squeezed her with one arm while with the other hand I tried to get a finger around it to dislodge it. After what seemed like an eternity, between the squeezing and the prying, the piece of biscuit and a good deal of blood came spitting out of her mouth. I cleared the phlegm and blood out of her throat and gave her a few CPR breaths to start her breathing again, and then we raced over to the clinic, where she is spending the afternoon for observation.

When I returned from the vet's I tore the house apart and found several "stashes" of partially eaten dog biscuits. Needless to say, with so many dentally challenged dogs, we will be doing soft treats in my house from now on. ~ Bekye

Because they need us...we need you

All contributions are tax deductible.
New Beginnings depends on the generosity of our foster families, our members, and our donors. Without funds and foster homes, we cannot rescue dogs. The average veterinary cost for one of our dogs is \$425. The average adoption donation is \$250. How do we leap the gap? Love, faith, donors, and belief that what we do makes the world a better place, not only for the dogs, but for the people they love.

How much do people give? The size is not as vital as the love that comes with it. Our donations have ranged from the dollar that someone puts into our donation box at Petco to more than several thousand. People give to the dogs from their hearts, and since we work from our hearts, **that** is what is important. You may not foster, you may not transport, you may not be adopting a dog from us; by sending your thoughts and donations, please know that you also are part of our organization.

Help our mission to rescue those who need us.

All our members are volunteers, so 100% of your contribution goes to the dogs.

And, since we are a charitable organization, donations are tax deductible. You will receive a letter acknowledging your donation.

Yes, I want to help the dogs. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation.

Name _____

Address _____

Send your help to:

New Beginnings Shih Tzu and Friends Rescue

PO Box 63 / Greendale, WI 53129

Thank you.

Before and After: some of the dogs who have come into New Beginnings and into rescue

The story of Rudy

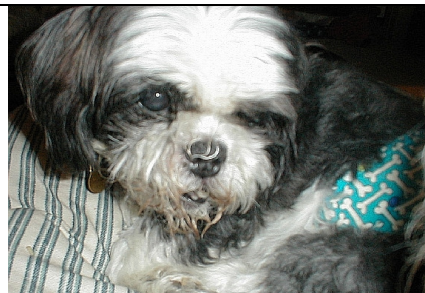
In May 2006, we shared Rudy's story.

Rudy was picked up as a stray on the streets of Peoria, IL. Blind, deaf, with neuromuscular problems, he looked like he would be a forever foster. But the universe willed otherwise.

Rosemary was visiting a friend in Milwaukee ... the friend mentioned there was some sort of "small dog thing" at the Greenfield Petco, so on her way home, Rosemary stopped by. There she met Rudy.

Rosemary asked about Rudy and filled out an application. Two days later, Rudy and New Beginnings volunteers visited Rosemary, her husband John, and her mother Alice. Their little Shih Tzu had died just two weeks before; his photo showed the spitting image of Rudy. His name was Rudi, and he was also deaf and nearly blind.

Rudy, renamed Rudi, settled into his new home. He became Alice's companion, sleeping near her, and sitting on a pillow on an inside windowsill on cold days. When the weather was warm, Rudy took walks along the pathways with a human companion. The dog who was a throw-away stray unwanted, had found love, and become a prince.



By February 2007, Rudi had proven his musical abilities:



What? No "Moonlight Sonata"? I paid good money for this seat!

To all those great people who are "new beginnings" a loving greeting from Rudi II, the blind and deaf boy who is our most important family member and gift of love. He sends the following message. ~ Rosemary

Hello back there in shitzuvillage! I'm doing just fine. I've got a guy named John who is crazy about me and I'm crazy about him. We sleep together, I help him compose his latest orchestral works, and tell him to stay calm. We take long walks together every day. Rosie, John's wife, gives me baths, meds, and makes sure I have caregivers if they are away. They treat me really good, like concerts in the barn where they let me listen on the stage (of course I am deaf, but hey, that's OK), or out for cappuccinos when we are at Tanglewood (summer home of the Boston Symphony).

When we are at the farm I get long walks down to the "big creek" and get to sit in the garden and smell the roses. I've gained 4 pounds which is useful when you want to tell 'em where to go. I like all the travel. I have my own rolling luggage, and everyone makes a fuss of over. It's a good life if you like a lot of attention.

I just wanted to say hello to you all and say that I am fine. Come see me at the Token Creek Chamber Music Festival (Token Creek, WI) next summer. I am usually on stage. I sleep during concerts, which people say are quite good. Most important I want to say a big thank you to all the wonderful care givers at New Beginnings...for keeping me safe and sound until I could be safe and sound. Lots of love. Rudi II

In December 2007, Rosemary Harbison shared an update on Rudi Harbison II:



Rudi with his first passion – John – who shares the love.

He's a great little dog with a great spirit. We are crazy about him.

Thank everyone for their important mission in behalf of these dogs.

Kindest regards, Rosemary Harbison

Rudi is in his home: This is why we are in rescue.



Transport!

Thanks to the efforts of Mary, Vickie and her daughter, Leann, Kim and Eric, CindyB, Marsha, Jan and Dan ... and John who flew in from Baltimore for the privilege of taking the scenic tour of Illinois ... thanks to all y'all, fourteen little dogs are safely in rescue and in loving foster homes tonight.

Five of them were picked up by Kim (on the eve of her birthday!) and destined, I believe, for GinaH. Thank you to everyone ... and especially to Marissa and Allison of DRNA ... for making this happen! ~ Bekye

Just wanted to say thank you to everyone who participated in this rescue. The dogs are all so sweet and we're all so blessed to be a part of this rescue. I'm so glad these dogs didn't end up dead, or worse, breeding for years to come. They're healthy and happy. That's what matters most. We rescued them. Thanks everybody! ~ GinaT

Thank you Bekye, Mary and all involved in getting these little guys up here. I have the buff colored boy with the black muzzle who I have named Finnian (an Irish name meaning light skinned) and the very dark brown/black little boy who has a ticket on his collar saying his name is Hyde. He didn't answer to it so his new name is Dooley (Irish for Dark Hero).

Finnian is driving the girls crazy, they hate him. Hope wants him dead. Unfortunately, I forgot to make an appointment to get their little nuts whacked so hopefully, I'll be able to get them in on Tuesday. Both have had baths and their hair trimmed. They were in wonderful condition. Their skin seems to be very loose and somewhat dehydrated and Finnian has a pretty nasty ear infection but all in all, they are wonderful. Thank you Mary for getting them. ~ Joanne Folkerts

Last night I had a sleepover...10 dogs in my house! OH MY GOSH!!! I figured, hey it's just overnight...how hard could it be???? I sent my husband upstairs with our 3 after about 15 minutes cuz I thought he would explode!!!

Well, we were fine for a bit...till I brought home 4 of the guys from the transport (I was overnighting 2 for Joanne and 2 for me!).

Here is the calm before the storm:

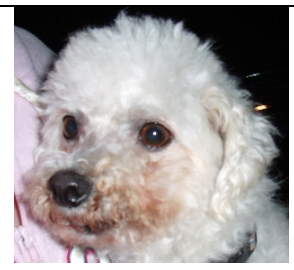


Here is the storm: Not a great picture but they never stood still long enough for any semblance of a picture! The gold with his tongue hanging out and the brindle laying in the back are Joanne's 2 fosters. The 2 black and whites are my fosters. Together they tore the house apart.

Lola was yelling at them, Vinnie was snarling away, Phoebe ran upstairs, Angelo hid and Buffy and Ziggy just rolled their eyes from the top of my couch! Too funny.

Well, I'm exhausted...and I know lots of others are too. It was a whirlwind weekend...I leave in the morning (4:45 AM in case anyone cares) for Idaho...leaving Don with 6 dogs. He said he would be just fine...I've learned not to ask questions!

Thank you to EVERYONE who helped with this transport...thank you! ~ GinaH



The Sunshine Kids

They're older, they're wonderful, and they're in rescue in a dog world where it sometimes seems that everyone wants a cute, young, female puppy. Take a look at our sunshine kids, because any of them would bring life and sunshine into your heart. Bring one of these seniors home to have love in your life.



Caesar/M/11/ WI
Amorous senior seeking forever companion. Distinguished salt and pepper coat. I enjoy the simple pleasures of life, long walks along the beach and snuggling/smooching in the moonlight. Ladies have said I am the perfect gentleman. Please be my valentine. XXOO Caesar



Ivy/F/9/MN
Soft, warm, adorable: I can be all those things. I can also race you around the dining room table for the Shih Tzu 500. I'm a really talented girl.



Digger/M/ 9/WI Cuddling is my specialty and can cuddle with you all day -- except when it is time to eat -- after eating we can cuddle some more. I am quite the lover and I will give lots of kisses if you like. There are two toys that are my favorite, and I play all by myself. Mom thinks I am fun to watch.

Someone I loved treated me really, really, badly and was very mean to me. - if you give me a forever home it may take some time to trust you. I really want someone to love. Someone who will never be mean to me. Won't you give me a chance? PLEASE WI



Griffin/M/10 / IN Cananova...VERY handsome with Rod Stewart haircut 11 yr. old senior blind boy.
HOUSETRAINED: I go to the door and bark when I need to go out. I'm savvy with negotiating the house, even though people say I am blind - but not so blind I can't snuggle up to cute females.
Love...luuv wrestling with girls. Love flirting and kissing ears. I'm sweet on Annie, who's been sleeping with me lately, but my foster mom says I can also be a little two-timer as well since she saw me was kissing on Lucy too:))) I tried to date Sassy too, but the little Maltese with the attitude gave me a what for and put me in my place, so I haven't tried to hook up with her since then. So, if anyone is looking for a handsome little housetrained Casanova....I'm your man! IN

Why we rescue...

Just wanted to share with you that Punkin in the newsletter has made a difference! I stopped by my vet's office to drop off the newsletter, and Rebecca said she had a story to share with me. She said she keeps looking at Punkin, because he reminds her of her dog that passed away last year. She was talking about Punkin with a lady who has some miniatures (poodles, I'm believe) and this lady said she wanted to help Punkin. Apparently, this lady called or made contact with rescue about Punkin and was told he was hospice and not able to be adopted.

But, she found another special needs dog (poodle, I believe) with a different rescue and adopted him/her. She shared with Rebecca she was never going to buy another dog again, as before inquiring about Punkin and then subsequently adopting her dog, she didn't know where puppies came from (puppy mills). This put a smile on my face today, and I wanted to share it with you too. ~ Sheila

I got a call from my mother, who had managed to lock her keys in her car at the train station, so we stopped and picked her up. My mom and stepdad have been observing my rescue efforts for the past almost 7 years, although until this past year, had never had a dog of their own and pretty much observed things from a distance. However, since I moved home to IL, they (and the rest of my family) have gotten to see firsthand what rescuing is, and as a result, they adopted Oliver last spring from Fuzzy Pawz. Oliver is a 13 year old Shih Tzu who had a grade 5 heart murmur when they adopted him but that has developed into congestive heart failure.

I asked them a few months ago if they would consider fostering, and they said they'd think about it but didn't think it was something they could do right now. My stepdad has wanted a second Tzu, but my mom has been worried that their cat, Hannah, would not take well to a second dog in the house. Nathan and I arrived at the train station, and my mom got in the car. She felt bad for depriving Nathan of his seat so offered to hold him in her lap, and he was more than happy to oblige. In fact, he nestled right down on her lap, rested his head on her chest and proceeded to gaze soulfully and lovingly into her eyes. It was love at first sight on both their parts, to say the absolute least.

She called me this morning and said that they would like to try their hand at fostering and would very specifically like to foster Nathan. LOL I am thinking that the fostering will very quickly lead to adoption if Hannah accepts Nathan in the house. I'll be submitting their application later this afternoon. ~ Leann Lund



Be at Peace, Live forever in Love

Pebs Weeks: She was a wonderful faithful friend and will forever be missed. ~ Jane Weeks

Faith Marie, Lisa's miracle girl, reunited with her former owner who passed before her

Mystery Terl-Eckert, reunited with the mom who rescued him

Death Is Nothing At All

All Is Well

Death is nothing at all,

I have only slipped into the next room

I am I and you are you

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by my old familiar name,

Speak to me in the easy way which you always used

Put no difference in your tone,

Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was,

Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same as it ever was, there is unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near,

Just around the corner.

All is well.

Henry Scott Holland 1847-1918

Canon of St Paul's Cathedral

Welcome Home:

Placing a pet in a wonderful, adoptive home or helping at your shelter is the happiest moment in rescue, even if it doesn't feel like it at the moment. You helped to make a perfect love story, and you get to move on to help yet another. This is why we do rescue. The circle completed. ~ Lavina

Willie found his family with Carol Ahrens. She said he's doing very well although "turning his nose up" at the kibble he's been eating at my house since October. I suspect he's holding out for something better since he knows she'll slip him some beef roast if he holds out long enough. ~ Leann Lund

Phoebe joined Joe and Marianne Mayer along with sister 'lil Bit tonight. She made herself right at home eating out of 'lil Bit's bowl, playing with her toys and romping around the house. She's made friends with her already as the two of them went exploring all over! She kissed me goodbye and she was off! ~ GinaH

Al was adopted by Florence Kenney. We think it's going to be a great match, and Florence was thrilled to have a new companion. ~ Leann

Teddy has gone home to his new home. Bill, Gabby, their son and daughter-in-law, and their cat were all excited. Teddy just came in and made himself at home and started making best friends with the cat. The cat even rubbed himself all over Teddy saying 'he's mine'. He will get lots of walks and play sessions with his new family. He will be loved and spoiled there. ~ JudyP

Louie found a home with 2 girls to play with. ~ GinaH

Leo is with the Kelleys. I loved them at first sight...and they loved Leo. ~ GinaH

Lacy went to a perfect home with twin 8 year old girls and a 10 year old boy, and a Dalmation named Ellie.

Gizmo went to Joyce Whalen. She lives on 4 acres and Gizmo (now Ernie) will have the run of the place. She was so cute with him...bought a cart full of stuff from Petco and wheeled him around all afternoon. ~ GinaH

Shadow, the little 6 lb maltese/bichon found a home. On our visit to her, Sr. Brenda Eagan cheerfully scooped up little Shadow and never put him down. We visited with her housemate in the apartment upstairs and also with her housemate's kitty, Tigger! Shadow made himself at home. He was sniffing around, found his water bowl, tried to jump up on the couch (he's too little) and loved her rugs to lay on. She works at Loyola Medical School and Shadow will be going to work with her! She said he will be with her always. ~ GinaH and CindyB

Finnian and Dooley went to a family with 2 children. They decided to not split up Finnian and Dolley so they took them both! Marie, amazing Marie, put her coat on and did their home visit to make this happen. I think they left with a cart full of stuff too! ~ Joanne

Breeze...this one is just amazing. I was holding this little girl, she was so scared. Then she just relaxed in my arms. Sabrina Mott and her husband took one look at her, saw how scared she was and said she was for them. ~ GinaH

Ringo has found his furever home with the Dormer Family. They had previously adopted Willie and they were looking for another one and Ringo fit right in. He was looking at all the toys and actually started eating Willie's food right away. Gucci is doing very well and he and Willie are getting along great. Olivia also informed me that Gucci sleeps with her mom. ~ Laura

Ella found a home with the Rakowski family.

Emma and Elliot are adopted. I just knew if I waited long enough, the perfect person would come along. She just loved them and they responded to her with kisses and lots of lap time! She is very committed to feeding them high quality food and keeping them on their arthritis meds. I am thrilled that if I have to let them go, they are going to her. I couldn't have asked for a better applicant! ~ GinaT

Guinness found his forever home with Meredith and Chris.

JudyP and I visited with the Quezadas tonight. Grover was quite content on their Oriental carpet in the family room! They are a wonderful family. **Grover** thinks so too. ~ GinaH

Maggi, SharonC's amazing little foster, found a home with Marge and Jerry Zehrung.

Mattie found a home with Rita.

Tommy won the heart of his foster parents June and Roger, and is home to stay.

Carson, fka Brice from last weekend's puppy mill transport, is in his new home with Karen Sleger and her five daughters. Carson is going to be spoiled and adored by these gorgeous girls. ~ Leann

Oreo found a home with the Fox-Lemmermans. This is just the kind of home Mary and I hoped to find for him. ~ Carol

Good Wishes and Thanks... Our dogs in their forever homes

One of the most heartwarming aspects of rescue, is the love between people and animals, the homes who welcome animals with love. From people who believe in us, our dogs, and rescue:

Jedi (formerly Chewie) is doing well. He's very mellow compared to Chewie [Sueling's existing dog]. He's a little snuggler. He and Chewie are not playing yet but they tolerate each other. Ling is actually having more fun with him. She runs around with a squeaky toy and he chases her. ~ Sueling

10 year old **Bear** was turned over to WHS after a lifetime of neglect which included keeping him tied outside. He was given to rescue because he was food aggressive which was not the case in his foster home or adoptive home. Jim Fillmore was on the heart transplant list and wanted a dog for Adrienne so she would have a friend in case he wasn't with her anymore. Medication and good care, which included long walks with Bear, have gotten his heart stronger. Jim is still on the list but with Bear around everything looks very good at the Fillmore home. Bear was a senior dog but it didn't stop him from making a huge difference in the lives of the two people who love him. ~ Carol Pfeiffer

Miles is fitting right in! He has checked out the whole house and slept on my bed last night and snored away. ~ Nora

Breeze is doing great. She has a pink harness, pink leash and a pink sweater that says, I'm not a Princess. I'm THE Princess. ~ Joanne Folkerts

Casey has truly stolen our hearts. He still fights his allergies and we have been using Atopica which has been working well. We are also using two new eye drops and hope to improve his limited vision. Casey has been with us for a year and a half. We adopted this 9 year old Shih Tzu with many health issues. The first few days I worried about our decision to adopt a blind dog with severe allergies. Those fears were quickly gone as we got to know his gentle personality. Casey embraced our busy house with 4 teenagers and their friends coming and going. He warms the hearts of everyone that enters our home. He has several dog friends that he tries to visit at every opportunity. The best way to summarize Casey is that we adopted the most imperfect dog but in the end got the most perfect pet. Thanks Carol for all that you and your organization do to help place these wonderful dogs into loving homes. Our household has been truly blessed by Casey. ~ Cindy Rasmussen

We are really enjoying **Chrissy**, the 9-year old Lhasa/Shih Tzu we got from your rescue in September 2007, thanks to Mary Ann. She is such a good little girl and has adapted so well. We are both home all day so she gets a lot of attention and many walks. She seems to enjoy all this. We love her. ~ Pat and Jeanne

Judy and Maria, Thank you so much for everything. **Grover** is doing great. We all love him and he seems to be the perfect pet, he is gentle, he could be playful, very friendly and lovable. Thanks for bringing smiles and lots of love to my family with such a little guy. ~ Silvana

Louie is so funny to us. He loves to be cradled like baby and have his belly rubbed. **Lilly** is still more subdued and don't like to be handled as much. She likes to play but prefers to be right up under me no matter where I am. She's my side kick. Also, Lilly loves being out in the snow! She just frolics in it. Louie hates it! We thought it was going to be the other way around! The boys love them! ~ Dawn Farley

From us to you: Thank you, more than we can ever express.



Find True Love: adopt a dog



Logan at his home



Pebs Weeks



Muffin and her new mom Barb



Bruno in his "sit pretty" pose



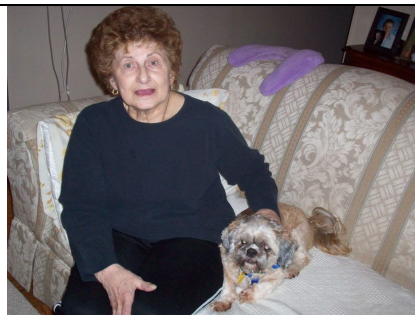
Phoebe and her new family



Muffin and Friend



CHEESE!



Florence and Al



Carson and his family



Renay with Emma and Elliot

Some come into and out of your life like shooting stars, leaving a lasting imprint. ~ Carol



Grover and his new family

Thank you.



Willie, Thomas, Linda, Olivia, Gucci (aka Ringo)



Daisy found love with Carol



Louie and Lilly



Life is good



When your chin is tired, you need to rest it



Babe adopted by Char



Do you know how much I love you?



Chrissy in her cheesecake pose



Ella in her new home



Louie with his new playmates



Lacy and her new family



Shadow and Sr Brenda



Kyle and Cannoli



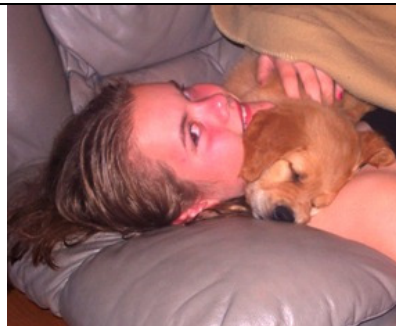
Tom and Coco, the first time Coco allowed someone to hold him



Gina and Charlie



Leann, Alex, and Polo



Sarah and Wrigley



Elena, Penny, Riley



Tabitha kissing her dad. For the first year after we rescued her, she would run away and hide when Tim was at home. Now she insists on supervising his naps.



Jessica and Lola



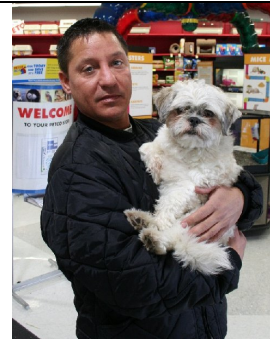
Blossom giving her mom a high-five



Scrappy do and his family



Christie and Nick



Bandit and Jesse



Casey and Jane

**Lost: 13 year old black and white grumpy old Shitzu - disappeared slowly before our very eyes.
Found: 13 year old sweet, happy and affectionate black and white Shitzu that replaced the one we lost.**

Domino has evolved into a sweet, happy little boy who is turning into a love bug. I was on the floor yesterday and he was right there as usual. I put my face right up to his and teased him about being a nuisance and he gave me my first puppy kiss on the cheek. Too Cool!

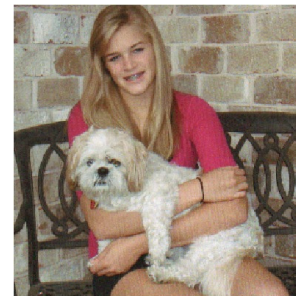
He greets us happily at the door and wants to be with us every second. Domino has undergone a transformation and now trusts *most* people, but will always love other dogs better than people. I just knew you could teach an old dog new tricks! ~ Carol Pfeiffer



Pina talks to Al like they are romancing she's almost goes in a trance; .she goes crazy with him..



Bear and his family



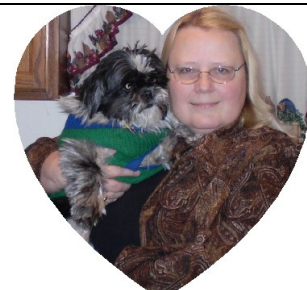
Casey and Laura



Lexy, Heather, Sharon, foster dogs



Robin and Karma



Stetson and Sally