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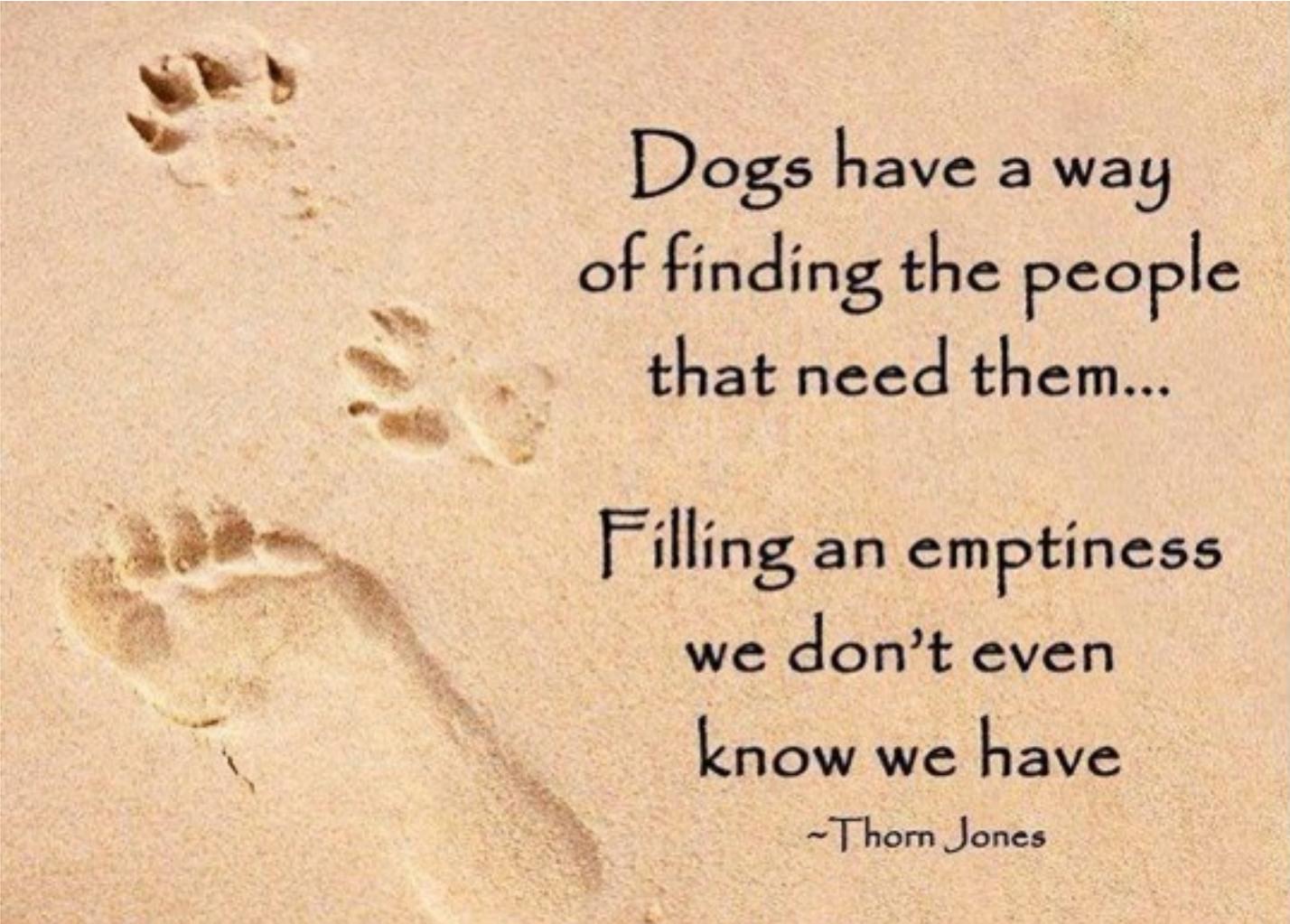
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Dogs have a way
of finding the people
that need them...

Filling an emptiness
we don't even
know we have

~Thorn Jones

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Helping the Community: Adoption News

Most BARK dogs are rescued from local public shelters. These shelters are open admission facilities, meaning that they are required by law to accept all unwanted dogs, such as those picked up as strays or surrendered by owners. When public shelters run out of room to house the dogs, they sometimes euthanize as a means of population control.

BARK and other rescue groups offer lifesaving alternatives by transferring at risk dogs to their facilities, where they are housed until adoptive homes are found. In addition to finding forever homes, BARK vaccinates, spays/neuters each dog and provides appropriate veterinary care.

We are proud to report that **22** dogs found loving homes in March including Smitty and Titus from our Oldies but Goodies program. If you'd like to keep up with the dogs adopted each week, please become a fan of BARK on Facebook at www.facebook.com/barkva.

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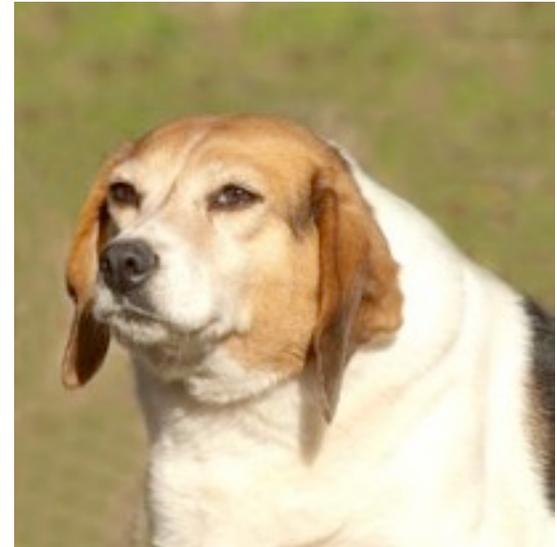
Adoption Spotlight: Fudge, Angel & Ranger, Reese, and Vivian

Dogs featured in the Adoption Spotlight were selected as personal favorites by BARK volunteers. We hope you enjoy reading their comments about these wonderful dogs. If you want to know more about a dog, [click here](#) for Petfinder bios.

If you are interested in meeting a dog featured in the adoption spotlight, please submit an application online at <http://www.barkva.org/AdoptionApplication.aspx>, send an email to adopt@barkva.org or call 804-449-BARK (2275).

“Fudge is the sweetest beagle at BARK right now,” says her volunteer friend. “She comes when called and is very sweet and calm. She doesn't tug and just loves to be loved on. Fudge is older than some of the other dogs and I think she deserves a home as sweet as she is, especially one with kids. She reminds me of my first dog.”

Fudge came to BARK from a rural county animal shelter. She was a stray that everyone in the neighborhood fed but no one could give her a forever home so when the weather got cold, they called animal control to come pick her up. She LOVES children, so the children in the neighborhood named her "Fudge" as she is so sweet. She was spayed before she was found as a stray, so has lived in a home before. She is around 7 years young, and weighs 33 pounds. She loves to go out on a walk and then relax with you. She gets along with some dogs, but can be choosy about her dog friends. She seems to prefer laid back male dogs who are a bit larger than she. She would probably be just as happy being the one and only dog in the home, getting all the attention herself. She is living in a kennel environment but seems to be housetrained. View Fudge's classified ad [here](#).



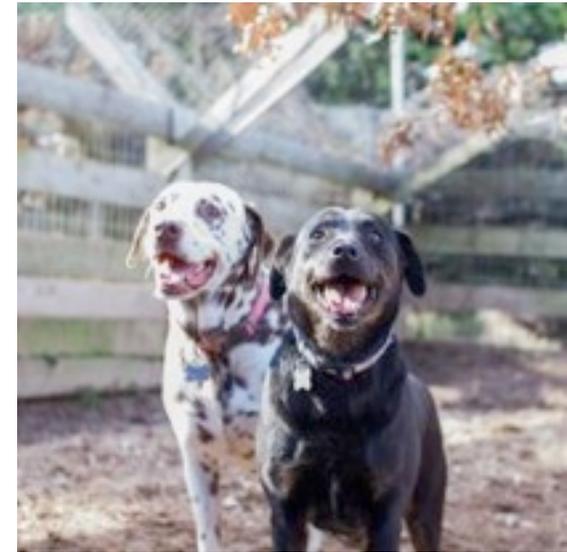
Fudge

“I am fostering Ranger and Angel and they are my favorite dogs!!” says their foster mom. “They are the sweetest dogs! Very loving and well behaved. They are so patient waiting in their crate to be taken outside and fed in the morning. They don't mind if you want to sleep in a little on the weekends! They love chasing squirrels and Angel will even "tree" them (I think that's the correct terminology). Ranger walks well on a leash but Angel is still scared and all she wants is to go back inside! They do not require a lot of activity so If you're looking for a couch potato situation...these are your dogs!! Angel loves her dog bed and Ranger loves the sofa!!”

Ranger is a 5-year-young male Dalmation mixed likely with Labrador retriever. He has a soulful, gentle, laid back and affectionate personality and has a short, easy to groom coat. He was surrendered to a rural county animal shelter with his mother, Angel. He and Angel love one another and have been together since Ranger was born, and they have to be adopted together as they are so bonded. They share the same food bowl even though they both have their own bowls and they sleep touching one another. They get anxious when they are not together. Both Angel and Ranger tested positive for heartworms but were treated in mid-March. View Angel and Ranger’s classified ad [here!](#)



Angel &
Ranger



“I gotta give a vote this month for Reese!!!” says his volunteer friend. “What a sweet, loving boy he is. After having a few different "girlfriends" as kennel mates, he is really starting to come out of his shell. He was super shy when he first came in but loves the company of other nice dogs (especially the girls!) Reese takes a little bit to warm up to you, but once he does, he is just the sweetest dog. His nature is just as gentle as his eyes. He lights up when he gets in the woods - once you get him out on the trail he seems to turn into a different dog, more confident and curious. He walks really well on the leash so long as you give him some direction. Reese is just the perfect gentleman and anyone would be lucky to have him as part of their family.”

Reese is a very sweet hound mix. He is just about a year and a half old and weigh 55 pounds. He was rescued by BARK, along with his brother Hershey, from a rural county shelter. With his infectious grin and wiry coat Reese has quickly become a favorite among our volunteers. He is shy, but brave, and he has come a long way since he came to BARK . He will warm up quickly with a few good rubs on his chin and ears. Reese loves to go on walks and walks really well on a leash. It takes him a minute to figure out that walking is just as good as jogging but with just a little more practice and lots of love and care, Reese will be a fabulous hiking partner in no time

at all. Reese has to be adopted into a home with another dog. He needs a home with another confident, playful doggie friend and a fenced in yard where he can run and play safely. Reese is looking forward to his future where he can be spoiled and have a nice soft doggie bed to sleep on. Reese tested positive for heartworms, which is a very treatable condition. BARK will pay for the cost of his treatment at our vet. If you are looking for a wonderful companion who will fill your life with fun, love and laughter then Reese is your guy! Check out Reese's classified ad [here](#).



Reese



“My favorite is Vivian,” says Vivian’s volunteer friend. “ She is like a cartoon dog. She always has an expectant, comic look on her face and she will just do anything. You take her for a walk, (she's good on a leash) and she will go fast or slow, will jump in water or not, be in the brush or right on the trail. Just whatever you want her to do. She is full of energy and really smart. I think she'd probably be good learning agility or other training. She's so loving, too. I think she is adorable and will get snapped up once people get to see her cute, sweet face.”

Vivian, just as pretty as her name, is a 7 ½-year-young female Lab/Hound mix. She is a good medium size at 45 pounds and is already house trained. Super sweet, Vivian is playful and loves to take a nice walk on a beautiful day. She is a great companion dog. Vivian gets along fine with male dogs (her size or larger). She lived with a male golden retriever in the past and got along well with him. She does not particularly care for the company of other female dogs. She can climb a four foot fence, so we recommend her for a home with at least a 6' fence or someone willing to leash walk her daily. She is not recommended for homes with cats or small dogs. Vivian can get a little anxious when left alone, so a home with someone who is not gone a lot or works close by would be perfect. She really just wants some nice pooch pampering with a new/forever home that will take care of her and love her like she deserves. See Vivian's classified ad [here](#)!



Vivian



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Volunteer Corner

Volunteer Wish List

This month we especially need:

- Donations of **canned dog food!** We are in really short supply!
- Evening feeders at the Ashland farm, volunteers for cleaning kennels, and office help (call Linda Lane at 804-883-7740).



Monthly Meetings

BARK holds monthly meetings at the new spay/neuter clinic (12300 Farrington Road, Ashland, VA) on the second Monday of every month. Please check the BARK home page for confirmation of the exact date! The meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Topics include such items as how to make BARK better, Fundraising, Clinic and Marketing the Clinic to bring in business, Adoption Success Stories, Issues from the Farm, as well as open discussions. Please plan to attend!

Doggie Stories

We need your DOGGIE story too! Since BARK has so many dogs, it is difficult for volunteers to get to know each of them in the limited time they share at the farm or at an adoption stand. In an effort to better showcase some of the wonderful dogs currently awaiting their forever homes, we are asking volunteers to share their stories of working with spending time with the BARK dogs. Please “vote” for your favorite dog and explain what makes “your” dog deserving of his or her very own forever home. Does he walk well on a leash? Does he know how to sit or shake? Does he love the water? How does he act with volunteers and other dogs? Can she fetch? Is he a good kisser? The “winning” dogs, along with the volunteer descriptions, will be featured in the adoption spotlight portion of upcoming BARK newsletters. These stories will help readers get to know the dogs and hopefully generate adoption interest. Plus, they’re a lot of fun to read! Remember, your personal experiences could make a difference in the life of a very deserving BARK dog. Submit your “votes” to robin@barkva.org.

FARM DOGGIES NEED MORE HOUSEKEEPERS and FRIENDS!!!

What better time than now - while we are all considering how we can improve ourselves, our lives and our little part of the world - to make a resolution to help the less fortunate! I have a terrific suggestion. Why not start volunteering at BARK! You will make a difference in the lives of many homeless dogs! BARK dogs are safe under our care, no matter how long it takes to find them a forever home, and they are always welcomed back should the need arise. Once a BARK dog always a BARK dog. Rescue dogs are grateful for everything they receive and will spend the remainder of their lives showing their appreciation.

Did you know that on any given day in the STATE OF VIRGINIA ALONE there are approximately 6,900 dogs in animal pounds? This does not include those dogs at rescue groups like ours. Here are a few more statistics about dogs that will knock your socks off:

Did you know that in Virginia during 2012 -

36,542 dogs were surrendered by their owner

56,800 strays were caught and taken to the pound

24,200 were reclaimed by their owner

44,566 were adopted

900 died in the pound, all alone

27,500 were euthanized for whatever reason?

So, the more volunteers we have, the more dogs we can rescue. But it takes a lot of work and we need help. Come alone, bring a friend or make it a family endeavor. You will have fun, learn about caring for and working with dogs and just enjoy their great personalities in a pretty rural setting. There are lots of activities that are very helpful: cleaning, walking, feeding, helping with medicines, grooming, even laundry! WE ALSO REALLY NEED DONATIONS AND FOSTER FAMILIES!!! Foster dogs get adopted much more quickly. Many dogs are calmer and better socialized when they can stay in a home instead of the shelter. There are loads of ways to help!

We appreciate all the help we can get and so do the dogs! Thanks for thinking about this and please pass it on to others. You can contact me, Linda Lane at: billindaphoto@mindspring.com or call me at 804-883-7740 to set-up a time to try volunteering, consider fostering or arrange to drop off donated supplies.

Please come out and help. We'll work with your schedule and time constraints. With the constant change of schedules and the juggling of jobs and children and "LIFE", we are constantly looking to replace volunteers. The regular long term kennel keepers who clean the kennels and care for the dogs find themselves needing more cleaners. We have walkers, but not so many cleaners. So if you can spare some time, enough to do even just 4-6 kennels, once a week or so, please call Linda at 883-7740 and we'll welcome you with open arms.

Volunteer Groups

The good news is that we have so many new and wonderful groups volunteering. The not so good news is that sometimes too many show up at the same time. So, all groups must be scheduled before they can visit the farm (experienced or not) to walk and/or help take care of the kennels. We are limiting the number of visiting groups on any one day for the safety of all. Please contact Carol Murray at murrsan@verizon.net to arrange a date.

Current Schedule for Kennel and Dog Care

Our flexible work schedule has proven a success. It allows volunteers, once they are trained, to clean any time during the day on which they have enlisted. Only experienced volunteers can come alone. Grab a friend or family member if you are new or come at a time while other volunteers are there. Volunteers are there at irregular times throughout the day but we do not have volunteers there all day long. Surely one of those times will work with your schedule.

Every New Volunteer will receive an "Informational Package" by e-mail and every volunteer must have an Orientation, provide their paper work to a crew lead at the farm (not only on line), and read the required material. Orientations are scheduled on a one by one basis. Children under 16 must be supervised by an adult. If 16 or older, the young person must have written permission to volunteer and be a very responsible young adult. For any questions or to schedule an Orientation contact Linda Lane at billindaphoto@mindspring.com or (804)883-7740.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: Volunteers are there at various times between 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Fridays start at about 10:30 a.m.) We have morning, late afternoon and evening crews on these days. BUT we do not have volunteers there throughout the day.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: Volunteers start arriving in the afternoon, clean their row or two and then others come later after work to finish up. Again, flexibility is the key to caring for the dogs and kennels.

Saturdays: Volunteers start coming anywhere from 10:30 a.m. (or earlier). If you are with a group, please make sure we know your group plans on coming out (see above). Also, Bob could use help loading and unloading dogs for the adoption outings.

Sundays: We never seem to have as much help on Sundays as Saturdays. All the above for Saturdays holds true for Sundays except they start a little later.

Remember, the dogs depend on us. We are all they have until a forever home is found for them. Won't you consider giving them a little part of your week – just a couple of hours or so? The dogs would love you for it and so would we! Hope to hear from you.

New Kennel Guidelines

Because we are concerned about the safety of all including the dogs, we are putting some new guidelines in place. Actually they are not totally new -we just need to make sure everyone abides by them.

1. No one under the age of 16 may walk on the LONG trail without the presence of a parent and without explicit permission from a crew lead. Any exception to this can only be made through the crew lead.
2. Children under the age of 16 may not be left along at the shelter to walk dogs at any time. A parent must be with them, helping them get in and out of kennels and making sure they know how to handle the dogs. Very experienced volunteers are the exception. Again, this is at the discretion of the crew lead. It is not wise to have youngsters running in and out of kennels or up and down the aisles for obvious reasons. It just gets too chaotic and causes the dogs to become too rambunctious and excitable not to mention noisy. Please make sure you read the attached guidelines for walking if you have not already and read them to your children.
3. Groups that come to help walk dogs need to make sure that there are enough adults to supervise the young people at all times. Please stay with them and help them get the dogs in and out of kennels, leash them properly, follow the walking precautions/ rules and stay safe – dog and child.
4. If you groom the dogs, PLEASE put all grooming tools back where they belong AFTER cleaning all the dog hair off the brushes and combs.

Volunteer News:

Kennel Volunteer Programs:

Thanks to a core of volunteers, we are constantly improving the **Quality of Life** for our dogs. Here are our volunteer needs:

- ◆ Walking and Exercising Program
- ◆ Kennel/Shelter Care and Maintenance
- ◆ Volunteer Follow Up
- ◆ Special Projects/Facilities
- ◆ Feeding
- ◆ Transport
- ◆ Groups and Community Service
- ◆ Medical Care
- ◆ Intake

If interested, please complete a volunteer inquiry form on our website: www.barkva.org. Please note that the majority of our volunteers work full-time jobs in addition to the time they dedicate to BARK. Please allow up to 2 weeks to receive a response to a volunteer application submitted online.

Welcome to newcomers Maria Alonso, Kareen Arana, Chloe Beitzel, Kevin & Tyler Brown, Wendy Calderon, Laura Carmen, Benjamin & Rebekah Cheng, Alyssa Cobb, Jillian Columbus, Reginald Conyard, Jr., Cory Draugelis, Craig Ervin, Jacqueline Garcia, Laura Gardner, Joshua Greenberg, Jason Hall, Aurora Hermick-Ruiz, Benjamin & Ronald Hess, Robert Hicks, Nadhira Hill, Avery & Kara Houchins, Tiffani & Justin Klimaszewski, Bailey Little, Kim Lohner, Teresa Low, Will Luck, Christa Lyons, James Maskovyak, Liza McLaughlin, Jenna Meeks, Rachel Monkouski, Mia Morse, Jennifer Pecota, Will Pinholster, Supraja Rajagopalan, Barbara Saber, Amrit Sahni, Griffin & Sydney Smith, Michael Smith, Felicia Taylor, Breanne Westfall and Marisa Wood.

Thank You

Big thanks to Girl Scout Troop #5109 (pictured at right) and troop leader Michele Glasco from Glen Allen for donating funds from their cookie sales this year to BARK. Eight girls and their parents toured BARK and walked dogs on Sunday, April 6th, after presenting us with a check for \$250.00 that will go towards repairing the outdoor playpens. They also made close to 25 goodie bags filled with dog treats & toys which will be given to adopters when they take home their BARK dog.



Thanks, too, to Haley Lavach and friends (pictured at left), who raised \$175 and collected bleach, towels, toys, treats and food for the BARK doggies!

Thank you to Kayla Tambellini who celebrated her 12th birthday and asked her friends to donate to BARK instead of presents. Kayla brought out donations of treats, toys, collars, food, etc. and a monetary donation.

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Mark Your Calendar

Friday, April 25th - Pups on the Patio!!! BARK is excited to start another fun season of our Pups on the Patio fundraisers. The events will be held on the fourth Friday of the month (weather permitting) from 5:30 - 8:00 on the patio of Bar Louie in Short Pump. We'll have various items to raffle off each month to raise money for BARK dogs in need of extensive vet care. If you have an item that you'd like to donate to the raffle, or would like to help solicit donations from local vendors, please email claire@barkva.org. We hope to see you at Bar Louie in April for an evening of good food, friends, and supporting a great cause!

Tuesday, April 29th - Petfinder is bringing their free Adoption Options conference to Charlottesville on April 29. For more information, go to <http://pro.petfinder.com/adoptionoptions>.

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Notes From the Farm: By Rolph

Hi there friends!

Did you see the good news!?!? One of my old-time buddies Smitty was adopted this past month! Isn't that great news? You can see his update below and some great pictures of him hanging out with his new feline friend. Who would've thought that would work? I'm so excited for him - he was at BARK for almost as long as I've been. It really gives me hope that my forever home is out there!

A number of exciting things have been taking place at the farm too. A great group of volunteers came out the other week and helped do some spring deep cleaning in the kennels. In addition to the regular cleaning, the volunteers bleached the floor, walls, toys, beds - everything in the kennels. It was really important to do because my friend Laura gave us all a new de-wormer and the deep clean made sure that we'll all be worm free!

That same weekend, another group of volunteers started working on improving one of the outside play pens. They reinforced the divider and built up the fencing to make it extra secure for folks like Sabine and Larry who like to dig and/or climb out of the playpens. We'll slowly but surely work on improving the others, but this was a great start. A huge thank you to Amanda who helped raise a lot of money for the supplies for the project!

Lastly, I have a special request from my friend Linda. We desperately need some more volunteers to help on Mondays and Wednesdays at the farm. If you can help, just shoot her an email at billindaphoto@mindspring.com.

Until next time...



Rolph

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Happy Tails...Waggin' Good News

The attached pictures are of Bat Girl, now Batya, who came to live with us in October 2013. She is healthy and a happy girl who loves to play fetch and hunt moles in our backyard.

Our best to you and all the volunteers at BARK.

Bill & Millie



Batya

I just wanted to let you know that Grover is doing very well. He spent two weeks with a trainer for basic obedience, leash manners, and socialization. Grover definitely made the guy work for his money, hahaha. He was with HPR Working Dogs in Wasilla and both boys will spend three weeks there in the summer while we fly home to Germany to visit family. If you check out their Facebook page, there should be a picture in the newsfeed somewhere of Grover and Trooper. He also lost the last few pounds and is now a handsome, lean, well-behaved boy who's complimented often on his manners. Today, I took him to the vet and he is officially heartworm-free! The weight loss revealed a lump on his back, fatty tissue that is technically considered cancer but harmless.

Hope all is well!

Verena (no photo included)

Wolf is doing great! He has met all the neighbors and they think he is adorable. He loves his walks. He is really easy to take care of, and has such a good temperament. We are so glad to have him. Once again, thank you for helping us adopt him.....he is just what we wanted.

Patricia (no photo included)

Carly Sue, now Carly, has made herself quite at home with my entire family and she brings us much joy...
Thanks again!!

Liz



Carly

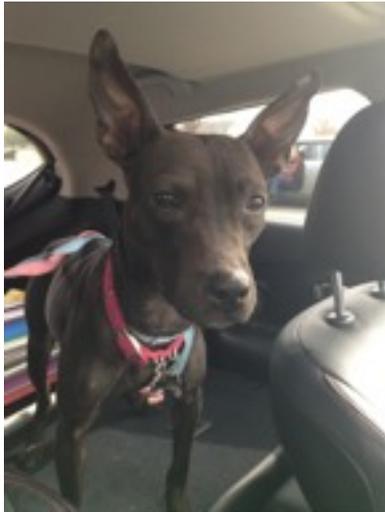
Gabe is doing fine. In the third picture he is dissecting toy. Blondie amputated couple of his fav toy's toes. Lol. It's hilarious to watch them kinda sorta share their toys. He just stares at her, then calmly when she doesn't have it in her mouth, he'll walk up & take it away. And she just stares at him. No growling or aggressiveness.



Gabe

We are so happy to have found Gidget for our family. She is great and is fitting right in.... according to 2 out of 3 cats. LOL. She is such a smart wonderful girl!

Lori



Gidget

Abbey is doing great! She is such a sweetheart and is fitting right in! She has had a wonderful couple of days so far. We are walking her with a choke chain and her pulling is non-existent while walking on it. In fact she's a great walker!

She is getting used to sleeping in the crate (although my strong girl busted out of it last night) and goes in it with little fuss.

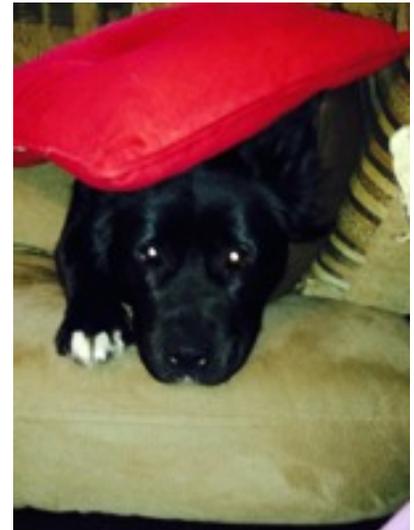
She loves the girls so much! No signs of aggression whatsoever. She and my other dog are also getting along well with just a couple of skirmishes to establish territory that have ended quickly. She does not do cats, but not a problem. Our cat lives upstairs and we are training Abbey to stay downstairs.

Thanks again for bringing us all together. She's an amazing dog and is a great member of our family!

**Sincerely,
Mellen**



Abbey



Smitty is now Jack. Jack is doing very well lots of walks and travels with me around town. Only just recently gets on well with Kat. I crated Jack for about a week while at work now he has the run of the house, sleeps in my bedroom naps on the couch. What is surprising is Jack does not play- no interest in catching or toying with balls, toys etc. Will bring him by when its not raining to see his old gang at BARK Park.

Gary



Jack
(formerly
Smitty)

On February 4, 2014 I adopted Wilma from the BARK organization. I can't tell you how happy I am and how much Barney (my Beagle) and I love her. I actually applied for her in November but had to wait since she was in the Bark behind Bars program. She was worth the wait!! Cyndie was wonderful to work with and put up with all my emails. The people at Lawrenceville did a great job in turning Wilma into the lovable dog she is today. Wilma has even changed Barney into a playful dog. Again I want to thank you for all the great work you do and for bringing Wilma into my life.

Sincerely, Ginger (no photo included)

Here is an update on our Sophie (Soso) gotcha day 10/19/13.

Sophie is doing great. She loves toys, running in the back yard, playing with her family and she loves her mama! She follows me everywhere. I am her person. She has her own bed beside mine. I will send some pictures! We love her so much. She is a perfect fit for our family.

Tanya (no photo included)

Pictured is Red on his way to his new and forever home. And Red and Maximus relaxing together after playtime.

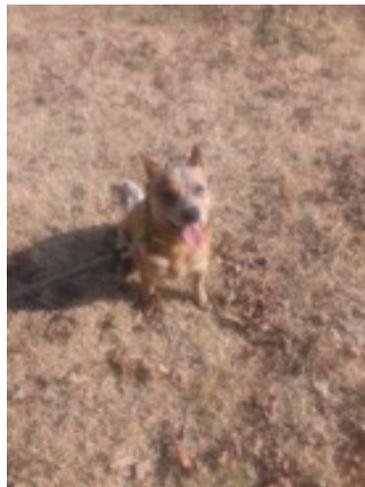
Amanda



Red

Things are going good. I decided I wanted to change his name to Rodeo (formerly Melbourne), which he actually seems to respond to better to. The first 30 minutes home was ruff. Rodeo tackled Dylan and I definitely panicked because I wasn't sure he was playing. But each day we have made progress. Today was the first day he hasn't jumped on Dylan or knocked him down. And Dylan loves him anyway, we get home and he says dog, and the first thing he says when he wakes up is dog. I've been wanting an Australian Shepherd or cattle dog for a long time and though he does need some work and training I believe he's going to be an awesome dog. He's very smart. I have a few pictures for you that I've taken with my phone. He does sleep in the crate at night because he still a little confused about what he can chew on and what he can't but I did get him 5 toys that night. I also got him a dog bed that he could care less about but Dylan makes up for it because he likes it. Hope you like the pics though they aren't the best. Thank you again!

Melissa



Rodeo

Kaida (Freya previously) is doing fine and growing well. As you can see, she and my daughter are buddies already.

Aparna



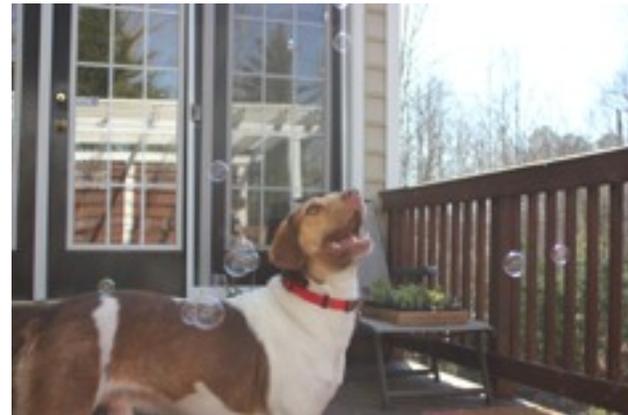
Kaida



We've added some new toys into the rotation and that really seems to have helped with the chewing. He's still a nipper when he's playing or excited, but between working with him on it and the natural process of mellowing as he ages a bit, I'm hoping that we'll be able to say goodbye to that behavior soon. Other than the hand motion for sit, we have not been able to figure out what his trainer at the correctional facility used to teach him to stay and lay down. Can you please forward the paperwork on?

In the meantime, I thought you might enjoy seeing a picture of him chasing bubbles. I don't know who was more entertained - him or us!

*Thanks,
Brittany*



Avery

If you have adopted a dog from BARK and have a Happy Tail or other contribution for the monthly newsletter, please forward it to robin@barkva.org.

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Anytime is a
good time to
donate to
BARK!

Bandit's Adoption and Rescue of K-9s

Bandit's Adoption and Rescue of K-9s is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductable. BARK is operated entirely by volunteers, so 100% of your donation will go to the dogs. Your donation will help fund spay/neuter operations, medical treatments, and daily care and feeding costs for the dogs at the Ashland farm and in BARK foster homes. You can mail your donation directly to the address below or make a secure donation online at www.barkva.org. Remember, every penny makes a difference in the life of a BARK dog!

Please accept my donation in the amount of:

- \$25
- \$50
- \$75

- \$100
- \$125
- Other _____

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Name _____

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Other Ways to Support

In addition to direct donations, there are numerous options that allow you to help support BARK and its mission. You can donate needed pet care items, purchase BARK merchandise or use a search engine that donates to BARK. Using these websites is super easy and a portion of your purchase will go directly to BARK. Please consider using these sites when shopping for your friends and loved ones this holiday season...

- ❖ In addition to monetary donations, is always in need of various pet care and administrative items. To view a complete inventory of “wish list” items, please visit <http://www.barkva.org/Volunteer.aspx>.
- ❖  merchandise, such as apparel for you and your pet, housewares, and bumper stickers are now available online at www.cafepress.com. Check it out!
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