

Community Newsletter
February 2015

www.barkva.org

804-449-BARK

Bandit's Adoption and Rescue of K-9s

[Wish List for BARK Shelter](#)

[Thank You Zoom Printing!](#)

[Mark Your Calendars](#)

[Helping the Community: Adoption News](#)

[Adoption Spotlight: Elvis, Jerry, Josephine, and Vivian](#)

[Volunteer Corner: We Need You!](#)

[Notes from the Farm](#)

[Happy Tails...Waggin' Good News!](#)

[Ways to Donate to BARK](#)

Wish List for BARK Shelter

- ❖ Milk Bones of all sizes but right now we mostly need large ones, LOTS OF THEM!
- ❖ Rawhides and chew bones for those dogs kenneled alone. (If there is any way you can cut them into halves or even thirds, that would help enormously – more to hand out!!!!)
- ❖ Nylabone chew toys-large and small. Please no stuffed, soft, plastic, pull apart toys: dogs eat them and then have stomach issues.
- ❖ Bleach and big dish detergent.
- ❖ Good solid sturdy wheel barrels preferably KOBALT QUALITY – really need a few good ones and some of the others repaired.
- ❖ Canned dog food – lots and lots!!!! Including grain free for a few sensitive tummies.
- ❖ Rubbermaid Construction Grade BRUTE storage tubs – must be the thick heavy duty type - mid sized (about 20 gallons) storage tubs with the tight lids and snap down latches to keep mice and squirrels out. They eat right through the thin plastic tubs. We have the thin ones and can't use them.
- ❖ ONLY heavy duty COSTCO industrial strength 50 Gallon trash bags to fit our trash cans - Costco has good ones.
- ❖ Neosporin, band aids, triple antibiotic ointment, and gauze.
- ❖ Specific Pooper Scoopers – the ones that have two separate pieces: one handle has a tray at the bottom of it in which to scoop poops, the other handle has a metal scraper at the end of it for pushing the poop into the tray. They work the best.
- ❖ Vienna Sausages and/or individually wrapped American cheese for giving doggie meds.

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

Thank You Zoom Printing!

As an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, BARK relies upon the generosity of our supporters who enable us to do what we do. One such company is Zoom Printing. Zoom Printing has supported BARK throughout the years and donated printing services that are essential to help us promote BARK (volunteer informational cards and more). If you're in the market for a great, local printing company that gives back to their community, please consider Zoom (www.zoomprinting.com). Thank you Zoom for all of your support!



[\(Return to Top\)](#)

Mark Your Calendars!

BARK is pleased to announce a great partnership with Texas Roadhouse in Midlothian and Fredericksburg. On March 24th, these two locations will donate 10% of the total food bill to BARK for any diner who presents a BARK fundraiser flier. Specific times are:

- ❖ Midlothian (1570 W. Koger Center Blvd.) - 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm. You can download the Midlothian flier [here](#).
- ❖ Fredericksburg (3940 Plank Rd., Suite A) - 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. You can download the Fredericksburg flier [here](#).

Please print and share the flier with friends and family - the more the merrier! The only stipulation is that the flier cannot be distributed on-site the day of the event.

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

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 **30** dogs found loving homes in January, including Copper, Jessie, Lance, and Rosco 2 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.

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

Adoption Spotlight: Elvis, Jerry, Josephine, 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).

Here's what Elvis' volunteer friend wrote about him: "I love Elvis! He is the sweetest most laid back boy. So happy for attention but so calm. He walks well on a leash & just wants to be with his person!"

Elvis is a 5-year old hound mix who weighs around 55 pounds. He was found stray in a local rural county and was fortunately rescued by BARK. He's already garnered a fan club here but would love to find a forever home of his own. He's incredibly friendly, calm, and gets along well with other dogs. He walks great on leash and loves going for long walks along the BARK trails. View Elvis's classified ad [here](#).



Elvis



Jerry's volunteer friend shared this about him: "Jerry is definitely one of my favorites at BARK. He's smart, playful, and listens incredibly well. Unfortunately, the kennel environment is not ideal for such a smart boy and he can get a little frustrated. But, once you have him out for a nice long walk or free run, his true personality shows. Jerry would do wonderfully in a home with an active family who can help keep his mind busy and involve him in a lot of activities. He would love a fenced in yard and would do great as a running companion. He simply needs a change of scenery and an owner who can give him direction and reinforce all the great things he already knows!"

Jerry is a 1 1/2 year old mixed breed boy, likely a plott hound and terrier mix. He's the perfect medium size at around 45 pounds. Jerry gets along well with other dogs and definitely loves to play. He graduated from one of our prison training programs and knows all kinds of great tricks! View Jerry's classified ad [here](#).



Jerry



“Josephine is my favorite this month. She gets really, really excited when you play fetch with her with a rawhide or bone. She does laps around the kennel when you throw the rawhide, then she grabs it, brings it back to you and drops it, then she takes off again. Josey also does ‘laps’ when the feeders arrive—bouncing of her bed and then to the front of the kennel and back again. She is such a sweet and silly dog.”

Josephine is a 3-year old boxer mix with a gorgeous, easy-to-groom coat. She is smart and playful and loves being with her person. Josephine would love a home with a big, fenced yard where she can run and play to her heart’s content. She can be a little picky with doggie friends and would do best as the only dog in the home. View Josephine’s classified ad [here](#).



Vivian has a number of fans at BARK, but here’s what one special fan shared: “I’m simply amazed that Vivian hasn’t been snatched up yet. She is just the sweetest girl! Yes, she can be a little picky with her doggie friends (mostly just females), but she has enough love to fill any home. She always has a loving, longing look in her eyes - you can tell she’s just wondering if you’re the one who is finally going to take her home. She loves being with her person, leans in for a nice rub, walks well on leash, and is incredibly attentive. At 8 years old, she deserves to enjoy the comforts of a home again!”

Vivian is an 8-year old lab/hound mix with a short, easy-to-groom coat. At 45 pounds, she would fit well in just about any home environment. Vivian is very playful and gets along well with most male, similarly sized dogs (no cats or very small dogs please). Vivian would love a home with someone who is home a lot and can spend plenty of quality time with her. She has spent time in a home and had great house manners. View Vivian’s classified ad [here](#).



[\(Return to Top\)](#)

Volunteer Corner

Volunteer Wish List

This month we especially need:

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



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 out 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. For those interested in volunteering on Saturdays and/or Sundays, ORIENTATIONS: Arranged on an as needed basis but every Saturday at 11:00 a.m., orientations are conducted by Richard or Claire. Bring your application/waiver and make sure you have completed the required reading.

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 by allowing volunteers, once they are trained, to clean any time during the day they chose to help. 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 from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm) We have morning, late afternoon and evening crews on these days. BUT we do not have volunteers there throughout the day.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: A couple of Volunteers start around noon. Others come after work.

Saturdays and Sundays: Volunteers start coming anywhere from 10:30 a.m. (or earlier).

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

For safety reasons, we need to request the following:

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:

Check out free webinars on Maddie's Fund: http://www.maddiesfund.org/Maddies_Institute/Webcasts.html

Love volunteering at BARK? Listen to Maddie's Fund's webinar Playing with Dogs and find out just how valuable your attention and affections are to BARK's dogs. In this 90-minute webcast, veterinarian Brenda Griffiths explains the importance of playing with shelter dogs to maintain their mental and physical health and adoptability and gives practical tips on assessing a dog's play behavior and engaging in particularly useful games and activities.

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 *Todd Anderson, Tatum Berry, Olivia Blanks, Kristen Bozza, Sarah Carroll, Emma Davis, Nicole D'Ambrosio, Sophia Dedominicis, Aaron Dixon, Hannah Emery, Alex Farnsworth, Aleah Fedorciw, Joseph George, Izzy & Jared Golden, Sammy Gonzalez, Elise Gruber, Caroline Hayssen, Erin Hollis, Rob Kohn, Dean La, Austin Lackey, Julia & John Lain, Claire Lazaroff, Emily Maanum, Marc & Missy Maier, Madeleine Mashon, Sydney Menchhoff, Yuna Miyamoto, Sarah Neal, Zachie Nessar, Marissa Nino, Kim Ober, Chelsea Ofori, Carmen Price, Crystal Rawls, Gabe Ryan, Christina Smith, Asiainn Souphomphakdy, Willow & Lindsay Stone, Victoria Strahan, Emma Sullivan, Titibhorn Veerachit-o-Iarn and Miranda Wagner.*

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

Notes From the Farm

Hi there friends!

January was a pretty good month here at the BARK kennels, even if it was cold! I'm always amazed that so many of my volunteer friends continue to come out, even when the weather is far from ideal. Cold, rainy, even snowy - they still come out to spend time with us and make sure we're well taken care of. And, on those cold, gloomy days, seeing a volunteer show up really brightens up my day (and I know that goes for all of us here)! So, thank you, thank you, thank you! If you were ever thinking of coming out, definitely do - we make it worth your while!

On those cold days, it's also nice to think about all the nice, warm days that will be coming. Warmer weather means more long walks and some fun events for the dogs and volunteers! Pups on the Patio will be starting up in the next few months, and I've heard rumors about a fundraiser at Strangeways Brewery. Wouldn't that be fun? Rescue dogs and craft beer - what more can you ask for? Hopefully I'll get to make a special guest appearance at a few of the upcoming events.

In the meantime, if you have something you'd like to donate for this year's Pups on the Patio events, please email my friend Claire at claire@barkva.org. She's in the process now of collecting gift certificates, gift baskets, and other goodies that can help raise money for us!

Until next time!



Kelley

Happy Tails...Waggin' Good News

Sorry it's been so long since my last update on my babies (formerly Domino and Lexus). They are doing great! We FINALLY got the fence done a week before Christmas. Lexi immediately lost weight (she had gotten pretty fat). They love going outside and they love coming inside...there's excitement going and coming!

I have a million pics, 95% are Dominic. Lexi is always a blur in her pictures. They did take a long time to settle in, but who can blame them. They were worth the wait. They have their forever home, and even better, they now know it.

*Take care,
Kathy*



Dominic &
Lexi



Boyd has been with us nearly three months now and we wanted to let you know how great he is doing. He seems to have accepted that this is truly his forever home and we can not remember what life was like without him. He has moved out of the crate and can be found sleeping near at least one of us each night. He has made it very clear that his favorite person is my husband -- which makes us all laugh as he was the last one to agree to adding a dog to our family. He has enough love for the rest of us however and a day does not go by that there is not at least one game of fetch between him and the younger kids.

We will be traveling in May and we are already sad about leaving him behind (going to Disney) but have found a trusted kennel for him to stay until we return. He will be included in many other events as the weather warms up and we start spending more time outside.

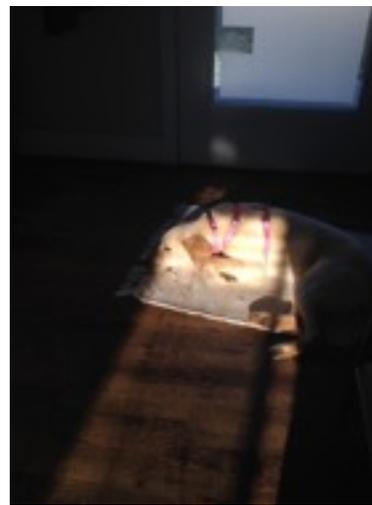
I want to thank you again for helping us find Boyd. Your guidance meant so much to all of us and we truly appreciate it.

Melissa (no photo included)

I hope you are doing well! I wanted to send you a few pictures of Luna (formerly Tiffany) and let you know that she is great! She is starting to get more adjusted and has had a few play dates with other dogs. She's getting better at walking on the leash and loves running around in the back yard. She's such a snuggle bug, and is laying against me on the couch as I write this. She really like her belly rubbed and playing fetch. She's teaching me so much and I couldn't be happier. Thanks for helping us find one another!

My best,

Alex



Luna

Willy (now "Riddle") was adopted to a wonderful home to begin training as a service dog. Here's what his new mom shared about his transition so far:

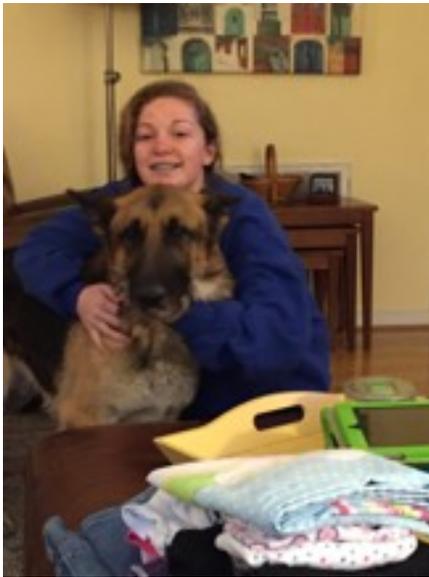
Riddle is settling in nicely. The household was barely interrupted. He is getting walked an average of 3 miles daily. He cleared all the vet checks. I am looking into a head halter for training. The scarring around his neck makes me nervous to let a working collar be used. The vet agreed it was a good idea too. Monday and Tuesday he has evaluation at training camps. I am cautiously optimistic as he has demonstrated several behaviors that I had hoped for.

I will continue to keep you posted on his journey.

Angie (no photo included)

Max is a great dog. We are waiting "for the other shoe to drop,"but it hasn't happened. He is well mannered and beside marking some corners in our house the first day, he hasn't had an accident. He's very curious and had had sightings of our cat, but has yet to be in close proximity of each other. He loves car rides and walks in the neighborhood, and is happy to go back in his crate. We will make arrangements to get started on his heartworm treatments next week. It didn't take long to become a member of our family. Thanks for making all the arrangements.

Mike



Max

Rosco is loving life as part of our family. Thank you BARK for all you have done for him!

Crystal



Rosco



Things are going well. My parents have decided to call him Bandit (formally Omar). Dad says that at night he makes his way to a crate and just lays there with all four paws up in the air and sleeps.

He got to meet the grandkids last Sunday and was very sweet and gentle to all of them. He had an appointment with Dr Owens (Dr Locke Taylor's office) and we have him on a heartworm treatment program now along with the lyme vaccinations and the flea/tick preventative.

He surprised Mom and Dad by finally barking...I guess that means he's gotten his confidence back and is feeling more at home. Well, I'm almost certain he has because Mom said the other day he was digging in one of our houseplants pot and dirt was everywhere. We laughed and said he was just redecorating his room....

Carrie



Bandit

Here's a great update on not one, but two BARK dogs! Koda (formerly Rio) and Casey (formerly Daphne) sure seem to be enjoying life and each other in their forever home!



Koda &
Casey

We received this great update on Sabre (formerly "King") who graduated from his training class at Petco. Congratulations Sabre and your accomplishment and your forever home!



Sabre



Bella Donna is doing very well. She is settling in nicely and learning her new surroundings. She seems to obey orders and "behaving" herself more than I expected her to do. I had her checked by the Vet. for intestinal parasites and was found negative for that (good news). My daughter loves her and made the statement that we should only adopt dogs like Bella! I appreciate all the help you extended to me.

Best Regards,

A. Sahib (no photo included)

Lance is doing GREAT! We renamed him because "Lance" is the name of my ex-husband. Lol. So now he is "I. King Jordan" who is a Hero in the deaf community. We refer to him as just "Jordan." We absolutely love him!! He gets along well with everybody and has yet to catch the elusive shadow of his tail. ;) He loves a brisk walk but seems to enjoy snuggling on the couch more than anything.

Taegan



Jordan



It has been a few weeks since we adopted Patches and I wanted to give you an update. When we first got him, he was so timid and shy but that has slowly started to change and he has started to show us his "happy" side. He has started interacting with Punkin and puppy playing with her and he has even found ONE toy that he likes (most of what we have squeaks and is scared of that noise). He is very lovable and even more now that he has started to trust us. He is a great companion for me and a great snuggle buddy for all of us. I am so glad that we have found each other!!!

I know that Patches is a graduate of the correctional program – do you have a list of commands they used on him. I would like to continue to enforce what he has learned but don't want to confuse him either with my own made up ones. Thank you for your time and attention that you give in finding good homes for the rescues.

Margaret (no photo included)

Hanz is being very well taken care of. He is in daycare all week. I get up at 5:00 am on the week days and we walk and then I drop him off at day care. I pick him up after work or after I visit my mom and then we walk again. He has TONS and TONS of energy so I have to keep him busy as much as possible.

This Saturday we started our first "manners" class together. The instructor seems to think Hanz may make a great Therapy dog. This is great news because this is what I had hoped to do with him. After this class, I am going to try to start working towards this.

I take Hanz everywhere with me, the store, library, the dump, etc. and Saturday after class we went to two parks, one to throw the ball (he LOVES that) and one we walked about 2 - 3 miles in the woods.

He loves riding in the truck and going places. EVERYONE absolutely LOVES him. They love him where I work, they love him at daycare, etc. Today he got a dental (no teeth extracted :), the little tumor on his eye removed and his hips x-rayed (Dr. Hickey thought he had hip dysplasia and arthritis - but he does NOT have either!!!! I also am getting the test done to find out what breeds of dog he is. That test takes about three weeks to get back. I cannot wait to find out. I think he is Rottweiler and Great Dane?? He also gained four pounds in one week this week. When I weighed him last week he was 95 lbs. Today he was 99 lbs.!!

He is still having diarrhea on and off even though I have him on a good prescription food for upset stomachs and I am cooking him chicken and rice but I also got further testing done on him today that is being sent to a lab to see if there is anything we missed on the first fecal we did on him. Once this is taken care of I will be feeding him different food to help his skin and coat more. I brush him everyday and he LOVES it.

As far as with my cat, I have it kinda of worked out in the household right now. Hanz goes pretty crazy when he thinks the cat is in the house. I have the house divided in two and I sleep with the cat. At bedtime Hanz snorts under the door and cries and runs around the house. This goes on for awhile. If he has been well exercised, it does not go on for very long. If NOT well exercised, it goes on for quite a while. Then he quiets down and goes to sleep.

Hanz really fixates on things massively. He will sit at the window where he thinks the cat is in the back yard and he would sit there and stare out the window for months if I did not call him into another room. He stares at that with a lot of things. I will probably talk to the instructor in my class about this.

I am still going to address this cat issue with an instructor whether it be Bill or the instructor of my class (we have already talked some in my first class Saturday).

I honestly believe both Raven (my cat) and Hanz are happy. My cat is outside/inside and honestly not much has changed for my cat with Hanz being here. The only difference for him is not sitting with me on the couch late at night. Everything else is the same for him.

I am taking things day be day. Hanz has been so good for me as far as getting me up early in the morning and getting me out to walk and getting me out on the weekends and teaching me PATIENCE!! I love him very much. I think and pray everything will work out fine. Thank you for checking on him. Hanz said to tell everyone hello.

*Talk to you soon,
Anne (no photo included)*

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.

[\(Return to Top\)](#)

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

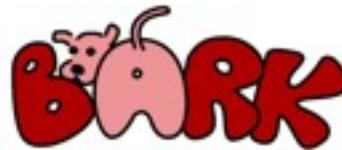
- \$100
- \$125
- Other _____

Gift given in honor of _____

Gift given in memory of _____

Name _____

Address _____



P.O. Box 1682
Glen Allen, VA 23060
info@barkva.org
804-449-BARK (2275)

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!
- ❖ If you shop at Food Lion, BARK is now a charity with their MVP rewards. To register your MVP card, visit <http://www.foodlionmvpwards.com/>.
- ❖ **How can you make searching and shopping for that perfect gift even more perfect? Use iGive, where with ever transaction a portion goes to benefit BARK. Raise a penny (or more) per search and generate donations from any of the 730+ stores listed with iGive, ranging up to 26%. Also, check out the new searchable coupons and deals, where you will find all available, up to the minute offers and specials. Just visit www.igive.com.**
- ❖ GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! You can even set GoodSearch as your default search engine.

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause. So, by making your regular purchases through this site, you're helping take care of the dogs while they're waiting for their forever home!

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter  as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word! It's a super easy way to help support the organization.

[\(Return to Top\)](#)