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Kids Who Care

Earlier this month, Isabel Kump came by our adoption stand to drop off some things she got for her 11th birthday. Isabel and her family adopted a dog from BARK in the past and love her very much.



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Mark Your Calendar

BARK will be holding the next Pups on the Patio event on Friday, July 25th, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. BARK volunteers, supporters, and some adoptable dogs will be on the patio of Bar Louie in Short Pump helping to raise money with some great raffle items for BARK dogs in need of extensive care. It's a great opportunity to bring your favorite 4-legged friend out for some great food, cold drinks, and good company - all for an amazing cause!

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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 **29** dogs found loving homes in June including Alex, Amber, Layla, Shirley, Sparky, and Trudy 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: Brando and Lance, Freddy, Taffy, 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).

“I always find this (vote for my favorite BARK dog) so hard to do,” says one volunteer. “I love so many BARK dogs! Everyone knows that Brando and Lance are my favorites, though. Lance may have some issues, but he is sweet and loveable and just wants to be near a person. Any person! He is the best cuddler and gives great hugs and kisses. He just needs that special person who will be able to spend the time with him that he needs and he will reward them with all the love he has ~ and that's a lot!! Brando is gorgeous, calm, headstrong and loveable! He, too, has some quirks but just needs someone to show him who's boss and he'd make an awesome family member! It's shocking to me that he has not been adopted.”

Lance is a very special dog. He is deaf, but that doesn't make him any less charming, sweet and affectionate. A very handsome, unique looking young male mixed breed who is four years young and weighs 59 pounds, Lance has a nice medium energy level but does get very excited to see people. He will require special training with hand cues and he will learn quickly as he loves to earn treats, and has already learned a few basic cues from our volunteers. Lance needs that special home and person who will commit to working with him. He likes to play and loves to be with people whether engaged in play with toys or with other dogs. Lance is smart and will stay right near your side. He knows how to sit and walk nicely on a leash. Lance loves going for long walks and has been very good with our volunteers. He is sweet, friendly and just loves people. He is good with other dogs and can be very playful at times. Lance would be a fine dog in a home alone or as a companion/playmate to another. Lance is looking for a home and family that will give him as much love as he gives them! (and that will be a lot!) View Lance's classified ad [here](#).



 Lance

Brando (named after Marlon Brando) is a handsome and regal 3-year-old mixed breed with unique, eye-catching markings. He appears to be a mix of Dutch shepherd, Labrador retriever, and mastiff and is full grown at 62 pounds. He is quite a gentleman, and we have been impressed with him. He gets along fine with most other dogs. We think he will be a nice addition to a family and a loyal, affectionate companion. He loves to take long walks on the trails and loves to be close to you, at your side. He is attentive, a fast learner, and will do well with training as he's so eager to learn. Brando would do best in an all adult home or a home with older children since very young children can make him a bit nervous. He would make a wonderful companion for an active family and would absolutely love a home with a nice, fenced in yard where he can run and play to his heart's content! He is ready to find a family to share lots of good times with. View Brando's classified ad [here](#).



 Brando

“I vote for Freddy - he is the sweetest mellow soul,” says his volunteer friend. “When you speak to him, he stops in his tracks and gazes up at you like you are the most wonderful person he ever met. When you rub his ears, he just melts and would stand there forever. He's a great cuddler and deserves a loving home with people who will love him and appreciate all of the love and devotion Freddy has to give!!”

Freddy is a 3-year-old handsome beagle likely mixed with some basset hound. He weighs around 52 pounds. He was found as a stray in a rural county and later rescued by BARK. He is a love of a dog and is quite affectionate ! He gets along very well with other dogs. He tested positive for heartworms, which is a very treatable condition. BARK will pay for the cost of his treatment at our vet. All you need to supply is TLC. Freddy would be fine as a friend to another dog in the home or as an only dog. He would be a good walking buddy by day, and a snuggler by night! View Freddy's classified ad [here](#).



Freddy



“Taffy is my favorite dog!” says her volunteer friend. “As her bio says, she is really affectionate but you do have to get her attention. Her favorite attention getter is a peanut butter Kong. Taffy is a high energy girl and needs to have the extra calories for her energy level. Taffy loves to be rubbed and talked to. And of course you'll be rewarded with her wide, joyful smile. She is such a sweet girl and I know the right family or person is out there looking for her. I hope her person finds her soon. Taffy is such a deserving dog and I know she will bring happiness into someone's life just as she does mine every time I see her sweet face.”

Taffy is a medium sized, 60 lb. mixed breed with a short, east-to-groom coat. She appears to have a mix of Labrador retriever, boxer and maybe some redbone hound in her. She knows the commands "sit", "down", and "shake". She is very affectionate and loves her person ! She is submissive towards you and will roll over to get her belly rubbed. She gets along with some dogs, but not all. If you have another dog, we suggest you bring your dog to meet her. View Taffy's classified ad [here](#).



Taffy



Vivian's special volunteer friend says this about her, "My favorite dog is Vivian. She is such a sweet girl and looks at us with such hope in her eye like she is saying "please, are you going to take me home? " When walking her this past Monday, I found out she loves water. We were walking by one of the plastic pools and she jumped right in and plopped right down in the water even sticking her nose underwater!! Please, take a look at Vivian!! I don't see how anyone could resist those beautiful eyes!!"

Just as pretty as her name, Vivian is a 7 1/2 year young 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 has lived with a male golden retriever in the past and got along well with him. She however, 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. View 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 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. 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 Louie Bafford, Kyran Belfield, James Boothe, Grady Boswell, Brandon Boswell, Jenna Bullock, Catherine Caglar, Julie Caven, Brian Davies, Alex Davis, Matthew Donleson, Tim Eicher, Bryon Eubanks, Susan & Joe Gaidos, Scott Goodman, Kelsie Grice, Jan Heizer, Robert Hicks, Matt Houle, Brian LaRosa, Tom Lewis, Kijano Mado, Sam Mayer, Charlie McAdams, Hannah Medina, Sarah Nicholas, Shubhro Pal, Jennifer Quinney, Ian Ragland, Laondon Smith, Kyle Snodderly, Sara Stevens, Mitchell Surkamp, Eric Tayler, Remy Tucker, Bonnie Vencill, Jean Watling, Chase Wedekind, and Marvin Wein.

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Notes From the Farm

Hello Friends!

I'm standing in as spokesdog this month for my old buddy Rolph. After years of waiting in the kennels, Rolph finally went into a foster home! I'm sure he's relaxing happily on a nice fluffy dog bed. Many long time BARK volunteers will remember me from my younger days, when I terrorized the kennel cleaners and dragged the dog walkers around. I lived at BARK for almost FOUR YEARS before I convinced my mom (a regular volunteer) to take me home. Shortly after I made my escape, one of our awesome volunteers started the Oldies But Goldies program. It's a program that focuses on dogs that have been in rescue for over a year - just because a dog waits longer for a home, doesn't mean they're a bad dog! So far we've had 64 amazing dogs find homes thanks to this program, but there are still a bunch who are waiting for their forever homes, so if you're thinking about adopting, definitely check out our oldies!

In other news, it's been a hot summer so far, but our volunteer friends have been taking care of the kennels to make it bearable. Bill Reister, Bill Billings, and Amanda Tyler have all been helping with weed whacking, and Jack Staton fixed the fly spray suppression system nozzles to keep those annoying flies away. I heard my old friend Bob Adams even removed a few trees and is preparing to put in new ones for shade! It sounds like everyone is putting in a lot of hard work around the kennels, and I'm sure all the dogs appreciate it.

Don't forget to come out to our Pups on the Patio fundraisers at Bar Louie in Short Pump! The next one is Friday, July 25th. I may even try to make an appearance so I can see all my adoring fans. It's for a good cause - any money raised goes towards medical bills for sick and injured dogs!



Anyway, my mom says I'm hogging the computer.

Until next time!



Frankie

Happy Tails...Waggin' Good News

Mickey is fantastic! He had a couple of accidents (apparently he needs to go out the minute he finishes eating) but other than that we haven't had any problems. He is doing much better on the leash and is terrific with the kids. Someone (I can't remember her name at the moment) took a picture of us with Mickey on Saturday and you are welcome to use that. Here is another one of him with the kids, as you can see he is very good with them and they all love him!

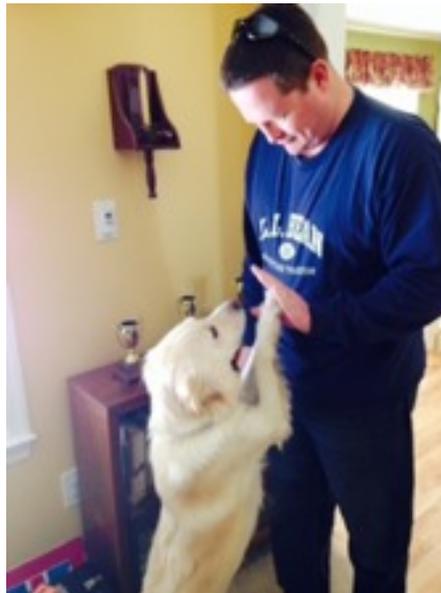
Mila



Mickey



This is our beloved Sophie (formerly Soso). She is doing well after being at home since Oct 19. We adore her!! Just wanted you to know;))



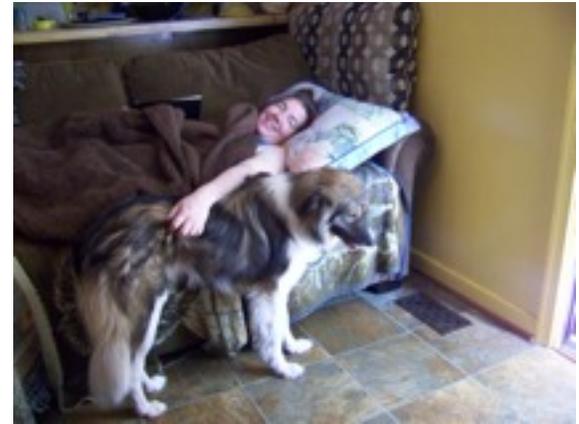
Sophie

Cliff is doing great and has become attached to me. Zilker and him have a nice understanding going.

Susan (no picture included)

Thank you for your help getting Freia (formerly Juby). She has learned a lot and she has given us lots of love.

Phillip



Freia

Here's a great picture of adopted BARK dog Trixie! She sure looks like she loves her forever mom!!!



Trixie



Hi everybody, it's Niko. My new mom wanted to send my update earlier but I wanted to type it myself. It took me a little bit of time to type it because my paws are so big, I kept hitting the wrong keys. I love my forever home, I have a big fenced in backyard to play in with my sister Sally. We get along great, she chases me and catches me, she's pretty fast. I even get my other sister Baegel to play. She's old but can still hang in there with the best of them. Sally and Baegel have nicknames, it didn't take me long to get one. My mom calls me "Naughty Niko", but she does it in a playful way. I got my nickname the first day I was there, since I am kind of tall, I can reach a hanging flower basket by the deck. And guess what....I had to try and bite at the leaves...my mom saw me and I got my nickname, but the good thing is she laughed about it. Thank God she has a sense of humor, she says it's nothing but a puppy thing.

I met my new doctor too, he's nice and he said I am healthy and gave me a treat, I think he did that so I wouldn't get mad when he gave me some vaccines. My mom is sending some pictures with my letter. I want to thank everybody at BARK for helping me. I don't have thumbs so I will give BARK 2 paws up.



Niko

Back in May of 2012, I rescued a dog from your organization. She was a shepherd mix, about a year old at the time, and had been named Annabella.

Today, two years later, I found myself out on the field with her, attending our weekly agility class and was overcome with the sudden realization how far this rescue dog had come.

Annabella, now named Lexi, has surely come a long way from how she was two years ago when we first rescued her. She was a dog who was nervous, untrained, scared of all loud sounds and noises, wary of all strangers, especially men.

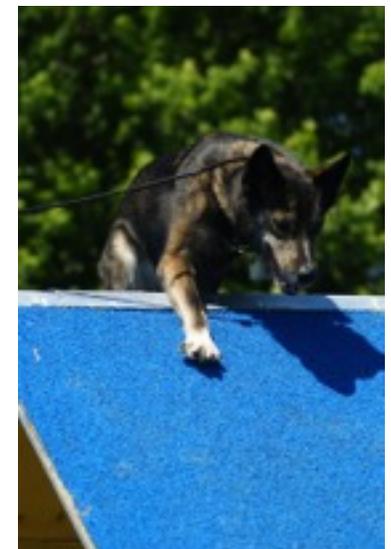
Since adopting her, I have worked non-stop with her. We first employed a private trainer to work with us to work on her confidence and nervousness around people and strange things. I later enrolled her in PetSmart training, where she graduated all three levels and got her Advanced Diploma.

With her excelling at her obedience work, I decided this spring to enroll her into agility. This has been an activity that she and I both love.

Lexi has been an outstanding dog. She is a constant companion. She is so eager to please and loves to learn. I couldn't ask for a better dog because although she came with some rough edges, her and I working on those edges to smooth them out has not only made her a better dog, but me a better person.

Thank you BARK for providing the bridge that connected me and Lexi.

*Cheers,
Tracy*



Lexi

We adopted our foster, Remi, after only a few weeks with us. We fell in love with his nature, always innocent and sweet. Remi is young but from a maturity level, he is all puppy, as if exploring the world around him for the first time. During his exploration phase, all findings had to be chewed and carried away, from shoes, clothing, and just about everything inside and out. After he felt comfortable with us and his new home, he went on a non-stop play and rough housing spree with his brother, Tyler. He has developed a close bond with Trever, too, and they are all good friends. In just a short time, he has become more mature and doesn't need a crate to keep him safe although he still likes to hang out or nap in two of his favorites.

His reactions to the world around him are adorable: his head tilt from what he sees and hears on TV, his surprise from seeing his reflection in the mirror, or his reaction to a turtle, like he can't believe it's walking. Remi has a perfectly wonderful temperament and self-confidence, although still shy around strangers. He is smart and has learned many new words. But the priority and challenge is managing a persistent case of demodetic mange and identifying the cause to keep him healthy. We are grateful for the chance to meet and adopt such a beautiful, precious boy!

Cathy



Remi

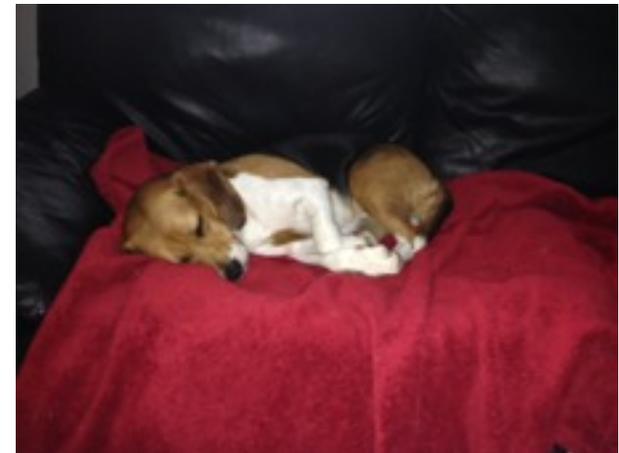
Here are some great pictures of Hobie enjoying life in his now forever home! His long-time foster adopted his during the Maddie's Day adopt-a-thon.



Hobie



Libby



Wanted to give you all an update on Maddie --- Could not be more happy with her!! She is now totally into the routine of going out to the barn -- off-leash -- to help with the chores, without chasing the cats or trying to herd the horse. I did have to get a training collar to train her not to "attack" the horse --- after a couple of corrections, she definitely got the message. She can now be in the barn feed room with the cats without chasing them. I used the training collar to train her on the perimeter of the property; she now shows no interest in going off of the property, and follows by my side as I do the chores each day. She is so super-smart and willing to please --- just an incredible dog. My friends love her and can't get over how good she is. She has lost a little weight -- she's now 47 pounds and a bit more in shape with getting to run around the property every day.

Thank you so much again for providing such a wonderful foster home and coordinating the adoption!

Pat



Maddie



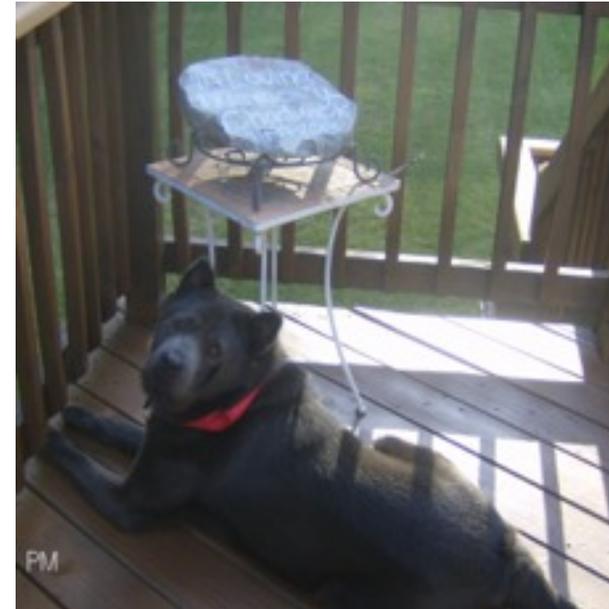
Thought you may want to see a recent pic of Ricky (formerly Rocky). When we are on our deck, he lays right beside a memory rock that I painted for our Chow Chad that passed. It is as if he is guarding it. :)

We love Ricky and he is doing well.
Have a nice week-end.

Sherri



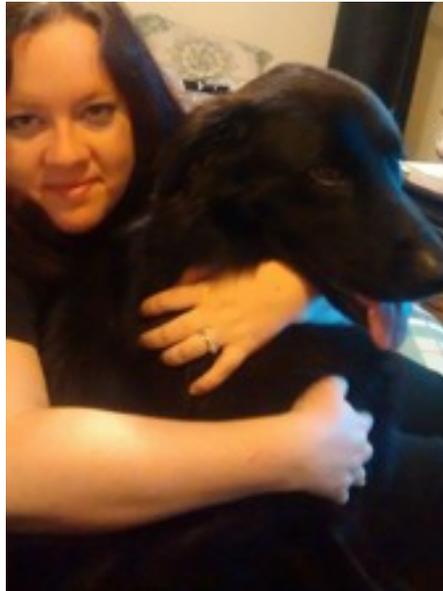
Ricky



I just wanted to send you a quick email, and let you know that Buddy is doing great. He is so smart and so loveable. Both my boys adore him, and he does so well with the kids! I will have to say though, I think I'm his favorite person. I now have a shadow, he follows me to every room, and waits for me outside the bathroom. It is so cute!

I attached a few pictures so you can see him. Thanks again so much for allowing my family to adopt Buddy, he is truly a great and wonderful addition to our family.

Melissa



Buddy

Check out these great pictures of Titus in his forever home!



Titus

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

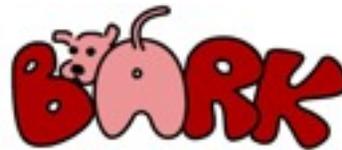
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Other Ways to Support

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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