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Virginia Currents Features Jessica Beath Clinic

Dear Bob,

Here's a link to the story featuring you and Jessica Beath - also includes an audio slideshow.

<http://ideastations.org/radio/news/virginia-currents-helping-families-and-pets-veterinary-clinics-offer-discounted-services>

Thanks again for speaking with us and giving me a tour of BARK. I hope the story raises more awareness about your work and gets more pets in homes!

Best, Catherine

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Unwanted Senior Black Mutt Gets His Happy Ending (www.livewithdogs.tv)

As a senior black mutt, Rocky was considered an unadoptable shelter dog. But one volunteer who was only meant to walk him fell in love, and gave this badly abused, overlooked dog six years of comfort, love and family before he passed away in her arms.

From Mary-Marsha Riley, a dog-lover and runner up of Miss Tennessee International:

For those of you who do not know Rocky's story...he was one of the original residents of the Sunny Meadows no-kill shelter in Memphis. Thank God it was no-kill, because Rocky, being a black mix of no distinguished breed, was virtually "unadoptable." Sadly, black dogs are the last to be adopted from shelters. I have no doubt that it was God's plan for Rocky and me to be together.

Despite knowing that my sensitive heart probably couldn't handle it, I was led to volunteer one afternoon at Sunny Meadows to walk some of the dogs. That is where I met my baby. He was so timid, so lethargic...he had clearly given up on the dream of ever having a beautiful life that all dogs deserve. I coaxed him out of his cage that day, walked him, petted him, and talked to him.

I walked out of the shelter in tears, immediately called David and told him, "I know we already have two dogs, but I just can't leave this dog there." David, being the beautiful-hearted man that he is, went with me that weekend to meet Rocky, and the decision was easy. He would become the 5th Riley.



We saw that day that one of Rocky's paws was bleeding a bit. We didn't think too much about it until the night before we were to bring him home, we received a call from the shelter telling us that Rocky had a terrible infection that had spread to the bones of his leg. They told us they were going to amputate his leg the next day and asked if we wanted to adopt him anyway. Well, yes, of course we still want him, and NO you will not remove his leg. We will have him treated by our vet.

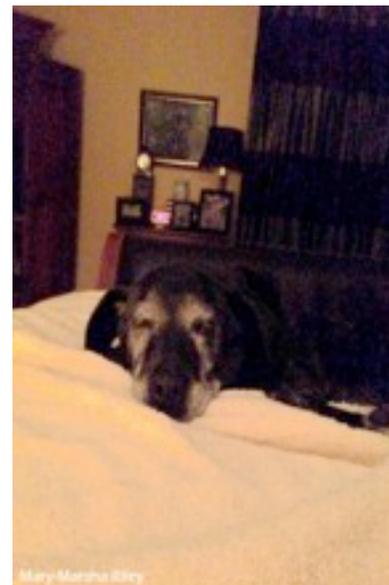
I went and picked up Rocky the next day, and over the course of the next eight months, our wonderful, kind, and big-hearted vet saved Rocky's leg. Rocky's adjustment into his new life wasn't easy at first. Clearly having been abused by a man in his past and virtually feral and arthritic due to spending the majority of his life in a concrete cage, it took Rocky a while to trust David, me, his brothers Jordan and Drake, and later Jude, who Rocky truly loved.

At first he protected his food with all his might, afraid one of his brothers would try to take it from him. He didn't trust being touched, and even after almost six years, he would rarely let me rub his tummy, thanks to the evil demon who hurt him when he was younger. But gradually, Rocky began to trust – especially me. He loved having his ears rubbed and neck scratched more than anything. And oh, how he loved to eat! He would bark and run in circles when he knew it was breakfast or dinner time.

A couple of years ago, his grandmother, Connie, gave him a dog bed which he loved so much. Although Rocky slept at my feet in the bed every night, he stayed on that bed all day, and the fact that it sits in our living room today without Rocky on it is heart-wrenching.

Rocky was never pain-free thanks to his life before God brought him to us, but we did all we could in the almost six years he was our boy to make his life happy and comfortable and to make sure he knew he was loved. Last night as he laid in my arms, I just kept telling him I loved him, that I was so proud of him, and asked God to bless him and keep him until I could get up there to do it myself.

His heart, body, and soul were damaged before he became a Riley, but he died treasured by his mom. If you took the time to read this, thank you.



And, I ask all of you to support your local animal shelters, adopt and encourage others to adopt. Not just the cute little purebred puppies, but the older dogs who desperately deserve to be loved too. Be an advocate for animals. Encourage our leaders to enact tougher laws against the abuse and neglect of animals.

In honor of Rocky's life, I implore you to do your part to help the helpless animals of the world that cannot protect themselves and desperately and simply, just want to be loved. I loved Rocky with all my heart, and in my heart he will remain, with his brother Jordan, until I can hold them both again in Heaven. God bless all of you and your furry babies.

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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 **30** dogs found loving homes in February including Ellis, General, Holly, Noel, Rex, and Spooky 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: Alex 2 and Fran

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 have to give another shout out to my sweet Alex,” says her volunteer friend. “She has been at BARK way too long! Her good friend Keisen has been gone for quite a while so she’s had to adapt to quite a few new roommates. Alex is so go with the flow. She loves to play ball, go for a walk or will just lay and chew a bone. Alex is also very smart. She sits on command and so wants to please. Won’t you give Alex a chance?”

Alex 2 is a super sweet German shepherd/husky mix. She weighs 46 pounds and is a little over 5 years old. She is great with children, house and crate trained and has good house manners. Alex is energetic and needs plenty of exercise which is easy since she loves to play ball and go for walks. She is very lovable and affectionate. She will light up whenever you give her the smallest amount of attention. Alex really is just a happy girl. She gets along well with other dogs and will engage them in play but is also just as content to lie down and chew on her bone. She has lived in a home before and longs for her chance to have a loving home and warm bed of her own again. View Alex’s classified ad [here](#).



Alex 2

“I volunteer at the farm on Sundays & my vote for Adoption Spotlight is Fran,” says her volunteer friend. “Fran has only been at the farm for about a month but she has stolen my heart (along with others, from what I hear)! We took her to an adoption event this past Saturday and she just wanted to be held, petted and loved on and every time she saw a child, her entire body wiggled non-stop. Fran is a 2 year old terrier mix with the sweetest, big brown eyes. She is very low-key and, although she prefers human company, she gets along with other dogs...not sure about cats but, with her personality, it is likely she would not chase them. Her kennel notes say she is a resource guarder (with other dogs) but that may be from a past of not eating on a regular basis. I think she would make a great pet for anyone looking for a total love-bug!!!”

Fran is a pretty female pitbull terrier mixed likely with some Labrador retriever. She is about 2 years old and weighs a nice medium size of 42 pounds. She loves to be with you and thrives on attention. She is kenneled with a male dog and they seem to get along fine. She is eager to please and will make a lovely companion. You can view Fran’s classified ad [here](#).



Fran

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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 *Daniella Anaya, Sonya Barboza, Kristi Bass, Noelle Boyd, Ashleigh Carter, Mike Casey, Kaitlyn Castro, Salem Copty, Amanda Dickerson, Kolleen Dunlap, Brian, Maria Keith & Ray Edelstein, Noc Gonzalez, Susan Grady, Emma Hamilton, Spencer Hamilton, JoAnne Hines, John Jacoby, Ziana Johnson, Haley Kester, Harris Kirk, David Larter, Elyann Lebron, Gina Lewis, Christy Lightbourn, Elle Moshova, Damon Oxendine, Meghan Reeves, Annie Scalet, Sylvia Sedlmayr-Barnes, Katherine Smith-Rodden, Amanda Stevens, Christine Talbott, Delilah Tsipliareles, James, Morgan & Kelly Waddill, and Colette Walker.*

Thank You

Thank you to all those at Fire X Corporation on Staples Mill Road for updating our fire extinguisher and tossing in a brand new one as well.

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Mark Your Calendar

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

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!

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Notes From the Farm: By Rolph

Hi there friends!

What do you think of my new picture? Pretty handsome right? My friend Mary came out and took some new pictures (and even made a short video) to help me find my forever home. While I like it here (especially the volunteers), I would LOVE a forever home of my own - preferably one with some kids and a nice big yard to run freely in! Hey, my buddy Smitty got a home this month, so surely I've got a good chance!

In other news, the volunteers here have started a fundraiser to get a better quality wormer for the dogs here at the kennels. The medicine that we currently use is very time consuming (must be done 3 days in a row, which is hard to do), and doesn't cover all of the commonly occurring types of worms. So, my buddy Laura found an online source where we can get 100 pills (each one treats a 22-lb dog) for only \$149. Once everyone is treated initially, a bottle should last about a month or more (depending on how many new, 4-legged friends we help that month). Laura says it's so important to treat us for all of the worms (and on a regular basis) to keep us healthy and happy - plus it helps out new adopters since it's less work on them! If you'd like to donate to the fundraiser, you can do so here: <https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/6iQ51>.

Lastly, I have a special request from my friend Linda. It seems that there is beginning to be a buildup of dirty towels and washcloths (used by the volunteers to clean). It sure would be great if a few folks would volunteer to take this stuff home, wash it, and bring it back to the farm every now and then. If you can help, just shoot her an email at billindaphoto@mindspring.com.

Until next time...



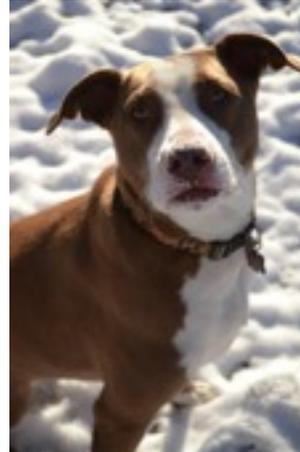
Rolph

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Happy Tails...Waggin' Good News

I have been inspired to write to give an update on our dog, Gracie, whom we adopted at the beginning of June 2012. Gracie is our 2 and 1/2 year old American Pit Bull mix. She has completed both beginner and intermediate obedience training. Outside of obedience training, she has mastered tricks like "crawl," "shaking hands," and "roll over." She enjoys chewing on her Durabones and her Kong-- we are still working on not chewing up library books or cardboard toilet paper rolls. Gracie loves other doggies so we make play dates for her thru her obedience school, doggie day care, and by taking her to the dog park. She also likes to tease our 5 year old Siamese cat, George, like any good "little sister!" She's gentle with him; and, they both keep the other on his/her toes. We like to think of Gracie as an ambassador for pit bull mixes -- she has earned the nick name "Sweetie Pit" in our household for her darling personality!! Many thanks to Gracie's former foster family and to BARK for connecting us with such a big piece of our hearts.

Julie and Paul



Gracie

We adopted Niki (formerly Niko) when he was 2 years old. He will be 9 in June. He has been a joy. A few years ago he had a malignant melanoma on his lower lip which we had surgically removed by Dr. Campbell at Ashland Vet Hospital. Niki was on the stout side when we got him but even though we fed him diet dog food we had a hard time controlling his weight. Dr. Campbell said at 95 pounds he was too heavy so we cut back on his feed and added green beans to his dinner ration. Niki did lose weight but as he lives to eat we felt bad that he always seemed hungry. So we decided he needed a playmate. So..we adopted Otis, a mixed terrier a little over a year ago. He was not quite 2 years old and like most terriers had boundless energy. He insisted Niki play with him and before we knew it we were feeding Niki regular dog food and he is looking great.

We walk in the woods behind our house every day and although Niki usually stays close by, Otis runs about 5 miles to our every one. I do have to watch and make Otis back off when Niki looks as though he is getting tired. At almost 9 he has slowed down some. We love them both and as an added perk they, along with our 4 horses, keep my husband and I moving each day. We are both retired, but instead of sitting around our days are full of feeding, walking and riding. Can't imagine life without our animals. I have enclosed a couple of pictures to show what great boys we have. Keep up the good work.

Colleen and Jim



Niki

Dropping a quick line to let you know about Bandit and Sallee Lou. Most importantly and most unfortunately, Sallee Lou had a seizure yesterday. I'm taking her to the vet this afternoon. We were both present at the time and did our best to console her and get her to relax. She had a bit of an aftershock in the wake of the big one. I don't know if it was the first one she's had, but it was the first one for which we were present. Afterwards, she seemed right as rain and you would not have been able to tell that she'd actually had a seizure. She was as intent to catch all of the squirrels on her walk afterwards as she was beforehand. We will be monitoring her very closely.

Bandit had his tooth surgery on Friday. Thank you for your assistance with that. The vet at Jessica Beath said the rotten part of the tooth just fell out when she went to remove it. She was very helpful and got him back to me as soon as possible so I could get home before the terrible weather set in again. He was pretty out of it following the surgery; he slept the entire ride back and, once home, walked upstairs to the man-cave and did not move for three or four hours. He's back to his normal self now, chasing the ball and as engaged and interactive as ever. We did, however, note a small mass in his armpit. I believe it's only a fatty mass and nothing serious; it seems our vet is inclined to agree and we have an appointment scheduled for Wednesday. Too bad we didn't notice that before his tooth surgery! I'll keep you apprised of that situation.

Aside from the aforementioned concerns, the dogs seem to be adjusting very well. Sallee Lou is coming around and becoming more social. She loves to sit at the bay windows, watching squirrels all day. We tried to get her to play with a toy squirrel, but despite our best efforts, she still doesn't seem too interested in toys. She got a bath and a haircut about a week ago and she looks younger already! We spent some time socializing her with my folks' dogs to good effect. We were concerned that she was dog aggressive after the incident with the neighbor's dog, but she took to the lot (a female Pit/Boxer mix, a rotund male Beagle, and a crotchety old male Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen) with zeal. She doesn't seem too thrilled about female dogs (Heather's Mom's Bichon something... Maltese/ Frise) but didn't have any issues with my folks' dogs. She got along with the PBGV which was kind of funny to me. It was a nice change for them to get out and run free inside a fenced area which is one reason I'm quite looking forward to building the fence around the house. She's still stubborn as every (you'll notice the head harness in the attached picture), but she's getting better.

Bandit is your typical German Shepherd. He's eager to please, scary-smart, and very active. He actually looks a little older since his haircut and wash because the grey flashes behind his shoulders are much more prominent. However, the vet at Jessica Beath was surprised to see him listed at 12 years old or even the 10 that I'd told her our vet said. She thought he was more like 7-9 years old. Just about his favorite thing to do is play with the ball; he loved the tennis ball, but now seems to ignore it because he discovered the other toy that squeaks. He's a big fan of our runs and can get up to a good clip when he wants to. He had a tougher job socializing with the folks' dogs, but he eventually came around and had fun. His shepherding instincts really came out then.

Find attached a picture of the two of them at Mount Trashmore following a run. Bandit thought the Eagle's Nest perch was awesome; Sallee Lou was apparently pretty indifferent and probably spent most of her time thinking about having to walk up and down the hill again. I thought it was a particularly nice picture that Heather captured and that you would appreciate it.

David



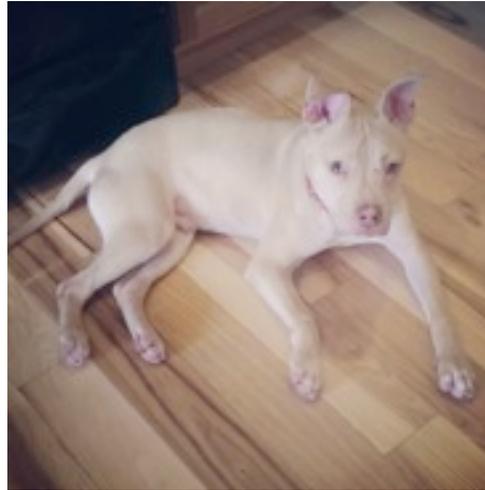
**Bandit & Sallee
Lou**



I just wanted to pass a few pictures on to you of “Zane” and his new found home. My 4 year old has re named him to Boston, as we are huge Red Sox fans!

Attached are some pics for you guys! He’s getting along great with other dogs. Thanks again for allowing me to adopt him.

Amy



Boston

Just thought I’d give you an update. Lacy is a handful, crazy and unmanageable but we absolutely love her!!

Two steps forward one step back!

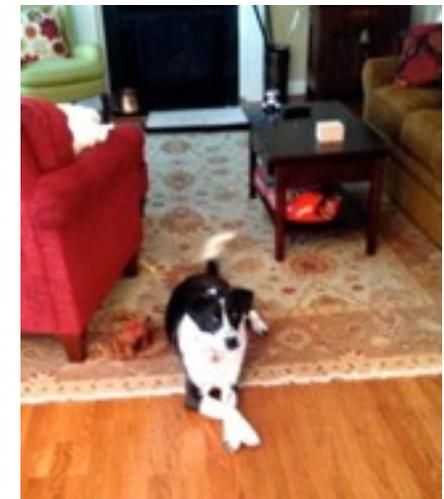
Here are some pics from her first snow!

Take care,

Kathy



Lacy



One of our volunteers received this note from Maybelle's (formerly "Goldie") adopters:

We were thinking of you today as we walked with Maybelle in the snow, which she loves. Have since gone for a ski, and will go again this evening. Anne will send some photos from latest WV ski excursion last week. Maybelle is a pure delight. We're wondering if another dog would be good, not sure we want to risk disrupting a great situation.

John



Maybelle

Just letting you know Mona is feeling right at home and I've attached some pics of her. She loves playing with Q in the snow and you can see how they both have taken over the bed..lol. One of the pics you can see Q peeking around the corner of the bed at the bottom...he does get a little jealous when Mona gets all the attention!

Donna



Mona

Winston came into my life almost 3 years ago. I'm a regular volunteer at BARK and he was one of the dogs I cleaned every week. Winston needed someone to foster him through heartworm treatment so I decided to be that person. After having him for a short time I fell in love and he's been a wonderful addition to my pack ever since. In an effort to get him out of his shell I signed him up for doggie daycare at Holiday Barn Pet Resort. As you can tell from his Valentine picture he loves it. He goes once a week and has a blast. From what I hear he likes to work the ladies on the playground and has made tons of friends.

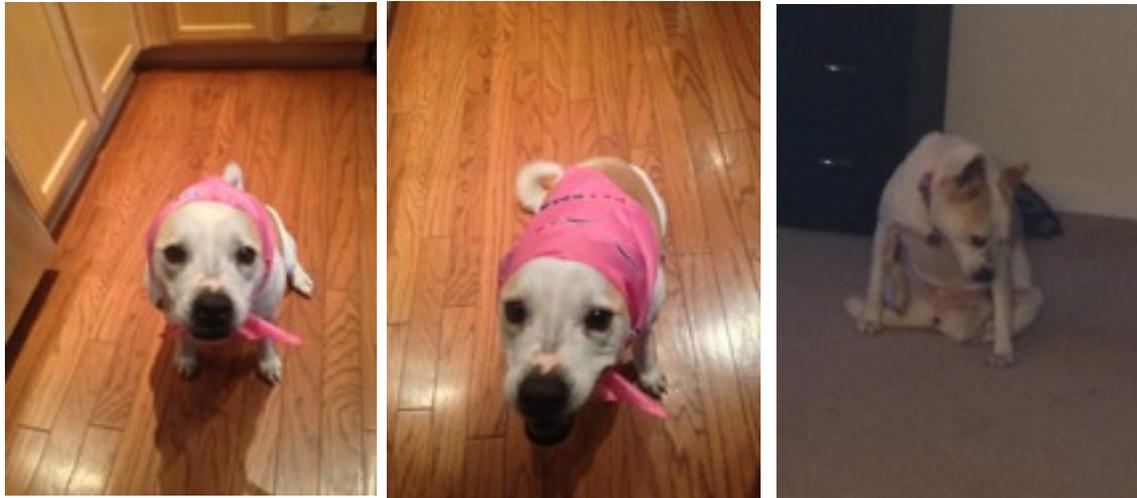
Stacy



Winston



Haley's foster mom shared these great pictures of her hanging out and being silly!



Haley

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
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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 _____

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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...

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