



DAWG Tales



Newsletter of Best DAWG Rescue, Inc.

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Message from the President



Dear Friends,

Another year is closing, and what a year it was. It's easy to remember the high-lights, although that doesn't seem the right word to describe all of the events that occurred.

Ordinarily we are not touched by national disasters. Who would have thought we would save dogs hundreds of miles away! We are proud to have responded to dogs in need following Hurricane Katrina, and wish we could have done more. Of course, we couldn't have helped them without you.

We also had an emotionally draining year. Our youngsters Mason and Violet died unexpectedly, and we said goodbye to Amelia, Lark, Sadie, and Bogart. We did not know they had fatal illnesses when we took them in, but we gave them total medical support and love until it was time to say goodbye.

We took in more medically needy shelter dogs than ever. Specialty services for our dogs included bladder relocation surgeries, leg reconstruction, and numerous cruciate ligament surgeries, femoral head osteotomies, and luxating patella surgeries. As the year ends, Topaz is scheduled for major heart surgery, and Beau will be given the same surgery when he turns one year old. We do not hesitate to give our dogs what they need to ensure quality of life and adoptability.

Some of the exciting events we experienced were being approved by the Combined Federal Campaign and being invited to present Best Dawg Rescue to the FDA. We also were featured in the Washington Post's special section on charitable giving on Sunday, November

6. We were the only animal rescue organization selected for the issue.

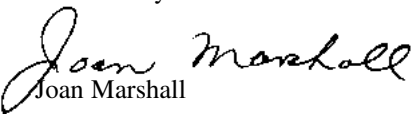
Our dedicated volunteer base grew, allowing us to maintain high quality adoption shows offering up to twenty dogs per show. We rely on our volunteer core to handle our dogs and assess the needs of our show visitors to help create successful adoptive matches. Our volunteers are as savvy as they are selfless. And we can't thank our foster volunteers enough for their sacrifices and love for the dogs in their care.

Finally, there was DAWG Day Afternoon. We had expected to feature our annual reunion picnic, held on Sunday, August 7, in the early fall issue of DAWG Tales, but Hurricane Katrina changed that. Perhaps there is no better way to approach the winter's frigid weather than with a pictorial recap of an event held on one of the steamiest days

of the year! We have omitted our regularly featured columns to allow enough space for the pictures of volunteers, friends and adopters who attended with their DAWG dogs.

As we prepare to start another year, we would like to thank you for making it possible for 217 dogs to be saved since our inception. Whether you adopted one of our dogs, or supported us by volunteering, fostering and/or donating to us, you gave overlooked and medically needy dogs a chance to live the lives they deserve. We will continue with the same level of commitment in 2006, and look forward to celebrating special moments with you throughout the New Year. May it be a good one for all of us!

Sincerely


Joan Marshall

Greenies—Beware

Vets say nearly all dog treats, chews and toys can make your pets sick. . . or worse!

Be aware that "Greenies" or similar chewable products are dangerous because they are edible but not always digestible or dissolvable. They are designed for moderate chewers, not strong chewers or shredders. Even if your dog chews on these products for days, residue from the bones can build up in the dog's GI tract. Or a piece of a bone chewed off when you weren't looking can lodge in, and then block, the GI tract. If this happens, your dog's life is in danger.

NEVER leave a dog with a so-called ingestible product if you are away from your home. If you insist on giving your dog "Greenies" or similar products, please be sure to purchase the product in a LARGE size, and discard the product when it has been chewed to a size that could be swallowed.

If your pet appears to be uncomfortable or in any distress, please do not hesitate to contact your regular or emergency veterinarian. A delay could cost your dog his life!

Our second annual DAWG Day Afternoon was a heartwarming and fun-filled event thanks to the hard work (and sweat) of our special volunteers and friends, and the attendance of so many of our adopters with their DAWG dogs! It was a memorable reunion, highlighted by lively contests.

Now, sit back and enjoy all the happy faces!





Next year's DAWG Day Afternoon will be held in October, when the weather is more favorable. We will announce new plans for the 2006 DAWG Day Afternoon in upcoming DAWG Tales. If you would like more information beforehand or would like to help at next year's event, feel free to contact us at dawg@dawg-rescue.org.





Best Dressed—1st Prize



Look-a-Likes



Longest ears



Best Dressed—2nd Prize



Tallest dog



Best Trick—1st Prize



Best Trick—2nd Prize



NICKIE—Virtual dog



GINGER—Virtual dog



Shortest dog

The winners of the contests are: Shortest Dog: Tinkerbelle Whipple/Samples; Tallest Dog: Bogart Richardson; Look-alikes: Goggie and Gunther Honeywell (look-alike dogs); and Justine Ferry Honeywell (with long hair) and Sophie (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel with long ears); Longest Ears: Baby Honeywell; Best Trick: 1st Prize: Tessie Schmucker, 2nd Prize: Berry Benas; Best Dressed: 1st Prize: Slinky Seale as a Hot Dog, 2nd Prize: Ruby Evasius as Surfer Girl.

In Honor of People

Niki Carter, by Bernadette Carter
Nigel Bond, by Debora Bond

In honor of dogs

Ginger, by Marie Drom
Moonie and Petey, by Leon
and Linda Scovitch
Virtual adoption dogs, by Marilyn
Marquardt

In memory of people

Robin B. Poole, by Bette Dolan

In memory of dogs and other pets

Nana Pula, by Lois Phillips
Ashley and Cherokee, by Gayle
Carey
Molly, a precious sweet girl,
by Judy and Roger McClain
Molly, loved by Joan Marshall,
by Amy Bleich
Lark, a dear Dawg girl, by Judy
and Roger McClain
Madison, by Joan, Rick and Austin
Mora
Teddi, by Gloria and Marc Pound
Cyndi the Chihuahua, by the Hays
hounds
Theo PeGan, by Anna Hays:
"He was a very good boy"
Buster, Chester and Georgina
Gingery, by Judy and Roger
McClain
Rick Paden's Golden Retriever,
by Marcia Brier
Theo, and honor of Deedee,
by Carmen Stewart
Georgina Gingery, by John and
Karen Eskew

At the close of this year, we also acknowledge the loss of:

Bogart (DAWG virtual adop-
tion) and Onyx Richardson
Bucky Rodeffer and Bridget,
special friend of Kathy
Rodeffer

Phantom Maslo

*. . .until we meet again, dear
friends.*



Thanks for helping me splash my way to recovery! Now all I want is a foster home. Please contact DAWG at dawg@dawg-rescue.org.—Lots of Licks, Flash

We are grateful to the following individuals who responded to our Katrina relief appeal (not acknowledged in the Katrina special DAWG Tales issue):

Lou and Sylvia from AC Tire Company, Mark and Kathy Banfield, Donald and Barbara Brehm, Nancy Brantner, Stanley and Linda Collyer, Paul and Marla Hewitt, Bob and Helen Mays, James and Barbara Broomall.

Please support us TODAY, so we can help dogs when they need us!

Donation of:

- \$25 \$50 Other: \$ _____
- Annual pledge of \$ _____ payable (select one) monthly or quarterly
- Credit donation of \$ _____ (go to www.networkforgood.org and select Best Dawg Rescue/DAWG).
- Gift of a security (please contact us at dawg@dawg-rescue.org to provide additional information)

Other: Please explain: _____
(please print)

In (Circle one) memory or honor of: _____

Notification to: _____

Address: _____

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Interested in helping in other ways? Don't forget purchasing online through iGive.com. If interested in volunteering, please contact us at dawg@dawg-rescue.org.

DAWG Gone Funny

During break time at obedience school, two dogs were talking. One said to the other. . . "The thing I hate about obedience school is you learn ALL this stuff you will never use in the real world."

A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a new litter of Labrador puppies. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were three boy Labrador puppies and four girl Labrador puppies."

"How did you know that?" his mother asked.

"Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it is printed on their bottoms."

Note: If know a funny, clean dog joke or anecdote you want to share please submit it to dawg@dawg-rescue.org. Indicate in the subject line "newsletter submission."

Our grateful thanks to...

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