

WET NOSE NEWS

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For the Love of Moe!

Moe started his journey to a new life on March 5, 2011. He was dropped at the high kill shelter and no one ever came to get him :-). He watched the door like he totally expected his family to walk in any minute but it never happened and after over a month at the shelter we finally pulled him and brought him to PA. Moe was so anxious that he just could not handle it if he could not see his foster at all times! We were so stumped at what to do for Moe and then along came Kira and Moe became a different little man! He was so happy with life and settled down to life with Kira. For 6 months we held Kira back making her adoption a condition of taking both her and Moe but no one would take them together and finally when a family

asked to adopt Kira without Moe we decided it was not fair to hold Kira back and adopted her out. Moe went backwards from that point on. He was adopted out but brought back and then his foster mommy left for her Florida vacation and Moe went to stay with another foster, within days the new foster, Shawn, called and said she did not like Moe's breathing so we took him immediately to Elizabethtown Animal Hospital where xray's revealed Moe had infiltrates in his one lung and had something going on with his throat and his one pupil is much larger than the other one pointing towards a neurological problem possibly. Due to Moe's anxiety we did not want to leave him alone during the day while Shawn was a work so fosters stepped up to have him in their home while Shawn worked, however the bouncing from home to home was stressful and Moe's breathing became even worse to the point we went back to the vet and when I got there his tongue was BLUE!!! I honestly thought we were going to have to leave Moe go, but his angels Colleen & Kevin McKain said we will take him full time. I said do you understand that means someone must be home 24/7 and they said yes. WOW, I love the 2nd Chance foster family they really do care about the dog! Moe is stable but his breathing is not getting any better and his outcome is bleak so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as we so would love to see him have a family of his own once again but if that is not meant to be we can promise that Moe will pass over the rainbow bridge in the arms of people who truly love him!


**SPECIAL DATES—
CHECK OUR SITE FOR
EVENTS ANYTIME!**

- ◆ February 18th—11-2pm
Meet & Greet @ Keystone Equine & Pet—
Mount Joy
- ◆ March 1st Start of Yankee
Candle Sale—Orders will
end March 30th.
- ◆ March 17th—11-2pm
Meet & Greet Pet Value
- ◆ April 29th—Basket
Bingo!!! Moose Lodge,
Elizabethtown.

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Moe Plays in the clouds



If your dog is fat,
you are Not
getting enough
exercise!!!

I was going to change the first page of the newsletter, as I write the letter throughout the month so it will be ready by the end of the month, but I decided no I am going to leave the article as written on the front page and just continue Moe's journey. This is what rescue is all about. Every day is a new chapter with our 2nd Chance Family. There are days of pure joy and there are days with many tears shed.

On January 25th Moe became a 2nd Chance Angel. He enjoyed his days with the McKains immensely! Slept in their bedroom, learned to shake with both paws, sit, and even was working on balancing a treat on his nose! He could get himself a snack of cheerio's out of the dog treat container which sat on the floor like a bubble gum machine and had a handle the dogs have to learn to pull down to dispense the treats. Moe was a frequent treat visitor even on the morning of the 25th when I came to get he and Colleen to go to the vets office he walked over and got himself a treat before we left.

Moe's breathing had progressively gotten more labored and although he seemed to handle it through the day by evening it would become a real struggle which the vets said was because everything became swollen so Moe would pace and have a very difficult time getting comfortable. Colleen finally decided that to keep Moe any longer would be selfish because as much as we loved him and didn't want him to go Moe was ready. We laid with him on a blanket in the vets office and Colleen fed him his final biscuit as the Dr. pushed the meds. Moe just laid his head down and he was gone with the loving arms of Colleen on him. We buried Moe on the farm. Moe touched so many lives in his time here. He came to many events to socialize with everyone. I cannot thank Shawn Beachler enough for seeing Moe's picture at the high kill shelter and falling in love with him. She then sponsored him so he could be pulled and brought to 2nd Chance. Sharon Longenecker then stepped up to the plate and fostered Moe for his 8 months with 2nd Chance. She took him on many long walks and left him romp and play in the barn. HUGE thanks to Colleen & Kevin for taking him into their home for the last 3 weeks knowing full well that they would love him and lose him. Colleen & Kevin you loved him into a better place and for that Moe will always be with you! <http://animoto.com/play/iJvQc45h6vCldQiGf2TWMg> Link to Moe's video



Won't you Open your home to just one???

What a great way to honor Moe! We would love to sign on 3 new fosters in February in honor of Moe. Fosters do not have to foster every month or even every other month. We are thrilled if you foster once a year!!!! Please consider becoming part of the 2nd Chance foster family, without homes perfectly wonderful dogs are put down daily. Please look at your rescue dog and understand if it weren't for someone opening their home to him/her you would not have him and consider "giving back" by fostering a fluffy one yourself. You will always choose your foster friend, we will NEVER just bring you a dog. You will be added to an emailing list that will send you photo's of dogs in need and then you just let us know if you are able to give them a soft bed and lots of love temporarily. Please don't say it would be too hard to give them up, because the flip of that is its easier to turn my back do nothing and let them die!

Moe's Last Will and Testament

Written by Sharon Longenecker

January 25, 2012 after my medications failed to improve my condition, and my body could no longer provide the breath of life, I was loved enough to have my spirit set free. After crossing the rainbow bridge I soared like an eagle to highs far above the butterflies and airplanes watched excitedly on the farm. Now the long walks don't leave me breathless and there are soooo many things to see and enjoy. I'm in a happy place.

At 2nd Chance 4 Life I received a loving home and all the care needed for an excellent quality of life. Everyone welcomed me with open arms and shared more love and kindness than I could imagine. Delicious treats, long walks, car rides and ear rubs. Everyone in the group pulled together to provide daily comfort (which I needed dearly) in my last few weeks. They surrounded me with loving arms and made my journey to rainbow bridge a peaceful one. They even provided a beautiful final resting place on a farm of all places for a farm is where I was most at peace. For this I am most grateful.

Please don't grieve or be sad for me as you provided well for me and I am at peace. Instead continue the work before you and share the Love with all the lost, abandoned dogs still in need of a safe place, some loving arms and all the kindness you can give.

Bless everyone at 2nd Chance 4 Life for a job well done. For this is what Rescue is all about, providing loving kindness and comfort for life and when we need to leave this earthly home.

Love,
Moe

Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

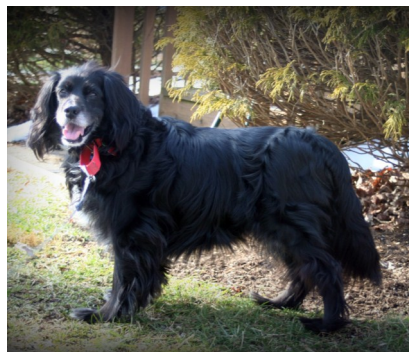
All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

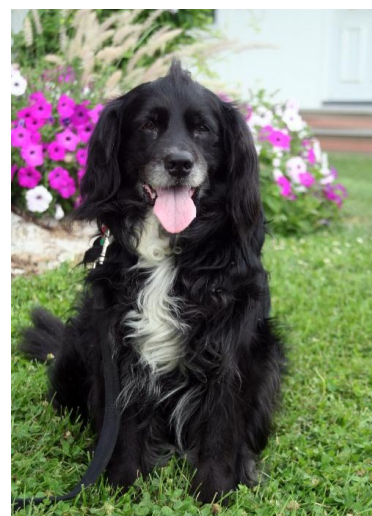
They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....



Dogs are not
our whole lives
but they make
our lives
whole!!!





Dog's of 2nd Chance

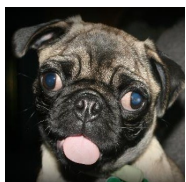
These little furry ones are all looking for their forever families. Please pass the newsletter along to your friends and help them find their new life!



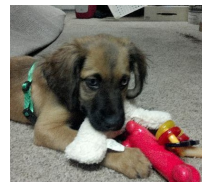
Abby is a little, sweet, female dachshund mix. She LOVES to play and is sure to win your heart!



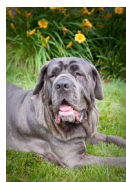
Snuggle is a female pug mix. She has been through so much and just wants a couch, walks and a quiet home.



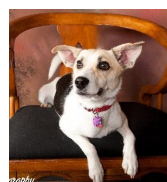
Ariel is a gorgeous female pug puppy who is 6 months old. She will kiss you silly :-)



Ivy is a sweet Australian Shepherd Mix puppy still waiting for her forever home.



BooBoo is a mastiff. He needs an owner who is familiar with the breed. BooBoo needs a fenced yard and no cats!



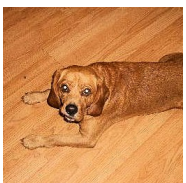
Grace is the most unique looking dog but is loveable, well behaved and wants a fenced in yard to run like the wind



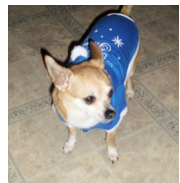
Bosley and Peanut are sweet, 12 year old pugs that need to be adopted together and will make your life complete!



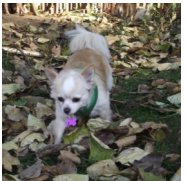
Archie is such a sweet little pug mix who deserves much better than he had. Thin but soooo loving!



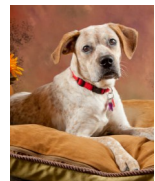
Buster is the man! He is such a fun dog with loads of energy who adores people and walks!



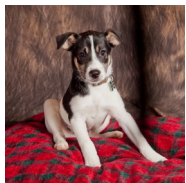
Patches is your typical male chihuahua. He either loves you or he doesn't. No home with kids or a lot of activity!



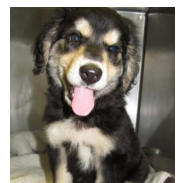
CJ my little man who is very picky about who he likes but if he picks you you have a friend for life chihuahua/pom mix.



Lacey is a pointer mix! She needs a fenced yard. Loveable and would do great with a runner for exercise!



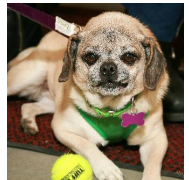
Henry was found alone in a field. We estimate his age at 3 months. He is loveable and pure puppy.



Bernie—Bernese Mountain dog mix. Only 14 weeks old and a cute little love bug!



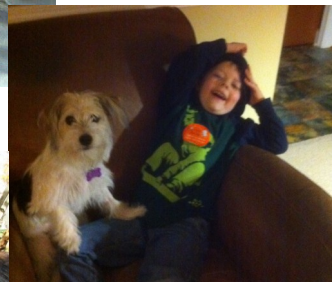
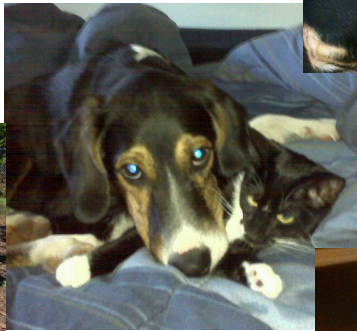
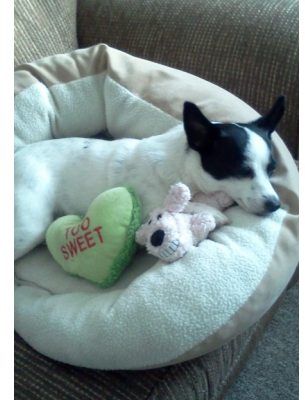
Alfalfa is my name and I am a little JR/Chih pup or so mommy was told who knows I might be a min pin mix but I'm cute



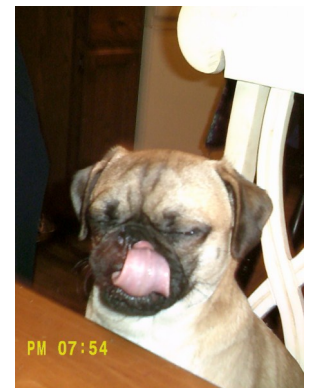
Milo is the funniest dog ever! He talks to you and people think he is growling but really he is telling you his life story!

A bad day at work is
soon forgotten when
your dog greets you at
the door!

Fun Pics From Adopters!



When all else fails,
Hug your
Dog!



Please do not forget to keep sending us cute pics each month! We LOVE placing them in the letter!!! Also we would like to include a page of fun little stories our adopted 2nd Chance dogs have been involved in so please send those also!!!

We will have lots of events this year and hope to have the year in advance calendar finished in time for the next newsletter. Events will include 2 Basket Bingo's—Walk 4 Wags hopefully at Masonic Homes including a 5k run!! – Yankee Candle Sale in time for Easter & Christmas. We are open to any fundraising ideas and would love to have some of you host fundraisers for us! We will have a meet and greet monthly at local pet stores and that calendar will also be published next year oh and yes plenty of "Puppy Pic" events!!!! We look forward to seeing you all a lot in 2012! There is nothing better than seeing our little foster buddies happy and loved!

Children and their "Best Friend"



A dog wags his
tail with his
heart.

I am amazed at the number of dogs that lose their happy homes because of a child. To me this is a very sad statistic and shows just how little our society is doing in the way of "parenting". A dog should never be the child's "entertainment" or personal toy, or doll to dress up, tease, etc..... I cannot tell you the number of times I walk into a home and the toddler is sitting on the dog! Yes sitting on the dog and the parent's think its cute. Your dog is NOT a piece of furniture it is a breathing being that deserves respect. His ears are not to wrap around his head, or pull, or put in bows. His tail is not a toe truck to a toddler attachment. He was not meant to be a twirl toy in the air because dad or an older child think its funny to lift him off the ground and swing him around with a pull toy!!!

Dogs have no voice, if they do not like something they will try to move away. If they cannot move some dogs will just tolerate the invasion of their space others will show teeth or growl. You would think the human species would get it and say WOW I need to protect my dog just like my child but no, more times than not they let the torment continue because it "funny or cute" Unfortunately at some point when the dog cannot take it anymore the dog will bite and then all of a sudden the dog is to blame because he had a toddlers hand down his throat or he was startled while sleeping when the kid jumped or sat on him or he was eating and the child decided it was the perfect time to hug and bug him. What is wrong with parents!!! Your dog is much like a 2 year old toddler. He will put anything in his/her mouth with no thought of "is this OK for me" He will allow you to dangle him in the air holding on to his pull toy because he knows no better and trusts that you would never allow anything to hurt him. He will run unto the street after a ball or bunny etc even though he has been off a leash a thousand times before and never did so. He will hang out the car window with no fear of falling because AGAIN he is much like a 2 year old!!!!

Please Please for the sake of your dog, make wise choices for him/her so she can grow to be old and enjoy a peaceful life, surrounded by family members who respect and love him. Please don't allow him to be labeled a biter due to your lack of parenting.



Building Fund

We are totally amazed at how far this rescue has come in just a year! We have been given the opportunity to construct a building that we can use for Meet & Greets, temporary placement of a dog if there is an emergency with a foster or a foster home does not have an immediate opening, the building will have a grooming area so that our wonderful groomer who volunteer can just bring themselves and everything else will be there for them to use. We also value this as when we get a stray dog who is flea infested we will be able to treat, bathe and groom immediately! I cannot imagine how a stray dog feels when they come in covered with fleas who are literally just sucking the blood out of the dog!

We really need our 2nd Chance family help! We will need to purchase a heating/cooling system, carpet, wiring, plumbing, drywall, paint, lights, kennels, water heater etc..... This is a huge undertaking but will help advance the rescue of all these wonderful little ones so it is well worth it!!!! Please think hard and help in any way you can. If you have a place where you could put a donation container please call and we will gladly get one to you immediately! If you can do a fundraiser with a couple friends please let us know and we will publicize it on our site and facebook.

We appreciate all your help and are excited about the goals of 2012!!!!!!

Foster of the Month—Colleen & Kevin McKain

When trying to decide on foster of the month it was a simple choice this month! All of our fosters are wonderful and worthy of distinction but every once in awhile there is just something that is just so amazingly special that you just feel blessed to know the person and that is what happened this month with Colleen & Kevin. Colleen is a hairdresser, cutting hair in her home so she is a perfect foster for a sick dog! However it takes a very special person to take on the challenge of sick animals knowing they will own your heart within minutes but they could be gone within hours, days, weeks. It is a selfless person that can open their heart to the love AND the pain of an ill dog. Colleen and Kevin are a “well oiled machine” they work so well as a team. Kevin works all day and then comes home to a group of wagging tails that need taken out to go potty or some “one on one” time with lots of cuddling... Moe at one point lunged at Kevin, where some would have said “get that dog out of here” Kevin realized Moe’s fears and insecurities and just worked harder to make him feel safe. Colleen runs up and down the steps during the day in between clients, letting the dogs out to potty, feeding them and giving meds as needed and still takes the time after a long day of cutting hair to just sit and cuddle with them all.

Right now Colleen & Kevin have 3 pug/sheltie puppies in their home that weigh 3 pounds each and are only 6 weeks old. They came very very sick and Colleen is still taking temps every few hours, administering meds and doing her best to keep them with us and healthy enough to fight their battle to survive. This means getting up in the middle of the night, cleaning up tons and tons of puppy diarrhea and vomit and loving them unconditionally. Through it all Colleen will smile and just keep right on going. Kevin even had enough humor left last night to answer the phone “McKains Emergency Hospital how can I help you” AMAZING!!! I am soooooo blessed to know them and our 2nd Chance family is just more than I could have ever hoped for!

So to Colleen & Kevin THANK YOU doesn’t seem like enough, but it’s the only thing that fits. Thank you for continuing to have an open heart even after going through the trauma of losing Moe, thank you for stepping up within days to take on 3 precious, tiny puppies that should never have had to be without their mom. Thank you for being the phenomenal people that you are!!!

We LOVE you!!!



Dogs are miracles

with

Paws!



2nd Chance Success in January



Valentines Sweat Shirts!!!!

We are selling 2nd Chance Sweat Shirts for Valentines Day. Wouldn't you much rather have a warm sweatshirt to keep wear than flowers that will be dead within the week?

We have light pink, Pink, Grey or Lavendar Sweatshirts available. Sizes—Small, Medium, Large & X Large Price is \$20. Please send us an email at 2ndChance4LifeRescue@gmail.com with your order!!!! With all the medical bills we have for the month we REALLLLLLY could use a BIG Fundraiser :-)

You can also add the logo

Talk to the Shown below

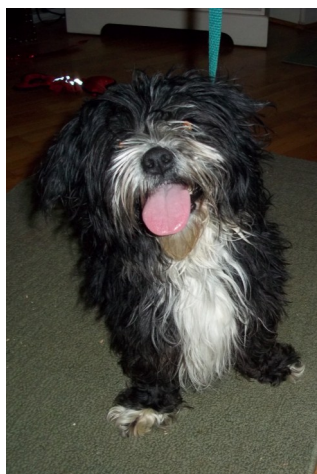
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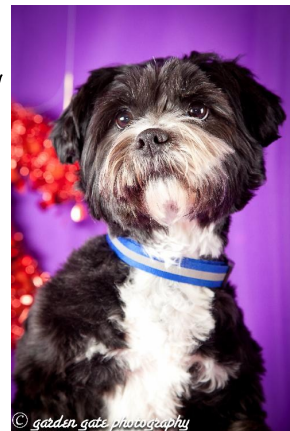
Buffy has Arrived!

Buffy came to 2nd Chance after a shelter in WV was able to convince the owner to surrender her. She was forced to live in a wooden box with a lid on it. Inside with her was a boxer and lots of poop. When the lady from the shelter came to pick up Buffy, the teenage boy who lived at the home was literally kicking her around the yard! She then had a traumatic transport ride to Pennsylvania because she came with mostly large, barking dogs. Poor Buffy was so shook up that all she knew to do was show her teeth and growl at the ladies who drove her to her foster home.

When I received Buffy, I quietly sat down beside the crate with a pocket full of treats and a kind soft voice, immediately she jumped into my lap and felt safe, secure and loved! She made friends with all of her other foster friends instantly. She smelled so badly of poop that I had to bathe her. Buffy enjoyed it so much and felt like a new dog! She is still afraid of big, noisy dogs but loves to run and play with her smaller foster friends. Buffy loves to cuddle in your lap when she is tired and is so happy to have a warm and loving home with people who show her kindness. She is looking for her forever home so she never has to be confined in an awful smelly box again!!!



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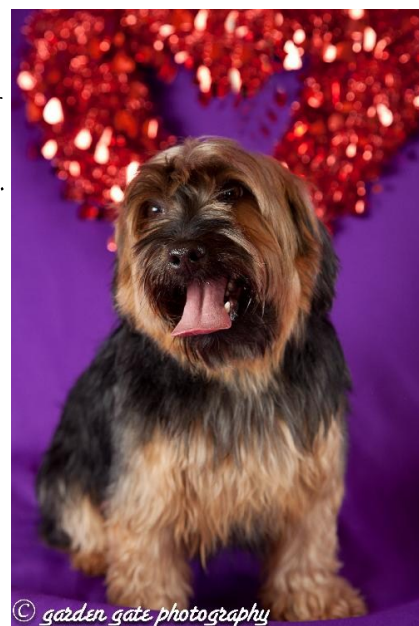
AFTER

Help I'm Back!!!

They say a picture says a thousand words and does Bear look just like "help me" in the first pic??? Bear Bear is such a sweet little dog! He loves kids! And is very smart. He will cuddle with you or chase a toy like there is no tomorrow!!! He



was adopted out to a wonderful family last month and they LOVED him and so did their dog however their cat did NOT and with heavy heart they had to return BearBear because he just sooooo could not leave the cat alone. He wanted to play but he doesn't know cat play so it was not a pretty situation. LOL Sooooo BearBear is again looking for his forever home. Preferably with a dog that wants to play and a fenced yard to run around and bark at the squirrels :-)) He is an amazing little dog and if you want a bed buddy he will happily comply :-))

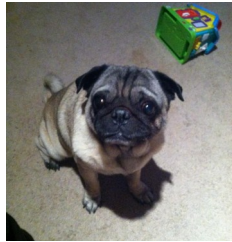


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Furry Friends Hoping for Another Day to Live, PLEASE consider fostering!!!



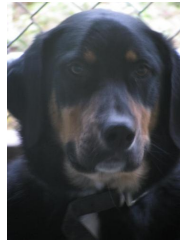
Oscar—2 year old pug that needs a family



Otis—7 year old pug, must stay with Oscar



Kamora—Boston/Boxer



Bernie—Bernese Mountain dog mix



Laden—Young Hound Mix.



Motiki Terrier Mix



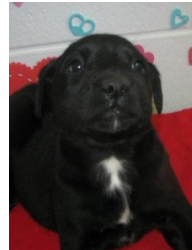
Boxer Puppies



Mommy and 2 little puppies



Puppy of Mommy



Puppy 2 of Mommy



Jiggy!
18 year old terrier that has never lived inside!

Sweat Shirts, Hats & TShirts Available



We would like to start doing a Story of the month on a foster that has been adopted. We would also like you to submit cute pics of your adopted dog and we will pick a “pic of the month” Any other suggestions of things you would like to see in our monthly letter would be appreciated. Thank you for supporting 2nd Chance!!!!

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