

## WET NOSE NEWS

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*We Are Their Voice!*

What a month it has been!!!! We have had so many pleas for help! We picked up 8 dogs this month from local owners that for one reason or another could not keep their dogs. That does not count the other dogs that have come from the high kill shelter. The medical bills have been HUGE! Please Please consider helping us sell Yankee Candles or being a sponsor for Basket Bingo. Our fundraisers are the only thing that keeps this organization functioning and giving quality care to all the "lost ones" The sad stories continue to come and we dig deep and keep working diligently. We could really use some wonderful foster families, our fosters are full to the max right now.

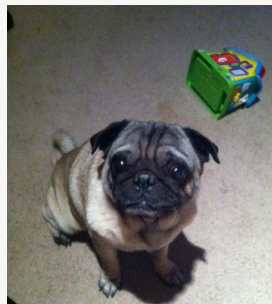
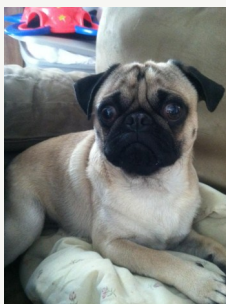
**Meet Ocean**—Ocean is the sweetest little girl. She was being kept on a porch locally. Ocean did not get to sleep in a soft warm bed, or cuddle on a couch, or even lay on the floor and chew a bone. Her ears literally look like black cauliflower inside. They are thick from scar tissue due to infection and you cannot see her ear canals. She also came with a bladder infection but Ocean is wonderful and takes all her medical care in stride. She LOVES her foster family, The Barners. She has 2 boys that love her and are teaching her to play soccer. We will continue to work with her and her ears. She goes back to the vet next week for a recheck and to be tested for HeartWorm. Please keep Ocean in your thoughts and prayers. Here is a video of her learning to play soccer!

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2i\\_dWbGfDQo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2i_dWbGfDQo)

**Meet Buffy**—Buffy was given to us by a woman in Reading because she had had a baby and had no place to live and could no longer keep Buffy. Buffy needed to be altered and given vaccinations. She is 5 and had a lot of transitions to make this month but thanks to her foster mommy Barb Snesavage Buffy is doing GREAT!



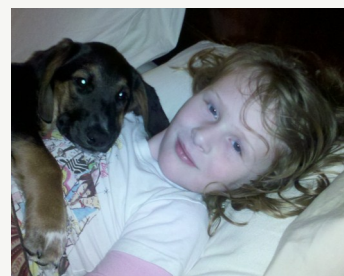
**Meet Oscar & Otis**—Hmmm what can I say about these 2 little men??? They are sweet sweet little guys but they had absolutely NO potty training so we had to start from scratch. Otis is 6 yet he seems to be catching on to potty training the quickest. Oscar is 2 and totally full of himself, he is the clown and my "hard head" but he now knows foster mommy is NOT happy when he pee's in her home! They have been altered and are catching up on their vaccinations. Poor Otis had an infection in his face fold that was so bad his skin was just raw meet :-)



We are their voice. We are their protectors. We are told often we are "too picky" I tell the fosters that is a label we will wear proudly. Many dogs are in the situations they are in because no one cared enough to be "picky" Our goal is to place these dogs one last time in their FOREVER home with families that will love them until they take their last breath. If you have been chosen as a 2nd Chance family member we have labeled you WONDERFUL!!!!

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

- ◆ March 1st Start of Yankee Candle Sale—Orders will end March 30th.
- ◆ March 17th—11-2pm Meet & Greet Pet Value
- ◆ April 7th—Keystone Pet & Equine. Easter Bunny Pics!
- ◆ April 29th—BASKET BINGO  
WHOOOOHOOOOO



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## *We have our own Joe Vincent Patterno's*



With the sad passing of Joe Patterno and the welcoming of 3 adorable little pug/sheltie puppies we could not help ourselves! Meet Joey, Vinny & Patty the new youngest additions to 2nd Chance. I wish I could say that their arrival was uneventful but it was not. They came to us weighing in at 3lbs well not Joey who was the runt he weighed less and it became apparent very quickly that he was very sick! Colleen & Kevin McKain became the foster parents of 3 sick puppies! Yes the same Colleen & Kevin who took care of Moe up until the end. Colleen said "give me a puppy to take my mind off Moe" I don't think she meant give me three sick puppies but that is what she got!!! Between Colleen and Kevin they nursed these little ones and took temps every hour, gave meds in syringes, wore lots of spit up and continued to love them through little sleep and tons of messes!!!! Now they are bouncing, poop and peeing machines!!!! Thanks Colleen & Kevin for again opening your hearts and home!



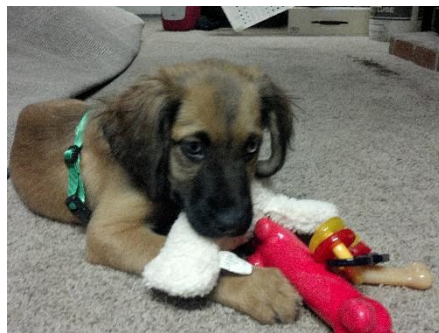
"To err is human,

to forgive

Canine!"

-unknown

## *Imy Makes a full recovery!*



Imy came to us last month a VERY sick pup! Within the first week she ended up in the Emergency Vet clinic two times at a cost of \$1200!!! She came very close to not being with us, but with strong determination from her and tons of thoughts and prayers from everyone and the HUGE dedication of her foster mommy Imy pulled through. Gail Lehman her foster mommy spent many sleepless nights nursing her very sick girl and worrying about her. Imy is now

bouncing around like a healthy puppy should and enjoying all the added attention she has gotten use to. I think it is safe to say she thinks she is special and should be treated as such!! :-)) Thank you Gail for Loving her back to health!

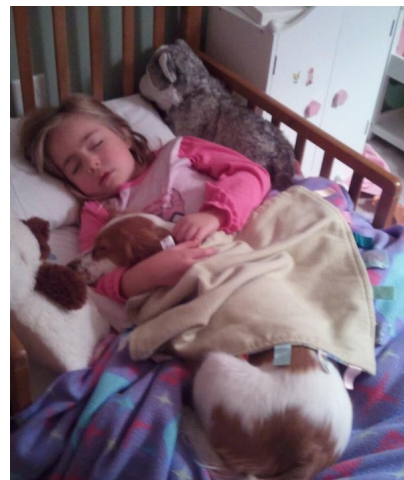


## The Power of Love



Meet Bambi! Bambi didn't always look like this. In fact, there was a point where it was possible Bambi was not going to make it. Bambi was found with another dog on a couples porch in WV. The couple tied the dogs to the porch but didn't feed them because "they didn't want them to think they were staying" WOW! By the time the authorities were informed of the dogs fate Bambi could barely walk she was so weak. She would lean against anyone she could for

support.. Her spirit was always sweet and loving. Even though she was starved she would not guard her food. She just wanted love. Bambi is a very trusting soul and wants only to sleep and cuddle with you! Thank you to Sharon Longenecker and Ruth Mumma who foster Bambi she certainly is deserving of lots of spoiling!!! Bambi's video when she first came to the shelter... <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uualYAbNZKY>



My dog's not

spoiled

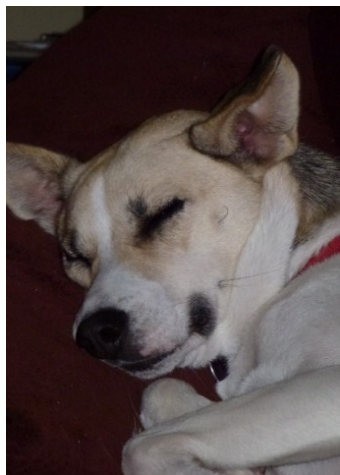
I am just well

trained!

## Hello Bernie

Bernie is the sweetest little guy! We are told he is a Bernese Mountain dog mix. Bernie is not feeling that great. He is very quiet and mellow. We hope that is just his personality but just to be on the safe side Bernie will not be going to a new home for a little until we are sure he is totally healthy. He has been to see Dr. Delany and is on antibiotics so we will update his condition next month. Please keep little Bernie in your thoughts and prayers.





Taking a dog on a  
walk without a leash is  
like playing Russian  
Roulette with his life.

## *Basket Bingo Around the corner!!! April 29th !!!*

This is such a fun event!!! And it is our biggest fundraiser!! PLEASE consider being a sponsor of Basket Bingo! Sponsor in the name of your business, your dog, your child, your grandchild, a love one no longer with you etc. etc. Last basket bingo we even had people go together to sponsor as "The lunch bunch" We had an adopter sponsor 2 baskets in honor of their dogs foster mommy. Any creative idea is wonderful and helps us to keep up with all the medical bills that come in. THANK YOU in advance to those of you who can sponsor. Please feel free to call to reserve tickets also. Colleen McKain handles ticket sales. Her # is 717-367-8609



### Basket Sponsor Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Basket Sponsored in Honor/Memory/Business (info to go in program)

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Checks made out to:

2nd Chance 4 Life Rescue  
PO Box 549, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

All contributions are tax deductible.





## *A Constant Cry for Help!*

I would love to say that the number of dogs dying has slowed down but that is not the case and unfortunately there are calls every day from people losing their homes that need our help. I am baffled at why people who have a dog and love it with all their hearts would not open their home to another one for a short period of time to save it from death??!!!! I have heard it all.... It would be too hard to give it up? Hmm but its easier to know it died?? Or is it just easier to not think about it. I'm sorry but it is happening EVERY minute of EVERY day, 365 days a year :-(

This week we were slapped in the face at just how fragile their little lives are. Meet Pepper. She came to a very rural high kill shelter looking absolutely horrible. We immediately called the shelter and said we would take her. They agreed to groom her for us. And beneath all the dirt and filth was this little angel! Her mother had been brought to the shelter also with her and they were totally stressed when put in different kennels so instead of taking them from each other we said we would take them both. Unfortunately Friday morning I received a call that when shelter staff came in that morning Pepper was dead in her cage :-( This is a very horrible shelter and the staff shows up at 9am leaves at 3pm and the dogs have to hold it or go in their cages for the 18 hours no one is around :-( Pepper died alone within 24 hours of getting out to come to 2nd Chance. If we had more foster homes we could get the dogs out faster! Please don't let Peppers death be for nothing PLEASE PLEASE consider opening your hearts and home even if it is only once a year to a precious soul that only needs a space for a little while. I promise you will get more from them then you can ever give!



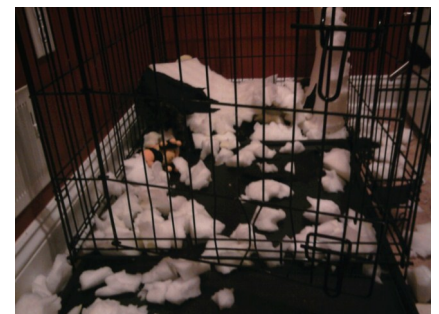
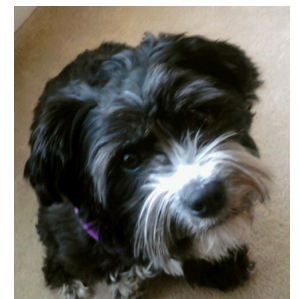
I have  
paw prints on my  
heart!



R.I.P Pepper, you are gone but will not be forgotten!

## *Anxiety*

Yes dogs have anxiety and some worse than others. Some show it when there is a storm, others with fireworks and many have separation anxiety. I have a dog with separation anxiety and I have found that Samantha does much better if she has a buddy to keep her company when I am not at home. I also have found that she totally freaks in a crate when locked in but if I just leave the door open she is very content to either lay in a crate or on the couch until I come home. Obviously each dog is different and it takes "trial and error" to figure out how to help your dog deal with its anxiety. If your dog is potty trained take a short trip away (10 min) and allow your pet to have the freedom of the house. If you come home and everything is as it should be the next trip make a little longer. You may find that just not crating an anxious dog may be enough. If this does not work call Paula! 717-405-1683





## *Peppy finds her forever home!!!!*



Peppy has found her forever home!

Although I miss her dearly and after 7-1/2 months in our home, Peppy has found her forever home! It all started when Peppy and her two brothers were taken to the shelter because her family had to move and could not take the dogs along. Her one brother was so aggressive, he had to be euthanized. Peppy and her other brother Frank came to 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance to a family who wanted to adopt them both. Apparently Peppy was terribly afraid of the man and within 24 hours of arriving at their home the 2 dogs had to be removed from that home. They were then taken emergently to Petsmart to be boarded until another foster could be found. It was a Thursday in the month of June and they were scheduled to be transported back to the shelter in WV to be euthanized on Saturday. Ruth Mumma stepped up to take Frank and Peppy found us. It was a tough road for Peppy because she had this terrible fear of men. We do not know the reason whether she was abused by a man or if she was the protector of the woman of the house from a man. For weeks after Peppy arrived, I could not get out of her sight. She followed me everywhere and even slept tight against me in bed. The only time she was not in the same room with me is when I left home to run errands, etc. Harold was very patient with her and allowed her on her own time to gain trust in men again. She is such a sweet and loving dog and gets along great with kids. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank the Marcavage's for giving Peppy her forever home. To Bob, Maryanne, Colin and Amelia, I will never forget how easy you made this adoption for me! Yes, I cried but I know how much you love her and she does you in return!

Wendy Merkey—Foster Mommy

Human's should  
take lessons on  
forgiveness  
from their dogs

## *Fundraising Events*

I know many of you have asked how you can help and we appreciate all the help we can get! We have a Yankee Candle Fundraiser going on until March 29th. If you could take a book to your office or send the link to all your friends and collect an order that would be WONDERFUL! We make 40% on all sales. Please feel free to email us and we will send you an order book. <http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/catalogs/2012/spring/Spring12Catalog.pdf>

We will also be at Tractor Supply in Mount Joy on March 8th and will be doing a food drive. With all the dogs in the system and more coming in daily we could really use food. If you do not live close a gift card to pet smart or The Fish Place would be GREAT and we can go get food ourselves. We are trying to stay with lamb and rice foods as the dogs seem to tolerate it best when transitioning from the shelter food. We have tiny puppies that could use canned puppy food or small bite puppy food. We have some seniors without a lot of teeth that could use Verus canned food for the nutrients. Some of you have already told us you will be doing food drives in your area/neighborhood to help we say THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Jill Siemon is heading a sub sale. The dates have not been determined but if you could help or could sell subs at your job please contact Jill at [jellybean@embargmail.com](mailto:jellybean@embargmail.com)

We are working on Walk 4 Wags which will be held at Masonic Village Elizabethtown. If you have ever walked the grounds of Masonic Village you know how beautiful it is. We will have a sponsor sheet in the next newsletter. If everyone gets even \$100 worth of sponsors the event will be wonderfully helpful! Most people can find 5 people to give them \$20 to walk and the dogs will enjoy the walk and you too with little traffic and lots of tree lined paths and even a stroll through the flower garden!







## *Anal Sac's—Yep I said it—Jan Zarick*

Does your dog drag his butt across the floor(scoot)? Fido's anal sacs may be full.

**Can both male and female dogs have this problem?** Yes.

**Can altered (spayed/neutered) and intact dogs have this problem?** Yes.

**What are Anal Sacs?** They are two small glands that hold brown, foul smelling, thin fluid. They are just inside your dog's anus at the 5 & 7 o'clock positions. There are small tubes under the skin that drain the fluid from these glands into the anus opening.

**Why does my dog have them?** To communicate with other dogs. The odor of each dog's glands is unique and identifies your dog. When you take your dog for a walk and he stops, sniffs, and lifts his leg (or she squats), your dog is leaving their scent. He/she does this to mark its territory, and to communicate its health and well-being to other dogs that pass by.

**How do these sacs empty?** Normally, these sacs are emptied when a dog passes stool. They can be emptied by the dog when he/she exerts pressure to this area when they are frightened or upset, or wish to leave their scent. Pressure from excess fat in your dog's hind quarters can express (empty) your dog's glands. Sometimes when a dog relaxes, their glands can empty.

**What happens when theses sacs don't empty on their own?** The glands will itch and become very uncomfortable, possibly to the point of pain. The dog will begin to scoot, or excessively lick or chew their anus area in an attempt to relieve the itch. You should not ignore this condition as it would worsen to an infection, then abscess.

**What do I do to help my dog?** You can take your dog to your vet and have the glands expressed by staff if it happens often, or you can learn to do it yourself. Expressing glands is not a pleasant task due to the odor of the secretion, but it is a necessary one if your dog cannot do it normally. Depending upon how efficiently the glands express, or how fast they fill again, the procedure may need to be repeated.

**If I decide to express the glands myself, what do I do?** Make an appointment with your vet and ask him/her to teach you how to do this the first time. Your vet will examine your dog to make sure the glands are not impacted or abscessed. The vet will show you what normal fluid looks like (brown, thin), and explain to you what is NOT normal (green, yellow, or thick fluid) looking fluid. The vet may express your dog's glands internally to perform this exam. This is not comfortable for your dog, and your vet will probably recommend you perform only external expressions of the glands (you want to stay Fido's best friend, after all!).

**Okay, my vet says I can do this on my own now, what do I do?** Begin by putting on a disposable surgical glove. Raise your dog's tail and go to the 5 & 7 o'clock position. If the sacs are full, they will feel like small, firm lumps under your fingers. *If the gland is larger than a small grape, take your dog to your vet immediately!* If the gland is normal in size, cover the anal opening with a tissue or cloth to catch the fluid. Place your thumb on one side of the gland, and your forefinger on the other side. Apply firm pressure on the gland squeezing it in and slightly upward. As the sac empties, you will smell a strong odor – this is normal. Wipe any secretions that get on the dog's fur or skin with a water-only damp cloth, or gently hose the dog's rectal area. If the gland has emptied completely, your dog will stop scooting in a couple of days. If not, check the glands to see if they need to be expressed again (sometimes it takes more than one try). If the glands feel empty, take your dog to your vet for a checkup.

**I expressed the glands but the fluid is NOT brown and thin, or nothing came out at all.**

**What do I do?** Call your vet immediately.

**What can I do if it seems like my dog's sacs need emptied all the time?** Talk to your vet. He may suggest increasing your dog's fiber intake to bulk up his stool. In extreme cases, surgery to remove the glands may be suggested. This surgery can have leave a dog incontinent, so consider it wisely.

Here is a link to an online video showing the above procedure: [http://www.ehow.com/video\\_2275318\\_express-dog\\_s-anal-gland.html](http://www.ehow.com/video_2275318_express-dog_s-anal-gland.html)



Wet Kisses

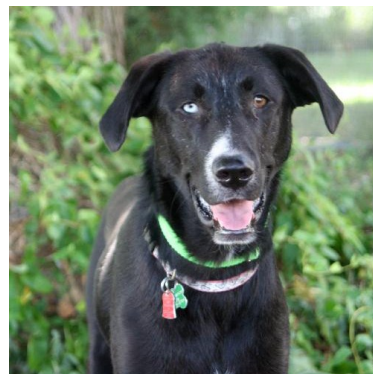
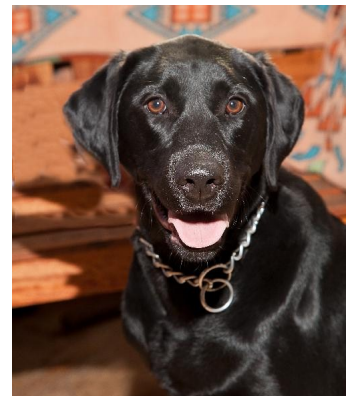
are like Chocolate,

A

Sweet Treat!!



# *2nd Chance Success in February!*





## *Cindy Lou's Journey*

Today I placed our precious little girl in the arms of Christine Runnels, Lititz Veterinary Clinic. Cindy Lou looked up at me as if to say "what now mommy". It was heart wrenching and I have to continue to remind myself that sometimes to make them whole we must help them through the pain. I am very thankful for those who have contributed to Cindy's surgery so far. We have raised \$1,000 to put towards her surgery bill of \$3200. I know we will raise the rest of the funds because there are so many wonderful people willing to help us. For those of you who do not know Cindy's story. Cindy came to us due to a plea from her owner who got her off Craigs List and then realized she had a deformity which would be expensive to repair. We took Cindy who weighs 2lbs. 8 oz. and have loved her up while we raised funds to repair her leg. I told the group that as soon as we raised the first thousand I would take a leap of faith and schedule surgery so that is what we did. Cindy's back leg is malformed and not functioning,, her other back leg knee pops in and out of the socket. The surgeons felt it best to do both legs at once which will force Cindy to use them both instead of just choosing not to use the malformed leg even after surgery since she would have felt it normal to not use the malformed leg. She will have months of rehab but we will love her through the pain. This is what rescue is all about. Helping the ones who cannot help themselves. Cindy Lou deserves to walk and run like other puppies. She is only 8 months old!



## *Cindy Lou's Supporters—THANK YOU and may the list grow!!!*

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|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| ◆ Kari Van Curen    | ◆ Lori Lees             | ◆ Amy Helms               |
| ◆ Kathleen Speck    | ◆ Kristy McGuire        | ◆ Tammy Hiller            |
| ◆ Karen Chimahusky  | ◆ Sarah Greenbert       | ◆ Barbara Myers           |
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| ◆ Beverly J. Colfax | ◆ Kathy Bruce           |                           |
| ◆ Heather Butz      | ◆ Anne Marie Rodgers    |                           |



## *Foster of the month! Gail Lehman*

Meet Gail Lehman, She is a “do it all” woman. She is the owner of Darrel Lehman Dump Truck Services LLC. Not only does she run it but you will see her driving a big truck, changing oil and doing just about anything else you could imagine needing done in a trucking company. Gail is not afraid to get her hands dirty and that’s awesome because in the past month she has taken on 2 very dirty stray lab/rottie mixes who are 8 months old and have tons of puppy energy, another lab who is 3 and husky who is 5, from a woman who has cancer and was hospitalized. She also was the foster for Imy who was a very very sick Leonberger mix puppy! Between work and family she still finds time to “love on the dogs”, potty train, teach tricks and scoop poop!

We are very blessed to have Gail as a part of our 2nd Chance Family. She is the co-chair for fundraising. She runs at the drop of a hat to pick up a dog in need or run one to a vet appointment. She and her fiancé’ Mark are on our building committee and also make sure we have a wagon and truck for parades and Walk 4 Wags. Gail truly is a blessing! Just don’t ever ask her to hold your keys for you! The dogs and 2nd Chance say THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU, GAIL!!!



To overfeed your dog

doesn't show them

you love them it only

makes their stay here

on earth shorter.

## *Let Dogs Be Dogs—Paula Hess*

Too many times I hear “My dog jumps at people or barks constantly at people coming in and out of the house” This is a valid concern with me as well. Dogs learn from the excitement that you have already provided for them.... when you leave you are rarely without chaos... finding your purse or your keys... putting on your shoes.... And when you come in you are in an excited voice saying, “hello fluffy, did you miss me??”. You have now just showed them that the door being opened and closed is the ticket for excitement.

I like to use the same technique for potty training, by putting bells on the door nose level, to associate the door being opened with the bells. Not for the excitement value though. Avoid having a high level of excitement at the door by having a calm exit and avoid talking to your dog upon exiting and entering. It is ok to say hello just by putting a hand down for a sniff then take off your shoes and go about your business. When the dog sees the door is no longer associated with excitement..... your guest will no longer have paw prints on their pants!

Most people get pummeled by the excited dog and too many times they end up getting pushed backwards by the dog. This gives the dog more space and you get jumped on again and again. When I walk into a house and a dog jumps on me, I walk forward and use my knee to take back my space. There are times where the dog is still excited so he jumps around me....not on me. But, I have now gained the respect of my space. I continue my conversation with the owner and no eye contact with the dog and he quickly calms down and realizes I am indeed there to see the owner and not a pushy pooch. A balanced dog will come over and sniff you. An unbalanced dog is too busy jumping on you to use his nose. Think about wolves, would they just run over and jump on a new-comer? ABSOLUTELY NOT! They sniff and get to know each other. That’s a normal behavior.







## *Volunteer of the Month! Shawn Beachler*

Meet Shawn Beachler our Events Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. Shawn lives in Elizabethtown and works for Con Way Freight. Shawn has a HUGE love for dogs and cats! She has 3 of her own dogs. Shawn does not foster but she makes sure to support the family in numerous other ways. Shawn coordinates all our meet and greet events. She is the contact person for anyone who schedules an event with us. Shawn also processes all the volunteer apps, she is the first person to speak with a new volunteer. Shawn takes donation containers to anyone who requests one and also makes sure they are emptied on a regular basis. I do not see how she works it all into her schedule but she does and even manages to do transport on a regular rotation to Hagerstown MD. Thank you Shawn! You make 2nd Chance better by being a part of it!!



There is nothing more  
exciting to a dog then  
a walk to enjoy the air  
and smell the smells!

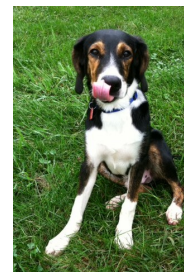
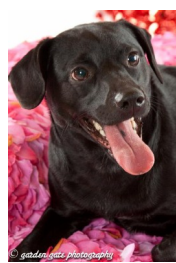
## *Does my Best Friend need a friend?*

Dogs are pack animals. They love their owners but most crave the companionship of another dog. You can throw a ball and cuddle on the couch but let's face it you can't speak your pets language. It is amazing how we will get a owner surrendered pet into the group and the owner may say "they don't like other dogs" Within a day the dog is running with the pack, chasing other dogs tails, sleeping in the same bed and just enjoying the companionship of someone just like them :-). Without another dog every time you leave your home for work, a social event etc. your dog is alone and dogs do not understand that you are not gone forever all they know is you have left so they seem comforted to know their buddy is there with them.

There are some dogs that prefer to be the only dog but they are few and far between so consider giving your best friend a "best friend" of his/her own!

If you do consider a best friend make sure you understand that your dog needs to pick his best friend not you. It's always funny to see a couple pick one dog and their dog fall in love with a totally different looking dog. But hey just like us they have a preference and since it is "THEIR best friend" make sure they have a say in the choice.

Also, if your dog is 8+ DO NOT bring home a puppy. It would be like placing a 2 year old in your room when you are 80 and telling you to "have a good time", you might enjoy it for all of 5 minutes!!!



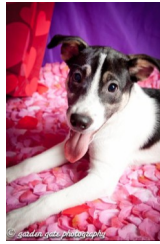
# Furry Friends Hoping for Another Day to Live, PLEASE consider fostering!!!



Brooke—  
Dachsund/Min Pin



Cady—Dachsund/  
Min Pin



Henry—  
Terrier Mix



Louise—Wire  
Hair Terrier  
must stay with  
Thelma



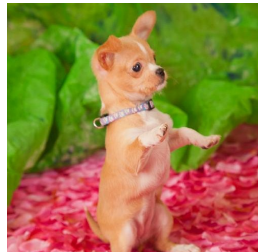
Thelma—Wire  
Hair Terrier must  
stay with Louise



Holly needs a fenced  
yard. Great family dog!



Maude 9 year old Pug.  
Soooo Sweet!



Tiny—Tea Cup  
Chihuahua



Nevada



Little Bear—  
Chihuahua Mix  
Great Dog!



Milo  
Pug Mix. Love him!!!

## Talk to The Paw—Sweatshirts



We have sweatshirts in crew and hoodie.

Sm., Med., Lg, XL

\$20 for Crewneck \$25 for Hoodie

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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