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2nd Chance 4 Life Rescue

Walk 4 Wags!!! May 20th 1-4pm



WOW it is time for Walk 4 Wags. We are doing something different this year. We are holding our walk at Masonic Village Elizabethtown. Registration will be at 50 S. Wilson Avenue at the Amtrak/Borough Building. There is plenty of parking! You will then walk through the tunnel and on to Masonic Village beautiful walking paths! From tree lined paths, to the flower gardens with beautiful water fountains to the fish pond the walk is just beautiful and traffic is limited. Please join us for a fun walk with many dog lovers who knows maybe you will even meet your dogs siblings and their new families!!! We will have our photographers there and will have a food stand complete with the delicious subs that you all seemed to enjoy when we did our sub sale! This event is very special to the fosters because they really hope that their adopters who they chose to give their precious foster friend to will come and give them the chance to give their foster dogs a once a year hug and kiss from their foster family!!!! PLEASE try to put this on your calendar and join us. It's a few hours that make the year have reason to the fosters!
<http://www.2ndchance4liferescue.org/info/file?file=13641.pdf>

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

- ◆ [May 12th—Arts in The Park](#) 10am—3pm
- ◆ May 12th—Tractor Supply 10-2pm
- ◆ May 12th
- ◆ [May 20th—Walk 4 Wags!](#)
- ◆ May 25 & 26th & 28th—Garage Sale 8am—1pm. 25 Heather Cr., Elizabethtown!

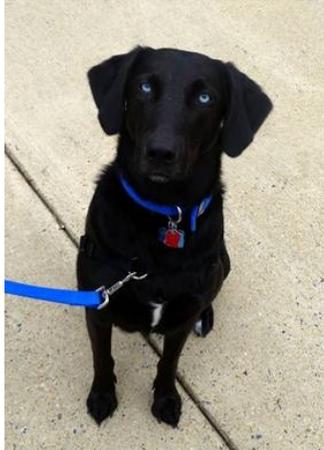


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[Sponsor Sheet!!!](#) This is soooo easy I've never had anyone say no.



Stinky Poo Update



Stinky Poo had a visit with a specialist this week. They did blood work just to make sure he does not have a thyroid problem. The blood work came back fine except for an elevated liver count but that is probably due to the steroids. They changed his med's, put him back on antibiotics and we will return in a month to see where we go from here. Our prayers and wishes for Stinky Poo is that whatever time he has left in his senior years that they will be pain free and comfort filled. Please keep Stinky in your thoughts and prayers and the vet's that are caring for him. He really is a sweet boy and loves his car rides!

People need to
learn to lick first
and bite last!!!

We're Back :-)



We work very, very hard to place dogs well so they do not "recycle" ever again. Unfortunately sometimes there is a legitimate reason why they cannot stay with their family. Poor Cookie's mommy was diagnosed with cancer and is not doing well so Cookie is back with us. Cookie in 5 months has grown! Cookie is a GORGEOUS 8 month old hound mix. She loves everyone and is good with other dogs. If you know of someone with a large fenced yard where Cookie can run and play please pass her information on to them. This little girl deserves a home of her own again!



Meet Toby B. He is very sad. His mommy had a baby and she decided she wasn't going to keep him :-(. We tried to explain that we won't let that happen ever again and I think he's trying to trust us but its sad when these little ones give their family total loyalty and love and then their family doesn't give them the same in return :-(. That's OK Toby is having fun playing with his foster brother & sister and he doesn't even mind the cats! I think Toby would love to have all the attention of someone and not have to share it with anyone finally!

Thunderstorms Are Here!



If you have ever had a dog who fears thunderstorms you know the trauma they endure! There does not seem to be any rhyme or reason to why a dog fears storms some just do. For some we have found that Thunder Shirts work but for others they don't seem to help.

There are drugs that can be given for severe cases. We do not recommend a tranquilizing drug so if your vet suggests one please question if you could not just use a "happy pill" such as Prozac during the storm seasons, at least its not a tranquilizer which can be "iffy" for some dogs health according to one of our favorite vets at Animal Emergency and Referral of York.

She suggest that you get a tape off thunderstorms. Take a day and work with your dog. Make sure it is a nice sunny day, turn the tape on very low and for the first hour talk lightly and soothingly to your dog and play with them and go about your day like nothing is going on after an hour turn the volume up just a little and keep working with your dog keeping them focused on fun and you. Continue this pattern for the rest of the day. What you are trying to accomplish is to desensitize your best friend to the sound of a storm. This is not a quick fix and it takes the commitment of you to your buddy for a day but the commitment may be well worth it and wouldn't it be nice not to have to watch your friend suffer through one more thunderstorm totally afraid?!



A Fat Dog is

NOT

Well loved!!!

Is my dog sick?

I am called often by fosters saying "I think my dog is sick" The first question out of my mouth is what is their temperature? A dog's normal temperature is between 100.5 degrees to 102.5 degrees anything over or under is cause for concern. Use a digital thermometer, make sure to coat it with a water based lubricant and do a rectal temp.

Trust me your dog will be no more thrilled than you are but the butt is where to go. Just because your dog chooses not to eat for a day isn't in and of itself cause for concern. As long as they are drinking they may just feel a little "off" and may want to give their belly a break, just like when you don't feel well you may choose not to eat. **HOWEVER**, if your dog is not drinking that is concerning and call your vet **IMMEDIATELY!** If your dog becomes lethargic or has discharge from his nose call your vet. Better safe than sorry but always take their temperature. Your vet will appreciate you being able to give it to them when you call :-)





BASKET BINGO WAS SOLD OUT!!!!

WOW! WOW! I don't know what else to say. I am just soooooo blessed to have been a part of this event and the phenomenal support that it received!! Not only was it a beautiful day outside it was truly beautiful and fun in the building, surrounded by people who supported the dogs and the rescue! We were able to raise \$8000 with this event!! We had a dog who needed surgery this week and I didn't even get that sick feeling in the pit of my stomach worrying about where I was going to dig up the funds from -) What a great feeling!!!! We had lots of people walking out with at least one prize thanks to all our wonderful supporters who gave gift certificates, door prizes etc..... The baskets were beautiful and the tables looked great decorated with spring flowers! The basket bingo committee outdid itself with this event! I can't wait to see how they top this one at the Holiday Bingo!!!!

The following were \$100 supporters! Which helped purchase the baskets and fill some of them!

- ◆ Kari VanCuren
- ◆ Engle Printing & Publishing Co.,
- ◆ The Tubman Family
- ◆ Colleen's Cutting Corner
- ◆ Sharon Longenecker, Shawn Beachler, Wendy Merkey & Colleen McKain in honor of Moe
- ◆ Ruperty & Charlene Taylor "in memory of Steph Lefever, their daughter"
- ◆ Wenger & Company PC Certified Public Accountants
- ◆ DonCin Racing—DonCin Transport Inc.
- ◆ Maryanne & Amelia Marcavage
- ◆ The Hess Agency
- ◆ Carpet Denn
- ◆ Nick & Jill Siemon
- ◆ Steve's General Store
- ◆ Cocker's Towing
- ◆ ASAP Auto
- ◆ Fullerton Electric & Mr. Electric
- ◆ Primary Eye Care & Opti Barn
- ◆ Pizza Town
- ◆ Mowery Enterprises, LLC
- ◆ Sueann Schatz
- ◆ Amy Auker, Elaine Bevan, Pat Johnson, Wesley Lewis, Christine Mellinger & Kris Trainer
- ◆ Sharon Daly
- ◆ Hershey Pharmacy & Gift Shop
- ◆ Lori Riddle, Marilyn Metherell & Patricia Bray "in memory of Irene Kray"
- ◆ Shelly & Bob Garman— In memory of Acacia





Above & Beyond Sponsors!

- ◆ Hondru Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep—Dan Butz Sales at Hondru Chevy 717-951-0821
\$300 Sponsor!
- ◆ Shelly & Bob Garman—In honor of Fosters Nhung & Brian Schnee from Buddy (formerly Gerald, your 1st foster!) and current foster kids Bosley & Peanut!
\$200 Sponsor!
- ◆ Computer Aid Inc.—CAI—Dress Down Friday :-)
\$185 Sponsor!



Supporters of Bingo!

- Twin Kiss—Elizabethtown
- Fisher Automotive—Elizabethtown
- Elizabethtown Landscape Supply
- Today's Pizza—Mount Joy
- Mount Gretna Hiway—Mount Gretna
- Blue Bird Inn—Cornwall
- Laura Mushinski Lambert—Drayer Physical Therapy—Harrisburg
- Mueller's Flower Shop—Elizabethtown
- English Brothers—Elizabethtown
- Shea Kinsey—Tastefully Simple
- Harvey BBQ—Mount Joy
- Deer Country—Manheim
- Shea Kinsey—Mary Kay Consultant
- Mount Joy Family Restaurant—Mt. Joy
- Darrel Lehman Dump Truck Services
- Linda McGlaughlin
- The Vineyard & Winery at Hershey
- Home Grown Outdoor Finishes
- Brandt's Farm Supply—Elizabethtown
- Garden Gate Photography—Mount Joy
- Colleen's Cutting Corner—Elizabethtown
- Giant Food Store—Elizabethtown
- Subway—Elizabethtown
- McCrackens Pet Food & Supply—ETown
- Color Me Mine—Harrisburg
- The Hershey Company—Hershey
- Pavone's Restaurant—Hershey
- Kristen Burke
- D & H Distribution—Harrisburg
- Allure Salon—Lancaster
- Bell's Meat Market—Hummelstown
- Turquoise & Treasures—Mount Joy
- Curves—Mount Joy
- Country Table—Mount Joy
- Clippers Hair & Nail Salon—ETown
- Trolley Stop—Elizabethtown
- Martin's Country Kitchen—ETown
- Mangia! Mangia! Italian Grill—ETown
- Walburtons Greenhouse—ETown
- Country Meadows—Elizabethtown
- Fling—Elizabethtown
- Hess's Dog Grooming—Mount Joy
- Laser Dome—Manheim
- Mary's Clean Cuts—Elizabethtown

A dead dog who
wasn't on a leash
always has an
owner who says
"they never ran
away before!"





Can My Dog Sun Burn or Heat Stroke?

ABSOLUTELY!!!!

With warmer coming and brighter sun shine it is so important that you realize your best friend can get a sun burn just like you! Their skin can blister, peel and flake just like yours! They can even get cancer with too much sun exposure!!! Please protect your friend. Limit their exposure to the sun during prime time 10am—4pm. If you are going to have them in the sun with you put sun screen on the tips of their ears and nose. Just as in humans, light skin dogs will burn quicker. Dark haired dogs heat up quicker!

Dogs can get heat stroke!

Dogs do not sweat through their skin like humans - they release heat primarily by panting and they sweat through the foot pads and nose. If a dog cannot effectively expel heat, the internal body temperature begins to rise. Once the dog's temperature reaches 106°, damage to the body's cellular system and organs may become irreversible. Unfortunately, too many dogs succumb to heat stroke when it could have been avoided. Learn how to recognize the signs of heat stroke and prevent it from happening to your dog

- Increased rectal temperature (over 104° requires action, over 106° is a dire emergency)
- Vigorous panting
- Dark red gums
- Tacky or dry mucus membranes (specifically the gums)
- Lying down and unwilling (or unable) to get up
- Collapse and/or loss of consciousness
- Thick saliva

Dizziness or disorientation



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Amelia Marcavage—You are Amazing!

Amelia is a Lower Dauphin 6th grader with a love for all animals! Amelia hopes to become a veterinarian or marine biologist when she grows up. She has 2 dogs and a guinea pig at home but if she had room she'd have many, many, more pets. When her family went through the adoption process recently, Amelia saw how many pets there are out there who need homes, medical attention and love. So, Amelia decided to have a Zumba birthday party and in lieu of gifts she asked her friends to donate items to 2nd Chance for Life. The girls had an awesome time and Amelia collected \$225 along with dog food, beds, collars and more!

Amelia and her friends were a \$100 sponsor for Basket Bingo and with the remaining money we pulled Carol and she will be coming to 2nd Chance the beginning of June. We would love to bring her sister Lilly so if someone would like to be Lilly's \$100 sponsor please let us know!



Thank You Amelia for your unselfish gift. You are an amazing young woman and your heart has saved little Carol from facing the end of her life to early!!!!



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Dogs and Swimming



Summer is here, and that means pool parties and days spent at the beach. While we all want to enjoy the warm weather with our friends, families and pets, we need to be aware of the very real danger of pet drowning.

It's estimated that thousands of family pets die in drowning incidents each year, though real numbers are not known, because most incidents go unreported.

However, these tragedies are largely avoidable if precautions are taken. Best of all, implementing safety procedures is not a difficult task. "Most preventive measures are common sense," says [Dr. David W. Reinhard](#), a consulting veterinarian for VPI Pet Insurance.

Pool Safety Tips for Pets

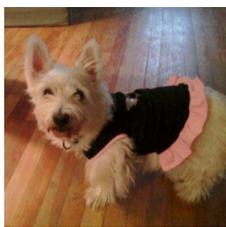
There are some basic rules you can follow to prevent tragedy when pets are around the family pool. First, your pet should always be taught where the steps in the pool are located, in case he falls in or gets in trouble while swimming. Dr. Reinhard says.

Even pets that are experienced swimmers can sometimes panic if they accidentally fall in the pool. Pets that are too small to use steps should not be allowed in the pool.

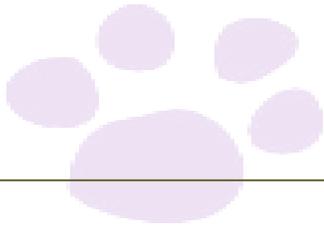
Here are some other helpful strategies for keeping your pet safe:

- A fence should be installed around the pool. Install a [pet-safe ladder](#) in the pool so your pet has easy exit access.
- Pets should not be allowed around the pool without supervision.
- Pool covers are NOT a form of protection. Covers can be deceptive to pets, as they look like a solid surface but can give out and lead to a tragedy.
- Familiarize your pet with water at a young age; don't assume he can swim.
- Consider purchasing a pool alarm system. These float in the pool and go off when there is a disturbance in the water.

Take your pet to the veterinarian immediately if a near-drowning or water injury occurs.

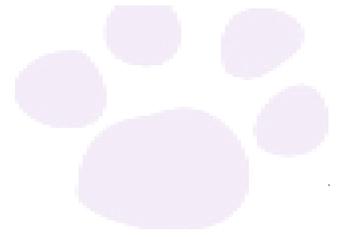


R.I.P. Anastasia. You were a wonderful, loving, loyal family member and your mommy, daddy, sissy and Jessica will miss you but we all know that you are watching over them, until you meet up with them again over the rainbow bridge!



2nd Chance Success in April





Banner's Journey

Banner is our newest little poster boy. Banner got dropped off at the shelter with Miles. Banner is estimated to be 8 years old. The poor little guy was just a glob of mats and his breath was so bad that it about knocked you over and he is such a kisser that we finally said he had breath only a foster mommy could stand!!! His hair was so matted and actually felt like pieces of wood around his eyes. It had scratched his corneas and his eyes were so red that they actually appeared like they were bleeding!! It was very hard to even look at him and not cry! We immediately took him to Elizabethtown Animal Hospital and Dr. Delany started to do his "magic" on Banner. Banner was blessed to end up in the loving foster home of the Merkeys who tirelessly worked to gain his confidence so that they could cut away the hardened hair and give him warm compress baths on his eyes to loosen up the dirt and grime that was caked in his facial area. Today his eyes are looking 80% better and we have no doubt that they will be 100% within no time! Wendy Merkey also noticed that Banner had several masses on him, so today Banner had surgery to remove 7 masses and 6 very rotten teeth. He is sleeping soundly at Elizabethtown Animal Hospital and will hopefully be in the loving arms of his foster mommy tomorrow. As a foster we worry just like we would if it was one of our own children so it has been a very long day for Wendy! Banner's bill was \$900 this is why we fundraise so that little ones like Banner can realize life can be wonderful and there are people will love him and think he is special !!!



Chihuahua's Need Love Too!

OK so I know that the chihuahua can be intimidating at time but hey how would you like to walk around with elephants all day? You might get "attitude" too. Once you win a chihuahua's heart they will be your loyal and loving companion FOREVER! They will protect you with everything they have. They are a little dog with a HUGE heart. We are always looking for Chihuahua fosters! Right now we have Simon and Little Bear in our foster homes but there are also 2 at the high kill shelter that we would LOVE to save if we can find a foster home so if you know of someone with a special heart for Chihuahua's please have them contact us!



Simon



Little Bear



Foster of the month! Sherri Gasper

Meet Sherri Gasper. Sherri is a veteran foster, she has been with us since the conception of 2nd Chance! Sherri is a wonderful mother of 3 great girls who all help with the rescue. At any event you will find the Gasper women helping wherever they are needed. Whether it is running the photo stand, selling TShirts, Wearing the 2nd Chance mascot costume they will pitch in and make it fun!

Sherri most recently “stepped up” and took on 2 puppies that she did not pull when another foster found herself with a dog she wasn’t expecting. Sherri didn’t even hesitate she just said no problem we will take them even though she already had a foster dog at home. That’s Sherri a real “team player”

I will never forget Sherri’s first foster dog Duke. He came into the home with “issues” I was at the beach with my family on vacation and received a phone call from the Gasper home.

When I answered all I heard was screaming (never a good sound) The dog had gotten the Gasper’s cat who was not the friendliest of felines and liked to growl at the dogs. Up to this point the Gasper’s personal dog had put up with the grouchy cat but Duke was having none of it and basically decided to show the cranky cat that dogs rule. The poor cat never reappeared for 4 days. Today I am glad to say the Gasper cat is learning to appreciate that dogs can be friends too :-)

Sherry works at Elizabethtown Child Care Center. Anyone who can deal with children all day and still be pleasant is a saint in my books!!!



To overfeed your dog
doesn't show them
you love them it only
makes their stay here
on earth shorter.

Black Dogs Deserve Love Too!!!!

When I first started in rescue I was told don't pull black dogs they don't get adopted. I thought that is ridiculous and obviously not possibly true but guess what it is SO TRUE!!! Black dogs have a harder time getting adopted and black dogs are euth'd sooner than other dogs in the shelter. Why? No one really can figure it out. Do they look mean? Is it because they don't photograph well? No clue but some of the nicest dogs I have fostered have been black dogs!!! Right now Addie & Ammie have been in foster care for months and they are the sweetest little lab mixes! All they want is a home of their own with a fenced in yard to run and play like a lab loves. They are potty trained, great on a leash, love to go on walks and love water. You cannot go wrong with either of these girls! PLEASE send their photo's on to anyone you know who is

looking for a wonderful little girl to add to their family! I have been

told they wouldn't mind going together either, but it is not a requirement. We always have a discounted fee when adopting a pair. Fill out an adoption application if interested and their foster mommy will be in touch.





Volunteer of the Month! Shea Kinsey

Meet Shea Kinsey! This woman does it all. Not only does she co chair our fundraising seat and hold a position on our board she also emergency fosters!!! At this time she is fostering a rather exuberant boxer named Cash and our sweet little return Toby B! Without Shea these two would have had to go sit in a kennel. Shea does all the baskets for basket bingo and makes every one of them look special and classy. We all pray Shea doesn't get sick the week before basket bingo because we would be in BIG trouble!!!!



Shea is not afraid of big dogs or dogs with attitude and so we send her to asses owner surrendered dogs since some of us are whimps when a dog grrrr's at us :-)

Shea has 2 dogs of her own, a lab and a shepherd and last time I counted I believe she has 3 cats but I could be off by one hmmm.

Shea works for Children and Youth so not only does she protect our children but she does her best to help protect the furry ones! We appreciate everything you do Mrs. Kinsey!!

People go out

to "de stress"

I sit on the couch

With

my dog!!

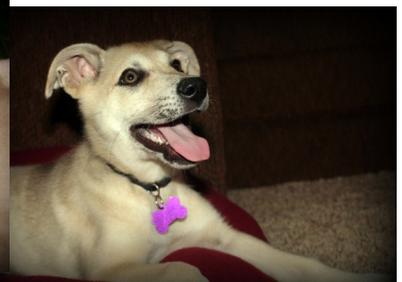
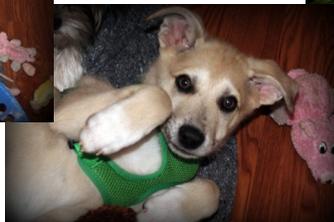
Tail End Scoop

OK the challenge of photographing puppies. We just love puppies, small, cute, soft, and always doing something funny to make us laugh! BUT they just won't stay still to photograph unless they are sleeping :-). Here is a trick we use, you will need an extra pair of hands, a blanket or throw, something that will look good in your picture. One person holds the puppy in the blanket, making sure to cover your arms and body up in the blanket so all you see is the dog in the blanket.



Now the one taking the picture needs to zoom in close just focusing in on the puppy. Volia, cute picture! Another thing is just letting them play and sit on the ground with them and just take tons of fun shots of their antics. You are bound to get a keeper! Good luck shooting!!!

Glenn & Ruth
Garden Gate Photography



Furry Friends Available for adoption!!!!



Brutus—Baby Pug



Candace—Terrier



Diesel—Flat Coat Retriever X



Riley & Checkers Bonded Pair :-)



Snoopy 6 yo Papillion



Archie Pug Mix!



Dillan—Baby Shepherd Mix



Jenny—Pug Mix



Nellie—Super Sweet and Smart 3 Months Old!



Little Bear—Chihuahua Mix Great Dog!



Snaggle Sweet little girl. Would love a lap to sit on!



Kenny our new Boston Terrier! SWEET!!!

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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