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4 the Love of Abby!

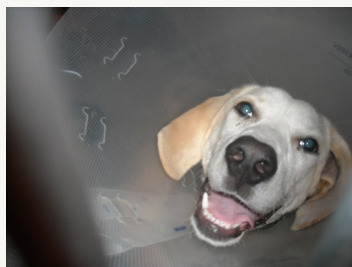


We were presented with this video and a plea for help. ([Click for video](#)). Obviously Abby pulled at our hearts and we couldn't leave this 5 month old little girl to be put down because no one would help! One of our wonderful, new fosters, Kathy Jeffries and her family opened their hearts to little Abby and agreed to give her a warm place to rehab when she is ready to travel to PA. Unfortunately Abby had her first surgery and the surgeon called saying it was the worst case hind leg defects he has ever seen. He felt fairly confident that the surgery was successful but within a week it was evident that one leg was healing well while the other one was not :(Abby went back to surgery to have the wound on the one leg cleaned out because it was not healing. We hoped that this would be the end of problems and that we could schedule to go bring Abby to PA within the

next few weeks but Abby had other plans. Little Abby is quite a pistol ! I am told by Dr. Cunningham that she chews off a cone each day and then decided to eat her stitches out! WOW! I am fairly sure that Dr. Cunningham and his staff will have a huge smile on their face when Abby can be discharged!!

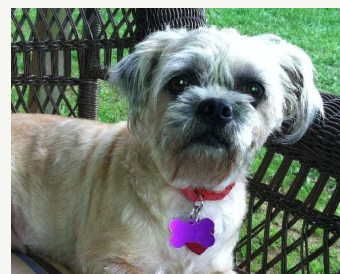
Abby unfortunately then began to have problems with the leg that had been doing fairly well and she was tested for MRSA which she does not have but cultured ecoli so they are allowing the leg to heal as an open wound.. With these setbacks Abby has been hospitalized since July and her boarding is \$15 per day plus her meds. We could really use sponsors that would sponsor her for a week of boarding or even a day! We have a [chip in account](#) for her (just click on the underlined words).

Below are pictures of her journey and we will be grateful when she is well and vegging on someone's couch and playing with their children. Not all rescue dogs have issues but when they do we have been blessed to be able to help them! Because of YOU! Thank You!!



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

- ◆ December 1st - Christmas Pies
- ◆ December 2nd— Christmas Basket Bingo. Tickets Available. Call Lynn at 717-575-8704 or go on the website to order through paypal.
- ◆ December 8th— Elizabethtown Holiday Parade. Please bring your dog and join us!



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My Dog keeps Scratching



Dogs will like veggies

as much as ice

cream and they will

live longer!

Hmmmm sounds like

a "no brainer" to me!

We are getting a lot of calls with concerned pet owners asking what they can do for their dog who is scratching A LOT! Of course the first thing people think when they see their dog scratching is that their dog has fleas but that is not always the case. Your dog can have allergies or his/her skin may just be very dry from the change in the weather or a fungal infection. Some dogs have a more "yeasty" skin than others.

We have found that Sebozole Shampoo by VET Solutions has done wonders for a lot of our dogs. You can order this shampoo on line or we know for a fact that Elizabethtown Animal Hospital carries it.

If we have a dog with very "itchy" skin we will bathe them every 3 days for 2 weeks and then after that 2 times a month. With this shampoo you wet your dog, lather with the shampoo and then leave on for 15 minutes. I usually grab a book and just sit in the bathroom with the dog for 15 minutes. You don't want your dog to be wet and cold so just keep them in a non drafty room for the 15 minutes, (I don't make mine stay in the tub, I just allow them to run around in the bathroom for 15 minutes) then rinse thoroughly and dry so your little one doesn't catch a cold. You should see a noticeable change by the 2nd bath if not you may need to have your vet check for other issues. Remember we are always a call or email away if you have a question.

We will try to help if we can.

TREATS and Recalls

There have been so many horror stories concerning treats! PLEASE PLEASE be careful with Jerky and Pork products. Rawhides and Greenies can also be dangerous for your pet. Your dog's diet is just as important as your own. What happens when you eat "treats" every day? YOU get FAT! The same is true for your dog. We hear all too often "my dog only gets..... of food a day and we are staring at a fat dog, so our next question is.. And how many treats does your dog get? It's amazing how people do not get that a dog treat is just as bad for their dog as a twinkie is for them!

If you just feel like you are "cheating" your dog if you don't give them treats you might want to try frozen green beans or baby carrots or a piece of their dog food. Just remember you feel they need the treat more than they do.

Certain breeds will eat until they explode and please understand it is NOT because they are hungry it is just because it is their makeup. Just like us an overweight dog will have more physical conditions and will not live as long as a fit and trim dog so if you would like to have your dog around a few years longer LOVE them enough to keep them trim and healthy. Some vets will not say "your dog is overweight because they do not want to offend you or lose your business but if you ask them if your dog should lose a few pounds they will be more than happy to tell you so. A walk a day can make a huge difference and just because you might have a fenced yard does not mean your dog should not also have a walk.

We will be doing small carob coated treats for your dogs Christmas stocking. Just remember a treat is just that. Something that should be given a few times a week not every day.

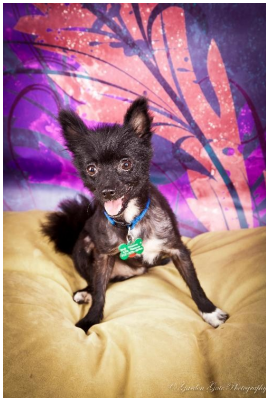


Want to make a difference??

We are always looking for foster homes! Even if you only foster one dog a year it makes such a difference!!! You can choose the dog so if you have a pug fill out a foster application and tell us you only want to foster pugs or maybe you only want to foster puppies or a senior dog we need all types of fosters so PLEASE PLEASE go to our site and fill out a foster application www.2ndChance4LifeRescue.org

These dogs wouldn't have had a chance if a foster hadn't opened their home to them so please take a look at your dog and ask yourself if there isn't space in your heart and home for one foster a year.

[Fall Video](#)



Did you know that baby carrots placed in a dish of water and microwaved for 8 min. stuck in the frig are an awesome treat filling and NOT fattening!!!

Tail End Scoop

This month's tip. Leaves are changing and the weather is getting cooler, Before you rake those leaves up, take your dog outside and snap some pictures. The fall colors make for great pictures. Even your fall decorations you may have set up like the pumpkins, gourds, haystacks and corn stalks. You already did the work now you have a great background for dog pictures.



Glenn & Ruth
Garden Gate Photography



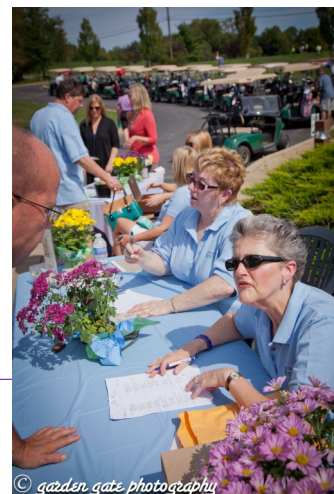
2nd Chance 4 Life 1st Annual Golf Tournament!!!



Your dogs don't need walks in this heat take them out to go potty and bring them back inside where they will not dehydrate or burn their feet!



Thank you to all who attended the Golf Tournament and to the Golf Committee who gave so much of their time to make it a success!!!
It was a beautiful day and loads of fun. I cannot wait for next year!!





Dogs are like children. If you have one you are the playmate. If you have 2 they play with each other!





Snickers Decides People aren't all bad :)



Meet Snickers.

As often happens, I received a phone call from a mom who said.... Please help, my daughter is living with 2 other women and 13 children. (yes you read that right 13 children!) The younger ones are teasing the dog and the older ones throw it against the walls! Can you please take it??

We immediately made arrangements to go pick up the dog in York. When the daughter arrived with the dog it was apparent he was not being taken care of. He was very uncomfortable around us but Shea Kinsey, one of our assessment fosters took him for a little walk and he tolerated her. We sat down to talk to the daughter and you could see the fleas running around on little Snickers back :(I said, it looks like he has fleas pretty bad and she said, yes I haven't bathed him in like 2 weeks. It was obvious he had had fleas longer than that, he had begun to pull the hair out on his back trying to get rid of them. I cannot imagine what it must feel like to constantly have little things running around on you biting you!

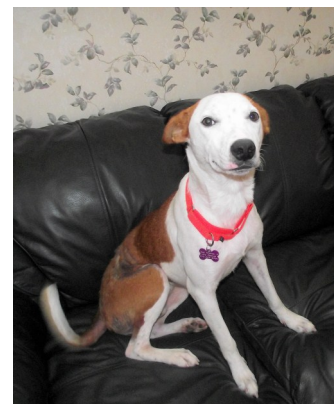
We had Snicker signed over to us and as you guessed headed straight to Elizabethtown Animal Hospital to have her checked out. Snickers is 9-10 years old and the daughter said she "saved her from a bad situation" so actually Snickers lived in 2 bad situations before getting to us. We promised Snickers this time around she will get an awesome home and I think she believes us because she certainly is enjoying her foster home! He's not fond of other dogs, not mean just not fond of them. I would not put him with children but he loves to go for walks and he is totally house trained. He loves to be with "his person"!

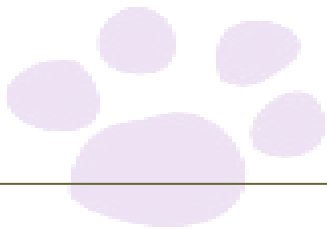


Standing in the middle of the road.....

A few Fridays ago my fiancé & I decided to head for Ephrata to visit the farmers market and just enjoy a morning together, as happens so often in rescue our plans were to change within minutes. We were on 283E when my phone rang and a gentleman tells me "I saw a puppy on the side of the road on my way to work" I asked the gentleman where the puppy was now and he said "I called my wife to go take it food" I said did she pick it up? He said "no she just gave it food. WOW I think the puppy needed safety probably more than food! PLEASE PLEASE if you see a dog loose PLEASE stop and pick it up or stay within sight of it while you call for a rescue or police to get there to pick it up. PLEASE do not leave it to try to fend for itself! My fiancé, Ced, being the "saint that he is was already getting off the exit to head back towards home. The gentleman gave me the name of the road and we began to search for the puppy. It was chilly and drizzly just a crappy day for a puppy to be on its own. Unfortunately we searched for an hour with no success and I finally looked at Ced and said, lets go home, I will come back a few times today and continue to search. We were both frustrated and sad knowing that there was a puppy alone and we could not find it. We started home, turned a corner and in front of us was a dog in the middle of the road, just sitting there! She was soooo dejected looking and her whole body language just screamed "I give up" Ced said, "you have got to be kidding" of course we stopped and Ced opened his door and she crawled towards the car. I got out and went over to her. She had very little hair left on her back, was COVERED with fleas and shaking from the cold, it was very obvious that she had been out in the rain and cold for way to long! I picked her up and asked Ced to open the door. He said "are you putting her in my car?" I said, of course! He opened the door and I placed the very thin, scared, flea infested dog on a blanket in the back seat. Ced certainly was less than thrilled with having fleas in his vehicle but he has the heart of a rescuer also and knew we couldn't leave her behind. We immediately headed to Elizabethtown Animal Hospital where Dr. Delany and his staff ALWAYS find a way to fit us into the schedule and help with an emergency. Dr. Delany examined the poor girl and started treatment and of course, you guessed it, Capstar and a medicated bath were next on the list. Dr. Delany named her Millie. Millie had a temperament also so she was started on antibiotics and sent home to hang with the Leach crew :) Millie spent the first week just laying on the leather couch in my formal living room and recouping her strength. By the following week we allowed Skip to "hang" with her in the living room (which is usually off limits to the dog) Skip thought that was pretty cool and he and Millie had a ball just playing together. We thought that Millie didn't bark because we did not hear a peep out of her. The following week we were able to introduce her to everyone and she was allowed to go play in the yard. She LOVED it! She ran like the wind and we heard her bark for the first time! Whomever allowed her to get to the condition she was in should be ashamed and if we ever find out who it was they will be prosecuted but for Millie she has gotten a 2nd Chance and she is enjoying every minute! She is a wonderful dog and will make a loving family member. We would like to see her have a large fenced yard with at least one other dog to play with. She enjoys everyone!

The puppy was never found but we feel we were directed there for a reason named MILLIE!





Tobias "Toby" Deserves Better!

We were contacted by a local vet's office when they were called to schedule an appointment to put a 5 year old English bull-dog to sleep. The dog had gotten away from it's people and one of the neighbors cared enough to snap pictures of the dog and call the local police. The police went above the typical "please keep your dog at home" and investigated the dog's condition. When the owners stated that the dog had a skin issue the police did not leave it go at that but contacted the vet's office, THANK GOD for a police officer that went above and beyond. The vet's office told the police they had only seen the dog one time and that was back in December right after the people had gotten the dog from "a rescue" hmmm Here is another example of why we are picky!! The police we assume told the dog owner they had to have the dog seen by a vet and the dog owner then decided that the dog was a nuisance and "they couldn't afford it" so they called to have this precious little guy euth'd!

Hence the call to 2nd Chance from a vet tech and secretary that also went the extra mile. We told them we could not guarantee that we could take the dog but that we would be there in the morning to see if there was anything we could do. The next morning I arrived at the vet's office, took a seat and waited to see what would walk through the door. I know none of us were expecting to see the site we saw. The poor dog was covered in raw oozing scabs, his neck was literally raw and his legs were extremely swollen. His toenails were so long they literally curled to the side so he could walk. I was appalled and thought WOW can we really take a dog like this on! The office cat walked out just then and this large, obviously very sick dog's tail started to wag and he cried for the cat to come see him. It was the most precious thing to observe, here was a dog that was literally being eaten out of his skin, who had to be in pain just wanting to socialize with a little cat, at that point I knew that we were going to give him every opportunity to know what a dog's life should really be like! The owner left the dog, after agreeing to allow a rescue to take him if he could be saved, and the poor little guy didn't know it but his life was about to get a whole lot better!!!!

We went in to an exam room and the picture became even more horrible! There were literally hundreds if not thousands of fleas crawling in and out of every open sore just feasting on this dog! He would try to scratch and blood would just spray the floor and the walls. He looked so horrible that you didn't even want to touch him but anyone that knows a rescue worker knows that no matter how bad they smell, or look, or no matter how many bugs are on them a rescue worker is going to look right past it all see the precious soul beneath and give it hugs and kisses so that is exactly what I did! He was so happy to be touched and I am sure even the soft touch of my hands felt good on his extremely dry, itchy skin. He gave me kisses and the vet and vet tech began to examine his condition. His temperature was 104 so we immediately knew our boy was pretty sick. After some skin scrapes by the doctor, he traveled to the back to get a bath with some wonderful medicated soap to help with the "itchies" He was given a cap star to kill all the fleas presently on his body. Cap star is a wonderful little pill that poisons all the fleas on a dog within an hour. It does not prevent other fleas from getting on the dog but it is a start in getting all the fleas off so that the dog can then be given a flea treatment like front line which will then deter other fleas from calling the dog "home". A course of action was then discussed and it was decided that our little man would be isolated and hospitalized for care. We left him with some more hugs telling him we would be back to take him home soon!

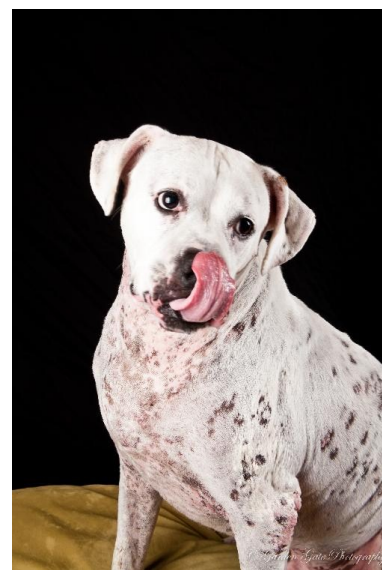
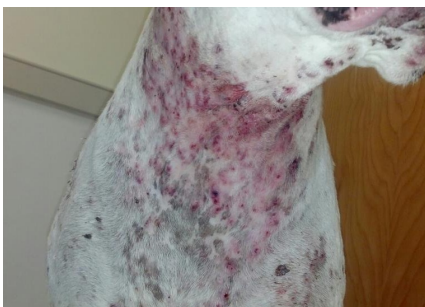
Now that we had committed the job of finding a foster willing to take on a dog with medical needs became our priority and believe me we stressed about it because fosters are soooooo limited. We were blessed to have just gotten an application from a wonderful family in Manheim that wanted to foster and had 2 labs of their own, so we called them and asked if they would consider opening their home and hearts to our needy little man. They immediately agreed to help, they didn't need to see our



Little man they just knew he needed help and they "stepped up" How awesome to have such wonderful foster families in our 2nd Chance family!

After a week in isolation our little guy was finally released to go home and live in a real home with his foster mommy & daddy and 2 girls who just adored him and loved him despite all his scabs! He even met his foster family dog friends and thought they were pretty cool too! He was given a new name for his new start in life. We collected names at the Elizabethtown Fair and Toby was the winner. We lengthened it a little to Tobias and the name stuck. He even sat up and came to it the first time he was called :)

Tobias is doing awesome and flourishing. He takes his meds like a trooper and his skin is looking better by the day due to the love and care of his foster family. Tobias is a wonderful example of why we do what we do. Without rescue he would be dead and this great dog loves life and deserves to be here!!!! We can help him because of wonderful people like you who help keep the funding available!!!



Holiday Longaberger Basket Bingo

December 2nd Order Tickets on our website!!!

Basket Sponsor Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Basket Sponsored in Honor/Memory of _____

_____ Tail Wagger Sponsor \$25

_____ Wet Kiss Sponsor \$50

_____ Life Saver Sponsor \$100

_____ Life Changing Sponsor \$200

_____ Diamond Sponsor \$500

Checks made out to 2nd Chance 4 Life Rescue and mailed with this form to
2nd Chance 4 Life Rescue, PO Box 549, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Basket Bingo is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. It helps to keep us going with medical expenses and this year we are hoping to be able to put 1/2 of the proceeds towards our building fund!!! We are being called on almost daily to rescue a local dog in need and with the lack of foster space it would be a blessing to have a warm building to house a few dogs in until a foster space opened. It would certainly be better than death or starvation or just human neglect and abuse!!! PLEASE help us to reach our goal of a building with kennel space, grooming facility and Meet & Greet room..



Baskets can be sponsored in a loved ones name, a pets name, a business name, or a group name. We are asking for sponsors.

Tail Wagger Sponsor—\$25

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Life Saver Sponsor—\$100

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