# WET NOSE NEWS

**JUNE 2013** 

# The Miracle's of Rescue



The above photo's were emailed to me from a high kill shelter almost 3 months ago, with a plea to help. We, of course, immediately replied that we would take this precious little girl and give her a chance at life. We called our friends in Parkersburg WV and they immediately agreed to go rescue this little one from the shelter. When they arrived at the shelter in the morning they were surprised to find that during the night sometime Trixie had given birth to 2 beautiful little puppies. The situation now became more complicated because obviously transport would be very stressful for mom and puppies so Carol & Dwight Orr stepped up and agreed to keep Trixie and her puppies until they could be weaned and so Trixie went home to the Orr's house with her little family. The Orr's did a wonderful job of keeping the puppies healthy and Trixie's tumors as clean as possible. Trixie was the perfect little mommy and nursed her puppies even with all the tumors attached to her. Finally the day came that the puppies could be weaned from mom and they were sent ahead to PA while Trixie stayed with the Orr's another week to have some much needed down time. Trixie then followed the next week. We were well aware of the tumors but to actually physically see them we were not prepared. The one tumor hung almost to the ground and was huge on this tiny little girl :(. 2 different veterinarians said they were not comfortable with the removal of the tumors. Dr. Delany from Elizabethtown Area Animal Hospital said he was fine with the surgery and said the sooner we could remove the large tumor from Trixie the better since it was very inflamed and Dr. Delany said if infection set in it would be so much harder on our little girl. Surgery was scheduled and then another miracle occurred, our Medical Director, Holly Altomonte, made contact with the University of Penn and found that they were doing a study on Mammary tumors and they would be interested in meeting with us and Trixie to see if she would qualify for the study.

SPECIAL DATES— CHECK OUR SITE FOR EVENTS ANYTIME!

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- Sub Sale Orders must be in by June 17th Pickup will be June 27th at Elizabethtown Prudential, 48 S. Market St., Elizabethtown, PA (park in rear parking lot and come in back door.
- Meet & Greets—2nd & 4th Saturdays June— September. Cove's Park, Mount Joy, PA 10-2pm
- Elizabethtown Fair—Pet Parade & Pet Picture Contest—August 17—24th.
- Car Show & Walk -September 7th Rain Date September 8th 3-7pm. Lawn Carnival Fair Grounds

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We LOVE our facebook page! Please if you have not "friended" us on facebook yet make sure you do! If you have a 2nd Chance dog in your family we LOVE pictures and updates on our "family members" This is a great place to keep up to date on what is going on with 2nd Chance so don't

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We also have a blog site so feel free to check out our blog at 2nd Chance Saves Lives

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# Are you worthy of the loyalty a dog will give you???

The Miracle of Rescue Continued......

Hence, the miracle's continue. Holly, myself and Trixie headed for Philadelphia to meet with the doctors there. Trixie went thru multiple exams, blood work, xrays and she passed! Another miracle :) Surgery was scheduled for the next

day so Holly and I headed back to Elizabethtown without our little Trixie and with mixed emotions of excitement and dread; what if Trixie didn't make it thru surgery, what if we made the wrong decision..... and then the other side was WOW Trixie is so lucky, you can't get better care than at Penn! We waited, holding our breath for a call the next day to tell us that Trixie had made it thru surgery and then the call came. Trixie had made it thru surgery and they had actually removed 6 tumors. She was resting comfortably and be-



cause of the extent of her surgery would be spending 2 nights with IV pain meds instead of 1. This photo was forwarded to us of her very large tumor. It actually weighed 1 pound!!! A huge amount for a dog that only weighed 12lbs!

Trixie was allowed to come home on May 31st. She has been doing amazingly well and Penn made sure she is well medicated with pain meds so our little girl can rest peacefully. She is scheduled for her follow up visit this coming Tuesday, June 11th. We are hopeful at our appointment they will have the results of the biopsy of her tumors. Please keep Trixie in your thoughts and prayers. We are praying for another miracle that all tumors are benign and that Trixie has years of fun and love ahead of her. Her life may not have started out great but we know that she now has all the love she can possibly want. Her puppies are ecstatic to have their mommy around to play with and she really enjoys running around with them and then snuggling up for a nice nap!









# For the Love of Abby her journey continues..



Those of you who have been members of our 2nd Chance family for at least the last year are familiar with our little girl Abby. For those of you who have not Abby came to our 2nd Chance family at 5 months of age. She spent the next 2 months of her life in the hospital trying for recover from having to have her back legs restructured since they were



deformed from birth. She had 3 surgeries during that first hospitalization and finally it was believe she was better and we drove to WV to pick her up and drive her back in comfort instead of stressing her with a crate and a transport van. Abby flourished with her wonderful, loving foster parents, Gail & Mark and she won all of our hearts. She became the mischievous little puppy she was meant to be and she had A LOT of energy to expend after being kenneled for months. Gail & Mark had their hands full but they loved her in spite of her rambunctiousness. Abby's one leg was just not healing and so wa-

ter therapy was started but still Gail knew it was not right. We finally took Abby to meet the wonderful staff at Palmyra Vet Clinic and Dr. Clements. They tried some intense therapy for a few weeks and then the decision was made that there was no way around it surgery was necessary. Abby's knee was not staying in place. Gail shed lots of tears stressing on what to do since we were all aware of how much trouble Abby had had with her prior surgery. Finally after lots of stressing we all agreed that to give Abby quality of life there was no choice but to go ahead with surgery. Abby had her surgery and did very well. She is now

recouping and Gail is doing her best to keep Abby calm so that she can heal even though Abby is not so happy with being kept away from her friends and her big, fenced back yard. Keep Gail, Mark and Abby in your thoughts and prayers and we will keep you updated. Check out our facebook page or our blog for follow up reports!





Every dog deserves a home. Not every home deserves a dog!







If the ground is to
hot for your feet it
is too hot for my
paws!!!!



## 4 Better or 4 Worse in sickness and in Health



Veronica & Betty found themselves at a high kill shelter. Veronica is Betty's Mommy, even though neither is very old. The shelter decided very quickly that instead of keeping them in separate kennels, as is the policy of the shelter, the girls needed to be together. Betty cried uncontrollably when separated from her mom.

A rescue agreed to pull Betty and they were ask to take Veronica also since the two were so bonded by the rescue declined. By the time we had a foster opening and called to pull the two girls we were informed that Betty was already pulled and the shelter was concerned because they did not know how they would do separated but didn't feel they could tell the other rescue they could not have Betty unless they took both. We told the shelter that if they could arrange to keep them together

whether with us or the other rescue we would be fine. The day of transport came with nothing being resolved even though the other rescue had been called again to see if the girls couldn't stay together. We showed up at transport, the girls were unloaded in separate cages, I had no clue where Betty was until I walked past her crate with Veronica and she just screamed and did not stop. When I realized who was screaming and why my heart broke and I began to sob as I walked Veronica to my vehicle. The lady from the other rescue said who is making all that noise and I said Betty, I need to leave I can't stand this as I cried. The lady from the other rescue said "stay right there" She walked over took Betty out of the crate and walked over to me, handed me Betty and the paper work and said we are NOT going to split these two up! I will deal with issue on my end! I truly believe God had someone from the other rescue's board there that day and had me making the trip so that we could make the decision that was made!

Betty & Veronica curled up on the back seat basically on top of each other cuddled up in the comforter and went to sleep for our ride back to PA and I wiped tears of joy off my face for many miles!!!

We discovered within the next week that Veronica had a heart problem and would pass out so we immediately took her to see Dr. Clements and ran tests and discovered the issue. Surgery is not necessary but Veronica will have to take a heart pill every day for the rest of her life. The medication is not very expensive and it has made Veronica like a different dog! She real-

ly enjoys life and playing in the fenced yard and she also enjoys her cuddle time in the evenings on the couch with her foster family, the Gaspers. We understand that Veronica & Betty will be with us a little longer since we will only allow them to be adopted as a bonded pair



but we know that eventually a special family will come along that will deserve a special couple like Veronica & Betty and they will know what it is like to have a forever family all of their own for better or for worse, in sickness and in health!





# What happens when you do not make provisions for your loyal friend when something happens to you?!

I received a plea from a concerned person that had seen an ad for 4 rat terriers needing a home. The picture of where the dogs were living were concerning especially for small rat terriers that were not meant to be outside dogs so we immediately contacted the number given. A

gentleman answered and explained that the dogs were his mothers and that she had cancer and could no longer care for her dogs so he had taken them from her and brought them to his home, however, he did not believe in keeping dogs inside so these little ones were kept outside. Can you imagine how confused these little ones had to be? They had been the love of their owners life. They were inside dogs who were litter box trained and now they were living outside! The dogs ranged in age from 2-12 years old.

I made arrangements with him and drove the hour and a half to pick up these precious souls. They were so scared and had no clue what was happening to them. Little did they know that they had just received their 2nd Chance :) I drove immediately to Elizabethtown Area Animal Hospital where their arms are always open to help us even at a moments notice. They allowed me to use their grooming area to give all 4 wonderful warm baths, allowed me to place them in a kennel with a warm dryer to dry them and then Dr. Delany even took the time to see the oldest one which I was concerned had a cough which I thought possibly could be heart related. Thankfully it was not but it was immediately apparent that their teeth were in absolutely horrid condition. Holly, the vet tech, pulled mats of hair out from between their skin and gum area it smelled absolutely horrid!!!! Fosters showed up to take the little souls home and they all fell into the arms of a loving family who would within hours adore them!! These little ones are absolutely wonderful and their fosters realized very quickly that they were given a gift when they agreed to foster them.

Princess, Abby, Radar & Sheldon have all had dentals. Princess had 19 teeth removed! Abby 14! They now are so much happier and can eat without trouble as long as they have nice soft food :) They can give you kisses without their breath knocking your socks off LOL They are happy content little dogs just waiting for their forever homes. Abby, Rada and Sheldon have all learned to potty outside :)

So please make provisions for your loyal friend. Please do not depend on family or friends to keep them even if they say they will. We have seen that scenario over and over again and so many times the dogs suffer :( Make provisions in your will for whomever takes your dog and



make sure that all the funds MUST go to your dogs care not to line someone's pocket. Your loyal friend will thank you. REMEMBER this is NOT just for a senior citizen this is for everyone of us who has a friend that counts on us for their safety!



A crate is not a punishment it is my home when I want a break from the world!

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Having trouble walking your dog? Try a gentle walker, different from a gentle leader because it does not go over their nose.





We are so excited!!!! Our first annual car show! We will have Hot Rods, Cycles, Collector & Imports. We will have a full kitchen and we are working on finding a band, would love a sponsor to take care of the cost of the band!! We are also looking for 3—\$500 sponsors to cover costs. Each sponsor will have a large banner at the Pavilion and the band sponsor will have an extra large banner over the stage! GREAT advertising and a huge help for the dogs!! Please consider registering your car, truck, cycle or if you do not have one please come check out the event, bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an evening with good music and food ohhhh and if you adopted a dog from 2nd Chance please bring him or her. They are the only dogs that will be allowed on the Carnival Grounds that day :) We will also have a walk happening at the same time and we would love if you would walk your dog and fill a sponsor sheet. Our favorite high kill shelter in WV did a walk 2 weeks ago and made \$36,000!!! WOW! All the money came from people who had went and filled their sponsor sheets. We could really use your help to make this a huge event. Children LOVE to fundraise, please consider walking the neighborhood with your child and a sponsor sheet or your grandchild and a sponsor sheet, OR your 2nd Chance dog and a sponsor sheet!!! One little girl in WV raised \$2500 all by herself. That is AMAZING!!!! The proceeds will go to purchase a car for the rescue if there is more than needed for the car the balance will go in the medical fund.



### Little Tyke



Meet Little Tyke the sweetest little Pit Bull pup you ever want to meet! Little Tyke will not be a very big dog but she has a heart of gold and has NEVER met a dog she did not like, in fact she is very sad when a dog does not want to play with her. She is learning to walk really well on a leash and enjoys our weekly Tuesday Trots at Masonic Village..

Little Tyke would LOVE to meet you if you have a fenced yard and room for a really cuddly little girl in your life. She deserves the best

home we can find for her and a buddy to play with in her new forever home!

Sub Sale

#### Sub Sale Sheet

So seriously who does not like a good sub????? We have had many of you ask how you can help well here is your chance, take a sub order sheet to work or allow your child to call all his/her relatives and friends and see how many subs you can sell !!! The highest sub seller up to this point has been 101 subs so can you beat that?! :) We've made it easy on you, instead of delivering them you can always have your people pick them up at 48 S. Market Street, Elizabethtown, PA (the Prudential HomeSale building, park in the back and come in the back door, from there follow the signs)

We have ALWAYS had great feedback on these large subs made by Mount Joy Country Store. We did a sub sale last month and due to the number of calls we received asking when we would be selling them again we decided to do one this month :)

The dogs thank you for your support! What's better than eating dinner and helping the dogs all at the same time!

Our Little Begley & Tucker aka T.J

Remember a few months ago when our Lucky 13 came from South Carolina? Remember the 2 very small, not so healthy puppies that were struggling to live? Well you would never know it today, these two little guys are the BEST of friends and they are healthy and loving and so much fun to have around! They take such pleasure in EVERYTHING. They love all the other dogs. Tucker is the more laid back of the two and he shares whatever he has with whomever wants it. He is gentle and sweet and just goes with the flow. Begley is curious and likes to be the boss. He plays with the big dogs and is not afraid to play with anyone. He is ALWAYS ready to eat so we have to be careful to not allow him to take anyone else's food because I truly think he would eat until he fell over!! They both absolutely LOVE their baby pool and will romp and play and then go lay in the pool and take great pleasure in making sure they are soaking wet before they come to jump in your lap! We would love to see these two wonderful friends go to a home together! They must have a fenced yard. They will be large dogs so we want them to have plenty of room to play :) They may have had a rough start to life but they are enjoying it immensely now! Thank



you to all who helped by sponsoring the Lucky 13 you really did make a HUGE difference in 13 dogs lives and many of their new families!!





Many dogs get "belly aches" just like us. The best thing you can do is "rest" their bellies for 24 hours. When you don't feel good you don't want to eat either. As long as your dog is drinking don't get to concerned for 24—48 hours. Just give their belly a break.





# A cough could mean a collapsing trachea, allergies or a heart condition. Don't wait make a vet appointment. A collapsing trachea is less agitated with an elevated food dish.

### *Hotch is Forever Home!*



They don't know how I got there and I don't have the words to tell them. But where I ended up was a dark place with very little hope. My mom calls it the "high kill shelter in South Carolina" But what I remember were the sounds and smells. A song of barking dogs, all different pitches, pleas for help; urine, wet paws and damp concrete. Occasionally we would catch a whiff of perfume as the kennel technicians would come by with food & drink. Often I'd hear whispers, ("27% survival rate") and knew they were talking about us. The shepherd next to me was taken out of his cage, lead away and didn't return. So was the black lab and many others. When it was my turn I was fearful but was taken for surgery, and brought to a "temporary home". I stayed there for awhile and then went on a very long car ride with many other dogs. We were referred to as "The Lucky 13"

The first time I saw my foster parents, I was very scared. I didn't feel well, my nose was running, and I didn't know what was going on. A wonderful lady took my picture, gave me kisses and then I was

whisked away in another car with my foster father behind the wheel. I didn't say much the entire time, I was too scared of what might be coming next. But instead of something scary, I was given food, furry toys, and was permitted to sleep on the big bed with the grown ups. Two other dogs Pip & Smeagol, shared the house with me. I remained frightened, continuously hearing the words "find him a good home" while instead I knew I already had a great home.

I was given love. Occasionally the other dogs would play with me. The longer I stayed the better I felt and some-



times I would do bad things. Once, while going on a walk with my foster mom, I saw a squirrel and got so excited that I practically "pulled her arm out of the socket" She wasn't too happy with me that day. Another day mom & dad made a southern meal in honor of my rescue from South Carolina and they made honey butter rolls which looked so delicious that I ate 5 of them when no one was looking!

In spite of this they still loved me! One day my mommy & daddy made the announcement they could not bare to adopt me out and instead of being a foster dog I would be one of the family!! My daddy continues to call me Hotch but my mommy changed my name to Grendel.



To celebrate they took us all camping. Here I am with my dad, who is my favorite person in the whole world!!!!!

Thanks to 2nd Chance 4 Life Rescue I have a new life and a new family!

Grendel "Hotch" Treat

# Conight T sit and Pray for a Building

The past month has been wonderful and painful at the same time. We have saved some great dogs but we have had to look at wonderful faces and know we did not have room to help them.

I pray nightly for more foster families because for every family that can take one dog into their home 2 dogs get the chance to live. The one the family pulls and the one that has a crate because a dog left, alive.

One of our favorite shelters had to put down 20 dogs this week. The dogs weren't bad, they weren't sick, they weren't even old they were just there too long and there was no room left to keep them :(

PLEASE PLEASE consider fostering and if you "can't foster" PLEASE consider helping us with our building fund whether it is a donation or even better agreeing to become a part of the building committee. We are looking for 2 acres of ground within 10 miles of Elizabethtown, PA. We are hoping to get it for \$90,000 or less. A very wise lady looked at me today and said "Lynn, that is only \$1,000 from 90 people, wouldn't your 2nd Chance Family and Friends find a way to come up with that much to save more dogs???" Put that way I thought, you know she's right, with the help of our 2nd Chance family & friends we can do this!

We took on 2 little ones yesterday. They are both under 2 years of age and have been with 3 families already. It would appear the little girl could be pregnant and the little boy is blind. When the past families were contacted we found out that the little boy could see with the first family but lost his sight between family 2 & 3. We will take him to the vet to see if there could possibly be a miracle to give him back his sight.

We took a little 10 month old puppy who was taken from a bad situation by a very loving couple and even though they adored him their older dogs did not so they called us to come get him and find him a loving family where he didn't have to worry about big dogs not liking him...

We've been asked to take a beagle who has a seizure disorder and right now cannot because we do not have space. The beagle is on "borrowed time" with his present owner.

Our goal is .....

- To be able to temporarily house emergency situations in a building when foster homes are not available immediately
- To be able to board fosters when their foster families have emergencies or vacation.
- To hold meet & greets in a central location
- To have training sessions for the public, volunteers & fosters
- To have a grooming facility
- To be able to hold Low Cost Vaccination Clinics
- To have an office where volunteers can work so some of us can have our homes back :)
- To have fenced in play yards so fosters that do not have fenced yards can bring their foster dogs to socialize and get some much needed off leash exercise.

I pray that this article reaches hearts that will help us get a building up and running within the next year. We have a dream and the dogs need another day to dream!



A scooting butt could mean anal glands need expressed or worms, either way a vet check is in order.



# We Close this Newsletter with heavy hearts. One of our 2nd Chance Family members have left us.





Jennifer Hansen died April 27th at her home. She had not been ill and her death was unexpected. She left behind her husband Fred and her 5 best friends, Harrison, Townshend, Emily, Toby & Kirby. She will be waiting for all of them at the rainbow bridge but until then they will keep Fred company and help him get thru each day, one day at a time.

Jen was a huge supporter of rescue and her Pomeranian, Emily, was one of our very first dogs to be adopted out. As you know Jen & Fred must have been very special people because not everyone is considered special enough to have a 2nd Chance buddy. Fred says Emily "rules the house" and I have to believe she is keeping an extra special eye on Fred at this time :) Fred told me she sleeps in bed and makes sure that all the other fur buddies know their place.

We know Jen is surrounded by all our furry friends who are waiting for their families and I am sure Jen is giving them all the love and attention that we could want them to have. We will remember Jen fondly and will keep Fred in our thoughts and prayers. To Emily we say thank you for bringing Fred & Jen into our lives and for being the special little friend you were meant to be!

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