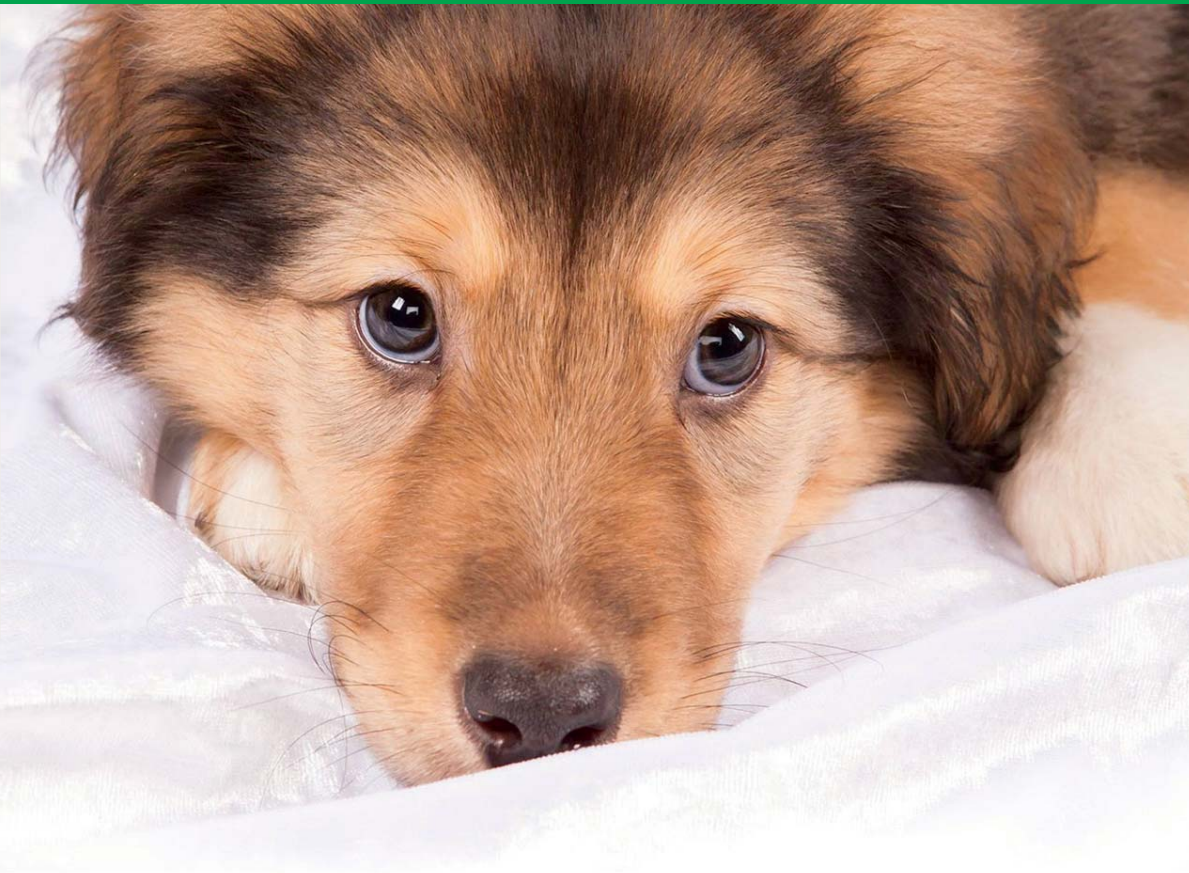


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Furever Home



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2nd Chance 4 Life Rescue is excited to announce the kickoff of our capital campaign — Project Furever Home. Our goal is to raise \$500,000 to have a permanent facility on at least four acres of land with multiple play yards and a building for healing, celebrating, grooming, boarding and short-term housing. There is a huge need for ailing and senior dogs that will never find a forever home but need us as their forever family.

As humans, we have a complicated relationship with our elderly. Typically admired for their wisdom and life experiences, we cherish the time we have with them as they get older. Often, however, they're viewed as a burden when they become dependent and can't live alone any longer.

Unfortunately, many people feel the same way when their furry companions are no longer healthy puppies or even agile adults. But when their mobility declines and their senses dim, many of us do our best to navigate this new territory. We savor the time we have with them and spare no expense for their comfort.

Some pets, however, meet a different fate. When medical treatment becomes too expensive or care too intensive, when they become, in essence, a burden, they are turned out of their homes and abandoned to high-kill shelters. It is these animals that need your help — that need a Furever Home. A safe place where they won't go hungry or neglected. No more changes, no more surprises. They need a Furever Home.



Our new facility will serve as a sanctuary for senior dogs that need a peaceful and safe refuge. In addition, we would love to have an atrium where **people** in need of quiet healing can come and sit in front of a fireplace or cascading water wall and comfortably cuddle with a senior dog that needs their love as much as they need to give it. A place where hearts can heal — human and dog alike.

Contact us for more information on how you can help Project Furever Home.



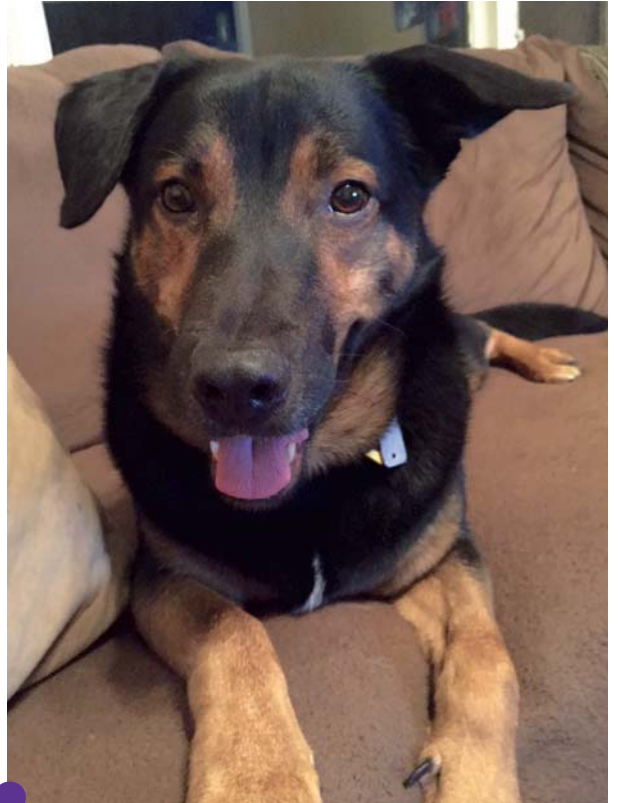
Adoption Spotlight

In July of 2014, our family lost our 13-year-old dog, and shortly after, a pup we were looking after for a friend went back to his owner. We were dog-less for the first time in recent memory, and for the first time in either of our kids' lives. We remained a pet-free home for a while, enjoying the relative freedom that it allowed. However, after about a year, we were ready to have a dog again.

All of our previous dogs were rescues, so we started searching online for a medium-sized adult dog to adopt into our family. We came upon the listing for Chewie (formerly known as Dunston) on the 2nd Chance 4 Life website and were instantly smitten by the photo of his sweet face.

After completing copious (but necessary) amounts of paperwork, we heard from his foster mom and arranged a meet and greet. He was a bit nervous during that first visit, but he took a particular liking to my husband after a play bout in the family room, where we witnessed the behavior that ended up giving him his new name (see below). As soon as he left, we knew we wanted him to come back and we arranged to pick him up a few days later.

Chewie's name reflects one of his more amusing characteristics: everyone in our family is huge Star Wars fans, and when Chewie plays, he makes noises that sound just like Chewbacca. After weeks of debate among the four of us as to what our new dog should be named, we unanimously agreed on Chewie for this silly guy.



Chewie

“We were told that Chewie was perhaps only hours from being euthanized when 2nd Chance stepped in and rescued him. We couldn't be more grateful to everyone involved for giving him a true 2nd Chance 4 Life, and for giving us a family member for life.”

The Lonsdorf Family

Why do I rescue?

by Barb Snesavage

I was recently asked, "Why do I rescue? Why do you put yourself through the stress and the heartache of rescuing dogs when many others will continue to be mistreated, neglected, and perhaps die anyway?"

Rescue is hard, but rewarding. Rescue can be heart wrenching. Rescue can be joyful. Rescue is tiring. Rescue is usually not pretty, especially when the dog might only have hours left to live. Rescue is physically, mentally, and emotionally draining. Rescue has given me some life-long "people" friends that I would have never met otherwise.

On a rescue's worst day, it is STILL BETTER than it is for the dogs waiting in the shelter. Try to imagine being at the whim of whoever claims you as their own. You have to accept when they do not feed you, do not give you water, leave you in the cold, or even as they move away – leaving you behind – alone in the house. Accept that you must have done something wrong when they beat you, even when you have no idea what you did. Accept the neglect, but greet them with a tail wag when you see them. Accept being put in a concrete prison with other dogs like you, barking and crying to be let out. Then, not knowing where you were going when someone came and took you out of that cell. Will it be the yard outside, in the sunshine, or will it be the small room in the back where no dog returns? Imagine kissing the hand of a stranger, in hopes that they will take you away from this place called the "shelter."

There is no sweeter feeling in the world than to see that ONE dog safe. There is no sweeter satisfaction knowing this happened due to the choice I made and continue to make to rescue dogs. My only regret about rescuing is that I didn't begin to save dogs earlier in my life.

To date, I have rescued approximately 20 dogs (foster-failing twice) and each and every one has positively impacted me and my family's life. For every dog that I take into my home, another can be saved because there is one more open space at the shelter and a chance for the dog going into that pen to be rescued. I can't save them all, but I can save them one at a time.



Hank - Foster-Failure #1



Moe - Foster-Failure #2

I rescue in hopes that ONE dog will make it out and will get a 2nd Chance 4 Life and will know love again or begin to know it for the first time.

Ralph had given up.



The look on his face was one of defeat. Obviously, we could not allow Ralph to leave this world without knowing what it was like to be valued!

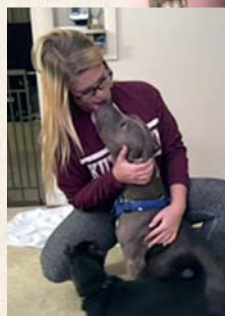
Ralph is another ACCT Philly survivor. His death stamp had been given. When we saw his precious face, one of our wonderful fosters, Mindy, stepped up to give Ralph his 2nd Chance right in time for Christmas!

Transport was arranged and arrangements were also made with Palmyra Animal Clinic. The wheels of Rescue started to turn yet again.

Ralph was delivered to Palmyra Animal Clinic to start his healing process. Ralph lived on the streets and was emaciated. Unfortunately, xrays revealed that Ralph had cancer in his stomach. We cannot take away his cancer but we can give him the best life EVER until Ralph tells us he is ready to go.

Ralph had a Christmas to remember and wonderful supporters sent him toys and treats that became piles under the Christmas tree. Ralph has made a new best friend in BoBo the chihuahua and they spend their days cuddling and playing. We are grateful for every day Ralph is given, and in return, he gives us so much more!

Ralph has gained 8 pounds and is feeling and looking wonderful. We thank Palmyra Animal Clinic and Dr. Calvin Clements for their superior care of our 2nd Chance family members!



Please keep the rescue in your thoughts and prayers as we work hard for the dogs already in the rescue and push ahead with our plans to start the Capital Campaign and have a "Furever Home" of our own.



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Event Sponsors

Throughout the year, there are many events that need sponsorships. 2nd Chance 4 Life Rescue works diligently to save the lives of dogs in need. Our medical bills on average range from \$10-15,000 per month.

We could not continue to save lives without the support of wonderful companies and individuals such as yourself. We appreciate your support as we continue to be dedicated to the animals in need.



**Your support is vital to the 2nd Chance 4 Life mission:
to provide homeless and abandoned dogs with a second chance and a brighter future.**



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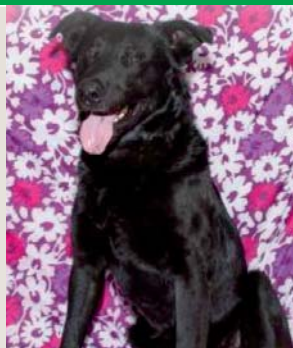
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Who Saved Who?

by Lynn Leach



July is a really hard month for me. Eight years ago my brother was suddenly taken from us. The man that seemed “bigger than life” was gone.

It was a very dark time and we struggled. My sister-in-law lost herself. She couldn't find herself without my brother. We all worried as we watched her shut down. She lost her sparkle and any reason to live. Finally, she decided to come up for a weekend and stay with me.

Then, there was a turning point when she met Fitzie, a little Schnauzer/Poodle pup and he worked MAGIC! He gave her a reason to live! He gave her a reason to smile. He gave her a reason to get up in the morning. He gave her LOVE! He filled a void that no one else could.

Fitzie and my sister-in-law are now inseparable. He travels everywhere with her. He loves the beach. He loves the mountains. But most of all, he loves her. There is no doubt that Fitzie would gladly give his life for his mommy and she for him.

I will always be grateful to Fitzie the little fluffy boy who gave us back our sister and a reason to live!



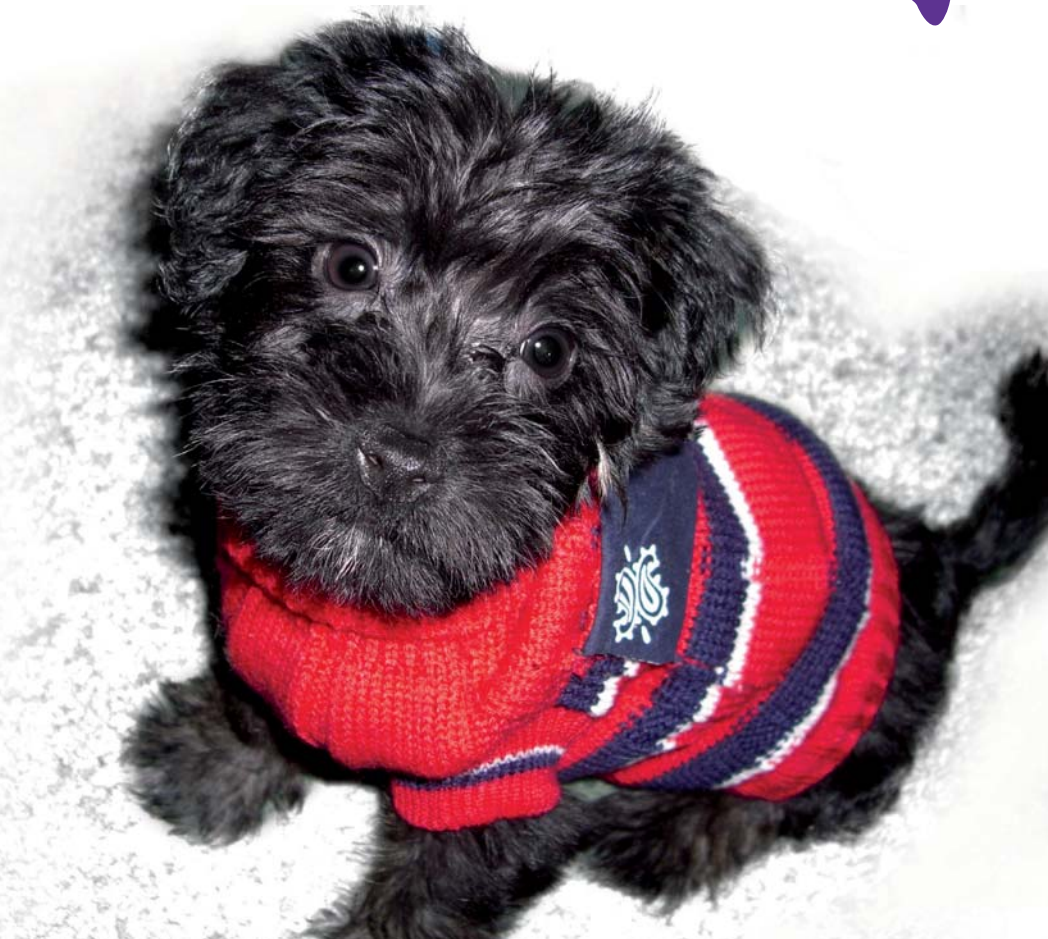
When I watch the miracles that dogs can do for a human, I am amazed and I tried to figure it out. This is what I have observed ...

They do not try to fix the problem they just sit for hours on our lap listening to us.

They do not shy away from sadness because it is uncomfortable but jump at the chance to offer a kiss and stay close.

They understand that everyone has a bad day and instead of making it about themselves and how they feel, they choose to wag their tail and keep right on loving us.

If we as humans could embrace these qualities can you imagine how much better the world could be?



It takes a Rescue network to save a life.

by Lynn Leach

**Annabelle was found wandering the streets.
Her front legs were severely burned.**



We were contacted about this little girl and when I saw the photos, I knew that we could not turn a blind eye. This girl was sitting in a rural shelter that had very little money to give her care. As we could see from the picture, her front legs were becoming extremely swollen with her little body sending as much fluid to the affected areas as it possibly could.

Can you imagine the pain this sweet little girl had endured? We knew there was not much time before infection set in and took the little one's life.

Rescue went into full action mode. First, I contacted the shelter to see if they would surrender the little girl to me. At first, they were not seeing the urgency of the situation and said there were other rescues considering her. I replied, "Are they going to have her out today? Because, we will be ringing the phone off the hook before the end of the day to make sure she does *not* spend another night in the shelter."

Finally, I was able to get them to agree to give her to us and the planning began.

I called a wonderful rescue worker in Parkersburg, WV, Debbie Hines, who agreed to drive two hours one way to pick up our little girl. Another wonderful volunteer from the shelter Annabelle was in agreed to drive an hour to meet Debbie. The wheels were in motion.

Debbie picked up little Annabelle and headed for the emergency vet to get her treatment. Unfortunately, we found out from paperwork that Annabelle had not been in the shelter just "a few days" but 15 days! She had developed REALLY, REALLY bad kennel cough and was actually coughing up blood. The emergency vet did not want her in their facility.

Rescue then had to change gears. I started to make arrangements to immediately jump in a vehicle and go get her but that would take 6 hours so where to put sweet Annabelle until I could get there? We didn't want to place her in Parkersburg shelter because with the severity of her kennel cough she would cause the whole shelter to contract the virus. Thankfully, the Humane Society of Parkersburg (HSOP) has an overflow building and they did not have any dogs in the building – just a handful of rabbits who didn't mind sharing space with our very sick little girl. HSOP went the extra mile and made sure she had soft, warm bedding, medication, and wrapped her legs to keep them clean.



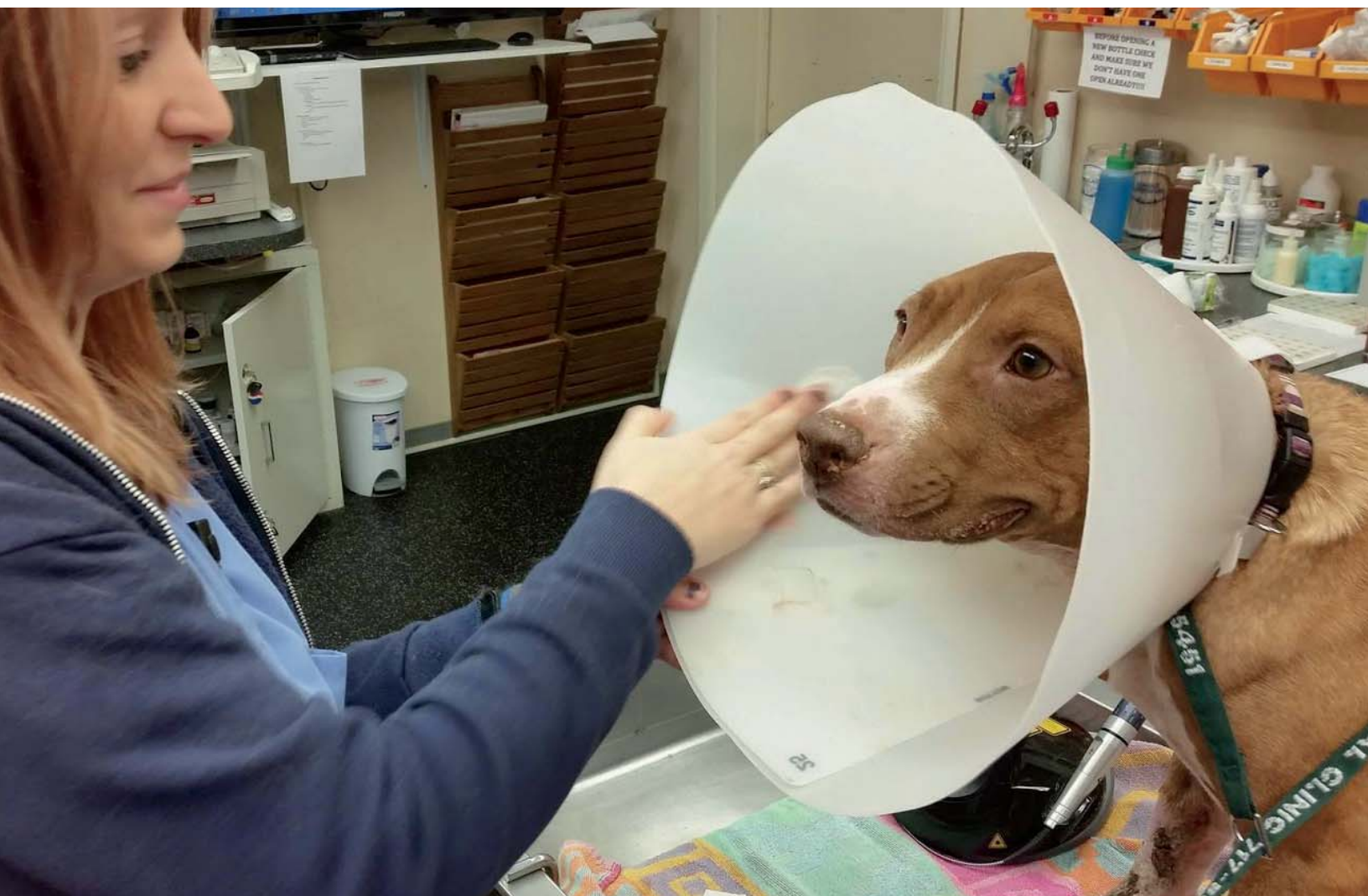
We made arrangements to be on the road the next day. Wonderful supporters sent donations to pay for our gas and lodging for the night. We picked up little Annabelle and returned to PA and our phenomenal vet staff at Palmyra Animal Clinic, who welcomed Annabelle with open arms and have been treating her legs ever since.

Welcome Home Annabelle, Welcome Home!

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of dogs like Annabelle, currently in shelters, hurt and in pain with little or no medical attention. Our goal at 2nd Chance is to have a facility for healing, celebrating, grooming, boarding and short-term housing. A place where people can help dogs. And, dogs can help people.

Visit www.2ndchance4liferescue.org and see how you can help build our dream and dogs like Annabelle.

Rescue is a ride full of curves, hills and stops,
but it eventually all leads home.



2nd Chance 4 Life Rescue

A Family Member 4 Life



Our mission is to provide homeless and abandoned dogs with a second chance and a brighter future. In doing this, our rescue organization will:

- **Ensure** loving and safe homes for these dogs for the rest of their lives
- **Encourage** responsible dog ownership
- **Educate** our youth in hopes to cease the need for shelters altogether.

Through dedication and perseverance our volunteers will continue to be committed to the three E's as long as there are dogs in need. We believe every adoptable dog deserves a 2nd Chance 4 Life.

We Need Fosters!

Fostering is one of many ways you can help improve the lives of homeless dogs.

Millions of dogs wait — and sadly die — in shelters annually, waiting for the forever homes they truly deserve.

Fill out a foster application. Your family will be blessed by the wonderful dogs and people they meet through becoming a foster.

Medical Needs!

On a daily basis, we have new foster dogs coming into the system that need medical care, such as insulin, heart meds, allergy meds, etc. Won't you be part of the pack and help with a monthly donation?

Nail Clipper Pack - \$10/month

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