



Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue

Newsletter ~ Spring 2012

Adopt. Volunteer. Foster. Donate

A 501(c)3 non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to rescuing, caring for, and placing companion animals in forever homes.

Is it summer yet?

When the weather outside is cold and snowy or rainy here are some fun tips you can use to keep your dog occupied .

ROW! Calculate your dog's ROW (Rate of Wagging) per minute.

Interactive puzzle toys are a great way to entertain your pet. They tap into your pet's natural instincts. These toys dispense treats as your pet plays with them, so they're a great distraction -- until all of the treats have been eaten. Just Google "Interactive Puzzle Toys" to find a great selection online or visit your nearest pet store.



Foster dog Buster really likes the iQube. It is a plush cube with three squeaky ball toys that are placed within the cube for your dog to figure out how to get them out.

Teach an old dog a new trick! Play Hide and Seek with a favorite toy (or person) or teach your dog a new trick. Check out Kyra Sundance and her dog Chalcy at www.DoMoreWithYourDog.com for ideas and tips on tricks. Her book, "The Dog Tricks and Training Workbook" will help you engage and bond with your dog and it even comes with a DVD.

Brush up on basic commands. Dogs with good manners get invited into more of the family's life. Taking a class is great socialization for you both and will get your pooch out of the house to socialize with other people and dogs.

Set up a canine play date! Most dogs love to interact with other dogs so finding a playmate is a great way to give your dog some free time to romp with some pals.

Doggy Day Care! 4-Legged Friends Doggy Daycare in Livonia is a great place for your dog to hang out and meet new furry friends in a safe and secure environment.

Encourage your kids to get involved with the family dog by checking out this site www.workman.com/mydog for ideas. We also recommend Colleen Pelar's book, "Living with Kids and Dogs without Losing Your Mind." It's an award-winning, easy to read guide to managing kid/dog interactions from birth through the teen years.



A Donation to Bark About

Waggin' Tails received a surprise donation from a young man named **Michael Turner**, a Life Scout from Troop 172 in Milford. He collected pet food, treats, toys, pet store gift cards, food dishes, and much more!

Foster dog Grace picked out a brand new toy for herself and we surely will make use of all the supplies so generously given to us. **Thank you, Michael!** We appreciate your hard work in collecting all of these supplies for our needy dogs. One person really can make a difference!

SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Adoption Reunion
September 23rd

Foster Homes Wanted



Rescue animals aren't broken. They have simply experienced more life than other animals. If they were human, we would call them wise. They would be the ones with tales to tell and stories to write, the ones dealt a bad hand who responded with courage. Don't pity them. Do something. Help to rescue. Donate. Volunteer. Foster. Adopt. And be proud to have their greatness at your side. - Author Unknown

Foster homes are the lifeblood of our organization. The number of homeless dogs we can save is directly related to the number of foster homes we have available. **WE NEED MORE FOSTER HOMES. WE NEED YOU!**

Have you ever thought about fostering a dog? We can tell you that each foster experience is unique. You might foster an adult dog who is housetrained, well-socialized, and easily makes friends with other dogs, people and kids. Or maybe you will consider taking in a young pup who needs your help in potty training and requires lots of exercise and attention. You may even accept an older dog who may need daily medication or an occasional trip to the vet. There are some dogs who come to us scared and may need your patience and nurturing as they learn to trust humans again. As you can see, the experiences are as varied as the dogs but we will do our best to match incoming dogs to your family and lifestyle.

Waggin' Tails will supply pet food, all vet expenses, collars and leashes, crates, and basically everything you would need for the foster dog. There is very little expense for our fosters. Our foster homes act as a safe haven between shelter and forever home, where we learn about the personality and needs of each dog, which helps us match dogs to potential adopters. In return, we ask our foster homes to provide some basic level of obedience and help our dogs adjust to life in a home, making the transition to their final home as easy as possible. We ask our fosters to actively partner in helping place the dog and make him available to prospective adopters at adoption events. Our seasoned volunteers will help every step of the way.

It has been described as the sweetest heartbreak you'll ever have. It is a labor of love, a test of patience, a testimony to strength and endurance. It is foster care, and there are angels all over the country fostering homeless animals just like we do.

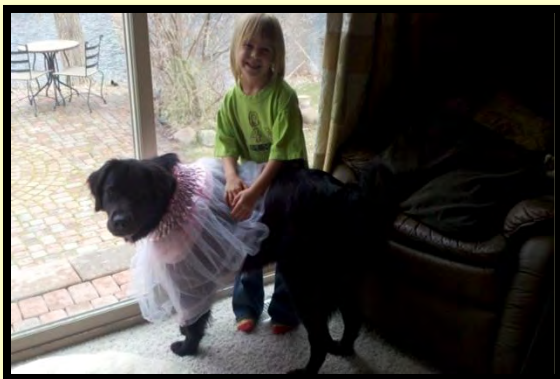
All of us can probably recite in chronological sequence every name of every foster dog who has shared our homes. Be part of something bigger than yourself. Foster!

It is hard to say how long foster placement will last. Super cute pups and dogs with no issues tend to get placed in a month or so while dogs of "less-preferred" breeds, older dogs, and dogs with limitations tend to take longer. As soon as dogs arrive, we place their photos, videos, and biographies on sites like Petfinder.com and Adoptapet.com so that potential adopters can find them. Our group also attends adoption events twice per month so that people can come out and meet our adoptable dogs.

The shelters in our state are overflowing with really good dogs who deserve a second chance. If you think it is time to open up your home and heart to a dog down on his luck then please contact us about fostering today!

For more info on fostering visit: <http://www.wagintailsdogrescue.com/volunteersneeded.html>

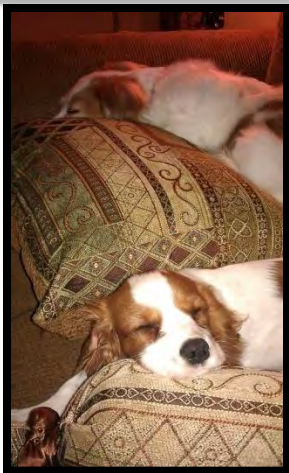
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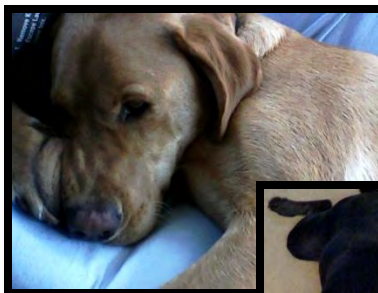
Cooper isn't afraid to tap into his feminine side if it means spending time with Cecelia!



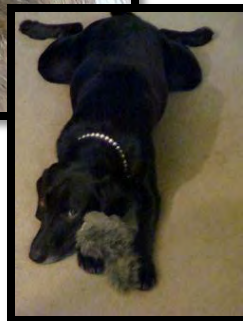
Boo snuggles with her favorite new toy. We love those Coonhound ears!



Brit was adopted in 2009. Here she is taking a nap with new pal, Brady.



Levi enjoys a nap on a chilly day!



Kellie is frog-doggin' it with a favorite toy!



A family that plays together, stays together.

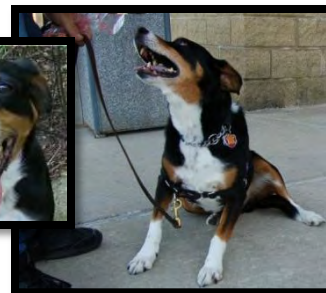
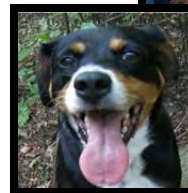
Alumni pet parents – please send your photo updates to wtdr2008@yahoo.com!



Detroit pup, Birdie (now Akila) stopped by Petsmart to visit. She is livin' the good life with best pal, Bear, and is truly loved by her people!



Piper the pup came to Petco to see us. She has gotten so big!



Cubby came to Petco for a visit and this happy dog could barely sit still for his photo!



Detroit Pup, Junior is all grown up and is seen here with best pal, Biff. (Sibling to Birdie at left).

Aren't they like two peas in a pod? So cute!



Biff

Junior

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

-Martin Luther King

Legislation

PUPPY PROTECTION ACT announced at Michigan capital in February!

This legislation was launched by a state wide collaboration by Puppy Mill Awareness, a Michigan-based advocacy group, MHS, Michigan Veterinary Medical Association and the Michigan Association of Animal Control Officers. This legislation is needed to protect animals from breeders who house large numbers of dogs in close confinement for years. In some cases, these dogs do not even have enough room to turn around in and can only walk on wire cage bottoms. In many cases, these breeder dogs have no human contact, exercise, or medical care and are forced to produce litter upon litter. When these dogs become too old to produce litters they are sold, given up or killed. The pet store puppy is likely to have come from a large-scale breeder.

These bills would establish strict guidelines for housing, sanitary conditions, enclosure space, exercise and veterinary care for dogs used for breeding. The Puppy Protection Act also places a limit on the number of dogs that may be housed in such facilities. Seven other states have passed puppy mill laws in the last two years including Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Contact the Chairs of the House Regulatory Reform Committee and the Senate Agriculture Committee, and ask them to put these bills up for a vote!



Contact state Senator Joe Hune (R-Hamburg Township), Chair, Senate Agriculture Committee,
<http://www.misenategop.com/senators/contact.asp?District=22> (links directly to quick form to send email)

Contact state Representative Hugh Crawford (R-Novi), Chair, House Regulatory Reform Committee
<http://www.gophouse.com/contact.asp?District=38> (links directly to quick form to send email)

House Bills Sponsors:

HB 5230 – Vicki Barnett (D-Farmington Hills)
HB 5231 – Wayne Schmidt (R- Traverse City)



Senate Bills Sponsors:

SB 891 – Steven Bieda (D-Warren)
SB 892 – Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge)

Last action:

HB 5230, 5231: Introduced – 12.14.2011
SB 891, 892: Referred to committee on Agriculture – 01.11.2012

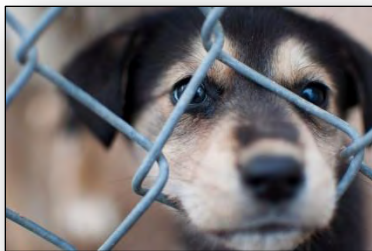
Contact your state Senator and Representative, via phone or email, and tell them respectfully that Michigan cannot become a haven for puppy mills. Ask them to support the Puppy Protection Act today.

Contact your state Senator

<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/fysenator/fysenator.htm>

Contact your state Representative

<http://www.house.mi.gov/mhrpublic/>



Please share this information and spread the word.

Thank you for being a voice for the animals!



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Let Creative Collages create an image that reflects your vision. Using your photos, we'll celebrate the new or long-loved furry member of your family!

Creative Collages works with various subjects in many styles. Check out our website using the link below.

Please mention that you've seen our ad in the *Waggin' Tails* newsletter - 15% of the cost of a collage will be donated directly to our good friends, helping them create more great memories!

Lisa of Creative Collages is not only a supporter of Waggin' Tails but her family also adopted a sweet dog named Shiloh (fostered by Marnie) in 2007. You can see Shiloh featured in the ad at left. Looks like Shiloh has fully embraced his second chance!

You must check out Lisa's website to see samples of what she can do with your photos! Whether your collage subject is dog related (our favorite subject), kids, or family, we are sure you'll be pleased with your lasting, creative memory collage.

The dogs will receive a whopping 15% of the proceeds from each collage if you tell Lisa that Waggin' Tails sent you at the time order is placed!

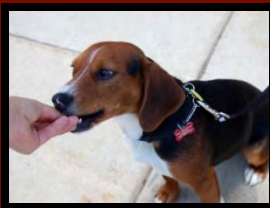
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Watch for us
in Northville's
4th of July parade

All of us at Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue want to thank our supporters, both individuals and organizations.

All of you make it possible to do what we do for the dogs.



All About Animals, Warren
Breckenridge Veterinary, Novi
Griffith Veterinary, Whitmore Lake
Jeffrey Animal Hospital, Farmington Hills
Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic, Novi
Roose Animal Hospital, Plymouth
Lilley Veterinary Medical Center, Canton

GREKO PRINTING in Plymouth
Our Adoption Partners
PETCO, Canton
PETSMART, Northville
4-Legged Friends Daycare, Livonia
Tall Oaks Kennel, Whitmore Lake

How You Can Lend a Helping Hand

KROGER Community Rewards

Anyone who has a Kroger card can go online and choose Waggin' Tails as the recipient of their Kroger points. Your card gets swiped at the register and points are rewarded for your purchases. Those points get turned into cash for our dogs!

(Go to our website and follow the link to sign up.)

AVON Goes to the Dogs!

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MAKE A DONATION

- Make a monetary donation via PayPal link on our website or mail your donation to our PO Box listed below.
- Petco and Petsmart gift cards are appreciated!
- Donate gently used or new pet supplies like stainless steel food bowls, blankets and especially dog toys.

Follow us on **facebook**

BIG HOUSE Big Heart Run

Sunday, April 15, 2012. Michigan Stadium

Our volunteers are hitting the pavement in Ann Arbor to raise funds for our needy dogs.

UNCORKED FOR CANINES

Wine Tasting & Live Auction Fundraiser

Thursday, April 15, 2012, 7-10pm Genitti's in Northville

Tickets are \$35 pre-event or \$40 at the door.

Must be 21 to attend. Samplings of fine wine from around the world plus a light meal and desserts included. Fun live auction and all proceeds go right to the dogs. Don't miss out!

ADOPTERS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ADOPTION REUNION DATE MOVED for 2012

We're calling for sunshine and lots of happy, tail waggin' dogs on **September 23rd** at Maybury State Park in Northville. Picnic, games and keepsake paw print art.

All alumni will receive an invite with details about the event. You won't want to miss out on all of the fun!

**For more information on upcoming events,
please visit our website event page at
WagginTailsDogRescue.org/specialevents.html**

Full Bowls, Full Bellies Pet Food Program

We offer assistance and secure donations of food and money, specifically to help people in our own community feed their pets. If you know of a dog (we feed kitties, too) whose owners have fallen on hard times and their pet(s) needs nourishment or would like to donate to this program, please call our main voicemail hotline at 248-788-7050 or send us an email at FullBowlsFullBellies@yahoo.com.

Dog & Cat Food Donation Drop-Off Sites:

PETCO – 43465 Ford Rd., Canton

PETCO – 35725 Warren Rd., Westland

WHOLE FOODS – 3135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor



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