



Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue

Autumn
2010

A 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to rescuing, caring for, and placing companion animals in homes. We educate the public on respect for all animal life including the importance of spaying and neutering to reduce the number of animals euthanized.

AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES OCTOBER IS ADOPT A DOG MONTH !

Autumn is in the air and it's business as usual here at Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue; we are doing whatever we can to help so many of the homeless dogs who need us! While our volunteers do not receive any monetary compensation for their efforts, their reward is knowing that a once lonely, homeless dog now has a family to love.

This issue is dedicated to our awesome adopters and the alumni dogs who have survived loneliness and despair and found a life worth living with their newly devoted families. **Check out the insert in this newsletter for alumni updates and photos!**



NEWSFLASH

Secondhand dogs offer first-rate love! They just need a chance to prove it.

It surprises us that many people are still unaware of the great dogs, mutts and purebreds, just waiting in shelters and rescue organizations for a family to pick them to love. There are many reasons dogs are surrendered to a shelter, and despite popular belief that all shelter dogs have health or behavioral problems, we are here to tell you it's just not true.

As a rescue organization without a shelter to house our dogs, our volunteers open their homes to a needy dog until a forever home can be found. We get our dogs used to living in a home again and learn about their personality, which helps us match a potential adopter to each dog. Our dogs also receive a wellness exam, vaccinations and treatment for any health issues.

There has never been a better time to support rescue and shelter animals. Financial difficulties are leading people to relinquish their pets to shelters in high numbers. Please help us spread the word; the best thing we can do for our furry friends is to support adoption, discourage backyard breeding and encourage spay and neutering of our companion animals.

Check out the Adopted Dog Bible by Kim Saunders. It is your one-stop resource for choosing, training and caring for your shelter or rescue dog.

**The top ten reasons
to have your pet spayed
or neutered were killed
in shelters last year.**

**Make a difference! Support Spay & Neuter.
Visit www.spayusa.org for more info.**

IF YOU CAN'T SAVE 'EM ALL, THEN SAVE JUST ONE. ADOPT.

You CAN teach an old dog new tricks!



Waggin' Tails volunteers attend a Premier Pet Products seminar in Bloomfield Hills on October 2nd. Our host, **Melissa Spooner**, an L.V.T. / Behavior Technician at **Oakland Veterinary Referral Service**, demonstrated many products from the Premier line of leashes, harnesses and head collars. A few of our foster dogs were in attendance to help us learn proper fit and technique when using these products. Our dogs, Reese, Kobe, Emmie and Nellie, were all excellent students and received goodies for their participation.

Melissa also introduced us to the clicker and targeting training techniques. Of course, we all went home excited to implement what we learned with our own dogs. Melissa, being involved in rescue work herself, generously donated many items, including lots of fun toys, to our foster dogs! And we truly appreciate that she shared her knowledge and expertise with us.

Visit the Premier products website to view an online catalog of products and retail store locator.

www.premier.com

www.ovrs.com

PREMIER
your pets, our passion

Our volunteers take to the streets of Ann Arbor to raise funds for the dogs! University of Michigan hosts the Big Hearts, Big House Run for Charity on October 3rd.

Our runners raised \$845 for the dogs!



Over 140 charities participated raising over \$700,000!

Kibbles and Bits

Riverside, California joined several other California cities in requiring spay/neuter and micro-chipping of all cats and dogs older than four months of age. Kudos to CA for taking a stand for homeless pets!



Mark your calendar!

Oct 23rd is Pitbull Awareness Day

This national campaign was established to educate the public and foster positive communication and experiences about this persecuted breed.

We believe that all dogs should be judged solely by their individual behavior, not their breed. We encourage you to keep an open mind and not let sensationalistic media messages be your only source of information about the highly intelligent but sadly misunderstood bully breeds. Find out more by visiting the following websites:

Pit Bull Rescue Central at www.pbrc.net

www.BadRap.org

www.ForPitsSake.org

<http://network.bestfriends.org/campaigns/pitbulls>



Canine CODIS – Modeled after FBI human CODIS, it is the first multi-agency DNA database of dogs. It is the first ever database dedicated to combating the crime of dog fighting. Information is available to law enforcement agencies to help establish connections between breeders, trainers, and organizers of illegal dog-fighting rings. You can thank HSUS, Missouri Humane Society, the ASPCA and UC Davis Veterinary Genetics Lab for their efforts in combating dog fighting. It is a step in right direction in making all of our communities safer for people and dogs.



WAGGIN' TAILS ADOPTION ALUMNI !

Briggy gets ear surgery!

Briggy, adopted in March of this year, (formerly known as Lady) came to Waggin' Tails from a rural shelter and fostered by Jen M. Sweet Briggy suffered from ear and possible skin infections, and we began treatment for her discomfort. That's when Jennifer from Cleveland, Briggy's new mom, found her online and as they say, the rest is history.

Tests confirmed that Briggy is allergic to "almost everything" and is on a special diet. Unfortunately, Briggy just wasn't able to overcome ear infection issues so Jennifer sought the advice of a specialist and Briggy went in for surgery to help ease the pain and swelling. The vet said her ears were the most calcified he had ever seen despite the laser treatments, endless cleaning, meds, and cultures performed. Poor Briggy.

The sutures came out on October 5th and despite the shaved head, wearing an e-collar, experiencing some temporary facial paralysis and loss of hearing, Briggy is reportedly doing well after the procedure. Jennifer is now teaching hand signals to communicate more easily with Briggy.

We applaud Jennifer for going above and beyond the call of duty for Briggy. She is happy in her new home and loves to play, especially with her dog and cat pals.



Re-cooperating

Adopted
March 2010



Hugs to you,
Brigs!

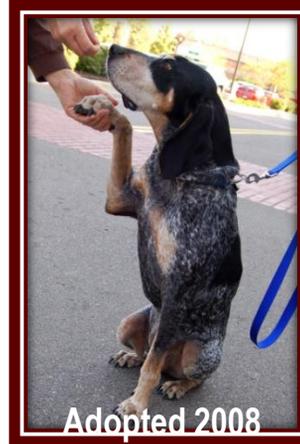


Adopted May 2010



Ernie chills out with best new pal, Capone, after a romp in the yard. We're glad you're safe and off the streets, Ernie!

Smokey, previously shy and timid because his previous owners did not take him out of a kennel unless going hunting, stopped by an adoption event to reminisce and show us how much progress he's made in his new home. He is loved and well cared for and learning how to be a loved family dog. Well done, Smokey!



Adopted 2008



Adopted
June 2010



Chloe reportedly is soaking up the love from her new pet parents. Here she is in action (or rather a blur) at the dog park. Run, Chloe, Run!



Adopted Oct 2010

Baxter (formerly known as Leon) is reportedly a doggie soul mate to his adopters. Now that just melted our hearts!

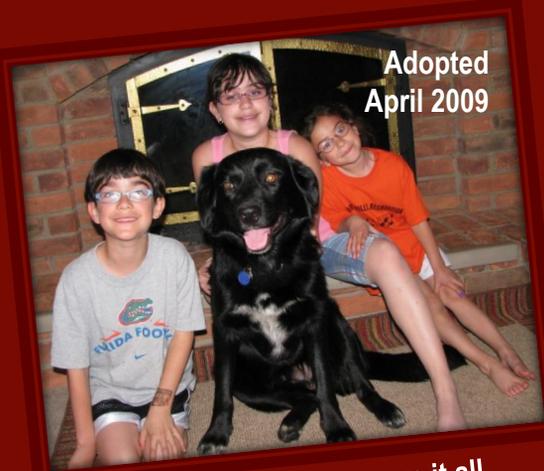
Give it up for Gibbs!
He graduated obedience class with flying colors. Lookin' sharp, buddy!



Adopted Feb 2010

**Thorns may hurt you, people desert you, sunlight turn to fog;
but you're never friendless ever, if you have a dog. - D. Mallock**

MORE ADOPTION ALUMNI !



Adopted
April 2009

We think this picture says it all.
Congrats on your happy life, Joey!



Adopted
March 2010

Beautiful Maggy reportedly
loves the feel of sand between
her toes on the beach!



Adopted
Dec 2009

Matylda grows up
and loves to go for walks
and be with her people!



Cooper (formerly known as Baxter)
was adopted almost 2.5 years ago.
He was hit by a car in Detroit and
had a paralyzed front leg. His new
family has been doing physical
therapy on his leg and created a
brace for him so he could run and play.

Cooper is one of the very lucky ones!
What a wonderful family he has.



Kita at the beach
with new best pal, Daisy
Adopted Feb 2010



Buddy
(formerly Amos)
Adopted Feb 2010



Shy dog Buddy comes out of his shell on the boat!



Bubby was adopted in 2007. He spent the first four years of his life in a kennel, sadly not knowing anything about the outside world. He is safe and loved by Bob and Marcia now. Please keep Bubby in your thoughts and prayers as he was recently diagnosed with Lymphoma and an enlarged heart and is receiving treatment.

*From all of us here at Waggin' Tails;
Hugs and snuggles to you, Bubby!*

...AND MORE ADOPTION ALUMNI



Adopted
Feb 2010

Scout loves to spend a day at 4-Legged Friends Daycare and then relax with mom on the couch!



Adopted
Feb 2010

Sophie learns about positive reinforcement at obedience class!



Both adopted 2010

Emmett & Vinny.
Or is it Vinny and Emmett?
They could be brothers!



'Before'



Iris

Chloe (formerly Iris) is one year old now and her family adores her!



Check out Kodiak's before and after photos. This boy's coat was in such poor shape he needed to be shaved, but one year later he is a fluffy masterpiece. Kodiak – we owe your pet parents some lint rollers!

Chewy ~ A real rags to riches story

Waggin' Tails first became aware of Chewy through an SOS e-mail from an animal control officer 70 miles north. The subject line read "Very Urgent emaciated cho. Lab needs rescue." Attached were pictures of a brown dog chained to a wooden barrel. The dog was being starved to death and he had little shelter and no bedding to shield him from the December cold. Life for him was hard.



"Before" pictures of Chewy

Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue was very full at the time and funds were low. Regardless, one of our most devoted volunteers jumped into action, and with the group's support, headed north to retrieve this dog. Since the dog had not yet been seized by the authorities, taking final custody wasn't easy. The dog's owner, fearing prosecution, chased the dog off. It took a couple of days and a couple of trips to locate the dog and bring him under Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue's protection and care.

The dog was 42 lbs of skin and bone. His fur was patchy and ragged due to malnutrition. His beautiful brown eyes held the haunting look of hunger. But he was friendly...very friendly. He was given the name Chewy, after a Star Wars character sporting the same unruly coat.

For the next three weeks he stayed in a warm, comfortable kennel. He was put on a good diet, treated for worms and fleas, neutered, and evaluated for personality traits. He was so happy to be there, he developed a tail injury from wagging it so hard. His tail needed bandaging for eight weeks.

On 12/31/07, a foster home opened up so Chewy and his new foster mom rang in the new year getting acquainted. New year...new home...new life...new hope.

For the next 6 weeks he learned many valuable lessons like: 1) a vacuum cleaner's bark is worse than it's bite 2) stairs are easier than they look 3) sitting on command is a small price to pay for a big bowl of food 4) if you play too rough with the cat, you get a sore nose.

And he gained 25 lbs. Life was beginning to be a little okay.

Thanks to Denise, Ginette & Lori for your efforts in helping Chewy!

Along came a family who instantly fell in love with our Chewy. They have a big back yard and even bigger hearts. They adopted him and made Chewy one of their own. He goes on regular walks, gets lots of toys to play with, and two young girls to keep his tummy scratched. His ragged fur has been replaced by a shiny brown coat. His eyes are still beautiful but have lost that haunting look of need. He is finally home. Life is wonderful. (Written by: Denise L.)

Congrats, Chewy!



Waggin' Tails Book Club



The Art of Racing in the Rain: by Garth Stein
A heartwarming story of love and loyalty told by Enzo the dog.

The Lost Dogs: by Jim Gorant **A Must Read!**
Michael Vick's Dogs and Their Tale of Rescue and Redemption

Tail Talk: by Sophie Collins
Need some help deciphering your dog's body language? Visual and verbal explanations explain what your dog is trying to communicate to you.

FOR KIDS **My name is Henley:** by Judith Kristin
A rescued sheep dog tells about his new life in a new home with five rescued cats. A great way to educate kids about animal welfare issues.

It was so dog-gone nice of Meadowbrook Vet Clinic in Novi to donate supplies of Heartgard heartworm preventative and pet food to our dogs and cat pals.



Take Action for the Animals!

Pound Seizure Ban: House Bill 4663

This bill would ban dog pounds and animal shelters in the state of Michigan from selling cats or dogs to research facilities. Animal shelters should be safe havens for animals and not sell pets into research.

The state House of Representatives has already passed this key legislation, and if it passes the state Senate, the bill will become law with the Governor's signature, which would end the practice of pound seizure and create a better future for animals in the state of Michigan.

You can help by calling, faxing or emailing the members of the committee and ask for their support of HB 4663. The committee includes State Senators Alan Sanborn, Randy Richardville, Jason Allen, Jud Gilbert, Buzz Thomas, Tupac Hunter and Gilda Jacobs. Find their contact information by visiting: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/members/alphamemberlist.htm>.

Letter writing really can make a difference!

Vet Select in Novi

donates toys, dog beds, dishes and food among other goodies to our needy dogs.

Bow Wow!

Surprise your furry friend with cut-up apple pieces!

Mmm good! Many dogs love 'em. However, the seeds contain cyanogenic glycosides, which can result in cyanide poisoning. Any seed or pit from a fruit is dangerous.

RECIPE – Apple Honey Oat Dog Treats

You'll Need:

1 large apple	Paring knife
1/4 cup honey	Small and Large bowl
1/2 cup of water	Cookie sheets
1/2 tsp. cinnamon	Spoon and glass
1 cup oatmeal	
1-1/2 cups plus 1/8 cup whole wheat flour	



Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Slice and core apple, slice apple into small pieces.

Combine the apple, honey, water, cinnamon, and oatmeal in a large bowl. Stir until well blended. Gradually mix in 1 1/2 cups of flour. Blend well until a stiff dough is formed.

Spoon dough by rounded teaspoon onto cookie sheet, spacing spoonfuls approximately two inches apart.

Pour the remaining wheat flour into the small bowl. Dip the glass into the flour and press down on each spoonful of dough.

Bake for 30 minutes and remove from oven. Reduce heat to 325. Flip cookies over on cookie sheet and return cookies to the oven. Bake for additional thirty minutes.

Remove from oven and allow to cool and harden overnight or for about eight hours.

How You Can Lend a Helping Hand

Thanks to Our Supporters!

Texas Hold 'em

We're hosting two tournaments at the Electric Stick, 6581 N Wayne Rd. in Westland. Thursday October 14th – Sunday, October 17th and Friday October 22nd – Monday, October 25th



Avon Calling!

When you order Avon products online, Terri, an Avon rep and Waggin' Tails volunteer, will donate 100% of her earnings to the dogs. To place an order, go to <http://tworpell.avonrepresentative.com/>

Kroger's 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.

Holiday Fund Drive

Stay tuned for more information on our annual fund drive for the dogs and photos with Santa!

Make a Donation Show your support with a tax deductible donation made via Paypal through our website.

Tall Oaks Kennel in Whitmore Lake

Walk This Way Dog Training

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Jeffrey Animal Hospital, Farmington Hills
Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic, Novi
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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

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