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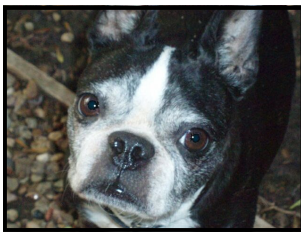
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SPONSOR A RESCUE PROGRAM

You can make a difference in a dogs life. Their lives depend on your charity. There are over 100 dogs in our system, some will be with us forever. All dogs deserve a safe place to lay their head down to sleep with a full stomach and know their medical care is

provided. Please help us continue this care.

Your sponsorship will help these dogs with their vet bills, food, and shelter until they find a new home. Your sponsorship can be one time donation or a convenient monthly PayPal subscription sponsorship. If you are interested in a sponsorship, please visit our new Sponsors page at www.nabs-tx.com Thank you.



Little Stella Dora

The Dog Rules- As They Apply to the Bedroom

Rule 1: The dog never sleeps on the bed. Period. It's unhygienic. Rule2: Okay, the dog can sleep at the foot of the bed as long as he's on his blanket. Rule3: The dog never sleeps beside you like another human being. That's creepy. Rule4: Okay, the dog can sleep beside you, but not under the covers. Rule5: Okay, the dog can sleep beside you, under the covers, but he's not allowed to put his head on the pillow. Rule6: Okay, the dog can sleep beside you, under the covers with his head on the pillow, he can snore and ..have all the nightmares he wants, but he's not to sleep on the couch in the TV room, where you now have to sleep. That's just not fair.

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KID DAY EVENT

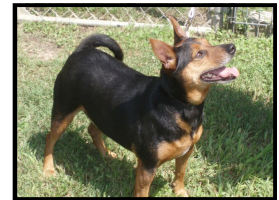
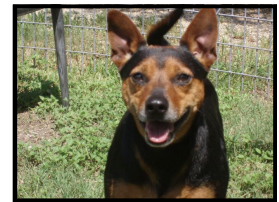
Kid Day at Mall of the Mainland is held monthly on the last Saturday of the month. Last weekend one of our Volunteers TL Landry attended this function with her foster dogs Ranger and Rocky. She was there representing N.A.B.S. and Animal Alliance. Helping her were 2 volunteers from Animal Alliance. They spent the day passing out flyers, and cards, while speaking to the public about adoptions, and spaying neutering. It was a huge success.

Animal Alliance is located in La Marque, Texas. It is where N.A.B.S. has all their rescues spayed and neutered. To schedule and appointment they can be reached at 409-933-1603 Encourage others to spay and neuter their pets.

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DOG OF THE MONTH



Kuzzo is a darling little boy with a great personality. He is a Min-Pin / Manchester Terrier mix. Est. age 3 years old. Needs a loving home

MAGGIE GOT WHEELS

Little Maggie and her brother Sparky were adopted from NABS back in December of 2007. Everything was going great in their new home till one day while her parents were away Maggie got herself into trouble when an object was pulled down from a counter and landed squarely on her back. Poor Maggie was paralyzed. Her parents rushed her to a vet and they performed a surgery hoping to fix the damage. Despite the operation she was still only able to try to pull herself around by her front legs. Only solution was a wheelchair but those can be costly and her owners already spent a large amount of money on her surgery. N.A.B.S. sent out a plea for help and Maggie's prayers were answered by her earth angels. She is a happy, little, mobile, girl with her new wheels. She motors around at high speed barking with glee. Her Mommy made a nice sling to help support her belly while she zips about. She drew a large crowd at Petco when she came to show her angels what their care and contributions have accomplished for her. She has a life again and her spirit is soaring.

.A BIG WARMWOOF TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR PRAYERS AND DONATIONS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

Left to right:

Rikki Howland (a Maggie's angel)

Mama Naomi Sunseri

Kathy O'Neil (a Maggie's angel)

Pam Sanidakos (president)

Daddy Frank Sunseri

And of course Maggie



DOGS IN DESPERATE NEED WHEN HURRICANES THREATEN



Storms effect the lives of shelter dogs more then folks would know. When a hurricane threatens the Gulf most shelters are forced to put down whatever dogs they have, those that rescue have not pulled. If they don't, there will be no room for dogs that are running the streets after a hurricane in. N.A.B.S. has experienced this twice in the last 2 months of getting calls from a few shelters begging our help in getting dogs out so they will not have to put them down. Of course we jumped in to try and help. As Dolly was threatening the coast of Texas we received a call from the Angleton shelter with a plea to help get dogs out or they would have to be put down at the end of the day. One of those dogs was a sweet girl named Ellie Mae, that had been at that shelter for more then a year. She was such a wonderful dog and they had become so attached to her they just could never bring themselves to put her down. Much to their relief we pulled their last three dogs. Ellie Mae and a little boy now known as Frankie along with a yellow lab that they needed transported to another shelter, which then emptied their shelter. Ellie and Frankie now reside with Pam until they go to their forever homes. Next Gustav appeared The Brazoria County shelter sent out a plea for rescues to help. Their shelter was full and time was up for most of them. Pam and Lorry headed there to see what they could take. Well shortly after arriving and looking over what they had, they were going to get 3 littermates that needed out. When they went back to the other side of the building another control officer was standing in front of the kennels with a stack of papers in her hand and a bottle of blue fluid that was referred to as the juice. We didn't need to ask what it was, we knew too well. They inquired as to which dogs she had in that stack of paper's. Recognizing them as the dogs they just saw on the other side of the building they immediately told them they would take them also. They left the shelter that day with 9 dogs stuffed into Pam's car. There was no room for any more .. Four of the dogs were large unneutered males that were taken to stay in the pens at the land until their appointment on the 18th to be neutered. Four others went home with Pam and a small puppy went to be fostered by Lorry. May we all pray no more storms will threaten Texas this year.!!!

HAPPY TAILS



ASTA & FAMILY



MR OTTIS & FAMILY



GOLDIE & FAMILY



ANGELINA & FAMILY



TUCSON & FAMILY



TESSA & FAMILY



SUKI & FAMILY

• The oldest reliable age recorded for a dog is 29 years, 5 months for a Queensland 'heeler' called Bluey in Victoria, Australia. The average dog lives to around 15 years of age.

BETTER DOG PHOTOS FROM THE DOG BIBLE



Getting a good picture of a dog can seem to be nearly impossible. Here are some general tips to help you capture the true personality of your dog in photos

1. **Groom:** Give your dog a bath and a nice brushing the day before you plan to take a picture. Then during the photo session, have brushes for grooming and towels for wiping runny eyes and drool on hand.
2. **Plan:** Know the types of photos you want before you start taking them. Think about what the photos will be used for. What poses and backgrounds do you want? Consider how to reflect your dog's personality or working heritage in the photo. If you're photographing outdoors make sure the site is secure and away from traffic. Look for distractions and clutter in the background that could ruin the photo.
3. **Get help:** Ask someone your dog knows to help so you can focus on working the camera. This person can reposition your dog, hold him on leash until you're ready to take the photo, and get his attention with treats, toys, noisemakers, or balls.
4. **Patience:** Be patient and use positive reinforcement while taking pictures. Plan on using a lot of film to get some good shots. Now is not the time for discipline or losing your temper. Take breaks when needed. Have fun and make it fun for your dog.
5. **Get on your dog's level:** Sit or crouch down and shoot photos slightly above or below the dog's eye level. Try different angles such as a three-quarter view of the body, full, face, and profile shots. Experiment.





BIG THANKS TO DR. KNAPE



Dr. Knape has been N.A.B.S. rescue Vet since 2006, but Pam has known him all his life. It would not be possible for us to do the medical care for our rescues without him. In gratitude and recognition for his help over the years he was presented with a plaque for his generous help. We look forward to many years of working together with

Dr. Knape in our mission to rescue and adopt out dogs from our local shelters.

Left to right: Pam Cundiff: Board of directors Alvin area Dr. Knape: Alvin Veterinarian Pam Sanidakos: President of N.A.B.S.



Please be sure to visit Petco on the weekend to check out our craft table. You will find handmade cards, jewelry, collars, leashes, harnesses, and hand painted items. Want something a little fancy to take your dog out in public? Your dog will look great in our handmade collars. (not recommended for everyday wear) They are a sturdy nylon covered in decorative fabric, in many colors and choices. All proceeds go to help support N.A.B.S.



• A dog can hear sounds 250 yards away that most people cannot hear beyond 25 yards. The human ear can detect sound waves vibrating at frequencies up to 20,000 times a second. But dogs can hear sound waves that vibrate at frequencies of more than 30,000 times a second.

SPOTLIGHT ON TEEN VOLUNTEER



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Randi Jo- is 16 years old and in the 11th grade. Her hobby is collecting anything dolphin related. Randi has been a volunteer with N.A.B.S. for almost 2 years now and she is a huge asset to us at our adoption site. She was N.A.B.S. 2007 Volunteer of the Year with 68 points (272 hours) She is on her schools drill team and plans to study in early childhood education. We hope she remains volunteering with us for a very long time to come.



TEN TOP WAYS TO TELL IF MARTHA STEWART IS STALKING YOUR DOG

10. There's potpourri hanging from his/her collar.
9. The dog's nails have been cut with pinking shears.
8. The dog toys are all stored in McCoy crocks.
7. The pooper scooper has been decorated with raffia bows.
6. That telltale lemon slice in the new silver water bowl.
5. You find liver and whole wheat dog treats stamped out with copper cookie cutters and decorated with royal icing using a #2 rosette tip.
4. Dog hair has been collected and put into wire baskets for nesting material for the birds.
3. A seasonally appropriate grapevine wreath adorns the front of your dog's crate.
2. Your dog goes outside naked and comes in wearing a thyme colored virgin wool hand-knitted sweater with matching boots.

AND THE NUMBER ONE WAY YOU KNOW THAT MARTHA STEWART IS STALKING YOUR DOG IS...

1. The dog droppings in your backyard have been sculpted into swans.