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RIDE TO THE RESCUE



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Laurie (R) and Nicole (L) Stelling



Our new banner



Randi Jo (L), Ruth (M), & Nicole (R)

Noah's Ark Bayou Sanctuary Animal Rescue was one of four rescue groups chosen to participate in the Tom Bass Park "Ride to the Rescue" on February 1st. Nicole and I found out about this from our cocker spaniel's agility instructor.

Ride to the Rescue is a unique organization dedicated to raising funds for local animal rescue groups. Net proceeds directly provide for medical needs, creature comforts, and help finding forever homes. Nicole Stelling, Randi Jo Miller, Ruth and Mary Merlau and myself volunteered from 9:30-1:30 passing out snacks and refreshments to the riders at one of the rest stops.

Laurie Stelling

THANK YOU NEW VOLUNTEERS!



We want to dearly thank all the former adopters of a N.A.B.S. rescue who have stepped forward to help keep N.A.B.S. up and running at Petco on the weekends. We were really struggling to keep going with a shortage of volunteers. **God Bless** those that responded to our cry for help, because of their help adoptions have picked up a bit and things run smoother. It is a relief to know we have help with crates being set up and broke down and people to take care of the dogs while we speak with the public about applications and adoptions. We would love for more people to come forward and dedicate just a few hours each month on the weekend to share the work load and help keep us going. If you were blessed with a furry family member from N.A.B.S. please help us save others and find them the wonderful homes as yours have found.

DOG OF THE MONTH



ROCCO is a beautiful male white lab. He is very energetic with a loving heart. He is looking for an active family to call his own for the rest of his life.

HAPPY TAILS



VANA AND FAMILY



HAPPY BEAR AND FAMILY



PIP AND FAMILY



SETH AND FAMILY



SHANIA AND FAMILY



SLADE AND FAMILY



SOPHIE AND FAMILY



WAY TO GO NICOLE AND SANDY!



Nicole and Sandy have been taking agility classes weekly at For Dogs Only in Sante Fe. They went to the CPE trial on January 31st. The host agility club was A Woof. Sandy had a great run. She got 1st place in the Full House category and 3rd place in the Colors category. Kathy Dudley-Scott is the instructor and the website is www.dogsneedajob.com.



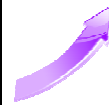
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Celebrate Every Day:
 For the dog, every morning is Christmas morning. Every walk is the best walk, every meal is the best meal, every game is the best game. We can learn so much by observing the way our pets rejoice in life's simplest moments. Take time every day to celebrate the many gifts that are hidden in the ordinary events of your own life. I believe that you have not truly loved until you have had a dog to love and to love you back.
 Cesar Millan

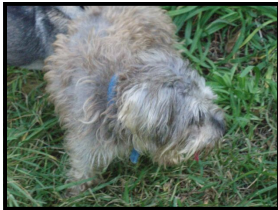
UPDATES

I just wanted to update you on a wonderful dog we have thanks to Noah's Ark. I am attaching a picture of us and our four dogs; the smaller, brown, younger, dachshund mix one is a Noah's Ark rescue from November 2005. You named him "**Dasher**" (as we later found out why as we chased him down the beach....), and we saw him one day in the store while we were shopping. He was up for adoption, and we adopted him the next day after struggling with how to take care of four dogs. He tested positive for heartworm, and we have put him through the treatment for that. He is now heartworm negative. He has received annual vet exams and shots, and anything else in between that which was either necessary or desired. He has two brothers and one sister (all of the four legged kind) and spends the days exhausting them (as they are all much older than he is). He has custom upholstery bedding in the "dog's room" which he shares with his sister and brothers; has a new house being built for him and his sister/brothers which includes two dog rooms -- all air conditioned/heated, fully double fenced/gated, etc.; and spends the weekends at the vacation home in Galveston. What a life he has -- wish I had the same! I am sharing this with you to let you know that (1) your work does not go unrewarded, and (2) to give you an update on the former "Dasher", now "Andy" rescue dog. Attached is his photograph with the rest of us, as photographed by Evin Thayer, from Houston.



Thank you for the work you do each and every day and for saving Andy!

Ashley and Mark Anderson



Just from shelter shaggy matted smelly mess



Shaved to discover a schnauzer



The charming beauty **Duncan** is today in his forever home

I received your Newsletter from NABS and just wanted to let you know that my baby Duncan is doing very well. We go for a walk in the park twice every day and that gives me exercise I was not getting before he joined my family! He still loves to be on my lap and wants a lot of attention. It's so cute... he has it timed when I sit down he jumps up and we land on my chair at the same time. March 15th last year I adopted him and with his birthday coming up soon I just wanted to say thank you for saving his life. He is so very precious to me that I can't imagine what I would do without him now. It takes a special kind of person to rescue those babies, take them home, care for them and give them up when they are ready to go home with their new families.

Thank you again!

Fran Gorte

A HOUSE IS
NOT A HOME
UNTIL IT HAS A
DOG
GERALD DURRELL

Praying they all find forever homes.. Brandi and I drove by the dump today and said..this is where **Laci** lived and can't believe she never got hit by a dump truck.....lots of em going back and forth and she was dodging them..she's a Fat Piggy that loves to play and jumps in the air and turns to get a TOY!! Rolls over and sits up..don't know if she knew it all before or just wants to please...I love her so.. she is my Girl/Laci Thank you Pam for taking care of her until doors were open for her to come HOME! :) Wish I had a million dollars to give to you and the furkids!



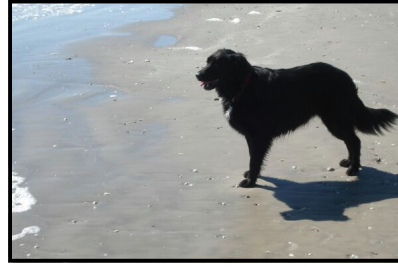
Shhh..Do Not Disturb!! totally relaxed, eh!!

Laci (L) adopted by our volunteer coordinator Gaye Hart

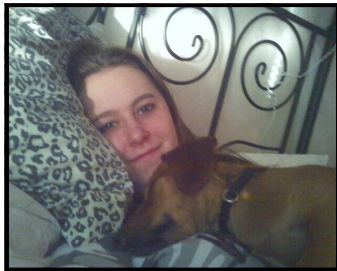
UPDATES CONT.



Dani (aka "The Doodler", "Dani-doodle", "Doodle-dumpling", "Mommy's Little Girl", etc. :-) is doing great! We can't imagine our lives without her. She is definitely a blessing for Jacob and I. We bought a house last fall, and she loves her new back yard! She doesn't have any siblings yet, but she loves going to doggie day-care every Tuesday and playing with all of her friends! Thanks!
Becky



Aretha now known as Ms. Edie enjoys a day on the beach with her family. She is the sister of Tobe and Tina that were adopted out as a bonded pair by N.A.B.S. All three now know the freedom, and love of a forever home. We wish this serenity and freedom for all our rescues.



Just wanted to give you a visual update on our guys. Attached are some pics. Thought you might enjoy. We've never looked back, it has been a total pleasure having **Murphy** and **Preston** in our lives. They both are awesome.



Just wanted to send along some pics! **Otis** looves to fall asleep on me like that and he loves his new huge bed! He always has to find the perfect spot to lay down and he loves going exploring under it! The other pic is him and his new sister and one of his new brothers, Maggie and Zack. He's fitting in great here! I think his favorite part is the backyard to run around in. He loves trying to get under the deck and hide from us and pop out when we aren't looking. He's a great boy.

Kind Regards,
Felicia & Paul Crawley



HERBAL REMEDIES AND ACUPUNCTURE

By Randy Kidd, DVM, PhD

In addition to healthy table vegetables such as spinach and broccoli, there are many herbal remedies that help prevent obesity.

When we improve digestion we often help get our dog's feet moving as well as his bowels, and many of the digestive herbs such as cayenne (red pepper) and ginger can help. Sometimes a dog simply needs a little boost to his system to get him up off the couch and start to move about, and cayenne or ginger are also a good pep-up- or whole body tonics- as is ginseng. Finally, if your dog is arthritic, herbal pain killers such as willow bark or meadowsweet may make it easier for him to get up and about.

Note that whenever medicines, herbal or otherwise, are used as the sole means for weight reduction, high dosage levels may cause problems.

Acupuncture has been used to treat obese humans and may be helpful for dogs. Some dogs overeat because they are overly anxious. Calming remedies such as lavender aroma misted into his room may be helpful. Or, try one of the flower essences such as aspen, mimulus, impatiens, or Rescue Remedy. Talk with your holistic veterinarian about these.

I like to think of any of the holistic remedies as gentle helpers for the dog that needs to lose weight, I don't try to find a magic bullet that will magically peel off the pounds. The truest and most reliable weight reducers are exercise and proper diet, coupled with a home environment that is both calming and fun.

SENIOR DOGS

Author Unknown

One by One, they pass by my cage,
Too old, too worn, too broken, no way.
Way past his time, he can't run and play.
Then they shake their heads slowly and go on their way.

A little old man, arthritic and sore,
It seems I am not wanted anymore.
I once had a home, I once had a bed,
A place that was warm, and where I was fed.

Now my muzzle is gray, and my eyes slowly fail.
Who wants a dog so old and so frail?
My family decided I didn't belong,
I got in their way, my attitude was wrong.

Whatever excuse they made in their head,
Can't justify how they left me for dead.
Now I sit in this cage, where day after day,
The younger dogs get adopted away.

When I had almost come to the end of my rope,
You saw my face, and I finally had hope.
You saw thru the grey, and the legs bent with age,
And felt I still had life beyond this cage.

You took me home, gave me food and a bed,
And shared your own pillow with my poor tired head.
We snuggle and play, and you talk to me low,
You love me so dearly, you want me to know.

I may have lived most of my life with another,
But you outshine them with a love so much stronger.
And I promise to return all the love I can give,
To you, my dear person, as long as I live.

I may be with you for a week, or for years,
We will share many smiles, you will no doubt shed tears.
And when the time comes that God deems I must leave,
I know you will cry and your heart, it will grieve.

And when I arrive at the Bridge, all brand new,
My thoughts and my heart will still be with you.
And I will brag to all who will hear,
Of the person who made my last days so dear.

Stella 9 years + old
Foster home

Amber 17 years old
Resident

Petey 12 years old
Resident

Abigail 9 + years
old Adopted

Tank 11 years old
Resident

Maggie 9 years old
Foster home



OUR BELOVED SENIOR DOGS

Honey 12 years old
Passed

Maci 10 years old
Adopted

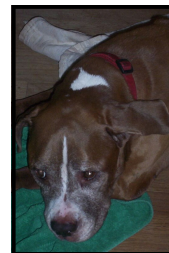
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Tito 10 years old

Foster home

Freeway 13 years old

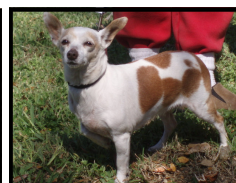
Foster home



Pip 10 years old
Adopted

Bitsy 10 years old
Foster home

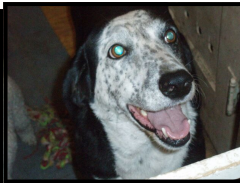
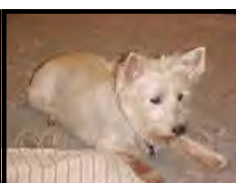
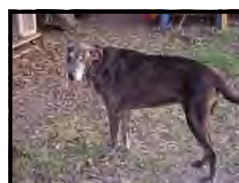
Griffin 8 years old
Adopted but passed



Diamond 15 years old
Adopted but passed

Muffy 14 years old
Resident

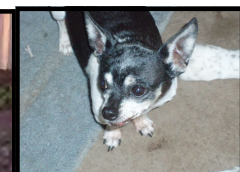
Langsta 9 years old
Resident



Heidi 12 years old
Passed

Pinta 13 years old
Resident

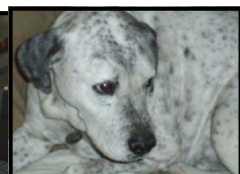
Lil'Man 18+ years old
Resident



Cowboy and Cowgirl
18. both have passed

Roxie 13 years old
Resident

Axel 10 years old
Resident



THINGS ARE MOVING AT THE SANCTUARY



View of the inside of the container from one door down to the other. This shows the length pretty well but it does not really look as wide as it really is. There is plenty of room to place 16 large kennels down one side leaving more than enough room to open kennel doors while standing in front of them and dogs able to pass by you. Above the large kennels will be a table like shelving that will hold approx. 19 medium kennels for smaller dogs. Then above that will be a long shelf to hold towels blankets and basic supplies. So ignore the vision you get when the word container is mentioned. It is really a great set up to get the dogs out to the safety of the Sanctuary. They will Love it there!



This is the view of how large the two windows are for extra air flow. Pam is planning to attach fencing panels to prevent any dogs from jumping in or out through them.



This shows the side of the container that has the two large windows. There will be plenty of air flow as there is always a strong breeze blowing out there.



Another view from outside one door looking down to door at other end .

Things have been on the move down at the Sanctuary. The city of Alvin has passed their ordinance of limiting how many dogs to a home, so Pam has been working hard on getting her dogs moved to the safety of the Sanctuary.

Two large containers (8'x40' and 9.5' high) have been purchased and one is already in place out at the land and the other will be delivered on March 5th. They were customized with 2 large windows (4'x6' each) on one side and doors at each end for proper air flow. They will be placed side by side on the pad that has been built. There will be a tin roof built to cover both containers approx. 40x50 giving a 12' over hang to help prevent heat, add shade and keep the rain from coming in the windows when open in the summer. The containers will open out into 10- 25'x40' pens 5 on each side then these pens can be opened out into 5 large play yards on each side that are 40'x100' with access to then a 4 acre enclosed area that has a large pond for the dogs to go swimming and cool off in the summer heat. Pam hopes to do boarding once completely set up and moved out there, so keep her in mind when you need a place for your furry family member to stay while you are away.

