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YEARLY TEEN AWARDS FOR 2008

NABS VOLUNTEER TEEN OF THE YEAR FOR 2008 IS:

Randi Jo Miller with a total of 55 points for 2008!!! That is a total of **220** hours for this year!!! Randi Jo will receive the NABS Yearly Teen Award and a Petco gift card for her volunteer work with the NABS fur kids. Congratulations for all your hard work and dedication!!

NABS RUNNER-UP VOLUNTEER TEEN FOR 2008 IS:

Nicole Stelling with a total of 44 points for 2008!!! That is a total of **176** hours for this year!!! Nicole also received a 4th quarter Honorable Mention award.

Nicole will receive a NABS Annual Achievement Award and a Petco gift card for her volunteer work with the NABS fur kids. Congratulations for all your hard work and dedication!

NABS HONORABLE MENTION VOLUNTEER TEENS FOR 2008 ARE:

Esther Segrera with a total of 35 points for 2008!!! That is a total of **140** hours for this year!!! Esther will receive a NABS Award and a Petco gift card. Congratulations for all your hard work and dedication!

Rachel Jones with a total of 34 points for 2008!!! That is a total of **136** hours for this year!!! Rachel will receive NABS Award and a Petco gift card. Congratulations for all your hard work and dedication!

WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR TEEN VOLUNTEERS THAT HAVE OVER 10 POINTS FOR 2008:

Ruth Merlau - 29 pts. (116 hours)

Kylee Kouba - 28 pts. (112 hours)

Lindsay Jones - 25 pts. (100 hours)

Ashlee Williamson - 22 pts. (88 hours)



Ashlee Armstrong
receiving her 1st place /
4th quarter award



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DOG OF THE MONTH



MISS ELLIE

Sweet Ellie is a Shepherd mix and quite a doll. She was in the shelter for over a year. They loved her so much they could not bring themselves to put her down. She just needs a chance to win you over.

UPDATES

We want to thank everyone that takes the time to send us updates on their N.A.B.S dogs. We invite everyone to send us their pictures and/or stories. It is so wonderful to see our dogs in their home setting enjoying their lives, and updates on how well they are doing. **Please share with us!!!**



Zoey formerly known as **Kahlua** shares her wish list with Santa. She is wonderfully spoiled by her Mom and Dad.

They write: "Thank you for all that you do to bring rescue animals and families together. We are so blessed to have found Zoey through your organization!"



No better example of why some dogs, we adopt out as **bonded pairs**. **Eva and Mindy** move together as one and would not be happy any other way. They look so happy in their new home.



Bruce and his new family

His Mom writes: "Bruce continues to make himself at home every day. He loves to be in the yard and run around. At night he makes himself at home in bed with his Dad and I."



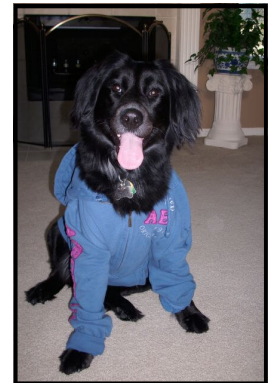
Dashiell formerly known as **Alex** and his housemate Piper.

His Mom says: He is the doggy love of my life! I am so very lucky to have him. Thanks for all you do.

DeAnna



Little **Zack** enjoys hanging out with his best buddy in his forever home. What a great match they are.



Happy Birthday to **Giselle**. She looks great in her party hat and new jacket. Her sister Sandy peeks out from under her hat.

Phoebe formerly known as **Lucinda** is so cute, fluffy and happy in her forever home. She and her new best friend Bob spend time snuggling together.



UPDATES CONT.

Hi Pam, this is Sheela Denton and I am writing to bring you up to date on Bandit, the Bichon. I just want to say that Bandit is an absolutely wonderful dog and I absolutely love, love, love him. Bandit has fit into the family so well, it is just like he has always been a part of us....he is so adorable, so eager to please, so loving....I just can't cuddle and kiss him enough....thank you so much for choosing me for Bandit. He is such a wonderful dog and I cannot believe that anyone would return him for being too big....his size makes him charming and unique....I will be sending pictures soon....and again, thank you for choosing me for this delightful, wonderful dog.....know that his is loved and cared for.....My best to you....Sheela Denton



Hello!

I just wanted to send an update on **Jonah**. He's a wonderful pup and I love him very much. He recently took several road trips, one from Houston to northern Montana, and another from Houston to Seattle, and then a flight to Sitka, Alaska from there. These are two pictures of him in Alaska. The first one is us on a muskeg with Mt Edgcomb in the background, and the other is after he took himself for a swim in the icy Sitka Sound. He had so much fun playing in the snow, and is an excellent road trip companion. He loved trail running in the snow, and then snoozing in my bed! Thanks for setting us up together. He's also had a lot of fun growing up with my parents' great dane puppy. I hope all is well with you!



--Mara and Jonah

'Oh the saddest of sights in a world of sin Is the little lost pup with his tail tucked in.'

Arthur Guiterman



HAPPY TAILS



Beau (right) and his new family



Little Otis man with his favorite girl. He was adopted by Rachel one of our volunteers that fell in love with him.



MONKEY AND FAMILY



A DOG'S DICTIONARY AND GUIDE



Leash: A strap that attaches to your collar enabling you to lead your owner where you want him or her to go. Make sure that you are waiting patiently with leash in mouth when your owner comes home from work. This immediately makes your owner feel guilty and the walk is lengthened by a good 10 minutes

Dog Bed: Any soft, clean surface, such as a white bedspread, newly upholstered couch or the dry cleaning that was just picked up.

Drool: What you do when your owners have food and you don't. To do this properly sit as close as you can, look sad and let the drool fall to the floor or better yet on their laps.

Sniff: A social custom to use when you greet other dogs or those people that sometimes smell like dogs.

Garbage Can: A container your neighbors put out weekly to test your ingenuity. Stand on your hind legs and push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right, you are rewarded with food wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume, moldy crusts of bread and sometimes even an old Nike.

Bicycles: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards. The rider swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

Thunder: A signal the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling, panting, rolling your eyes wildly and following at their heels.

Wastebasket: A dog toy filled with paper, envelopes and old candy wrappers. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house. This is particularly fun to do when there are guests for dinner and you prance around with the contents of that very special bathroom wastepaper basket

Sofas: Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean. If there are people sitting on the couch just include them as a handy wipe.

Bath: A process owners use to clean you, drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

Lean: Every good dog's response to the command "sit" especially if your owner is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

Love: A feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction, shared by you and your owner. Show it by wagging your tail.

Author Unknown

PRAYERS FOR 2009



The last half of 2008 was pretty hard for N.A.B.S. Adoptions were down as well as donations. Pam then having a hard time making the funds stretch to cover all the spays/neuters and medications. Unfortunately there was no decrease in the calls coming in for dogs needing rescued. Then Petco took away our teen volunteers leaving Gaye (our volunteer coordinator) most times **BEGGING** for adults to come in to help. Many called for and few answering. Pam had hoped to be out at the land where things would go smoother but with no funds coming in to help care for dogs there sure wasn't enough to help get her out there. We pray this year things will start looking up and donations, adoptions, and new volunteers will happen for us.

THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER

EVERY DAY THOUSANDS OF UNSUNG HEROES BRING CARING AND COMPASSION TO THE LIVES OF MILLIONS. THEIR NAMES ARE NEVER FEATURED IN THE HEADLINES, BUT OUR WORLD WOULD BE A MUCH DARKER PLACE WITHOUT THEM.

Charles Devlin

With eye upraised his master's
look to scan, the joy, the solace,
and the aid of man:

The rich man's guardian and
the poor man's friend,

The only creature faithful to
the end.

George Crabbe

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N.A.B.S. rescues dogs for Forever Homes. We rescue animals from shelters who are perfect candidates to good homes, who would otherwise suffer from unjust euthanizing. WE ARE A NO KILL SHELTER. Each dog rescued is taken care of medically by veterinarians with physical exams, current shots and additional treatment (rabies, heartworms, etc.), and spaying or neutering. Each dog is fostered and cared for by our gracious volunteers to become lovable furry companions for families. "Dog is man's best friend." and we add to that: "a Forever Friend." Our Furry Children are unconditional in their love and will dedicate their love and loyalty to those families who foster and/or adopt them.

N.A.B.S. BANNER DONATED



Kuranda Beds



THANK YOU!



Thank you to Mary Dixon for choosing N.A.B.S to receive her BP donation. We so appreciate all the BP employees that have chosen us in the past, and hope they remember us in the future.



The 4 dog pile up: Our dogs love Kuranda Beds! I know mine try to jockey for a spot on the one in my fostering room all the time, and my Senior German Shepherd gets up less achy in the morning after a nights sleep on hers in my bedroom. They are virtually indestructible and I wish every dog had one to enjoy. Especially the dogs in shelters laying on cold, hard cement floors. Visit our website, it has a link to the Kuranda beds website. Purchase one for your loved dog or you can donate one to N.A.B.S. As we desire to have each pen at the Sanctuary equipped with at least one for the dogs to relax on.



THE MOST AFFECTIONATE
CREATURE IN THE WORLD
IS A WET DOG.

Ambrose Bierce

We want to give a big **"THANK YOU!"** to our N.A.B.S. Ambassador **Laurie Stelling** for her contribution of a banner for N.A.B.S. to use at events. Laurie and her daughter Nicole have worked hard at organizing volunteers to help at events representing N.A.B.S. in order to raise money to help in the care of our precious dogs. We are so happy to have Laurie with us to expand our ability to be at Petco on the weekends and also attend events, to reach more people about our cause.