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SHELTER PROGRESS



We are all very excited watching the progress out at the land for the new shelter. Things are moving along and we wish they could move faster but it is hard when it is just Pam's husband Gerry and helper Jeff are trying to do it all.

Both containers are in place now and pens are going up. Over half of the poles have been set and prepared for painting on one side of the yard.

It would be great to set at least one weekend up for everyone who cares about N.A.B.S. to come out and have a work party to get a big jump on things being done to get us moved out there and out from under the eyes of the City. The ordinance has passed and Pam is working against time to get the dogs out to the safety of the land. We are not sure how much time they will give her to make this move if they choose to act on it. So we hope to be as ready as possible if and when that time comes. Ideally she will be moved before that happens.



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Angle irons being welded to poles for fence panels to be supported on



View from inside container looking out at poles for the pens.



Looking down the row of poles for the five pens on this side of pad.



Resident duck enjoying the pond. Containers in background.



DOG OF THE MONTH



Parker: What a handsome happy guy. He was dumped out at the sanctuary land and no one claimed him. He is a beautiful Pit Bull with a great personality. We do require any of our "Bully breeds" to go through training with the adopters to make sure they are well socialized and know rules of behavior..

SHELTER PROGRESS CONT.



The wide open spaces



Just more scenery



And more



Another view of the pond with containers in background



*Sympathy sees and says, "I'm sorry."
Compassion sees and says, "I'll help."*

I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY



I rescued a human today.
Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels.
I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.
I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.
As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage.
I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today.
Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.
As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past.
I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.
She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me.
I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her.
Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship.
A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.
Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms.
I would promise to keep her safe.
I would promise to always be by her side.
I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.
I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor.
So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors.
So many more to be saved.
At least I could save one.
I rescued a human today.



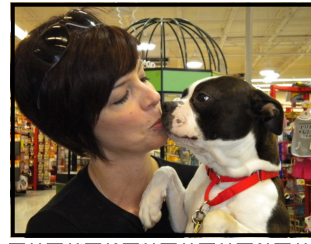
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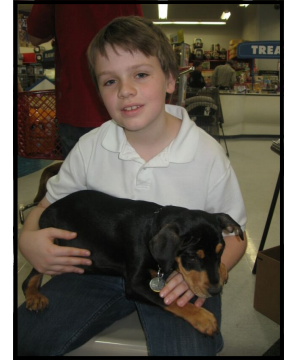
CODY AND FAMILY



CLOVER AND FAMILY



BENNY AND FAMILY



SONIA AND FAMILY



UPDATES



*A life without cause is a life
without effect*

Hi Pam,

First of all I have to apologize for not writing to you earlier. No excuses!

Libby is doing great. She loves Brazil. We've moved to a neighborhood where there are lots of dogs. Everyone has a dog. We lived in a house for a year that was more secluded and she learned to bark with the neighbors' dog, especially the Great Dane. Now we're in a house where several dogs walk by all day long. She interacts with all of them. Besides that she goes for a walk with my maid everyday. We also go for nice walks in the wilderness with her. She never goes to kennel since we have a gardener that loves her and always takes care of her when we go out of town. I guess she couldn't ask for a better life! :)

Attached you'll find some newest pictures from her. My husband has some nice pictures of her on our latest walk to a waterfall.

I'll send those to you later on

Fernanda Walker

Hi Pam,

Sorry it has taken me so long to get in touch with you. Ace and Angel are great. I can't believe we have had them for a year already. Ace is sitting on my feet as I type. He is my little hero. He is such a brave little man. Anyway he is great. He and Angel have been so much fun to watch. They love each other so much. I'm so glad we took both of them. I can tell them to play and away they go. He gets her nose and she sneezes a few times. Angel has a little temper. Nothing we can't handle. She will nip if she is startled or if she's tired and doesn't want to be bothered. She's never bit but makes a believer out of you. Ace takes time when he meets someone he doesn't know. He's a barker. No one could sneak up on us. They love to go out back and watch the birds and squirrels. They love to chase them out of the yard. They get along great with Fluffy and Shiloh. Shiloh and Leigh Ann plan on moving out in May. Guess you have moved into the new place. It's great what you and the others do. No animal deserves what so many have to go through. I'd like to make a donation. I can't promise to do it on a regular bases but would like to help. I know you need help all the time. I'm sure the numbers grew after the storm. One of these days I'll surprise you and bring them to say hi.

Linda Kirkland

Linda



UPDATES CONT.



Hi,
 I adopted Sophie from you last month and I just wanted you guys to know that she is doing great. I did bring her by the store to see you all one day but I missed y'all. We'll come by another day. Sophie is the sweetest dog I have ever been lucky to have. She is just a bundle of love and I adore her. She sleeps on my bed and immediately said no to the several doggie beds I have all around the house. She will use the sofa when I'm in the living room with her. She has gone from being indifferent to my cats to warming up a little, especially with Raven who really likes her. I think they will all be good friends soon. Sophie is still very jumpy with strangers and especially men but she is good with my twenty two year old son. She seems to sense that she is now home and will be here forever. Thank you for letting us find each other. I love my Sophie.

Mary Daly



Our man **Manfred** and his adopted Mom Kim Harrison paid a visit out at the land to scope out the new facility in progress. It was a delight to see our Manfred again and he enjoyed checking everything out.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR DOG IS CHOKING

SIGNS THAT A DOG IS CHOKING

- Difficulty breathing.
- Distressed or frantic behavior.
- Pawing at face or mouth.
- Blue-colored mouth, gums, and tongue.
- Collapse with loss of consciousness (if untreated).

Note: If the dog is conscious, use caution to keep from being bitten.

Foreign body: In the throat or trachea.

Try to keep the dog calm — activity will make the problem worse. If the dog can still breathe, take him to your veterinarian or emergency clinic immediately. Have a family member or friend call ahead to let them know you're coming.

You may be able to open the dog's mouth and remove the obstructing object with tweezers, tongs, or pliers — but not your fingers — being careful not to push it further into throat. Do not stress the dog. Even if you successfully remove the object, take the dog to the veterinarian for evaluation. If the dog collapses, remove the object if possible. If you cannot remove it, extend the dog's head and neck, place your hands on both sides of his chest and squeeze quickly several times to try to force the object out of the throat.

Place the dog on his side with head and neck extended. Strike the chest quickly and firmly several times. Continue until object is dislodged or you reach the veterinarian's office. Even if you successfully remove the object, take the dog to the veterinarian for evaluation and further treatment, if needed.

Trauma: Strangulation (rope or cord around neck).

Try to keep the dog calm — activity will make the problem worse. Using scissors, knife, pruning shears, or other cutting tool, cut the rope or cord (don't worry if you accidentally cut the dog's skin, your veterinarian can suture it up later). Take the dog to the veterinarian for evaluation and further treatment, if needed.

From the website of: [Dog Channel. Com](http://DogChannel.Com)

DOG RULES



To be posted VERY LOW on the refrigerator door - nose height.

- **Dear Dogs and Cats,**

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

- The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.
- I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.
- For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years -- canine or feline attendance is not required.
- The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!

To pacify you, my dear pets, I have posted the following message on our front door:

To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About Our Pets:

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it 'fur'niture.)
3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.

Remember: In many ways, dogs and cats are better than kids because they:

1. Eat less
2. Don't ask for money all the time
3. Are easier to train
4. Normally come when called
5. Never ask to drive the car
6. Don't hang out with drug-using friends
7. Don't smoke or drink
8. Don't have to buy the latest fashions
9. Don't want to wear your clothes
10. Don't need a 'gazillion' dollars for college.

And finally,

11. If they get pregnant, you can sell their children.



He is very imprudent, a dog is. He never makes it his business to inquire whether you are in the right or wrong, never bothers as to whether you are going up or down upon life's ladder, never asks whether you are rich or poor, silly or wise, sinner or saint. You are his pal. That is enough for him, and come luck or misfortune good repute or bad, honor or shame, he is going to stick by you, to comfort you, guard you, give his life for you, if need be— foolish, brainless, soulless dog!

Jerome K. Jerome

