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# N.A.B.S. News

Noah's Ark Bayou Sanctuary Animal Rescue

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## It's Time to Celebrate!

Let's celebrate our N.A.B.S. adoptions:

10/1 Abbey, Beaux, Chico II, Mini-Man

10/4 Grace

10/8 Jackson, Pancho Gomez, Tilly, Winnie

10/15 Tug

10/28 Levi, Wrangler, Pooh a.k.a. Lost, Masood, Tommy Joe TJ

10/29 Trina a.k.a. Lola, Jessica Jesse

11/2 Daisy

11/4 Elizabeth

11/18 Reggie a.k.a. Gabriel, Mazie, Madison

11/19 Woody a.k.a. Secondo

11/24 Violet

11/26 Ellie Mae, Noodle a.k.a. Thatch, Collette, Jada a.k.a. Coca, Quincy, Sherman, Maura a.k.a. Coco

12/2 Barry a.k.a. Reload, Maggie

12/3 Lil' Red a.k.a. Reba

12/6 Sophia, Pancho, Brie

12/9 Noel, Holly, Daisy, Mack

12/10 Gage

12/16 Echo, Jewell, Evan, Teddy, Elton, Cesar, Tia, Elsa, Turk

12/22 Freda Mae

12/23 Suzie, Lilly

12/30 Winston, Churchill

12/31 Bubbles, Marilyn



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## N.A.B.S. Dog Adoptions

### Take me home!

Our dogs are ready to come home with you. We have covered medical expenses to ensure readiness for adoption. Our adoption fees are \$150+ dependent upon the standard vet costs, microchip, and personal medical needs of the dogs. We **specialize in matching our companion animals with another companion animal** and do not like to adopt dogs to single homes unless it is an older dog or the family is stay at home or retired. We are interested in their emotional well-being as well as their physical needs being provided for. We also **specialize in placement of 'BONDED PAIRS,'** those that have come to us and are already bonded such as littermates or owner turn-ins at shelters that have lived their entire lives together.

### Special points of interest:

- *OUR FUTURE: Volunteers recognized for their dedication to N.A.B.S.*
- *Happy Tails: stories and photos of Furry Children's adoptions and their owners*

# Volunteers Recognized for Their Dedication to N.A.B.S.

Greetings to all,

We are pleased to present the Volunteer Teen of the Year Award for 2006 to:

**Laura Jackson**

Laura won this award with the most committed hours volunteering for NABS @ Petco. Laura had a total of 38 points, showing performance of duties and signing in with the volunteer coordinator and lots of dedicated hours.

To show our appreciation, Laura will receive a Teen of the Year Award and a Petco gift certificate. We thank you for your committed efforts for NABS and the fur children.

Honorable Mention Awards go to:

**Destiny Escobedo & Esther Segrera**

Both Destiny and Esther have been volunteers with NABS since 2005 and we would like to show our appreciation for their dedication by also giving an Honorable Mention Award to each and a Petco gift certificate. Thank you both for your time and efforts.

Runner up Teen volunteer for 2006 is:

**Ruth Merlau** with 14 points! Ruth will also receive an Achievement Award along with a Petco gift certificate for your dedication to NABS and the fur children.

Congratulations to you all!

We would also like to recognize some of the hard working teens that have volunteered their time. We'd like to Thank:

Adon 10 points, Brandy 9 points, Siera 8 points, Sarah 7 points, Elizabeth 5 points and Erica Joiner 5 points. All of your hard work and time is what makes NABS what it is today. Thank you to all the other teens that have not been mentioned. We are so glad you all have decided to join the NABS team & appreciate all your efforts for the fur children.

We have counted points of each teen to the best of our ability and with resources available to us.

**HOW TO QUALIFY FOR NABS QUARTERLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WITH A PETCO GIFT CERTIFICATE:**

1. All teens are eligible by signing in with the volunteer coordinator, Gaye Hart by either email [dgh48@aol.com](mailto:dgh48@aol.com) or by phone 713-910-2544. \*Just showing up at Petco does Not count in the point system.\*
2. Showing performance of duties ( these are available for your review each weekend @ NABS/Petco.)
3. Keep your committed time slot or let me know you need to cancel ahead of time.

Point system is as follows:

For every 4 hour shift you commit to and attend you will receive 1 point per shift. If you attend the full day, that would be 2 points.

There will be 1st and 2nd place winners announced every 3 months along with an Award and gift certificate.

We hope this will give the teens more incentive to participate in the NABS program and let them know they must follow the rules to be eligible for points to be counted for them.

Once again, NABS could not function without each and every volunteer. Thank you all so much for your dedication, time and effort.

Congratulations to all the NABS teen volunteers.

Pam Sanidakos, President

Gaye Hart, Volunteer Coordinator

[WWW.NABS-TX.COM](http://WWW.NABS-TX.COM)

## Thank You, N.A.B.S.

Thank you for this. Laura is excited and very proud to have earned this award. She is dedicated and loves volunteering with Pam. She is crazy about those dogs!!!! I want to say thank you to each one of you for helping her and encouraging her to succeed. She thinks Pam is great and is looking forward to working with her and Lorrie on Sunday from 10-6. Also, Jipsea is due for her spay on Saturday and I would like to bring her on Sunday if that is ok and you have a crate for her. Let me know if this will work for all.

Thanks again to each one of you.

Annala

Gaye,  
Ruth was very excited about her award. I think that she felt a little self-conscious yesterday at the awards ceremony. She did not feel slighted, just a little uncomfortable with the attention. She enjoys her time at Petco so much and makes it a priority in her life. Ruth started with N.A.B.S. sometime in the Spring—probably the later part of March. She had already been volunteering several weeks when she attended the N.A.B.S. orientation that Damien gave at the beginning of May.  
I have been so impressed with how far N.A.B.S. has come in the last year. So much work has been put into the program by all the adults as well as the teens. The newsletters are wonderful—knowing which dogs have been adopted and other info. is much appreciated.  
The teen program is great. When Pam said the teens were in training as the next generation of rescuers, I gave a silent cheer. It brought to mind the Girl Scout goal of building girls of “character, courage, and confidence.” Ruth has benefited greatly from working with the other volunteers. Especially the dedicated adults: Pam, Lorry, Frances, Mary, and yourself.  
Please send a group picture...as usual, I forgot to bring a camera!

Thanks,  
Mary



## The Winners' Circle: Ceremony January 13, 2007



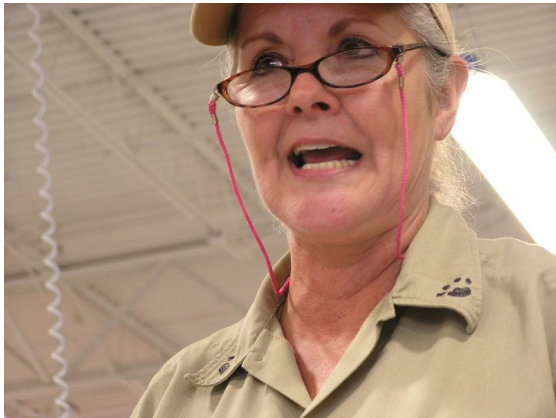
(l-r) TEEN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: Laura Jackson; ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (runner-up): Ruth Merlau; HONORABLE MENTIONS: Esther Segrera, Destiny Escobedo



(l-r) (kneeling) Esther Segrera, Laura Jackson, Ruth Merlau. (volunteers): Kylee Kaba, Megan Ragan, Adon Mejia, Destiny Escobedo (adult volunteers): T.L. Landry, Gaye Hart, Pam Sanidakos (N.A.B.S. president) Not shown: (young volunteers): Brandy Wyatt, Siera Stanton, Erica Joiner, Hope Jones, and Taylor Shore (adult volunteers): Lorry Bandiera, Mary Bruner

# VOLUNTEERS: Our Future

*"We are dedicated to the training of our young generation to be future rescuers and caretakers of our Furry Children."*



**Pam Sanidakos, N.A.B.S. President**

**Laura Jackson with Corky; Destiny Escobedo with Cisco**



**Esther Segrera with Nick**



**Megan Ragan with Huntley, President Pam Sanidakos**



**Adon Mejia, Gaye Hart, Destiny Escobedo**



**Brandi Hart, Megan with Huntley**



**Kylee Kaba, Lorry Bandiera, and Brandi**

## VOLUNTEERS: Our Future



Smokey Sue, Esther



Laura with Jipsea



Destiny with Cisco



Destiny with Peyton, Laura with Jack, and Esther with Nick



Esther with Brinkley

*Without our young volunteers, we would not be able to provide the love, the care, and the dedication necessary to the dogs that we rescue for adoption.*

# Happy Tails

DEAR N.A.B.S. OWNERS:

We'd LOVE to hear from you and your families about your Furry Children. Please share some stories with us as we love to hear that all is going well. You may send emails, letters, photos (digital preferred, hi-res JPEG. Hard copies are also feasible.). HAPPY TAILS is about sharing the happy endings that your Furry Children share with you.

Please submit your stories and photos to: Mary Bruner, Writer/Editor @ marybruner@yahoo.com. Due to the high volume of submissions and limited newsletter space, we may need to post stories at a later date in another issue. We can scan your hard-copy photos and return them to you. Limit 2 photos per family.

With your love and support, our Furry Children have been healthier and happier. From the bottom of our hearts, we send you our gratitude. N.A.B.S.

Sincerely,  
N.A.B.S. Animal Rescue

## Lil' Red (a.k.a. Reba) Goes Home

Mon, 4 Dec 2006 8:30 AM

Hello all! Just wanted to let you all know that Reba (lil red) had a great night last night. She slept right next to me all night in my bed and I woke at 6am and walked her and she went immediately. Before we went home last night I took her to play with my sister-in-law's heeler mix (Bailey) and they had a great time, she was worn out from all the running around. She is a great dog and I hope that you all are at

peace knowing she is in a great permanent home. Thank you so much for rescuing her for me! Thanks, Lauren Youngblood



Mom (Lauren) with Lil' Red (a.k.a. Reba)

## Mack Loves Maggie

12/24/06

Pam (and the other volunteers at N.A.B.S.) – Just wanted to send a couple pictures of Mack. As you can tell, Mack and Maggie are quickly adjusting to one another. Mack has been a perfect fit for our family. He is so incredible loving. Just wants attention and to be cuddled. Which, is not a problem in our household. Mack has spent each night in bed with us (and Maggie) and has just moved from his own crate to a larger crate with Maggie (when we're not home). So far so good. Thanks for



Time for a dog nap.



Ooo, ooo—is that a treat?!

*Please share your Furry Children's stories with us. You may email your story and pictures to marybruner@yahoo.com. Due to limited space, submissions may be moved to a later issue.*

# Happy Tails

## Churchill's a Good Boy: Will Work for Treats

December 30, 2006

Hi Lorry,

Well, your little boy is a great puppy. He sits when he is given a treat, he has went outside to use the pottie 'every' time.....no accidents. His poo-poo is firm and he is doing well with Sarah (the golden) He is cautious and they have only rubbed noses. All she wants to do is steal his new toys. He doesn't really care. He is very laid back and the first day has been a great reward for us. We took him on a short walk thru the col-de-sac on a leash and he was awesome. He has been a very well behaved puppy and we feel you must have worked quite a bit in his short time with you. He doesn't bite your hands and when he sees me go to the treat box (liver bits) his little butt hits the ground. I have been breaking them in itty bitty pieces so as we can offer them for when we want to reward him. Since he is doing so good, we have to use itty bitty pieces! We took a few pics and when I get them on the puter.....I will share them. Of course, he is going in and out of the kennel on his own, and took two naps in there with the door open. All is well :) and thank you !!!! I will keep you updated. Sandee Walker



**Churchill  
being a good boy**

## Collette's Update

Hi Pam,

I just want to update you on Collette, the poodle we adopted from you over a month ago. She is such a joy! You could not ask for a sweeter, gentler dog. She's learning to sit, stay, etc. now and is doing well and she's very good at obeying commands. She even gets along with all 5 of our grandchildren and their dog and cats. I'm so grateful to you and your organization for your work and for rescuing Collette. She has a good home with us and enhances our life every day. Thanks again!

Dorothy Cooney

## Loveable Lily

Good Morning,

Hope You had a Happy New Year. Here is a Great picture of Connor (left) and Caleb (right) with Lily. She is so happy and loves the boys as much as they love her. Thank you again for trusting us with her. She Loves her new home.

Jennifer and Steve



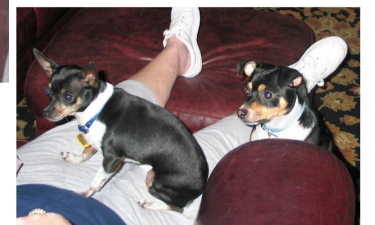
## Charla (a.k.a. Bridget) and Megan

Hello Lee,

Here are a couple of pics of Bridget [formerly Charla] and her new sister Megan. They are getting along just fine - Megan is pretty much letting Bridget rule the roost. We have to watch Bridget because she takes all the chew toys and stashes them; Bridget snarls if Megan tries to get them back. They are very cute together and I am sure they will get closer as time passes. Bridget seems to be fearful of my youngest son but he is trying hard to win her over; it's like he reminds her of someone who's been mean to her or something. She really likes to sit in my lap, especially at the computer, but both girls slept together in Frank's lap yesterday morning. She seems to like it here and wags her tail a lot. We're working with her to make sure she is eating okay, using some of her canned food mixed with the kibble to get her going. We'll check with our vet to see if there is a smaller kibble she might like better. Have you heard about the pet health insurance available to rescue pets? Someone told me to look on the PetFinders website, which I will do. Take care and rest assured that Charla/Bridget is doing well and getting comfy here. We love her and she is so sweet!

Sincerely,

The Firmaturas



# Happy Tails

## Brie and Freda Mae's Happy Reunion

I just wanted to say thank you to Everyone...absolutely every single person who helped Freda, who donated money to help her, (thanks to Gaye..and what is her email..so I can talk with her!?) I want to thank Damian also..and EVERYONE...thank you...thank you all. You have no idea what this all meant to me...I couldn't believe it when i saw her in my pen...and then seeing her in the house...and just seeing her again..it's brought so much faith back to me...and i can honestly say that my grandfather is "Santa Paws"!!!! LOL

Thank you to everyone who made all of this possible...you don't know how rewarding it is to work with a dog..and then loose her, and then a year later, find that this dog still remembers you, and loves you, and is still very attached to you..and just is like ecstatic everytime you walk into the room...its simply amazing. I want to say that the video brought many tears to my face...because as i watched it, Freda laid next to me on the floor..and I got to see you and lil man. =D I miss you guys so much...I don't know how i've made it all this time without being able to be there to help you guys out. I thank the Lord that you found Freda in that shelter's back room and gave her that chance at life. I'm only going to try to continue this for other dogs, give them that chance that they deserve. For they do indeed deserve it, if that's one thing I learned from you..that's it. I learned that every dog is different...but each needs love and attention. I learned from Cesar that they need discipline, attention, and affection. I learned they need to be calm submissive, while you be the pack leader and be calm ASSERTIVE. I learned from my dad that love never dies...no matter what you do to a person. I learned from the dogs what unconditional love was and is. I learned from experience how to show and share this love with others..as well as the dogs. I learned from the Lord what Love is..and how to show it in everything i do. I learned from my life what I need to do to make my dreams and goals come true. I learned from my grandparents that anyone can change..and old dogs can be trained. lol. I learned from myself that no matter how many mistakes i've made..that there is always someone older and wiser than me out there to help me up, and that I can make it past the rut i was in and make the fall that i took, make it a positive experience to learn from. I learned from when I had Freda the first time, I learned just how much knowledge I was lacking, and that no matter how much i wanted to help her, I was missing some of the key ingredients to help her. I also learned that undying love from a dog never dies..no matter how far apart you are from each other or for how long. I learned that you can never EVER give up on a dog...no matter what the behavior issue is. My Love for Freda is what has inspired me to become a professional dog trainer/canine behavior specialist when I had to give her up back in Texas my heart was broken. But I knew something had to be done to help her. The only thing I knew of was training dogs, which i had a desire to do. I knew that there are other dogs out there in this world that are like Freda, that have agression issues..but are sweet dogs, just have quirks...but in shelters, they are at risk being put down because of this...and I don't like that thought, because if i sit and think..my Freda Mae was so close to death...and her only problem is Fear Agression..which can be dissolved with proper training (which is started...thank you again!) but to think that some other dogs get put down for this sort of thing..it breaks my heart. I know something can be done about it..and i want to be that someone that does something about it! and I am going to be that someone. Maybe I will be there helping Damian out with training some of these guys. We never know. I know that i do want to spend some time with you guys down there when I graduate Triple Crown Academy..and help ya'll out some. =D Well, I gotta get off to bed, as Freda can hear me typing is none too thrilled that i am still awake. lol. So, I will take more pics tomorrow of her.. (Oh and get some of her and I..or I will try to! LOL it's hard. Kasey is the jealous one now..and doesn't take to well to Freda being close to me..and vice versa..but we're dealing with that. Calm and Assertive! Beth and Freda get along great, by the way. =D)

I love you guys..and thank you again for EVERY SINGLE THING I HAVE EVER LEARNED FROM YOU...AND EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR ME..I hope to see you soon!!

Love ya,  
Brie  
and Freda Mae ( a very content freda mae. lol)  
Kasey  
and Bethy Boodle



## Happy Tails

### Sasha's Perfect Mom

awww pam u made me cry ....again! =P Sally was reeeeaalllly sweet and i loved her and the fact that she adopted sasha. i knew from the moment she cried after seeing me cry that she was perfect. she is exactly like me=) thank u guys sooooo much for letting me be a foster parent...it is amazing. i plan on becoming one as soon as we finish our house. we live there and everything but it still isnt finished. so u better believe i will keep in touch with u guys. everyone was so amazing and i love every single person i have encountered at nabs . you guys mean the world to me and i will never forget what u did for us and sasha. By the way i wanted to know if i could have a picture of us and sally with sasha that i think lee took after sasha got adopted? if so i would love that. please keep in touch. I LOVE U GUYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

love,

Ashley

### More Happy Furry Children and Their Owners



Barry (a.k.a. Reload)



Maura (a.k.a. Coco)

## Crate Training

Historically, dogs are pack animals who need a “cave” to sleep in. Crate training gives them a safe place, especially when the owner needs to leave the home for their obligations (i.e. work). This is not an inhumane treatment for dogs: when they are crate-trained, they are less destructive of your things (otherwise, there would be consequences of separation anxiety), but most importantly, it builds discipline. Keep them indoors with their favorite toys and treats.

**NOTE: dogs must be well pottied and exercised before being crated and we do not recommend crating for more than four hours at a time. We do not want our dogs crated day and night.**

NEVER send your dog to their crate if they have misbehaved. They will associate their crate as a punishment and no longer have a safe “cave” for themselves. You have broken the trust between owner and dog. Instead, help correct the behavior by re-directing it into a positive behavior. For example, your dog is chewing on your carpet. Re-direct them by passing them their chew toy or bone. They will stop their misbehavior since you have given them something appropriate to chew. **Keep them safe indoors.**

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### Who We Are

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit animal rescue group dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of adoptable pets. N.A.B.S. President Pam Sanidakos has over 15 years of animal welfare experience, and is an advocate for animal nurturing and care. We encourage owners and their families to invest love and time into their Furry Children's dog training and care. We provide resources (via our website:

[www.N.A.B.S.-tx.com](http://www.N.A.B.S.-tx.com)) to further educate and assist

owners and their families, as well as Petfinder.com

for those in search of pets for adoption. N.A.B.S.

needs your support in whatever way you can help: volunteerism, foster homes, monetary donations, and pet care items donations (ask about our wish list). Thank you for your help!



Special thanks to Justin Schoneman for N.A.B.S. photography

*"We live temporarily through what we take, but we live forever through what we give."*

*Douglas M. Lawson*



### ABOUT US

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.



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