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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:

1/7: Simon, Sasha, Ebony, and Buddy III

1/14: Max, Annie, Alice, and Smokey Sue (a.k.a. Dakota)

1/21: Ozzy and Opie

1/28: Payton, Cookie, Cisco, and Dakota

2/4: Miss Marla, Sheba, Nick, Chucky, Dewey, Corky, Payton, Noodle, Tiffany, Chewey

2/11: Gomer, Lessie Princess, Huntley & Brinkley-- bonded pair adopted together and Garnet

2/18: Darla, Cesar, Oscar, Greta, Vonny, and Speedy

2/25: Bart, Owen, and Bear



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Do you have a sincere heart? Do you enjoy interaction with dogs? Are you committed to helping customers look for a Forever Friend? **N.A.B.S. NEEDS YOU!** to help in volunteering on Saturdays and/or Sundays (10-2, 2-6). Each adult volunteer supervises 4 young volunteers. Each young volunteer learns the responsibilities of walking, grooming, and loving and caring for the dogs. Training will be provided.

We are also looking for foster homes. Do you have a fenced yard? Will you be available to interact and socialize your Furry Friend with you and your family, other pets, people, dogs? You'll love it. Come join a team dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption of wonderful adoptable dogs.

Please email Gaye Hart at [dgh48@aol.com](mailto:dgh48@aol.com) for more information.



# 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

## Dakota Shares a New Home with Remi

Thanks Pam!

All is going well. Dakota and Remi are getting along very well, with the exception of his resource/possession aggression with his toys! We are supervising very closely and it is gradually getting better. We step in with a firm "OFF" when he starts to growl at her when she is playing with "his" toys. If this doesn't improve in the coming days, we will probably work with a trainer in our home to help Remi with his issues. Otherwise when toys are not involved, the two of them have some hilarious frapping/play sessions running 100 mph around the house - it is too cute, and she leaves chubby Remi in the dust! They are also starting to cuddle together on the couch when I'm working on my laptop or cooking, etc.

She is very happy to go into her crate when we leave in the morning, and our mid-day dog sitter takes them out in the yard mid-day for a potty session. When not playing or out on a walk, the four of us are very cozy in the living room watching TV. She is such a cuddler and just such a sweet, good girl!

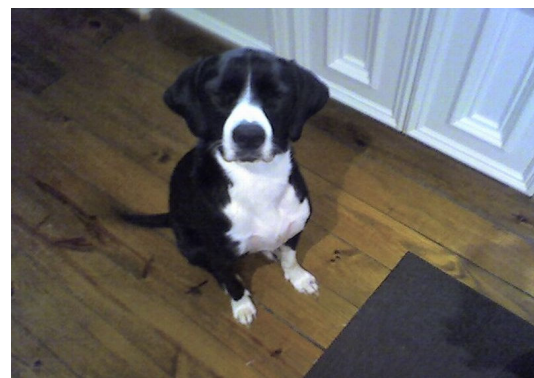
Dakota and I went to see trainer Jim Burwell at Rover Oaks today for some leash training and she was AMAZING. He said she was one of the most trainable, good dogs he's ever worked with, and even brought in some other trainers to observe her! New mommy was very proud :-). We are walking her 2x a day with a gentle leader and it works wonders. When I get the leashes to take her and Remi out, she goes bonkers with excitement.

I've attached a few pictures I took last night with my camera phone. The quality isn't great, but I'll send you a few more when I get some good ones with my camera.

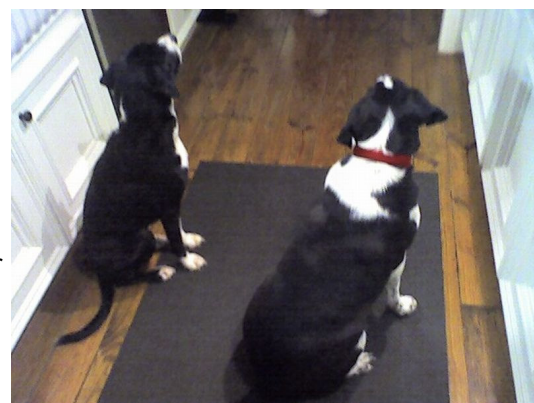
Rest assured she is being showered with love and fun. We are all just crazy about her and feel lucky to have found such a special girl -- thank you for being her guardian angel until she found her forever home.

We'll be in touch -

Marybeth and Matt Gebauer, Remi & Dakota



**Dakota and Remi share a Kodak moment.**



## Happy Tails

### Best Friends: Wilma and Dewey (a.k.a. Jake)

Fyi, thought ya'll would like to see what he sent us from him and his kids

We all love him.

Tony, Alicia, Samantha, Jesse and Wilma

Tony Niedenthal



**Nap time. It's hard being a dog!**

### Cassie (a.k.a. Abbie) and her Special Christmas Treat

Hi,  
This is Abbie (formerly Cassie). She is 1 year and 7 months. She is an excellent dog and loves to run around and play with her sister (dachshund). These pictures were taken while she got her Christmas present. a huge candy cane bone. She loves to chew on them.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth and  
Mark Morgan



**Santa gave Abbie a special treat for being a good girl.**

## Happy Tails

Hello Pam:

Thank you for your phone call and message on Tuesday evening checking on Chewey. I did phone back on Wednesday morning, but not sure if your system took my message.

We are doing fine. We have changed his name from Chewey to Zeke. Zeke sleeps, eats and plays. He does like to snip at shoes and pant legs as you walk, but with time I'm sure he will stop that. Is there anything you can suggest to help with that? I have been giving him a little flick with my fingers on his nose, but am open to other suggestions. In the house when he does start to "taste" the table leg, chair leg, tablecloth, etc, I just direct him to what he is allowed to chew on, his toys, and then praise him when he is.

I agree with you that the video is very good. I learned a lot from it.

In the information you gave me it suggests that the adopted pet be seen by a Vet within a week after adoption and I will be taking Zeke this morning. I have given Zeke the three doses of medicine and will give him the pill tomorrow and then see you on Saturday a little after 12:00.

Sincerely, Kay Hendricks



**Tiffany, chi/pug, and Denise Yennior**

**Happy Furry Children with Forever Homes**

**Noodle, chi/Yorkie, Karen Jedlicka**

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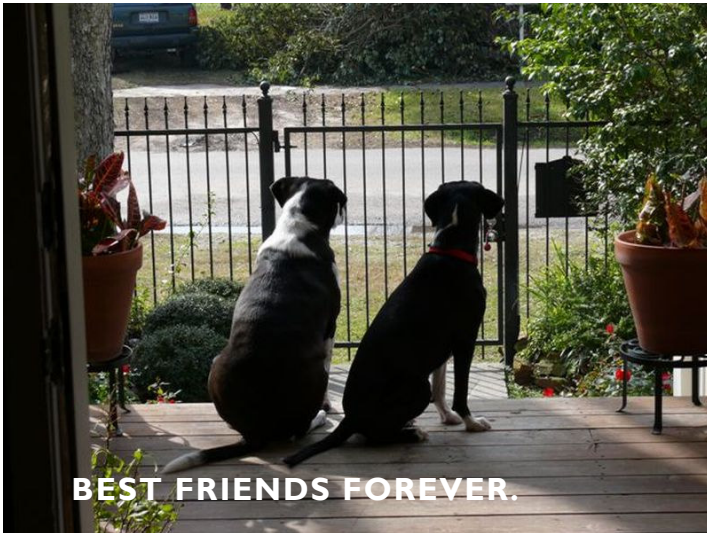
## Latest Update on Dakota

Hi Pam,

Today is our 3-week anniversary with Dakota, and I just wanted to send a quick hello and let you know that everything is going great. Dakota has brought so much joy to our family -- and she has enriched Remi's life in ways that I could have never imagined!!! She is officially the queen of the castle, for sure -- what a personality she has! When not napping, they are almost constantly playing, and they are just too cute together. We love our 40lb lapdog!

I'm sending a few more pictures of them --

Take care and God Bless You,  
Marybeth, Matt, Remi & Dakota



*Dog is man's best friend, a Furry Friend for life.*

# Happy Tails

Dear N.A.B.S. Owners and N.A.B.S. Volunteers:

In order to care for our Furry Children, we need your help with the following:

## FOSTER HOMES

**DOG FOOD:** IAMS Smart Puppy, Pedigree Adult Small Bites (or Science Diet, IAMS), Purina One Lamb and Rice.

**Our N.A.B.S. staff uses 350-450 lb. of dog food every week:**

- 200-250 lb. Pedigree Adult Small Bites (or Science Diet, IAMS)
- 50-100 lb. Purina One Lamb and Rice
- 100 lb. IAMS Smart Puppy

**DOG TRAINING** with Damian for the dogs at the land

**PAID-IN-ADVANCE** vet bills, e.g. like at animal alliance (spay/neuter) or Dr. Crumm for those heartworm treatments, and maybe paid for grooming.

**COMPUTER/PRINTING SUPPLIES:** computer paper, card stock paper (white), computer cartridges, and DIGITAL CAMERA PRINTER so we could print pictures of families with their pets at Christmas or on the spot

## DOG SHAMPOO

**TOWELS, COMFORTERS, and BLANKETS, RUGS** used in crates at adoptions

**WIRE CRATES** in good working order and clean

## IGLOO DOG HOUSES

## CLEANING SUPPLIES

**GIFT CARDS:** Sam's Club, Petco or PetsMart

**SHOPPING:** N.A.B.S. Kroger's Share Card (percentage of your shopping bill is donated to N.A.B.S.)

**VIA INTERNET:** Amazon.com, igitive.com (for more information, please visit our website: [www.nabs-tx.com](http://www.nabs-tx.com))

Thank you for your support. Together, we make a difference in the lives of the Furry Children.



# Happy Tails

## Speedy's (a.k.a. Buddie) Angels

Speedy (a.k.a. Buddie) showed up at my place of employment in August 2006 and so weak he could hardly stand. He had been horribly neglected with fleas, heartworms, lost most of his hair, had a ring around his neck where he had been chained up for such a long time and nodules and bites on his body so bad it hurt my heart. I kept him at work for a week and gave him food and water three times a day and all the love and attention I could, thus a bond was made. I didn't want to turn him in to animal control so I contacted N.A.B.S. to see what they could do to help.

Then the folks at N.A.B.S. arranged for us to take him to a vet where he was treated with the necessary medication for his long trip to recovery. I took him home with me where he got the loving attention from my husband and my two female dogs and we became foster parents. Today his tail wags so fast we think it's going to break. The girls have accepted him as their brother and it does our heart good to see him romping and playing with the girls. He is still suffering from heartworms but is completely healed of everything else..... he looks like a healthy dog should look.



We had thought about giving him up for adoption but felt since the bond had already been made he would grieve and get sick again. We decided to adopt him instead and give him the loving family he deserves..... WELCOME home Buddie!!"

Flo & Will Darnell

*Note from volunteers: Flo & Will brought him up to Petco on Sat. Feb. 17, and we all could not believe our eyes!! What was once an emaciated, mangy, sickly bag of bones (backbone and ribs showing) is now a robust, well-mannered beauty!!!! Flo & Will and the girls are true angels.*

### BEFORE



### AFTER



# Happy Tails

## Get Shorty (a.k.a. Scout)

Hi Pam , Here are some pictures of Scout (Shorty), and my older dog (Coco). He has been a blessing and he is spoiled as can be!

-Cindy



**Scout (on left) and Coco**



**“And here’s.....VONNY!”**



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## Mama Misha and her Babies

Just want to announce that the NABS family just increased by 6 this evening. Misha, the little terrier mix I pulled from Alvin Animal shelter a few weeks ago gave birth to 6 beautiful babies. I will have to do a count of females versus males in the morning. I was too tired by the time it was all over to make a for sure count. Poor little girl is so young and had no idea what was happening to her. She was very scared about these little squirming wet things coming out of her. But by the 4th one she was doing great. When I left her she was resting comfortably and babies were nursing. Say a little prayer they all do fine and stay healthy.

Lorry



**NALA CAUGHT  
SLEEPING IN HER FOOD**



## Second Chances

[excerpt from "Shelter Dogs" by Traer Scott]

Here's some shocking statistics that Human Society mentioned about dogs:

- Between 6-8 million dogs and cats enter shelters each year.
- Between 3-4 million dogs and cats are adopted from shelters each year.
- Between 3-4 million dogs and cats are euthanized by shelters each year.
- There are between 4000-6000 shelters in the U.S.
- Only an estimated 30% of dogs entering the shelters are ever claimed by their owners.
- 25% of dogs in shelters are purebred.
- A fertile dog can produce an average of two litters each year, with each litter averaging 6-10 puppies.
- In six years, one female dog and her offspring can theoretically produce 67,000 dogs.
- According to the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the most common reasons why owners hand their dogs in to animal shelters are:
  - no obedience training
  - lack of veterinary care
  - dog being sexually intact
  - dogs having daily or weekly housetraining "accidents."

**N.A.B.S. wants to acknowledge you, our foster parents and adoptive parents, for supporting our rescue cause. Your Furry Children love you unconditionally: you are fortunate to have rescued them and we cannot thank you enough for your love and support.**

*SAVE A DOG'S LIFE:  
ADOPT OR FOSTER!*



# Friendswood girl works with rescued canines

**Esther Segrera volunteers with animal group**

By **WENDY RUDNICKI**  
CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENT

Esther Segrera wants to run her own animal-rescue group.

She's going to have to wait a little while, though — she's only 10.

For the past year, the Bales Intermediate fourth-grader from Friendswood has been learning about animal-rescue work first by helping care for the dogs available for adoption through Noah's Ark Bayou Sanctuary Animal Rescue, a nonprofit organization.

The organization's adult volunteers bring adoptable dogs to the Petco in League City on weekends, where Esther and other young volunteers walk them, clean their crates, brush them and help show them to prospective owners.

"We spend time with them, and sometimes we kind of train them a little bit. We tell them to

heel and to sit and stuff," she said.

Esther said she's learning skills through her work with Noah's Ark that will help her with her own rescue group.

"Taking care of a dog is a big responsibility, that's for sure. And we've had some dogs that are in bad condition," she said.

Noah's Ark has approximately 15 youth volunteers who provide valuable support to the organization, said Pam Sanidakos, founder of the organization.

"Esther is one of our original volunteers. She's a very mature young lady, hard working and very professional," Sanidakos said, adding that the involvement of young people in the organization's rescue effort is "a huge humanitarian statement . . . and groundwork preparation and education for them to be the next generation of rescuers."

While working with the dogs, the inevitable happened — Esther fell in love with one of the rescued dogs, Reggie, an affenpinscher/cairn terrier mix.

She convinced her parents that

## ESTHER SEGRERA

■ **Residence:** Friendswood

■ **Age:** 10

■ **Fast fact:** She helps care for the dogs that are available for adoption through Noah's Ark Bayou Sanctuary Animal Rescue

*"She has a nurturing personality. She likes to take care of things like animals."*

—**RAFAEL SEGRERA**  
*Esther Segrera's father*

the family's basset hound needed a playmate, and so they adopted Reggie.

Esther lives with her parents and 14-year-old brother Daniel, a freshman at Friendswood High School. She also has an older sister and brother away in college.

Her father, Rafael, is a professor at Lee College and her



WENDY RUDNICKI: FOR THE CHRONICLE

**FAMILY DOG:** Esther Segrera saves the day for her adopted dog, Reggie, an affenpinscher/cairn terrier mix.

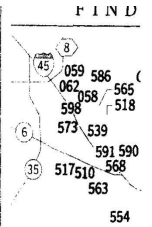
mother, LizAnn, is a nurse at Clear Lake Regional Medical Center.

Her father said he thinks his daughter is well-suited for animal rescue work.

"She has a nurturing personality. She likes to take care of

things like animals," he said.

*If you have a suggestion for a "Faces in the Crowd" profile, contact Richard Zagrzecki at richard.zagrzecki@chron.com or send a fax to 713-362-7552.*



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THE SPIRIT OF THE LABRADOR  
(Anonymous)

I was standing on a hillside in a field of blowing wheat,  
and the spirit of a Labrador was lying at my feet.

She looked at me with kind dark eyes, an ancient wisdom shining  
through,  
And in the essence of her being I saw love there too.

Her mind did lock upon my heart as I stood there on that day  
And she told me of this story about a place so far away.

I stood upon that hillside in a field of blowing wheat  
and in a twinkling of a second her spirit left my feet.

Her tale did put my heart at ease, my fears did fade away  
about what lay ahead of me on another distant day.

I live among God's creatures now in the heavens of your mind,  
So do not grieve for me, my friend, as I am with my kind.

My collar is a rainbow's hue, my leash a shooting star,  
My boundaries are the Milky Way where I sparkle from afar.

There are no pens or kennels here for I am not confined,  
But free to roam God's heavens among the Labrador kind.

I nap the day on a snowy cloud, gentle breezes rocking me,  
And dream the dreams of earthlings and how it used to be.

The trees are full of liver treats and tennis balls abound,  
And milkbones line the walkways just waiting to be found.

There even is a ring set up, the grass all lush and green,  
Where even Rescue Labradors become the Best of Breed.

For we're all winners in this place, we have no fault you see  
And God passes out those ribbons to each one, even me.

I drink from waters laced with gold, my world a beauty to behold,  
and wise old dogs do form my pride to amble at my very side.

At night I sleep in angel's arms, their wings protecting me,  
And moonbeams dance about us as stardust fall on thee.

So when your life on earth is spent and you stand at heaven's gate,  
Have no fear or loneliness for here you know I wait.



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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!**



*"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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