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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



This year has been a busy one for all of us at Rescue Ranch. The number of homeless pets we help has increased over the previous year. Many of the dogs that come to Rescue Ranch are in need of medical treatment. Some require surgery or heartworm treatment and most are not altered. With your support we are able to treat them all and achieve what was once just a dream. It is comforting to know that there are so many kind, caring and compassionate people that share our vision.

I urge you to consider a year-end donation to further the work in helping our best friends. Also, please indicate how you would like your donation to be used. (Please see page #3.)

Thank you and Holiday Greetings to all. ~ Rick ~



The reason you're receiving this is.....



...dogs can smell a good person a mile away!

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A Puppy's Christmas

It's the day before Christmas, and all through the house,
the puppies are squeaking an old rubber mouse.
The wreath which had merrily hung on the door
is scattered in pieces all over the floor.
The stockings that hung in neat little rows,
now boast a hole in each one of the toes.
The tree was subjected to bright-eyed whims,
now, although splendid, it's missing some limbs.
I catch them and hold them, "Be good", I insist.
They lick me, then run to see what they missed.
And now as I watch them the thought comes to me,
theirs is the spirit that Christmas should be,
Shouldn't children and puppies yet show us the way,
teach us the joy that should come with this day?
Couldn't they bring the message that's written above,
and tell us that, most of all.....Christmas is love.
[Anonymous]



SHELTER HOURS FOR VISITORS

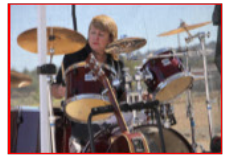
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EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE A DOG ENTERS YOUR LIFE AND CHANGES EVERYTHING!





OPEN HOUSE, OCTOBER 4, 2014

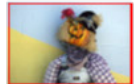


To me, trying to look at it as if I were floating above it, say in a balloon of some kind, an activity such as the annual Rescue Ranch Open House seems like one of those defining events that represent America at its best; a few hundred people gathering together to celebrate an extraordinary endeavor to make the world a better place in which to live.

It's everything giving and nothing taking.

To think of Rescue Ranch as a place where homeless dogs find loving, forever homes is true, but there is, in the shadows of that thought, a deeper realization. When you add in the human lives aligned with that goal, offering up their time, talents and purse in furtherance of the "vision", people get rescued too. There are not many things in this world that produce such an immediate sense of satisfaction as having a dog and a home find each other.

Everyone who considers themselves a part of Rescue Ranch is a shareholder in that victory.



Jack Bergen,
Volunteer and Board Member

WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY!



RESCUE RANCH CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

- FOR THE DOGS:** Diamond Lamb and Rice dog food, grain-free treats, hooves.
- OFFICE SUPPLIES:** Copy paper and stamps.
- EVERYDAY SUPPLIES:** Clorox bleach, paper towels, liquid laundry soap (HE), Liquid dish soap, 33-gal. trash bags, liquid hand soap.

WE CONTINUE TO NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT

In addition to regular food supplies, veterinarian services and regular operational expenses, we need extra funds for the injured and neglected souls who come to us in need of specialized treatment. No amount is too small and all donations are tax deductible.

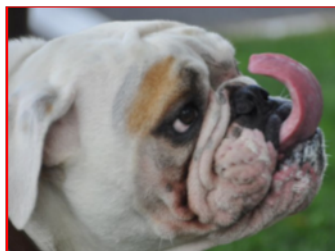
Another way to help is by sending a donation to honor your loved ones at special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, births and deaths, which will be acknowledged with an appropriate card.

HAPPY AND HEALTHY

A happy, healthy dog is one who has had the proper training so he/she is balanced, is comfortable with his/her role in the family and who receives lots of positive reinforcement, love and praise.

THE FOUR BASIC ELEMENTS OF TRAINING

1. **Say the word you want.** For telling a dog to stop jumping up on you, for instance, that word is "Off" (not "Down", which means put your chest on the ground).
2. **Do something to assure that the desired behavior happens.** In the case of getting a dog to stop jumping, it means "turning to stone" (keep your arms folded, your hands turned to the side, and your eyes averted, totally ignoring the dog until he/she has stopped jumping), then turn to her/him and say something positive like, "How're you doing?" or "Good girl/boy".
3. **The desired behavior happens.**
4. **You reward,** either with warm, encouraging words, a food treat, or both.



THE SENSE OF TASTE

Dogs and people live in overlapping but not identical sensory worlds, we don't share all perceptions.

Consider taste, for instance. Compared to the 9,000 taste buds on each of OUR tongues, a dog has fewer than 2,000. This relative lack of taste buds, is what helps make dogs particularly happy to try new and novel foods. Think about how a puppy will eat, literally, anything.

A dog wouldn't make the best dining companion for a leisurely meal, either; he would no doubt be bent on finishing his entire repast before you even made your way through the appetizer. But there are reasons for his indiscriminate food tastes and indelicate table manners. Consider that in the wild, dogs hunted in packs for their food with no guarantee of finding sustenance. When they did find something edible, they had to gulp it down fast before other dogs got more of it. How it tasted wasn't the point.

Even though dogs have fewer taste buds than humans, they have additional taste receptors primed to pick up on fats and certain other chemicals in meats. Dogs have also been said to possess taste buds ready to detect water. The taste for water is allegedly found at the tip of a dog's tongue, which is the part that curls to lap up the liquid.

Of course, taste is not ALL in the taste buds. It's greatly helped along by the sense of smell. If you had a cold and your nose were stuffed up, you might have a hard time determining whether you were eating an apple or a pear, for instance. Since dogs have such a superior sense of smell, that helps their sense of taste along to some degree.

Not sharing exactly the same sensory world as humans is a hard position for a dog to be in because his owner controls his life, and he can't communicate with words. The better we understand how our dogs take in their environments, the better our bond with our canine companions will become.

COOKIES FOR CANINES—CINNAMON BUN BITES

2C	whole wheat flour	1/2 C	water	2 Tbsp.	honey
1 Tsp.	baking powder	1/4 C	canola oil	1 Tsp.	cinnamon
1/4 Tsp.	salt	1	large egg	1/4 C	chopped walnuts

350 degree oven. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. In small bowl, combine water, oil and egg; add to the dry ingredients and stir to a soft dough.

On lightly floured surface, roll or pat dough into a 8" x 14" rectangle. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with cinnamon and nuts. Starting from a long edge, roll up jelly-roll style and pinch the edge to seal. Using a sharp knife, cut 1/2 inch slices and place cut side down on cookie sheet sprayed with nonstick spray.

Bake for 15 minutes or until springy to the touch. Cool on the baking sheet. Makes about 2 dozen.

HAPPY AND HEALTHY



Dogs are known for eating things when they are not supposed to, like tinsel, pine needles, ribbon and chocolate. They have a keen sense of smell, making it easy to find any secret hiding spots for the human holiday goodies. This can be a dangerous combination when there is chocolate around the house.

Chocolate contains certain properties that can be toxic to animals: caffeine and theobromine. If ingested, these two ingredients can also lead to various medical complications and may even prove fatal for your dog. The amount and type of chocolate ingested is also important, as they are the determining factors for the severity of the toxicity: milk chocolate—more than 0.7 ounces/lb. of body weight, semi-sweet chocolate—more than 0.3 ounces/lb. of body weight, and baking chocolate— more than 2 ounces/lb. of body weight.

So, keep the tinsel, ribbon, poinsettias, mistletoe, candles, potpourri, electrical cords, chocolate and anything tempting up high and away from the pup's reach.



IF YOU CAN'T HELP RIGHT NOW AS A VOLUNTEER OR BY ADOPTING, PLEASE CONSIDER A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION. THANK YOU!

FOR DONATIONS

Please fill out below and insert in enclosed envelope. Thank you so much!

I am donating \$ _____ . Please use for:

Food and Treats----- \$ _____
Veterinarian fees/medications----- \$ _____
Kennels and bedding----- \$ _____
Other (specify) ----- \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____



IN MEMORY OF SCOOTER

I adopted Scooter from RR in 2009 and sadly, he has just recently passed. After multiple surgeries, tests, scans and x-rays, he just couldn't take anymore. He was so brave and strong through it all.

Scooter was the most loving dog I have ever met. He slept with me every single night and in the morning he would scratch his way under the blankets for a snuggle. When I fed him breakfast, he would eat and then charge around the house at a million miles an hour looking for me just so he could kiss me a thousand times. He never once got into trouble, not once. He was such a good dog. When it was bath time, all I had to do was say, "bath time!" and he would come charging into the bathroom and get in the tub all by himself!

Through all of his treatment the veterinarians told us they had never met such a well behaved Corgi. Of course, they all fell in love with him. Awesome Dog!

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the work that you do and for giving me the best dog anyone could ever ask for. I'm so grateful for the time we had together. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

SAVING THE LIFE OF ONE DOG MAY NOT CHANGE THE WORLD...BUT IT CHANGES THE WORLD FOR ONE DOG.

Happy Endings



CRICKET, says her human with a smile is “a monster, and “a

handful”, but they love her lots. She loves her toys and everybody else’s toys and she is the “Queen of the house”.



“**TANK** has become a member of our family and we love him very much. Tank

has fit right in with the entire family and ranch. We do love him and believe he has always been meant to be here. Thank you so much!”

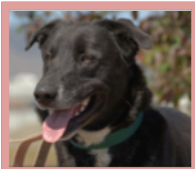


“Just to let you know how grateful and happy we are with **ABBIE**. She has brought

us so much happiness. We were so lucky we found her at Rescue Ranch. God bless you all for the care you take with the animals that God has entrusted to you.”

Please let us know how your new friend has settled in. We LOVE to get e-mails and letters: especially with photos! info@rrdog.org

When we adopted **HAPPY** we were “looking for a companion for our younger rescue dog, Max, who was found abandoned on a deserted road” in April. After the 2 dogs determined who was alpha-dog “they became the best of buddies”. Happy has taught Max “how to play, bark & beg. It has been the best experience!” Happy is a great dog!

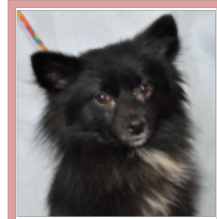


FINN is 7 years old now and “just as sweet as he was when we got him from you”. He’s wonderful around children, he sits on their feet “possessing” them. “He took a while to warm up to us at first but now Finn is very loving to us”. Great dog!!

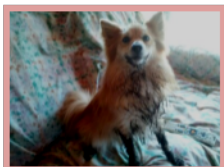
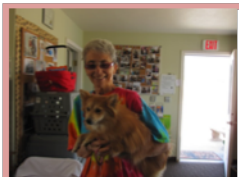


“**KINSEY**” is very sweet, the best companion I’ve ever had.” ...she is smart, energetic and loves the water...”we go to the river, hike in the woods and she loves to play next to the ocean. She obeys well and is loyal...very friendly with everyone and always wants to play like a pup. We are very happy together.”

“**REGGIE**” got really lucky. He shares a home with his humans and two great dogs with whom he plays constantly. He is “really fun, we are very lucky to have him. He’s alert, smart” and now he’s alpha dog in the family. “This is a really good situation, we are really happy with him and how well he’s working out.”



“**GINGER**” is doing very well and is in training for Agility competitions in the spring. She shares her home with 2 humans and 7 other agility-competing and/or retired dogs. She loves to play in the mud puddles. “She’s a little devil” with lots of energy and “attitude”. “I just love her to death!



FAMILY HUG

Thank you so much for letting us bring **BONES** into our lives. He has brought our family so much joy. We can’t thank you enough for all that you do!



“GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE”

— TINY TIM —



WANTED: MORE LOVING HOMES.



~Boarding News~



BOARDING KENNEL

Wow!! Rescue Ranch Boarding facility activity has skyrocketed! So much so, that in order to be assured of a spot for their pooch when traveling, our clients must call 2 months in advance and even earlier if it's a holiday!!

We appreciate your patronage and are so happy about our newfound popularity, because boarding is helping in a BIG way to pay for the care of the rescue dogs, which is what we are all about.

See some of our happy "guests" below.

A Happy Boarder's Testimonial

The time, attention, care and expertise we received from the staff at RR was above and beyond the call of duty and has proven invaluable to us. Beyond boarding, we received equipment and advice about the process of certifying "Ruby" as my son's Emotional Support Dog. She is an integral part of our family, and my son needs her more than ever for his emotional stability and simply to be happy. I couldn't thank or highly recommend Rescue Ranch enough.

HAPPY BOARDERS



Sweet Buddy



Handsome Duke

Instead of a wrapped gift this
make a donation in the name of
will send a very nice card to them



year at Christmas time, why not
your giftee, to Rescue Ranch? We
acknowledging your donation.



A Border Collie applied for a job with the State Department. The personnel director explained that in order to get hired she would have to:

- 1) Type 60 words per minute. — The dog sat right down and whipped out a perfectly spelled letter at 80 words per minute.
- 2) Pass a tough physical.—She did, with a personal best and in record time.
- 3) Be bilingual.— Without missing a beat, the Border Collie looked at the director and said, "Meow".



Rescue Ranch Adoption Process

In addition to the available dogs being posted on our web site at www.rrdog.org, you can see individual dog bios every week in the Siskiyou Daily News, and soon we will conduct Adoption Days at the new Tractor Supply Company here in Yreka every month....dates to be determined soon. But the very best way to view the dogs is to visit the shelter.

After a prospective adopter completes an adoption application, a pre-adoption home visit is conducted. This is to ensure that a safe and secure environment will be provided for the dog and also serves as an opportunity for any questions or concerns to be addressed. Our home visitors are glad to complete this process and to spend time with caring people who want to give a good home to a rescue dog. We also recommend that if you currently have a dog or dogs at home, that you bring him/her/them to the Ranch to meet with the prospective adoptee. At this time there is an adoption donation/fee of \$150 (\$100 for seniors) due. Then arrangements are made to transport your new friend to her/his new family home.

DID YOU KNOW.... That dogs can sleep up to 80% of the time, but they can work long hours and their endurance when faced with challenges is legend. Their loyalty & devotion to their humans is matchless!

Rescue Ranch Happenings

PLAY DAY WITH KATHY FUESTON AND HEIDI JANKOWSKI



On Saturday, October 11th, Rescue Ranch helped host (by providing the gathering place) the first Doggie Play Day. Friends, clients and Agility Class attenders were encouraged to bring their dog(s) for a few hours of fun activities and fellowship with other like-minded dog lovers. A course was set up for beginners and another for those who were experienced at agility. Some of the other activities included "scent work" which was using anchovies as an attractant for the dogs to find from several similar sources, such as bags. There was also hide and seek where the dog owner hides and the dog finds him/her with a few clues. "It was a lot of fun", said Kathy.

Kathy and Heidi have set a date for the next group of Agility classes. Mark your calendars for six Saturdays at 10:00 am, beginning December 6th.

ADOPTION DAY

We had such a productive day at [Tractor Supply](#) on the day of their Grand Opening! We took 3 dogs (Tito, Reggie and Daisy) for "show and tell" and two have already found wonderful homes as a result! The outing for the dogs and exposure to people in a busy public area is a most beneficial activity for socializing the dogs. We will be visiting [Tractor Supply](#) on a regular basis with dogs and information about Rescue Ranch and the adoption process. Watch for the schedule in the newspaper.

"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich".
--Robert Louis Stevenson --

SISKIYOU COUNTY CANINE ASSOCIATION DEMONSTRATION

At the Open House this year members of the County K-9 group joined us with an excellent public demonstration of their three dogs (and pup) in action. Deputies Pipkin, Kubowitz and Tygart ran the dogs through their paces very impressively. Each Deputy introduced his partner and told a little about him and the language he speaks. The first demo was obedience, at which the dogs have to be exceptional in order to be safe around the public. All three dogs navigated the obstacle course, then each dog located and "alerted" on drug scents. Deputy Kubowitz and "Tom" demonstrated the response to "attack on handler". Deputy Tygart and "Jeller" demonstrated the response to a runaway suspect. Then Deputy Pipkin and "Caro" did an area search to find the suspect. The final demo was the 8-month-old pup "Odin" who



demonstrated protection/bite work. Thank you, gentlemen. Visit their website at www.siskiyoucountycanine.com to learn more about this non-profit organization whose purpose is to "better serve our communities".

"Things that upset a Terrier may pass virtually unnoticed by a Great Dane". -- Smiley Blanton --

THANK YOU FOR THE COMPASSION, THE GENEROUS DONATIONS, THE ADOPTIONS, THE TIME YOU VOLUNTEER, AND THE CARE YOU SHOW FOR THE DOGS WHO FIND THEMSELVES AT RESCUE RANCH LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL FOREVER HOME. THE BOARD, THE STAFF AND MOST OF ALL THE DOGS, THANK YOU WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS.





STILL LOOKING FOR A FOREVER HOME

*"You took me in,
You gave me love
and may we never
part"*

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