

Roxie's Roundup

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How you can help Roxie's Fund:

- Tax-deductible contribution (see end of newsletter or visit our website)
- Become a foster home
- Volunteer with events or even sell for us on eBay
- Assist with fund-raising
- Help us follow up with adopters

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From the President's Desk

Well, Spring is upon us and it is a very busy time for rescues. This is the time of year when adoptions slow down and puppies and kittens pour into local shelters. It is also the time of year when uncaring families decide to surrender their animals when they leave on a vacation, instead of making arrangements for their care. So, we at Roxie's Fund have stepped up our efforts to help as many of these wonderful dogs as we can. We enjoyed a great day out at the Chrome For Critters event which featured many local rescues. We had another fun night raising funds at

Madam's Organ. And we just had a pizza fundraiser where we all ate too much---but, hey, it is for a good



Nina is available for adoption! See her profile inside!

cause!!

We have been fortunate to find loving forever homes for

many of the Fosters in our care, including Klondike, Bruno and Laila. Placing these dogs has allowed us the space to take in new rescue dogs who are still waiting for their forever homes. Rusty, Blush and Sydney are waiting patiently

For their new families to come along. We appreciate the support of our donors, and the amazing dedication of our fosters and other volunteers. It is through the generous giving of time and money that we will continue to help dogs in need.

Have a great summer!

Event Roundup

Roxie's Fund has participated in some recent events and fundraisers!

Chrome for Critters, highlighted in the last newsletter, was a resounding success. Volunteers staffed the Roxie's Fund table for the

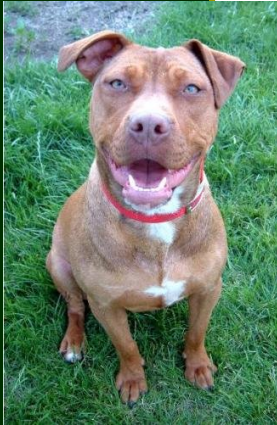
day and were pleased with turnout for the event. We raised some money and increased our name recognition.

Roxie's Fund foster dogs were showcased at the Lake Forest Mall (Gaithersburg)

Pet Adoption Expo on June 24th.

A Pizza Hut fundraiser was held in Mount Airy on June 19th. It was the first time for this kind of event, and it was a great success (and a lot of fun!).

Adoptables: Nina, Sydney and Blush



Blush is available for adoption!

Nina is a cute little terrier mix. She looks like a Boston terrier-Staffordshire terrier mix. She is very petite and looks like she weighs about 20lbs!

Nina is very well-behaved and knows how to walk nicely on a leash and she knows "sit" and "down." Nina does well in the car and likes to go for rides! Her favorite trick is making little piggy noises!

Little **Sydney** is an Australian Cattle Dog mix puppy! At just 15 wks old, she is adorable and loving. Doggie Daycare is great fun for her, and she plays very well with her furry "foster brother." Sydney is smart, too, and has already learned to "sit" on command! If you're looking for some puppy love, won't you come meet Sydney?

Blush was named for her beautiful color, but if she was named for her personality, her name would be Joy! She loves everyone she meets, and is always happy. Blush plays well with other dogs and kids. She is calm and tolerant, and that's impressive for a 9-month puppy! Blush is ready for her forever home, and will make everyone around her smile!



Sydney is available for adoption!

Workplace Giving Campaigns

Are you a state or federal employee or retiree? If so, you are eligible to participate in one of their charitable giving campaigns. It's easy to set up a one-time or recurring donation to Roxie's Fund through this program!

Roxie's Fund is recognized

in the **Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC)** for state employees and retirees. The charity designation number is 2655. Roxie's Fund is a recognized charity for the **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)** for federal employees. Designation numbers vary by region and are:

Western Maryland #3310; Central Maryland #3126; St. Mary's County #4450; and we have just added National Capital Area #7571.

Please inquire at your workplace for information on signing up for this program.

Jack is available!



Patriot Dog Profile by: Jack

Hi, Jack here. I am still available for adoption from Roxie's Fund. I've gotten a few letters asking me "what exactly is a Patriot Dog?" Let me explain my breed: I am an All-American Patriot Dog. Contrary to popular vernacular, "mutt" is not the

right word for us!

Patriot Dogs are in a class by ourselves and we truly exemplify American values! We are extremely friendly, hard-working, and play well with others. We're adaptable and know how to "work the crowds"

with charm. Now, as for appearance, the breed standard is pretty flexible, but I will say I'm a very handsome example!

Whatever your situation, a Patriot Dog is right for you! Why don't you come meet me to see?

Thanks to our Supporters!



Our business supporters help dogs like Rusty find a home!

Our regular supporters are vital to the continued success of Roxie's Fund! They have provided monetary donations, supplies, free advertising, referrals, volunteer time, and so much more! We will highlight a few of these supporters in each issue of Roxie's Roundup.

BT Americas is a global telecommunications company originally begun in the UK. Offering a wide range of services, the company has become a leader in the marketplace here in the US. Roxie's Fund has been fortunate to partner with BT Americas in their charitable donation matching program! Kari Briggs coordinates this program at BT America and employees are always welcomed to sign up. For more information, contact Kari at 703-755-6684.

Realtor **Jill Barsky of Coldwell**

Banker is dedicated to "finding homes for people and animals." She donates a portion of each of her commissions to an animal rescue organization! One of her favorites is Roxie's Fund. Her website includes rescue-related links and resources. Jill has made rescue a part of her daily business transactions, and spread the word near and far with her efforts. If you need a residential realtor, contact Jill at 301-651-7785 or see www.jillbarsky.com

BT Americas and realtor Jill Barsky are just two of Roxie's Fund's dedicated supporters!

Urgent Cases

Roxie's Fund is often called upon to take a dog into rescue that has health problems, but is otherwise a wonderful pet. It is often the case that these dogs get overlooked in a shelter, and many shelters do not have the resources to provide medical care for even treatable conditions.

Such was the case for Jasper. A happy pit bull mix, Jasper had the bad luck of contracting mange. Left untreated, Jasper lost his fur, which made him essentially unadoptable at the shelter. Roxie's Fund agreed to take him in. His foster family took him to vet appointments and kept him warm with a heated bed and

even a sweater when necessary! Jasper was quickly rid of his mange, but the fur took longer to grow back in. His foster family could hardly wait to see what he'd look like! In the end, Jasper moved to an excellent home where he is loved and cared for.

Darwin, a long and lean rottweiler mix, is another special dog. Darwin was surrendered to a shelter with some intermittent lameness. He was taken into Roxie's Fund where it his lameness grew worse, but the cause was unclear. Darwin was fitted for a doggie wheelchair and was always in good spirits. But it took multiple vet visits, and specialists

from as far away as Florida to determine the rare neurological condition that afflicts him. With proper care, Darwin's illness has progressed little, and he went from "foster" to "adoptee" as just one of the pack at Roxie's Fund president Cindy Vernasco's house.

Jasper and Darwin are just two of our many "urgent" cases, dogs that require a little special care, a little extra money, to get back on their feet!



Jasper getting his fur back!



Darwin gets around in a doggie wheelchair!

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We appreciate your feedback on our newsletter!

Please Support Roxie's Fund

Roxie's Fund is dedicated to meeting all the needs of the dogs we bring into our program—basic necessities, medical care, and behavioral or specialized training. We go beyond what others can do and do not discount a dog simply because of a treatable problem. However, this costs money!! We do not recoup all of our expenses from the adoption donation and rely on donors such as yourself. Please consider making a tax deductible donation today.

Membership: Join Roxie's Fund Membership Circle! You and your pets can help fight for homeless animals.
\$35 plus \$5 for each additional pet you would like to include.

Sponsorship: The typical dog stays with Roxie's Fund for 6 weeks and costs \$350 in care—that's over \$50 a week! Would you consider sponsoring a dog for all or part of his/her 6 week stay?

Please clip off this portion and return with your tax-deductible donation to:

12208 Judson Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20902 or make your donation online at www.roxiesfund.org

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