

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 fundraising
- Help us follow up with adopters

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Roxie's Roundup

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Spotlight on the "Jazz Singers"!

The Jazz Singers are Miles, Ella, and Aretha, three adorable rottie pups! These cuties were pulled from a kill shelter in WV after an urgent call was received. Now, we can't vouch for their singing abilities, but they stand out in all the usual puppy talents. They are accomplished wigglers and oh so playful. And just look at their pictures! They have such soulful eyes!

It was right around Thanksgiving when one of our Roxie's Fund volunteers got an urgent e-mail from a rural high-kill shelter about four Rottweiler puppies. The shelter was completely full as most shelters typically are, and the owner of these five week old puppies surrendered them to the shelter and signed the standard form allowing the shelter to euthanize. In the few days the puppies were at the shelter, the staff fell in love with them. These puppies were incredibly social. Unlike most puppies dropped off at a shelter, these cuties would come right up to the front of the kennel to get attention; their little bodies would wiggle and their tails would wag - as though they had no idea about their probable fate.

Roxie's Fund knew they had to help. The four pups (one male



and three females) got on a transport. Despite being in a crowded van most of the day, these little ones continued to wiggle their bodies and wag their little tails. They were so social that they kept trying to get the attention of the Roxie's Fund volunteer who went to pick them up. They were dropped off at the vet's office so that they could get checked over and any medical care that was immediately needed. That night, the Roxie's Fund volunteers were so excited that they could barely sleep—we couldn't wait to find them great new homes!

And then we got the news that all rescues dread—the puppies had the highly contagious and deadly parvo virus. Many rescues choose to humanely euthanize puppies with parvo because it is so expensive to treat. Roxie's Fund refused to euthanize these special holiday puppies—instead hoping that these puppies would survive another



Aretha (left), Miles (top) and Ella (bottom)



trial on their journey. Medications, IVs, and round-the-clock vigilance, indeed after many thousands of dollars worth of medical care and nearly three weeks, all the pups were healthy enough to return to their foster home. And now they are ready for permanent loving homes of their own!

We desperately need your help in covering all of these costs. As with treating any illness, the cost of treating a litter of puppies for parvo is extremely expensive. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to help these sweet puppies. See the back of this newsletter or visit www.roxiesfund.org

March "Husky Madness" event



Champ, a Doberman hound mix, is waiting for his forever home!

On March 1-2, 2008, the Catoctin Kennel Club hosted the Chesapeake Siberian Husky Club's breed specialty show. Roxie's Fund was given the opportunity to have a concession stand at the event as a fundraiser. We heartily agreed!

Our volunteers got to

work preparing a great array of snacks, sandwiches, and drinks for the crowds. Even dog treats of course!

The turnout for the show was great! The crowd watched conformation showings and obedience trials.



Girl Scouts benefit Roxie's Fund



One of the "jazz singers" puppies gets lovin' from a Girl Scout.

Troop 1424 from Potomac, MD, visited some Roxie's Fund adoptable dogs on February 27th. The girls met Cindy Vernasco at the All Dogs Club doggie

daycare in the evening. They learned about care of dogs and about dog rescue. They played with several of the adoptable dogs who are staying at the All Dogs Club. Everyone had a great time and got lots of doggie kisses!

Roxie's Fund was grateful for the donations brought by the girls. They brought food, tow-

els, and a donation of \$100. We are so pleased to help our local youth learn about animal care and welfare as well as charitable giving! We believe that the next generation will be vital in preventing pet overpopulation and promoting animal welfare.

Amy Embrey, adult troop volunteer, noted that

the kids would be making posters with pictures of the dogs to post around town to publicize their availability for adoption.

Think about it: If these kids can set aside time and make a huge difference, what can you do? Visit www.roxiesfund.org for volunteering and donation info.



Upcoming Events

Micro-chip Clinic and CGC Testing

Saturday—April 19th
12 to 3pm
Greenbelt Fire Dept .
125 Crescent Rd.
Greenbelt, MD

MCHS Paws in the Park: 10th annual

Sunday - May 18th
12 to 4pm
Wheaton Regional Park
11751 Orebaugh Ave
Wheaton, MD



Is your dog safely micro-chipped? Can your dog pass a test of basic skills? Find out!

Roxie's Fund will be at this annual event sponsored by Montgomery County Humane Society! Check www.mchumane.org or www.roxiesfund.org for information to come.

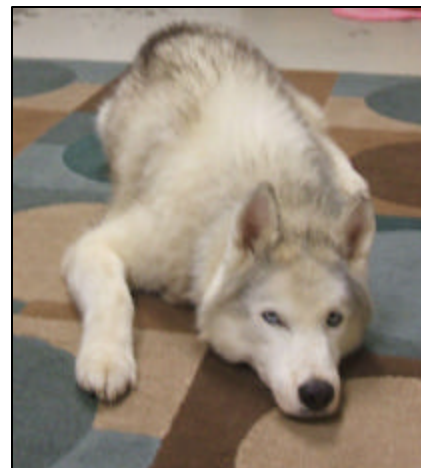
Romeo, oh Romeo!

Please meet our handsome lover-boy, Romeo. He is a sweet and calm-mannered gentleman who is friendly to everyone he meets. He is great with other dogs, but like most huskies, would prefer a home without very small-breed dogs or cats.

Romeo is a gentle companion. He loves to go for

walks and also appreciates quality time watching TV or reading. We think he might appreciate Shakespeare, too!

If you have always loved Siberian huskies, but didn't want the crazy energy, Romeo may just be the dog for you! Why don't you come and meet him?



Are you signed up for workplace giving?

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 honored to be recognized in the Maryland

Charity Campaign (MCC). Please consider Roxie's Fund as your charity of choice. Our designation number is 2655.

Roxie's Fund is a recognized Charity for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for Federal Employees to donate to the Charity of their choice. Designations vary by region

and are:

Western Maryland #3310; Central Maryland #3126; St. Mary's County #4450.

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



Your donations have helped dogs like Daisy get a second chance. Daisy recently found her forever home!



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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

Name:

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would you like to receive our newsletter by email?

Donation amount: ___ \$35 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ \$200 ___ Other:

Is this donation in ___ honor or ___ memory of a person or pet? If so, please include their name.

If you would like an acknowledgement mailed to this person, please include their address.