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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 Gets Reptilian!

Intrepid Roxie's Fund volunteer Sonja also has a soft side for scaled animals in need! She frequently fostered or adopted snakes from the Montgomery County animal shelter where she also volunteers. But there are just too many reptiles needing homes, so Sonja asked Roxie's Fund to step in and assist in fostering and placement.

Reptiles are becoming more popular pets. Although most are easy to care for, owners must research the pet's specialized needs! Small lizards may live a few years, but larger snakes can live over 20 years and tortoises will outlive most people! Iguanas and red-eared slider turtles are most commonly surrendered to animal shelters.

Roxie's Fund is currently approved to pull reptiles from five area shelters to rehome them. Since the program began a few months ago, 8 snakes and 5 lizards have been adopted! There are three reptiles currently available for adoption on our web-



Reptile Myths. Reptiles aren't slimy, they're scaly! Many snakes do very well with being handled and don't wriggle



site! **Diablo** (top) is a bright green Basilisk Lizard of striking beauty. He eats crickets and fresh produce. **PeeWee** (right) is a baby Bearded Dragon lizard. This youngster loves to bask on his log and energetically chase down his crickets for dinner. **Larry** (left) the Ball Python snake is calm, mellow, and loves to be handled. He has his own "snake bed" (a knit hat) that he will bring to his forever home!

Foster Homes Needed. We need foster homes for this new program! Fostering a reptile is a great introduction to being a foster parent and many reptiles can fit easily into a busy lifestyle.

away. Sure, most eat mice, but some lizards eat crickets and veggies, and their eating habits are fascinating for children and adults alike.

How To Adopt. The adoption process is quite similar to our process for dogs! Adoption fees are typically much less than purchasing an animal at a pet store or reptile show.

For More Information. Feel free to check our website or contact Sonja directly at Sonja_pups@comcast.net with any questions. She also recommends the website www.kingsnake.com for general information about owning reptiles as pets!

A Few of our Favorite Things...



Lady, a pointer mix, is waiting for her forever home!

We are working to compile a list of favorite dog-related products and services for an upcoming newsletter.

We are asking all our readers to take a min-

ute to think of your favorite dog food, treat, toy, shampoo, supplement, leash, you-name-it and send it in to us!! How about a favorite website or magazine?

We will publish the top recommendations in the Fall newsletter, just in time for you to purchase holiday gifts!

Also, if you have a Roxie's Fund alum at your home, send us an update, including a photo, for inclusion in a Happy Tails section of the newsletter.

Send any ideas to Elaine at

eraesly@yahoo.com

Dave recently adopted Flame, a baby corn snake! Check our website for available reptiles!



Summer Fun and Safety

We all know that summer can bring lots of doggie fun outdoors, but this wonderful time of

year also brings its share of unique safety concerns.

Never leave your pet in the car, even for a few minutes with the windows cracked! Cars get hot very quickly. And remember to secure your pet with a harness, crate, or safety barrier in your vehicle.

Talk to your vet about flea and tick prevention as well as heartworm prevention. Your vet can advise you on which chemicals are safe and whether your dog has any reasons to avoid certain types. Also remember that mosquito season is prime time for heartworm transmission, so make sure your

dog is tested and protected!

Cool water to drink, swimming or lounging in a baby pool, and staying off the hot pavement are simple things to do to avoid the heat. There are also lots of products on the market, from dog Popsicles to cooling pet beds to dog booties and more. Older dogs especially have a difficult time in extreme weather conditions. It's your job to help them stay comfortable!

For more tips, speak to your vet or visit www.hsus.org

Events Roundup

Roxie's Fund attended the 10th annual MCHS Paws in the Park on Sunday, May 18th. As usual, we were pleased with the turn-out to this popular event. Several fosters were on hand to meet the crowds at Wheaton Regional Park.

We have held two adoption events recently. On June 14th and 28th, volunteers and available dogs greeted shoppers at the Columbia PetsMart! At least six dogs and several volunteers were present from 11am to 2pm.

We are already looking forward to planning our big fall fundraisers, including the Paws for Wine and



Jada is a super-fun young pit bull. Don't you love her blue-fawn color? She is waiting for a home!

the Doggie Halloween Party. Would you be able to donate your time to help? If so, please contact us!

Profile: Aretha

Aretha is one of the puppies rescued from a West Virginia shelter who subsequently survived a case of parvo virus. A bit of a rough start, but Aretha is such a wonderful dog!

Aretha is happy and healthy and ready for a forever home. She is friendly and well-socialized and is a real

people-pleaser. She does great with other dogs and cats, too! Aretha does really well at doggie day-care. Walks, toys, playtime, naptime—all Aretha's favorite things!

Aretha is spayed, micro-chipped, and up-to-date on vaccines. Why don't you meet her?



Aretha has so much puppy love to share. Who can resist her antics and soulful eyes?

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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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

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