

ROXIE'S ROUNDUP

Pit Bulls Saved!

Handsome Avery poses for a picture, clearly happy to be in rescue!

Our volunteer Sonja was able to help bring some unscrupulous pit bull breeders to justice recently. Working with the Animal Services Division and the County Police of a nearby county, an undercover sting operation was carried out that ended in the arrest of someone who was breeding and selling 4 week old pit bull puppies illegally.

In Maryland it is the law that puppies can not be separated from their mamas or litter mates until they are at least 8 weeks old. It is so important to adhere to this law for the puppies' sake because very important socialization occurs within the litter during the time they are together. Puppies learn bite inhibition and other

important behaviors that help them to grow up to be well-socialized and better behaved dogs than puppies torn from their mothers and litter mates too young. The sting operation resulted in the seizure of 4 underage puppies and 3 adult pit bulls. Roxie's Fund was happy to be able to take the papa dog, Avery, into our rescue!

Avery is an exceptional boy in many ways! Despite his prior life with bad owners, Avery continues to be the biggest love-bug you will meet. He is desperate for a home and family of his own to love with his giant heart. Avery also loves, loves, loves to play with toys. Who knows if he ever had a toy of



his own before he came to Roxie's Fund? And, to top off his stellar personality, Avery is one of the most handsome pitties you will ever see! Do you have room in your life for a new best friend? If so, Avery would sure like to meet you! Avery is about 18 months old, neutered and current on vaccines. Please consider adopting Avery and give him the wonderful family life that he so deserves. Oh, and Avery stars in his own movie, which you can see in his Petfinder bio!

Getting the Word Out about Rescue

Jack Neville is an eighth grade student at Friends Community School in College Park Md.

Jack presented a wonderful and heart warming video presentation to the parents and faculty at his school this spring. His focus was the importance of adoption/foster care for animals being re-homed from shelters and all sorts of circumstances. He brought in Little Momma for the presentation and she was a big hit with everyone!

Jack spoke about the odds of making it out of the typical animal shelter and the importance of spaying and neutering our animals. He presented a video and set it to music about animals in shelters and there was not a dry eye in the crowd. He volunteered time at some adoption events with Roxie's Fund and enjoyed handling the dogs. It was a truly eye opening and enriching experience for all.

Thanks, Jack, for your work!



The Story of Puck

When I first saw a photo of Puck on the Humane Society Website, my heart melted. His golden brown eyes stared out of the shelter through the photo straight at me. He had been returned twice; the new homes did not work out. He needed my help; he needed Roxie's Fund's help!

Since my husband thinks that we have enough pets (just 3 dogs now), I decided to ask Wendy if she would consider fostering him. Wendy and her family met Puck, and fell in love with him. Roxie's Fund agreed to sponsor him, and I volunteered to help train him.

The shelter told us that Puck was a high energy dog, but Wendy did not find this to be true. After Wendy's 45 minute morning jog, 30 minute afternoon walk, and 5 mile hike with Wendy's husband, Puck was happy to snooze in his bed. We should disclose here that after fostering Puck for 8 weeks, Wendy won a contest at her gym for biggest percent body fat reduction in 8 weeks. What the shelter didn't know was that Puck suffered from separation anxiety and had some unfortunate chewing incidents. Trainers at my favorite dog training school, Dogsense, introduced Wendy to the "thunder-shirt." Wendy's hard work paid off and Puck became calmer.

Dogsense provided a discount on their 8 week Basic lesson package. Wendy, Puck and I met for class together and twice a week for practice. Puck learned sit, down, stay, pose, wait, come, finish, let's go and heel! He was a

quick learner, and graduated with honors. But now he needed a forever home.

One Friday night, Louie, from Delaware, called about Puck. He told me that when he saw Puck online, he somehow felt connected to him. I knew the feeling! Since his Rhodesian ridgeback had died a few months earlier, his lab was very lonely, and needed a playmate. Could this be the one?

Louie, his wife and yellow lab drove down from Delaware and met Puck, it was love at first sight! I completed the processing of the application, and Puck and I drove up to Delaware for the homevisit. Puck and his brother ran around, around and around the yard! Puck leapt in the air and FLEWWWW...over his brother! WOW! They have big yards up there! All our efforts were paid in full. My heart was full of joy, Puck had found his forever home!

Puck (left) with his new brother and playing in the water. A happy story!



ADOPTABLE DOG Taz

With one blue eye, this gorgeous guy is striking, fun & energetic! Taz loves to play and is friendly to everyone he meets. He is good with children of all ages, good with other dogs & well mannered in the house. He also LOVES Doggie Day Care and has lived with a Chihuahua. Taz knows a few commands and likes riding in the car.

UPCOMING EVENT

The German Shepherd Club of Greater Washington DC has invited Roxie's Fund to be the food vendor at their annual obedience trial at Canine Training Association in Beltsville, MD, on Sunday August 5. This event is open to the public. There will be approximately 60 dogs (including German shepherds, mixed breeds and purebred dogs) competing at 4 levels of obedience: novice (beginner), open (intermediate), utility (advanced) and utility-excellent (professional). Roxie's Fund volunteers Josie and Dave will act as stewards for the GSD Club and help prepare food. Naturally, our resident gourmet chef, Jeannie, will prepare her delicious sandwiches on the fantastic bread generously donated by the Upper Crust Bakery.

Gone to the Birds!



Azara (left) and Rex (right) were given up to Roxie's Fund. Look for them on our website soon for adoption!

Several weeks ago, Roxie's Fund was called upon to help a woman who had been referred to us by a local shelter who were unable to help her. The woman was moving and wanted to give up her two macaws. Fortunately, volunteer Sonja is quite experienced with large parrots, so was able to help. Sonja and volunteer Alex went to the woman's home and were happy to be able to remove **Azara**, a Blue and Gold macaw, and **Rex**,

a Green Wing macaw, from less than stellar conditions living in a basement.

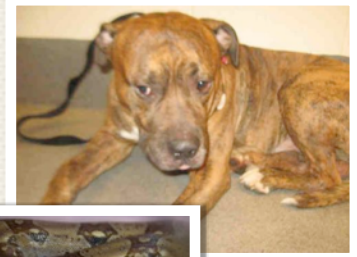
Alex took the birds home to foster and what a difference a clean home and good food has made! Both birds got long baths, and their feathers shine now! They also have much more appropriate living conditions, an excellent diet, and even playtime on their big enclosed sun porch! What lucky birds!



HOOCH

Hooch is a cute border collie mix ready to give his heart to a family! He would do well in a calm environment. Hooch is great in the house and excellent with other dogs. All Hooch wants is a home to call his own. He loves to hang out and watch TV but he's not picky about the show! Hooch also loves to go for walks, get belly rubs, go for car rides, and play in the yard with you.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Enzo (dog) and **Coco** (snake) are available for adoption.

FOSTER

Open your heart and your home to a foster dog. Is it hard? Not really, just like having an extra dog in your house. Hard to let go? Sometimes, but it brings great joy to know you are making a difference.

DONATIONS

Roxie's Fund couldn't meet the medical and other care needs of our rescue dogs without our generous donors. Amounts large or small are welcomed. Be sure to see if your employer matches donations. Or consider donations of dog food, supplies, or silent auction items for our events.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are always needed, both in the real and virtual worlds! We welcome volunteers behind the scenes and at our events, and everything in between. We can surely use your talents and your time. Please contact Cindy to volunteer at for.roxiesfund@verizon.net



GET OUT!

Summer is the perfect time to get outdoors with a furry friend and enjoy the yards, parks, and trails that our region has to offer. It's good for you *and* your dog! Even better if you can include youngsters, who are spending significantly less time outdoors than our generation! Email a pic of you and your rescued pet to eraesly@gmail.com for inclusion in a future newsletter!

VISIT US ONLINE!

Did you know that in addition to the Roxie's Fund website, we are on Facebook and have our own blog? **We've hit 5,000 friends on Facebook!**

Come join us for news, updates, and fun tidbits!

Visit us at:

www.roxiesfund.org

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