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2009 came in like an explosion... loss of jobs.... people who never thought they would find themselves without homes now know how it feels. Many, unable to feed their children let alone their animals, found themselves looking for affordable housing while applying for any available job. Huge businesses that we all use on a daily basis have all closed. Restaurants where we used to enjoy a good bowl of soup and tea on a cooler day, are no longer there. Families try to stretch what little money they have, but with groceries, electricity, lack of jobs many of our basic necessities suddenly out of reach, we all stress each day about what the next will bring. If you are a rescue that depends on private donations, each day is like a whirlwind trying to figure out what will happen next.

How is this affecting the animals out there in our communities? I thought about writing a “woe is me” article but it wouldn’t be true. Then I thought about writing about the many animals at the Sanctuary that are in need, because we tend to take in the worst cases, but that would be untrue. Then I thought about work today and how Cindy, a Land Planner at the law firm I work for, gave me literally “some food for thought”.

Today there were two dozen donuts sitting on the ledge outside her office. I asked her if it was someone’s birthday and she said, “Nope it’s my stimulus plan”. I thanked her for making all of us a part of her plan and walked away eating my donut. To most that would not have seemed like much, but as I drove home tonight thinking about this article, and the message that I wanted to get across, Cindy was very much in my head. There is not one day that goes by where my mail box does not see close to 500 emails asking for help. Whether it be an animal that lost its home because of a foreclosure, abused animals or shelters that are running over, or breeding dogs that need to get into homes and rescues. Each day it would be easy to get lost in the “oh woe is me” that I first thought about. In today’s economy it is more like, “woe is us”. It is “woe to the people”, who are losing their homes, as I drive to mine each day, such as it is. I am blessed that my rescue still is open, while so many GREAT rescues are forced to close. Yes, there are many animals here that are in dire need of medical care as you will read about in the following pages, but they will get their care and are safe, while thousands die each day that are not.

What is a travesty, is the number of good animals being killed each day in shelters. Mind you, I do not think this is the shelter’s fault, they have no choice. Many animals that might need more work or have never known love, will never get the chance as rescues are forced to take the most adoptable dogs because of costs and the ease of adoption, again not their fault. Many shelters and rescues cannot even get enough food to feed the animals they have, let alone take on another. Vet costs are not cheap, and many vets do not give discounts to rescue, thus creating our own economic recession. What in the end it costs is many

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lives. Nothing is sadder than walking into a shelter and seeing 100 sweet loving dogs and cats begging for attention, and feeling as if you are choosing who lives and who dies. I can tell you that it is not a good feeling, no matter how many you save. Their eyes and wagging tails haunt you forever.

So as I was driving home and again thought of Cindy, and how sweet it was that she brought in those two boxes of donuts to cheer us all up.... I thought that if every person that reads this newsletter were to pass it on to all their friends to read and everyone that ended up reading it could pledge just \$5.00 to any rescue that they know - or if every person that read this could bring one bag of food - one box of frontline - one box of Heartguard - one leash and collar, etc. to their favorite rescue each month then the communities around each rescue could then know they have created their own stimulus to save lives and help those that cannot help themselves, at an affordable cost. It would not only help rescues, shelters and animals, it would also give everyone a sense of satisfaction in knowing they are helping. The simple act of buying a bag of dog or cat food, and dropping it off at a shelter or rescue, or even at your neighbors house who has lost their job, is a huge reward... and at a very little cost to each individual. I do believe the saying "You Can Judge the Content of a Country's Morals By the Way It Treats Its Animals".

So give up one cup of coffee a month - one lunch a month - if you are a smoker one pack of cigarettes, and make a difference in an animal's life! There are many rescues that would still be open if the communities around them had simply given that \$5.00 a month, bag of food or cat litter.

Think about it...how hard is it to make that commitment to help? Our newsletter this month is dedicated to the hard-working rescue community that I love so much! We may never sleep that much, we may cry too much and way too often...and at times seem unsocial but we love what we do! Nothing is better than being able to give life to one that almost didn't have one!

Palena Dorsey

In the Kitchen with Olive

My mommy knows how much I love pasta and veggies so she came up with these meatballs to go with it. Yummmmie!

Olive's Cheezie-Meatballs:

½ lb ground beef or turkey
 ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
 1 carrot – finely grated
 ½ teaspoon fresh minced garlic
 ½ cup whole wheat bread crumbs
 1 whole egg (beaten)
 ½ tablespoon tomato paste



Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine all ingredients together mix, roll into meatballs.

Place on a non-stick cookie sheet, with non-fat cooking spray. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until firm and golden brown. Cool and store in fridge or freezer

FORGOTTEN K9'S SAVE LIVES AND TEACH LOVE:



Monte and Cindy who run Forgotten K9's in Georgia are two of my favorite people. I don't think I have met too many people that are as compassionate as this couple, who try and help every animal they can. For weeks, there were a lot of emails passing around the web about some chi-poos that had been taken into animal control from a breeder. Cindy did not hesitate to take the ones that the other rescues would not. Ohh.. did I mention that none of these dogs are social? When she gets close to them they scream, wet themselves and try and bury themselves into

the ground. Cindy will not give up on them. We will be taking a few in, but that is a drop in the bucket compared to what this rescue is doing. Forgotten K9's is a great rescue that has taken in some really hard cases in the past and never gives up. By taking in the 20 little unsocial chi-poos, they took on an astronomical responsibility and a great deal of work. Although she would never ask anyone for help, I am asking that anyone who would like to contribute to her to please do so. I know that in time, and it may be quite awhile, they will



begin to come around and we will hear their stories. We can't wait to hear about their first touch, when they get to hold them and above all when the trust begins to develop. It takes a lot of work and patience when rehabilitating animals that have been neglected and have never known the touch of a human hand. Cindy and Monty have a lot of work and a long road ahead of them. There were about 40 dogs in total, the other half were taken in by other rescues as they were younger and more social. These

were in serious danger of being euthanized. As you can see in the pictures many of them have serious skin issues and need a lot of care. All of course need to be spayed and neutered, and there are a few that have other health issues that will need to be evaluated and addressed. Cindy and Monty made a commitment to them and they will work hard to help these babies. If you would like to help Cindy and Monty on their journey to help heal these babies, please contact them at forgottenk9s@windstream.net.



KATSUMI

Many of you will probably remember these first two pictures of Katsumi. The Akita who had been terribly abused, and taken in on an abuse case. Although she did not have eyes, and was in really rough shape, thanks to Rebecca Young she was given a chance. I received an email asking if the Sanctuary could take her, and I agreed. What then began was a series of emails and phone calls, as many people and rescues jumped in wanting to make sure



that Katsumi would get to the Sanctuary safely and receive the medical care she desperately needs. Katsumi needs eye surgery and has also tested positive for heartworm. Many people were helping with this rescue and we all wanted to see her make it to the Sanctuary and to get as much treatment, love and freedom as she could in whatever time she has left. Rebecca did a great job getting her ready to come to the Sanctuary. The transport was arranged for the 21st and a fund-



able was set-up to help pay for the transport as Katsumi was in Shreveport, Louisiana and the Sanctuary as you all know, is in Florida. It was a special rescue for us, and ever since Hurricane Katrina, any help we can give to Louisiana is



always very special and full of emotion. It goes without saying, that had it not been for the love, care and commitment that Rebecca gave to Katsumi, she never would have had the strength or ability to make it. The difference in the before and after pictures is clear, although Katsumi has no eyes you can see she is alert and loving and ready to give life a try. The power of love can heal many a broken heart... Katsumi is one great example of



this! Just look at her beautiful smiling face and you can see she is a happy girl! This is what it's all about! We are so thrilled to be a part of making her dreams come true!



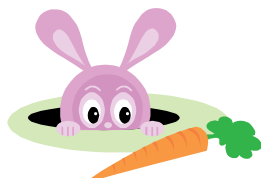
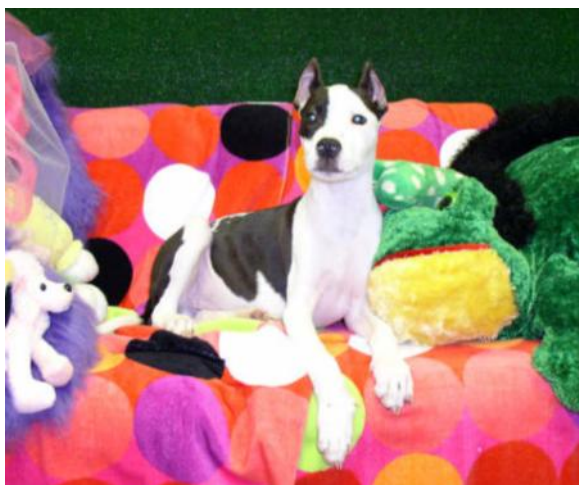
THE SANCTUARY WELCOMES.....



JERZAIS AND BAROOQUE!!

When Harley and Catiladeyes were getting ready to come down, Darla got a call about two little ones that were in serious need. As you can see in these pictures, the previous owners were not the best. Jerzais the little blue pitbull has a homemade ear trim that took off most of her ears. One can only imagine the pain she must have endured during this "hack" job. Baroque the Dane, "supposedly" fell down a flight of stairs fracturing his leg which was never treated, and sadly he too has a homemade ear job. Through all that, they remain sweet and loving. There is no way to thank Darla enough for refusing to put them out in the shelter area. She kept them in the office for a week while transport was arranged for Jerzais, Baroque, Harley and Catiladeyes to get to the Sanctuary.

We truly give credit to so many people like Darla Proctor and Suzanne Royal in Georgia, who work so hard, as well as the other rescues to save as many dogs and cats as they can, in a rural part of Georgia. We also like to thank those like MaryAnn in Jacksonville, and Lisa in Winterhaven who make it so much a part of their lives to find rescues for those animals that have no chance. You know we love you all!! Mostly we want to commend anyone who takes the time to save the worst of them – who believes in hard core rescue. To those honored in this newsletter and even the ones that were not you know who you are – you do each and every day what the real definition of what rescue is. KEEP IT UP AND KEEP GOING – DON'T GIVE UP.....They need us more today than yesterday!





Hello, it's me Ming! This month we are going to talk about the eye problems that some dogs suffer from. I have chronic dry eye and have to have drops every day. It's important to have a vet look at any eye issue, since left untreated, they can get worse and lead to blindness. Along with my friend Smooches (she can see and read to me) and Kiki Bugz (she is kind of a pest, but has good ideas), here is what we found in our research.

Dog eyes are subject to a variety of troubles, some serious, some not. Any eye condition that varies from the norm needs attention.

Entropion or **ectropion** can occur when the eyelid does not properly fit the eye. Entropion is the turning in of the eyelid that can cause corneal abrasions or irritate the conjunctiva, the mucous membrane that covers the eyeball. Ectropion is the turning out of the eyelid and can cause exposure problems. Both can be surgically corrected.

Breeds that are susceptible to entropion include Chinese Shar Pei, Chow Chow, St. Bernard, Basset Hound, Bernese Mountain Dog, Bloodhound, Bulldog, and Chesapeake Bay Retriever.

Eyelashes that grow in such a fashion as to irritate the eye can cause problems and may require surgery. Some dogs are prone to excessive tearing caused by tiny hairs near the inside of the eye that act like a wick for tears and cause staining of the face.

Lagophthalmos or rabbit eye can occur in breeds and individual dogs with an impaired ability to blink. Blinking distributes tears over the surface of the eye to keep it moist; inability to blink properly can cause corneal ulcers. Surgery can alleviate the problem if it is detected early.

Cherry eye may occur if the third eyelid becomes more prominent as a result of dehydration, severe dental disease, atrophy of the head muscles, or disease that causes the eye to lose moisture. When this happens, the tear duct may enlarge and appear as a round, red mass. The condition can lead to irritation of the cornea or conjunctiva because it interferes with tear production. It can sometimes be dealt with by application of topical medication but surgery is often necessary.

Uveitis or inflammation of the eye can be caused by foreign bodies or by systemic disease. It can cause symptoms such as blinking, squinting, or reluctance to enter brightly-lighted areas and can produce a watery discharge. The appearance of the eye may change depending on where the inflammation is centered. Some eyes become dull or bluish; in some cases the white becomes red or swollen or the iris changes color. Diagnosis of uveitis is done with special instruments that illuminate the interior of the eye. Unless the cause is obvious, blood tests and other lab work are necessary to determine the cause. Diseases that can cause uveitis include ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted fever, Lyme disease and brucellosis. Other causes may be a for-



are useful in bacterial infections. Dilating drops or ointments may be used to relax the muscles in the eye and thus help reduce pain. Corticosteroid drops are not used in cases of corneal ulceration because they could slow healing or actually worsen the ulcer. Although early treatment is often successful, some dogs have chronic uveitis and in some, the eye has to be removed.

Keratoconjunctivitis sicca or dry eye is caused by a breakdown in the tear film that protects the cornea. When this film breaks down, the cornea is deprived of the nourishment it needs to remain healthy and deterioration begins. Brown coloration, scar tissue, ulcers, and blood vessel growth can then develop and interfere with eyesight. A dog with dry eye is a dog whose eyes sting constantly. The lack of tears also contributes to the increase in mucous in the eye, resulting in a greenish discharge that adheres to the hairs near the eye. The discharge can be cleared up with medication, but if dry eye is the cause, it returns when the dosing ceases.

A breakdown in the tear film and a loss of the aqueous layer causes dry eye. This loss results in dryness to areas of the corneal surface or in more advanced cases, drying to the entire corneal surface. When the cornea is deprived of oxygen and nutrients through the tear film, it rapidly undergoes destructive changes. These changes result in brown pigmentation, scar tissue growth, ulcer development, and blood vessel growth across the cornea leading to partial vision loss.

Dry eye can be triggered by hypothyroidism, tear gland infections, and the toxic effects of some drugs that are necessary to treat other conditions. In a few cases, chronic ear infections and nerve disorders can also cause dry eye to flare up. Treatment includes lubrication of the eye, reduction of bacteria and inflammation, and stimulation of natural tear production.

Glaucoma is the increase of pressure within the eye. It can destroy the retina and damage the optic nerve, thus causing blindness, if not treated. Glaucoma occurs when the eye's natural ability to maintain intraocular pressure by dispersing fluid is impaired. It can occur as a result of structural changes such as lens displacement in older dogs or from causes such as uveitis or injury.

Some breeds of dogs are susceptible to glaucoma that does not arise from a secondary cause such as age-related changes, inflammation, or injury. These breeds include the Beagle, Norwegian Elkhound, American and English Cocker Spaniels, Basset Hound, Samoyed, and Chow Chow.

Cataracts are spots on the dog's eye lens that interfere with vision. The normal lens is clear; a cataract is a cloud on the lens that does not allow light to reach the retina. Cataracts can be slow-growing or may appear to get worse overnight. They first appear as small dots or blisters and may eventually grow to cover the entire lens. They act by preventing light from reaching the retina. If a cataract is suspected, the dog should be examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist to determine if the opacity is actually a cataract, how far it has progressed, and, because some cataracts do not cause significant impairment to vision, whether surgery will benefit the dog.

Some dogs inherit cataracts. Others may develop them as a result of uveitis, eye injury, or diabetes, or as part of the aging process.

Blindness can be caused by any of a number of inherited or acquired eye diseases. Gradual vision loss may not be apparent to the owner of a dog that stays at home until the furniture is moved, a new fence is installed, or the family moves to new digs. If the environment changes and the dog starts bumping into things, if he can't find a toy tossed for him to retrieve, and if he suddenly fears being left alone, vision loss should be suspected.

Inherited eye problems such as **progressive retinal atrophy, retinal dysplasia, or corneal dystrophy** can be diagnosed by eye examination and dogs with these diseases can be removed from the breeding pool. Unfortunately, the diseases are only obvious when symptoms begin, so the test must be done every year to keep track.

PRA causes changes in the retina that begin with night blindness and progress to total blindness. There is no effective treatment.

Retinal dysplasia – the abnormal development of the retina – can be genetic or congenital. If the latter, it can be caused by Vitamin A deficiency, a virus, certain drugs, or uterine trauma in the pregnant bitch.

Corneal dystrophy is the presence of opaque bodies in or near the middle of the cornea. Some corneal dystrophies are superficial; others infect the deepest layer of the structure and can cause blindness.

There are many other eye diseases that can affect dogs. If any eye problem is suspected, a trip to the veterinary clinic is in order. Although a dog can function adequately if he loses his eyesight, every step possible should be taken to assure that that loss does not occur.

FREDDIE

He could not go on anymore so he just laid down on the side of a road. A road in WV that Rosy said is extremely desolate. What happened is a farmer came along checking his fence to see where a cow had escaped. He saw Freddie and of course thought he was dead - then Freddie raised his head and the man said he almost had a heart attack. **Thankfully he went inside and gave him 1/2 loaf of bread and called animal control.** When the officer found him, he called Rosy and said, "Rosy, you've got to take this dog - he's is to nice a dog and he deserves a chance!" That's how he got to Rosy and 1 week ago today -- to me. Seems to me that he is a message to all of us to keep trying to help them when no one else will --- and there are still caring people out there.

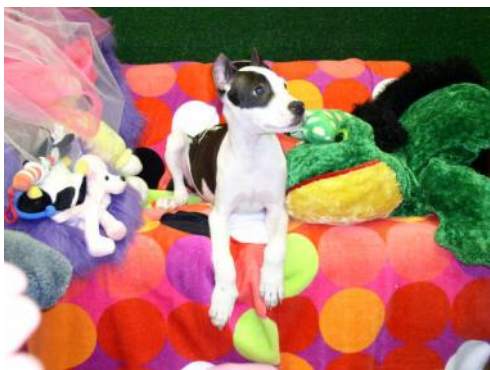
I have seen many "broken dogs" and I feel he may need one leg amputated. He is using the other leg with pain medication. My vet only amputates as a last resort - he tries to fix them first -- but I am worried about his age and being on the table to long which could kill him. That is why he needs Prayers - due to his age and condition he is truly High Risk surgery. His surgery & vet care should average around \$1500 to \$2000 - we have gotten close to \$900 in donations so far which is amazing. I prefer that people donate directly to my vet then they KNOW the money is going where it needs to go. Rosy also spent \$208 on him at her vet so I must reimburse her so she can continue to help all the animals she does. **If you would like to donate, please contact Brandywine Vet directly at 610-459-0500 in honor of Freddie.**



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SMOOCHES Picks of the Month



Ok so I know I didn't fool you by trying to look all prissy like Smooches! I begged and begged Smooches to let me do this article, and basically since I am about ten times bigger than she is... and because she is such a ham she is letting me! It also seemed right, since we are really trying to concentrate on the big breeds that are here at the Sanctuary and need homes too!

My name is Baroque! You read about me earlier in the newsletter and I am a ham or so my mom says. I am going to be very kingly in this responsibility and choose some of the dogs I have met since I have been here and who really need homes. I look like a stately king right? (Don't tell anyone but I am really an overgrown lap dog who is a

big baby). Ok ... so maybe not now...but I am going to grow into one... I am 12 weeks old - yep I am going to be huge! I am a Great Dane and Pit bull mix, and really handsome, right? So I guess.... I can be my own first pick... right?

My second choice would be ----- hhmmtttt let me see.....

Katie-Dee --- isn't she pretty? She has very sensitive eyes and you know what? She is just as sweet as apple pie! She loves people and wants a home so bad - she was abused and cowers sometimes, but let me tell you she is the sweetest girl and such a pretty color. When she met me she was so kind to me! She did not shoo me away or make me feel like a dumb kid - she gave me kisses and just told me to ignore the others that were calling me clumsy. She is about two years old, maybe three. She used to nurse the abandoned pups at animal control but when they left she had to go too. Maybe you can find a special spot for her - she would be such a good dog for a family.



My third choice would be.....



Baby Jervais! You cannot look at her, without your heart stopping for just one second. She is only 8 weeks old, and is a stunning silver blue color! I tell you she will surely make you walk a bit straighter in trying to impress her (I sure do!). She is a tiny little pit girl. As you can see we came from the same people. They took scissors and tried to crop our ears themselves. Mom says it's ok, and it looks handsome but she was mighty mad at the people! Jervais, Katie and I need special homes. I heard her talking to Miss Debbie on the phone and they are mighty particular about where we go. There are a lot of people that abuse our breed, and she is what you call an advocate for the

breed. Not sure what that is but it sounds yummy. If you are interested in adopting any of my friends please contact Miss Tina at chloemew@yahoo.com.

While there are many dogs that need to be rescued, the Sanctuary takes time in finding the right homes to ensure that the adoptive family is knowledgeable about the breed that they are bringing into their home. No one wants to see an animal lose its home and be returned because of behavioral or breed specific issues. The Staffie and Pits stand out amongst the rest for their ability to love to the fullest. When raised in the right environment, their yearning to love and be loved has helped to make all of us at the Sanctuary advocates for the banned breeds. As usual, 9 times out of 10 it is not the breed - but the human who owns the dog. All of our potential adopters, for any large breed, must fill out a long application, allow a home visit, and be willing to meet for at least 2-3 hours. We want their next home, to be their "forever home"!!

You asked for it ... you got it..... Rescue Updates!!



Grampy is doing well and is a love!



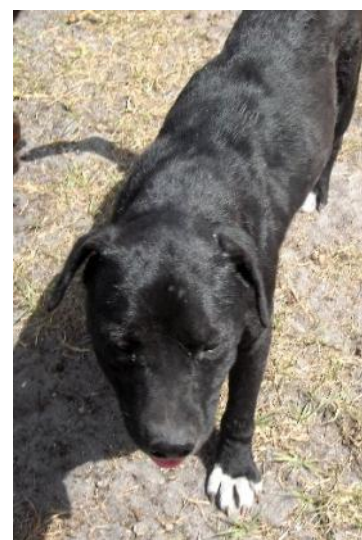
Buddy is doing well and made lots of friends!



Katy Dee is gaining weight! She really needs a home of her own!



Kiki Bugz has gone through surgery and is back at her post as "Boss" of the house!



Grover's hair has grown back and he is in with the house pack!



Honey Bear's hair has grown back "gorgeous"



What a Happy Group!!!!!!!

Sanctuary Wish List



*****The Sanctuary is in need of a Transport Vehicle*****

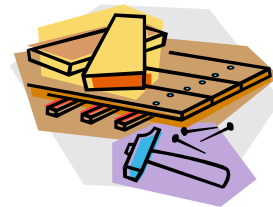
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2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so. ALWAYS!



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