

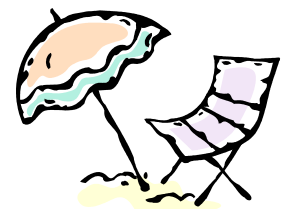


SAVING HARMONY

When you look at this little angel it is hard not to feel your heart swell with an overwhelming joy and love. Her beauty is amazing – her personality stunning. Her rescue story is a beautiful chain of events, all leading to her arrival at the Sanctuary, being named Harmony. There had been a lot of e-mails about her and we at the Sanctuary had offered to help however possible. It then appeared as if another rescue had arranged for this baby to be pulled out of Dekalb, in Georgia and be taken to Ohio. Meanwhile, back in Clewiston Palena, the Director of the Sanctuary was getting ready to get on a plane and to visit with her grandchildren in Virginia. As she was preparing for her trip, she received an email advising that the little girl was not safe. The other rescue had not been able to make its arrangements, and this little girl needed out now. With just a few hours before the flight, over one hundred emails were sent and received. Another animal shelter that the Sanctuary works with, Ca-toosa, sent in an agency transfer for her, Adopt A Golden in Atlanta sent in a hold and pull, Ami sent in a hold and pull – calls were made to Jamie at DeKalb! Everyone jumped in, working together to make sure this baby girl was safe, and as the Sanctuary had never pulled from there before, references were required from other rescues. As the wheels began to turn, and the pieces started fitting together Palena knew she would be in the air before she knew if this girl was safe! While sitting at her desk rushing to finish her work before leaving to catch her flight, the name Harmony came to her. She immediately sent out an email to all 20+ people involved in the rescue telling them that it was a proud and inspiring moment for her to work with so many groups in such harmony, and that she felt we should name this little one harmony in honor of all the people who came together to help her. Donna and John each had a little bit of time with her before she made the transport to us. Pictures were sent, uplifting stories that are shared below. Continued on page 2



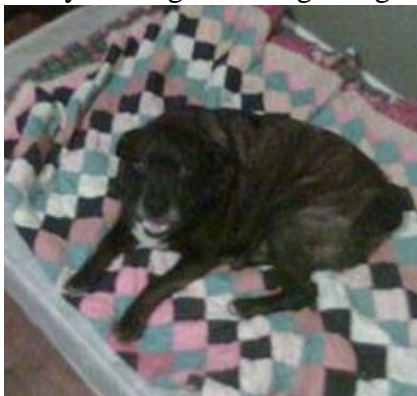
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She rode down to the Sanctuary with Poseidon who also has his story in this month's newsletter. She has been a joy here at the Sanctuary. A tiny little six month old baby girl, Harmony has shown love to all the animals big and small and an endless amount of love to all the people she encounters. Her front legs do not stop her from having the life she wants to have, have not stopped her from getting from point A to point B. Don't look at her and pity her, she neither wants the pity nor deserves it. She deserves the praise of any animal that has the capacity to see past the boundaries life gives it and move forward. Harmony will be having surgeries on her legs, she will be going through x-rays etc. to see what can be done with the least amount of stress to her and the most amount of change. Here it's not a normal appearance we look for, but the ability to have the greatest life. We will confer with a couple of vets to see what they feel is the best approach and treatment. What we are doing right now in order to ease the pressure on her legs from being on the ground, is to make her what we call "Harmony Boots". Basically they are sheep wool in socks we put on her to prevent the legs from dragging on the ground or dirt. Although she will learn a lot in the next few months and have to endure some discomfort, there is no doubt of the humility, strength and love she will teach everyone she comes in contact with. This is the true meaning of unconditional love, of strength and of inspiration. If you would like to help with her upcoming care and needs you can paypal a donation toward her specific care at sare-fuge@aol.com. You can also send a donation to: Sanctuary Animal Refuge, 210 N Palomino Street, Clewiston, Florida 33440, and please make sure to include a note that the donation is for "Harmony's Needs". We would like to thank the Bowser's family and also the Freeman's, who already made donations to help Harmony. These gifts to Harmony were done in memory, Bowser's dad and their father Millard Freeman. Bowser came to live with us when Mr. Freeman passed away, and the family keeps in touch with us and were thrilled to help Harmony.

POSEIDON'S ADVENTURE

Can you imagine seeing a dog swimming in the middle of the lake, no one around, struggling to stay alive? Well that is what happened to John, when he spotted a medium sized dog frantically swimming, and barely staying afloat. Poseidon is a 8-9 year old pit mix who was thrown in the middle of a lake in north east Georgia. Thankfully John did not hesitate to stop and helped Poseidon to safety. John would have happily added him to his family, but some of John's own dogs did not like the idea of a new addition. They were less then welcoming to Poseidon, so John looked for a place that would take him in. John was not very successful in finding a home for Poseidon, and since no one was responding to taking him



in, we did. He was named Poseidon as it seemed appropriate since Poseidon is the God of natural things such as water and air and fire. I look at him with his sweet loving eyes, and I hug him tightly as his behind wiggles with joy and wonder, how someone could just dump this old boy out in the middle of a lake? A dog, who at one time must have been loved and cared for, and now older and unable to do what he used to, was simply dumped. He is happy here, and has made great friends with Harmony. He does not mind her crawling all over him or bouncing around him as you can see in the pictures. Poseidon loves people and needs a family to spend the rest of his life with. Yes he is a senior dog, BUT he is a great loving dog, that loves other dogs, loves all people and even tolerates cats. If you would like to grant Poseidon his wish, to have his own home, please contact Tina at chloemew@yahoo.com.



The Sanctuary is blessed to have both Harmony and Poseidon they are such added joys to all our permanent and temporary residents. To both rescues, we wish to truly send out huge puppy hugs to Polly, Lillian, Vanessa, Gail, Lexie, Ami, John, Debb, Donne and Darla of Catoosa Animal Control. Without all of them working together in quick, organized harmony, both dogs might not have been saved. Cont. on page 3

We would also love to thank Jamie, of DeKalb Animal Control who worked hard in helping us with Harmony as well. It has always been a belief of mine that Animal Control and Rescue must work in joint partnerships to make rescues work. They must be there, working together – not to judge or condemn – rather to pick up when others cannot and move forward, to help others in need – and to share resources and not think only of self. This “Georgia rescue event”, with both Poseidon and Harmony showed how well and smooth sailing it can be, even when there are so many people involved, each one having the other persons back – not caring about egos or their own rescues, all just working together to save one dog. It truly is a beautiful thing. I have to end this, with a short story that happened when I was in Virginia visiting my family. My 17 year old granddaughter and I were at the store getting some groceries for the weekend. It’s a rare treat for me to get to spend time with them, usually a one time a year occurrence with so much always going on at the Sanctuary. One of the joys of being a grandparent is that we get to spoil them rotten with things and then we get to go home. My grandchildren are a blessing both to me and to rescue. All have grown up with animals and a real love for rescue and helping those without voices speak. There was a contest where you could draw something for your mom. She went over to draw something while I paid. When I went over to where she was tears filled my eyes. Here she was drawing a poster that says –SAVE THE WORLD BY SAVING ONE ANIMAL AT A TIME. When I saw it, I smiled because this just happened, when all these people who work in rescue got together in partnership to save Harmony. From the mouth of babes.....



Palena

UPDATE ON HARMONY!!



I have to give a lot of the credit to Damien and Michelle with this baby. They have both been so committed to the animals, even being the foster parents to Grouch the little bird we rescued, and also trying to save the life of a little woodpecker that they rescued in the dog kennels - sadly it did not make it but without their dedication here there would not be such success!! I never did a fundable on her because of the drama in getting her here - and I know that many of you make fun of me and my holistic healing thoughts and practices. One vet told me that Harmony would need her legs amputated - another said I should put her down as he legs could not heal. What I did not share, is that for the past two weeks every day, morning and night Harmony has had special massages with special herbs and medicines. She has endured painful physical therapy - water therapy - and then a very special diet four times a day. I asked my staff to call me after each treatment, to let me know how she was doing. Several days ago Michelle called me in tears saying, “Palena I am never going to doubt you again!” “I thought that you were crazy, but I am never going to doubt you again”. She then told me through sobs, that Harmony was standing on one leg straight. It wasn’t for long, but it was a big step forward! Every day there have been improvement but I have stayed quiet, as I always knew that it could only be temporary, even though two vets had looked at her with very dismal recommendations. Tonight when I came home I was getting ready to go outside, and I heard a ruckus in the area I have blocked off for Harmony and Midnight. I walked over and there was Harmony and Midnight RUNNING through the room! I began to tell them that, “ladies we are in the house please behave”, when I noticed Harmony was running with her both her legs straight!! Not once did they buckle! I ran as quickly as I could to get the camera. Although her legs are very weak and awkward to her from not being used, I think there is hope for her. **NATURALLY AND HOLISTICALLY!!!**



Update on Vanna...

Vanna as everyone knows is a resident of the Sanctuary. She has cerebral ataxia which affects the brain and her ability to walk and live a normal life. Today she met a new friend, her name is Michelle. Michelle is Damien's wife and along with her husband, she works at the Sanctuary. It was love at first sight, and Michelle has grown quite attached to Vanna since starting work at the Sanctuary. Vanna is heavy to carry around but as she needed a bath, I asked Michelle to help and together we carried her to the bathroom. Vanna loves the attention and her feet are like a rabbits hopping whenever she gets attention. She has not had a seizure in almost three months. She is on a holistic diet and also gets plenty of beets, carrots and bananas. She is love and next month celebrates her one and a half birthday. Every month she has a birthday as we are blessed that she is with us each and every day. She keeps us humble with her ability to say in a husky sound "I Love My Mama" which totally sets everyone to laughter and her ability to be one of the happiest and loving dogs at the Sanctuary, despite her barriers. Vanna has touched people all over the United States, and even has a friend in England that always writes to see how she is. We try and keep everyone up to date but sometimes get so many emails it's really hard to. Vanna's rear half will never develop as strong as it should, but with her wheelchair and physical therapy she is keeping her muscles working. We all love her here, and cherish every day that she brightens our days. You can see by the smile she always wears that she is a happy baby. She may never be as big as her breed should be, but she is always the perfect size for us here! Her heart is ten times larger than her physical side and she knows no strangers, and loves everyone!



Why Can't We All Just Get Along....

While people say that dogs and cats do not get along - we at the Sanctuary say "HOGWASH"!! Pictures can say a thousand words.... when one of the shelters we work with received 5 little ten day old orphaned pups look who stepped in as a wet nurse! Darla sent this little guy down to us, asking us to find him a home. Catoosa Animal Control in Ringgold Ga. is a shelter we have worked with for years. They have some of the most unusual stories to tell! We are blessed to have such wonderful partners in rescue! They work very hard with many rescues to save as many animals as they can. Love ya Darla and love our new little baby!! If you would like to know more about this little puppy please e-mail our Adoption Coordinator Tina, at chloemew@yahoo.com. She will send you an application to complete if you are interested in adopting this adorable little baby.... who of course loves all kitties!



Is The Sanctuary Going To The Birds?

One might think so after you read this story.... Well I am never surprised by some of the calls we get at the Sanctuary, and this morning was no different! On the way to work I got a call from a woman named Janet, in Clewiston who had rescued a baby bird from the church parking lot. The poor little guy had fallen out of a palm tree and hurt his eye. Janet was upset knowing she could not leave him there, helpless to die. She took him home to care for, and called the Sanctuary to see if we could help. We never turn our backs on any animal that we can help, so on the way home from work I picked him up from her. I called Damien, as his wife, Michelle is home all day, and sure enough she was willing to foster this little! He needs to be fed a wet mixture of food, every couple of hours so that he gets enough water (baby birds cannot drink the water as they will as an adult as they can drown). Damien used to work at the Sanctuary a few years back, while in high school. We all missed him at the



Sanctuary after he left to find his path in life. Now a family man, he is back working at the Sanctuary and making a difference in the daily lives of our animals. His wife Michelle is also helping us now, and I must say they are truly an added blessing here. Michelle gave us an update on the baby crow who wakes them up with lots of noise, wanting to eat and also is learning to fly. His eye is healing well and he is developing quiet a personality. He has been named "Grouch"!

Where Are They Now... and What Are They Up To??



Teddy has had his own fan club since his first pictures were sent out. He is quite a lucky little boy! We get emails all the time asking about him and wanting to know when we would do another update on him! Scott and Lana Fuerst agreed to foster him for the Sanctuary and Teddy's life just kept getting better. Scott and Lana met with the Parker's and that was that. As we have gotten so many emails regarding Teddy each month we thought we would put the last email received and a couple of pictures of Teddy in the newsletter to let his fan club know how he is doing.

Joanne wrote:

Teddy is our little lovable bear. My daughter gave him her panda bear, as our other poms each have their own stuffed animal they like to torture.

Teddy now weighs 5.1 lbs and has doubled his weight since coming to us. He eats wells and runs or hops around our home until he needs his puppy nap. Our Pom's still love him and enjoy the playful times during the day and their very restful nights.

I took Teddy to an Ortho DVM today just to see what he said about Teddy's legs – to be sure I wasn't denying him a possible procedure that could help him. Dr. Arohson told me that Teddy's deformities were quite intense and surgery would be extremely difficult and something that could not promise any better results than what he is dealing with currently. He said that the only place he would recommend here is University of Florida, and that would not even be a sure thing. Teddy would endure some painful surgeries at best.

I told the vet that I didn't want Teddy to have any surgery. I just wanted to be sure I was doing all I could for him. Our Teddy is happy, playful and perfect. He doesn't appear to be in pain and loves life. The vet agreed at his not showing pain and suggested that we simply get him a chest harness and wheels so his shoulders could have some relief. He said, he could see how much I loved him, and that I was not disappointed in "no surgery". He also said that since I was such a good Samaritan and took Teddy on to care for, that he would waive any charges for the visit. He said that if Teddy experiences any pain, to get some extras and we can treat him for pain management but to cross that bridge if it happens. Teddy does have a heart murmur but he will be fine. We are very relieved to not pursue surgery. We couldn't bear to be without him and never want him to be scared, in pain or long for us. We accept Teddy as the beautiful puppy that he is. He got his first hair cut this weekend, as he goes through his geeky fur change. He looks so neat and trim. He is a very good boy when he takes his baths and he does need them often – so it works out well.

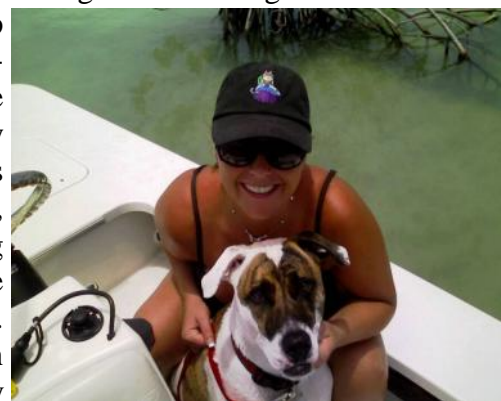
The Parker's, Jim, Joanne, Dan, Jess, Mango, Maya, and Teddy



Zorro...

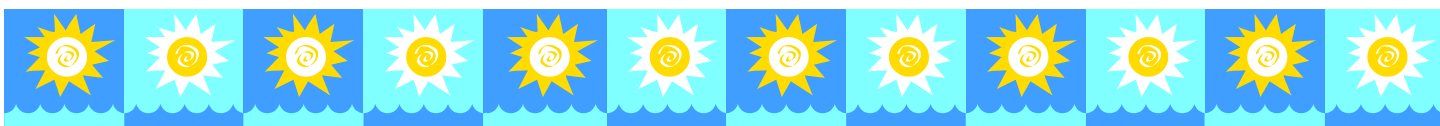
Several years ago we received a call to rescue a litter of American Bulldog mix puppies along with their mother. One of the pups in that litter was called Zorro, because of the mask markings on his face. He could have been called Mickey as well, since he has a perfect Mickey Mouse pattern on his back. Palena worked with Donna, who had the cutest Boston Terrier named Gigi. Having often talked about their mutual love of animals, Palena knew that Donna was looking to adopt another dog. Not having any idea what size these puppies would be, we knew that if anything, they would at least be the size of their mother which was

about 40-50 pounds, Donna decided to adopt Zorro and boy did her life change. It was tough at first and not just getting use to a puppy! It was getting use to a large dog, and on top of that also getting use to having two dogs! Zorro and Gigi soon became friends, and Zorro got some basic training. It was about this time that Donna began to work with the Sanctuary and has done so faithfully for several years, helping to raise funds, get the word out about events and helping to educate about the realities of mill dogs, abused dogs, abandoned dogs etc. Zorro and Donna were instrumental in arranging the last event at Camp Canine. Zorro has changed from the scared little baby we rescued, but he still has his mask and his Mickey Mouse. Zorro reached the fifty pound mark still as a puppy, and although much bigger than we thought at over 70 pounds, he is Donna and Joe's baby boy!!



Goose... gets quite a bit of fan mail here as well. He is doing better than what was ever expected. He now runs with the pups most of the day!! There is little to no back leg stumbling, and he comes in to get in the tub for water therapy! We have him on a special diet of Fresh Pet, Castor Pol-lux puppy kibble and fruit. He truly is a joy here and gets on very well with everyone. He will be ready to go to a home of his own. He is now getting old enough and healthy enough to fit into a family, and we would prefer all our puppies be in homes as a rescue no matter how big or small, is not a place for puppies. If you would be interested in Goose or learning more about him please contact Tina at chloemew@yahoo.com .

James....One of our happy adoptions this month was James going to his forever home. He has a new sister and he is in love with his new family. The picture says it all. This is a family familiar with the breed, which can be difficult, and one who truly knows that a dog is a part of the family. There was no greater joy than seeing him go into this home of such love and kindness, and made him feel right away as if he was always meant to be there. Huskies are one of my favorite breeds and although I do not feel they are the right dog for most families or that everyone should own one, nothing makes me happier than to find a great home for one of our rescued huskies. James is a little over a year old and we did not want him to live his life in a rescue. When we first got the application Tina really scrutinized it as she does them all, then she called me and said, "What do you think"? When I spoke on the phone with them, I knew this was going to be a great home. When I read the updates and saw the pictures I knew this was a match made in heaven. It really is the dream we have for all of the animals that walk through our gate!! Congratulations James you got your new family!



KIKI AND AGRESSION



Kiki can be by far the most aggressive dog at the Sanctuary. At 2 pounds 11 ounces she is a handful. She is jealous of the other animals, and even of people who get too close to me! Thankfully she is so small it's easy to handle the issue at the moment it happens. But I wanted to do more than just handle it, I wanted it to change and for her to understand that it is ok to share mom's love. As her behavior is very aggressive and she attacks two and four legged friends with a vengeance, I thought that our training section in this issue of the newsletter, should be on this type of aggression. To me is yet a very different and unique type of aggression, than any of the others that has been in this series on working with aggressive dogs.

For ages, many animal experts held that all dog behavior, including possible jealous tendencies, stemmed from instinct rather than emotions, but new research is proving that theory wrong. So, if you recently brought a new friend or another pet into your life, and your dog suddenly seems less than friendly or aggressive with other animals or people when you are around, you may just have a jealous pooch on your hands.

Paul Morris, Ph.D., a psychologist and animal behavior expert at the University of Portsmouth in England, determined that certain animals, including dogs, experience a wide array of emotions. Along with jealousy, these emotions include anger, anxiety, surprise, pride, embarrassment and shame. While cats, pigs, horses, rabbits and hamsters also seem to get jealous, dogs appear to feel this emotion more often and with greater intensity. Although experts say that as of yet it is not possible to communicate with dogs to know what they are truly feeling, the evidence so far suggests that canine emotions -- including jealousy -- are comparable to what we experience. A jealous dog can create difficult situation for both its owner and its own safety.

Meanwhile, what should you do if you suspect your dog is feeling jealous? Here are a few guidelines:

1. Recognize the signs

Like a spurned lover, your dog will have a hard time containing itself if it feels jealous. Sulking, snarling, growling, fighting and sluggishness can be symptoms of jealousy. Some dogs even get so upset that they stop eating. In that case, be sure to schedule a veterinary check-up to rule out possible medical causes.

2. Maintain routines

You likely have a daily routine for interacting with your dog, even if you did not establish this routine consciously. Think back to what your schedule and habits were like before the new pet or person was introduced and, whenever possible, try to reestablish that pattern with your dog. Routine is important to your dog because its jealousy, in part, comes from fear of losing its place in your life. By continuing to feed, walk, and play with your dog according to a normal schedule, you reassure your pet of its place in your heart.

3. Give extra attention

Try to spend even more time with your dog than usual during the transitional period. If the subject of your dog's jealousy is another person, encourage that individual to play, pet and otherwise positively interact with your dog as much as possible. If it is with other animals show your jealous pet that you still love it while playing with the other dogs. Yes this is easier with smaller dogs but we have also used this method with large dogs using two people each one handling the dog and then interchanging over time bringing the two dogs closer together until all four are interacting and then later one person steps away a few feet. Repeating this time and time again helps to both socialize your dog and also reassures your dog that another pet is not a threat. Negative responses such as yelling, pushing, grabbing, etc. will not help, in fact with create a bigger problem.

4. Reinforce basic training

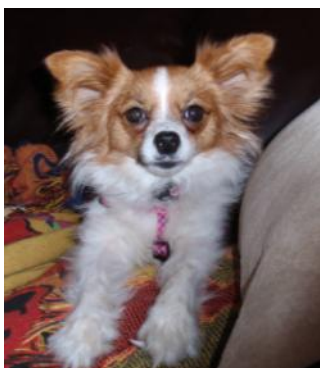
Your dog thinks of you as part of its pack. Now it must share you with another individual. You must remain the leader, so gently show your dog who is boss by verbally scolding negative behavior in a firm controlled voice, not a screeching scream as soon as it starts. At the same time, reward positive behavior with sweet talk, head rubs, and treats, especially if your dog makes an effort to socialize with your new pack member.

5. Empathize

Whether the object of your dog's jealousy is a new pup or person, try to remember that from your dog's perspective, it was with you first. Your dog has attempted to earn your loyalty and affection over the years, while sharing those same gifts with you. Its jealousy is actually a measure of how much it values both you and its position within your now-growing pack.

Kiki is making new friends and just this past week I caught her actually playing with one of her friends when I came in and she continued to while I walked around the room changing clothes and getting ready to feed them. This was a first for her but it made me very very very happy! Patience, love and consistency does in fact, great make a difference!!!

In The Kitchen With Olive



This past month was a very special time for me and my family! Not only did my whole family move to a new house, but it was also my brother Diku's 3rd birthday! My mommy really wanted us to bake a beautiful cake for him and she also made some snacks for all of us kids that were at his birthday party! We all had so much fun, and Diku got all sorts of presents.... I'm glad he loves me and always shares!! These super cheesy biscuits had everyone howwwwwling in delight!! They are super easy, you can ask my Mom, she even let me help!

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups wheat free gluten free flour

2 cups extra sharp shredded cheddar cheese

½ cup margarine or butter (softened)

¼ tsp garlic (fresh or powder)

Milk (as needed to form the dough into a ball)

Cream the first 4 ingredients together with a hand mixer or food processor. Gradually add a little milk, until the dough forms into a ball. Wrap in parchment paper, and chill for 1 hour. Roll out on floured board, and cut into desired shapes (Mommy used hearts and doggie biscuit shapes). Bake at 375 degrees for about 18 minutes, or until lightly browned. Refrigerate any left overs.



Happy 3rd Birthday Diku





DIKU'S ANGEL...

Diku has a special angel this month.... Well truth be told... every month Diku has a special angel or two... but this month is a bit different. In fact it is not a rescue dog or cat. Had it not been for Diku though, and all the dogs at the Sanctuary it might have ended up in rescue. Vanessa who is a good friend of the Sanctuary sent us an email. Diku would like to share it with you and maybe you will become an angel to this young boy who fell in love with a great dog. When I told the dogs at the Sanctuary

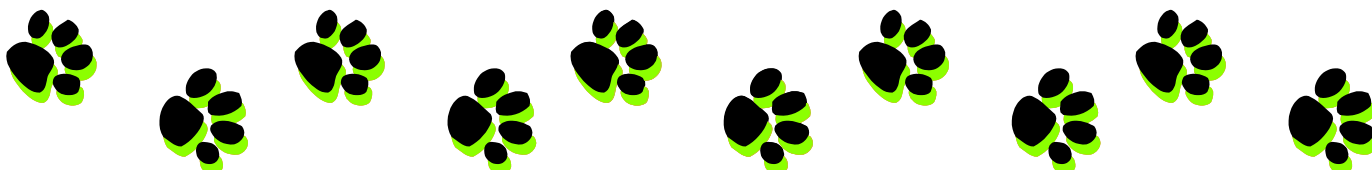
this story they were very sad and did not know what to do. By morning everyone was buzzing with excitement as they said they had talked to Diku via the dog night live bark system that only they understand. Diku suggested that each dog send something, no matter how small...

So they did. We sent enough worm and heart guard and flea meds as well as supplements to Matthew and Rose to last for a while. Everyone, below, please meet Matthew and Rose...Rose was a beautiful stray girl who wandered up to Matthew's parents house. They didn't have the heart to take her to the pound, she was so friendly and sweet....She just wanted a home....Matthew and Rose bonded very quickly but unfortunately, Heath, Matthew's dad is a victim of the economy and is out of work. They are living on one income, and we all know how expensive dogs can be. That is the main



reason they hadn't had any pets before Rose showed up. Now they have fallen in love with her.... they are struggling and are thinking they will have to find another home for her. We all know how hard it is to place any dog especially pitties, even if they are mixes and she definitely favors a pit....Just look at how happy Rose makes Matthew...Please help Heath and Matthew keep his best friend. They are in desperate need of help just for basic supplies like, flea treatment, heartworm and food....Rose has been having diarrhea frequently and I advised Heath to mix some rice with her food....but obviously if this does not clear up she will need vet care, and that they DEFINATELY cannot afford....Please even, if you donate \$5.00 that will help tremendously.... If you also would like to help Matthew keep this angel and have some happiness in this rough time please do by sending your donation via Paypal to ruff29nc@hotmail.com. Children do not understand the recession and this dog is the only happiness he has right now.

I have talked extensively with Heath over the course of a few months. This is a genuine family who did the right thing by Rose, when no one else wanted her they helped her....PLEASE HELP THEM NOW!!



Smooches Pick's



ISAIAH.....

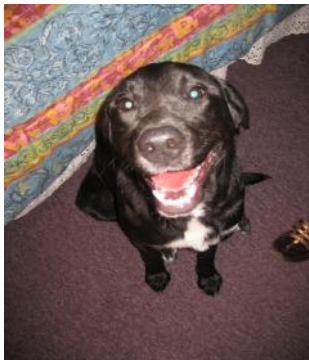
The name means God's Salvation. This baby truly was shown God's love by the number of people who came to his rescue. Isaiah was found in a trash bin. He had been beaten and had a plastic bag wrapped tightly around his neck. The animal control officer who had been called when he was found, made it a point to let everyone know that no matter how hard this little one had to gasp for air to live, when he heard them he still managed to wag his tail. Again it hit me how the unconditional love of an animal never ends. Isaiah was taken to animal control. Again the emails started and it was decided that Isaiah would come to the Sanctuary. He was taken to McDonough Animal Hospital and we found out that he was covered with mange, dehydrated, had scabies and internal parasites, and then heartworm.

He was too fragile to make the first transport that was underway and had to stay at the clinic. The outpouring of help was unbelievable. We believe that Isaiah knew the love that was being thrown his way and just decided it was not time to check out. Beaten, suffocating, eaten alive by ticks and fleas, covered in mange and scabies and a heart full of heartworm, this baby survived it all – now he is safe and soon will be looking for a home!! If you think that possible Isaiah might fit into your home please contact Tina at chloemew@yahoo.com .



GEORGIA.....

Georgia had an accident that cost her one of her hind legs, but she was lucky and survived. She then ended up in animal control where they discovered she had heartworms. There was a tremendous rally and people pulled together to pay for her treatment. She successfully underwent both treatments for heartworm, but unfortunately she still had no where to go. It was at that point that we received an email about this little angel, and she came here. Even with only three legs, she is one sweet loving dog with all the energy and love of life that you could want in any dog around! She has to rest for 30 days, but after that time frame we hope that she will find a permanent home of her own. If you would like more information or might like to inquire about adopting this sweet loving dog please contact Tina, at chloemew@yahoo.com.



Blame it on the Lavender Shampoo

It was late, and I was exhausted when I checked into a motel in Crystal River, Florida. I guess it was Fate that I hadn't packed enough shampoo, and that sent me on a midnight trek to a local pharmacy. When I opened the car door in the parking lot, a friendly, collarless black lab mix bounded up to the car. Missing my own dogs back in Pennsylvania, I put her in the car and called 9-1-1, looking for animal control, but they didn't open until the next morning. So she stayed in my room, snuggled up by the bed, as if to say, "Thank you for giving me a safe place to sleep." I named her Ariel. The next afternoon I took her to Citrus County Animal Control before flying home to Philadelphia. Although I settled into my normal routine at home, I couldn't stop thinking about Ariel. After a few weeks and several calls to the shelter, I decided to do what Ariel had asked me to do when she ran up to my car: I was taking her home. Thanks to the generous efforts of some good people in Florida,

Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, my Ariel arrived less than a week after I decided to adopt her. She is happy, healthy, goofy, and wonderful. She loves to play with my other dogs, and I am so grateful for those folks who helped me move her all those miles. Most of all, though, I'm thankful that Ariel decided to adopt me on that late Florida night.

CAMP CANINE.... Where dreams really do come true...



The first paragraph on their webpage (www.campcanineflorida.com) says it all: **CAMP CANINE, Country Club and Spa for Dogs & Cats** is not just an ordinary kennel, but an elite resort for dogs and cats offering very unique Daycare, as well as Grooming, Boarding and an exclusive Pet Boutique - for the *most* spoiled pets! We are the first of its kind in the Boca Raton and Ft. Lauderdale area offering a fun and safe environment that is cage-less *the entire day!!!*



It's the personalized individual attention that shines more than any crystal dog collar or neon dog toy! Dogs were playing everywhere and cats have a huge area to spend their day. You are greeted when you walk in by their two resident cats that are happy to let you see just how great everyone is treated there. Don't forget they also carry a huge inventory of beds, clothes, leashes and animal items are artfully displayed for clients and everyone is treated like royalty.

The staff truly love the animals that are left in their care, everyone knows everyone's name and there are a lot of smiles and wagging tails! There are large happy running dogs outside in the yard, medium sized dogs in a special area, and little dogs were sitting behind the counter being loved and spoiled all day long! Donna Roggerio, who adopted Zorro from the Sanctuary a few years back, asked that we be included on the list of rescues that are part of a food and supply drive that Amber does every few months to help local rescues. Clients donate food, treats, leashes, collars, toys and anything else that a dog might need. She has been taking Zorro there

for a long time, knowing he loves to go to visit all his friends at Camp Canine!

The Sanctuary would love to thank all those involved with this drive very much. All the dogs here would love to send sweet doggy kisses to everyone at Camp Canine for all their wonderful gifts! What a great place to be a dog or cat! Don't forget to visit them soon!



Apphia Tells it Like it Is.....



Well it's me Apphia, the feline representation for this monthly newsletter! One of my cousins Daisy, who lives with Tina and Kathy sent me a picture this month! She is a feisty older little lady, who along with the rest of the family, moved to a new home this past month! Tina and Kathy were really worried about Daisy and her boyfriend Mr. Mr. since they had lived at the old house for many years. Rumor has it, they went crazy trying everything they could, to ensure that they would be safe in the move. That's what I call love and devotion!! I hope that you enjoy the picture in this article of her as much as I did.

This month is our second part to de-clawing a cat. I shudder at the thought of someone doing this to me and I hope that after reading this part as to why not do it maybe people will think twice about it. If you did not get to read the first part, you can by simply clicking on the May newsletter link on our website.

If you are thinking of declawing a cat, or a veterinarian suggests declawing at the same time as neutering, before you make a decision for non-reversible surgery, please consider these reasons NOT to declaw. Your cat will live his remaining years with the result of your decision, one way or another.

Declawing is NOT Just Nail Trimming



Nor is declawing only the removal of a portion of a claw, rather, it is the surgical amputation of the first joint of the cat's toes. Whether this procedure is accomplished with a scalpel, a guillotine-type cutter or a laser, it is major surgery, and not to be undertaken lightly.

Declawing Does Nothing to Benefit the Cat

You will sometimes hear the disclaimer, "It's better than putting him to sleep." This is a fallacious argument, and usually offered only to soothe the owner's conscience. Only the cat's owner can make the decision to kill her cat because of scratching problems. He or she can also make the decision to let him keep his toes. Unlike neutering, which **does** benefit the cat, both health-wise and behavioral-wise, declawing simply does nothing positive for the cat.

Declawing Robs a Cat of His Chief Weapon of Defense

A typical counter-argument is, "My cat is indoors-only." Even indoor cats sometimes manage to escape. A declawed cat does not stand a chance against a large dog, a bigger cat, or a predator. Although he still has teeth, by the time he gets in close enough to bite, it may be too late.

Declawing is Painful Surgery

Think of it as 10 amputations (if only the front feet are declawed). Pain meds may help initially, but phantom pain may last for weeks or months, as nerve endings heal. Dr. Nicholas Dodman describes the pain following surgery: "Unlike routine recoveries, including recovery from neutering surgeries, which are fairly peaceful, declawing surgery results in cats bouncing off the walls of the recovery cage because of excruciating pain."

Declawing May Lead to Litter Box Problems

Declawed cats often associate the pain when digging in litter with the litter box itself, and will avoid it, choosing softer carpeting instead. But please take your cat's needs into serious consideration before making such a drastic and permanent choice.

Declawing Sometimes Leads to Biting Problems

When cats lose their ability to give a quick warning scratch, they will often resort to their second line of defense: a good, hard bite. The cat's owner may sometimes find himself the victim, just when he thinks his cat is enjoying a petting session.

Cats Need the Exercise Their Claws and Toes Provide

Watch a cat stretch, whether horizontally on a carpet or vertically with a tall scratching post. He will grab the carpet or sisal with his claws, using the resistance to pull and stretch his muscles. Cats' claws actually play a large and positive role in their amazing muscle tone and agility.

Altered Gait May Lead to Later Joint Problems

Domestic cats are *digitigrade*, meaning they walk on their toes. Walking with an altered gait because of the lack of the first digit of the toes can affect all the joints of the leg, resulting later in arthritis of the hip and other joints.



Cats Need to Be Cats for Their Entire "Nine Lives"

Honestly, if a cat could speak human language, do you really think, given a choice, he'd say, "Sure thing. Cut off part of my toes?" His claws and toes are an integral part of making a cat a **cat**. Would you honestly want him to be anything less? It's your decision, but please take your cat's needs into serious consideration before making such a drastic and permanent choice.


 Don't forget Hurricane season starts on June 1st Please remember to have a plan that includes all the members of your family including you pets!

Sanctuary Wish List

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



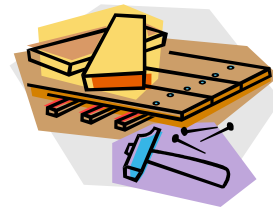
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Oh Please Lord.... Let all my friends at the Sanctuary get adopted into great homes! If they can't be adopted, please let some wonderful person sponsor them until they get adopted. Anyone interested in sponsoring a particular resident at the Sanctuary? It's super easy! E-Mail my Mommy Kathy, at muwaig@yahoo.com for \$25 a month you can be someone's special angel!

XOXO Jaxson

