

Calendar

ADOPTION EVENTS

Please refer to our Web site for Adoption Event dates.

FUND RAISING EVENTS

June 11 - Paws in the Park, our annual dog walk for homeless animals located at the Norfolk Hunt Club in Medfield, MA. The Norfolk Hunt Club is opposite 251 North St. in Medfield, MA.

November 5th - The Fourth Annual Save A Dog Auction. We hope that you'll join us for a fun day of bidding wars and fund raising. Every year it's a blast. Mark your calendars now.

Save A Dog Alumni Plays Toto!



Belle Delaney, adopted from Save A Dog in 2001, played Toto in the Westborough Players' Club's recent production of "The Wizard of Oz".

Save A Dog Volunteers Climb Mt. Kilimanjaro to help put a Roof over Save A Dog's Head




In January 2007, two of our volunteers, Rebecca Tarby and Laura Peters will embark on a once-in-a-lifetime climb to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro to help Save A Dog raise funds to build a permanent shelter and adoption facility! At 19,340 feet, climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro – commonly referred to as the “Roof of Africa” and the tallest freestanding mountain in the world – is not an easy task. Despite the fact that the mountain does not require technical climbing skills, it is a strenuous and sometimes

dangerous journey - between 5 and 15 people die on the mountain every year due to the extreme altitude, over-exertion or rockslides. They will carry a Save A Dog banner, along with the names of their top sponsors, to mountain's summit.

Within the next several months Rebecca and Laura will be launching a “ROOF” of Africa” fundraising website with more information about their climb, gear, sponsors, and training progress, as well as day-by-day updates during their climb. They will also be organizing several fundraising events during the year to help raise awareness of the climb and its worthy cause. Rebecca and Laura will be paying 100% of their own travel and climb expenses so that EVERY PENNY raised will go directly towards helping Save A Dog.

If you are interested in supporting their climb by making a donation, attending an upcoming event or becoming a sponsor, please stay tuned to the Save A Dog website for more information once their campaign kicks off!

Please help Rebecca and Laura make Save A Dog's “ROOF” of Africa campaign a success! 

Obie and Kona — In Motion Together



them are inseparable and are such great companions so it was a perfect match! Obie let Kona dominate initially when he first moved in but is edging out as the slightly more dominant one now moving to the head of the pack! He still runs around the yard in great big circles, which always makes me smile.

Four - five times a week, we take them hiking in Noanet Woods and it is their favorite place in the world. Midway through the hike, there's a big pond where they love to splash around together. Neither of them can swim yet but they are right on the cusp. When we got both Kona and Obie, we didn't think they'd be water dogs but they certainly are now. It's so fun to see them smile and cry with excitement when we pull into the parking lot. Obie's affections lean slightly towards me and Kona's toward Jed so we have the perfect balance.

Obie has been SUCH a seamless fit into our family and he and Kona are best of friends as you can see in the attached picture. We took them up to Stowe, Vermont last weekend overnight and they were soo good and had such a great time. They both absolutely LOVE car rides now that they know where their home is and that they'll always come back with us. They were exhausted when we got home from all of the excitement. We still can't believe how we got so lucky twice!!

We really couldn't be happier and they've brought us even more love and laughter. Everyone that meets them says how lucky we are. I always tell them that most rescue dogs are this great!

I've been meaning to send you an Obie update but it's been difficult to get any cute pictures of the two of them because they are always in motion together. The two of

We are definitely planning on attending the Paws in the Park and look forward to seeing you again there!! I know that Obie will certainly be thrilled. Hopefully, he will get to see some of his siblings there too.

- Margaret & Jed

Success Stories!



I just want to let you know that Rosie is settling in beautifully! She has fit right into the family. We play every morning at the dog park, where she runs and runs with her friends Truman (yellow lab), Willy (lab mix), Abby (Vizla) and Isis (shepard mix). She is awesome, and smart and very cuddly! Rosie and Otis are great together and share everything (except for Otis's stuffed squirrel- that's his!).

*Thanks for everything!
Martha*



Mona the Dalmatian, adopted from Save A Dog in 2003, takes time to enjoy the great out doors with her sibling.

Are these two bird dogs, really bird watching?

Or was it a squirrel?

Adventures in Holistic Care

By Shirley Moore

At Save A Dog we recently started using holistic and homeopathic therapies on our incoming dogs and I'm so excited about the results that I just have to share a few success stories with you all.

I got my first introduction to homeopathy this summer when I came back from the rescue work in New Orleans with a nasty case of ringworm. It was itchy and painful and just would not go away. After seeing the doctor, I used both over-the-counter and prescription creams, to no avail. Not only so, but the ringworm got worse and worse. After five weeks of suffering with it, I finally asked our holistic vet, Ronna Kabler, if she knew of a remedy that would help my ringworm. She told me to go to Whole Foods and buy some Thuja cream. I did and two days later my ringworm was gone! GONE!! After months of suffering with creams and doctor's visits, it was gone using a cream that was readily available and it cost under \$10. Amazing! So I started to think that there's more to this holistic stuff than I had previously was aware.

At around the same time frame we took in a puppy who was suffering from demodectic mange. This type of mange is not contagious, as all healthy dogs have this mite in small numbers, but when a dog's immune system becomes weakened, the mites can multiply rapidly and cause disease and inflammation of the skin. This particular puppy had been immunized at 8 weeks of age, then again at 10 weeks (which was the originating shelter's protocol), then dipped twice for fleas, and given a rabies vaccination -- all in a short time period. You can just imagine what a toll this took on the poor puppy's immune system. His hair was falling out and he was just a mess. So at the vet's advice, I started the puppy on the vitamin C and herbs to start building back his immune system. We also gave him probiotics to help his fragile digestive tract (another part of the dog's system that goes haywire when the immune system is suppressed). We used tree bark gruel to help firm up his loose stools. Within a short time his coat came back and his intestines healed and he was full of normal puppy energy. Today he has a gorgeous coat and you would never know that he ever had mange.

We now use vitamin C, grapefruit seed extract, immune boosting herbs, and probiotics (good bacterial for the stomach and digestive system) for all our new arrivals. We went through the entire winter without even one case of kennel cough and we've had very good results using probiotics when switching the dogs to a healthier brand of dog food (without any diarrhea). While vaccinations are necessary and life-saving for puppies, we allow more time between vaccinations and we give the pups a couple of cc's of the homeopathic remedies, Thuja and Lyssin,

following each vaccination, as both act as agents to allay possible drug reactions. For more information on holistic care for your dogs, we highly recommend the Web site of our vet, which is www.mashvet.com. MASH is located in Hopkinton, MA. Stay tuned for more success stories on our Web site, www.saveadog.org as we learn more about holistic care for our pets. If you have questions on how to mix the remedies, feel free to write to me at shirley@saveadog.org and I'd be happy to help you. 🐾

Apis Remedy Saves Puppy's Life

We recently bought a homeopathic first aid kit and already it has saved one puppy's life. A ten week old pup was stung by something at her foster home and developed an allergic reaction. In the short time the foster mom, Deb MacLeod, took to drive her over to my house, the puppy's eyes were swollen shut and her face was swollen to at least twice its normal size. She was lethargic and panting. The plan was to take her to an emergency vet hospital but she was in such bad shape, I didn't think there was time. So I called Dr. Kabler and she told me to give her a teaspoon of Apis, a homeopathic remedy that we had on hand. The swelling went down in five short minutes! If there weren't witnesses in the room, I wouldn't have believed my eyes. The little pup then squirmed out of her foster mom's arms, jumped down and drank a whole bowl of water, went outside, peed, and then came back in and proceeded to play. We were all so amazed and thankful -- I mean tears of joy, absolute joy, and amazement. This remedy should be well known in every household, but I'd never heard of it before that night. Now I wouldn't ever leave home without it. The wonderful thing about homeopathic remedies is that you can use the same remedies on both on animals and humans. So go get yourself some Apis. It's amazing!



Clover

By Lisa Levine

I looked into this sweet girl's eyes and thought "How could anyone ever let her go?" She was Clover - the first dog I helped transport while volunteering for Save a Dog.



I picked her up in Hartford, after another wonderful volunteer from a CT based rescue group drove many hours in the rain from Kentucky in a van with 5 other dogs rescued from a shelter in West Virginia. The other dogs went to various homes in New England. I was lucky enough to share a two hour ride back to Massachusetts with this little pup, a very loveable little mutt with soft, if slightly dusty, white fur, Dalmatian-like black spots and the most adorable look in her eyes. It wasn't until she shuffled towards me with her ears back and her tail wagging, begging for love that I noticed her limp. Up until that moment I had forgotten that when she was x-

rayed by the veterinarian who spayed her in Kentucky that they found a bullet in her leg! And even though her former owner let her go, someone shot her and she ended up in a shelter left for dead, she still eagerly walked toward me, a perfect stranger, and rolled over on her back so I would scratch her belly. This dog would be ultimately treasured by someone in Massachusetts and even though my ability to transport her from Hartford, CT to Wayland, MA was such a small portion of her rescue, it helped to put her in the home she is in today.

I have volunteered with Save a Dog for over a year now. I originally did it to get my "doggie fix" – I am not able to have a pet in my current apartment but have always lived with dogs and missed having a dog terribly. I thought volunteering for Save a Dog would be a way to surround myself with dogs on a regular basis but it turned into so much more. I found myself drawn to fundraising because I knew that bringing more money into this organization would mean that more dogs would be saved and placed in their forever homes. Now it isn't just about me getting to play with a dog every now and then. It is about being a part of something so much bigger.

Beautiful Clover was just one of many dogs who were saved by our rescue group this year. In fact she was one of the last dogs saved before the new quarantine regulations in Massachusetts went into place. Up until now, we placed out of state rescue dogs into foster homes before placing them in their forever homes. *I am thrilled that we have just kicked off a Capital Campaign to build a quarantine facility. This new facility will allow us to quarantine all out of state dogs as required by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture before finding them their loving families. Finding the land was the first step. Now we need to raise the funds to start building.*

Please help us to continue saving dogs by donating time as a volunteer, money for food and veterinary costs or supplies such as towels, crates, etc. The dogs you help will appreciate it. And it will mean more to you than you could ever know.



FYI: Important News

New Location for Paws in the Park!

Our annual Paws in the Park fundraiser will be held at the Norfolk Hunt Club in Medfield this year. The Norfolk Hunt Club is opposite 251 North Street in Medfield, MA. Paws will still take place on Sunday June 11th, 2006 as previously announced. We hope to see all of you there!

Available Soon!

The Save A Dog 2007 Calendar

Our first ever calendar will be available for purchase soon. We're planning on having it ready by Paws in the Park, so please come spend the day with us. And while you're having fun, pick up a calendar!

Save A Dog's 6th Annual Dog Walk



Paws In The Park

Sunday June 11, 2006

(Rain or Shine)

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Norfolk Hunt Club

opposite 243 North Street, Medfield, MA

directions and more information at www.saveadog.org

Registration Starts At 10 am

Group Walk : 11 am -12 pm

Come with or without a dog ~ friendly, leashed dogs are welcome!

◆ Blue Dog Group

- ◆ Agility Try-out - All Day
- ◆ Parade of Adoptable Dogs
- ◆ Silent Auction
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Kids Games
- ◆ Doggie Water Games
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Demonstrations

And Much More !

This is a fundraiser for Save A dog, an all breed animal rescue. Please consider gathering pledges—visit www.saveadog.org for a pledge form.



Admission is \$10 per person (waived if you have pledges) Children under 12 are free

Separation Anxiety

By Eileen Moreira

Congratulations, you've adopted a dog! During the first few days/weeks everything is going well when suddenly your new family member cannot be left alone. You notice as you step outside to get the mail that Fido exhibits signs of distress. These signs may include: panting, pacing, drooling, barking constantly, whining, jumping at doors or windows and/or exhibiting destructive behavior. When you leave him for longer periods (even in his crate) you notice these symptoms get even worse. He may even urinate or defecate in his crate – a true sign something is wrong.

Fido is likely suffering from separation anxiety. Separation anxiety is a common experience for many dogs, especially those who have been through a rescue situation. Think about it from the dog's perspective – he was likely with a human at some point, abandoned in some way, kept at a shelter, transported to a rescue group, living at a foster home, and then joining your family – many transitions for any dog, young or old.



Because dogs are pack animals, they long to be part of a group and want to learn their place in it. A rescued dog usually bonds quickly with one person – the shelter worker, the rescue worker, the foster parent, and then the mom or dad. His “person” has been taken away so many times over such a short period of time, Fido fears being “abandoned” again.

There are many things you can do to help ease Fido's separation anxiety:

- ?? **Read up on the subject.** There are many great books, articles and websites out there. Search for “canine separation anxiety” on the Internet and marvel at the information available to you.
- ?? **Crate Train Fido.** To Fido, his crate should be his “den”. A warm, welcoming, comfortable, *safe* place to be. Add a bed, blanket and a chew toy (when you are present.*) Leave the door open and toss treats in every once in a while. Fido will quickly learn that “good things happen when I'm in my crate.” (*When first left in his crate when you are not home, you may have to remove the bed, blanket or toy so Fido doesn't chew or choke on them.)

- ?? **Enroll in a training class.** Training (clicker or otherwise) will deepen the bond between you and Fido, as well as boost his confidence in general, which will make him feel better when left alone.
- ?? **Practice “leaving” Fido.** Practice, even if just for a few seconds at a time, leaving Fido in another room. Increase the number of seconds to minutes you are gone gradually, in small increments. Soon he'll get the idea that you always come back. When you do this, you are “desensitizing” him to being left alone.
- ?? **Practice calm “hello's” and “goodbye's”.** When leaving and returning, don't make it a big deal. Calmly say “goodbye” to Fido when you leave and “hello” to him when you return. If Fido picks up anxiety at these times from you, he will internalize it. Be a calm role model coming and going, and soon Fido will be, too.
- ?? **Doggie Day Care.** Enrolling Fido in a reputable doggie daycare center (even for only one or two days a week) may be the perfect solution. He'll be busy with dog-savvy people and make lots of doggie friends. Best of all, you'll feel better knowing he's not stressing-out, home alone.
- ?? **Have patience and lots of love.** Fido's separation anxiety may take a few weeks, or even a few months, to conquer. Muster up all the love and patience you can find – it will be worth it! One day you'll notice that Fido has become content and calm when left alone.



Eileen Moreira adopted Buddy, the yellow Lab, from Save A Dog in January of 2002. Eileen believes that there is an angel for every person who saves a dog. 🐾

Annie and Gracie — Our Miracle Dogs



Annie and Gracie are two very special dogs we would like to highlight in this issue.

Annie was dumped at a high volume dog pound where she was used as a test dog to see if other dogs were dog aggressive. She was at the shelter for three months when rescue angel, Barbara Nord, spotted her and told us her story. She came to us emaciated and in terrible condition. She was so frail that she could hardly walk. Our volunteer foster provider, Karen Payne, with help from our vets, nursed her back to health. She's adopted now and living happily in her forever home.

Gracie came to us as a tiny Dalmatian puppy who was plucked from the snow practically frozen. A kind vet gave her the TLC that she needed and she was brought to Save A Dog when she was just eight weeks old. She was absolutely the cutest puppy we'd seen in a long time and everyone fell head over heels in love with her. Then when our vet came to give her the medical check-up, she detected a strong heart murmur, which was confirmed a few days later with an echo cardiogram. She showed a serious Sub-aortic stenosis, the worse they'd seen, and her condition was very grave. We were encouraged to get a

second opinion immediately as she was not expected to live very long. Devastated, we fell on our knees and begged God to save our puppy. The next day we took her to Tufts and the new echogram showed significant changes to the heart and no stenosis. I brought the first echogram so they could compare the two and now Gracie is known as the miracle puppy at Tufts. Gracie is happily flourishing in her new home with a big sister, Lily, a two year old Dalmatian. 🐾



Our love affair with Annie continues to grow. She's such a sweet girl and has settled in very nicely as a much cherished member of our "pack." She's doing great! She's eating well, she's gaining weight and strength -- you almost can't tell that her hind end was ever weak. It's been so wonderful to watch her rejuvenate both physically and emotionally. It's so funny, when she's inside she's very calm and ladylike, but outside she gets in touch with her wilder side and scent tracks everything with the spirit of a hunter. We love her so much -- we can't thank you all enough!

*Love and many thanks,
The Maloney gang*