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The Barking Lot

The Official Newsletter of 2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue, Inc.

From your President:

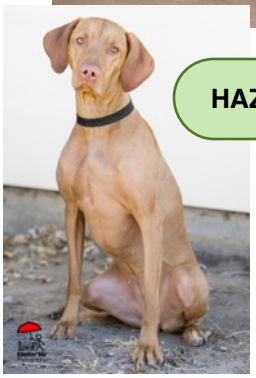
This has been a busy 1st quarter. We have taken in 10 dogs this year so far 6 of which have been from shelters. The first weekend in March turned out to be a fast trip to 2 shelters in the extreme south eastern section of New Mexico to pick up 3 dogs. My husband, Rick, volunteered for the trip since the weather was not conducive to flying for our pilot. Rick left very early Saturday morning and didn't get home until very early Monday morning. He picked up the dogs and dropped them off at the foster homes in Colorado Springs. What a trip, but Rick was in good spirits saving 3 dogs. Kind of looks like NM is the new Kansas.



RUDY



GINGER

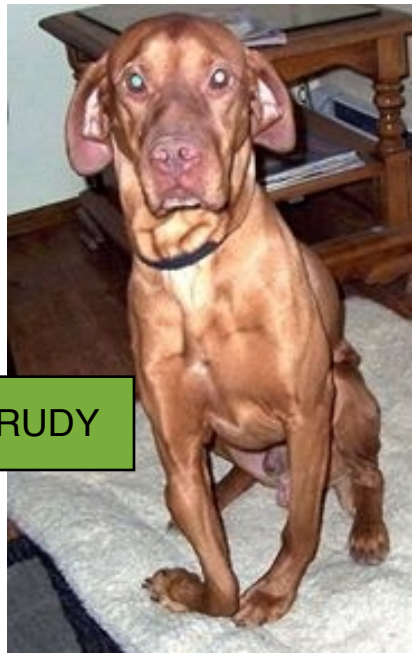


HAZEL

I have signed up 2 new foster volunteers. I could still use more. One of the new fosters, Neal, lives in Albuquerque, a location that is sorely in need of additional foster homes. Neal can also help with transport. In fact he made the trip to Carlsbad, NM to pick up his first foster, Penny, in March.

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Thank you all for your support in making 2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue, Inc. a success. Mark your calendars for the 2CVR 2nd annual reunion on September 14, 2014. Look for your e-vite as we get closer to the event.



Rudy needs your help. Please consider making a donation after reading about Rudy.

Rudy fka Sam is a 5 year old purebred Vizsla currently in foster care and one of those rescues that requires additional expense. Rudy's former owner bought him as a pup from an out of state breeder. This breeder had somehow crushed Rudy's foot and never sought vet treatment for him. The fellow who turned him over to rescue had him for approximately 4 years and never did anything to try and fix his leg either. As a result Rudy will need to have surgery to remove his leg. From his foster's words, "he is the sweetest dog I have ever met". Please consider making a donation today to help defray the cost of Rudy's surgery. We have an estimate so far as to the cost of surgery and that is $750.00. This does not cover his rehabilitation costs. Donations can be made online at our website http://www.2ndchancevizslarescue.org/ using our secure Pay Pal account. Please consider making a small donation today to help save a Vizsla.

2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Donations are always welcome and needed to help defray expenses in caring for rescued Vizslas. Our adoption fees barely cover the basics such as spay/neuter, vaccinations and microchip. However, many times a Vizsla will require additional tests such as blood work, dentals, x-rays, and sometimes surgery before adoption. Donations help us to cover these costs.

The main goal of 2CVR is to match Vizslas in need of forever homes with loving families. We are dedicated to providing rehabilitation, medical care, and in-home foster care for abandoned or abused purebred Vizslas or Vizsla mixes. We do not board our rescues in a kennel environment. We strive to educate the community regarding responsible dog ownership, including: the spay/neuter of companion animals, assisting shelters by promoting awareness, working with shelter managers/directors in our targeted area, and bringing shelter dogs on board as quickly as possible.



Good News! Rudy had his surgery Friday April 11th. He is doing just fantastic. He is getting around real well with only three legs and is anxious to get out on his own already. Thank you everyone for your support in helping Rudy. The surgeon said his leg was really a mess and he was likely in a great deal of pain.



Please visit our Facebook page for more about Rudy's progress and photos:
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Why We Do Hunting Tests

Sometimes **"thank you"** just doesn't seem to be enough. Two small words that fall a bit short when it comes to delving out thank you to those who put on hunting tests.

This past weekend the Vizsla Club of Colorado and the Mile High Weimaraner Club held a double/double hunting test at Strasburg Game Birds. This was a great opportunity for dogs to earn multiple qualifying passes by running in four tests for the weekend. **Note:** These hunt tests are open to pointing breeds only and they need to be registered. A purebred rescue Vizsla can apply to the American Kennel Club for an ILP (Indefinite Listing Number) and be eligible for these tests.

Why we do what we do.

We conduct these events for the enjoyment of the dogs and their owners. The happiness of running in the fields provides the dogs with a very simple pleasure. It makes the time and effort put into orchestrating these events all worth it, at least in my opinion. There were many small victories this past weekend. Victories not in the form of ribbons and passes, but in accomplishments.

First, there is William. William is a Vizsla that has endured a harder life than most. William is a survivor of a first owner going to "throw" him away. Literally. William was lucky enough to have met Sarah, who adopted him and showed him what real love is about. William is also a cancer survivor. After being adopted by Sarah, William contracted a form of cancer that required removing one side of his jaw. Although he may been left with a greeting that shows more tongue than normal, William is now a happy and thriving dog. William participated in his first hunting test this past weekend and he was very, very thankful for the VCC and MHWC putting on these tests and giving him two days of enjoyment in his life. The three passes and orange ribbons made his momma, Sarah, proud. Some photos of William and his weekend are attached. They are worth the look.





Second, there are Rockie and Sage. One Vizsla and one GSP. These girls know there way around the fields. Rockie and Adrienne and Sage and Donna had great success and could care less they were at the tail end of the day. Given Adrienne and crew drove 8 hours from South Dakota, it was nice to make sure the girls got their share of time in the fields.

Third, there is Partito. Parti for short. Parti is a Spinoni Italiano and has a zest for birds the size of his home state of South Dakota. Parti and his owner, Debbie, had a great run on Sunday. After a successful test, however, Parti decided he had a little more gas left in the tank. I believe Parti is now familiar with the thousands of acres at Strasburg Game Birds. It was a beautiful site to see him running full tilt across the crest of the hills against the Colorado sky. Although it was at Debbie's expense, her frustration was trumped by Parti's run in the sun. Parti decided to make use of the opportunity to enact his selective hearing, and last count Parti must have covered about 1,000 acres with Debbie in tow chasing him. Thankfully, after about an hour Parti decided to "sit" on command. We are not sure if it was exhaustion or on Debbie's command, however.

The fact the clubs and their volunteers enable William, Rockie, Sage and Partito to experience such a simple feeling of happiness should make us all proud. It is why we do what we do.

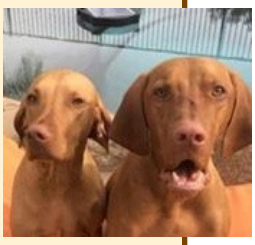
Thank You

Tad Walden
President
Vizsla Club of Colorado

HAZEL



Hazel was adopted to her new home in sunny Arizona on February 10. She's going to have a new brother to play with and a POOL!





To our Wonderful Adopting Families:

SPECIAL PEOPLE, SPECIAL DOGS

You are adopting a rescue. That makes you special among humans. You are taking on a special dog, going down a different path from the pet shop purchasers, saying "l am willing to do what it takes to bring my companion dog into a normal, loving situation. I am not afraid of hard work, consistency, and discipline. I will be patient. I know my new friend has past experiences shaping his thoughts and reactions now; I will provide him what he needs to build a better future. I am teachable. I know this strange and wonderful breed, the Vizsla, is unlike any animal in the universe; it is a privilege to walk along my life's path with so beautiful and unique a creature. I am joining a group of people who love the breed and know how much they want to share with me. I am entering into a relationship with them as well. We will all join in an effort to resolve the situation in which my new friend has found himself, and pledge to do whatever is in our power together so that he will soon know that he has found a safe place of love and acceptance and belonging---forever."

Understand how attached Vizslas become to their owners/family members and how much time is required to be devoted to your new family member. Vizslas are smart, eager-to-please and sensitive animals and can easily have their spirits broken by harsh language and actions. Discipline for these dogs should be provided in a loving, consistent and positive manner, never with anger or a hand raised. The Vizsla has a strong legacy of companionship and work ethic. They will always be loyal unconditionally loving to you, so long as you hold up your end of the relationship! Please make sure that you don't leave them alone for too long without training the reinforcement and understanding that you will always return to be with them. Like any animal, a life of boredom and loneliness for your Vizsla will result in undesirable behavior which will frustrate both of you. The 2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue, is always here to help you with your new Vizsla. Our commitment to our rescue dogs is lifelong.
- Unknown

Dr. Nicholas Dodman on Dog Behavior and New Training Techniques (Part Two Of Three)

By Sophia Yin and Claudia Kawczynska, DVM (www.thebark.com)

The rules of dog training and care are changing, which means your role is changing. Leading animal behaviorist Dr. Nicholas Dodman discusses new training techniques and dog behavior with fellow veterinarian, Dr. Sophia Yin and Bark's Claudia Kawczynska.

Bark: I know that one of the big problems in training comes up in animal shelters, where some training is given to the dogs to make them more adoptable. Patience and non-aversive training are wonderful, but what can shelters workers do to make the animals adoptable, quickly?

Dodman: You could train fairly fast with clickers. In my office I use a clicker and food treats. I can have a dog at the beginning of a one-hour session without the faintest idea of what a clicker is, but at the end of the hour I do a click and he'll immediately come and sit for a food treat. They can learn what the clicker means fairly quickly. But in terms of rehabilitation of a dog in a shelter, I don't think that taking a dog that has gone through the kinds of unfortunate experiences that cause it to arrive in a shelter and then putting a choke chain and popping it a couple of times is going to sort it out. With a lot of the dogs I have seen in the behavior clinic, the relationship with the owner has broken down. Many of these dogs have been to training. They are top of the class. They are very smart. But they are willful or dysfunctional. They have problems that way, and these are the kinds of things that bring animals to shelters. You have dogs that are either relatively normal but untrained, or they are fearful, needing more confidence building. If you put a choke chain on a dog like that, you are going to drive it back in the middle of last week.

It all has to do with communication, too, it's not about having your dog respond like a little soldier to commands. It is just clear communication. I tell people to just imagine if they were in downtown Shanghai: everyone speaks Chinese and they don't have the faintest idea of what is going on. That's a pretty stressful situation to be in. But if someone comes up with just a few basic words—like restaurant, bathroom, transportation—just a few words sprinkled in, that could really mean something and could help with de-stressing the situation. I see communication as being one of the three Rs of rehabilitation for a dog that has gone off the rails. The other two Rs are exercise and appropriate diet. I call that the Reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic of dog rehabilitation. If you are dog, you pronounce that with a rrruhrrr.



Volunteer Spotlight

Kelly Mollevik

My name is Kelly and I became involved with the 2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue, Inc. after adopting my V, Beaux. I just recently started volunteering with transport and fostering. My first foster is "Jesse James". Prior to this Beaux and I attended a rescue fund raiser.

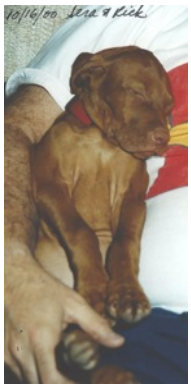
I have yet to experience the heart wrenching or challenging aspect of fostering since Jesse James is my first experience with fostering. I would say, for me, the biggest reward is knowing that I can provide a temporary home filled with love and understanding for the rescued dog.

When I picked up Jesse, I discovered he was infested with ticks. It was my first time pulling ticks off a dog. I went online to figure out how to do it. Jesse was so patient. I learned later that he was a real challenge to the people who transported him. It took 2 people to get him into a crate in the vehicle. At my home, he was a perfect angel. It was obvious to me that he had not been in a house before because he had trouble navigating the floors and stairs. But, once he figured it out, he had no problem.

As a kid, my dad got his first Vizsla when I was 12. Pride was deemed "his hunting dog and NOT the family dog". With 3 girls in the house that quickly went out the window. Pride was such an energetic loving addition to the family and we couldn't wait to get home and play with him. At the time the yard was only partially fenced and my folks had to chain Pride up when we left the house. After a few hours of shopping my mom and I came home to find Pride had hung himself jumping over the neighbor's fence. She and I had to release him from the chain and carry him back to our yard. Being 12 and for the first time really having to deal with the death of a pet, I was devastated. The entire family was! My dad vowed to never have another pet and he didn't. The minute I moved out and on my own I got a dog and have had them ever since.

I met my first V, "Beaux", from a co-worker/friend in my office. He had adopted Beaux and I fell in love with him immediately. I was able to see Beaux frequently in the office and give him loves. Beaux's owner was needed in Texas to assist his ailing parents. With traveling back and forth he wasn't able to take Beaux with him and asked if I would be able to "dog sit". Of course I would help him out. During Beaux's visits with me, he and I formed an insane bond and he made a great friend with my Golden Retriever! We quickly became inseparable. At one point Beaux's owner and I had what we laughingly called a shared custody. My friend's time was needed more and more in Texas and asked if I would be willing to adopt Beaux! I couldn't imagine NOT having Beaux! He had become a best friend to me filling a void I didn't even know I had. A few months after I adopted him he had to have his knee operated on which was a long and grueling procedure and an even longer healing process for him. With his bad knees he has limitations physically but loves to do short searches in the back yard and in the house. His favorite game is hide and go seek. A V's nose definitely knows!! He loves snowmobiling – yes he rides right on the front with me with those ears flapping in the wind and he enjoys the Jet Ski, just not getting his face wet. He still comes to the office with me daily and has become our office therapy dog. Beaux is such a sweet, loving gentle soul that calms everyone around him. He is the best cuddlier; and people in need of some quiet solitude seek him out. He pretty much goes everywhere with me – he especially likes the beauty salon where he is center of attention. I couldn't have asked for a better friend.





RAINBOW BRIDGE

I am dedicating this issue of The Barking Lot to my old girl, Sera. It is with a heavy heart that I say good bye to daddy's little girl, Sera (8/11/2000 – 4/5/2014). As many of you know she was diagnosed with Diabetes in June 2012. She put up a good fight, but it got the best of her and we had to help her cross over the Rainbow Bridge. She is free of pain now and running through the fields with all the other Vizslas.



Sera

Sera came into our family when she was 7 wks old. She was a great pup and grew into a greater dog. She won her show championship with ease. She loved to sit in dad's lap, she definitely was daddy's girl. She would only get in my lap when dad wasn't home. She knew she was the queen from the beginning and her posture showed it, even when she was occupying a lap.

Good bye sweet Sera, you will be greatly missed. -Rita





Who's Who in 2CVR

Officers/Directors:
Founder/CEO/President – Rita Prindle
VP – Rick Prindle
Secretary – Cathy Lund
Treasurer – Kathy Kregal
Rita Prindle – Chairperson
Directors:
Denise Lashmett
Larry Smallwood
Judy Wagner C.P.A. – non voting
Carolyn Levy – Advisor – non voting
Financial Consultant –
Judy Wagner, CPA
Legal Counsel B Terry Ryan Law Firm
Newsletter Editor – Mary Ellen Keskimaki (temporary)
Kelly Renz – Junior Editor
Cartoonist – Tracey Adams
Fund Raiser Coordinator – Open
Grant Writer – Kristen Wrona,
Transport Coordinator – Open
Adoptor Follow Up – Donna Wolosin
Facebook Managers – Diana (Berger) Sinatra & Katherine Giese

Adoption Team:
– Rita Prindle – Chairperson
– receive adoption apps, review & assign HV
Telephone Interviewers - Donna Wolosin, Dani Commendador, & Denise Lashmett
-call approved adoptive family after positive HV prior to final adoption must have information on fostered dogs in order to make a suggestion as to which dog will be a good match w/family
-e-mail Rita with telephone report for her decision whether adoption is ok or not
- Foster Liaison - Open
- work closely w/Chairman, assign rescues to foster homes, receive rescue profiles/success stories/pictures from foster families

2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue
Financial Report 2014 Q-1

REVENUE	
Contributions, Individual	$3448.29.00
Adoption fees	$250.00
Surrender fees	$100.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	$3798.29
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Veterinary Services	$2,338.77
Postage/Stamps.com	$72.97
Legal fees	$150.00
Transport Expenses	$409.54
Misc. Foster Supplies	$128.38
Annual Picnic Expense	$110.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	$3,209.66
NET INCOME FOR 1st QTR:	$588.63
ASSETS	
Current Assets	$8758.03
Other Assets, Equipment	$500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	$9,258.03
LIABILITIES	
NET WORTH	
Retained Earnings 1/1/14	$8,669.40
Net Gain for 1st Quarter 2014	$588.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	$9258.03