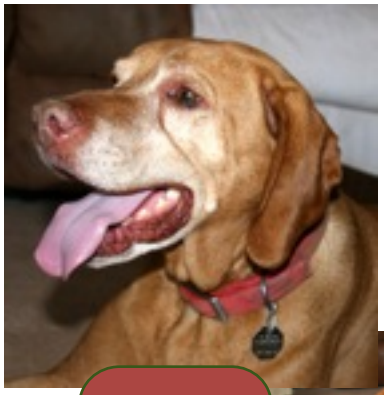
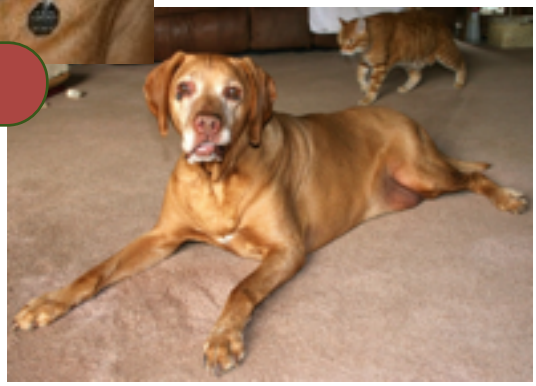
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The Barking Lot

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





RUSTY

Letter from your President:

What can I say, this year is going very fast. The year is half over already. Rescue intakes have slowed down a bit, we only had 2 new dogs come in this second quarter, Rusty & Ruger, with a total this year so far of 12 dogs, most of which have been adopted leaving 3 in house. Two of these dogs, Huckleberry & Rudy have some very promising adoption applications pending.

The latest rescue resident is Rusty. He is a 9 year old purebred Vizsla who was surrendered to a local shelter by his owners. Rusty is a very big V, couldn't tell by looking at him that he weighed 73 lbs. He is not obese, just overweight. He is at my house and has lost 3 lbs so far. He is a perfect gentleman, knows quite a few commands and performs without hesitation or question. The story that his owners told the shelter is that they could not afford his medical bills. The only problem he has is some eye tags on his eye lids, otherwise is in excellent health. He did come in with a slight case of kennel cough due to being in a shelter environment. He is over that now and my dogs didn't even get it.

I am real proud of the progress that 2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue, Inc. has made. This is as a result of the support of the many Vizsla lovers and supporters. We received an overwhelming support to our request for help for Rudy. We collected over $3,700 which more than covered Rudy's expenses and allows us to save and provide medical help for those Vizslas in need. I thank all of you for your support. We will strive to meet your expectations. - *Rita*

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Training methods

Some people use training methods that do more harm than good. Rita and I have seen the damage caused by some of these training methods through the years of rescuing Vizslas. One dog that we had in rescue had been taken to what was called a Doggy Boot Camp this once sweet Vizsla female had been hung from a hook by her neck so that her hind legs barely touched the floor. This method was used in an attempt to make the dog submit to the trainer, it worked you could walk her on a string. But her trust of humans was broken and she would snap if you moved wrong. There was no way to gain her trust, she couldn't be trusted not to bite. In fact I reached for a blanket next to her, she bit me and broke the skin. I wasn't even close to her.

Another case we had was a puppy, yes a puppy, the family to try to get the puppy from growling when the 4 year old child would take the puppies food crack the puppy on the back of his neck. We got the puppy back from the people and found that they had broken the puppy's neck.

The case that amazed me was a young female that had been surrendered by a man who claimed to love the dog dearly. He had been told how to train this Vizsla to not be dominate with the other dogs. So he tried it, he flipped her on her back then kneeled on her chest while pressing her front paws to her leg bone. If she counter surfed she was hit with a fly swatter, there were no verbal corrections used and she was allowed to sleep in the bed from the moment they got her. She had been found running loose by a friend who then gave her to the family that surrendered her to us. When I got her she was unstable, in season and afraid of people. She was also loaded with worms, had an infected eye and had an infected ear. She was fine with the dogs here after her health issues were addressed and was very sweet with my husband and myself. I had to have surgery and my sister came to help out. The female seemed to get along great with my sister and we started looking at applications for her. We had put this dog through every test to make sure that she was now trusting humans. My sister and my husband went to the basement to play with her all was fine until my sister touched her chest. She in a flash lunged at my sister's throat and left 2 wounds on her neck. My husband pulled her off and she turned on him trying to get to his throat. I called our Vet and he came to the house she tried to attack him also. The only thing we could think of was she was still afraid of having someone kneel on her chest. I have no idea how he did that to her without cutting off her air and killing her.

Vizslas can't handle harsh treatment and there are many training methods out there that can ruin a wonderful dog. I see them as abuse, I have never met a dog that needed to be hung from a hook, or correct a dog with cracks to the neck much less a puppy. I have to tell you the kneeling on the dogs chest made my blood run cold and it was all I could do to keep from yelling at him, but I had to stay calm so I could get the dog out of that house.

Polly Eastin

Ilana R. Reisner, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVB
University of Pennsylvania

Better Never Bitten

Tips for Keeping Your Family & Friends Safe ... Including Your Dog

Dogs are our best friends, and many families cannot imagine life without them. Yet bites from pet dogs are common and can ruin an otherwise loving relationship. Although we certainly see them as members of the family, it is important to remember that dogs are, in fact, dogs—whose native language is different from our own. What a child might do to show her love to a dog might be seen as a threat, and reaching to take something as meaningless as a paper towel from it might insult any dog's sense of ownership. We hear all kinds of advice and it can be confusing. What, then, can we do to ensure that our children, ourselves, and our beloved pets are content and safe?

What NOT to Do

- Don't leave infants, toddlers, or young children alone with any dog, no matter how friendly it is.
✿ Don't pet, touch, nudge, hug, or kiss a dog while it is resting, especially if it is on or beneath furniture.
✿ Don't hug or kiss a dog that is not your own, however friendly it may seem.
✿ Don't move a dog by pulling on its collar or scruff; instead, call the dog to you or toss a piece of food.
✿ Don't pet or touch a dog while it is eating food or chewing on a toy, bone, or any other object.
✿ Don't reach to remove food, toys, or any other objects from a dog. If it is necessary to remove an object, trade by offering it an irresistible piece of food.
✿ Don't pet or restrain any dog trying to get away from you.
✿ Don't corner a dog to clip on a leash, give it medicine, groom, or even pet it.
✿ Don't point at, hit, slap, or otherwise punish or scare the dog. Your dog does not purposely misbehave. Most important, physical punishment will frighten the dog, and frightened dogs are more likely to bite.

SHOULD YOU SEEK HELP?

Dogs are complicated animals and, like us, might need help for one problem or another. Many "issues" can be addressed with simple training or environmental or management changes. If, however, your dog is significantly fearful or has shown growling, snapping, or biting behavior, the situation will not resolve on its own. Talk to your veterinarian or a certified behavior specialist for help and recommendations.

READING YOUR DOG

You may be surprised to learn about these signals of stress or fear. These reactions may be especially relevant when the dog is approached by someone or hesitates to do something that you have asked it to do?

✿ Yawning
✿ Licking its lips
✿ Lifting a front leg
✿ Sitting
✿ Wagging a stiff tail
✿ Rolling over on its back
✿ Lowering its head
✿ Backing up

Hungarian Vizsla foster dog adopts orphaned puppies

A dog which had a stillborn puppy has adopted another bitch's four offspring.

Clara, the Hungarian Vizsla, who is the canine foster mother, has been feeding and cleaning the puppies after their mother died during labor. Clara's owner, Catherine Donohoe, from Newton Abbot, Devon, was contacted by the owner of the Hungarian Vizsla puppies, which were born a week after Clara lost her single pup.

The mother of the four puppies was called Spice and the puppies have been named after members of the Spice Girls. Ms. Donohoe said, "Originally five puppies arrived, but sadly one had to be put to sleep because it had a cleft palate." She added, "They're just like a normal family... [and] I think it's almost unheard of in this breed."

She said a mutual friend had put the owner of the puppies in contact with her after a stillborn puppy was removed from Clara during a caesarean section.

Betty Smith, chair of the Hungarian Vizsla Club, said: "The Hungarian Vizsla used to be quite unusual in the UK but the number of people owning the breed has seen a steady increase. "It's a very good looking breed and may be popular because it is not too big and has an affectionate nature."

Mrs Smith added the owner of the puppies was "very lucky" to find Clara.

WHY FOSTER?

I foster dogs because I believe everyone should have a dog and my foster dogs have simply not been found by their forever owners yet. Dogs are always happy to see you. They are so funny to watch. They will come sit next you when you are sick or troubled. They are good company when you are alone. Dogs will join in your fun. They want to be with you. Each dog I foster is meant for a certain person or family. I am just the caretaker of these pets until they are found and adopted by those people. The people the dog will love forever. I foster dogs as a service to the new owners, not just the animal.

Dr. Nicholas Dodman on Dog Behavior and New Training Techniques (Part Three 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: What do you think is the single most important preventative measure people can take to help avoid behavior problems in their pets?

Dodman: That's a difficult question, because there are several factors, such as exercise, diet, communication, suitable restraints and fenced-in yards and perhaps providing a crate, even if you don't ever shut the door. Put as the one single thing? Probably it would be to provide leadership. The dog is a territorial animal and when he moves into your territory, he'll try to take it over; if you feed him, he might keep you on because you are feeding him. So it is very important to provide clear leadership in a non-confrontational way.

I think that leadership is very important because of the pack mentality of dogs. If you are the leader, I don't think that the dog is unhappy about having you as the leader. And when the owner takes clear control through a non-confrontational dominance program, you can almost hear the dog sigh with relief. It's as if they are saying, "My god, for a minute I thought it was me who was in charge here." It's a relief. They don't feel miserable. They are not like humans who have to be number one. They don't care about being at the top of the hierarchy, they just need to know where they are in it. Clearly know.

Bark: In your books you talk about the importance of aerobic exercise for the health of a dog. How can dog owners provide that kind of exercise for their dogs at the end of leash?

Dodman: The vast majority of dogs do benefit greatly from having exercise periods. And walking dogs on a leash is not sufficient exercise. It's not that they die if they walk on a leash, just as it's not that a human being dies in solitary confinement either. It is just that it is not optimal for their physiological and psychological well-being. Exercise is good for us and it is good for a dog. People say to me, "I give my dog a lot of exercise, I take him for a walk around the block every day and it is about a mile or a mile and a half." I say, "Well, I take my 84-year-old mother for a mile walk around the block, but that doesn't constitute exercise." We really need to get heart rate to a certain level, and this is done by running off-lead.

A dog needs to be provided with natural outlets—being able to run and exercise and chase things and do what dogs were bred to do. Say you have an apartment-dwelling dog who has little or no exercise and is fed one of these high-energy foods. Then add to that that there isn't much communication because the owner took the dog to obedience training as a puppy and doesn't do it anymore. So now you have a dog that neither is communicated with properly, nor has appropriate outlets or diet. This situation, which is all too common, is an accident looking for a place to happen.

Volunteer Spotlight

ILONA FRANCIS



I first became involved in Vizsla rescue when my husband & I adopted Mosley back in 2004. Our next adoption was Bojay who was 12 years old and had been surrendered by his owners due to his age and incontinence. Bojay would groan with delight when we gave him a bath. I think the warm water felt good to him. We only had Bojay for about 7 months before he crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. Those few months that we had him were worth it.

I decided to get more involved with the rescue process and volunteered to help with transport, assign home visits, and to become a foster parent. It seems like every time I stop to give the transported dogs a break, it is always near a prairie dog colony. I've got to hold on to them pretty tight as all Vizslas want those prairie dogs!

The most challenging or heart wrenching aspect of being involved with Vizsla Rescue is seeing a Vizsla that doesn't get adopted for a long time, especially the older dogs. It also makes me mad that people give up their dogs that have been a family member for 9 or 10 years. How can somebody do that to any dog?

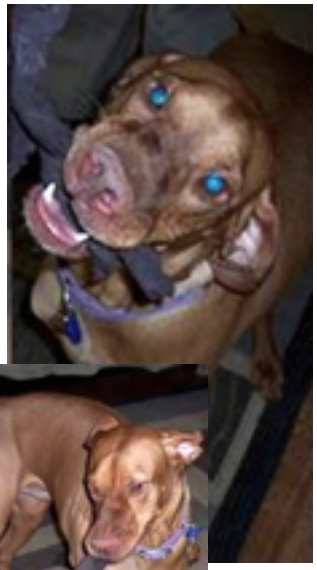
The most rewarding part of being involved with 2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue is when one of our "long term" foster dogs finally gets adopted! It makes me very happy and fulfilled when they find their forever home.



We got our first Vizsla (Chad) in 1989 and she lived to be 16! We now have Peggy Sue who is around 10 years old. We adopted her when she was around 2. We also have Buddy Holly who we renamed to go along with Peggy Sue's name. (Buddy Holly wrote the song Peggy Sue.) Buddy is 8 years old and he still is our clown guy. He was 4 months old when we adopted him. The first thing he did was jump in the koi pond in our back yard when we got home. We knew we were in trouble when he did that. We take them for walks daily along the Highline Canal. They get so excited when we say the word walk! They then get really excited when they see all the bunnies.

RUDY UPDATE



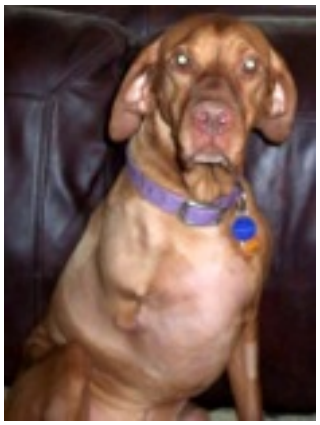




Hi everybody, Rudy here. Boy did I ever have a fun weekend. First, FM (foster mom) took me on a walk to the elementary school a couple blocks away. She let me off leash and I ran really fast. Unfortunately, I didn't come when I was called and had to go back on the leash. What can I say, sometimes I'm a rebel. Anyway, then FM jogged with me and tried to video it. When FM tried to put the video on the computer, there was a problem. FM said some naughty words and me and my foster siblings laughed and laughed. I never say naughty words because I am a good boy. I got real tired on the walk and jog and even though we were only gone about 20 minutes, I had to take 3 rest and belly-rub stops. I know lots of people like dogs like me because of their athleticism. I will never be an athlete and that worries me because I'm afraid nobody will ever adopt me. FM says I'm an Olympic cuddler, so maybe that counts for something.

Today my friend Bob came over and played with me. I like to play keep away and I made Bob chase me for my toy. It was loads of fun. Everybody who has met me really likes me but so far no takers. FM says we are waiting for the most special person on the planet to hear my story, and they will adopt me. I hope they find out about me pretty soon. I love my FM and my foster siblings, but I'm really ready for that special someone to call my own forever and ever. Oh, dear I think I hear my dinner being prepared. Gotta go. Love Rudy Patootie.

P.S. FM says I am ready to go to my forever home. She also told me that there are a couple of families that want to adopt me. Boy can I hardly wait for my very own home. Don't get me wrong I am sure going to miss my FM, but she says it is time and she will always love me.





BREAKING NEWS!

Rudy has a family! Please visit our facebook page for an upcoming success story and photos.



NOTICE!

2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue 2nd Annual Reunion is just around the corner. Mark your calendar September 14, 2014. We are holding it again at the beautiful Community Park in Louisville. This is a great site and they have an enclosed beach area for the dogs to go swimming. They just love it. We will have lunch available, thanks to Katie. We also plan to have some irresistible doggy items for you to buy, all monies go to help the rescues.

Look for your e-vite in the coming months. Hope to see you all there. - Rita

2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue
Financial Report 2014 Q-2

REVENUE	
Contributions, Individual	$4,017.21
Adoption fees	$1,375.00
TOTAL REVENUE:	$5,392.21
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Veterinary Services	$1,596.27
Postage/Stamps.com	$138.84
Accounting Services	$475.00
Computer Services	$124.49
Insurance	$490.00
Transport Expenses	$66.13
Misc. Foster Supplies	$63.63
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	$2,954.36
NET INCOME FOR 2nd QTR:	$2,954.36

Who's Who in 2CVR

Officers/Directors:
Founder/CEO/President - Rita Prindle
VP - Rick Prindle
Secretary - Cathy Lund
Treasurer - Kathy Kregel
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 & review adoption apps,
- Ilona Francis - review & assign HV
Telephone Interviewers - Donna Wolosin, Dani Commendador, Denise Lashmett, & Polly Eastin
-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