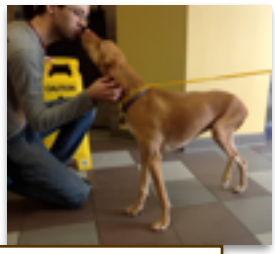
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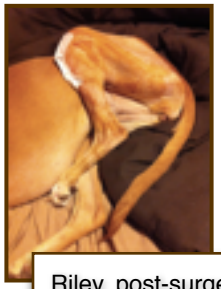
The Official Newsletter of 2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue, Inc.

Letter from your President:



Riley, pre-surgery

Another year over, and a new one just begun. Seems like 2014 has been a medical challenge year for us. First there was Rudy and his leg amputation. Now we have Riley, a female, with a torn ACL. I found an excellent orthopedic surgeon that is dedicated to helping rescued dogs. His name is Dr Michael Bauer, DV, DACVS and he came highly recommended. I have attached a couple of photos of Riley. We will be accepting donations to help pay for her surgery and rehab which will, most likely come to over $3,000.00.



Riley, post-surgery

A little history on Riley. She is around 3 ½ yrs old and was adopted when she was a pup from a local humane society. She suffered an injury of some sort about a year ago which developed into the tear in her ACL. The family then got another dog and this dog teased and taunted Riley. There was a child in the home and I assume bothered Riley. Being in pain she curled her lips and snarled in warning to leave her alone. She snapped at someone and the owners took her to the humane society who called me and asked if I wanted her. After examining the facts that I was given I deduced that Riley's behavior was due to the pain she was suffering. So I arranged for transport to one of my volunteers who has experience treating & rehabbing a dog with an ACL injury and surgery. Dani, came to the rescue and she is doing a fantastic job.

A few highlights from this year. Rudy came into rescue with a bum leg. His leg was amputated and after he healed found his forever home with a family that had previously adopted one of our rescues. We had a great turnout for our 2nd Annual Rescue Reunion, triple the attendance from our first reunion. The weather was perfect as always, the food was great, thanks to Kristen Wrona who was in charge of providing lunch for everyone. Look for reminders of our next reunion September 2015.

If you have a story or article you would like to share, please send it to me. I am always looking for material to add to the newsletter. I also love to see your Vizsla photos, so please share. - *Rita*

Another great success story!



Ernie
November 10, 2014 –
December 22, 2014

Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy. My name is Ernie and I am 2 years old, but I feel I am 9 months old. My foster mom says it seems like I don't have an "off" switch. My previous mom & dad got a divorce and I went to live with dad in an apartment. I had to stay there 24/7. There was a nice person that would come and take me out to get a little exercise (this was not enough for me). My dad taught me a lot of commands and I do them real good.

My foster mom, Rita, worked with me a lot to get me ready for my forever family. She said I was like a 9-month-old V in a 2-yr-old V body. Rita found the perfect home for me. A wonderful retired couple sent in an application. They had just lost their beloved Vizsla a short time ago and were missing her terribly. Since they are retired they will have time for just me 24-7. Plus I get to live in the mountains. I am such a lucky boy since my story could have had a much different outcome.



My new dad takes me out very often, like every day, to play in a fenced in school yard with a lot of other dogs. My new dad throws a tennis ball & frisbee for me and I just love it. I really don't get tired of that. I also get to play with the other dogs. There is one dog that I get to walk with every morning. He is a neighbor dog that comes over every morning for our walk. Another great thing is that I have gained some more weight. I was pretty skinny when I first came into rescue.

Volunteer Spotlight

Introducing: Sue & Larry Smallwood



Larry with Luke and Chance

Larry & I became involved with Vizsla rescue when we were with Colorado Wyoming Vizsla Rescue at the time the Kansas 8 were rescued. Lola was one of the Kansas 8 and our first foster dog. She was terrified and wanted desperately to escape. At the same time, she wanted to fight all of our dogs. I had to kennel Lola to calm her down. Lola was with us for quite a long time because she needed so much socialization. For example I would take her into the bathroom to get her used to the sounds of the toilet, hairdryer, spraying water, etc. She also had to learn how to share a water bowl with the rest of the pack. She was adopted to be the sister to a rescued Weimaraner. A year later I saw Lola at the Vizsla Rescue Reunion and she was amazingly mellow. It was very gratifying to see how well-adjusted Lola was with her forever family.

When Rita founded 2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue, we came along with her.

We do a lot of the fostering and sometimes have picked up and transported some of our rescues, I also do home visits here in the springs area.



Sue with JD

I find it disturbing when I hear the stories of how and why these wonderful dogs end up with us. I am always anxious when one of our fosters is about to be adopted then over joyed when they are matched up with their forever family, but it is always a little sad to see them leave.

One of the best memories we have is with a dog we got out of Farmington NM. We drove down to Walsenburg to meet the person transporting her from Farmington. Neither I nor my husband could believe that this beautiful well behaved dog was in the shelter. When we took her to the Vet for a checkup we discovered that she had a chip and found out that her owner was in the military overseas. The owner's father drove up to the springs from Albuquerque to retrieve her. They were both so glad to see each other. This was the greatest thing that could happen - reuniting the dog with his family.

The last little girl we fostered was a little mature, but we had a couple come out from Virginia to visit with her, both the family and the dog loved each other from the very first sight. When the couple had to leave our young lady ran upstairs and looked out the window, kind of asking, "Aren't you taking me with you?" The husband returned a week later to take her home and she was happy to be going with him.

I have been involved with Vizslas since my parents acquired Lance to hunt Chukar in Nevada. I got my own first red dog in 1979 when my family and I returned from military duty in Germany. Larry & I have our own family of red kids: Chance who is close to fifteen years old and is a white Vizsla, Benny who is six and a real couch potato that we were fostering and adopted, and we have JD, Just Dog that we fostered when he and his sister were brought up from New Mexico. We also have a Welsh corgi, Devyn who helps us keep our guys in line.

We are now fostering our great grandson, who really loves the dogs and gets to giggling over some of their antics.

10 Reasons To Foster A Dog

If you'd like to make a real impact on homeless animals, consider becoming a foster family. The foster home is a necessary spoke in the animal rescue wheel – without them, no movement can occur. The ability to provide a temporary home to a dog in need is an immensely rewarding experience and here are 10 reasons you should consider taking a foster into your home.

Comfortable environment: Some dogs don't do well in a shelter environment. They may be elderly or frightened of the smells and sounds. These dogs have a much greater chance of being adopted if they're placed in a home environment and are given some TLC.



Sascha, impounded after found on the street

Free veterinary care: If a foster dog needs veterinary care, it is the responsibility of the shelter to provide it. Some shelters even provide food and other supplies to their foster homes.



Fun with foster Sascha

Companionship: Fostering a dog can be a rewarding experience for anyone of any age! As long as you are allowed to have pets in your home you can enjoy the companionship of a dog needing a temporary home.

Learning opportunity: You'll be able to learn about canine behavior, grooming and social interactions as you spend time with your foster dog.

Help With adoptive match-making : You'll learn the little details about the dog's personality. This is an incredible gift to individuals looking to adopt a dog. You'll be able to inform them of all the strong points as well as areas that need to be focused on if they are considering your foster.

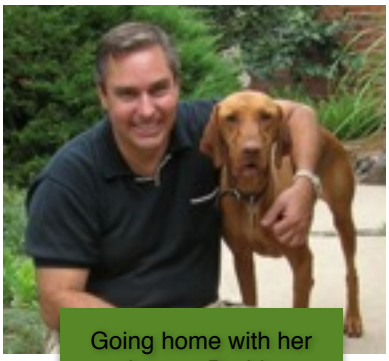
Playmate for your other dogs: If you already have a dog, fostering can provide your pooch with a companion and playmate.

Great experience for children: Fostering teaches children about compassion and generosity.

Allow shelters to help one more dog: You are making room for another dog at the shelter. One more open run or kennel means one less dog put to sleep. Fostering means that you save a life.

Participate In Positive Changes: Having a foster dog allows you to actively participate in the rehabilitation of a traumatized or needy dog. Witnessing the progress your foster makes due to the attention and security given in your home is priceless.

Satisfying experience: Most of all, fostering is incredibly satisfying. The day your foster dog finds his perfect forever home might be a sad one for you, but know that he wouldn't be where he is without all of your efforts and affection!



Going home with her forever Daddy

If you are interested in becoming a foster, please contact Rita Prindle at spunki_61981@yahoo.com

Dangerous Foods for Dogs

C**hocolate**! Chocolate contains theobromine, a toxic agent that can cause vomiting, diarrhea and heart rhythm disorders. Large quantities can lead to death.

Coffee and Tea. The caffeine and theophylline lead to restlessness, heart, palpitations and tremors. Caffeine can be found also in stimulant drinks, cola, chocolate. Can be fatal in large quantities.

Alcohol. Alcohol has the same effects on dogs as on humans, only much faster. It can cause vomiting, diarrhea, loss of coordination, depression and even coma and death. Do NOT let your dog drink alcohol.

Onions and garlic. They are some of the most dangerous foods for dogs, causing anemia, weakness, vomiting. Onions and garlic contain sulfoxides and disulfides, which affect the red blood cells. Please note that the garlic is less dangerous and can be used in homemade recipes (just a pinch once in a while).

Mushrooms. Certain species of mushrooms can be fatal. Almost all the *Amanita* species are toxic and they lead to liver and neurologic disorders. The usual symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, excessive salivation and seizures. If your dog has ingested mushrooms you should first induce vomiting by using Syrup of Ipecac (1 teaspoon per 10 pounds) or Hydrogen Peroxide 3% (1 tablespoon every 10 minutes for 3 times), then save some parts of the specimen for identification and visit your vet immediately.

Avocado. Avocado contains persin, a fatty acid that is present in seeds, leaves, bark and fruits. Dogs are allergic to persin and the symptoms include vomiting, fluid accumulations in the abdomen and breathing disorders. So, no matter how much you like your guacamole chips, just do NOT give them to your dog!

Macadamia nuts. Your dog needs only 5 or 6 macadamia nuts to get ill. The poisoning symptoms are depression, vomiting, weakness, tremors. The symptoms usually disappear in 24 hours.

Grapes and raisins. Too many grapes and/or raisins can lead to kidney failure. Without the proper treatment, a dog can die after eating a large amount of grapes or raisins.

Persimmons, peaches and plums. Their seeds can cause intestinal obstruction. Moreover, the peach and plum pits contain cyanide which is toxic for both humans and dogs.

Ice cream and other products containing a lot of milk, sugar, colorings and emulsifiers. They can cause diarrhea and can trigger allergies.

Candies and other sweets (including gum). Any food containing Xylitol is dangerous for your dog. Xylitol causes hypoglycemia and liver failures that can be fatal for your dogs. The first symptoms can be vomiting, loss of coordination and lethargy.

Salt. A large amount of salt can be really dangerous for your dog, causing vomiting, tremors, diarrhea. The first symptoms are excessive thirst and urination.

Yeast dough. It can cause gas problems and abdomen pain and, in severe cases, rupture of the intestines.

Avoid feeding your dog too many table scraps - they should comprise no more than 10% of your dog's daily food. Also, if your dog is on a raw diet, always check the expiration date on eggs and buy only **fresh meat**. If you are unsure of the freshness of the meat (strange color, smell), just throw it out. Don't cook it for your dog. You might endanger his life. Wash veggies before feeding and clean your dog's bowl after each meal. Never feed your dog cooked chicken bones because they can splinter and cause intestinal injuries.

Tail Docking, Is it necessary or cruelty?

By Laura Whitcomb January 7, 2015



When I thought of writing an article about this subject I thought it was a fairly clear cut issue. I was wrong. I started researching the practice of tail docking, when it started and why. I didn't want to just write an "opinion" article. I wanted facts to support this subject matter. My initial reason for wanting to talk about this subject was that yesterday my adult Vizsla, Ruger, had to go to the vet again for tail injury to his natural tail and it came to be that he must now have his tail amputated to avoid sepsis as the tail no longer has enough circulation and is dying. At that point in time, aside from being angry that my dog is suffering, my mind was firmly set that some breeds really need to have their tails docked and how dare the "breeder" not do their job right! Now instead of an easier docking as a puppy, Ruger must undergo a tail amputation as an adult dog. In my opinion this is much more traumatic and painful for him and my heart is aching for him. This is where the research I have done now comes into the picture.

I first wanted to know when the practice of altering dogs, be it ears or tails, started. It turns out that this practice has gone on for centuries. Then I wanted to know why. There is a large range of reasons this has been practiced. A long time ago the tails were docked on hunting breeds to readily be able to tell if you were of means or poor because the poor were not allowed to hunt. When the poor purchased a dog of hunting breed the tail was docked. Other reasons for tail docking were to avoid injury to the tail in a working dog, to prevent excess soiling in long hair working breeds but by far the biggest reason is cosmetic, to satisfy a "breed standard or preference" in show dogs.

Now starts the debate of necessity. There are pros and cons for both natural and docked tails. It has been clearly stated that there has not been a large enough documented study to state that any of these cons are not caused by things other than docking. Some of the cons of docking the tail are pain to the puppy in the perinatal stage, possible lack of full development of the nervous system, possible increase of aggression (due to inability to properly communicate with other dogs), increased occurrence of incontinence, less pelvic muscling and delayed healing. Some of the pros are decreased tail injury and it appears to be much less traumatic to the animal if it is done early in life rather than later.

Finally, is it necessity or is it cruelty? After doing my research I can only say that this subject is highly debated. There are several countries that have banned this practice and it appears that they did this to prevent altering for appearance. Altering for appearance seems clearly cruel in my opinion because you are inflicting pain for your personal gain or preference and to no benefit of the dog. However, I still feel that certain breeds such as our Vizsla's should be docked. They are extremely happy, wag-all-the-time dogs. With that high powered wagging comes injury after injury as their tails bang on all kinds of hard objects such as walls, tables, trees, and large boulders (we take our dogs out for hikes in the mountains where we live). Vizsla's natural tails tend to have a breed specific crook where the tail would be docked and in our experiences with Ruger, the injuries seemed to happen only from that crook down.





2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue
Revenue and Expense Summary
January 1 - December 31, 2014

REVENUE	
Donations	$12,575.06
Adoption fees	$3,577.00
Grants	$600.00
Reunion Picnic Fundraiser	$25.02
Interest - Savings Account	$3.80
TOTAL REVENUE:	$16,780.88
OPERATING EXPENSES	
General Expense	$4,457.74
Vizsla Direct Expense	$6,348.53
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	$10,806.27
Excess of Revenues over expenses	$5,027.71
CASH IN BANK (Savings/Checking)	$13,648.21



Who's Who in 2CVR

Officers/Directors:
Founder/CEO/President - Rita Prindle
VP - Rick Prindle
Secretary - Cathy Lund
Treasurer/Account - Mary Mc-Cumber-Clark
Rita Prindle - Chairperson
Directors:
Denise Lashmett
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 – Ilona Francis
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, Lauralee Whitcomb & 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