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BARK Doggies' Wish List for the Easter Bunny

In case you run into the Easter bunny looking for gift ideas, here is a list of things our doggies and volunteers would like to have:

1. Milk Bones – medium to large sized
2. Ink for HP Printers: a) # 92 and 93, b) 920 for black and color for the 6500 series
3. Raw hides and chew bones for those dogs that are kenneled **alone**
4. Aluminum Shovels (called Ridge Aluminum Scoop at Home Depot-not flat snow shovels and not gardening shovels)
5. Bleach
6. A good solid sturdy wheel barrel
7. Paper towels (not right now-have plenty)
8. Indestructible doggie toys like kongs
9. Canned dog food
10. Fish nets like you use to clean out aquariums or catch fish out of the aquariums – 3 X 3 ish size
11. Heavy duty Mendota slip loop leashes that are one size fits all, ½ inch thick by 6 feet long. One end loops over the dog's head and then it is tightened with a leather piece
12. Small waters for the volunteers
13. Rubbermaid mid-sized (about 20 gallons) storage tubs with the tight lids and snap down latches so mice can't get in
14. Scrubbers with handles to help clean out water buckets
15. **Nylabone chew toys**
16. Vienna Sausages and Single Wrapped American Cheese for giving meds
17. A few heavy duty Kuranda beds for dogs with allergies to wood shavings
18. Air horns like they use on boats



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Morgan's All Natural Pet Products

"Morgan's All Natural" pet care products are formulated to soothe and calm skin irritations while maintaining a shiny, healthy coat. pH balanced for all breeds. Safe for daily use.

- Clementine Zest & Lemongrass Doggie Shampoo
- Lavender & Mint Doggie Shampoo
- Crushed Organic Lavender & Rosemary Dry Dog/Cat Shampoo
- Crushed Organic Lavender & Rosemary Leave-on Doggie Conditioner

"Morgan's All Natural" pet products donates \$1.00 of each product sold to BARK Rescue.

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BARK for Life!

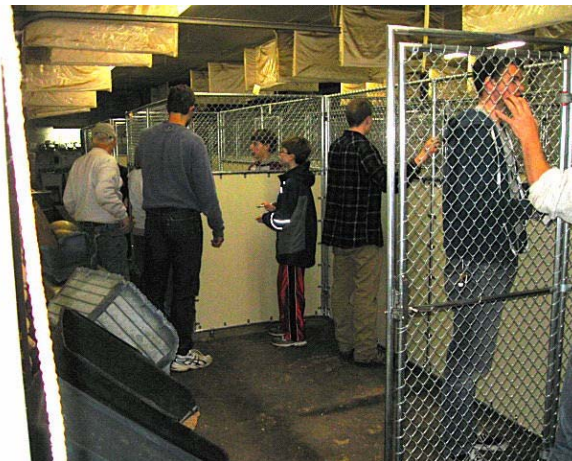
BARK was the top fund raising walking team for the March 26th BARK for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society! Congratulations and thanks to Cheryl Majcen for leading the event!



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Work Day at the Farm

Wow! What a work day we had at the farm on April 2nd. You can always count on our wonderful volunteers to go the extra mile to help make BARK as good as it can be. There were people everywhere helping to convert from old to new kennels. They are wonderful – the volunteers and kennels. You won't believe how much room there is now between rows. Thank you to the groups from U of R who participated as well as to all the other volunteers and their families who showed up to help. It was a real team effort. The new kennels will be so much more fun to clean.



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Helping the Community: Adoption News

Most BARK dogs are rescued from local public shelters. These shelters are open admission facilities, meaning that they are required by law to accept all unwanted dogs, such as those picked up as strays or surrendered by owners. When public shelters run out of room to house the dogs, they sometimes euthanize as a means of population control. BARK and other rescue groups offer lifesaving alternatives by transferring at risk dogs to their facilities, where they are housed until adoptive homes are found. In addition to finding forever homes, BARK vaccinates, spays/neuters each dog and provides appropriate veterinary care.

We are proud to report that **37** dogs found loving homes in March.

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Adoption Spotlight: Daphne, Handsome, Shirley, Milton, Tic and Fango

Dogs featured in the Adoption Spotlight were selected as personal favorites by BARK volunteers. We hope you enjoy reading their comments about these wonderful dogs. If you want to know more about a dog, [click here](#) for Petfinder bios. If you are interested in meeting a dog featured in the adoption spotlight, please submit an application online at <http://www.barkva.org/AdoptionApplication.aspx>, send an email to adopt@barkva.org or call 804-449-BARK (2275).

“For the last two months, I have spent every weekend with the lovable dogs at BARK. These dogs are all so special and kind, but Daphne sticks out more than others. I have told all of my friends and family about her kindness and gentle behavior. She truly loves to please. Walking Daphne is such a pleasure--she never pulls and will walk right beside you as she looks up with her lovable eyes for acceptance. Her kennel mate, Smokey, has become her best friend. On walks together, Daphne will walk right beside Smokey and give him her gentle kisses. I always take time to love on Daphne before I put her back in her kennel. Her head just melts into my hands and her eyes close as if she is in heaven! Sometimes I am even lucky enough to get one of her soft gentle kisses. Daphne has never shown any aggression toward other dogs and has been so kind to all of the volunteers. I can't say enough nice things about her personality! Please come meet her for yourself and see how truly wonderful she is!!!” These are the words Daphne’s special volunteer friend used to describe her. Daphne is a young female Rottweiler/Labrador Retriever mix who was disposed of by her family when they decided they'd rather keep her puppy. Luckily for her, a BARK volunteer was able to rescue her and she's now with us and we intend to find her the best, new and loving home where she'll be with a new family who will treasure her forever. She's a very, very easy girl who's great on leash, loves to walk, behaves well and is content just to be at your side. She's low key, sweet with other dogs and would love to have the chance to own and play with toys. She weighs around 54 pounds and is under two years old. She is beautiful in every way and such a treasure!



Daphne

Handsome is a very sweet 4-year old beagle mix with an outgoing fun loving nature. He won't take up much room in your home, but will fill your heart with joy. Here's how his special volunteer friend describes him, "Handsome is one of my favorite dogs at BARK. He has a happy-go-lucky personality, the good looks to suit his name, and is the perfect size to fit right in to any home. Handsome



may look like a chubby old couch potato, but he still has plenty of fun left in him and would be a great family dog. He seems to really enjoy playing with toys (although he doesn't always bring them back when you throw them). Also, whenever I clean his kennel and dump out a bucket of clean shavings he likes to jump and pounce into them to help spread them around-its his favorite game and he gets so excited and happy. I'm sure he would just love to have a back yard to enjoy with someone! Handsome is definitely a fun and playful dog, but he can also be very sweet, affectionate and mellow- especially when its time for hugs or back scratches, which he never wants to end! I bet he would be the type of dog to sleep on the bed next to you, or who would curl up in your lap on the couch to relax and watch a movie. Handsome always brightens up my day, and I know he would make a great best friend to the person or family that could give him all the love and attention he deserves!"



This girl has such a sweet, loyal, and loving nature that we've all fallen for her. Shirley is in a foster home and her foster mom calls her "Riley". Riley is a fun-loving, sweet dog who has a blast playing with toys and getting and giving attention. She has excellent manners in the house, always waiting to go potty until she is taken outside on leash. She is treat-motivated and she's very agile and learns quickly. She knows how to sit, lie down, and leave it. She's a young girl, probably about four years old, she is medium sized, full grown, weighs 47 pounds and has a shiny silky soft black coat. She enjoys exploring and walks well on a leash and adjusts her walking speed to match yours. She also LOVES to play in the small pools and activities such as going to the river, lake, or beach or hanging out at the pool. She needs someone who will love the interaction of a very social dog. She has been attending a training class, and has learned the "sit", "shake a paw", "down" commands and is working on mastering the "leave it" command. She should be in a home without cats. She's waiting to meet you.



If you are looking for a small/medium sized dog who won't require any fancy grooming or fuss, please consider Milton. This boy has been waiting a long time and we are all pulling for him as he's found a place in our hearts. Milton is a very sweet young male who is now full grown and weighs only about 40 pounds. He is just under two years old and has been with us since he was a young pup. He appears to be a Basenji mixed with a terrier and was found stray by a rural county pound. He is still very much a puppy at heart and loves to play with you and with his toys. He would be great being an only dog, spoiled rotten and being the center of your universe! He is eager to please and is attentive to his person, so he could make the perfect dog to take to dog training classes. He gets along well with most female dogs. Milton's special volunteer friend says this about him, "Milton is one of my favorite dogs at the farm. He is always so happy to see the volunteers come in to do the cleaning. When I take him out, he puts his paws on my chest, lays his ears back and soaks up the love while I rub his ears and head. He loves to go on the long walk at the farm, down by the creek. He has a good but not overpowering energy level and long, nimble legs, and I think he would probably be a good running partner for a jogger. Sometimes he makes me feel so guilty. If I am going into the kennels to take out another dog, but not Milton, he will follow me with his eyes and have the saddest look on his face when he knows that I am not taking him out that time. He has a sweet disposition and would make a wonderful companion for somebody who enjoys walks and/or jogging." Milton is most confident at the farm because it's all he knows, and becomes shy and fearful when taken out of his element, so he doesn't always show well at outings. He would benefit from a great home either as a foster or as a permanent home so that he could feel more confident and secure and get all the loving attention this sweet boy deserves. Milton went into a home very briefly and we found out that he did not do very well with cats, so it's best he be adopted into a home without them. He was great in every other way and the family just fell in love with him. He is good in a crate and great on leash. Please help make his dreams of having his own family to love and cherish come true.



 Milton



Fango is a large, 100 pound 6-year old German Shepherd who was brought to the shelter along with his best friend and constant companion Tic. When the owners moved out of state and didn't take their dogs with them, these two wonderful souls were left behind to find a new home. Fango is a very friendly, nice and all around easy going shepherd who is worth his weight in gold, as he's the seeing eye dog for his best doggie friend Tic. Tic is a very sweet, very large 10-year old female chocolate Labrador retriever. Both dogs are great with all people and other dogs but need to be together for obvious reasons. We need that great, heaven sent home that can take the pair in for adoption or foster because they've never been separated, are completely bonded, and Tic relies on Fango as her guide dog. They don't seem to have any unsocial or destructive behaviors, they're just nice dogs in a desperate situation.

 Tic & Fango

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Volunteer Corner

We need your volunteer story too!

Since BARK has so many dogs, it is difficult for volunteers to get to know each of them in the limited time they share at the farm or at an adoption stand. In an effort to better showcase some of the wonderful dogs currently awaiting their forever homes, we are asking volunteers to share their stories of working with spending time with the BARK dogs. Please “vote” for your favorite dog and explain what makes “your” dog deserving of his or her very own forever home. Does he walk well on a leash? Does he know how to sit or shake? Does he love the water? How does he act with volunteers and other dogs?

The “winning” dogs, along with the volunteer descriptions, will be featured in the adoption spotlight portion of upcoming BARK newsletters. These stories will help readers get to know the dogs and hopefully generate adoption interest. Plus, they’re a lot of fun to read! Remember, your personal experiences could make a difference in the life of a very deserving BARK dog. Submit your “votes” to robin@barkva.org.

FARM DOGGIES NEED MORE HOUSEKEEPERS and FRIENDS!!! **We’ll work with your schedule and time constraints**

Due to everyday changes such as students going back to school, people going back to work, moving away, getting married... those who maintain the kennels daily and care for the dogs find themselves needing more cleaners. We have walkers, but not so many cleaners. So if you can spare some time, enough to do even just 4-6 kennels, once a week or so, on your please call Linda at 883-7740 and we'll get you set up.

Volunteer Groups

The good news is that we have so many new and wonderful volunteers. The not so good news is that sometimes too many show up at the same time. So, all groups must be scheduled before they can visit the farm (experienced or not) to walk and/or help take care of the kennels. We are limiting the number of visiting groups on any one day for the safety of all. Please contact Carol Murray at murrsan@verizon.net to arrange a date.

Current Schedule for Kennel and Dog Care

Flexible starting and ending hours – The number of volunteers determine how long it takes to clean.

To attract more volunteers we have very flexible working hours and will work with your schedule. We discourage working alone at the kennels unless very experienced. Volunteers are there 7 days a week at various times so we are sure one of those times will work for you. Everyone must have an orientation before becoming a volunteer. They are held at 12:00 p.m. Saturdays and/or Sundays unless otherwise pre-arranged with the crew lead. Orientations for other days of the week are held Mondays through Fridays and will be arranged for you with a crew lead. Children under 14 must be supervised by an adult. If 14 or older, the young person must have written permission to volunteer and be a very responsible young adult. Everyone is required to read the guidelines for both cleaning kennels and walking dogs.

If you are not a regularly scheduled volunteer but wish to come out and help at various times, that is great. But you must have received your orientation, turned in your paper work to a crew lead at the farm (not only on line), read the required readings and have some experience. You should coordinate with the crew lead for that day so you won't show up alone. We are always happy to have the extra help and look forward to it especially during the holidays and vacation times. Just drop the crew lead for that day an e-mail or call. Contact information for crew leads is included in the new volunteer's welcome package where you'll also find required reading, the application/waiver and directions. If you no longer have that contact information, write Linda at billindaphoto@mindspring.com or (804)883-7740 before coming out and she'll let the crew leads know. Additionally, please make sure you don't forget to mark the two chalk type boards: one for the row(s) you cleaned and one for dogs you walked; this helps those who follow behind you.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: Volunteers are there at various times between 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Fridays start at about 10:30 a.m.) We have morning, late afternoon and evening crews on these days.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: We have volunteers who arrive at 5:00 p.m. or later but again, flexibility is the name of the game. Once oriented and experienced, you can come anytime morning, noon or night – again, preferably not alone. Just make sure the crew lead knows and that you mark off the row(s) you clean and dogs you walk.

Saturdays: We start anywhere from 10:30 a.m. (or earlier) and go until the dogs return from the adoption stands late in the afternoon or until you have to leave. These are good days for individuals and groups (if scheduled) to help clean and then walk/exercise dogs. If you are with a group, please make sure we know your group plans on coming out – we can only handle so many groups at a time. Also, we could use help loading and unloading dogs for the adoption outings.

Sundays: We never seem to have as much help on Sundays as Saturdays. All above for Saturdays holds true for Sundays.

Remember, the dogs depend on us. We are all they have until a forever home is found for them. Give a piece of yourself. Maybe volunteering with BARK for a few hours once a week could be your New Year's Resolution. The dogs would love you for it and so

would we! Hope to hear from you.

Volunteer News

Kennel Volunteer Programs

Thanks to a core of volunteers, we are constantly improving the **Quality of Life** for our dogs. Here are our volunteer needs:

- ❖ Walking and Exercising Program
- ❖ Kennel/Shelter Care and Maintenance
- ❖ Volunteer Follow Up
- ❖ Special Projects/Facilities
- ❖ Feeding
- ❖ Transport
- ❖ Groups and Community Service
- ❖ Medical Care
- ❖ Intake

If interested in volunteering, please visit our website, www.barkva.org, and fill out a volunteer inquiry form. The phone number for BARK is 804-449-2275. Linda Lane, shelter coordinator, is always available at billindaphoto@mindspring.com or 804-883-7740.

Finally, welcome to newcomers: *Peter Andrews, Emily Awad, Lucy Rose Bartges, Rian Baxter, Jonathan Belhumeur, Debbie Bowie, Matthew Castelli, Mikel Chavez, Carl Claytor, Charissa Currier, Jeannette Doree, L. Shawn Dunham, Alison Fleming, Lindsay Graham, Lauren Green, Nicole Grein, Katey Grimesey, Lauren Guridy, Clif & Kelly Hairfield, Rob Hall, Caroline Hildebrand, Janice Howard, Megan Jacobs, Beverly Kidd, Victoria Labonte, Bruce MacConnell, Ian McCarthy, Ava McLain, Steve & Sandra Milliser, Gabriella & Camryn Mitchell, Buck Patterson, James, Bryan & Erin Perlmutter, Bryan Piacentini, Katherine Polson, Alex Polson, Kat Richardson, Margaret Roberson, Therese & Peter Silberman, Walker Stettinius, Susanne & Kirsten Street, Kelyn Thomas, Litt Thompson, Sherri Tinsley, Nicolette Uzzell, Justin White, Lauren & Jodie White, Cameron Wilson, Samantha Wilson and Jessica, Rachel & Cheryl Yanoschak.*

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Thank You Notes

- ❖ Thank you again to Cheryl Majcen for organizing and leading a great team of volunteers at the BARK for Life event!
- ❖ Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who gave their time and skills to installing the new kennels!

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In Memoriam: Phoebe

Dear Debbie and all the good people at BARK,

Thank you so much for introducing us to this little brown cocker spaniel that only wanted to be loved. We adopted her on March 1, 2007, and she had three happy years with us and touched our lives and hearts.

Well, we have some sad news for you. Phoebe crossed over the Rainbow Bridge this morning. While we were away she was having some difficulty breathing and Jane (the pet sitter) took her to the vet and they x-rayed her and she had a large mass behind her heart. They were pretty sure it was a mass, but had seen pneumonia also show up as a large mass so they started her on antibiotics and fluid pills and she seemed to be doing better. They called us and told us all this on Thursday before we were scheduled to come home. We got home Saturday night and she was so happy to see us. All was fine on Sunday and then on Monday:

This morning she got up, “raced” to the kitchen for water, did all her usual antics plus a new one.....Into the trash can beside Dad’s chair to check for any food and ran outside with Lucy.

Somehow opened the trash compactor and pulled the bag out and rummaged through looking for “goodies” (thankfully it had just been changed and it had little in it) She took all her medicine with relish and was happy to get her food and started eating right away and then halfway through her food she stopped eating and went over to the bed in the kitchen and sat there having a little stressed breathing.

I went over and sat beside her and she became more comfortable and laid down. I thought things did not look normal so I just sat and petted her, told her she was going to be fine and that it was okay to go and see our family dogs that had also crossed over the rainbow bridge: Diogee, Biba and Fred. I told her to tell them how much we missed them and loved them and that they would take care of her. She would have all she ever needed there. She let out a couple of little howls and just slowly stopped breathing all the while being told how much she was loved and we would miss her.

Lucy came over and laid beside her and was so comforting. I know she will truly miss her. Bless you all for all the rescue work that you do.

Jan and Al



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Notes from the Farm: by Rolph

Hola mi amigos! (My friend Rob is teaching me Spanish – how great is that?)

It's officially Spring here at the Ashland farm and that means big time Spring cleaning! My buddy Dave has been working hard to spruce up the place – getting rid of broken boards, downed limbs and lots of trash. Volunteers have also been making sure that the long trail is free from trees and other obstacles so we can enjoy nice, long walks during this wonderful weather.

The biggest news though is the installation of brand new kennels in the front area – lucky dogs! There were so many people that came out to help, I could hardly keep up with all the excitement. Volunteers worked all morning to remove the old kennels, salvage what parts they could, and move and install 20 brand new Mason Company kennels. It looked like a pretty big production, but they seemed to manage great! In only a few hours, the front area was completely transformed...lots of space between the rows, with the kennels completely reorganized, shiny and clean! There are even side panels to ensure that your pesky neighbor doesn't try to bite your tail or ear through the kennel. What a relief that must be! At the end of the day, I heard the dogs were really impressed and I think the volunteers will be even happier when it's time to clean.

I encourage all of you to make a special trip to visit us just so you can see the new improvements – and take me for a long walk of course!

Well, until next time...



Rolph

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Doggone Good Information

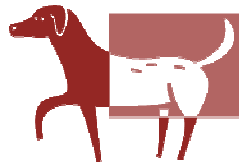
Thousands of animals are still in need in the wake of Japan's March 11th earthquake and tsunami. Rescuers are working around the clock to administer veterinary care, reunite animals with their owners, and to find save haven for those left homeless.

A large number of the now homeless animals were left behind by Americans since U.S. government efforts to evacuate military families and private citizens from the affected area did not allow pet owners to leave with their pets.

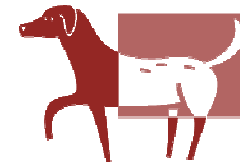
To write to the State Department to ask that Americans evacuating from Japan be allowed to leave with their pets, [click here](#).



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Happy Tails...Waggin' Good News



I just wanted to give you an update on Roy. He's doing just great and fits in with the family wonderfully. This is him curled up on the couch with his "baby" (a squeaky rabbit he takes everywhere)...lol.

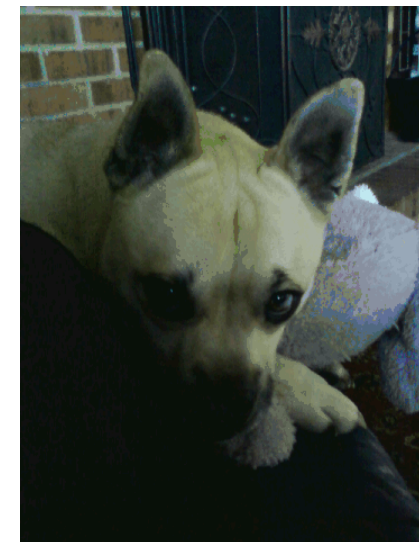
Thanks, again, for putting us together with him. He's an awesome little guy and we love him already!!

Have a great day.

Michele



Roy



Here are some pictures of Bogie and Peypey's new home, back yard, pond and golf course. They are doing great! Peypey was waking me up a lot at night so I tried crating her and that has worked out well. Bogie is a real sweetie. Only a couple accidents in the house the first night, but they are doing great now in that department. Bogie listens the best, but I am working with Peypey and she is beginning to realize that she is not the boss. They get along great with my daughter's dogs and my neighbor's dogs. Everything is going well. I will keep in touch.

Sincerely, Marilyn



Bogie & Peypey

I adopted Rebel a few years ago and I wanted to let you know he is still doing well...I love him. He remembers all of his commands he learned at the correctional facility and I have even taught him hand signals. He is so loving. He is also very healthy and happy with me. BARK needs to continue the good work! Your dogs are amazing. Oh and a little note...he loves starburst crazy jelly beans at Easter...lol.

Alexis (no picture included)

Thank you for all your help with our adoption of Hobo this past Saturday. He has adjusted beautifully and has really settled in as a part of our family. He is so well mannered and sweet. Thank you so much!

Sara (no picture included)

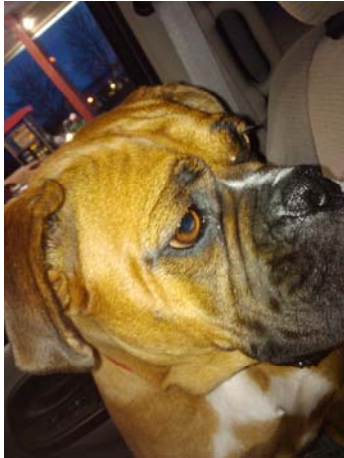
Reese is settling in great. I will send pictures very soon. He seems to love the back yard and the kids and everything but trains (at 2 am) and has a little problem with sleepovers but other than that it has gone off without a hitch.....

Thanks,

Tom (no picture included)

Hi, just thought I would send you some pictures of Fran!! She is truly a blessing! We couldn't have got a better dog. Thank you so much for your help and skill. Our boys definitely love her like a sibling. She is awesome!

Kathy



Fran

Aster (aka Humpty) is doing well. He follows me around (should have named him shadow) and is definitely taken with me. Devan is a little sad about that but we all keep telling her to give him some time, he just knows that I'm the adult. We had some trouble getting adjusted with the crate and just got him a new one this week, it's been better. He has some anxiety about being in the crate and chews towels or t-shirts with our smell on them instead of his Kong bones and balls. He even chews on his crate. He whines a lot when we leave or when I leave a room. Other than that he is great. It breaks my heart that we can't be with him all the time but we have changed our lives to include being at home after work, it's fun to play and walk. Devan has taught him to speak and he's learned how to catch a ball. He's fun to play with.

Aster survived his first two sleepovers- one was with a shizu that we were dog sitting for while her mom was having a baby, and the other was Devan's 10 year old friend. He got along great both times. I don't worry about him with others, he's social with people and dog-friendly.

I'm very happy we chose him and he chose us. My dad comes over to check on him while I'm at work and on occasion he has a "play date" with grandma and grandpa. They go for long walks or car rides to their house for a change of scenery. More than once I've caught them both napping in the recliner. Yes, Aster is definitely spoiled!

We are spreading the word about BARK. Thank you!

Vanessa (no picture included)

I just wanted to thank you, Rob (his foster dad) and the all the staff at BARK for allowing me to adopt the most amazing, loving, and most perfect dog for me!

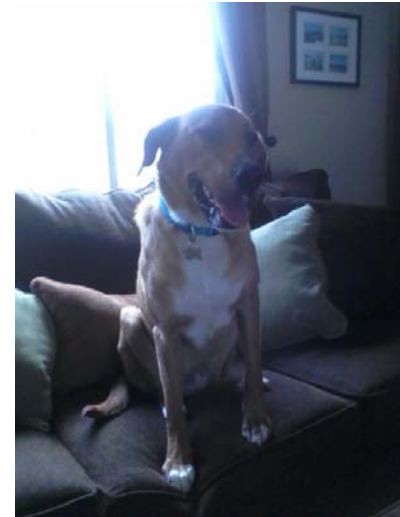
I picked Otter up yesterday afternoon and he has been just such a joy to have in my home and my life since the minute I put him in my car! Rob was such an amazing foster dad and he really allowed me to have a dog that is so loving and well behaved. Again from the bottom of my heart THANK YOU! I look forward to keeping in touch with Rob and BARK and I wish you all the best of luck this year with your other adoptions!

PS. You can see in the attached picture he already loves his new home!!!!

Kara



Otter



Watson is a "rock star" and an absolute joy! Everyone loves Watson! He is so friendly, funny and loving. He gets along with everyone, including our grandkids and their dog. I think I told you we had adopted Katie, a shepherd/husky (we think) from Louisa Humane a month or so before we adopted Watson. Of course, we had concerns about them getting along, but they are best friends and got along famously from the moment they met. We had a Christmas party for USERL volunteers at our home the evening I picked up Watson and we were also concerned it would be overwhelming for him since he just arrived. But, no. Both dogs entertained everyone and no one could believe he had just arrived that afternoon. We are constantly smiling and laughing about how funny they are together. They play, run and have a great time. Katie is a very big girl, about 90 pounds, and we laugh and jokingly tell everyone that Watson and Katie are "twins." I am attaching a photo of them, a photo of Watson on his soft bed and a short video of them playing. Not very good ones, but thought you would enjoy them. Feel free to pass them on to anyone who might want to see them.

Susan



Watson

Hope is doing fantastic, we love her lots and she really loves us too! She is gorgeous, smart and very loving.

Marcia



 Hope

Redford T(eddy) Bear's (formerly Red) owners shared these pictures of him in his new home, before and after his hair cut! He looks like a completely different dog and what a great name...




Redford T. Bear

Hamlet is doing great, his obedience work is coming along great and he is a great addition to the family.

Thanks again!

Tripp



Hamlet

If you have adopted a dog from  and have a Happy Tail or other contribution for the monthly newsletter, please forward it to robin@barkva.org.

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Anytime is a
good time to
donate to
BARK!

Bandit's Adoption and Rescue of K-9s

Bandit's Adoption and Rescue of K-9s is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductable. BARK is operated entirely by volunteers, so 100% of your donation will go to the dogs. Your donation will help fund spay/neuter operations, medical treatments, and daily care and feeding costs for the dogs at the Ashland farm and in BARK foster homes. You can mail your donation directly to the address below or make a secure donation online at www.barkva.org. Remember, every penny makes a difference in the life of a BARK dog!

Please accept my donation in the amount of:

- \$25
- \$50
- \$75

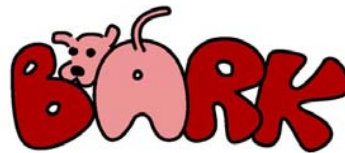
- \$100
- \$125
- Other _____

Gift given in honor of _____

Gift given in memory of _____

Name _____


Address _____



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Other Ways to Support

In addition to direct donations, there are numerous options that allow you to help support BARK and its mission. You can donate needed pet care items, purchase BARK merchandise or use a search engine that donates to BARK. Using these websites is super easy and a portion of your purchase will go directly to BARK. Please consider using these sites when shopping for your friends and loved ones this holiday season...

- ❖ In addition to monetary donations, is always in need of various pet care and administrative items. To view a complete inventory of “wish list” items, please visit <http://www.barkva.org/Volunteer.aspx>.
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- ❖ If you shop at Food Lion, BARK is now a charity with their MVP rewards. To register your MVP card, visit <http://www.foodlionmvpwards.com/>.
- ❖ How can you make searching and shopping for that perfect gift even more perfect? Use iGive, where with ever transaction a portion goes to benefit BARK. Raise a penny (or more) per search and generate donations from any of the 730+ stores listed with iGive, ranging up to 26%. Also, check out the new searchable coupons and deals, where you will find all available, up to the minute offers and specials. Just visit www.igive.com.
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