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Lebcamp Youth Brighten the Day for BARK Dogs!

Last month BARK dogs and volunteers had the pleasure of getting to know several teenagers from a local church as they helped out with the dogs at the farm. After their visit, one of the kids wrote this about the experience:

At the end of July, Lebcamp's crew purple went to BARK to work with the dogs. LebCamp is a camp where youths go to different work sites and help people who need it, held each summer by Lebanon United Methodist Church in Hanover. Crew purple went to BARK on Monday and Friday. We walked dogs and cleaned the dogs' cages. These dogs so excited to see us because they don't get played with too often. My favorite part of this experience was how much the dogs love people. One of the dogs named Carl was so excited to see me he jumped up on his dog house just so that when I walked by he might get petted. I really hope to be back next year.

Grace Brooks

Rising 8th grader, Liberty Middle School

Lebanon United Methodist Church Youth Group



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2nd Doggie Wash Day a Huge Success

Thanks to Tracey and some great volunteers, **27** lucky BARK dogs are now looking (and smelling) much better! Roommates Snickers and Chester both got baths (well, Snickers had an almost bath) and enjoyed a nice, long walk afterwards thanks to some great volunteers.

Due to the overwhelming success of BARK's first Doggie Wash Day, the event will continue monthly through the summer. The next wash day will take place on **Saturday, September 24th**. If you'd like to help or organize a group for the day (highly encouraged), please contact Tracy Thorpe at 804-467-4874 or fireauxco1@yahoo.com.

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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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Bar Louie Fundraisers Helps BARK Dogs

Thanks to the generosity of local restaurant Bar Louie, BARK was able to raise enough money to completely cover the costs associated with puppy Hailey's first surgery to repair a damaged front leg! After the event, we received this kind note from Amanda:

Hi Terri,

We all had such a great time on Friday! We thought the event was a huge success as well. I love dogs, so it was almost too much fun for me... I couldn't stop taking pictures! We got very positive feedback from everyone we talked to about it.

We loved the idea of having people bring their dogs to our patio, and we want to make Sunday and Monday our Dog Days. We would absolutely want to host a monthly event with BARK.

Cheers,

*Amanda Arnold
Local Store Marketing Manager
Bar Louie Richmond*

The next BARK fundraiser will be held on **Friday, September 16th**. Bring your favorite four-legged friend to Bar Louie's patio from 4:00 to 8:00 pm for great food, good friends and an awesome cause!



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Dog Days of Summer Fundraiser

We recently received the following email from Wolfgang Jasper Photography in Stony Point. If you take advantage of their generous offer, please name BARK as your charity of choice!

Hello everyone at B.A.R.K!

In August we will be running our annual "Dog Days of Summer" promotion. We thought you may want to let potential donors to your organization know about this event. The participants will donate their portrait session fee of \$75 to the animal charity of their choice. In thanks we will be giving them \$200 towards their portrait order with us.

Best,

Crystal

Office Manager

Wolfgang Jasper Photography

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Online Auction to Benefit BARK

BARK has partnered with EbidLocal.com to raise funds to help provide necessary surgeries, emergency services, and on-going care for puppies and adult dogs in need. We have arranged special sponsor underwriting for this special charity sales event so **100% of BID PROCEEDS go directly to BARK!***

Donations are now being accepted, and you can donate quite literally anything:

Jewelry (costume and/or fine), Coins, Furniture, Tools, Household/Yard Items (i.e. Lamps, Rugs, Planters), Artwork, Crafts, Antiques, Collectibles, Vacation Weeks, and even Services or Gift Cards! *(No clothing, please!)*

Even the smallest amount or single item makes a BIG difference!

Proceeds from this event will help dogs like Banjo, who was found wandering alongside a highway dragging his leg after apparently being hit by a car. Due to extensive nerve damage, this sweet boy had his leg amputated. BARK rescued Banjo from a local shelter and with fundraising events like this one, will cover the cost of his surgery and recovery. Please help Banjo and other BARK dogs in need... 100% of your donation goes to the dogs!



Donation Information:

Donations can be dropped off during any of our **BARK Adoption Events** listed at the bottom of our Home page (www.barkva.org), or drop-offs can be arranged via email info@barkva.org.

Items may be new, or used but only good working condition, please.

Where:

- Short Pump **PetSmart** (where BARK holds weekend adoption events)
- 11740 B West Broad St
Henrico, VA 23233

When:

- Saturday, 8/27, between noon and 2pm
- Saturday, 8/28, between noon and 2pm

If you wish to make a donation, but cannot bring your items to the Short Pump PetSmart on the dates/times listed above, or wish to discuss potential donations, please contact BARK by sending an email to info@barkva.org today!

Donation Deadline – 9/3/2011

*Even if you have nothing to donate, please consider bidding on items you like in this fundraising auction. **The auction is expected to go live by 9/9/2011, and run through 9/21/2011.***

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Kat Simmons' Radio Dog Blog

Kat Simmons, of Lite 98.1 FM, has begun featuring available BARK dogs on her blog on Mondays. We are looking for volunteers to bring a BARK dogs (either from the farm or a foster home) to the radio station (off Broad St. at Willow Lawn) on Mondays at 11:45 a.m. on the following days. This only takes about a half an hour and includes a brief interview and then a taping of the dog to put online! You can see two of Kat's past guests by clicking here: [Madeline](#) and [Malla](#). If you'd like to help feature a BARK dog or would like to bring your BARK foster, please contact Claire at claire@barkva.org.

- Monday Aug 22nd
- Monday August 29th
- Sept 5th (Labor Day)
- Mon Sept 12
- Mon Sept 19
- Mon Sept 26

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BARK's Current Wish List

1. Milk Bones –medium to large sized
2. Ink for HP Printers: 920 for black and color for the 6500 series
3. A few raw hides and chew bones for those dogs who are kenneled **alone**. Nylabone chew toys-large and small
4. Shovels like the Aluminum ones we use at the farm. At Home Depot they are about \$39.00 and called the Ridge Aluminum Scoop – life warranty – please not the flat snow shovels and not gardening ones
5. Bleach
6. A good solid sturdy wheel barrel
7. Paper towels
8. Indestructible doggie toys like the 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. The 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** bottled 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 or eat through them.
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. These can be purchased for a discount on the Kuranda web site.
18. Air Horns like they use on boats.
19. ONLY 50 Gallon trash bags to fit our trash cans.
20. Copy Paper (8 X 11)

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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 **61** dogs found loving homes in July, including Canine Companions graduate Noel, who came to BARK in 2005, former BARK newsletter spokesdog Murrock, who came to BARK in 2009, and Handsome and Anny, who came to BARK two years ago.

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Adoption Spotlight: Grey and BARK's Dynamic Duos

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).

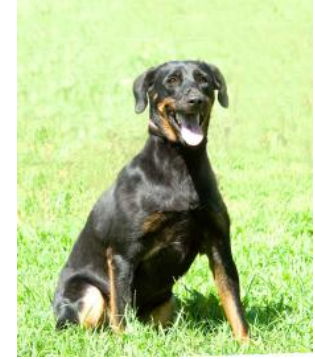
Wow, just when we think we've got a dog all figured out, turns out we don't know anything! They constantly surprise us. Gray is a shepherd mix and is around 4 years old. She is a nice medium sized girl and weighs 54 pounds. She loves her people and really enjoys taking walks. When she came to our rescue, she was not well socialized with other dogs and even though we tried, she was always pretty grumpy with others that we thought might be good kennel mates for her. Recently, she was moved to an area of our rescue where she now has a huge yard to run and play, and she has many other dogs to play with. Well, guess who is VERY happy now, running with the big (and little boys) and having the time of her life! So, in the right circumstance this dog will thrive and be joyful! She's a wonderful mature dog who loves people and she will flourish with someone who will take time to be with her and train her. She is very treat motivated and looks to please. Gray came to us from another rescue and she's been with us for nine months so she's way overdue for a forever home.



BARK's Dynamic Duos!

Charles & Xanadu

Charles and Xanadu are two of four dogs surrendered to BARK when their owners found themselves homeless. They lived at BARK for a while before being adopted into a new loving, and caring home where they were very happy. Now, once again, Charles and Xanadu are back at BARK because their new adoptive family has fallen on hard times as well. In three years, Charles and Xanadu have been displaced twice through no fault of their own. Please help them find a new family to love and care for them for the rest of their lives. Charles and Xanadu are 40-lb. retriever mixes and would probably be fine with another dog in a home.



Charles & Xanadu

Batman & Bowser

Batman, a 100 lb. Shepherd/Irish Wolfhound mix, and his best friend Bowser, a 50 lb. border collie, came to BARK when their former owner could no longer care for them. They are a closely bonded pair and look anxiously for each other when separated. Batman and Bowser are volunteer favorites and love to take walks around the farm. They have been waiting patiently for over a year to find their forever home. We fell in love with them quickly, and think you will, too! Please help us make their dreams come true.



Batman & Bowser

Fango & Tic

Fango is a 6-year old, 100 pound German shepherd and his best friend and constant companion, Tic, is a 10-year old, 70 lb. blind chocolate lab. When the owners moved out of state and didn't take the dogs with them, these two wonderful souls were left behind to find a new home. Both dogs are great with people and other dogs (no cats, please) but need to stay together since Fango serves as a seeing eye dog for Tic. Please help us find that great, heaven sent home where they can live out the rest of their lives in comfort and love.



Tic & Fango

Salt & Pepper

Salt and Pepper are black and white 8-9 year old chihuahuas who were surrendered to a local shelter. They are sweet, friendly, outgoing dogs who are clearly devoted to one another. If you have room in your home for two little buddies, please consider this great pair.



Salt & Pepper



Huey & Louie

Huey, a 3-year old black and tan Chihuahua and Louie, a 3-year old white and tan Chihuahua, are very bonded to one another and would love to find a home together.



Huey & Louie



Lady & Sydney

Lady and her sister Sydney are 6-year old Siberian husky mixes that have been together since birth. Now that their owner passed away, they are looking for a new home and family. Lady is energetic and loves to play, while Sydney is more laid back. Lady is vocal and will "woo" at you, typical Siberian, and then Sydney joins in. Both love children but do not do well with small dogs or cats. Lady and Sydney are very bonded to one another and we are hoping they can find a home together.



Lady & Sydney



Milton & Sox

Milton is an affectionate, playful Jack Russell Terrier mix who has practically spent all of his life at BARK. At 2 ½ years old, he is fully grown and weighs about 40 lbs. He is good in a crate, great on leash but not good with cats. Milton likes to run and explore, and he would love a home that could give him play time and a safe place to run or to go for walks. He 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. Milton 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. He has waited for years to be discovered and he would love to meet you! While Milton would be great as an only dog, spoiled rotten and the center of your universe, he loves his kennel mate, Sox, who is also a long timer at BARK. The two of them are super together and would be a nice pair if someone is looking to take in two very special dogs.



Milton & Sox

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Volunteer Corner

Volunteer Wish List

This month we especially need:

- Experienced dog handlers at the Short Pump adoption stand
- Evening feeders at the Ashland farm (call Linda Lane at 804-883-7740)

Monthly Meetings

BARK now holds monthly meetings at the new spay/neuter clinic (12300 Farrington Road, Ashland, VA) every second Thursday of the month. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm and food and drinks are provided. Topics include such items as: How to make BARK better, Fundraising, Clinic and Marketing the Clinic to bring in business, Adoption Success Stories, Issues from the Farm, as well as open discussions. Please plan to attend!

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

Students and teachers – please come help during your summer break! We'll work with your schedule and time constraints. With the constant change of schedules and the juggling of jobs and children and “LIFE”, we are constantly looking to replace volunteers. The regular long term kennel keepers who clean the kennels 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, please call Linda at 804-883-7740 and we'll welcome you with open arms.

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.

We are pleased to say that our flexible work schedule has proven to be a success. Once a volunteer receives an orientation and gets a little experience, he/she can come on out and clean when it is convenient on the day they have chosen to volunteer – morning, noon or night. We prefer that no one come alone unless very experienced and that you let the crew lead know your schedule beforehand. Having a buddy system makes it more fun anyways. Grab a friend or family member. Volunteers are there 7 days a week at various times throughout the day, so we are sure one of those times will work for you. Everyone must have an Orientation, hand in their paper work to a crew lead at the farm (not only on line), and read the required material before becoming a volunteer. Orientations are scheduled with a crew lead at a mutually convenient time. 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.

Every new volunteer will receive an “Informational Package” by e-mail. Contact information for crew leads is included in along with the required reading, the application/waiver and directions. If you misplace that contact information, write Linda at billindaphoto@mindspring.com or (804)883-7740 before coming out and she'll let the crew leads know and send you another copy. 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 the volunteers who come after you know what is left to be done. You'll learn of this during the orientation.

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. Won't you consider giving them a little part of your week – just a couple of hours or so?

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: Kendra Boderheimer, Ginny Brooks, Jennifer Byrd, Gwynn Chambers, Dustin Crayton, Linda Deppen, Joslyn Dowling, Bryan & Michelle Ellwood, Janine Hoefler, Asha Holloman, Brianna Janke, Jean McRae, Kate Miller, Deanne Muller, Caitlin Murphy, Patricia Nevadomski, Ann O'Toole, Ian Overstreet, Hannah Stallings, Ann Tindall, Ennis Warlick and Brittney Wright.

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Notes from the Farm: by Rolph

Hi there friends!

It's been a super exciting month for the BARK dogs! Can you believe that 61 dogs found their forever homes in one month alone? Crazy busy, right? Even better, July was a great month for many of my old-timer friends that have been patiently waiting for their chance at a new life. Best buds Anny and Handsome got adopted (not together though), and so did Murrock, Maggie and Noel. I know a lot of the volunteers were happy to hear about these guys, particularly Noel who had been at the BARK farm for over 5 years! I do feel a little sorry for my friend Nova Leigh though...she was Murrock's room mate and I think she really misses him. Hopefully, she'll be next as she's such a nice (and pretty!) girl!

With all of the adoptions have come lots of new, smiling faces too. There are so many new guys (and gals) that I can hardly keep up! And you know what that means...we need lots and lots of new adopters or fosters! Remember, if you're not 100% sure you want a dog for the long run, fostering is a great option! Just visit our website if you'd like to find out more.

It's also getting close to the end of summer which means two things. One, we'll get a relief from all of this miserable heat! Hey, I like a good summer day, but if I'm not relaxing on the beach, I'll pass on that. Second, a lot of the volunteers that have been helping out at the farm are starting to go back to school and work full-time. So, we're definitely in need of some extra hands to help take care of us all. I know the volunteers are really desperate to find some new folks for the week days in particular. If you can help out at all, just contact my good friend Linda Lane. All of her contact information is in the volunteer section!

Well, until next time...



Rolph

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Doggone Good News

We were thrilled to learn that Dr. Lori Pasternak, owner/director of Helping Hands low-cost surgery clinic in Carytown, was recently named Direct Care Practitioner of the Year by the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association! Click [here](#) for details.

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Happy Tails...Waggin' Good News



It was wonderful to meet you guys on Saturday at the Petsmart event. Just wanted to send a couple of pictures of Bo's new home. His new name is Deuce. Enjoy!

Dawn



Bo

We adopted Heather over a year ago. I just wanted to let you know she is doing great and I have attached a picture of her for you to view. Thank you for allowing us to adopt such a perfect fit in our family.

Thanks!
Michelle

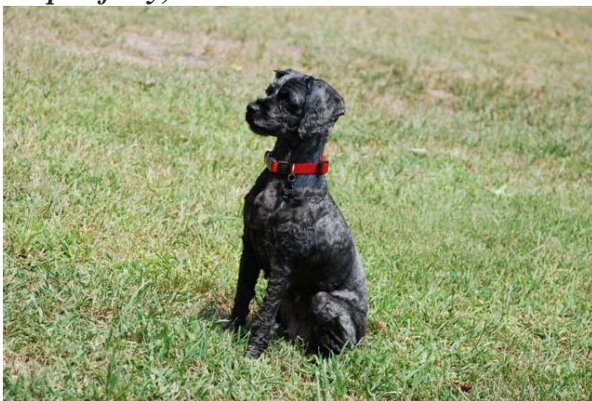


Heather

I really appreciate your assistance in placing Annie in my care. She is just plain wonderful! What a fit! She is at my side at every moment I move from room to room. Very affectionate and smart.

The attached pics are from my folder of, already, more than 100. We will send you info from time to time.

Respectfully, RBob



Annie

This is Gina (and Zach)! We are emailing you to update you on Lucy. Her and Fabiana are getting along great, they absolutely love each other. The first time we took Lucy home she was a bit on the defensive side but that's totally understandable and she has adjusted very well over the past few days. She is extremely well mannered and obedient already and she's only had one accident in the house. We are very impressed and we just adore her

Gina



Trixie is settling in very well. She's gained some weight, which is good. She completed basic dog training at PetSmart; she is a quick learner. She is very affectionate and seems to feel comfortable now in our home. I'm not sure she had ever lived inside a home before because she was surprised by everyday household items (lamps, laundry baskets, ironing board, etc.) She loves going to the dog park and visiting with her doggie friends Opie, Mai Tai, and Oscar. She does still want to chase our cats, so we just keep them all separate. Attached are a couple of pictures of her in our backyard with her doggie friends and another one of her with Jewel.

Liz



Hello BARK hero's – I am Kendall the coonhound (you may remember me as Keaton) I have a new name now to go with my new forever home. I even have a new birthday! January 23rd. That is the day my mom and dad got to bring me home, and boy am I glad they did. Thanks to all of you I have big beds and air conditioning, toys, treats and my very own food bowl, even the water bowl is magical, it never runs dry! I'm not sure but I think my mom has something to do with that.

Life sure is nice here in Bumpass. I have walking trails in the woods where I get to explore everyday and I even have a 2nd home on wheels! Mom calls it our RV. Whatever it is, I sure do like it because it has beds and air conditioning too. We went on a trip to the mountains where I got to hang out with my people and go hiking. I still get very scared when I see strangers or hear strange noises but my dad protects me and tells me it's o.k. He always makes me feel safe.

I get to go to work with my mom sometimes when my dad is working or they take me to daycare at “The Dude Ranch” where I get to see my friend B.J., she lets me run and play with all of my dog friends. I sure do love her! When my mom and dad pick me up, they let me stick my head out of the window and the wind blows my ears around. Sure is big fun for me. I cannot even remember what my life was like before. Thanks BARK! Without your love and compassion I would never have known that life could be so good for a hound dog like me.

Love, Kendall the Coonhound



Poppy is doing so great!! She is extremely sweet. She and our other dog get along really well, and she is great with our toddler. She is very smart and learning new things very quickly. We are working on some separation anxiety issues, but I know she will learn! Our vet says that she looks like maybe a vizsla mix - I can definitely see it in her body! She also has a very strong pack instinct that I think contributes to her separation anxiety and she doesn't like to go very far on a walk if anyone in our family is still at home - she prefers a family walk. She can gallop like a horse, but she also has taken over one of our chairs that she loves to lounge in :). We get more exercise now that she is here, and no one's allergies have acted up. Yay! I will send you some pictures soon!

Thanks!

Alexis (no picture included)

While Mom & Dad aren't looking I thought I would send my friends at BARK an update on how I am doing. I can't believe it's been almost six months since I found my forever family. I have grown a bit and now weigh in about 65 pounds, I'm not sure how much bigger I am going to get, so we have to see.

Thanks to all of you for the care that I received and a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Vicki for taking me into her heart and home. My new, well sort of, new family has spoiled me rotten as I should be and I know they love me very much. I have a "sister" to run and play with and her name is Claire and we both follow each other around the house. We both like to chase each other around the house and Mom & Dad laugh at us a lot. She's pretty special and I have come to be very protective of her, especially when the neighbor's dog barks at Claire. I don't hesitate in giving Bailey a stern bark and putting her in her place. After all, I can't have her trying to scare my sis....

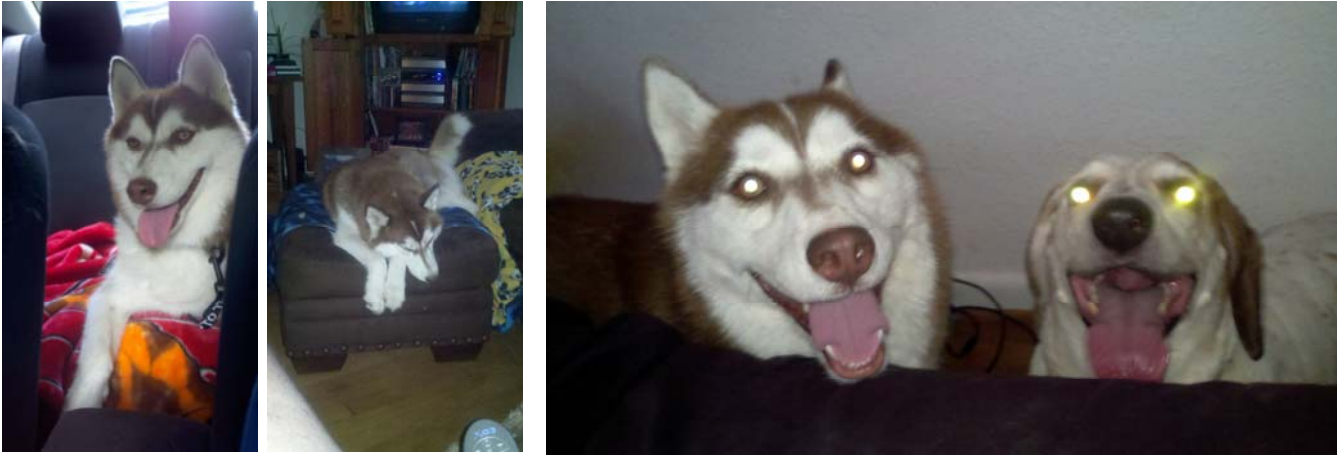
Both sets of grandparents have come to visit me and they spoil me too, which is very nice. I get lots of hugs and kisses from everybody in my family. Truth be told, I enjoy giving them a lot too!!!! I was able to graduate from my first training class at PetSmart with flying colors and made new friends there too. Mom takes me a few days a week to doggie day care, which is a blast!!! I have room to run and play all kinds of dog games with my buddies.

I'll come out soon on Saturday to see everybody and say hi. Thanks again for all of your love and know that I found a great forever home.....

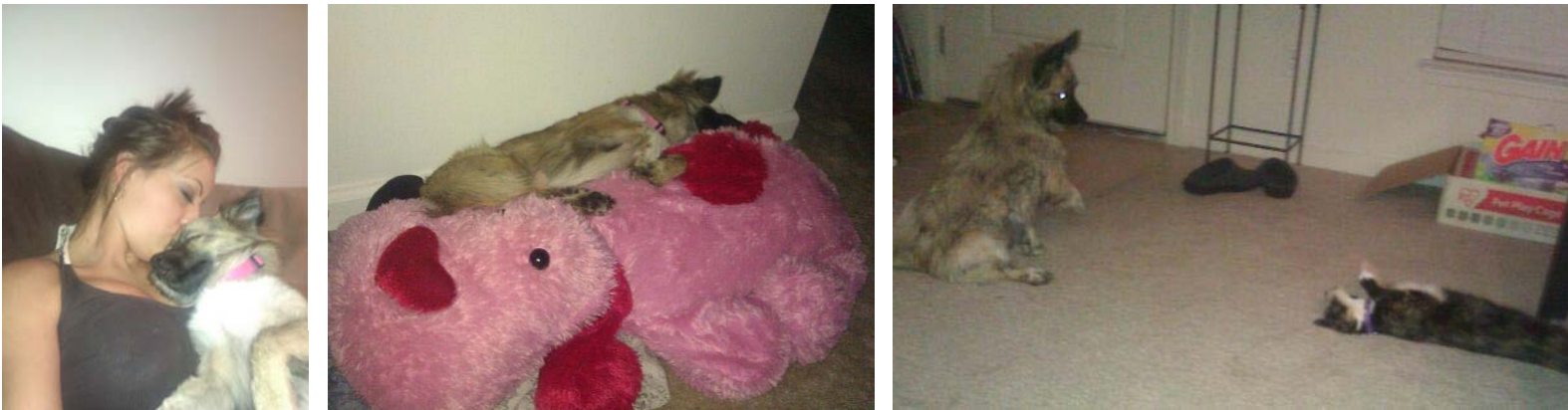
Aslan (formerly Knox)



Aura's new dad was kind enough to share these pictures of her in her new home!



Nevah's new family shared these great pictures of her in her new home and with her new cat friend.



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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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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- ❖ 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.
- ❖ GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! You can even set GoodSearch as your default search engine.

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Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter  as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word! It's a super easy way to help support the organization.

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