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## Missing BARK Puppies - \$500 Reward!

Two puppies were stolen from the Short Pump PetSmart during the regular BARK adoption event Saturday May 7, 2011. The puppies were last seen between 2:45 and 3:15.



**Aimee:** 2 month old tan and white Beagle mix



**Mutt:** 6 month tri colored Beagle - Pekingese mix

Additional pictures can be seen at [www.barkva.org](http://www.barkva.org)  
If you have any information regarding the missing puppies, please contact Vickie Fahed 539-6952 or Kelley Brockman at [kdbrockman1@verizon.net](mailto:kdbrockman1@verizon.net) or Henrico County Police 501-5000.

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## June 4<sup>th</sup> Dog Wash Day!

The BARK volunteers want to set up a Wash Day for the doggies and could use your help! Some of the BARK dogs have been with us for a long time and really need a bath! They would feel so much better, and we want them to look, and smell, their best to help them find their forever home.

While we have lots and lots of shampoos and towels, we need some kiddie pools in order to bathe the dogs. If you'd like, you could get one at PetSmart and send it back to the farm at the end of the adoption outings. Or, simply bring a pool with you to the Ashland farm.

We'd like to start with the dogs in the back on Saturday, June 4th. The larger dogs desperately need a good brushing and bath. At the end of the day, the grooming tools could be collected and placed back in the tubs (securely placing the top on, to keep the mice out) until the next wash day. The dirty towels could then be washed and returned the following week.

Please feel free to contact Tracy Thorpe at 804-467-4874 or [fireauxcol@yahoo.com](mailto:fireauxcol@yahoo.com) with questions.

Thank you so much!



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## Students at St. Mary's Play Easter Bunny!

BARK doggies are GRATEFUL to the nursery, Pre-K and kindergarten classes at St. Mary's Catholic School for collecting nearly all the items on their Easter Bunny's list! Pre-K teacher Michele Williamson coordinated the collection as service project for the kids.



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## Chickenstock 2011

Many thanks to all who participated in Chickenstock II, which generated \$1000 + in donations for BARK! We especially enjoyed former BARK dog Cagney (now Riley) and his mom stopping by to say hello...they seem soooo happy!



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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.

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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 **50** dogs found loving homes in April.

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## Adoption Spotlight: Chester, LaTonya, Maggie 2, Suni, Stimey, Trevor, and Doogie

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](mailto:adopt@barkva.org) or call 804-449-BARK (2275).

My name is Chester and I'm a 2 1/2 year old Labrador Retriever/Shepherd mix with a soft, reddish coat. I enjoy long walks in the woods, walk beautifully on a leash and listen well. I lived in a home before and I got along well with my previous family's small children and even their cat. They said I have good house manners, and am house trained. Volunteers tell me that the first thing they notice about me is my handsome face, especially my stunning eyes, and here's how one of my volunteer friends describes me, "This big sweetie is always smiling, always ready to cuddle, absolutely gorgeous and an all around good boy. When he's waiting to get his kennel cleaned he sits at the gate and wags his tail and as soon as fresh shavings hit the ground he starts playing, pushing the shavings around with his nose, sneezing, and smiling big. It's impossible not to love this guy!"

Chester has a medium energy level and will need some regular exercise. He can climb out of a 6-foot tall kennel, and when outside in a fenced play area, he can dig under the fence if he wants to come be with you. Chester is choosy about his dog friends so a meeting between him and any potential "siblings" should be arranged.



Chester



LaTonya is an affectionate, sweet and friendly Jack Russell mix. Jack Russell terriers can be a lot of work or need a lot of attention and activity, but LaTonya seems to be more of a snuggler and cuddler than the typical dog of her breed. She's been getting along great with other dogs and is very loving with all people. She's only 3 years old and has a short, easy to groom coat. She doesn't seem to be a barker and has a confident, outgoing nature.

Here's how LaTonya's volunteer friend describes her, "LaTonya is a little 13-pound Jack Russell mix. She might be small but she is full of energy and the perfect size for me. She has a lot of personality and she loves to cuddle. I love to cuddle with her; it's one of my favorite things about her. If I could I would take her home with me! She also loves to walk and get exercise! I absolutely love this dog."



LaTonya

Maggie 2 is a gentle girl who came from a place where she didn't receive a lot of human attention or care. She's a bit overweight, 78 lbs. to be exact, and is around four years young. She is one of the sweetest girls we know. She is looking for a home that will give her love and attention, some exercise, and a soft bed to lie in. She's ok with other dogs but would be fine as an only dog, just being spoiled rotten.

Maggie 2 is a volunteer favorite whose special friend says this about her, "Maggie seems to be older than her years and is just now, after months with us, starting to come out of her Dogloo. She actually wagged her tail last week. I like to credit smooth peanut butter for that. When I have a nearly empty jar, I give her the jar to clean out and she does a wonderful job. I don't think she sees really well so the smell of dog biscuits really doesn't do it for her but she knows the smell of peanut butter! She is a very sweet girl and would do great in a home with an older person or couple who would give her attention when she wanted it and let her rest her bones the rest of the time. She seems frightened of the kennel environment with all the noise and activity. It will be so great when she gets a home where she can settle in and feel safe. If I didn't have a dog who is picky about her dog friends, I'd adopt Maggie in a heartbeat."



Maggie 2



Stimey is truly the perfect dog for first-time dog owners. He is easy, affectionate, and loving. Stimey is very settled and calm, walks very nicely on leash, listens well, and sits on command. He's full grown at about 3 years old and weighs 60 pounds. He has a soft white and black speckled coat that requires no fussy maintenance. He would do well in any home, as a family pet or as a companion to another dog or dogs in a home. He's very friendly and easy going with everyone. He was picked up as a stray by a local animal shelter. Now, Stimey is waiting for that new and forever home to find him and give him the home he so deserves.

Stimey's volunteer friend says this about him, "Stimey is 60 pounds but he feels very light-weight. He is an excellent dog to walk if it is your first time ever walking a dog on a leash. He goes at your pace and he does not pull like a lot of other dogs do."



Stimey

Every time we ask volunteers to vote for their favorite BARK dog to appear in the newsletter, at least one person sends us a story about Suni. Here's what one of her many friends wrote this month, "I love all of the dogs at BARK, but right now the one I spend extra time with is SUNI. She has become such a loving dog. She likes to put her head against me and have me hold her. She used not to like you bothering her. Now she is a perfect companion for someone. She has so much soul and love."

Suni is a wonderful medium sized female girl, with a soft white and red coat that will require minimal brushing. She is around 2 to 3 years old. She is gentle and once she warms up to you, she will walk right next to you on a loose lead and will not pull or try to run. She enjoys trips down to the creek at the BARK farm and loves the water. Children seem to make her nervous in a home environment, so a calm, quiet all adult home would be best for her. She would also prefer to be the only dog in the home. Suni has learned to get in her crate and is getting used to being in one for short periods of time. She leans into you for affection once she gets to know you, loves to be brushed and sits quietly for grooming sessions.



Doogie is a 2-3 year old, 63 lb. shepherd mix who has quickly become a volunteer favorite. Here's what his special friend says about him, "Doogie is a big ol' bear but as gentle as can be. A few weeks ago a nervous dog, new to our farm, was freaking out and jumping up at my head, Doogie went over to her and put his head on her back. I don't know if it was to calm her down or to protect me, but it won me over. Doogie has a beautiful, thick coat that just makes me want to run my fingers through it all day. He has this big, crazy tail that is constantly in motion. He seems strong on a lead but he loves praise so I think he would learn quickly. Super dog! "

Doogie is heartworm positive and cannot be made available for adoption until he finds a foster home where he can reside while receiving treatment. Treatment involves three vet appointments and crating and leash walking the dog so its heart is not stressed. Would you like to be Doogie's hero and foster him so he can be adopted? If so, please email [foster@barkva.org](mailto:foster@barkva.org).

Trevor is a 5-year old hound trying to his best to get used to being around all the dogs and people at BARK. He is shy, and tends to hide in his igloo a lot. He's fine with the other dogs and would do best in a home with another friendly calm dog who can help him feel more secure. He gets very nervous and anxious if another dog isn't close to him. He is a real sweetie, and has shown us his bravery and he deserves a chance at a real home and family. Trevor would probably do best with a patient home or family that can give him the time and patience he deserves. He is a nice medium size at 55 lbs.



A volunteer favorite, here's what Trevor's volunteer friend says about him, "Trevor, Maggie's kennel mate, is high energy but easily frightened. He is very sweet but is still getting familiar with human contact I think. He's much more comfortable being petted on his back and hips than his head. He has tickle spots on his hips that if you rub just right, he does the twist right-to-left and left-to-right. When you stop tickling, he looks back like, "Why did you stop?" He is also a fan of peanut butter and will sit and clean a spoon all the way up the handle. He's very good about not taking Maggie's treats so he obviously has respect for his elders and females! He does seem hesitant around men, even our sweet and gentle male volunteers. I think Trevor is a great dog and would do well with an active family who is willing to work with him to put his fears to rest and help him put his past ill-treatment in the past. Did I mention that he is super handsome?"



Trevor

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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](mailto:robin@barkva.org).

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

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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:billindaphoto@mindspring.com) or 804-883-7740.

**Finally, welcome to newcomers: *Bethany Artis, Seth Beck, Megan Campbell, Yen Dao, Emma Erion-Brewer, Anna Fuhr, Cheryl & Marion Hairston, Jacky Like, Jen Liming, Shelly Martin-Phipps, Brooke Merle, Will Michael, Thalia Rogers, Amanda Schielke, Claire William, Andrew Yanoschak, and Brittany Zykoski.***

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## Thank You Notes

- ❖ Many thanks to Michelle Wittington of Ashland who donated three large indoor/outdoor dog beds.
- ❖ A huge thank you to BARK volunteer Tracy Thorpe for all her hard work grooming the dogs! Every Saturday, Tracy comes to the Ashland farm with the day's loading list in hand and makes sure the dogs get a good grooming before they're loaded for the adoption outing. That way, the dogs look their absolute best for potential adopters. Tracy then spends time grooming additional dogs at the farm.

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## Notes from the Farm: by Rolph

Hi there everyone!

We have an awesome month in April, with 50 of my four-legged buddies finding their forever homes! What a bunch of lucky dogs! Just in time to join their new families for a nice summer vacation, maybe to the beach for some fun in the sun. I sure hope I'm next on the list...

In farm news, things have been moving along as usual. There have been lots of new volunteers and I've seen some familiar faces from last spring – it's so nice to see them come back to take care of us! That means we made a good first impression! We've also been getting lots of exercise since the weather has been so nice, including tons of long walks. We've even had a couple of great younger volunteers that enjoy taking us for a run on the long trails. Running through the woods is so much fun and, boy, does it wear us out!

Lastly, I saw my good friend Steve Phillips show up with a HUGE new exhaust fan for the back kennel area where I live. He got it installed and now when the super hot weather hits, we'll be nice and cool in our kennels! I can't wait to test it out...I remember how hot it got last year, and it sure will be a relief! That and a nice cool dip in the stream!

Well, until next time...



Rolph

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## **Doggone Important News: Pig ears with salmonella risk recalled**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** -- An Illinois company is recalling pet chews made of pig's ears because they could be contaminated with salmonella.

One illness, to a dog in Missouri, has been linked to the chews, called Pig Ears for Pet Treats. The product is being recalled by the Keys Manufacturing Co. Inc. of Paris, Ill.

Salmonella can affect animals, and there is risk to people from handling contaminated pet products.

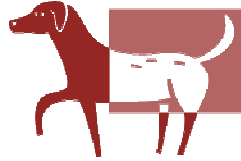
The bacteria can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, elderly people and those with weakened immune systems. Symptoms include fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. Pets with salmonella may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea fever and vomiting.

The pet treats were distributed in Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia.

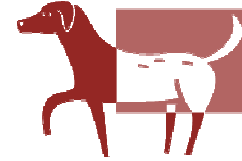
Consumers can return the pet treats to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Online: Company website: <http://www.keysmanufacturing.com>.

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## Happy Tails...Waggin' Good News



Here is an update for you all regarding Maximilian who we adopted from BARK. I have attached a couple of pictures that you all may enjoy. These are of Max and my granddaughter, Tyla (5 yrs old). He is such a love bug and a great couch potato. The other picture is of him, his adopted brother and sister.

You all do such great work! Know that you are all greatly appreciated for helping our canine friends.

*Thanks a million.*

*Dena*



Max

I just want to report that Yellow (now called Lalo) is becoming a wonderful pet and friend. We have had him for two months and every day he is more loving, more fun, and more entertaining. We are so blessed to have him in our lives!!!

*Priscilla (no picture included)*

Remember me? It has been two years since I found my forever home here in Hanover, PA with my mom, dad and new brother Max. When mom and dad came to pick me up at the PetSmart in Fredericksburg, I had a skin infection, two types of mange, allergies, ringworm and only weighed 40 lbs; I was pretty pitiful looking, but mom and dad fell in love with me at first sight. Thankfully, they saved my life. Dad just knew that I was a character when I tried to get the treats off of the table in front of PetSmart.

Today I am 60 lbs., infection and mange free, but still have allergies which are manageable with grain free food and daily doses of antihistamines. My new mom and dad got me hooked up with Dr. Jenkins of Aloha Animal Hospital here in Hanover, he says he treats “Dogs, Cats, and Sharpei’s”, and after many visits and drugs I have a beautiful thick coat. Dr. Jenkins says that I am his favorite Sharpei. Many thanks to Dr. Jenkins for making me healthy again; I feel so much better!

Mom says that Max and I are two peas in a pod; she believes that we are only one year apart in age so we get along famously, even though he is twice my size and weight; he is a long haired Rottweiler. We like to play together with our “babies” and sumo wrestle every chance we get. Mom has to constantly fix the area rug in the living room because we play so hard.

We even got to take a trip last fall with mom and dad to visit our Aunt and Uncle in Savannah, GA; we had so much fun roaming their big fenced in yard; this picture of me was taken on their deck. Thank you BARK for rescuing me from Richmond, VA, and taking care of me until mom and dad found me.

*Farfel*



After the first week, Bullet is doing great! He has been absolutely wonderful. He hasn't chewed a single shoe. He hasn't had an accident in the house, and hasn't even soiled his crate.

We all love him! He's learning new tricks and has made very good friends with the other dogs in the neighborhood.

*Best regards,  
Carlo*



Otter is doing just great. He had his first vet appointment yesterday and everything is just perfect. He has enjoyed meeting all of my friends' dogs, but I think his favorite friend is my friend Tiffany's boxer named Lucas...they played for probably 4 hours in the back yard last night! Maybe that is why he is crashed out on the couch today! Haha. And yes, Otter loves being able to run free...but since only bugs and birds are back there he hasn't had the chance to "chase the squirrels" (:

Anyway, he also got his first bath yesterday which he did very good with. Only problem is he doesn't like the blow dryer! But what dog would!?! My brother is watching him for me next weekend while I travel to Myrtle Beach with my mom for mother's day. I know he will have a blast there with his Great Dane cousin Pluto and his other cousin, Coleman the Dodson! (: Since my brother is bringing home a new female great dane puppy next month I know Otter will always want to be over there playing.

*Kara*



 Otter

We did change Bounce's name to Tigger...family vote. I still say Bounce every once and a while! He is doing so well. We crate him only at night, he has switched to Precious' food with no problems, and he is awesome! We all adore him and he has fit so beautifully. We have a sectional sofa and he has claimed the whole thing! It is so funny!

*Dana*



 Tigger

Gracie is doing so well! She doesn't pull very much on the leash anymore and she sits nicely for petting and putting on her leash. She enjoys sleeping in her doggie bed, channel surfing with Daddy on the couch, and rides in the car. She loves real marrow bones, bully sticks, and her Kong with peanut butter and chopped Canyon Ranch apple/ chicken treats.

She is a definite cuddle bug and will quickly let you know if she's not done receiving enough massages and belly rubs but tapping your hand with her nose or moving your hand with her head. She's got Labrador smarts but with her Bassett Hound temperament she will gladly lay around the house all day snoozing and rotating her napping positions – much like a rotisserie chicken!! Her nickname is “Shadow” because she definitely has bonded us and follows us from room to room in the house, especially if she hears the crinkle of the treats bag.

We have only had a couple of issues with chewing – mostly because Mommy and Daddy left something where she could get to it. Only 1 accident, because Mommy and Daddy did not stick to the schedule and forgot her last walk before they left for work. She now has minimal on leash aggression but now that Mommy and Daddy are not so nervous on the other end of the lease she is much better at introducing herself to other dogs.

Gracie LOVES Doggie Daycare and has made quite a few doggie playmates that she sees once a week. Gracie attended beginner training at Petsmart and graduated at the top of her class with 107 points out of 100!! She is so smart and eager to please and we love her soooo much!!

*Many thanks,  
Stephan and Phannetta*





I took Abby with me to my daughter's for the Easter holiday. Abby was great with her two dogs. She has a shepard husky mix and a terrier mix. They had a ball. Abby's tail never stopped wagging.

She has settled in very well. I think we were meant for each other. She has made me very happy and by the way she's always following me and wagging hr tail. I think she feels the same way.

*Delores*



Here is a picture of how Seeko is doing; he says "I can't come to the phone right now, my owner just to me to the dog park and I'm so so tired" lol. We are doing good, we bonded so quickly now he can't stop following me around the house. He wants to know all my whereabouts :).

I'm still having problems with letting him off the leash at dog parks he still likes to jump at every dog he sees even though he just wants to play. I don't know if he checks to see if the other dog wants to play first.

*Jeffrey*



We feel blessed to have LeBeau (formerly Luke) in our lives. We are getting to know each other and getting a routine. We is a sweet and gentle boy. His first few days were a whirlwind .....adopt him one day and go on a 7 hour car ride the next. Lots of new people to see and places to visit. I'm sure it took him a week to realize which home he'd be living in! And he handled it all wonderfully.

He is very gentle, but can get into mischief if he's not kept occupied and exercised. He is learning to walk on a leash. We plan to take training classes so we can teach LeBeau to be an even better dog. There is still a lot of energetic puppy in him and we anticipate a long happy life together. We are so glad LeBeau found his forever home with us!

Thank you Bark for helping make it happen,  
*Ken, Raylene and LeBeau*



LeBeau

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](mailto: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](http://www.barkva.org). Remember, every penny makes a difference in the life of a BARK dog!

Please accept my donation in the amount of:

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- \$50
- \$75

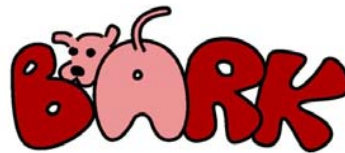
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## Other Ways to Support

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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- ❖ 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](http://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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