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## Remembering Rigsby (or the Best Reasons for Adopting a Senior Dog) By BARK Adopter Karen Reynolds

I remember the first time that I set eyes on Rigsby. He was being walked by a BARK volunteer in PetSmart at Short Pump. He was a mess. He was a small dog who had been through a lot, and it showed. He was shaved nearly down to the skin to treat some skin lesions, had just had some rotting teeth pulled, and had just been neutered. He had obvious cataracts and after speaking with his handler, I found out that he was approximately ten years old, had been found shivering and abandoned in a parking lot, and had a pronounced heart murmur. But in stooping down to pet Rigsby, I was struck by the way that he looked at me and wagged in spite of his situation. There was just something about this older puppy, so in spite of all of his issues and a few of my own qualms, I decided that I could give him a good retirement home.



Rigsby impressed me from the minute he arrived at my house. He and my other dog, eight years his junior, went through the sniff tests, and then Rigsby, no longer feeling like he had something to prove, simply ambled away. He caught on to the dog door in two tries, so crate training was not necessary. For the first time, I did not have to sacrifice any shoes, books, or furniture to a new dog. Rigsby, in his seniority, did not need to chew to relieve his anxiety or boredom. He did not bolt for an open door, and if he did get out, he wouldn't dash away. He would play with my other pup, and when I introduced another BARK doggie into the family, he would watch the younger two dogs roughhouse together from the comfort of the couch. My sons thought of him as an old retired New York City police officer...if the two younger dogs got a little too obnoxious, Rigsby would bark out a warning to them (as in, "You kids settle down. Don't make me come down there!")

But easily my favorite thing about Rigsby being a senior dog was that he was happiest just sitting with me. There were no calls for tug-o-war or play-with-me. Rigsby was always so happy to see me and loved to curl up next to me whether I was reading, watching television, or sleeping. There were no demands from him, just the mutual comfort of him being close. I loved the feel of his warm head resting on my leg and his warm breath on my arm. He was happy when I was happy, and he licked my tears when I was sad.

Two weeks ago, I had to put Rigsby to sleep. It was unexpected and searingly heartbreaking. I stroked and snuggled him as he passed on, hearing his contented little whine that he always had when he was close to me. He was with my family for only two and half years, but he had my heart from the moment I looked into his sweet face for the first time. I know that I gave him that loving retirement home after a rough life, but Rigsby gave me so much more happiness than I ever could have imagined of a dog of his age.

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## Online Auction to Benefit BARK

BARK has partnered with [EbidLocal.com](http://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!**\*

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!

Please consider bidding on items you like in this fundraising auction. **The auction runs through 9/21/2011.**



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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 **55** dogs found loving homes in August. If you'd like to keep up with the dogs adopted each week, please become a fan of BARK on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/barkva](http://www.facebook.com/barkva).

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### Adoption Spotlight: Rusty, Skittles, Gunther & Olivia and Maggie 2

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).

Rusty is a relatively new dog to the BARK farm, but he quickly gained his very own following! Here's what one of his volunteer friends said about him: "Rusty is a beautiful, one-year old Terrier/Doberman mix who was rescued with his brother Job from a home where he was neglected. He had an awful case of mange and was in pretty bad shape, but you would hardly know it now. He has a gorgeous, tri-colored coat and is just one of the happiest boys I've ever seen. He absolutely loves attention and wiggles his entire body when you come to say hello. He is very treat motivated, would be a quick learner, and gives the best kisses around! I just can't believe what a great dog he is...someone will be incredibly lucky to have this sweet boy join their family!" Rusty has done well with his kennel mate, but would be best introduced to existing dogs in the home. He should not be in a home with cats or around small farm animals.



“Skittles is lovely,” says her volunteer friend.... “She warms up to you quickly and loves a hug...loves to have you talk to her. She would love a person to take her on slow walks then home for cuddles. Skittles will look at you and beg for you to love her, and in return she will love you back...She seems good with kids and obviously is good with other dogs...She is not demanding....She would probably be good with cats also...She is very sweet and calm.” Skittles is an outgoing 2-year old purebred beagle who was relinquished due to circumstances at home. She has gotten a bit chubby recently and would benefit from a home where she'd get



enough exercise to help her recover a healthy weight and more slender shape. Skittles was kept outside in an invisible fence during the day time and sometimes in a dog pen at night, so walking and going places was never part of her routine. For a dog not used to walking on leash, though, she's doing a pretty good job of learning that skill! We think she'd be fine in a home as a companion to another dog, or alone, or in a home with her sister Sandy, who was also relinquished to BARK. Skittles is treat motivated and eager to please, and will make a lovely addition to a family. She misses being in a home and we would love for her to have one again soon.



One of Maggie 2's biggest fans has this to say about her: “Maggie 2.....a sad story....Maggie is soooooo deserving of a home where she is treated with the love and kindness any dog deserves. Maggie is a little shy, but will let you love on her, and after meeting you, she is a little cautious but will let you love up on her. She could use some gentle walks, since she is a tad bit overweight. Maggie has sweet, sad eyes, eyes filled with sadness that no dog should ever have. If given a chance, Maggie would be a great dog for anyone. But I think a rowdy house maybe a little much for her to take in. If anyone needs a chance, its HER!!!! Show her that someone out there is willing to take her and show her the love she deserves....Maggie has never had a home or a warm bed to sleep in. Doesn't she deserve that? The love she will show in return is worth more than anything! There is nothing better than a doggie kiss and the love in their eyes when they see you....No dog or cat should ever have to be in need of a home or in a home that needs love.”

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



Gunther and Olivia share a kennel at BARK's Ashland farm and their volunteer friend would love to see them adopted as a pair. "They are so adorable together. They play like puppies and are both well-behaved and happy dogs. I hope someone with a nice yard can adopt them together. They are both a little shy, but once they warm up, they are friendly and fun. Also not very barky! A really wonderful pair.

Gunther is a shy 1 ½-year old foxhound mix who needs to be in a home with another dog for confidence. He is very good with people and cats as well as other dogs.

Olivia is a very sweet 3 or 4-year old beagle mix. When Olivia arrived at BARK, she was so shy she didn't even know what a treat was and would not dare to approach you to find out. Thanks to Gunther and BARK's wonderful volunteers, she has made amazing progress. She now enjoys being petted and even gives kisses! Olivia would do best in a home with another dog to help her feel confident. She will need a little time to settle into an adoptive home, but will be really worth it. She has a loving, gentle nature and is so appreciative of even the smallest act of kindness shown towards her. She would probably be fine with older children but the commotion of young children running around will make her nervous. She has really come far with us and will thrive even more once she gets into a home and has a family of her own.



Gunther & Olivia

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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)
- Fosters for dogs of all shapes, ages and sizes (email Vickie Fahed: vlfahed@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto: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](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 but we do not have volunteers there throughout the day.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays:** Volunteers start arriving in the afternoon, clean their row or two and then others come later after work to finish up. Again, flexibility is the key to caring for the dogs and kennels.

**Saturdays:** Volunteers start coming anywhere from 10:30 a.m. (or earlier). If you are with a group, please make sure we know your group plans on coming out (see above). Also, Bob 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:** *River Allen, Kerry Clune, Shannon Cusack, Stephanie Daley, Dylon Edwards, Abigail Good, Colson Jonske, Katie Kirkley, Ann O'Toole, Alex Tilghman and Jarett Torok.*

## Thank you

- ❖ A big thank you to birthday girl Ellamae Anderson who, for the second year in a row, asked friends and family to donate items for BARK dogs in lieu of gifts for her. Ellamae loves dogs very much and WE LOVE HER!

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## Notes from the Farm: by Rolph

A great big hello to all of my wonderful BARK friends, both new and old!

Things are moving along as usual at the BARK farm...there are lots of new faces, both two- and four-legged. That means we're still in need of some new volunteers, especially during the weekdays to help take care of all of my friends. I know the regular weekday crews are running short handed and I don't want them to get so tired that they don't want to come back! We could also use some new foster homes for some of us old-timers (think of me or my lovely lady friend, Nova Leigh) as well as some of my newer friends who are pretty shy, like sweet Maggie 2, Olivia and Gunther (check them out in the adoption spotlight!).

With the cooler weather come lots of special adoption events, so we'll also be needing some volunteers to make that happen. Keep an eye out in the weekly adoption stand emails for those upcoming events. And, if you don't get those emails but would like to, just email my friend Claire at [claire@barkva.org](mailto:claire@barkva.org). You can also keep up with the BARK happenings on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/barkva](http://www.facebook.com/barkva)). I'm not real good with computers, so some of my good buddies keep that up-to-date with adoptions, special events, featured dogs of the week and that sort of thing. It's amazing what you can do with computers!

Lastly, I guess the biggest news is that the new BARK/Jessica Beath spay/neuter clinic is finally about to open! It's been a long time in the making and I know Bob T., Dr. Barron and the other volunteers have been working really hard trying to get everything ready. That should really help the BARK dogs that need to get a few things "taken care of" before they're ready for adoption. Hopefully, they'll be able to get adopted much quicker now! And the clinic will be open to the public too, so that will be super nice for all of the other rescue groups in the area.

Well, until next time...



Rolph

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## Doggone Good News: Search and Rescue Dogs of 9/11

More than 100 dogs took part in 9-11 search and rescue efforts. A decade later, only a dozen of them are still alive. They are the subject of *Retrieved*, a new book by Charlotte Dumas, a Dutch photographer who tracked down the last surviving 9-11 dogs – three died while she was working on the book — and tells their story in words and pictures. Dumas, 34, traveled to nine states in the U.S. from Texas to Maryland to photograph the dogs, now living with their handlers, in their twilight years. Says Dumas, “The dogs are now old and they will soon pass away ... These portraits are about how time passes, and how these dogs and their portraits are offering us a way to deal with the things that happened as well as relying on them for comfort.”



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**Happy Tails...Waggin' Good News**



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)***

I just wanted to get back in touch to let you know how well Cedric fits into our life (adopted July 2nd)! We have re-named him Philo (meaning gentle one in Greek) because that truly suits his personality. He still has a lot of puppy fun in him but is so gentle with our kids and has brought us a lot of joy these past few weeks. Thanks so much for what you do or we may have never found him! Thanks again for everything. I have attached a picture of this little cutie in our home.

***Our best,  
Lori and Sam***



**Philo**



I wanted to write to you and tell you how much we love Lillie. We did rename her to Lilly Irene Wilson on the day we adopted her since we picked her up in the middle of hurricane Irene. She did spend the first day with us in a house without electricity and a huge storm blowing outside. She did fine and so did we; not much damage from the storm and all is back to normal now. I have attached the picture above of me and Lilly after a run during the first week we had her. She loves to run, I took her for a 2 mile run on the first day after the storm, then 3 miles the next day and 5 miles the day after that. She did great and seems to love running with me, that is great because I love running with her. She does great staying to one side and keeping pace with me. We ran 25 miles together the first week. We just finished a 3 mile run this morning in the rain, I think she enjoyed it more than I did. All of my neighbors and friends can NOT believe how beautiful she is and what a great personality she has. Thanks to the storm lots of our neighbors were home in the days after the storm and we got to introduce Lilly to all of them and their dogs. She likes playing with all of them.

She has had NO “accidents” since we got her, and we have her on a strict schedule of going outside at 7am, 2pm, and 10pm and she has done very well with it. We have had a problem with improper chewing, or “burying”. We noticed that when you give her a treat a lot of times she tries to hide or bury it in her bed. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> night in the kennel she tore up her bed. We are not sure if she chewed it or tried to bury something in it. We have also caught her chewing on the rugs. We simply tell her NO and give her a chew toy. She seems to be doing better. We did replace her first bed and she promptly destroyed bed #2. So we have let her sleep in the kennel without a bed and only let her in the bed when we can watch her. Any tips would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for Lilly (She is asleep on my lap as I am writing this)

***Bill***



**Lilly**

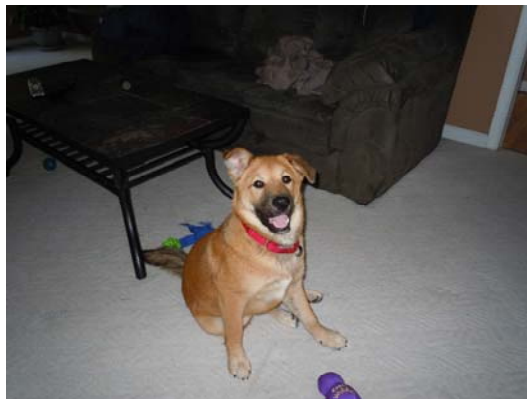
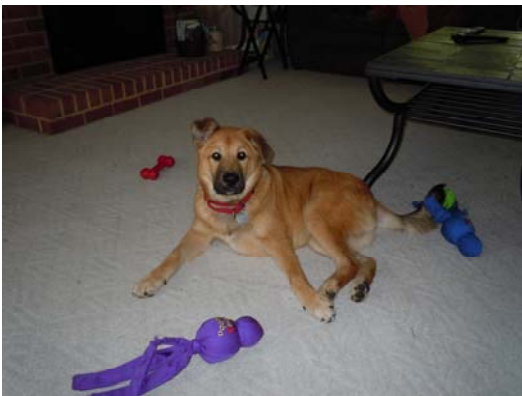
Just wanted to let everyone know that Lowrider is doing well here in Greensboro, NC. He loves our family, especially Katherine, and is great friends with Callie, the golden retriever. He is just as cool and laid-back as you promised. Thank you to all who helped our family find Lowrider.

*Betty (no picture included)*

Hey to all my friends at BARK - I want to tell you about my new home. I have a Mom and Dad and two brothers. They are all so nice to me - I get all kinds of attention. Mom and Dad didn't even get mad at me when I peed in their bedroom floor the first morning I was there. I was so scared I didn't even go to the bathroom at all my first night there. Mom and Dad tried to make me feel better by sleeping in the living room with me my first night and my brother Dylan slept in the living room with me the second and third nights. Now I have a clock radio to look at and listen to that my older brother Hank bought for me.

I get to go to the river and hang out with lots of dogs, I also get to ride on a golf cart and man is that fun!! I don't have to be on a leash a lot when I'm at the river, man it's nice to be free of that darn leash. I have lots of toys to play with, my favorite is the KONG bone, my Dad fills it as full as he can with peanut butter and I love that even though I can get all of the peanut butter out real fast. You probably notice two Kong Wuba's - I have torn the legs almost all the way off of one and now I have another one to work on - it feels good on my teeth. This is what I like to chew on when I can't get a sock - when I get a sock it doesn't last long because as I chew and pull it apart they take the pieces and throw them away and then take the sock before I finish with it (they must think I'm going to swallow all that stuff once I have it in pieces). Oh well, watcha gonna do with people they don't understand somethings.

As you can tell I am getting bigger - I am now 41 pounds - I even had to get a new collar I was getting so big. Things are going very good for me - as some of my peoples friends at the river say "I went from the orphanage to the penthouse". That is how it feels too.



Sammy

I just wanted to let you know that Rosco is doing wonderfully and seems to be very happy. He has all of us well trained now, even my cats. He has been to the vets, the beauty salon and all shots, pills and licensees have been taken care of and he is one healthy dog. Thanks to all Bark did for him while in your care and my family and neighbors he should live a full life here. We are love him and he is very popular on our walks in the morning. Thank you again for all you and BARK do.  
*Sincerely, Michelle (no picture included)*



 Benji

Just wanted to give you an update! First, Benji has adjusted beautifully to our home - he loves playing w/ the other dogs & napping w/ the cat! Of course, he is a love w/ our family & friends that come by!

Second, we just got the report from our vet that he does not have hip dysplasia. The x-rays show old fractures in one hip & knee - at this point, nothing needs to be done & he doesn't appear to be in pain. He has done well w/ gaining wt. & our vet said his muscle tone is greatly improved and more equally distributed than before - - so he is thriving - - and we are enjoying him!!

*Thanks,  
Kristen*

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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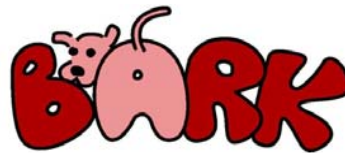
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## Other Ways to Support

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>.
- ❖  merchandise, such as apparel for you and your pet, housewares, and bumper stickers are now available online at [www.cafepress.com](http://www.cafepress.com). Check it out!
- ❖ 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/>.
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