

The Rest of the Story...

Here are the stories of two of our dogs that have lived long and wonderful lives after being saved from the pound.

If you have a rescued dog, plan on attending our first ever **Rescued Dog Reunion** at the Dachshund Races on July 10. We'd love to hear your story.

Kay Price-Hawkins

After our two dogs had died, Joe and I hated the losses so much that we thought we would never want another pet. But the yearning for a playful snuggler kept scratching at the backdoor of our hearts. So, when we saw the Rescue the Animals Adoption opportunity at Ridgemont Animal Clinic in the late fall of 1999, we couldn't resist going by for a "look." Millie was the Husky/Shepherd puppy sitting still, ears erect, in a cage of 3 other little pups who were actively seeking our attention on that October Saturday morning. As we wandered around the space looking diligently for another cock-a-poo like one of the dogs we mourned, we felt disappointed that none was in the mix. We kept going back to that first cage where Millie sat so quietly and decided that she had to go home with us, so that is how it started over 10 years ago. As we debated what to call her, I suggested something to do with the Millennium.



So, here she is, still a precocious dog, quick to catch on to tricks and commands, prissy when she has been to the groomer and eager to see her doctor when a visit is necessary. After eating 5 loaves of banana bread off of the counter (leaving only the foil wrappings on the floor) and an entire Betty Nelson pound cake, our Millie's sweet tooth hasn't diminished our love for her. We are thankful that we were in the right place at the right time when our hearts were ready to welcome another pup into our home. Thank you to all of the staff at Rescue the Animals for providing the opportunity for us to give Millie a home.

Evelyn Furr

Just wanted to thank you for the great work you do and bring you up to date on an adoption made November 18, 2000, when I lived in Abilene. In early July 2000, on

your website I found a picture of a black miniature poodle named Rocky and called to see if he was still available. That day, Rocky became my Charley, named from John Steinbeck's *Travels With Charley*, but the next few months were definitely "rocky." Your flier stated that he was "very quiet" and he was, until the next day when he became a wild thing, jumping on furniture, chewing on a chair leg when his chew bone was at his feet, opening a cupboard door to get at the trash, snatching food off the table or counter. The list could go on, but worse was his separation anxiety. I returned to work after Thanksgiving holidays and he went into a frenzy when I had to leave.



Everything changed when we took Evelyn Guitar's 12-week-obedience class. Charley won a trophy and became a wonderful companion. In 2001 we moved to Spring, TX, where we are now members of Therapy Pet Pals of Texas and visit assisted living centers in the area. Residents absolutely love him and he loves them. Everyone comments on how beautiful and calm he is. When we walk through the door, we hear a chorus of "There's Charley, hey Charley." They don't know my name, I'm just Charley's mom.

Charley is happy, healthy and getting lots of love from extended family. When I adopted him I was told his previous owner turned him in because he was too much trouble. I'm so glad I found him. As I write this, he is curled up on his favorite throw next to his favorite toy, very much loved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11 IHOP Pancake Day...

Get a Short Stack FREE! 6 am-10pm

FREE short stack of buttermilk pancakes with a \$3.00 donation to Rescue the Animals, SPCA. Help us celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of IHOP! They have just completed remodeling the entire restaurant. This will be a great event. You can bring the family and eat pancakes all day long! Save Lives....Eat Pancakes! Please email all your friends and meet us at IHOP!



May 22 (Saturday) \$5.00 Heartworm Tests 1 pm to 3 pm

Pet Vaccinations Just \$19.99!

Dr. Mark Hitchcock will help us with a special Saturday Heartworm Test Clinic and pet vaccination event on May 22 at our Adoption Center, 5933 South First. A full set of shots for cat or dog (including rabies) will be just \$19.99. Heartworm Tests and shots will be offered from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. No appointment needed. Call 698-SPCA for details.

Dachshund Races Coming July 10, 2010!

This year we are moving the Dachshund Races to a Saturday morning under the oaks at beautiful Perini Ranch in Buffalo Gap. Don't miss the greatest races ever and terrific refreshments (hot dogs and more) from the gang at Perini's. Visit our website soon for more details!



Rescued Dog Reunion July 10, 2010 (at the races)

Do you have a rescued dog? We are inviting all rescued dogs (no matter where they were rescued) to our first ever Rescued Dog Reunion to be held at this year's Dachshund Races.

We will have a huge Rescued Dog Beauty Parade and prizes for best looking, not best looking, oldest, most lively (wildest!), and so on. Please bring your rescued dog and tell us your story.

We will have a "Story Telling Booth" where people can take turns showing off their rescued dogs and telling everyone about them. Call Lynn at 695-7270 for details.

Engraved Bricks....A Permanent Memorial for your Pet!

Bricks will be installed in the yard at our Adoption Center, or you can order them and use them at home as a memorial for you pets.

Engraved Brick Order Form Cost \$50 per brick

Buyer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please provide desired text below. Note: maximum of 4 lines with 18 spaces.



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