



Caring Hearts Rescue

Newsletter

May 2015

Calendar

May

Crosspointe Animal Hospital Open House

May 16 – 1pm-3pm
8975 Village Shops Dr.
Fairfax Station, VA

Springfield Days Pet Fest

May 30 – 9am to 3pm
South Run Park
7550 Reservation Drive
Springfield, VA

May/June

Father's Day Cards

Father's Day is June 21:
Order specialized Father's
Day cards from May 27 to
June 15

DoMore24 Fundraiser

Thursday – June 4
24 hour fundraiser with
opportunity to win
thousands of dollars in
prizes

Yard Sale

Saturday – June 27
Oakton, VA



Trixie still needs a foster home!

Dear Friend in Rescue,

April and May have been busy months for CHR. We kicked off the fundraising season with the April 22 on-line Spring2Action fundraiser. This event was a big success for CHR -- we raised \$1,374 for the pups! Another new fundraiser, Mother's Day Cards, raised \$330. Every one of those dollars goes straight to the dogs' care. **Thank You from the bottom of our hearts to all who donated!!!**

Father's Day is right around the corner, and we will be offering personalized cards for the great dads in our lives. For a small donation, we will send that special father a personalized card in the mail. See below for details.

We have also been working to get ready for the ever-dreaded "dumping season" of summer. Incredibly, there are people who, when they go on summer vacation, dump their dogs at shelters instead of finding them a suitable temporary home or kennel while they are away. We want to be able to give a new life to some of these "throw-away" dogs, but to do so we will need money and more fosters.

Did you know that CHR currently has 22 dogs in our care? Many of these sweet pups have medical issues that require medications and frequent vet visits. We are committed to raising the necessary funds, but we can't do it without the help of donations from our fellow dog-lovers.

URGENT – FOSTERS NEEDED

You often see our requests for fosters. ***This time it is different.*** We have shut down intake due to the lack of fosters. What does that mean? It means that we can no longer bring in any dogs to CHR. It means that small dogs in shelters run the risk of being euthanized. It means that owners who, for whatever reason, need to surrender their small dogs may turn to Craig's List or a shelter. Craig's List is a dangerous place for a dog: it is frequented by people wanting an innocent dog for bad reasons. Please foster NOW!!

If you can't foster full-time, could you be a vacation foster for a week or two? This short-time commitment allows a full-time foster to go on vacation.

Free Dog Training Class

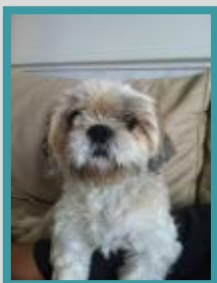
Caring Hearts Rescue is introducing new dog training classes for CHR adopters, past and present, at no cost to participants. Our first one-day class will cover important areas of dog training focusing on safety and positive reinforcement. By incorporating positive training methods into your daily routine, you can reinforce your relationship with your furry family member. Learn recall, targeting, "leave it" and more! Since our adopters live throughout the DC metro area, we will be holding classes in different locations. The first two-hour class will be held in the Fairfax--Vienna area of Virginia. The date, time, and location of the class will be determined after we receive a sufficient number of enrollments. If you would like to enroll in the class, please click on the following link: <https://fs8.formsite.com/Caringhearts/form9/index.html>. In the coming months, we will publish a schedule of classes as the program becomes more developed. We look forward to seeing you at one of the classes!

Fosters Needed

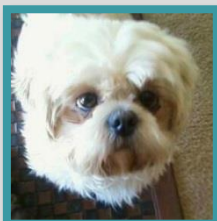
The following dogs need foster homes. Click on their picture to learn more.



Saucie



Zoe



Teddy

Website Updates

Our website updates are continuing. A huge CHR thanks to Liz, Meghan, Sean and Leslie!

Reston Pet Fiesta

The Reston Pet Fiesta on Saturday, May 2 was a wonderful experience for the CHR volunteers who participated. We met hundreds of dog lovers who stopped at our booth and chatted with us, many with children and pets in tow. We had a display with pictures of the CHR pups, and we discussed the virtues of fostering and adopting rescued dogs. We received several foster applications and are thrilled to welcome additional CHR supporters!

We also introduced a new fundraising tool to help us raise money for the pups. It's called *Puppy Plinko!* Lots of folks dropped dollars in the donation jars to play for some special CHR prizes. In addition, with the help of our gourmet CHR bakers, we provided a yummy array of home-baked goods and filled up the donation jar.

The day netted \$500 for the pups! Thanks to Sabina, Liz, Amy, Kris and Mary for manning the booth. A special thanks to special foster pup Jeanna and Ambassador pup Delilah for being the stars of the day.

Facebook

Facebook continues to be an important communication tool. It allows us to post on a daily basis info on upcoming events, adoptions, intakes, and available dogs, as well as updated pictures of our foster pups. For the CHR postings to show up on your daily newsfeeds, you must share, like or comment on a regular basis. Sharing our Facebook postings with your friends and families builds our supporter base!

Traveling this summer?

If you are traveling with your pet this summer, do a little homework before you pull out of the driveway. There are multiple resources, but we have found one that is particularly helpful. Visit the Bring Fido website at: <http://www.bringfido.com>, listing pet-friendly hotels, restaurants, and attractions suitable for your four-legged family members.

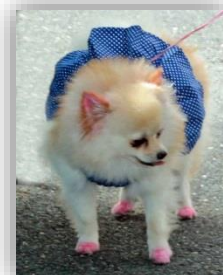
Caring Hearts Rescue is not affiliated with this site, nor do we guarantee their accuracy. We provide this information as a resource for you to start planning your trip.



Playing Puppy Plinko



Kids making donations for the CHR pups



The pups were dressed for fun (check out her toes)

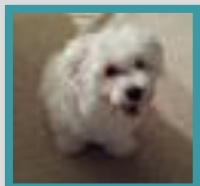


Happy Tails

We are happy and proud to announce that the following pups have been adopted and found their forever homes!



Bentley

Oscar
(Honorary
Small Dog)Clover
(Pending)

Snickers

It's all about the dogs

Molly

Molly came to Caring Hearts Rescue in 2011 in terrible shape. We rushed her into surgery shortly after her rescue. She had to have her remaining 27 teeth pulled, leaving her with no teeth!! We promised she would never be abandoned or allowed to suffer like that again. We adopted sweet Molly out shortly after her rescue, but sadly her owner recently passed away. Molly is now at her forever foster home, where she will be safe and loved for the rest of her life.

Please consider sponsoring Molly to help this princess with everything she needs. She recently had a full blood chemistry, and she is on monthly dry-eye medications and a prescription diet for her history of calcium stones.

Will you please make a monthly donation to help Molly. Contact Mary at caringheartrescue@gmail.com to learn how to become Molly's guardian angel. It is fully tax deductible!

Molly

"Thank you for keeping me safe and cared for!"

Congratulations Snickers

It is with great joy that we announce the adoption of Snickers, a long-term CHR foster. Snickers, a three-year-old Shih Tzu, entered CHR at the end of 2012. DC Animal Control seized him because his owners had kept him chained to a tree 24 hours a day, apparently since he was very young. He was extremely fearful, unsocialized, and terribly matted. He was set to be euthanized because he was considered unadoptable since his reaction to any handling by humans was to bite. In a last ditch effort, the DC shelter that was holding Snickers contacted CHR to see if we could help him.

In the almost three years that Snickers has been in our care, his extreme fearfulness has improved with a lot of patience and positive reinforcement (lots of treats!). He no longer snaps at his guardians and strangers nor requires anesthesia to be groomed due to his fear reactivity. Snickers was lucky to finally find adopters who were willing to accept him as he is and follow a positive training program to help him overcome his fears. As part of the adoption process, CHR is providing free training and support to Snicker's adopters to ensure that they have the knowledge they need to continue working with him on his behavioral issues. Congratulations Snickers!



Snickers at time of rescue

New CHR t-shirts

Caring Hearts Rescue t-shirts are now available for purchase. They are teal and have the CHR logo on the front left pocket area, and on the back have a white dog bone with the words: small dogs, big hearts. They are \$15 each and will soon be available for purchase online. Meanwhile, stop by any of our events to pick one up.

Crosspointe Animal Hospital Open House – May 16

Please join us for the festivities! CHR will be at the Crosspointe Animal Hospital Annual Open House, at 8975 Village Shops Drive, Fairfax Station, VA. Crosspointe Animal Hospital is one of our primary vets. Enjoy food, games, and silent auctions, and meet the vets that take care of our pups. Take a tour of the facility, and stop by and chat with our Caring Hearts volunteers. You might even meet an adoptable pup!

DoMore24 – June 4

Do More 24™ is a local movement that brings together nonprofit organizations, companies, and people committed to making a difference. Powered by United Way of the National Capital Area, Do More 24 is a local movement that encourages donors to contribute to the causes and organizations closest to their hearts – and of course for us that's Caring Hearts Rescue! Watch for emails in the next couple of weeks to learn how to make a difference!!!

Yard Sale – June 27

CHR will be hosting a yard sale in Oakton, VA. Yard sales can bring in big bucks for our rescue just by recycling our treasures. Do you have “treasures” in your basement? Specific details will be coming in an email. Contact Liz at: liz@caringheartsrescue.org.

Father's Day Cards

Send your Pop something unique and special for Father's Day. For a small donation, we will send a card thru USPS that will arrive right before Father's Day. There are two designs available – (1) a standard card with pictures of cute pups having fun on Father's Day, or (2) a personalized card with a photo of your choice. Just send us the picture you want displayed on the card. You can also include your own message in the card. Each card will also say that a donation has been made in their honor. Watch for the email opening the order season!



Standard
Card



Personalized