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The Barking Lot

The Official Newsletter of 2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue, Inc.

From your President:

It has been a great second quarter. We had 3 dogs come in this quarter and they have all found fantastic homes. Atari & Cambria, half-brother & sister, came in together. The shelter didn't think they should be separated, but we did adopt them out separately. Then we had Rudy who was picked up by animal control in Pueblo. He was flown down to Albuquerque to be fostered by Katherine. Rudy found his forever home in Mesa, AZ, with the cooperation of AZ Vizsla Rescue. We seem to be getting more dogs in from New Mexico lately. I am thankful that I have such wonderful fosters.



CAMBRIA



ATARI



Please visit us at our website www.2ndchancevizslarescue.org It is pretty much completed, and I think it looks great. We have a Facebook link on our home page so be sure you like us on Facebook so you can follow what is going on in our neck of the woods. We are working on making our Facebook really rock, but it takes a village to get things going. Diana & Katherine have been working real hard to make it a great Facebook page. Feel free to add your dog's photos & cute stories. I have to admit I was not at the front of the line when the instructions on how to use Facebook were handed out. So please have patience! I have some very good help to get me going.

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/2nd-Chance-Vizsla-Rescue-Inc/118848398273266?ref=hl>



We are one of the Breed rescues that does take in mixes on a case by case basis. I just took in a 10 to 12 mo female Vizsla?/mix, Jasmine, from a shelter in NM not far from Albuquerque. The shelter is a small shelter with only 8 kennel runs and 10 dogs. I was contacted by this shelter in hopes that I would take this girl. They sent a photo which showed a red coat underneath the chocolate coat and I saw that there was a red coat under the brown coat. I figured that since it was a pup and the shelter person said she was a sweetie, I would not have a problem placing her. Also, it would be good PR to help the shelter out. Well under further eyes on, it was determined that the predominant breed is Doberman. Boy did my heart sink. What was I going to do? I had to be truthful when trying to place this dog. My prayers were answered. I had a phone call from a woman who was trying to make arrangements with the shelter to adopt this girl, but I got there first. I explained what we thought her background was and the woman said, that is what she thought and wanted her anyway. She even had already filled out our adoption application. This woman lives in Scottsdale. So it looks like Jasmine might be going to her new home by the end of July.

A rescue dog is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get. And, nothing could be truer in regards to Davie.

Davie came into rescue as a discarded dog. His family didn't want him any more once he was diagnosed with Valley Fever. Thankfully being a young dog, he only had a mild case. Davie is not a purebred Vizsla. We think he is a Vizsla/Redbone Coonhound mix.

His foster mom said he was a true gentleman and very sweet, so no problem in finding him a home. And we did just that. His new mom & dad are a perfect match. Not long after he was adopted he showed a specific talent, he gravitated toward humans with medical needs. Davie's new mom & dad thought Davie would make a perfect therapy dog and they followed up with the process of certifying Davie to become a therapy dog.

Here is Suzzette's latest update on Davie's progress:

"Rita Just wanted to give you a quick update. Davie has been approved to be a pet therapy dog and the Colorado Mental Health Institute - Pueblo. He has gone to work with me one day so far. His first day was a little overwhelming. We have 20 patients as well as all the staff. He definitely had preferences as to who he wanted to let pet him. He also had to go on an elevator, I'm guessing his first experience. We also went on a catwalk and stairs that were uncomfortable for him to walk on. That leads to a big yard for him to run free in, otherwise we have to walk on a leash. Good thing it was only a partial day. :-) We went back on another day that I was off just to pick something up and it was much better. He hasn't got his badge yet. He gets that on Monday. I will send you a picture of him with his official badge on. That's all for now. Suzzette"



Cooper fka Rudy is now with his forever family in Mesa, AZ, thanks to the 2 Jennifers from the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region, Larry Smallwood who picked him up, Pat Koprowski who flew Rudy to Albuquerque, Katherine Giese who fostered him there, Sandra Gorton from Phoenix (AZ Vizsla rescue) who performed the HV and Denise Lashmett who completed the telephone interview.



Rudy



Thank you all for your support in making 2nd Chance Vizsla Rescue, Inc. a success. I look forward to meeting you all in person at our first Annual Reunion in September, date TBD. Watch for your e-vite.

- Rita

BIKING WITH YOUR DOG

Most of us are always looking for good ways to tire out our energetic Vizslas. An active, healthy dog can be a great candidate for a bike mate if introduced to the sport slowly with safety in mind. Today's bike leashes hook on the side of a bike and attach to your dog's padded harness so the dog runs right alongside of you. The Bike Leash is designed to control your dog in case she pulls in a different direction and ensures the safety of both dog and rider. For the best experience, train your young Vizsla to walk and run consistently at your side, not allowing them to cross in front of you and put off distance running until your V's bones are mature. (Many vets believe structured running of pups, especially on hard surfaces, can lead to orthotic problems.) The first few times you take your V out with the bike, keep your feet on terra firma, just walking the dog and the bike, eventually graduating to a short slow trip around the block, with your dog trotting at the side of your bike. If that goes well, gradually lengthen your trips, but moderate your pace so the dog trots and does not break into a run, as that will very quickly wear their pads through and leave them lame. Choose a cool time for your outing, watching your dog for signs of overheating or sore feet, and choose a location that is safe for you and your dog away from traffic. Biking with your Vizsla can be a great way to tire them out while limiting the miles on your own knees, but those Vizslas who are particularly "birdy" and stop on a dime to point any feathered creature are generally not the best candidates for this form of exercise for obvious reasons!

Let's limit our Hot Dogs to summer barbecues...

With summer upon us, it is a good time to remember that dogs are much less efficient at cooling themselves than people are, and the temperature inside a parked car can quickly spike to life-threatening levels if the sun is out. Dogs' sweat glands, on their noses and foot-pads, are inadequate for cooling during hot days. Panting and drinking water helps cool them, but if they only have hot air to breathe, dogs can suffer brain and organ damage after just 15 minutes. Short-nosed breeds, young pets, seniors or pets with weight, respiratory, cardiovascular or other health problems are especially susceptible to heat-related stress.

If you are thinking of leaving your pet in your car, even for just a few minutes, sit there yourself for five minutes and see if the climate is comfortable and safe. When the sun is out, the temperature in a car, even on a pleasantly cool day, can rapidly climb.

Signs of heat stress include: heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting or a deep red or purple tongue. If a pet becomes overheated, immediately lowering their body temperature is a must.

- Move the pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water all over their body to gradually lower their temperature.
- Apply ice packs or cool towels to the pet's head, neck and chest only.
- Allow the pet to drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.
- Then take the pet to the nearest vet.

Law enforcement officers are authorized to remove any animal left in an unattended vehicle that is exhibiting signs of heat stress by using the amount of force necessary to remove the animal, and shall not be liable for any damages reasonably related to the removal. The pet owner may be charged with animal cruelty.

-Let friends know about the dangers of leaving their pets in a parked car and remind them to keep their pets at home on warm sunny days if they'll be going anywhere pets are not allowed.

-The Humane Society of the United States has posters available for a nominal fee that store managers can post inside their windows to remind shoppers that "Leaving Your Pet in a Parked Car Can Be a Deadly Mistake." They also have similar hot car flyers.

-If you see a pet in a parked car during a warm sunny day, go to the nearest store and have the owner paged. Enlist the help of a local police officer or security guard or call the local police department or animal control office.

-From TripsWithPets.com

Volunteer Spotlight

KATHERINE GIESE

Hi, my name is Katherine Giese and I am the Executive/Artistic Director of Ballet Repertory Theatre of NM and I became a foster for 2CVR this year, January 2013! My husband and I adopted our first rescue Vizsla in 2008, 4 year old girl named Penny, as companion for our elderly Vizsla, Chester whom was 12 years old and had been our baby since he was a pup. We lost Chester later that same year and we were heart broken. In 2010 we started to consider adopting another rescue and the incredible couple whom we got Penny from mentioned Rita and we started the application process. We were paired up with Cody, a beautiful 18 month old male Vizsla. He had been surrendered by his owner back to the breeder whom surrendered him over to the Vizsla rescue. Cody's story was very sad. He had been chained up in a back yard all his puppy life, probably abused, and was given back because he was sickly. My understanding was he was emaciated, covered in ticks and fleas, and coughing so badly he could barely breathe. They treated him for pneumonia but the vet also had the insight to test for valley fever and it came back positive. On antibiotics and antifungal and under the watchful eye of his amazing foster mom, Carolyn Levy, he was nursed back to health! We have had Cody now 3 years. It took some patience but he has come so far with his anxiousness from previously being abused and I am happy to report he is very active, jogs 4 miles most mornings, and along with Penny, now 9 years old, enjoys weekly agility classes with my husband and I!

In the adoption process, we had the privilege of getting to meet Carolyn and discover what she did for not just Cody but other rescues. I was so impressed and amazed with all she did and the difference she was making! Last year, I remembered that incredible difference Carolyn had made in Cody's life and wondered if I could help in some small way. However, I chickened out and did not send in my completed foster application. Fate stepped in and in January this year Rita called me up and wondered if I would consider fostering – 2nd Chance Vizsla had a male Vizsla who, like Cody, had valley fever. This had to be a sign – I mailed in my foster application that same day!

This first foster was Davie, a Vizsla mix. (Check out his amazing story on 2CVR's website! www.2ndchancevizslarescue.org) When Davie met his forever family, it was hard to let go but it felt so right seeing him with his new family. I hoped that I had made a difference for Davie and consequently his new family as well. I received confirmation on this feeling shortly after he was adopted. His new family noticed Davie was exhibiting a specific talent to gravitate toward humans with medical needs and he is now a certified pet therapy dog at the Colorado Mental Health Institute – Pueblo!



Katherine with Cody and Penny

We have only been fostering a short time and only 3 dogs total, but each has been rewarding! Every time a new dog has come into our home it is heart breaking how freaked out they are, but within the week the about face is incredible. Our 2 dogs have been great foster siblings and Cody especially has been a wonderful big brother to each one. Sure each new dog comes with new and interesting challenges, but when you hear of the joy these Vizsla's are bringing to their new families it's heart-warming and humbling to know that I can make a difference, one Vizsla at a time.



RAINBOW BRIDGE

Lilli was a transfer from another rescue group. I was contacted by the Denver Dumb Friends League in July 2011 about Lilli who was picked up as a stray and determined to be about 10 years old. She had surgery for a lump, spay and dental problems. My husband & I picked her up and did not discover that she was legally blind and had hearing loss. She was a real trooper and put up with the other 5 dogs in my home. It did take her about 3 weeks to really eat on her own.

In June Lilli stopped eating. We thought it was due to the heat spell we were experiencing because when the temperature cooled down she ate a meal. But, after that there was no tempting her to eat. Her bodily functions were normal. We took her to the vet for a blood test and it was discovered that she had renal failure. Almost 2 years to the day we helped Lilli cross over the Rainbow Bridge. Goodbye sweet Lilli till we meet again. Now you are whole and able to play with all the other red dogs. - Rita



Lilli

Who's Who in 2CVR

Officers/Directors:

Founder/CEO/President - Rita Prindle

VP - Rick Prindle

Secretary - Cathy Lund

Treasurer - Kathy Kregal

Rita Prindle - Chairperson

Directors:

Denise Lashmett

Larry Smallwood

Judy Wagner C.P.A. - non voting

Financial Consultant -

Judy Wagner, CPA

Legal Counsel B

Newsletter Editor - Mary Ellen Keskimaki (temporary)

Cartoonist - Tracey Adams

Fund Raiser Coordinator - Open

Grant Writer - Kristen Wrona,

Transport Coordinator - Open

Adoptor Follow Up - Donna Wolosin

Facebook Managers - Diana Berger & Katherine Giese

Adoption Team:

- Rita Prindle - Chairperson

- receive adoption apps, review & assign HV

Telephone Interviewers - Donna Wolosin, Dani Commendador, &

Denise Lashmett

-call approved adoptive family after positive HV prior to final adoption

must have information on fostered dogs in order to make a suggestion as to which dog will be a good match w/family

-e-mail Rita with telephone report for her decision whether adoption is ok or not

- Foster Liaison - Open

- work closely w/Chairman, assign rescues to foster homes, receive rescue profiles/success stories/pictures from foster families

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Financial Report

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REVENUE

Contributions, Individual \$650.00

Contributions, United Way \$116.20

Cambria Adoption fee \$350.00

Misc. income \$7.45

TOTAL REVENUE: \$1123.65

EXPENSES

Veterinarian \$146.40

Accounting services \$450.00

2CVR Liability Insurance \$525.00

Cambria Adoption expense \$9.95

Postage \$13.80

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:

\$1145.15

NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR 2ND QTR:(\$21 .50)

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES: (\$500.00)

NET CASH OUT FLOW: (\$521.50)

