

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER RESCUE

RESCUE BY THE NUMBERS

Hold-over intake from 2011: 7

Pulled January- September 23, 2012: 35

Adopted January-September 23, 2012: 26

Number of current fosters: 13

When I took the position of Rescue Director in June of 2011 one of the primary goals for the Board and myself was to set up a system that enabled better tracking of intake, adoptions, and finances. Those records needed to be available to the Board and, when the time comes, the new director. Given the nature of our club and how widespread our membership is it is important that information on the dogs in rescue and their needs be readily available to others in case a need arises. At this time most of that system is in place.

All dogs taken into rescue since June 2011 have an on-line file that includes their origin, medical & shot records, microchip number, at least one picture, their foster, and the adoption agreement once adopted. Rescue maintains a ledger that includes all income and expenditures. This ledger also includes information on what the expenditure or income is for and which dog it is tied to. This allows for a quick snap-shot of how funds are spent, how much has been spent on each animal, and the sources of rescue income.

NEW INTAKE POLICY

I want to give a brief explanation of the new policy the Board has in place that governs when we pull bloodhounds to foster. For every bloodhound pulled there must be \$500.00 available for that dog's use. Rescue is also keeping a \$1000.00 reserve to ensure we are able to provide for continuing basic needs and any emergency that might arise for a foster. Once a dog is adopted any funds left over from the individual \$500 set-aside is put back into the general account for the next dog. Should the need arise the \$1000.00 reserve can be used for operating funds but it must be returned to the \$1000 mark before new dogs can be pulled.

On a practical basis this means that Rescue must continue to raise money whether through adoptions (which will never cover the costs of operations), donations, fund-raisers, etc. on an on-going basis if we are going to pull dogs when the need arises. Though there has been a great effort to cut costs there are purchases that have to be made. We are about to order bulk microchips and prevention for the current fosters. This will drop our balance in the Reserve so we will have to temporarily suspend intake until that fund is built back up. Rescue is an on-going balancing act. If you can think of any way to raise money or find donated product or food please contact me, I would love to hear from you.

My phone and email are always open to the membership. adopt@southcentralbloodhounds.org or 479/443-2775.

Anyone who wants to have further information provided to them on either of these matters please feel free to get in touch with me, I will be happy to share with you.

Now, for the fun part of rescue.

Our most recent adoptions are:

Wilbur to Klinton Holland

Hank to Peggy and Bob Ullom

Sunny to Kerrie Kerns

Marshall to Petra and Dan Enright



Marshall in his new home wearing shorts to keep him from licking his recent neuter site.

Fosters are the back-bone of any rescue. Our club is very fortunate to have a growing number of dedicated fosters. These individuals donate more than just their homes. They provide the number one essential ingredient, love. And that is why fostering is so hard and rewarding. Those who have done it know the heartbreak that comes with every foster placed, as well as the joy. It takes a special person to do this and many of our fosters do it over and over again. All you have to do is listen to them talk about their foster to know how much they care. I would like to introduce you to our fosters.

Amy B: Amy lives in Baton Rouge and does temporary fostering for the animals coming out of the Companion Animal Alliance. She has a new son and yet still manages to be there for numerous animals not just our bloodhounds.

Megan C: Megan is in CO. She also fosters for other breeds but the bloodhound is special to her and she has 2 of her own in addition to one of our new girls. Her current foster is Little Annie.

Robin & Garry F: Robin and Garry are in the Dallas area. They currently have 2 of our fosters, Texas Daisy and Daisy McClure aka Dixie. Boo Boo was their first foster.

Rose H: Rose is in Jacksonville, AR. She has her own bloodhound Hank and is currently fostering Reba. Rose fostered Jingle Belle and Belle before Reba. She seems to get stuck with the ones who want to try the fence!

Mark & Nancy K: This family has fostered numerous bloodhounds, owns 3.5 (one may have had a coonhound in the woodpile), and currently is putting up with Norma Jean who has her diva moments according to Mark. They even provide a pool for their use. What more could a bloodhound ask for?

Kerrie K: Kerrie is another new foster for us but she failed on her first one adopting her the day after she got her to her home! Welcome to your new home Sunny. Luckily, she is also able to continue to foster other hounds for us and she just took in Ramona who is heartworm positive. Kerrie has another personal bloodhound as well as a few more fosters. Kerrie is also our new Newsletter editor so she really has her hands full.

Mary M: Mary ended up fostering for us by default through Tejas Coonhound Rescue. She is fostering Dingo and lives in the Houston area. I hope to be able to keep her when Dingo leaves.

Nicole & Aaron M: Nicole and her family adopted a girl from us last year and then graciously offered to foster for us also. They have 2 pre-teen boys, 2 multi-poos, a cat and the bloodhound Annabelle. They've fostered 3 bloodhounds for us and are taking what I hope is a short break while Nicole sorts out her new work situation. We hope to have them back soon as they are great people who do a fantastic job with our guys. Aaron is in the military and the family lives in south Texas.

Vera M: Vera lives outside our region and stepped up to take on a girl who was returned to us for behavior problems when we had no one else. She still has Abbie and is giving her a great home until we can find one that will accommodate her needs.

Sandy & Chris M: Sandy and Chris are past adopters who recently asked to foster. They still have the bloodhound they adopted and will be getting Melrose Sam, our newest foster, the week of the 23rd. We are thrilled to have them join us. They give us our second foster home in Louisiana.

Dave S: Dave became a foster when it was brought to our attention that he was fostering a bloodhound and wasn't associated with any bloodhound rescue. His girl Ruby went to a family who had adopted from us before. Since then he has fostered Mia, who was recently adopted, and he now has Forrest. Dave lives in NM where he also fosters for Bassett Rescue and Chesapeake Bay Retrievers. He is also a great resource when we are looking for transport in NM and CO.

Vicki S: Vicki is our other foster in LA. She fostered LA Daisy and is now fostering Rita. She has done a great job with heartworm positive dogs. She has also been very gracious putting up with the fact that Rita would rather be in a one-dog household.

Jeana W: Jeana is another foster who came to us because she already had a bloodhound but no formal ties to bloodhound rescue. Since starting with us she has taken a brand new mama and her two babies (May, April, and June), Peach, and Jeff. This is in addition to her own bloodhound and assorted other fosters (they change frequently). She lives on a farm in Pratt, KS and provides a great deal of variety in the foster's lives as well as a gently loving hand.

I also want to thank members who have transported for us recently. A foster home or new home is only good if the dog can get to it. Many thanks to Kathy and Clyde Stringer, Mark and Nancy Kennedy, Dave Sarver, and Kerrie Kerns. And to Pilots n Paws we owe so many thanks the page isn't long enough.