



Because Animals Matter

Because Animals Matter - PO Box 213 - Hurricane, Utah 84737 - Newsletter 2008
Volume 2 Issue 1

Home for the Holidays



It's the biggest animal event held in Southern Utah. Rescue groups and shelters from St. George, Hurricane, Cedar City, Mesquite, Ivins, Veyo, Kanab and more turn out to help homeless cats and dogs find a forever family just in time for the holiday seasons. This year all donations made to the rescues will go towards spay and neuter programs for local residents in the Hurricane Valley area. Baked goods, dog toys and treats will also be available for purchase. Bring the family to have pictures taken with Santa Paws and give her a treat. Don't forget the most important gift of all during the holiday season, giving a homeless dog or cat the love of a family. **The event will take place December 19th at Petco in Washington City, Utah 10am-3pm.**

3rd Annual Rummage Sale: Big Success

BAM held its third annual rummage sale in April. Several people from the community stopped in to support BAM in raising money for the animals, by shopping, donating or adopting an animal. 5 dogs were successfully adopted and now have a happy ever after story. A large portion of the money raised will go towards a low cost spay/neuter program and various medical bills from animals in BAM's care. BAM is already collecting items for next year's rummage sale. Please call if you wish to donate. **Picture: Candoo, Adopted at the rummage sale.**



Love a Senior Adoption Event



Several rescues gathered together in April at Petco in Washington City, UT to encourage senior citizens to adopt a companion animal. Seniors were also given a discount on adoption fees. The event was a big success. The rescues to attend, Hurricane Animal Shelter, We Care for Animals, Friends of Ivins Shelter, BAM, PAWS, and Best Friends, all brought pets in need of a forever home. 4 cats and 10 dogs were adopted, not all were adopted by senior citizens. 6 of the adopted animals were in BAM foster care at the time of the event. BAM and other rescue



groups and the animal shelters in the area plan to host 3 large adoption events a year. BAM will host another "love a senior" adoption event just before Valentines 2010. Discounted adoption fees will apply for all senior people adopting at this event. **Picture: Keenen & Ellie. Adopted at Love a Senior event.**



Adopt Francesca!

You'll never find another dog like her. Unique in coloring, personality and body build. She's graceful, loyal to her owner and appreciates a little snuggle time. If you like to hike, bike, run, camp or enjoy daily walks, Francesca would be the right companion for you. Francesca is 2 years old and was rescued off death row at a shelter in Utah. She's been given a second chance to find a home. Could you be the family she's been waiting for?

Medical Fund December, 2008 to May, 2009. This period proved to be the most costly BAM has experienced since opening its doors. The medical costs just for the four animals listed below amount to close to **\$3,000**. This does not include the rabies shot and preventative vaccinations that each animal coming into care is given. This is just one of the areas that your money goes to when you donate to BAM.

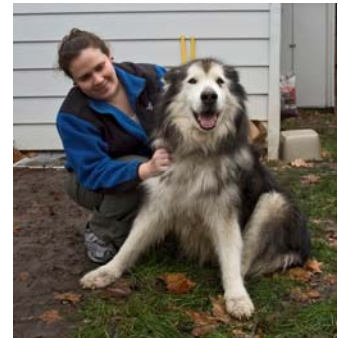
| Name | Age | Breed | Services Performed |
|---------|------------|--------------|--|
| Vincent | 1-2 years | Shepherd Mix | Distemper, Rabies and Bordetella Vaccinations, x-ray of leg, anal sac expression, antibiotics for infected leg, insertion of drain tube in leg, treatment for tape worms, neuter, prescription diet. |
| Leo | 8-10 years | Malamute | Physical exam prior to placement because of age related problems |
| Candoo | 2 years | Pug/Beagle | Radiology, Emergency Clinic admission, admission to Red Hill Vet Clinic, medication, fecal exam, Parvo fecal test, barium study, prescriptions, special diet, amputation of left front leg, neuter. |
| Keenen | 3 years | Pug | Surgical correction of elongated soft palate, nasal passage surgery, neuter. |

Rescue Networking Leo, a Senior Malamute, came to the Ivins Animal Shelter as a stray in rough shape. He was starving, matted, dirty, had bad teeth and could hardly stand. Animal control was saddened every time they watched Leo trying to lie, uncomfortably, on the cement floor of his cage. His old bones and joints deserved better. Knowing how difficult it is to find a home for a senior dog, animal control considered euthanasia. Instead, they sought out help from BAM to find him a foster home and a permanent family of his own.

This is when rescue networking is so important. Members of BAM searched out Malamute rescue making phone calls and sending out e-mails. Leo's picture was sent across the nation by Best Friends Animal Society and several malamute rescue organizations including Moonsong Malamute Rescue.

Leo spent his days waiting for his new family in foster care. He ate good food, ran every day, had a great bath and brush by All Fur Love and got lots of attention and love. Leo continued to grow stronger, but hope of him finding a home was slipping away.

Then, an e-mail from Moonsong rescue came in. A young lady, in Boise Idaho, looking for a senior Mal, fell in love with Leo's picture and sad story. She made arrangements to fly into Salt Lake City, pick up Leo from BAM and drive him to Boise. Now Leo is the happiest dog ever. Without the help of all the rescues pulling together Leo may never have found his forever home. Don't forget about our beloved senior animals that are sleeping on a cold, cement floor tonight in a lonely shelter. Give an older dog or cat the chance at a happy ending. **Picture: Naomi and Leo. Adopted January 2009.**



A Happy Adoption Tail, By Daniel

My dog, Pie, and I have a very strong friendship. Pie has changed my life so much. Before we got her, I don't remember laughing so much. But now, with her in our lives, we laugh all the time! She fits into our family perfectly. Pie brings us so much joy and fun. She's so happy to see us every time we come home. She understands what we say to her and gets really excited to go for walks or for a ride. I've even taught her, all by myself, how to go get her own leash and bring it to me when it's time to go somewhere. We've also taught her how to play hide and seek.

It's one of her favorite games. My mom and I take turns hiding and Pie has to find us. She always wins.

When we first got her, I thought cleaning up after her or brushing her or feeding her would get old, but it never did because I love her.

It's hard to remember what life was like before Pie. I never would have believed that a dog could change my life so much. But I'm happy it did.



Humanitarian Award



Because Animals Matter would like to give a special thank you to Kathy Schultz, our personal seamstress. Kathy spent several hours working at her sewing table creating "Adopt Me" vests for our foster dogs to wear during parades, festivals and adoption events. And our dogs look great!

Kathy and her husband Dave live in Spirit Lake, Iowa. They don't own a dog and haven't had a dog in their home, but when her son and daughter-in-law come to visit, from Utah, for three months, they bring with them three large, black dogs. The dogs stay in the basement, lying on wall to wall white carpeting and occasionally sneaking a nap on the bed. They spend outside time digging in the freshly planted flower beds, leaving massively large piles of poo in the yard and of course peeing in vegetable garden. This could be a tragic scenario for any non-dog owner, but Kathy and Dave take it in stride and enjoyed the companionship of their big hairy grand-dogs. Even though Kathy may never own or foster a dog of her own, she makes her contributions to rescue by making BAM adoptable dogs noticeable and presentable to the public. BAM dogs have received numerous compliments on the vests she has made and people ask 'how can I get a custom designed vest for my dog?' For now, the vests are special made for BAM animals only.

Kathy has designed Halloween costumes and dresses for her grandchildren before, but had never made an outfit for a dog. Not owning a dog, Kathy created one using an ice cream bucket, pail, a plastic bag stuffed full of rags and a book. She took measurements from various sized dogs in her neighborhood and dogs owned by family members. Thinking of various occasions when the vests would be worn she made quilted inserts for chilly weather, vests of bright colors for parades, holiday colors for special events and lighter colors for the hot summer months. Kathy even made a special costume for Santa Paws, which you can see featured on Meika at Home for the Holidays 2009.



BAM appreciates all the hard work, creative thinking and time that Kathy put into making vests for our adoptable dogs. A vest may seem simple, just another object added to the crate full of items that are brought to every BAM event, but for our fostered dogs it shows pride in appearance, care to detail and expresses the dedication of volunteers like Kathy. Thank you.

Searching the net? Switch your favorite search engine to www.goodsearch.com

It's run by yahoo, but every search is donating money to your favorite charity. Do your part. Donate to Because Animals Matter by using Good Search for all your internet searching needs.



Round of Apaws

BAM is so thankful to the employees of **Lin's Market** in Hurricane, **All Fur Love and Bone Appetit** in Washington, **Walker's** and **American Car Care** in Hurricane and **Maverick's** on Hwy 9 for placing donation jars on behalf of Candoo in their stores.

A very special thank you to **Rita Longstreet** and her "gang of supporters" that organized set up and ran a successful rummage sale this year. **Hunt Storage** has now donated a shed to BAM year round so we can collect items for our next rummage sale beginning right now!

Of course we always want to thank our foster parents. Without them we could not take animals and find new homes for them: **Andrea & AJ Wenzel**, **J Schilling**, **Tracy Tidwell**, **Laura Wright & her daughter Jasmine**, **Cathy & Dan Pettey**, **Namrata Chand**, **Rita Longstreet & Fred Hawkes**, **Dan & Mary Record**.

Welcome to BAM's newest foster parents: **Adrienne & Andrew Fitzgerald**. They both live and work in Zion National Park where they share their home with Kelso, a Husky/German Shepherd mix. They enjoy hiking and jogging with their dog among other things. Francesca is their first foster dog.

Also BAM would like to welcome **JoAnne Jorgensen & her daughter Emily**. They own a dog of their own and recently adopted a kitty from We Care. They fostered Freckles and look forward to fostering more dogs in the future for BAM.

Thank you to everyone who attended the third annual **BAM Appreciation Dinner** on May 8th. Rita, Andrea and J prepared the meal and it was wonderful. A good time was had by all who attended. We hope to see more of you next year.

CONTRIBUTIONS DECEMBER, 2008 TO MAY 2009

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

GALLANT WATCH KENNELS
MITZI GRAHAM
SUSAN SHERIDAN, M.D.
MAXINE SHUTT, REV.
IRENE SCHILLING
KITTY WOOLDRIDGE
THE YARD CARE COMPANY
JOHN AND MICHELLE DALY
KAREN SHORE
LARRY AND SUSAN BARRETT
GREG AND GAIL CRAIG
LIN'S MARKET
JACKI STAVRACOS-COX
IN MEMORY OF PEOPLE -
SUSAN TAYLOR
CAROLA FARTHING

IN HONOR OF PETS

SASSY (Adopted from BAM)
Karla and Jim Sipple
SIRIUS (adopted from BAM)
Roxy and Dan Mabbutt
BRANDY, NICHOLAS, BO, SUSIE,
TANGHNEE
Karen Shore

IN MEMORY OF PETS

ASPEN
Karla and Jim Sipple
SPIRIT
Roxy and Dan Mabbutt
NIKOL, JESSE
Karen Shore

Special Notes From Because Animals Matter

Happy Tails

Please send pictures, comments and stories of pets adopted from Because Animals Matter, via e-mail, to contribute to the website's Happy Tails. All pets adopted spent time in foster homes and hold a special place in the hearts of those who helped find them homes. Visit www.becauseanimalsmatter.com to read the Happy Tails section and acquire the e-mail address to send your own stories.

Donations

Because Animals Matter appreciates your donations

Animals in foster care always need

- Blankets, Towels, Beds
- Crates
- Food
- Litter
- Chew toys
- Treats
- Leashes & Collars
- Advertising space
- Paper towels & Cleaning Products
- Brushes

Donations of money can be used for

- Shots for foster dogs and shelter dogs
- Spay/neuter
- Medicine
- Medical emergencies
- Animal transportation
- Printing and advertising
- Purchase of equipment for educational programs, event booths, apparel, and other items

Donate with Pay Pals

BAM now accepts money donations through Pay Pals. Visit the BAM website and click on the "donate" tab at the top left corner.

For information about programs, adoptions, donations

Contact:

Because Animals Matter a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

P.O. Box 213 Hurricane UT 84737

(435) 773-5209

admin@becauseanimalsmatter.com

www.becauseanimalsmatter.com

