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Jackson – Donna & Ray DeWitt



I feel very fortunate that, by owning a dog store, I have access to the best food, treats, toys, etc. for him in the future. Our dogs mean the world to us and they are our “babies”. We are willing and able to give him a great forever home (as long as the girls like him!). We will be sure to give him some space and let him get to a place where he feels comfortable with us. Thank goodness that dogs are so resilient and can adapt so easily. Thanks, again. Here’s a couple of pics of Jackson. He has adjusted so well and is such a good boy. We love him already! He now has the run of our house and yard along with the girls. He is so playful and affectionate – he usually is up on my husband’s lap every night!

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On the Cover

Here is a picture of Jackson (formerly Dragon) that we adopted in August. As you can see he has filled out and is no longer so skinny. He is the best little dog - so silly, smart and affectionate. He has really bonded with us and sleeps on our lap every night. He has brought so much fun and joy into our lives and we feel fortunate that he is part of our family. Just wanted to give you an update and let you know how well he's doing now. He is happy, healthy and enjoying life!

Donna & Rae DeWitt

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2014 Final Rescue Activities

In 2014, we began the year with the most rescues we had ever experienced in our history. We took in and placed 18 dogs and turned 5 more away. The second half went a lot more smoothly...we only had 6 dogs, ranging in age from 6 mo. to 9 years. Sadly, we had one pass away shortly after adoption. We took a bunch of calls with 'I've got to place my dog RIGHT now!' Then, when Pat or I would call back, they mysteriously placed the dog with a friend. Oh well.

We spent \$14,000 on our dogs which includes all the medical work (blood, dental, shots, surgery etc.) plus boarding & grooming. This is at 50%! (So you can see why I'm always begging for money.) Wingate continually tells us that we are very thorough in our dogs' welfare and medical care.

At the end of 2014, we received our "yearly" Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Lexi. We were able to contact Cardigan Welsh Corgi National Rescue and they, once again, stepped up and paid her entire bill, minus our adoption fee. They have been absolutely fabulous about responding to our pleas for assistance when we receive a Cardigan into rescue.

I want to thank **each & every one** of you who has donated money directly to Rescue or goods for the Rescue table at the Specialty. In addition, our very important rescue activities could not be done without our volunteers, Pat Bayne, Shelley Voorhees, Barb Allen, Sr. Mary Ellen Roach, Julie Yamane and Noelle Blair. They are the heart and soul of rescue.

I continue to be amazed at how many Corgis are out there from backyard breeders and pet stores. Many of these dogs end up with us because of the public's ignorance about the breed. The reasons are unbelievable and range from 'the dog is herding us and our children' to 'I live on the 3rd floor and can't walk her very much and she is fouling the rug at the door'.

A huge thank you to all of you who are reading this and have helped over the years.

Lynn Kaemmerer

A Dog's Last Will & Testament

Before humans die, they write their last will and testament, give their home and all they have to those they leave behind. If, with my paws, I could do the same, this is what I'd ask...

To a poor and lonely stray I'd give my happy home; my bowl and cozy bed, soft pillow and all my toys; the lap, which I loved so much; the hand that stroked my fur; and the sweet voice that spoke my name.

I'd will to the sad, scared shelter dog the place I had in my human's loving heart, of which there seemed no bounds.

So, when I die, please do not say, "I will never have a pet again, for the loss and pain is more than I can stand."

Instead, go find an unloved dog, one whose life has held no joy or hope, and give my place to him.

This is the only thing I can give...

The love I left behind.

Author Unknown



Hello, my name is Marilyn, and I am an ESRA foster failure.

He is only temporary, I said, I've done this before, I said.
That was before, he said.

He just needs a soft place to land, I said.
The sofa with my head on your lap is soft, he said.

Trickett needs a buddy for a couple of months, I said.
I can do that, he said.

I don't need another dog, I said.
You've done it before, stop counting dogs, he said.

I stay busy, I said.
I love that, he said.

I was told you jump fences, I said.
Not here I don't, he said.

I like to train my dogs for performance events, I said,
I already learned how to rock the dock, he said. I can sit, down, stay, and jump, he said.
I'm a sponge for knowledge, he said.

My heart is falling but my head is logical, I said.
Follow your heart and Trickett's heart, he said. I am following mine.

I'm your foster home, looking for your forever home, I said.
Stop looking, he said.

Maru, welcome home, I said. Welcome home, Trickett said. I am already home, he said.

After lots of thinking and soul searching, watching Trickett and Maru's interactions and relationship, and my bond with Maru, I have decided to fail fostering 101 and adopt Maru.

*This was borrowed (with permission) from someone in the National English Springer Spaniel rescue.

Dear Lynn,

I just wanted to give you a shout out of appreciation for the two corgis my wife Nicole and I adopted from you. They are the light of our lives and provide us with unbound entertainment that can't be beat! I don't know if you remember Nicole and myself but we adopted our first corgi from you in February, her name was Percephanie. A couple months after we adopted her, now called Bella, we adopted another corgi from you named Oliver. I just wanted to share some photos with you, and thank you again for all the hard work you put into the Corgi club.

Thank you!

Sincerely
PFC Trevor Boutin





Cooper is a 3.5 year old red and white Corgi. He loves to play with both dogs and cats since he was raised around them. He likes children but was not raised with children at home. He loves to snuggle up and watch TV with you or read a book! Cheese puffs are his favorite food and as a result, he is a bit overweight. We are working on a diet for him and slowly increasing his exercise. Cooper came to us from a couple with a young child and very obviously had been fed all the wrong food.

On Mar 27, 2014, at 9:38 AM, wrote:
Well Cooper is settling in. He's still learning "the rules" but he seems to take his cues from Buster, so that's a big help.





Vinnie is a 1.5 year old fluff Corgi, red and white. He was a very gentle soul and grew up around children (not toddlers) and other dogs. He does love to herd, which is quite typical for the breed, especially a young dog but is very easy to control. Vinnie went to a home with a young man who lives in Denver.

Lexi, a Cardigan Welsh Corgi, 2 years old was brought to us by a handicapped man (cane) who said that he couldn't take her outside to go potty because he lived on a 3rd floor. Of course she wasn't spayed nor had any shots, but was as sweet as could be. We were lucky when a young couple turned up on the list with a adolescent male Lab and a brand new house and yard. They are all getting along famously.





Enzio is a 4 year old red and white Corgi. He is HIGH energy and would make a wonderful agility dog. He is a go-go boy who would love lots and lots of walks and lots of play. He is housebroken and knows a few commands but needs to learn to walk properly on a leash. He was released due to an eviction. We recommend that he be walked on a harness. He is fully vetted, neutered and ready to go home with you.

Enzio and Persephone came into rescue together. Enzio is Persephone's father. The owner was about to be evicted from her apartment and brought both dogs to us on a very snowy day.

Enzio went to a lady who owned a Merry Mint Corgi girl and fell in love with our boy.

Corgi sitings



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"Just bark — the app automatically translates it into English!"

Bubbles came to us from a woman who was not able to take care of her medically. She had a cherry eye, which responded very well to surgery by Dr. Wenngren. She was adopted by an older couple who were delighted to have such a sweet girl who was only 3 years old. They are already doing obedience lessons and taking walks.





Suzy

Suzy came to us from a lady who said she had developed allergies to the dog. Turns out Suzy was a mix – looked very much like a wire-haired Corgi! The first family who adopted her said she was dog-aggressive and returned her. Strangely, we hadn't seen that behavior in her. When we went to have her groomed, our groomer fell in love! Suzy now comes to “work” at Wingate and greets each and every grooming client, with NEVER a lip lift or growl. Has to be the right home we said and it is obvious she is in the right one now!



For our scrabble players...on a snowy day!





Our first rescue of 2015 was Frodo, an 11 month old female Corgi. Her owners said that she was very dangerous because she was herding the 3 year old around the house. They tried spaying her to no avail – it didn't cure the herding instinct. We found a couple who had recently lost their male Corgi at the age of 14 and were looking for a companion for their 5 year old female. Frodo fell in love with the couple and her new Corgi sister and went off to Brighton to her new forever home.





As many of you know, PWCCR donated to the AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer for Colorado. It has appeared at the Greeley Shows in 2014 and again at the Denver Cluster in 2015. We should be very proud of our contribution to the canine needs of others in our state.

