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## Paw Prints

The Collin County Humane Society Newsletter - Spring 2013

### A Word From Our President

Molly Peterson, Pres of CCHS and Director of CCHS and Rockwall

Spring is in the air and the Collin County Humane Society has had a busy first quarter. In this issue of Paw Print read all about some CCHS alumni updates, recent adoptions and pets still searching for forever homes to call their own. Hear the journey of a little doggie from TX who found his forever home in Alaska! With the weather getting nicer the CCHS team has found a list of great places for you and your pets to spend the spring meeting new people, enjoying a bite to eat, a drink on a patio or even a little swim time! Plans for our fourth annual Give a Dog a Home Fundraising Benefit, Decadent Dining Dog Benefit, and 3rd annual Putting for Pooches tournament are under way. Visit [www.CollinCountyHumaneSociety.org](http://www.CollinCountyHumaneSociety.org) for a list of all our upcoming events or contact us to find out how you can help make these events a huge success. We look forward to a wonderful Spring and hope to see you all in the months to come!

### The Zee Girls

By Susan Giardina

She simply jumped out at me when I first saw her picture in a CCHS Facebook item, about a dog just taken into foster care because her family was divorcing. "Tabitha" looked like a mini version of our delightful Zelda, whom we rescued from the streets of a Houston suburb three years ago. I showed Tabitha's picture to my husband Frank, who also was surprised by the strong resemblance to Zelda.

Adoption crossed our minds, but three years before taking in Zelda, we had adopted Zoe. They got on so well, and we didn't know if their close relationship would allow another. Plus, since my early retirement we have been

watching expenses very close, and another dog well cared for is not inexpensive. We decided not to adopt Tabitha

A few days later, I couldn't help going to the CCHS website to see if she was still there. Unbeknownst to me, Frank was doing the same thing. Every now and then, we'd return to the subject of adopting Tabitha. We always decided not to do it. But each on our own, we kept looking at her online.

After about three weeks of this mutually secret site checking, we talked about it again. This time we decided it probably wouldn't work because Zelda was a serious alpha, and we thought it unlikely she'd accept a 9 pound intruder.

A few days later, a month had gone by. One morning, Frank asked me if Tabitha was still available. I told him I thought so, and we agreed we'd come to a decision when he came home from work. That night, we narrowed our concern to Zelda. If Tabitha was also an alpha, it could be messy. Unworkably so. We decided to look into it with CCHS.

The person I spoke with put me in touch with Tabitha's foster. She assured me she was definitely not an alpha. Even so, we just weren't sure we should have a third dog. I asked Frank if one day we looked at the website and she had been adopted by another, how would we feel?

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### Events:

- Watters Creek – Adoption Event
- Walmart Supercenter - Purina Adoption Event
- CCHS Putting for Pooches - Golf Tournament
- Decadent Dining Dog Benefit

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Margie Arion - Tail Wagger  
Gary Carpenter - Kennel Friend  
Lisa Hollen - Kennel Friend

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We both agree we would be very sad. Story short, we brought Tabitha home after a very warm reception from her at her foster home.

Of course we had to change her name to be Zoe and Zelda's sister, and we started to call her Zena. Even though she was five years old, she knew her new name in about 2 days. Zelda initially was not thrilled with the new arrival. But Zena gradually got to her - sniffing, licking and rolling onto her back. Zelda became more and more interested in Zena, always looking for her, smelling and nipping at her ears (a sign of affection). In a week or so, Zelda was like a mom or big sister, checking on her and playing. She always let Zena take toys and bones from her, after a little growl just to make it seem like she's not a pushover.

Zoe is a big girl and plays hard with Zena, which worried us at first. But little Zena is fearless, loves chasing and the rough and tumble with her biggest sister. When play is over, Zena goes to Zelda, and they often can be found snuggling together on a blanket.



All our concerns are long since over. Zoe, Zelda and Zena, also known as the Zee Girls, are very happy together in their new little pack. Frank is wrapped around Zena's little paw, and we are all very happy we found this darling bundle of love!

Click here for z-girls' photo gallery

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## The Family

By: Annie K. Christie

I come from a place where you wake up to noise.  
"Bark" and "meow" and the squeaking of toys.  
The old ones sleep all day while the young ones are  
always ready to play.

Someone walks in with a leash and collar at hand.  
We all hectically hop up and down like we were in a rock  
band.

The Chihuahuas yip away like a chime,  
while the Bulldogs grunt together in time.

Some cats lay there sipping their milk,  
while others are too busy tearing their quilt.

I've been in this pound for almost three years,  
but no human has come in to scratch me behind the ears.

Sometimes I miss the days when my owner would say,  
"Come here boy! Let's go out and play!"

Oh! Wait! Could this be the one?

This family of two, wanting some fun.

A dad and his daughter are walking up to my cage.

I wonder if they'll mind my age.

The employee opens my cage.

I rush out, ready to play.

The little girl pulls on my tail, but I don't mind.

I don't want this to fail.

We play for minutes that turn into an hour.

I dream of running with her outdoors in the flowers.

We go to a rack with lots of collars,  
she chooses a red one that really screams and hollers.

She comes up to my face as close as she can,  
and whispers to me, "I am naming you Stan."

**See some of our newly adopted furry friends  
who now have a furever homes.**

**Happy Tails.**

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**And see the dogs that are still available.**

<http://collincountyhumansociety.org/available-dogs.html>



**SMORES = CUTE and SASSY!!!!**

Smores was turned into the local shelter, along with her brother Charlie, when their human companion was moving and could not take them :( Understandably they were very sad and confused at the shelter but that's when CCHS heard their stories and took them both into foster care where they now await their fuuurrever homes!

Smores is an absolute sweetie though somewhat of a diva! She loves attention and is a bit particular about how she gets picked up so will do better in a home with older kiddos. Smores is FULL of life and loves to play with her foster siblings. But her absolute favorite thing is to cuddle with her foster parents :) She looooooves to give kisses!!!!

Smores is a lady in every sense . She has great manners, is house trained and crate trained. She weighs about 10lbs, is spayed, HW negative, up to date on vaccinations and microchipped :) She also recently had a dental exam to be fully prepared for her new home.

So if you think this SASSY little lady is the companion you have been searching for, please fill out an application online. Smores is ready to meet you!



**Join CCHS at the  
Decadent Dining Dog Benefit!**

**Thursday, May 23rd from 6:00pm - 9:00pm**

*Where: Watters Creek (970 Garden Park Dr, Allen, TX)  
Cost: Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door*

This event will be a "progressive dining" event where the shops and food vendors at Watters Creek will supply samples for consumers to taste at selected locations. An adoption area with CCHS dogs and a check in tent will be set up in the common area where guests will purchase wrist bands with three drink tickets as a band plays in the background.

Upon checking in for the event, guests will be given a brochure that will list the restaurants and shops who are participating in the event. The guests are then free to travel around to each participating restaurant/shop where they will have food/dessert samples (including food, alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks). Tickets include food, three drink tickets for wine, and VIP discounts at all participating Watter's Creek shops and restaurants.

Please spread the word and register today: [Decadent Dining Dog Benefit Form](#)

Share this:

<http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/forms/decadentdog-benefit.html>

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at Plantation Golf Club Saturday, May 4th**

Enjoy a round of golf and support the Collin County Humane Society in their mission to help dogs that need us most! You and 3 others compete for the championship trophy. Games, challenges and even a betting hole provide you with the opportunity to have fun and win some awesome prizes!

**REFRESHMENTS:**

Fajita dinner: buffet and 2 alcoholic drink tickets

**PRIZES:** 8 Complimentary Rounds to Plantation Golf Club, 4 Player Development Program Memberships (valid for 30 days), VIP Eagle Card and many more!

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## Super Nova – 1 Year Update

By Marsha Bux

This is our 1 year anniversary of adopting Super Duper Nova. She has lived up to her name in every way. She makes friends with everyone she meets -- human & canine. However, she has yet to meet a squirrel or rabbit she likes.

She has recovered from her demodex. Last summer, we found out that she is allergic to grasses & pollen. Dr. Singh is pretty sure that is what triggered the return of her demodex. Her immune system just wasn't strong enough to fight mange & her allergies. During allergy season, she wears a harness I made with children's socks every day when she walks.

Dr. Singh is concerned that Nova's demodex might make a return this spring. Since this is a possibility, she can't be treated with the usual drugs for her allergies. We have been through 4 different antihistamines & clemestine seems to work best for her. If it comes back, he wants to use Ivermectin. Hopefully, she won't need it.

We have been using Advantage Multi every 2 weeks since last August. Dr. Singh thinks that should keep the demodex under control. She also uses supplements, a special diet, NuStock ointment & her preventic collar. Nova had her check-up last week. She weighs 46 lbs. Dr. Singh was very happy with how she's doing. She has a slight heart murmur, but he says it's nothing to be concerned about. He'll keep an eye on it though.



Now for the good stuff --- We can't imagine life without Nova. Nothing is more fun than watching all three of them chasing each other, wrestling & playing tug. I think she's an honorary Doberman by now! Her favorite thing to do is steal pillows. If we can't catch her fast enough (nearly impossible), she & Bindi tug a pillow to death. Nova's proudest moment was when she got a down pillow. The backyard looked like it snowed feathers!!

She also likes to get laundry so she & Bindi can tug with it. Once she gets through the door & into the yard, all bets are off. Thanks to Nova, I'm much better about getting laundry folded & put it up ASAP!

Nova loves to "sneak" up on me or Steve & do a kiss attack. She is, without a doubt, the sweetest, most loving dog on the planet. Sometimes I look at her & think how lucky we are that you saved her. We know you helped many before her & there will be many after her. We just want you to know how thankful we are that you saved our Nova. Also, thank you for sticking with us through her demodex last year. You'll never know how much your moral support meant to us & Nova.



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## Marisol the Update (Previously named Tigger)

By Mayra Ixchel Yundt-Pacheco

Sorry I haven't emailed you updates about Marisol for a while, things have just been so hectic with school starting. Anyway, let me start way, waaayyy back! I believe the last picture I sent you was the one of Marisol in a towel after her bath. Well she is doing much better with the baths. In fact, she seems to have found a new love for water! Well, more about that later. The first picture is one of Marisol on Halloween. We always go to a get together with one of my mom's friends, and this time we brought Marisol. She was the cutest pirate ever!!! Everyone loved her, and a lot of the trick or treaters had some doggie treats for her! My mom's friend had a dog, and Marisol quickly made a new friend! Pretty soon the leaves were falling off the trees, and Marisol had a great time dashing through them! There is a picture of her almost blending in the leaves looking quite perfect, I'm really proud of the picture! There is also a video of when I hid numerous dog treats in the leaves, and Marisol had a blast finding them. When Thanksgiving came about, we went to this lake about 2 hours away for a family reunion on (con't pg5)



Marisol Blending in With Leaves



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 my dad's side. Of course, Marisol had to come meet the family! She was a huge hit, everyone loved her!! While we were at the lake, Marisol would dash into the water until her feet could no longer touch, and then dash back out. There is also a picture of her near the side of the lake, the wind blowing in her fur. She found nothing more fun then for us to throw moss in the water, and she would speed on after it, looking baffled when it would vanish. It was even better than leaves! When Christmas came around, we unfortunately couldn't take her with us to Mexico. She stayed with my mom's friends, the same ones from the Halloween party. The four boys as well as the parents fell in love with her, and Mario (their dog) was her constant playmate. About the time when we got back from Christmas, I was recruited on the Cross Country Team, and sometimes Marisol would come and run with me for XC workouts. She's more or less the unofficial mascot!

Click here for Marisol's photo gallery

<http://mhenterpriseonline.com/Marisol.html>

### How to Make the Summer Fun for the Furrkids in Your Family

By Angela Reed

Wrong! If this summer is at all like the last 2 summers in Texas, then we need to be ready for many hot days. While school is out for the summer most parents find fun and entertaining things for their kids to go and do until school starts again. During this time we should not forget our pets. Dogs in general love to go out and be social. Summer is the opportune time to do so.

There are many things to go and do with your dogs to get them out and about. When you go to Petsmart or Petco, or other animal related places you could always bring your dog along. You should bring your dog in with you, because being left in a hot car during the summer can be detrimental for the dog.



There are also many dog friendly restaurants. One that I really enjoy that is local is Dodie's in Allen. I get together with a group of friends and their dogs every summer and go sit on the patio about once a week for dinner. The waitresses bring the dogs water and treats and really make the dogs feel welcome. This way the dogs get out and are able to socialize and so are you. It is a win win situation for everyone. They would prefer that rather than being cooped up in the house all day.

Another great place for dogs to go is your local dog park. Some in the DFW area are: Jack Carter Dog Park in Plano, Canine Commons in Allen, White Rock Lake Dog Park, in Dallas, North Bark Park in North Dallas, and Ruff range Dog Park in Frisco. They will even be opening one up this spring in Mckinney. Most dog parks in the area are off leash. Separated into small breed and large breed dog areas. They provide drinking water for the dogs and shade. There are places for people to sit and balls to throw. Some even have water areas for those dogs that like to get wet. The smile on your dogs face after a day of fun is well worth it and 9 times out of 10 my dogs are sleeping the rest of the day, from being so worn out.

Please do not forget about your pets this summer. You have friends and family and a way to get out of the house. A dog has only you. Let's let everyone have fun this summer. Please consider your pets this summer and help them to have a great one. There is plenty to do. You just have to get out and do it.

For more great pet ideas that are in your specific area please visit this website:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/lifestyles/pets/20130222-dog-about-town-hiking-yappy-hours-and-more-things-to-do-with-your-pooch.ece>



Rockett's Happy Tail  
By Susan Reiners

In January 2009, we decided it was time to add a dog to our family. I wanted to adopt because that is what my family always did when I was growing up. I admit it was also partly selfish as I could not see paying big bucks for a pure bred. On the practical side, I wanted an older dog so we could avoid the "puppy" stage.

I begin looking online and came across CCHS where I found a Poodle/Portuguese Water Dog mix. I fell in love with that dog's picture and thought it would be acceptable to all family members, but someone got there first. Now that we have Rockett I know why we missed the first dog. Rockett was meant to be ours!

Then, I found Rockett's picture. He was a rescue being fostered by Robin Wawrzynski (who also fostered the other dog). She called me to talk about Rockett. You see, he was a bit special. He had been terribly abused and was afraid of every human he saw. On my application, I had mentioned that my 8-year-old daughter has a special touch with dogs and all animals.

We went to meet Rockett. He was so sad. Robin had to catch him so I could hold him. He was terrified, but as I held him close I could feel him relax -- just a little. We decided to give it a go.

When we got home, Rockett hid in his crate. For the next three days, he would not leave his crate except to eat and potty. I had to herd him back into the house after his potty breaks and then back to the crate he would go. He then moved to hiding on the back stairs during the day. For three weeks, he stayed there. I could sit on the steps with my back to him and talk, but he remained distant.



Finally he began to trust me and we began to take walks. (He still loves his walks.)

Yet, he remained skittish of everyone except my daughter and me. In August, I took him to Mississippi to my Mom and Dad's. (He had met my mom after we'd had him for six weeks and so he loved her on sight.) She had five dogs at the time and 20 acres of woods with trails. He loved running with her pack on the trails. You could see the smile on his face! He came home a changed dog!

A couple of years ago he developed glaucoma in his right eye and we had to have it removed. I have to say afterwards that he relaxed even more.

When people who were around him that first summer see him now they are amazed at how much he has changed. He still barks at strangers who come to the door at times, but calms down quickly.

I am so honored that my friends donated a brick to the adoption center in my Mom's name. She adored Rockett and all dogs and loved when we came to visit. She passed away this past January and would be so pleased.

Little did I know when I decided to adopt/rescue a dog I would be bringing home a "true" rescue. Rockett is such a cuddle bug these days, which I would have never predicted, and is a true blessing to our family. He is our "Happy Tail!"



**Rockett and Mom!**

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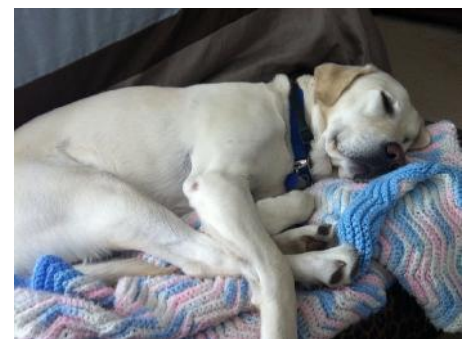
Loving Levi  
By Julie & Andy Jensen

We adopted Richy (now Levi) from CCHS on June 4, 2010. We had just lost our 14 year old black Lab, Flint, three weeks earlier to cancer and were desperate for the loving companionship of a dog.

Molly had just saved Levi from being put down at the shelter a few days before. We took one look at his big, gorgeous face and we knew he had to be ours.

Levi is smart, loving, and eager to please. He loves his daily runs and walks with daddy, and we appreciate how gentle and patient he is with our 15 month old son. Levi also loves to swim, go for car rides, and he's obsessed with tennis balls!

Levi was the perfect addition to our little family and we feel so blessed with the love and joy he has brought us. Thanks again to Molly and CCHS for saving these wonderful animals! I don't know what we would do without our Levi!



Click here for Levi's photo gallery

<http://mhenterpriseonline.com/Levi.html>

## Sourdough' Odin – Alaskan Convert

By Sue Goodglick

Alaska?! Yep, I'm no longer Bailey, a Texas boy, but a full Alaskan convert with a new name, Odin. I don't mind the new name 'cause it comes with a new life. This place is great! Snow! Smells! Moose! and rabbits in the yard for my viewing and barking pleasure!

My pack consists of four and we all get along great. Two humans and two of us canines. My "brother", Norse, (really, an Oklahoma boy saved from a dog jail and not my litter mate) and I feel so happy to have full house, couch and bed privileges. We play hard and act like we're fighting but we both understand each other –it's so darn much fun. I am very well behaved in the house 'cept I still don't always "hold it". Now I wear a belly band when I'm not supervised which is a solution that works for all of us.

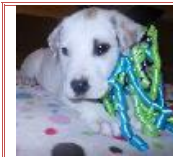
I'm so thankful to my foster mom, Stacy, at Collin County Humane Society, for taking the time and effort to coordinate my travels and safely put me on that jet headed north. It was a scary trip but I'm a brave boy and it was well worth the end result! I'm also so glad <http://petfinders.com> makes these long-distance connections possible.

I have a two story house with lots of windows to look out over almost my own acre and a clear view railing on the porch, all glass so I can keep watch –one of my favorite things in the whole-wide world to.



do. Another one of my favorite things are my (almost) daily WALKS!! I go in the rain, snow, ice and in the summer stroll under the midnight sun. I am forced to go to a nice lady they call "the vet" who sometimes gets too close to my face and puts her hands ALL over me. I behave and put up with it (but don't smile) 'cause afterward I usually feel better and am told it's good for my long-term health. My brother and I eat good, healthy well-balanced food and treats that my humans grouse costs more than their food...but they say we're worth it. I guess its working 'cause my tail and whole body wag every day, almost all day long.

Happy trails to my Lone Star state brothers & sisters...keep those tails wagging and your tales BIG!



**There are so many special dogs looking for that one special home. See some of their very Happy Tails.**

<http://collincountyhumanesociety.org/available-dogs.html>

Bandit is still looking! He was in the local shelter along with his sister. His sister was adopted so CCHS took Bandit in to help find him a forever home. It is estimated he will be around 70 lbs. when full grown. Bandit is all puppy, so he will need a family that can teach him to be the best doggie he can be.

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