

No-Kill Adoption Facility on its Way

by Molly Peterson (CCHS President)

The Collin County Humane Society is working tirelessly to get donations and support to build our no-kill adoption facility. The Facility is projected to break ground between 2012 and 2014 (dates will depend on funding). The facility is a leading edge concept designed to bring the public in for more than a depressing walk down doggie row.

Initial conceptual plans have designed the facility with two public and two private dog parks at the center of the plans, a

boarding facility on the right wing and a grooming suite on site. The shelter plans to keep with the "Green Theme" by using ample natural light, breezeways, artificial turf, windmills for energy generation, and much more!

The shelter will be a transitional housing station for dogs in the CCHS program that are ready for adoption; thereby increasing the number of dogs that CCHS can save! CCHS will remain a primarily foster based adoption program. The dogs

will rotate through the adoption facility and will not remain on site longer than 30 days. After the 30 days are up, the dogs will then transfer back through foster care, and will continue to attend adoption events until they are adopted.

With the new facility also comes plans to add a "Cat Wing" to CCHS! The shelter will house a Cat Colony that allows the cats to freely play, nap and sunbathe in a safe,

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A Day in the Life of a Rescuer

by Ashley Pickering (CCHS Advisory Board Mentor)

On September 1st, I went to Collin County Animal Shelter to look at one of the seven Great Danes that were rescued from a foreclosed home. I knew I was going to pull her. In fact, I already had a home ready for her! I just wanted to meet her, let her smell me and get an idea of what her personality was like.

As I entered the holding area, I passed a little Australian Shepherd pup. He was at the front of his

run, head cocked to one side, not barking, simply listening to all the sounds around him. I glanced at him, but was pressed for time so hurried past him to view my Dane. After looking at the Dane, I was hurrying out because I had to be back in Wylie to pick up my daughters from school; but just before I could step out of the holding area, I turned to my left and saw the pup staring at me.

Something struck me

about him and I stopped. I knelt down and started to pet him and whisper to him. It was then I realized he was blind. I asked the Animal Control Officer if there was any way I could evaluate him a little more and she granted my request.

I sat on the floor with some treats and he came to me and sat on my lap and licked my face. Boy was I done for! I knew

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THE PHOTO OF A
BLACK AND
WHITE PIT BULL
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You Never Know What You're Going to Get

by Stephanie Clements (Adopter)

As winter prepared to give way to spring, we lost our Siberian husky to old age. In his honor, and because we are definitely a dog family as well, we decided to rescue a dog that needed a family and a second chance at life rather than adopt from a breeder. With a 3-year-old in my lap, I visited petfinder.com and we looked for the puppy we would rescue.

As I began looking at the available dogs and reading their life stories, I found the puppy we would later adopt and name for the town in which he was fostered. Our puppy was part of a litter that was abandoned during their first days of life,

along with their mother, in a park during freezing winter weather. The humane society stated their breed was husky/lab mix. Although the mother appeared to be a husky mix, I knew that since the father was unknown, there was no guarantee they were lab in any way. Some of the pups appeared Shepherd/husky mix and some black lab/husky mix.

Around 3 months of age, I noticed Wylie's ears taking on a terrier-like appearance and his face looking less like the face of a lab. After looking at pictures of different breeds of dogs, I came across the photo of a black and white pit bull

and it looked exactly like my dog. I would not have intentionally adopted a pit bull, but he was the same dog we adopted a month before and his pedigree did not change that.

With a 1- and 3-year-old, dog training was a challenge. After learning he was part pit bull, I decided to get recommendations for a good dog trainer and start a training program with him while he was still a young puppy. Being that pit bulls are a powerful breed and Wylie is also very stubborn, I felt he needed a strong pack leader to grow into the dog I

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From Craigslist to A List

by Karen Creel (CCHS Secretary)



KAREN AND HER DAUGHTER
AMANDA WITH A CCHS FOSTER
PUPPY

It all began when a co-worker and I were looking on Craigslist and Petfinder for a dog to adopt. My 15-year-old Shih Tzu Scruffy had passed a few months before and it was very quiet in our home. Brandy, our other Shih Tzu, needed a buddy to hang

out with. I had heard horrible stories about pet store puppy mill dogs, so the search began on Petfinder and Craigslist to find a "small female puppy".

During my search I came across an announcement that a group of volunteers were going to meet in Fairview on a Saturday morning. The mission of this group was to start a rescue organization in the Collin County area. I attended the meeting and met Molly Peterson and many other volunteers. We all had the same mission in our hearts. CCHS was formed as a rescue organization with the fostering of the animals in the comfort of our homes.

Now that I had signed up for

this I had to break the news to my husband and teen age daughters. Luckily Colin and the girls were open to this idea.

My first foster was a white female heartworm positive Bichon named Cassee. Cassee was dropped off to me by a volunteer named Noel. Cassee had been spayed and had received her treatment for heartworms. Heartworm positive dogs must be kept calm for thirty days. Cassee was a very scared dog and it took a few days for her to warm up. Who knows what Cassee had been subject to prior to entering our program.

The family and I took pictures



BAILEY - ONE OF KAREN'S
CURRENT FOSTER DOGS

and wrote up a bio. Cassee was now on Petfinder along with several other rescue sites. The applications began to come in on Cassee. It was truly amazing to see how many people do think of rescue when looking for a new furry kid to add to their family.

My heart went out to a lady that had just lost her Bichon

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Too much Barking? Ears too Floppy? Tail too Long? Choosing Cosmetic Surgery for your Dog

by Tressa Broadhead (CCHS Vice President)

With cosmetic surgery on the rise for us two-leggers, some people believe it's not unusual for owners to put their own animals under the knife in order to obtain a "breed standard". Many people purchase puppies from breeders, unaware of the extreme procedures their new fur-baby underwent in order to achieve that "designer look".

Tail Docking

Tails are usually docked when puppies are between 2-10 days old, and typically neither local or general anesthesia is utilized. If the procedure is done by a veterinarian (and tail docking by most breeders or millers are not), the tail is clamped a short distance from the body, and the portion of the tail outside the clamp is cut or torn away. For the majority of breeders, who wish to save the cost of the vet visit and perform this procedure "at home", banding is the procedure of choice, or "tying off the tail". This stops the blood supply, which results in dry gangrene. The dead portion of the tail

usually falls off about three days later. This can be likened to slamming your finger in a door, and then leaving it there. Advocates of the practice claim that newborn puppies do not feel pain due to their under-developed nervous systems at birth. Yet, puppies undergoing any method of tail-docking squeal and cry. Puppies that have undergone tail-docking immediately crawl to their mothers to nurse. Research indicates that suckling causes the release of endorphins, the body's natural pain relievers.

Another argument the tail-docking proponents claim is that many breeds (such as Vislas, Weimeraners, Pointers, etc.) "often" have their tails damaged during hunting. However, a study of 12,000 canine cases over seven years found only 47 cases of tail injuries from any cause...or roughly .003% of dogs seen at the particular vet (Jean Hofve, DVM, Animal Protection Institute). It's a difficult argument to follow, when other breeds such as

Labradors, Golden Retrievers, Setters, Beagles and Foxhounds are also hunting dogs...but do not have their tails docked.

Ear Cropping

Breeds who have naturally floppy ears, like Great Danes, Boston Terriers, Boxers, Schnauzers and Manchester Terriers, have traditionally had their ears surgically cropped to stand up straight. Ears are typically cropped at 8-10 weeks of age. Notably, this is when their nervous systems are more developed, and furthermore, the ears have

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Great Dane on left has natural ears; on right has cropped ears. Picture from Britannica Online www.britannica.com



BENNY RECOVERED FROM DISTEMPER AND NOW WHEEZES WHEN HE GETS ACTIVE. BUT HE IS A WONDERFUL LOW-ACTIVITY DOG!

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BELLA SWAN HAD DEMODEX MANGE AND A BAD SKIN INFECTION, BUT IS NOW A NORMAL ACTIVE DOG!

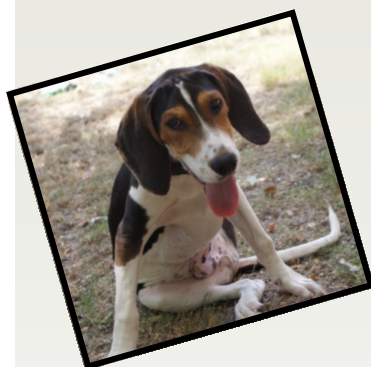


GRAYSON RECOVERED FROM DISTEMPER AND HAS A PERMANENT "TICK". HE IS ACTIVE AND PLAYFUL.

Traveler's Happy Tail *by Molly Peterson (CCHS President)*

If you are reading this newsletter, you are probably a dog lover... right?! Being a dog lover, you know that everyone under the sun will send you emails about dogs in need! It can be exhausting at times, as the emails are dated and the

CCHS email list. The following week, their son contacted them about a dog at their church. They said he was a puppy and had been roaming the streets for a few weeks until he was hit by a car (that is how and when he received the name "Traveler").



dogs in need never seem to stop.... but stories like this make it all worthwhile!

An email had circulated about a dog whose owner moved into a battered women's shelter and her dog was taken into the CCHS adoption program. A month later, someone received the email and contacted CCHS about the dog. The dog had already been adopted, but they requested to be added to the

With his leg dragging, the family took him to their vet and found out the cost to help him was more than they could afford. The father had recently lost his job, and the cost for the exam and x-rays were taking a toll. It was at this point that their father (who was just added to the CCHS email list) looked to CCHS to get Traveler the help he needed!

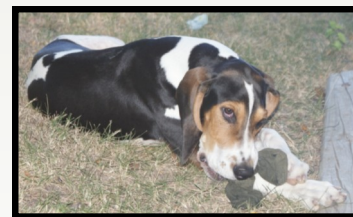
Traveler was taken to Parker Animal and Bird clinic that day



where it was decided that the break was so bad that his leg needed to be amputated. Another infamous email was blasted to the masses and over the next week, the checks poured in to help cover the expenses for all of Travelers vetting. Not only that, but someone who received the email contacted the family that found him and offered the father a job!

It was at that point that the Powers family decided that this sweet Traveler was meant to be with their family and de-

cided to adopt him when he was on the surgery table. His recovery was swift! No one would ever know that Traveler once roamed the streets on four legs and now was down to three! Thank you Powers family for helping save and adopt this wonderful sweet boy! Thank you to all of you that made contributions to his care... no matter how small or large the amount, you made a difference in his life that day!



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Featured Happy Tails

182 Adoptions from July to September!

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ADOPTED BY THE
BOYNTONS**



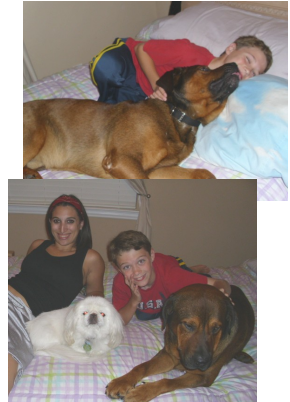
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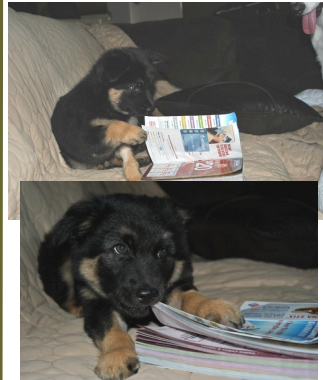
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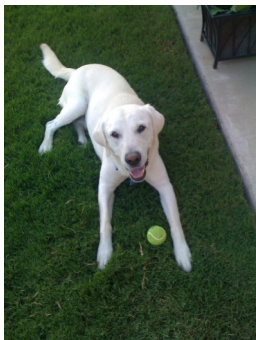
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ADOPTED BY THE
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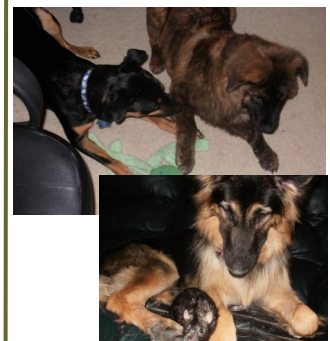
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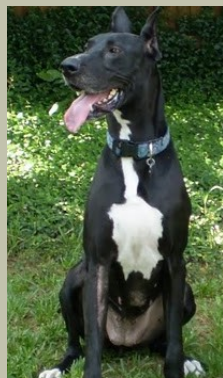


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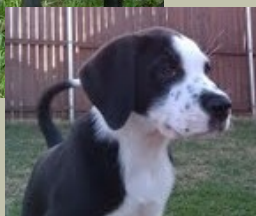


**ROCKY, TASHA AND
BULLWINKLE
ADOPTED BY THE
JOHNSTONS**





**HARLEY—
HAPPY
AND
HEALED!**



SOLO—GROWING STRONG!

Harley's Happy Tail *by Molly Peterson (CCHS President)*

Harley and her 3-day-old puppy were surrendered by their owner to a shelter in the country. She was 55lbs underweight and had a huge gaping hole in her arm that was down the bone (reportedly from barb wire). CCHS stepped up right away to take her into our adoption program, but she was too sick to be transported. She had a severe internal infection and had to have emergency surgery to spay her or it was certain death for Harley. While everyone held their breath in antici-

pation, we received an email that she made it through the surgery alive! She was on an IV and needed a week of rest before any attempts would be made to move her. A week later, transport was arranged to get this leggy giant to her foster in Wylie! Harley and her

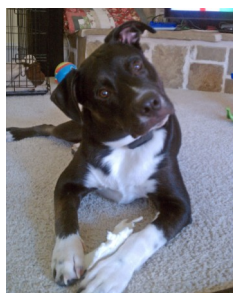


HARLEY NURSING SOLO

baby (Solo) needed around-the-clock care, but they both lived to tell about it! Harley was adopted by the Helms and is now living the high life in Irving! Solo was adopted by the Berkeley's (friends of the foster home) where he is able to keep in touch with his foster family every step along the way! Thank you to the Pickerings for fostering this deserving family; without you the outcome for Harley and Solo might not have been as wonderful!

You Never Know What You're Going to Get (continued)

**WYLIE
AT 8
MONTHS**



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knew he could be. Wylie has now completed his training and is 8 months old. He is a sturdy playmate for a toddler and a preschooler. Somehow, he knows he needs to be more gentle with them. He is in his ultimate state of being when he is rolling on the floor with my children or chasing behind them while they are riding their cars through the house. He is friendly to other dogs and puppies as well.

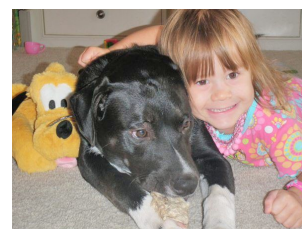
Going into this experience, we were planning on adopting a Lab/Husky mix, but God gave

us a Husky/Pit mix. We have had this puppy since he was 8 weeks old and cannot imagine giving him back simply because of his lineage.

Rescue is a tricky thing because honestly, you really don't know what "breed" of dog you are going to get - you are only guaranteed the best estimate of the foster parent and the organization. As a young puppy, Wylie did look like a lab but it was apparent as he grew, he wasn't a lab. That does not make us love him any less. In

fact, maybe we are extra blessed to have him because he has helped to teach us how to become better and stronger dog owners. We have to set the example of how we want him to behave. Would this be the same with any breed of dog? Undoubtedly.

The lesson we learned from our adoption experience is that no matter what breed the puppy ultimately turns out to be, it is always and forever our responsibility to love him, teach him manners, and give



**WYLIE AT 6 MONTHS WITH
CARRIE**

him a wonderful life. We promised this to Wylie the day we adopted him and we continue to deliver on this promise every day.

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No-Kill Adoption Facility (continued)

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sanitary and adoption friendly environment.

Preliminary plans involved the kick-off of our endowment campaign at the "Give a Dog a Home Gala Fundraiser" on September 11. The fundraiser brought in just under \$25,000 after all expenses were paid for the event! Over 100 supporters attended the event at the City Place high rise in Dallas. The event was sponsored by American Dog Rescue and Gail L and Arthur E Benjamin

Foundation. Key note speakers included Arthur Benjamin and Fred Sanderson. Live music from Jolie Holliday was performed during the cocktail hour.

The biggest supporter of the night was Arthur Benjamin who donated \$12,000 to CCHS to sponsor the event and help pay for the blueprints to the shelter! Phil and Silvana Smith contributed \$4000 in live auction items and sponsorship for the event! Allison Roberts and Misty Lane donated \$2250 for

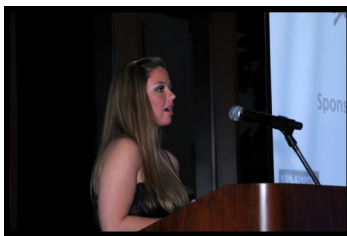
the cost of the blueprints as well! Kelly Parsons stepped up with a \$1050 winning bid at the live auction to sponsor the first dog run at the new facility! There were many other contributions made at the gala; we thank EVERYONE for their attendance and support!

After the event, two huge supporters reached out to CCHS! The Weir Brothers Construction Company has offered to donate the digging, supplies and laying of the foundation for the new shelter! The

MacFarlane Foundation has officially made a donation to CCHS in the amount of \$50,000 (\$25,000 for the actual building and \$25,000 for operating and fundraising costs)!

CCHS is currently meeting with architects to help get the blueprints in motion. We are also actively seeking land to be donated to CCHS for the Facility! If you or someone you know would like to make a contribution to the new CCHS adoption facility, please contact Pres@CollinCountyHumaneSociety.org

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Sadie and Hera's Happy Tails

by Ashley Pickering (CCHS Advisory Board Mentor)



Hera, on the left, was part of a litter of puppies who were dumped in the park in the dead of winter. They were picked up the next morning and made it into foster care with Collin County Humane Society. Hera was adopted in May by Heather Halsted and Jeff Bass.

Sadie, on the right, was part of a litter of puppies rescued from Wylie Animal Shelter in August. The entire litter came down with Parvo and survived.

Heather and Jeff adopted Sadie in September. Both these wonderful survivors appear to be quite comfy in their forever home.

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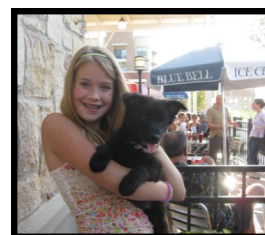
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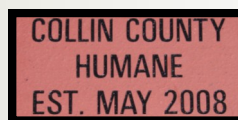
Sponsor a Brick or Tile

Collin County Humane Society's Adoption and Boarding Facility will have a brick walkway of personalized bricks from people who sponsor the shelter. Inside the facility, sponsored Tiles will be presented on the wall in the main lobby.

If you would like to make a contribution to CCHS by **sponsoring a brick or tile**, please visit our website at www.collincountyhumanesociety.org!

Bricks:

- OPTION 1 (\$75) - Size: 4x8 Characters: 16 per line Lines: 3 Logos: 0
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Annual Naming Rights to a Room

This sponsorship comes with a large 12x12 plaque on the door or wall of the area being sponsored. The plaque will remain up for 1 year. Once the year is over, the sponsor's name will be added to a wall plaque with name plates that list the sponsor for each year.

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- Puppy Corridor: \$10,000
- Meet-n-Greet Rooms (4 available): \$3,000
- Executive Office: \$3,000
- Quarantine Area: \$10,000
- Storage Room: \$1,500
- Conference Room/Kitchen: \$5,000
- Grooming Suite: \$8,000
- Small Dog Park: \$5,000
- Large Dog Park: \$10,000

Sponsor a Dog Run

When you sponsor a dog run, a plaque with your name will be on a metal cage card for everyone to see! You can pick the location of the cage card on any one of 50 dog runs!

Annual Dog Run sponsorship: \$1,000

If you would like to make a contribution to CCHS by **sponsoring a brick or tile, purchasing naming rights to a room or sponsoring a dog run**, please visit our website at www.collincountyhumanesociety.org!



KAREN WITH HER CURRENT FOSTER DOGS BAILEY AND SPARKY

From Craigslist to A List (continued)

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around the same time I lost my Scruffy. I reviewed her application and did a vet reference check. Per the vet's office, she was a wonderful and responsible family. She had been looking for a Bichon to add to her home. She said the house was too quiet.

Cassee and I went for a meet and greet. When the door opened Cassee's tail was wagging and she barked for the first time ever. The lady was near tears as Cassee closely resembled the pet she had lost. I left Cassee that after-

noon with her new forever family. I was ready for foster number two.

Two years later and after many fosters in the Creel home I still love what I am doing. The pleas for rescue come every day all day and from all over the DFW area. CCHS is a wonderful group of hard working volunteers.

CCHS is in the early development phase of building and opening a no-kill shelter in the Collin County area. If you have the desire to help the furry kids of the DFW area, please visit our website. There are count-

less ways to volunteer with CCHS.

Oh, and if you were wondering if I ever did find a puppy for me the answer is yes. Ginger is a rescue puppy from the Brownwood Shelter. Her mom was a cocker spaniel that was dumped on the front door of the shelter. The mom did not survive. The volunteers of the Brownwood Shelter took the puppies into their homes and bottle-fed the puppies. The puppies all survived.

That is what rescue is all about.

Be sure to join our Facebook group to keep up with all the great happenings going on with Collin County Humane Society!

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated"
Mahatma Gandhi

Cosmetic Surgery for Animals (continued)

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an extensive blood and nerve supply. The animal is typically only given a topical anesthesia, the ears are simply cut off, and then the still sore ears are stiffly taped into a position to encourage them to stand up erect.

There is simply no clear reason to crop any dogs' ears, except for AKC breed standards. While animal advocates have pleaded with the AKC to alter its breed standards and allow for a natural ear, the AKC reacted with an opposite

stance...and amended their rules that "natural" ears for some breeds must receive a point reduction. Ear cropping was common practice for some bully breeds for the rationale that ears were easy targets during dog fights...and since dog-fighting is illegal in the U.S., the logic doesn't follow anymore.

Debarking

Barking is a natural means of communication for dogs. They bark to convey fear, frustration, happiness, and to alert humans to danger. Conven-

ience devocalization (also known as debarking, bark softening, ventriculocordectomy and vocalcordectomy) is a surgical procedure applied to dogs and now sometimes cats, where a large amount of the animal's vocal cords are removed in order to permanently reduce the volume of their vocalizations. The procedure is illegal in the UK, and is considered a form of mutilation. The risk of infections is obviously high, since the dog must eat and potential bacterial sources will pass through the oral cavity often. Furthermore, the

tissue can grow back, or scar tissue can develop and block the animal's throat, leading to more costly surgeries. Oftentimes, training and lifestyle changes for the dog can decrease excessive barking

While you may consider cosmetic surgery for yourself, please keep in mind...your animals are not given a voice, and therefore are not given a choice. Please consider the amount of pain and discomfort that your animal will undoubtedly experience...all to keep up its OWNERS appearances.

A Day in the Life of a Rescuer (continued)

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that I would rescue this little guy; after all, what chance did a blind dog have of getting adopted? I dubbed him Oakley and arranged to pick him up on September 2nd, at the same time I would be picking up Wrigley, the Great Dane.

The morning of the 2nd dawned with grey, heavy rain clouds. I dropped my kids off at school and came home to get my SUV ready to pick up the dogs. First lesson I learned in rescue – cover all areas of your vehicle! You never know how dirty a dog will be when first rescued! So, with the back of my Expedition all covered, the seats lowered and a crate with treats secured in place, I'm ready to go! As I leave my house, the rain begins in earnest and I think, "Oh Great!" It takes about 35 minutes from me to get to the shelter and as I am driving, my CHECK OIL light comes on. Well, no biggie – I don't panic, I know I need an oil change. As I get on I-75, people are whizzing by me, rain is pouring down, and suddenly my, "LOW TIRE PRES-SURE" light comes on. Alright, now I panic a little because I am on the highway and in the middle of a construction zone and I have to get these dogs. So, I chose to ignore it – like any good rescuer would do!

I arrive at the shelter, the rain has slowed to just a little spitting, and I am completing the paperwork to pull these dogs and take ownership of them. Here comes Wrigley, the Great Dane. She's obviously scared

out of her mind! She won't even walk, there is one shelter employee behind her, gently pushing her bottom and one in front of her, gently pulling her toward the door. Thank goodness for slick floors or we would have never gotten her out of there! Once at the doors, she hunkered down and that was it, no moving for her. So, the shelter employee had to lift this big dog and carry her to my vehicle – bless him! Next came Oakley, thank



OAKLEY AND WRIGLEY AT THE START OF THEIR NEW LIVES—GETTING READY TO HEAD HOME FROM THE SHELTER WITH ASHLEY

goodness I could carry him on my own! He was too scared to walk also. As I carry him to my SUV, the rain starts again. I put Oakley in the crate next to Wrigley, close the crate door, he sniffs Wrigley and starts snarling and barking at her. So now I'm worried that I have an aggressive dog! So, the three of us sit in the parking lot with me talking to him until he calms down and realizes he's safe, that Wrigley is not going to attack him and that he does-



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n't have to be in "fight" mode.

So, we are on our way to Parker Animal and Bird Clinic in order to get these two

as I can because I have a feeling about what is going to happen. Sure enough, Oakley was the gas-passer and that was just a precursor to what he had in store for me. All of the sudden my truck fills what with truly is the most hideous smell EVER, I look in my rear view mirror and poor Oakley just evacuated his bowels – all over his crate – to the point where there is no place for him to sit down without getting it all over himself. So, picture this, I'm driving down I-75 in pouring rain, two mechanical warning lights are on, a scared 115lb Great Dane and a blind puppy in the back of my Expedition and the blind pup just pooped all over himself – and I just start laughing, thinking to myself, "This is my life!"

Yes, this is my life and I wouldn't change it for the world.

Thankfully, both dogs were heartworm negative. Wrigley quickly found her forever home, but sweet Oakley is still waiting for his forever home. If you or someone you know are interested in adopting this wonderful, loving puppy, please visit our website and fill out an application today!

checked out for heartworms and vaccinated. My "check oil" and "low tire pressure" lights are still on, it is once again pouring down rain, Oakley is randomly barking at Wrigley and some dog in the back of my truck is passing the foulest gas I have ever has the pleasure of smelling. All the suddenly, Oakley stands up in his crate and starts trying to dig in it! He's in a state of panic and I think to myself, "Oh, this can't be good!!" I'm driving as fast



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HELPING SAVE LIVES ONE DOG AT A TIME

Who We Are

Collin County Humane Society is a non-profit 501c3 organization established in March of 2008. We are dedicated to helping dogs who are unwanted, abandoned or lost. We focus on finding these loyal souls proper care and loving homes.

CCHS does not have a shelter. All of our dogs live in foster homes with volunteers until they

are adopted. We provide all necessary veterinary care for our foster dogs, including vaccinations, spay/neuter, heartworm treatment if needed, heartworm preventative and any other special care they require.

Please consider CCHS when you are ready to add a furry friend to your family.

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month:** Adoption event at PetSmart - 170 E Stacy Rd, Allen TX
- ⇒ **October 21, 6pm - 8pm:** Yappy Hour Fundraiser at Humperdinks in Addison
- ⇒ **October 23, 10am - 4pm:** Adoption Event at Wylie Country Craft and Vendor Fair - Olde City Park, 112 S. Ballard Ave, Wylie TX
- ⇒ **November 3, 10am - 7pm:** Adoption Event at Whole Foods Market Grand Opening - 105 Stacy Road, Fairview TX