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Confessions of a Dog Hater

by Jose Matus, CCHS Foster

I have a confession to make... I used to be a dog hater. However, during the past two years a couple of furry little creatures have changed my life.

It all started in October 2009 when CCHS delivered a 10 lb black female Poodle mix to us. She was a tiny, badly neglected, heartworm positive dog...and I was thinking we were getting a big dog. But first I should tell you how we got to that moment.

I never had a dog in my life. My domestic partner Ken lived with dogs growing up. He missed that. He would always ask if we could get a dog. I would always re-

fuse. There were the standard excuses as to why not. We work too much, we travel, they are expensive, they pee in your house, are you kidding with all that



Jose and Ken with Maybelle and Tito

hair... name it and I said it. After 20 years of refusals, I finally gave in. We had recently met some new friends

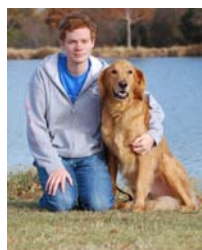
associated with CCHS and asked them about adoptions. I had a list of requirements. It needed to be female, it needed to be a poodle and it needed to be black. I also had a long list of ridiculous requests. The dog cannot bark, cannot climb on furniture, will not sleep on the bed, will not beg for food and on and on.

It never occurred to me that the dog could be small. I always imagined that we would have a big dog, but I did not express that. I was also expecting to get used to the idea of a dog before we had one, like a couple of months down the

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My Journey to CCHS

By Kevin Olney, CCHS Fundraising & Marketing Coordinator



My story all begins back home in New York, during High School. As apart of my high school curriculum, I had to complete 45 hours of community service each year till graduation. I always loved

dogs so I figured I could volunteer at an animal shelter. However, when I first saw what a typical New York city shelter looked like, I changed my mind.

I then decided to volunteer at Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research, Rescue, and Rehabilitation. With the Riverhead Foundation I basically helped rescue sea turtles,

seals, and dolphins that washed up on the Long Island Shore, most of which were too sick to swim, which is why they end up on the beach.

I volunteered with this group for two years. My family decided to move to Georgia, for a job opportunity, where I quickly searched for a similar

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Slowly but Surely the Animals are Winning

by John J. Pippin



Dad (John J. Pippin)
and the dogs

“DPD Lt. Scott Walton rolled up his sleeves and introduced compassion and best practices to effectively rescue DAS from its own undoing, and he just may be the Dallasite of the Year”

Local animal protection battles are typically waged hand-to-hand rather than from a distance. In that environment, where everything is personal and emotions are high, it can be difficult to see the bigger picture. Now is a good time to step back for perspective and see how much has been accomplished for animals in just the last couple of years here in north Texas.

Dallas Animal Services has in recent years been an embarrassment to the public and a hazard to the animals, largely due to unqualified leadership, inertia, lack of accountability, and disregard by city decision-makers. Few episodes demonstrate organizational and moral failure as starkly as the shameful cat-in-the-wall saga at DAS, which finally led to changes that should have been made years ago. DPD Lt. Scott Walton rolled up his sleeves and introduced compassion and

best practices to effectively rescue DAS from its own undoing, and he just may be the Dallasite of the Year. Now the city has hired an experienced and proven animal services professional—Jody Jones—with the attributes and track record to finish bringing DAS to the highest level of service for Dallas citizens and animals. Hopes are high.

And wonder of wonders, for the first time in memory there was a Dallas mayoral candidate who is openly and strongly in the animal protection camp: former police chief **David Kunkle**.

As bad as DAS has been, **Garland Animal Services** has been worse. It took a 16-month pitched battle led by **Garland Citizens to Reform the Animal Shelter (CRASH)** to get the carbon monoxide gas chambers out of GAS, and it has taken several

months longer to achieve meaningful reforms in shelter policies and practices. In recent months some positive steps have been taken. GAS now partners with Garland Pawsibilities to stage regular adoption events, and efforts to improve communication and cooperation are designed to get more animals out alive. Vaccination, spay/neuter, and public education efforts have been implemented, and the despised discriminatory treatment of bully breeds is ended—these great dogs with a bad rap can now be rescued and adopted like other dogs. Garland requires constant scrutiny to be sure that a paradigm shift is in process. Stay tuned.

As we speak, the **City of Arlington** and its animal protection community are working together to convert conflict and controversy into a cooperative

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Summertime Family Reunions

by Nancy Underwood Pollard

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Many families organize summertime reunions – one very special, new Dallas family will be doing just the same! Unlike most family reunions, though, this will be one made possible through the collective efforts of the rescue community!

It all started last Winter 2010, when I was still running August Dog Rescue. Through Larry Powell's blog, I read about a dog in Oklahoma under the care of someone named Terry Lynn Fisher; the pictures and story of a dog shot in the face stopped me dead in my tracks, even without all the details. I called Terry Lynn and got the full story on the dog, Emily, as well as on Terry Lynn and why she was doing what she does - an amazing story all on its own - and offered to take Emily into our rescue group.

Emily's former family lives in the

"country" (as in, super rural, closest vet is 30 min away and people – including law enforcement - routinely shoot dogs when they're stray) in Oklahoma and did not take good care of her, to say the very least. She was never vetted or spayed and wandered the streets/fields daily. She still bears the scars of not just a bullet shot to the face but also many bb gun attacks. Emily gave birth to a litter of puppies in the winter of 2009 and 2010. Her former family didn't mind the puppies (we know they gave them away and believe they sold them), but they no longer wanted to keep her.

So, the owners dropped Emily at the local "shelter" (a very generous term, in this case, the "shelter" is a set of outdoor runs that Terry Lynn maintains and builds herself, as a volunteer, with her own money) while keeping her young puppies on the market for sale - this is of course awful for a new mother of any species!

On her very first day at the shelter, Emily managed to evade the shelter

worker while she was putting her in the outdoor run. Where did she go? This devastated mother began her trek home to get back to her puppies. Unfortunately, it took Emily a week to make it there, and when she arrived she'd been shot in the face (and it looked like also maybe kicked by a horse) - she was literally missing the lower half of her jaw and bleed-



Emily before
being
rescued



ing. The family said they didn't want the blood in their house and refused to even let her in the door much less keep her or even foster her so she could get medical care. So, they dumped her at the shelter once again, the very same day, alone and without the puppies she almost killed herself to return to! Facing euthanasia because of her condition (not to

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Tammy's Training Tips - Positive Training

By Tammy Mills, Certified Dog Trainer, CPDT-KA, ABCDT

Someone recently asked, "What is positive training?" A positive trainer uses motivation and positive reinforcement instead of harsh cruel techniques when training animals. Formal dog training was first introduced during World War I. The need for fast training back then brought in the compulsion revolution and puppies were required to be at least 6 months old to be able to be put through the harsh training. Many dogs could not handle

the training and would shut down or become extremely aggressive. Many were thought incapable of learning. For years, a physical punishment based training was the trend.

Thankfully, research has proved that dogs (and other animals) do not learn or understand the same way as humans and physical punishment is not an effective way of training. Therefore, most trainers have moved over to the



"positive" side of training which has much better results and is easier on both the dog and the human. With positive training, you can begin training your puppy as early as 4 weeks old.

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101 degrees of Boredom, what to do?

By Vanessa Brammer, CCHS Advisory Board Mentor



Fosters George and Carli taking a summer nap. Carli is up for adoption!

Summer is here and with rising temperatures we must remember to keep our dogs protected from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of shaded areas and water at all times. Places such as Petsmart and Petco also sell items that can help your pooch stay cool.

If you are one that loves to take your pooch for a walk or run make sure you do it in the early morning or late evening. Also keep in mind that the heat will wear them out quicker so keep your walk/run to a minimum. Always carry water or ice chips.



Fosters Nike and Spy having a pool party at their foster home. Both are up for adoption!

Leaving your dogs outside without appropriate shelter or water can be very dangerous. They will soon become

dehydrated and can end up having a heat stroke. Provide plenty of water and consider purchasing a kiddie pool which can be found at most stores such as Petsmart and Petco. However, the best way to avoid your dog from getting over heated is to keep your dogs inside when the temperature rises.

If you are planning on going somewhere with your dog remember never to leave your dog in your vehicle on a hot summer day. Cars can become extremely hot and the temperature in your car can rise more than 40 degrees above that of the temperature outside. So if it's 80 degrees outside, inside your car it will be about 120 degrees. Cracking the windows won't help, even with the windows down completely in the car, the temperature rises quickly making it extremely dangerous for the dogs. So if you are going somewhere either leave the pooch at home or take him with you and bring him inside where pets are allowed. There are multiple dog friendly parks, stores and restaurants that would love to welcome your dog.

Canine Commons Dog Park is located off of Stacy Road and 75 in Allen. It welcomes both small and large dogs. It has a separate park for small dogs and another one for the larger ones. It is well shaded and provides water stations for the dogs to stay cool after running around and playing with each other. It is located in a wonderful area with shops that allow dogs in-

side. If water is what you have in mind then check out White Rock Lake Dog Park located in Dallas.

White Rock Lake also has two separate off leash dog parks. It is located in a beautiful area with a wide variety of outdoor activities which include hike and bike trails, picnic areas, bird watching areas, and fishing piers among others. Your dog can enjoy the



Addy learning to swim from her new mommy

park and then jump in the lake and cool down. They have a main area for the pooches to jump in, get wet and have some fun.

After a long day of fun visit one of our many dog friendly restaurants for a time of relaxation. Black Finn in Addison is equipped with a large patio area perfect for the doggies to chill. The tables have umbrellas to keep the dogs cool and the staff provides water for them.

Other pet friendly restaurants include Chuy's, Blue Mesa Grill, and Patrizio's all located in Plano. Hank's Texas Grill and Cafe Brazil in McKinney. Twisted Root Burger in Allen, and The Londoner located in Addison.

Have fun this summer and keep those pooches safe!

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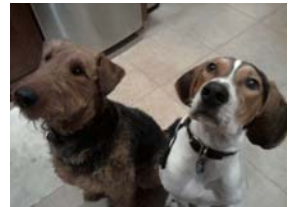
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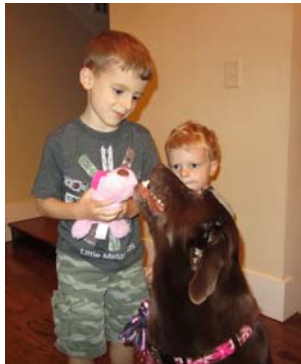
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Malak's Happy Tail *by Melissa Tomczak (CCHS Adopter)*

History

Malak was one of 28 Greyhound and Saluki mixes seized in a backyard in Ft Worth on July 8, 2010. They were living in a shed, stuffed in tiny crates, no food, no water and covered in thousands of ticks. CCHS pulled Malak from the shelter on July 14, 2010 and took him straight to the vet. He was diagnosed with 2 tick borne diseases, had all kinds of intestinal parasites, was anemic, and it goes on...

Malak had months of recovery in an amazing foster home and then waited many more months for the right adopter to come along. Finally, after being the CCHS featured adoptable in the Allen Image magazine in April 2011, Malak's family finally found him....

We were not planning on adopting another dog when Malak came into our lives. We already had two greyhounds, two cats and were taking a break from

fostering greyhounds which we had been doing for a little over two years. But apparently fate had other plans for our family and we couldn't be more thrilled with that

change in plans.

It was less than a week between the time we saw the write-up on Malak in Allen Image magazine and when he became our "forever dog." We knew the minute he walked through the door for his home visit that we had made the right decision in wanting to adopt him. He is such a beautiful dog you can't help but be drawn to him.

Malak has settled into our home and our family as if he has always been here. Our greyhounds, Hanna and Jack, immediately accepted him as a member of their pack. They play outside together and have learned to share space without much

more than a grumble or two for whoever gets too close. Malak ignores our younger cat Floppy but has quickly discovered our Persian, Oscar, loves to be chased around the house. They make quite an interesting pair. Malak is loving and protective with our two young boys. He enjoys watching them play and can sleep soundly through any noise they create. He is affectionate and snuggly as long as it's on his terms.

We have loved every minute he's been with us. We owe a huge thanks to his foster mom who did such an amazing job with him while he lived in her home.



Malak on July 14, 2010



"Please don't interrupt my dinner!" ...in his foster home.



Arriving home...



Ahhhh... this forever home thing really wears a guy out.



Somehow it looks like this was meant to be. Malak with his 2 siblings Hannah and Jack

Benny *by Molly Peterson, CCHS President*

I was heading to Ft Worth with a long list of fosters with space to take in homeless doggies! This doesn't happen too often so we chose a busy shelter like Ft Worth Animal Shelter due to their high volume of doggies in



Jacobi and Benny/Benjamin

need. The list included the names of each foster, the type of dog they wanted to take in and how many they each had space for. After spending a few hours waking the hallways and meeting with one dog after the next, I made phone calls to all of the fosters to verify they were okay with the doggies we selected.

With our selections locked in, we began the arduous task of loading up the dogs one by one, careful to keep them all separate and in covered crates to limit the spread of diseases,

stress and fights. Throughout my time at FWAS I kept passing by THE most adorable little fluffy puppy and his sibling (later named Jacobi and Benny/Benjamin). I have a weakness for labs and goldens... and I think this little guy knew it. The whole time I was wracking my brain trying to think of someone that could take in a puppy or two, then it hit me! Melissa would probably do it!

Melissa came to CCHS after wanting to adopt a puppy at one of our events. She wound up in a stand off with another adopter waiting to adopt the adorable Golden mix puppy. Melissa was there first, but she had left and come back. By the time she returned, another family had swooped up the puppy and was completing the application to adopt. We took down Melissa's info in the off chance that the adoption fell through.

Well as luck would have it, that little puppy was returned... the very next day after having a grand mal seizure. Given her medical needs, Melissa gladly took her in as a foster and worked with CCHS to get her

the care she needed. It was discovered that the puppy had a liver shunt and after her surgery was done, she was seizure free!!!

<<back to the story now>> So when I saw these adorable little puppies at FWAS I thought this would be a great foster match for them!



Jacobi

Luckily we had just enough space for one last crate! With everyone locked in and loaded, we headed to the vet and meeting places accordingly to hand out all 13 fur kids! As often happens in rescue, the very next day both of the puppies broke with green snotty noses (bone dry the day before... but not once they get into a foster home)! Our vet started them on treatment and as it progressively got worse, the meds adjusted and every attempt was made to save them. Once neurological signs began, it was clear that we were dealing with Distemper.

For those of you not familiar

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with the nasty disease, it usually starts off looking like a regular upper respiratory infection and then it gradually moves to the lungs or brain where it causes permanent damage. There is no current cure for distemper, only a wait and see while administering breathing treatments and high doses of antibiotics. There is nothing more heart breaking than a wait and see disease where the foster can do no more than stand by and hope for the best.

The adorable little Jacobi that stole my heart at the shelter wound up going neurological. Once the seizures progressed in frequency we made the hard call to have him humanely put to sleep to stop his suffering. Benny's symptoms appeared to have spread to his lungs leaving him breathless/wheezy at times as he suffered permanent lung dam-

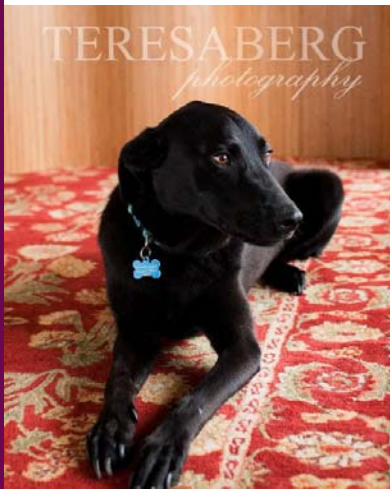
age. He had breathing treatments 3-4 times a day and ultimately pulled through the danger zone after two months of being touch and go. The vets informed us that due to his age he might grow out of the lung issues as his body grows and develops, but more than likely, he will have permanent scarring from the disease and need a little extra TLC for the remainder of his life.

Fast forward a year and a half! Benny is now two years old, alive and well! He is still in foster care with the wonderful Sprick family, but he needs a forever home to call his own. He has a harder time in the springs/summer with all of the allergens so he is on daily seasonal allergy meds during those months. The remainder of the year he takes bronchi dilators to help his lungs get a little boost. The pills cost \$20 a month. This is a small price to pay for the quality of life that Benny deserves! He is a wonderful doggie that gets along with everyone and everything. Due to him needing to be isolated for so long and not being able to travel to parks, events and outings he can be a little shy around new people but



once he gets to know you, you have made a friend for life! He is current on all of his vetting, neutered of course, housebroken and crate trained to boot! All he needs now is a forever home to call his own!

His ideal home would be in a low key home. Having a doggie or two for him to buddy up with is a plus but not required. He is just a sweet deserving boy who will make a wonderful addition to the right home AND, his adoption fee has been sponsored!! If you or someone you know would like to adopt Benjamin, please visit our website and complete an online application today!



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Summertime Family Reunions (*continued*)

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mention intense suffering), Terry Lynn took up her case, taking her to the vet on her own dime and sending out a plea for help.

Emily is a Lab/Pit/Pointer mix, so with pit in the mix, we knew her options were limited. Desperate for help, an email went viral and she was saved! Thanks to the internet and the incredible rescue community, she came to Dallas that same week, was vetted and fostered, and is now living with a fantastic adoptive family who adores her. This all got wrapped up in April of 2010. Everyone was able to breathe a sigh of relief that it was all over, or so we thought.



Emily in her new home

In April 2011, a special plea again went out from Terry Lynn, this time saying that the same family had apparently not been able to "sell" all of her puppies and now one of Emily's puppies had babies of her own! Like a bad case of déjà vu they were giving away these puppies (probably still making a few bucks) and dumped EMILY'S DAUGHTER at the pound! Of course she looks just like a miniature Emily, minus the injuries.

No longer having the resources to take her on myself because our group closed, I sent out a plea to my rescue contacts. Animal Rescue of Texas immediately came together with a solution and a spot for Emily's daughter, who the foster mom named Edna (poor girl never had a name!). Terry Lynn and her ACO from the police department went and checked the house to insure there were no more dogs. Edna made her way to Dallas

within days and began a journey to the life she of course deserves, and everyone involved breathed a sigh of relief, again.



Edna in foster care

But this nightmare wasn't over yet! A week after Edna's arrival in Dallas, I got a call from Terry Lynn, nearly in tears. She'd gotten a tip from a neighbor that there were, in fact, more puppies in that same house. Terry Lynn went straight over, met with huge resistance from the owner, and managed to confirm that there were indeed two puppies being hidden there - both so riddled with ticks that she couldn't come close to getting them all off, thought that they might die any minute, and knew they needed immediate attention. The owner also nonchalantly confirmed that the puppies hadn't eaten in days because the owners simply did not want to purchase food for them. Unfortunately, the shelter was still being cleaned from parvo, her house couldn't accommodate them, her vet was closed early for the day, AND she had an outstanding balance at her vet that meant she couldn't take them there even if they were open. So, Terry Lynn had no choice but to leave the puppies there overnight.

Another emergency plea went out to the rescue community! Within 24 hours Animal Rescue of Texas came to the Rescue again and was able to put together fosters for Edna's two puppies, generous donors had called in the full outstanding balance at Terry Lynn's vet, plus more than enough to cover the puppies' care too, and two volunteers were driving to Burns Flat to get the puppies.

The puppies were in Dallas by late the next day, and Animal Rescue of Texas volunteers spent three hours with them

at the emergency vet clinic. Though they'd been dipped in OK, it still took that long to get the rest of the ticks off of them; there were ticks in literally every orifice of the puppies' bodies. They were emaciated and sickly, and both the OK and Dallas vets agreed they wouldn't have lived much longer without this intervention. The puppies were named Edward and Ernest.



Ernest and Edward arrive in Dallas

Now, Emily, Edna, Edward, and Ernest are all in Dallas! Emily is adopted, and Edna, Edward, and Ernest are all awaiting for adoptive homes through Animal Rescue of Texas. The foster moms and Emily's adoptive family are all in touch with each other and planning the most memorable of family reunions for this summer: three generations of abused and neglected dogs who have managed to find their way to the lap of love and luxury in Dallas, thanks to the power and generosity of the rescue community, a village that seems to always come together to help those most in need! We thank every one of you for making a donation, forwarding on that email, helping with transport, ART for taking them all in and most importantly thank you to Terry Lynn for not giving up on this family and ensuring that they were all given the care they deserve!

What happened to the family that had Emily and her babies? Well while the case against them was being put together and the paperwork filed, they moved to an unknown location never to be seen again. Sadly, without their location, no charges can be filed, but I can assure you if they ever return to Burns Flat, OK, Terry Lynn will meet them on their front porch with a welcome letter and a smile!

Miller's Happy Tail *by Brenda Haines (CCHS Adopter)*



Miller

I had just said goodbye to my 14 year old Golden Retriever and a few months after that my 15 year old Cavalier. Both were certified therapy dogs and both were family members in every sense of the word. They were camping dogs, companions for my son through his school years, walking buddies, and all around great dogs. So it was very sad when they

were both gone. What to do? I decided to JUST LOOK on line at some dogs. All was going very well until I came to Miller's story. The web site said he had a chemical burn down his entire back and was on the brink of being put down when he was rescued. But that despite that he was a very friendly little fellow. There was a little video clip. That did it. I prayed. I told my husband and he was a little skeptical-"You want to go to Dallas to get a dog?" I prayed again-I knew it was meant to be. Lindsay Larson and I emailed back and forth and it was all set up. As soon as we met him we both were hooked. He has the sweetest temperament and it really didn't matter to me if all that hair grew back or not. We were blessed with a sweet dog

that is very smart and willing to please. He learned all the obedience commands in a flash and is a "natural" when it comes to therapy. When he reached his 1 year birthday and his 6 months of living with us he was eligible to be tested by Delta Society (<http://www.deltasociety.org/>). He passed beautifully. One of our first visits will be at Shriners in Galveston. How fitting and how wonderful that a dog that suffered can now help to relieve suffering! God blessed us with Miller and we appreciate all that CCHS did to make all this possible.

PS-Most all of his hair DID grow back and he is quite a handsome guy.

Wine Pool!!

No need for a swimsuit for this pool party... bring your party suit!

CCHS is having our 2nd Annual Gala to raise money for our adoption facility! We will be having a wine raffle (every ticket is a winner) but we need wine to make this party a success! Do you have a nice bottle of wine that you have been saving for that special occasion? If so, this is it! You can donate your wine to our cause and CCHS will be able to find it a good home. The value of the wine must retail at \$25 or more. If you have wine to add to the pool party, let us know!

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Positive Training (*continued*)

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Most people do not enjoy “hurting” their dog, but didn’t realize, until positive methods became popular that there were much better ways of training which actually makes training fun and enjoyable.

A positive trainer will use methods that “motivate” the dog to do what they are asked, therefore changing the way the dog thinks....therefore changing the behavior. You will hear words like, “Clicker Training,” “Marker Word,” “Reinforcer,” “Treats” etc. with a positive trainer. A dog is not dominated or forced into any position. Animals are very smart, and with the right methods can learn many fun tricks and multiple words, hand signals, etc.

“Physical punishment should never be used in training. It not only damages our relationship with our dogs but also teaches them not to trust people in general.”

Trainers are finding that positive reinforcement works with horses, dogs, cats, chickens and even zoo animals. Motivating an animal by rewards such as praise, food, and toys helps the animal understand what it is we are asking of them and helps them to want to repeat the behavior because good things happen when they do.

A positive trainer will use negative punishment such as taking something the dog likes or wants away instead of harsh techniques that hurt the dog. For example, if every time your

dog jumps on you, turn your back and remove all attention until he quits jumping. Once they stop jumping you praise and pet them. The dog learns that jumping is not reinforcing but sitting or NOT jumping gets them attention. Old fashioned, outdated compulsion methods such as kneeling or shocking the dog are usually not effective and can have extreme repercussions. Physical punishment should never be used in training. It not only damages our relationship with our dogs but also teaches them not to trust people in general. With some dogs, there may be times that it seems to be effective in that it halts the behavior as it is happening but does not change the way the dog thinks, therefore behaviors will be repeated and punishment repeated, which is just abuse. Punishment does not teach the dog an alternate behavior. Human hands coming toward a dog should always be a good thing. Intense pain, for example the use of a shock collar, swatting the dog in the face, or other extreme crazy methods that some people call “training” can cause many detrimen-

tal side effects such as irrational fear, irritability, explosive behavior, withdrawal, and aggression.

Once again, training should be fun for you and for the dog. If your dog is not enjoying training, then check the methods that you or the trainer are using. If someone hurts your dog (or any animal) in any way, I would suggest immediately stopping the training and checking around for a positive trainer.



Residents Lucian and Melvin
with pets Jake (Golden Lab) and
Astro (Black and Tan Shepherd)

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Confessions of a Dog Hater (*continued*)

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road. Well, just weeks later we received the e-mail "We found your dog". It was time to panic! So just a few weeks later here we are at that moment in my story.

She was handed over to me first. I did not even know how to hold her. I immediately passed her over to Ken. Ken was horrified at the idea that I may reject or treat her poorly. I was thinking... No way Jose, what are you doing? We were so clueless about dogs that we did not know what heartworm positive really meant.

We named her Maybelle. It is a combination of our last names. We took care of her and got her healthy, even through the heartworm treatment. It was actually an easy transition. She had been trained, or so it seemed. Still, I had my rules. I had a long list of DON'Ts. We had to learn everything about keeping dogs. I was so afraid we would do something wrong, after all I did not even know how to feed one.

Then something strange began to happen. I started caring for Maybelle. I had never been in charge of taking care of a living creature. I kill my plants...even the silk ones! I had never been received by any human with the enthusiasm that Maybelle shows every time I walk through the door. Then something even stranger began to happen...she was getting attached to me. Jose, the dog hater? Dogs have always run away from me, not to me!

Our relationship matured. I wanted to care for this defense-

less little creature. She was loyal and happy to be with me and I felt the same. My favorite part of the day was in the morning when she would come to me before even getting out of bed. She was not allowed to sleep with us then. Ken would take her out in the morning. As soon as the last drop fell, she would run back inside to my side of the bed. I would pick her up and she would fall asleep in my arms. I started noticing that she had a personality and I loved it. The beginning was a discovery stage. Dogs have feelings. Dogs hurt like we do. Now I love coming home to her joyful reception!

Now Maybelle is a regular companion to me. I take her with me to run errands and I socialize her as much as possible. One particular thing she enjoys is going to the beauty shop for my haircuts. She is always received with a treat and then she loves to greet the customers as they come into the shop.

Now we had a problem. Maybelle was for Ken, but I had kidnapped his dog. The search for a second dog started. This time I did not have a long list of requirements. Six months after Maybelle arrived, we adopted a 17 lb male Shih Tzu mix. We named him Tito. Now the family was complete.

Maybelle and Tito are like any married couple. She is spoiled and puts Tito in his place. Tito is sweet and lets Maybelle dictate his life. She is a lap dog, Tito not so much. My list of DON'Ts... what list? They own the house and Ken and I live with them.

Now I have another confession to make. I am now a dog lover. After two years my friends are still in shock over my change of heart.

Maybelle is daddy's little girl. She is my shadow. Look for me and there she is. Look for her and there I am. She is known for liking to dress up. I show her a doggy dress and she jumps with excitement. She even wears shoes! At the beach, she wears her pink hat with goggles.

But this is not where the story ends. And then there were three... kind of.

I am now a foster parent for CCHS. Others did their part so I could have such wonderful dogs that changed my life. Now it is my turn to return the favor. It has been very rewarding to me. I have changed. Because of our dogs I have become a more relaxed, patient, and tolerant person. My stress level has come down. It is a new improved me. Not long ago, we took our dogs to the beach. As I walked Maybelle, she approached a man sitting on the beach who lifted his legs so Maybelle would not touch him. I looked at him and thought... this was me not too long ago.

I have no regrets that I learned about this part of myself this late in my life. It was the right moment and particularly the right dogs. The regret I do have is that I feel sorry for all the dogs that I treated poorly during my journey to get to the person I am today.





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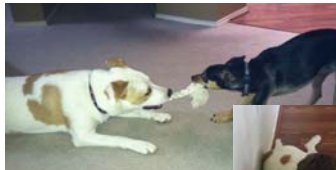
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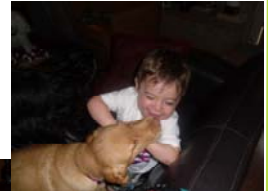
Keegan and Clover —Adopted by the Brandt family



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Beacon—Adopted by the Penner family



The Morgan girls celebrating July 4th in style (both adopted from CCHS)



Phoebe—Adopted by the Stobaugh family, pictured after her rescue, and now.

What random acts of Kindness can YOU come up with to start a chain reaction in our community and make the world a better place?

Do something good. Do something great. Do something and go make your world a better place!

The students at Glen Oaks in McKinney have done something great. The students chosen CCHS as their service project. The students collected \$278.68 in donations. The donations will help with medical care and food. CCHS rescues each and every day from shelters in the DFW area and surrounding counties.

CCHS gives a big shout out and THANK YOU to the students at Glen Oaks Elementary.

Journey to CCHS *(continued)*

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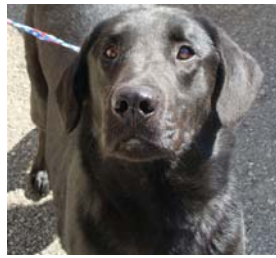
group to volunteer with. However, we lived too far inland for me to help rescue marine wildlife.

After living in Georgia for a few months, I came across a very sick black lab. He had no collar, was barely able to walk, and needed my help. I loaded him up and took him to my dog's vet. After a microchip scan was negative, we decided to foot the bill and run tests to find out what was wrong. We quickly learned that he was near death, diagnosed with parvo, malnutrition, dehydration, a broke leg, and positive for heartworms.

The vet suggested that we end his suffering and put him to sleep. But that just wasn't an opinion for me at that time, after just rescuing him from the side of the road. After a few days, the vet said he still had negative progress, and said his chance for survival was only five percent. We kept on with the treatment plan, and over one night, he stood up on his own.

Thereafter his critical condition started to improve over the next few weeks. The vet named him, "May-Day," after his first reaction when we brought him in. I thought that after all this treatment, I would be able

to call him my own, but my other male dog did not want him around at all. So, I knew we would have to hand him over to a rescue group.



May-Day

A local group took him, and paid for half his previous vet bills, and in exchange I decided to volunteer with them, helping at the shelter, transporting dogs, and helping at adoption events. My relationship built with them such that I was voted in as a board member a year later. Another year went by and my May-Day still wasn't adopted. He was getting shelter fatigue, and his nervousness around people was increasing. After spending many days and nights with my rescued friend, his name was called and a great new home for him was found.

He went to a small family, with one little girl, that loved May-Day soooo much. He slept with her, in her bed, every night. I never thought he could

ever get such a happy ending. A few months after, I got a phone call from a fellow board member, she first told me to sit down, which I did. Then she said, Kevin, I'm sorry, I don't know how to tell you this, but May-Day was hit by a car, and passed away. Minutes later, after much crying over the phone, she continued to tell me that the family went on vacation and hired a pet sitting company to look after May-Day. One stormy night they let him outside and he climbed over the fence, and was hit. He was taken to the nearest emergency vet, but he didn't make it. From then on, I decided that this had to be my calling, and that I would help dogs get rescued and find forever homes for the rest of my life.

Another year went by, and my family decided to relocate again to Texas. Before we moved I researched the DFW area for rescue groups that I could get involved with. I honestly was very picky at choosing. But, I managed to email over 10 rescue groups. The only one that emailed me back was Collin County Humane Society. Tressa emailed me, invited me to their next board meeting and the rest is history....



Tressa Broadhead and Kevin Olney manning the CCHS booth at Bow Wow Luau in Fairview

"If all this doesn't motivate you to dig even deeper and keep working for our animal friends, check for a pulse."



John J. Pippin

Slowly but Surely (*continued*)

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effort to improve **Arlington Animal Services** and re-engage the rescue and volunteer communities. The city has a five-year plan in place and has made substantial steps in response to public criticisms and recommendations. Arlington is hopefully on the way to progress without the rancor and disruption required to effect change in Garland.

The **war against gassing** in animal shelters has had important victories, most notably of course in Garland. But **Sulphur Springs** accomplished this painlessly and quickly, under the lead-

ership of animal services manager Denise Stinson. And **Seagoville** made the switch from gassing to injection instantly once shelter management was assigned to SPD Sgt. Karl Bailey and Officer Brenda Stevens. Sgt. Bailey's goal is nothing less than no-kill status for Seagoville, and this has led to unified support from the rescue community.

At the state level, the Large Scale Commercial Breeder bill was passed in the Texas legislature and signed by Governor Perry. The bill of course is not everything we wish it to be, but it's a huge step in bringing together many of the forces that previously worked against such regulation. Kudos to the **Texas Humane Legislation Network** for their work to make this happen. Perhaps even more important for the future is the sweeping **Companion Animal Protection Act** proposed by **No Kill Houston**, which can now become the focus for a similar cooperative effort to get bigger changes in the next legislative session.

Finally, **Texans Exposing Petland and Animal Connection of Texas** have led a broad community effort to end the sales of commercially bred puppies and kittens at north Texas **Petland** stores. Two of the five stores are

closed, and the three others are on the financial ropes. Nationally, more than 50 Petland stores have closed since 2008, and some others are no longer selling puppies and kittens. An example is the new Petland store in Boerne, TX, which instead has partnered with local groups to hold on-site adoptions.

What are the common threads in these successes? First and foremost, these changes have been driven by a closely knit and relentless animal protection community. None of this would have happened without that stimulus, including important contributions from our print and television media friends. Second, success requires compassionate and determined decision-makers—people like Lt. Walton, Sgt. Bailey, Officer Stevens, Denise Stinson, and moving forward, Jody Jones.

So take a moment to step back and view your handiwork. You have proved that indeed the difference between winning and losing is quitting. My hope for the next big success is a **Dallas ordinance** prohibiting the sale of companion animals. If all this doesn't motivate you to dig even deeper and keep working for our animal friends, check for a pulse.

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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.

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Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month:**
Adoption event at PetSmart - 170 E Stacy Rd, Allen TX
- ⇒ **August 19th, 2011: Villages of Fairview Concert for a Cause**, 6pm-8pm, NE corner of Stacy Rd and 75 in Fairview
- ⇒ **September 16-18, 2011: Plano Balloon Festival**, 2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX