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BONNIE AND HER PUPPIES- ** THREE YEAR OLD SCOTTIE MIX AND HER EIGHT PUPPIES— JUST DAYS OLD BEING LEFT TO DIE**

Bonnie and her babies were taken by her family to a high kill rural shelter in Georgia. The only family she had known left her there to die with her new born puppies. Bonnie and her little ones had a few hours left before they were due to be killed.

Luckily for her - through the dedicated efforts of the animal shelter rescue coordinator and some dedicated volunteers on the internet, Animals Deserve Better was able to get the whole family into rescue before it was too late. Animals Deserve Better wishes to ex-

tend it's gratitude for all the tireless hours that volunteers spend helping rescues get animals out just in time. Without the network that volunteers provide so many lives would be lost . Bonnie and her pups thank you.



SUMMER TIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY

Summer care tips for you and your pet.

Summer is a time for both you and your pet to enjoy the sunshine and outdoors, but along with the fun, the season also offers up situations that can endanger your pet. By taking precautions, you can decrease the chance that disaster will happen.

Never Leave Your Pet In The Car. In nice weather you may be tempted to take your pet with you in the car while you travel or do errands. But during warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. This can mean real trouble for your companion animals left in the car. Dogs and cats

can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Pets who are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. Don't think that just because you'll be gone "just a minute" that your pet will be safe while you're gone; even

SERVICE, ASSISTANCE AND THERAPY DOGS

Animals Deserve Better is **unleashing the possibilities**—matching rescued puppies to assist people who are disabled in leading more independent lives at work, at home and at school. **What is a Service Dog.** According to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA, 1990), a dog is considered a *service dog* if it has been *individually trained to do work or perform tasks

for the benefit of a person with a disability.* A disability is a mental or physical condition which substantially limits a major life activity such as, walking, seeing, hearing, performing manual tasks, working, epilepsy and psychiatric conditions. **Between May and June of 2010 Animals Deserve Better has placed 4 puppies into training as service dogs with their new owners.**



**PLEASE HELP AND SPONSOR A PUPPY
DON'T WAIT
THERE ARE PUPPIES
AND PEOPLE
IN NEED NOW**
Wookie at 4 months is in training now

SUMMER AND EASY LIVING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

an air-conditioned car with the motor off isn't healthy for your pet. To avoid any chance that your pet will succumb to the heat of a car this summer, be sure to play it safe by leaving your pet cool and refreshed at home while you're on the road. And if you do happen to see a pet in a car alone during the hot summer months, alert the management of the store where the car is parked. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control or the police department immediately.

Watch Out For Fertilizers And Deadly Plants. Summer is often a time when people fertilize their lawns and work in their gardens. But beware: Plant food, fertilizer, and insecticides can be fatal if your pet ingests them. In addition, more than 700 plants can produce physiologically active or toxic substances in sufficient amounts to cause harmful effects in animals.

Pet Care 101. Make sure you are current on your heartworm prevention medication. Heartworm disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, can be fatal in both dogs and cats. Another summertime threat is fleas and ticks. Use only flea and

tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian. Over the counter products can be toxic even when used according to instructions.



Water Wisdom. Pets and pools can equal disaster. Prevent free access to pools and always supervise a pet in a pool. Provide plenty of water and shade for your pets while they're enjoying the great outdoors so they can stay cool.

OUR UPCOMING EVENTS



Every third Thursday between April and October, Canton Street in Roswell GA, between 5pm and 9pm. Come and see us we are set up on Elizabeth Way, under the blue tent. Meet adoptable pups, get free information on school talks and our upcoming events. Guess the number of beans in the jar.



Come one come all and support your community, your children and your companion animals.

Paw-casso: An Art Exhibit By, For and About Animals, Marietta, GA. The 2nd Annual Paw-casso event featuring works from private, public and home schooled students that reside in Cobb County will be **October 23, 2010** at The Shreiner Academy on Lower Roswell Road, Marietta from noon until four. Music, silent auction, refreshments and loads of animal art by students and local artists.

GEORGIA ANIMAL NEWS MAY 2010

Grace's Law H.B. 788. The signing ceremony for [Grace's Law](#) took place in Governor Perdue's office at the Georgia State Capitol on June 4, 2010. [Grace's Law, H.B. 788](#) had actually been signed into law without any fanfare on [May 20](#), along with numerous other bills, thus becoming [Act 386](#).



As of December 31, 2010, it will be *illegal--totally, completely, and unequivocally illegal*, to kill shelter pets in gas chambers in the state of Georgia. No more grandfather clauses. No more loopholes. *Just plain against the law of the land.* Struggles are heating up in other states to accomplish something similar to what Georgia has, perhaps most notably in North Carolina and Texas, though there are others. They are looking to Georgia and to what we accomplished here. A bit of ceremony is called for on an historic occasion such as this, and a bit of ceremony is what we got.

Rebecca Guinn, who drafted the original version of HB 788, with Grace in the Capitol.

MOTZART NEEDS YOUR HELP TO FIND A LOVING HOME

Sweet Mozart came to us as an infant along with his 5 siblings after his mother was killed by a car. We nurtured him until adoption. Unfortunately, his adoptive family did not care for him. During our 6 month surprise home check we found he was tied up all day and placed in a cramped crate at night. His food was thrown on the ground and his choke collar was not adjusted and was very tight, so tight we had to cut it off his neck. This treatment contributed to poor bone development during his vital growth period as a puppy and has caused a deformity on both front legs making him pigeon toed.

Motzart visited with Georgia Veterinary Specialists who x-rayed his legs. The results of the consultants—come back in 10 years— he may need some arthritis medication but he will make some family a fantastic dog. Motzart is on holistic good quality food, takes glucosamine and chondroitin some omega 3 and 6 tablets and he is just the happiest dog. House broken, crate trained, Motzart does not destroy anything he is totally trustworthy.

Do you have room in your lives to offer this 3 year old a home and family to call his own. Needs basic leash training but does well on a gentle leader.



LIFESAVER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS— DISASTER PLANNING—DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO PACK



In case of an emergency DO NOT WAIT now is the time to create emergency evacuation plans that include your pets. Animals Deserve Better, Inc would like to offer the following list of essential items to pack in advance for your animal companions, should you ever be faced with evacuation.

Pet First-aid kit and guide book.

3–7 day's worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food

Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)

Litter or paper toweling liquid dish soap and disinfectant Disposable garbage bags for clean up Dishes for food and water Extra harness and leash Photocopies of medical records Waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires Boiled water—at least seven day's worth for each person and pet Traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier, ideally one for each pet Flashlight Blanket Recent color photos of your pet (s) Pet Grab ' N Go Bag (can be crucial to protecting your pet's paperwork) Especially for cats: pillowcase, toys, scoopable litter Especially for dogs: Long leash and yard stake, toys and chew toys, week's worth of cage liner.

RECENT ADOPTIONS

Sally and Sarah in their new clothes





OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Establish a Humane Education Program in schools and community organizations.

Establish a Disaster Relief Facility to provide temporary emergency care and shelter.

Reduce the number of animals being killed in rural and community shelters

SOME OF OUR ADOPTABLE PUPS



Bud / Ernie 5 years old 40 pounds House broken crate trained mother was a pure golden.



Clyde 3 years old 100 pounds of love and sweetness. Loves kids.



Chica a little chi from Alabama 1 1/2 years old 11 pounds House-broken

HUMANE EDUCATION AWARENESS AND WHAT WE CAN DO NOW TO PROTECT THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

Unnecessary Killing: SPAY AND NEUTER

In 2009, adults in this country made decisions that ultimately resulted in the unnecessary killing of over 8 million healthy companion animals! This is based on simple ignorance. Our children could make better decisions for the future if only given the proper information on which to base their decisions.

ABUSE: SPEAK UP AND REPORT IT

Every community has its problems. But, everyone would just be horrified by the statistics and stories given by their local police and animal control officers. The animals are unable to protect themselves or to report these actions. Additionally, many, who are aware of these atrocities, refuse to report the acts or even to address the perpetrators. We all have the responsibility to report these criminal acts.

Betsy lab mix 35 pounds 1 1/2 years old House-broken



ain't too proud to beg!

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