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Serving the Mid-Atlantic states since 1984 through education, support, and rescuing wonderful Akitas that would otherwise be euthanized in area shelters.



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Lexi

Lexi was turned into a Williamsburg, Virginia shelter. The staff had no issues with her. Our transporters fell in love with her. She was very well behaved for both of them and rode well in the car. Stay tuned for more info as we get to know her. THANK YOU Anne and Lori for transporting her !! Lexi is around 2 years of age, weighs 80 pounds, is housebroken, and is up to date on her vaccinations.

Willow

Willow is a 3 year old Akita mix. She had been in the shelter since the end of May. She was hit by a car and her hind leg had to be amputated. A few weeks later when they contacted the owner, who had left her with a friend, they did not want her back. No one had shown any interest in her and the shelter was desperate for a rescue group to take her. She greeted Jodi with kisses at the rescue to rescue transfer. She walks fairly well on leash, not great, but everything is new. She has great stamina and can probably walk as far as the other dogs. Stay posted as we get to know her better.



New Orphans cont.



Goochi

Goochi was picked up as a stray. She has a chip, but the information was not up to date. The animal control officer loved her and said she was very nice. All the staff loved her. She is in great shape for a 10 year old dog. Goochi is happy to be in a home and loves to watch TV !! Thanks to everyone at Henrico County who go out of their way to work with us, to her foster mom, and to Jodi who picked her up

from the shelter and took her to her foster home.



Madame and Sir

Madame and Sir were picked up running at large in Roanoke. Both are heartworm positive and will be starting treatment for that. Thanks to Tom and Alyssa for fostering the pair and transporting them from the shelter.

Akitas, Akitas Everywhere!

If you follow Jodi or ARMAC on Facebook, you have seen an uptick in the number of Akitas needing help. ARMAC is helping as many as possible. However, there simply isn't space or money to help them all. For those that cannot be taken in, ARMAC is providing courtesy postings and listings. Boarding is the largest expense ARMAC has. ARMAC is currently boarding six dogs at a cost of \$300 a month per dog which is a bargain, but still adds up quickly. Unfortunately, as the need and cost of rescue has grown, donations have been going down due to the financial pinch everyone has been feeling as costs have skyrocketed.

Want to help, but can't foster? Consider sponsoring one of our boarders (Gloria, Bear, Kumo, Cassie, Kyla, or Lexi) for a month by donating full or partial boarding cost. Any amount helps! Just indicate who you would like to sponsor when you make your donation to be recognized as a sponsor for that dog!

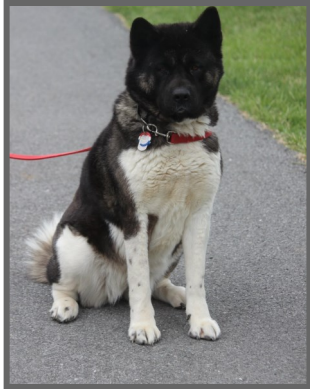
Volunteer Recognitions

By Jodi Marcus

In this edition, I want to recognize people who have stepped up to help transport dogs. For many years Charlie, myself and Puller picked up most of the dogs we took in. I find as I get older that I do not seem to have the boundless energy I did years ago. I am sure this holds true for Charlie and Puller also. In recent years, other volunteers have come forward saving us lots of mileage and untold hours. Bob and Deborah Good, who are also adopters, have done several runs from mid-Pennsylvania to the kennel. Sara Smith Jocham Capozzi transported dogs from Prince George's County to the kennel. Lorna Mack transported dogs from Baltimore and Prince George's County to the kennel. Tracy Hayden (my daughter) has done several full and partial transports. Anne Goodson, who does lab rescue but has pulled and adopted Akitas, can always be counted on to help with transports coming up from the south/southeast. Susan Petrie, another adopter who lives in North Carolina, went to South Carolina to pick up Tina, kept her overnight, and then met Anne in Virginia to transport Tina to us. Lori Anderson jumped in a while back to pick up dogs in southern and southwestern Virginia and take them to the kennel. It truly takes a community to help these Akitas and I am so grateful for all the people who have joined our community to save Akitas by helping with transporting.

I would also like to welcome Thomas Hanson and Alyssa Stanton as a foster home. They fostered the lovely Tina Belle and have now stepped up to take the two new dogs from Roanoke. In fact, Tom drove to Roanoke to pick them up. Both of these dogs are heartworm positive, which means we will be fundraising for their treatment soon.

Additional Orphans



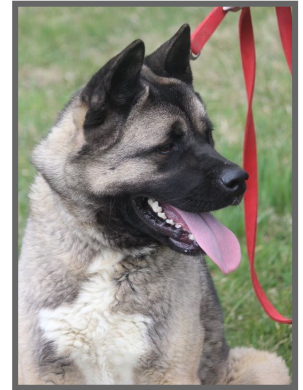
Gloria

Gloria is around 5 years old. She was turned over to the shelter by her owner for fence fighting with the neighbor's dog. She ignored other dogs at the shelter and passed her food aggression test. Gloria was a staff favorite at the shelter, spending time in their offices. She rides well in a car. Our kennel owner loves her and says she is very

sweet and easy to care for. She has exhibited no aggression toward other dogs at the kennel so far.

Bear

Bear is approximately two years old. He has been with us for awhile. He is friendly, outgoing, attentive, food oriented and has an irrepressible joy for life. He is still in need of leash training (you could work it in to your daily workout), and some manners. The best thing is there does not appear to be a mean bone in his body. He was surrendered to a shelter at ~7 mos. of age due to 'allergies'. We suspect that he turned out to be more of a handful than they imagined. He needs a home with some breed experience and no small children.



Kumo

Kumo is around 5 years old. He is fairly standard for an adult male Akita. He was polite and came up to sniff our volunteer and allowed a pet and then it was time to move off. He has a

fabulously thick coat and nice bear head. He was surrendered to a rural shelter in Kentucky because his owner was 'moving'. He had a moment of silliness during his photo shoot and did 'The Bear Dance'.

Cassie

Cassie is a 2 year old female. She lived with a homeless owner who signed her over to the shelter. Initially she was fearful and wary of the staff. After a few weeks she warmed up and was friendly with them. When our volunteer went to meet her, she warmed up quickly and really wanted to be petted. Our volunteer said she would have taken her home if she did not already have a female. We will provide updates as we get to know her.



Kyla



Kyla is approximately a year and a half old. She came from from an Amish breeder who surrendered her due to being 'not cooperative' with the program. At some point, she lost an eye, but this does not seem to slow her down one iota. She is not head shy. She is outgoing and friendly and happy. She has not been introduced to other dogs, but she doesn't seem aggressive to

her kennel mates. If you felt as if you missed out on Maggie Mae, please consider coming to meet Ms. Kyla!"

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Jodi Marcus
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www.AkitaRescue.org

House Training Adult Dogs

By Breanna Norris, KPA CTP

When house training an adult dog, the process is the same as with a new puppy. Although you may have been told your new adult dog is house trained, that may not be the case in your home. When first brought home, you may not be able to recognize your dog's need to go out and they do not know how to go out.

Keep slip-on shoes and a leash near the door so you can quickly take them out when they wake up, after they eat, when they are sniffing for a spot, or looking restless. Be patient and take them outside frequently.

Keep treats handy near the door to grab as you go outside to your dog's designated potty area. As soon as your dog goes to the bathroom, reward them with several of their favorite treats. Shower your dog with treats when they go to the bathroom outside, don't wait to treat them after they come back in.

Giving so many treats like this may be frightening to your dog, causing them to refuse the treat. If this happens, remain calm and try putting the treat on the ground near them. If they still refuse the treat, try reinforcing another way, like going back inside or letting them sniff the grass or a tree. You can also try tempting them with other treats to discover what your dog considers valuable.

Adult dogs may prefer to potty on a specific surface. A dog that has spent their life in a kennel may prefer concrete over grass because this is familiar to them. To encourage your dog to go on different surfaces, try:

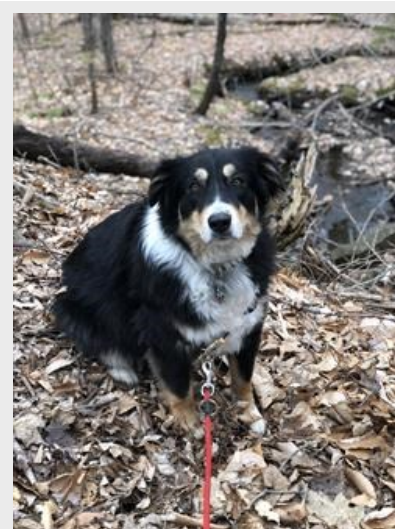
- a road or sidewalk or an area with gravel;
- leaf piles that might resemble wood shavings in their previous kennel;
- bare ground under a tree or near the garage;
- a covered porch, a garage, or a pop-up tent if they only previously soiled in the house;
- a low-sided container such as a boot tray with sod or artificial grass for small dogs.

Some dogs may have been punished for toileting in the house, causing them to avoid going to the bathroom in front of people. Take them out in a safe area on a long leash or someplace where they can potty behind a tree or bush to give them privacy.

Since some dogs have never gone to the bathroom while leashed, try using a lightweight long line and be sure to keep the leash loose, or go to a safely fenced-in area so they do not need to be leashed. For small dogs, an exercise pen on the grass can often work.

Making accommodations may be short-term while you find what your dog prefers. Eventually, you can transition your dog to the area you choose. Help your dog understand where you want them to go by using a visual such as wood shavings in the area. Reinforce each time they toilet on the shavings, using fewer shavings until eventually your dog no longer needs the visual.

Similar to training a puppy, your adult dog should not have free run of the house. Use exercise pens, baby gates, or doors to keep your dog with you until they are fully house trained and let you know they need to go out. It can take several months to fully housetrain. For accidents inside, use a



Maddy in the leaves. Photo Courtesy of Pat Koven, LVT, KPA-CTP



Clancy on his long line. Photo Courtesy of Pat Koven, LVT, KPA-CTP

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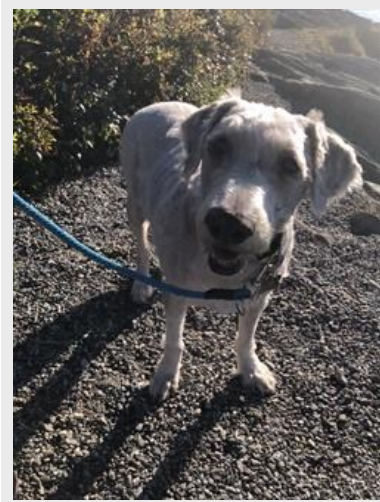
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good enzyme cleaner to remove odors to help prevent possible future marking behavior.

If you have any concerns about your dog's bathroom habits, discuss the issues with your veterinarian to rule out medical conditions.

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Casey stands on pebbles. Photo Courtesy of Pat Koven, LVT, KPA-CTP

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DC/Maryland

- Your Dog's Friend
Rockville (301) 983-5913
- Mutt Magic Training Services
Baltimore (410) 889-9352
- Bark Busters
Timonium (410) 308-3768
- Capital Dog Training Club
Silver Spring (301) 587-5959

Virginia/West Virginia

- Best Behaved Dogs
Fairfax (703) 931-8521
- Club Pet Int.
Chantilly (703) 471-7818
- Paw Paws Canine College
Slanesville (304) 492-4075

Kennels/Boarding

DC/Maryland

- Country Critters
Millersville (410) 787-9592
- Stacy King
Myersville (301) 293-1737

Virginia

- The Bigger the Better Canine Camp
Nokesville (703) 328-7884

Adopted!



Tina

Adopted by the Solomon family



Finn

Adopted by his foster family, the Boggs

Akita Friendly Vets

DC/Maryland

- Friendship Animal Hospital
DC (202) 363-7300
- Rocky Gorge Animal Hospital
Laurel (301) 776-7744
- Palmer Animal Hospital
Myersville (301) 371-3333
- Smithsburg Veterinary Clinic
Smithsburg (301) 416-0888
- Park Circle Animal Hospital
Hagerstown (301) 791-2180
- VetUrgency
Frederick (301) 288-8387

Virginia/West Virginia

- Ballston Animal Hospital
Arlington (703) 528-2776
- MapleShade Animal Hospital
Dale City (703) 670-7668
- New Baltimore Animal Hospital
Warrenton (540) 347-0964
- Regional Vet Referral Center
Springfield (703) 451-8900
- Animal Medical Center of Cascades
Sterling (571) 434-0250
- Morgantown Vet Care
Morgantown (304) 599-3111



Have a vet, trainer, or boarding kennel you really like and would recommend? Let us know, and we'll add it to the list! Send recommendations to annette@akitarescue.org

Rainbow Bridge



Sassy

Loved and missed by Melissa and John.



Emiko

Loved and missed by the Robinson family.

Halloween Safety Tips

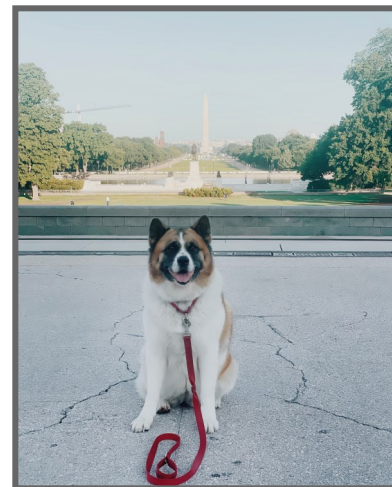
- Keep treats away from pets
- Make sure your decorations are safe for your pet. Keep cords and batteries out of reach.
- Be careful with costumes to avoid costumes that are too tight or too loose, have small parts that can be chewed off, or use items that may be toxic if ingested such as hair dyes or paint
- Provide pets a secure area to stay away from the frenzy
- Make sure your pet has identification in case it escapes.
- Keep your dog at home as costumes, noise, or extra people may agitate or frighten your dog



Postcards From Home

Honey Bear

Honey Bear on a 6am stroll trying to beat the heat



Maggie Mae

Maggie and Rio are best buddies now.



Cosmo

Cosmo walking around Rutland County England



Upcoming Events - Volunteers Needed!

PetOberfest

October 15, 2022

Stonebridge Potomac Town Center

Woodbridge, VA

<http://www.sptcpetoberfest.com/>

Sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/eVrCmuS>

Fredericksburg Pet Palooza

October 29-30, 2022

Fredericksburg Expo Center

Fredericksburg, VA

Sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/zyHrXLL>

Happy 38th Anniversary ARMAC

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