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WINTER 2017

Special points of interest:

- FEATURED AKITA
- Hypothermia and Frostbite
- FUREVER HOMES NEEDED

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Featured Akita

BROWNIE By Puller Lanigan

Last summer a plea went out over the internet amongst Akita Rescues for assistance with three Akitas that came in as strays to a small, rural shelter in



Kentucky.

This shelter is very, very small, averaging at most 50 dogs. They do not take

cats. Most of the dogs that come in are hounds of varying degrees or some other hunting breed. While Akitas are a hunting breed, Akitas are an anomaly in this part of rural Kentucky

The Akitas in custody were two males, who were picked up running together...or hanging together. And a short distance away, an older female was found. The female and the younger male were both outgoing and friendly. Initially, we were told that the two males were older and Dollar, the flashy black and white was very dominant, and pushy. Brownie was a shy mahogany and white adult

dog who preferred to avoid humans, but was complacent when cornered or captured. Dollar was like a wild horse. The older gal was right in the middle. It was quickly deduced that Dollar was the youngster at 2-3 yrs. of age, Brownie was probably 5'ish and the 'old lady' was 6-7

Akitas

are a breed most wanted by the people least able to handle them (paraphrased from Virginia Lanier)

SPRING SAFETY TIPS- (purelife4pets)

As pet parents there a certain things we have to keep in mind as the weather warms up.



(see spring)

Spring (continued)

5 TIPS

1. BEWARE OF STANDING WATER

Standing water can be filled with bacteria. It can Cause an upset stomach or other issues. Carry a portable dish or water bottle as other means of fresh water.

2. MULCH, FERTILIZERS AND WEED KILLER

Mulch is toxic to dogs—Coco Mulch contains the same properties as chocolate and leads to medical issues if digested.

Fertilizers and weed killers are also extremely dangerous.

If you are unsure if a product is okay to have in your garden as ask a professional or your vet.

13 fun facts about your dog's paws by Karen Harris (www.iheartdogs.com)

1. The pads of your dog's paw are largely made up of fatty tissue, which is why their feet don't get cold when prancing through the snow.
2. The padding also protects them while venturing on warmer ground and rugged landscape
3. However, their paws can get burned and blister on hot surfaces (like hot pavement) or can get irritated or burned from rock salt and other chemicals on the ground. Their paws may be durable, but make sure to mind where your dog is stepping.
4. There are sweat glands on a dog's paws
5. And they carry the majority of their weight in their (as opposed to their heels)
6. You know the little random claw that hangs a few inches from the rest of your dog's foot? That's called a dew claw, and it's thought to be the remnant of what used to be a thumb. Fun fact: Not all dogs have them.
7. Today, dogs can use their dew claws to help keep things like bones and toys in their grasp as they gnaw.
8. And some dogs still actively use their dew claws when navigating choppy, mountainous landscapes.
9. Certain dogs bred for cold climates, like the St. Bernard and Newfoundland, have wide, sprawling paws to give them a better grip on snow and ice.
10. *And Some breeds, like the AKITA, Doberman and Grey Hound, have "cat feet" which are smaller with higher arches. This enables them to excel with endurance because their paws are so light.*
11. Natural-born swimmers have webbed feet, like Newfoundland and Labrador Retriever.
12. FYI: If your dog starts excessively licking or gnawing at his or her paws, it could be a sign of anxiety. The Chewing could lead to open sores and infections, so make sure to get your vet involved!
13. You know that corn chip smell on your dog's feet? That's from bacteria that grows on their paws. But don't worry, it's totally Normal.

(BROWNIE)

The stray time dwindled and BEAR and ARSF stepped up to intervene on behalf of the dogs, but behind the scenes there were repeated pleas for assistance with these dogs. Ultimately, ARMAC stepped forward to take on one dog and BEAR and ARSF resigned to taking on the remaining two dogs. Thanks to our Akita devotees in Kentucky and Tennessee, Cynthia Clark, Kelly Hanson and friends these guys were pulled, taken to the vet for check ups, vaccinations and neuter and then on to meet their transporters. Brownie, who was determined to have a moderate load of heartworm, quickly became a favorite of the vet staff. Under his aloof exterior was a dog wanting to belong.

I met Brownie in Hagerstown, MD. He was thoroughly confused at being loaded in a crate in a van and landing hundreds of miles from what he once knew as home. He was polite, but very stand-offish. He was thin, which was probably a better thing for his upcoming Heartworm treatment.

Brownie went to the foster home of Lynne and Bill Loewy. He settled in nicely and blossomed into a truly gorgeous guy. He underwent Heartworm treatment without incident and seemed to enjoy being in a home. There was some evidence of his having been hit by humans, but he learned that not all humans remain in a steady anger mode with dogs. He crated like a champ and was housebroken. He seemed at peace with the world. The Loewy's started to take him out for some socialization. He tolerated the adventures, but made it pretty clear, he was a homebody. He also started to defend his foster home with stern barking when visitors came by. This generally ceased once he realized they were welcome, but it became apparent that Brownie had been a home alert system for some time.

Brownie was adopted by a previous adopter. He did really well with the cats in the household, but he wasn't keen on the stairs to the main floor or floors above the main floor. So he made himself small and lurked in her office. Unfortunately, her steady stream of clients began to wear on Brownie. And he began to defend her office space as he did the Loewy's yard. So Brownie was returned. He is now in another foster home. Brownie needs a home that is low key and not a revolving door of visitors and family. He also needs someone who will be willing to show him what is needed of him (like going up and down stairs) and to provide a safe place if visitors come by and he becomes visibly stressed by them. I never saw the territorial Brownie and he never barked at me the few times I went by the Loewy's. He didn't bark at the Loewy's. He didn't bark at his adopter. He does not bark at his foster dad, but will bark at his foster mom while he is in the crate. He barks at visitors while in the crate, but was happy to be walked by people he did not know when his fosters were busy having their baby. While walking with strangers, Brownie would nudge at them to be petted. He barked again once he was put back in the crate. He walks very well on leash and basically ignores other dogs. Brownie is one of those dogs who does not want to be the main focus of attention. He wants to just 'blend into the background', and be integral but not the star of attention. The ideal home for Brownie would be someone who will let him accustom to the sounds and rhythms of their household. He does well with kitties and probably best in a childless home.

5 Tips

3. Toxic Springtime plants

Certain plants are toxic to pets

Azalea, Clematis, Bittersweet, Day Lily, Easter Lily, Ferns, Foxglove, Hyacinth, Iris, Lilly of the Valley, Morning Glory, Rhododendron, Tulip. (ASPCA has a complete list)

Contact your vet or animal poison control center immediately.

4. Cleaning Products

The safest cleaning supplies will be free of: Ammonia, chlorine, bleach, paraben, phosphates

Eco-friendly products are safer.

5. Aggression w/Neighborhood Pets

Dogs should not be left outdoors unsupervised, keep your pet close to you.

A tethered dog that is attacked by another animal will have to way to escape.

Fences keep your pets in and other animals out for their safety.



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Remember to keep your horn before starting your car to make any kitty/wildlife guests who took refuge in a warm place to leave.

If it is too cold outside for you, it is too cold outside for your pets. **BRING THEM IN !!**

If you see a pet left out in the cold, talk with the owner about your concerns in a reasonable manner. If they do not react well, document the situation as best you can with camera/phone, call local authorities. Keep records of whom you spoke with, the date and time. If there is no action in a few days, call back and stay polite in inquiring about your report. Feel free to call back again if necessary, but stay polite.

FUREVER HOMES NEEDED

LADYBUG AND HER 8 LITTLE REINDEER



*Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen,
Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen*
Unexpected Christmas surprise from Ladybug



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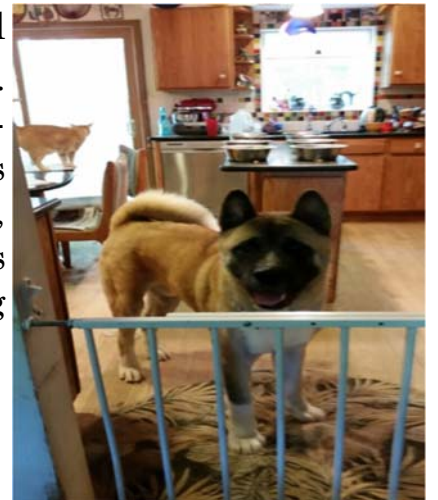
Leo is now about 7 months old. We know he is also related to Ladybug, Champ, and Roses. He enchanted all the people who came in contact with him: his transporters, his foster home. He gets along with the resident female and cats. Stand by for more info on him.





BRUNO Age 3 yrs. 5 months
A/M, big squeezable bundle of love. Outgoing, playful, affectionate. Came in as a humane hold with Eve, his significant other. Eva got adopted and poor Bruno sits, waiting patiently for a home. He may be able to live with a female dog, but would probably really thrive in his own home. **NO CATS.**

Balto -18 mos. male, needs a VERY experienced Akita home. He is a busy body who is into everything. He had surgery for an ACL injury as well as patella correction and meniscus repair. He is a BIG boy who has unending energy. He crates well, rides well in a car, okay with kitties. When he is out of the crate, he needs to be watched every minute because if there is something to get into, he will.



LadyBug -4 years old. Very sweet, played well with her son and daughter. She is in our kennel more info to come. Needs a foster home



Naoki (formerly known as Neeko) was surrendered to a local animal shelter by his owners. Naoki, and his two doggie companions, escaped the owners backyard a few times. We don't know for certain how they escaped, Naoki dug under the fence. And while the trio were at large, they did not hard any person or animal. The that Naoki was the mastermind behind the escapes, being fined by AC, so they gave him up. Naoki is a BIG MAC in early March 2015 weighing about 86 lbs., but he would be around 105 lbs. He's very friendly, enjoys people, loves going for car 🚗 rides and overall is a lived with children ages 17 and 3, so we believe he is given his size, and his active nature, he may be better with children over the age of 7. He walks very well on plus given his size).Naoki was adopted, but exhibited anxiety issues as an only dog. We believe that he placed in a home with a female dog



but the owner said intimidating running owners decided they were sick of boy, he came to AR- at a healthy weight interacting with very nice dog. He good with kids. But suited for a home leash (which is a big some separation would be better

Champ — (currently in a foster home with 2 older children. okay with resident dog and cat. He has been exposed to a variety of visitors and has done well with all of them. Currently we are trying to figure out how his past abuse has affected him physically. this boy has scars all over his body. Crates well, rides well in a car kennel and more info to come. Travels well in a car.



Snowbelle - 4-5 y.o. S/F. Adult home only, no other pets. Adopter will need large dog experience. A real charmer, but has a very strong personality. Walks well on leash, does not do well crated.

BEAR, 4-5 yr old male, who was a big goofball when we met him at home in his outdoor kennel. He is having a little trouble adapting to the kennel environment after living in a quiet, country area. He was very friendly with his evaluator and behaved very well at the vet when he went in for a check up, blood draw and shots. Came in with his companion Sassy.

SASSY 3-4 yr old female who was very sweet when we met her, not crazy about getting in and out of cars, but rides well once when is in. Has been nice to everyone she has met, including her vet visit. Came in with Bear. Stay turned as we get to know her better.



KOBE is new to ARMAC and will be going to his foster home soon. We believe he is related to LadyBug, Roses and Champ. The all have very nice personalities and we are hoping he will too.



The shelter staff loved him and so do the kennel staff.



Maggy 4 y.o. s/f mixed Long coat Akita. Most likely crossed with Chow. She is on the small side, ~50 lbs., prefers to be an only dog, housebroken, walks well on lead, loves to ride in the car/truck.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPER PET EXPO—March 17th-19th

Dulles Expo Center

4320 Chantilly Shopping Center

Chantilly VA 20153

Tickets Available www.superpetexpo.com

HOURS:

FRIDAY: 3PM-8PM

SATURDAY: 10AM-7PM

SUNDAY: 10AM-5PM

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Arlington (703) 528-2776

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Nokesville (703) 328-7884

HOME SWEET Furever HOME

“Saving one dog won’t change the world, but will change the world for that dog”

(Richard C. Call)

KODA and JACK

Love at first sight—2nd Generation adopters

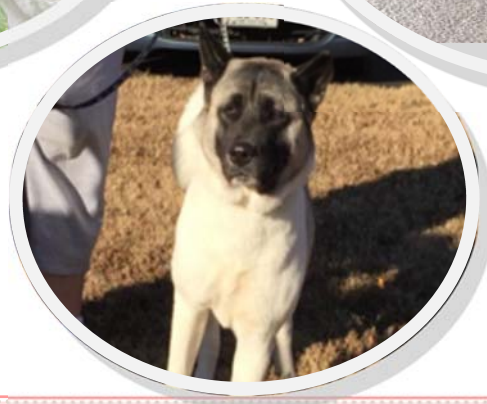


YOKO



ROSES

Found a home with Alumna Beau aka Bobo.



Rainbow Bridge

SWEET, LOVING KATO

UNCLE TO GENERATIONS OF FOSTER PUPPIES, PEACEMAKER IN THE PACK.

WE WILL MISS HIM.

Jodie and Charlie Marcus



Chino came to us and has rescued us in so many ways. He took a grieving woman and turned her into a happy, grateful mommy. He took a rocket scientist and turned him into a loving jelly. Chino is dying but will live in our hearts forever. We are eternally grateful for his love and trust in us. His mommy has learned that through the grief, we both will be able to love again because Chino taught us that about ourselves.
Jennifer Kunkel

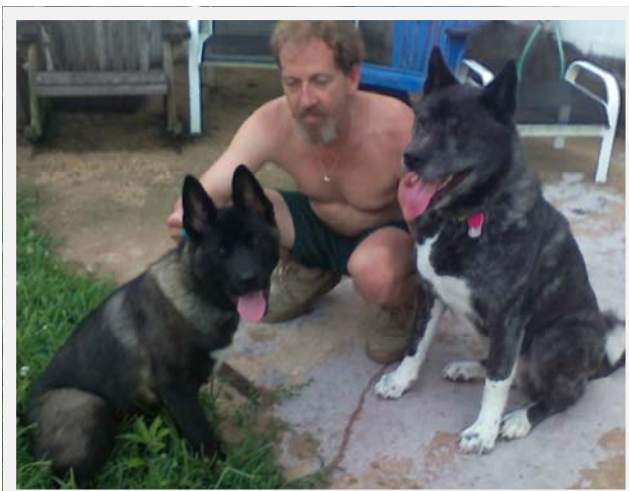
Valerie Aaron
Anonymous (in honor of Maki)
Mary Becka (In memory of Robert Smith, "Bear & King")
Walter and Mary Belchick
Terry Boone
Lisa Boren
Cozanne Brent
Debra Brown (In memory of the love of my life, Meadow)
Pasquale Carlucci (In memory of "Sasha" Ashworth)
Scott Carter
Christina Cea
Cynthia Clarke
(for Sugar and Spice - Love Bishop & Cyn)
Summer Connor
Steven Davis & Eleanor Lewis
Nicole Deaver
Robyn De Shields
Joyce & Gerald Dolinish
Doug Dziak (For the new dogs being boarded)
Susan Eastwood
Helena Edler
Julie Eisenberg (In memory of Tamira)
Rick Fledderman (in honor of Babe)
Sue Gensel
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Thank you

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Amanda Morken (Merry Christmas Baxter!)
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Susan Petrie
Susan Pettit
Niki Pino and Family
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Jeanie Ruehle
Mickey Shaul
Mary Kelly Simancas
Sylvia Springer
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