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Welcome Back

By Jodi Marcus

WE'RE BAAAACK!!!

Hi everyone! It has been over 2 years since the last newsletter and despite our frequent pleas no one stepped forward to do it until now. The newsletter is back thanks to Annette Wilson who volunteered to edit and format. We are very appreciative of her doing this sometimes thankless task!

I hope everyone has stayed safe and healthy over the past year. Wear your masks and get your vaccine. We don't want to lose anyone!

Although we have not had a newsletter, we have a Facebook page that we have tried to keep updated. I know there are many of you who are not on Facebook and have missed the newsletter. Initially, we are planning to get it out quarterly and then transition back to publishing it every other month.

Even though there has been no newsletter, we have still been busy taking in dogs and finding homes for them as you will see in the next few pages. There have been enough that although we have listed them, we cannot individually picture each dog in this issue.

Unfortunately, too many have also crossed over The Rainbow Bridge. They are also listed without associated pictures. I will be adding dogs to our Rainbow Bridge page on the website. If you haven't sent me a picture of your Akita who has passed, please do (akidra@comcast.net).

At the risk of being repetitive, we still need people to step up and help. Puller and I are not spring chickens anymore. This is our 37th year of rescue. I am much closer to 70 than 60. Charlie is over 70. We both have some health issues. We will continue to carry on as long as we are able. We are still taking and placing dogs, but in lower numbers due to a lack of foster homes. Bill and Lynn who have fostered for many years are moving to their retirement home. We lost an outstanding foster home when Aaron and Katie moved to California. Dave, who has fostered periodically for us over the years, has been doing so consistently over the last few years with the help of his daughter Sarah, but a move south is in his future. David and Vivian stepped up to foster after losing their last Akita as have Annette and Tom. Despite this, most dogs we take in will have to be kennelled. While the kennels we work with do give us discounts and take excellent care of our dogs, it is still a big expense. A foster home can help an Akita become more adoptable by acclimating it to living in a home, training, and socialization. If you ever thought about it, now is the time to come forward.

This September we plan to start going to adoption events again. We will need people to help set up, man and break down the booths. We will announce dates as soon as we have them.

Honestly, if no one steps up, we will probably close down ARMAC once we hit 40 years.

If you have stories or informative articles, please send them to annette@akitarescue.org.

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Available Orphans



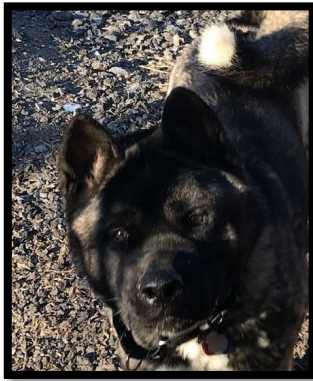
Hachi and Kuma

Hachi and Kuma are a nine year old brother and sister pair whose owner could no longer care for them when she had a recurrence of cancer. Kuma is the leader of the two. They love going for walks and greeting everyone they pass. They have not been allowed to greet other dogs.



Rebel

Rebel is a two and a half year old male. He is a cute, stocky guy. Rebel is a favorite at the kennel. He has been an outdoor dog all his life, so will need introduction to an indoor environment (ceiling fans, etc). He loves coming in at night and crates well. He has recently been neutered and had entropion surgery. He will be available once he heals.



Bear

Bear is a nine month old male. Although Bear is a very nice guy, he is a big, untrained, energetic teenager testing his limits. He loves people, and is a really good looking boy. We are just getting to know him. Experience with the breed is preferred. Bear will be available after recovering from neutering and completing his evaluation period.



Nori

Nori is a two year old female. She is recovering from her spay and entropion surgery. Nori is typical Akita, aloof initially, but warms up. She lived in a house prior to being turned over to the shelter. Now that Nori is free from her cone, she is warming up to the kennel owner. Stay tuned for more information. Nori will be available after recovering from her surgeries and completing her evaluation period.

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!!!

Ever thought of fostering? If you can find it in your heart, we urge you to complete the paperwork now. For more information, please visit: www.AkitaRescue.org

Do You Believe In Your Dog?

By Puller Lanigan

Our story begins with a young Akita who was returned to the shelter she was adopted from as a puppy in North Carolina because the owners were 'moving'. She was a tender 2 years old and stunningly gorgeous. She appeared to be well cared for but was not spayed. The staff remembered her and once again fell in love with the lovely Dakota. They reached out to the Club's Rescue Committee, and she went out across the net to all the rescues. Everyone was full. Things were moving quickly in ARMAC, and she had been a passing blip on the radar screen, but her good looks and rave review by the staff had not gone unnoticed by me. Both Jodi and I were buried with other things. Dakota floated to the outer horizon of our focus... When I was able to direct my attention to Rescue matters, I asked what happened to the little dog in NC? Nobody knew. I reached out to the shelter who had been quietly sitting on her and madly shuffling dogs so she didn't make the list for euthanasia. They were ecstatic to hear from me. She was still there over a month later.



Now we had to find a way to get her to Maryland and find someone to evaluate her. We reached out to a foster in North Carolina, who went and met Dakota. He proclaimed her to be a GREAT dog and gorgeous to boot. He took her home, in spite of his not fostering female dogs, because his own dogs are all female. He liked her THAT MUCH. Dakota then showed another side of herself to us. She was a dominant female. She was crated in the foster's home office, but it became clear, she did not appreciate crating and didn't understand the concept of being kept safe. She succeeded in freeing herself, several times from the confines of the crate. She was not destructive, and she was always thrilled at being the center of Bill's attention. He was frankly concerned she might work on the door and try to topple the family hierarchy. Bill had to go on a business trip for a couple of days and made arrangements to board Dakota at his vet. They had boarded his dogs in the past. He dropped off Dakota and left...only to receive a call 24 hours later that Dakota had scaled a 10' fence and escaped. The clinic was beside themselves, Bill was understandably upset, and we were sick. The clinic madly made Lost flyers, and a mere 12 hours later, Animal Control was contacted on a found Akita. Her microchip linked her to us. We had no medical records on her as her foster had them and he was midway across the country at a training seminar. I reached out to the shelter she came from for medical records and they were conveyed to the shelter that had her. The vet was not allowed to collect her since she escaped from them, not to mention they weren't sure they could contain her. I don't remember if Bill had to leave his training early or if the shelter sat on her until he got home. Either way, Bill reclaimed her without issue and immediate plans were made to get her to Maryland. Another trip involving Charlie Marcus to the rescue!

Dakota settled in to our kennel without issue. No interest in escaping. She was QUEEN OF THE KENNEL! Dakota ruled! Dakota was as cute as she was gorgeous. I could see how easily Bill fell in love with her. She would have made a stunning show dog. We have no idea who bred her or who surrendered her to the shelter. Dakota was spayed, and then we set about looking for the right home for her. Preferably without other pets. Dakota lingered. And lingered. She entertained everyone who came to visit dogs and won many hearts, but no one was willing to take a chance on this tempestuous beauty until Lauri and Chuck Wright contacted us. Lauri and Chuck are former adopters from us and their beloved Lizzie had recently died. They wanted Dakota. Not merely interested in Dakota, Lauri and Chuck are very decisive about the dogs they want. They WANTED Dakota. They have carte blanche in our book. We notified Stacy that they were coming to meet Dakota and if they liked her, she was free to go. She went. They never looked back. She was not crated at their home. She was the perfect Akita.

Enter Radar (formerly Hanabi). ARMAC was contacted by a young man with a young Akita he had found as a puppy some 6 months previously. We suspect he may have purchased the puppy and told his wife he found him. The couple lived in the basement of the wife's parents home with their toddler daughter, a female Mastiff, a kitten and Radar. They were moving and couldn't afford a second dog (no vaccinations and neither dog had been neutered). They were off to the wilds of West Virginia. We cringed at the thought of Akita/Mastiff puppies down the road. Jodi and I responded to the call and made plans to go meet the young dog, but were told they were keeping him. This went on for several months. Ultimately, it was decided Radar had to go. I went and met him. He was a frisky, untrained young dog. Very cute. I delivered him to our kennel and then we found a foster home for him. The foster home fell in love with Radar, but he quickly began to show why he was surrendered. He would slip off to other rooms to eliminate after being walked and exercised outside. He was destroying the crate he was put in and eventually succeeded in escaping not once, but by now, daily even if the fosters were only gone an hour. They feared for their home and their large Amazon bird. So Radar went back to the kennel. Touchingly, Naoki, our other Anxiety Dog, decided he wanted to be next to

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Adoptions

Orphan

Marlena

Manny

Blaze

Samson

Doug (Akita Wannabe) Placed with the help of Lizzy's Lodge

Sky

Honey

Delilah

Kara

Coco 1

Kitsune

Cosmo (returned when owner passed)

Sheba

Oscar now Pabu

Harry

Coco 2

Sandy

Spartacus

Adopted by

Miles

Alan & Marina

Charles & Corey

Sam & Monchai

Placed with the help of Lizzy's Lodge

Travis & Marie

Marc & Thatcher

Jeff & Carol

Becky

Rolando & Raquel

Sherri & Mark

Gia

Julie

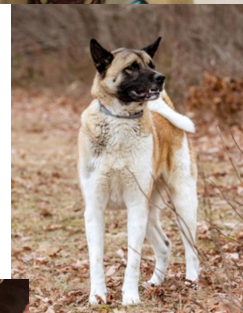
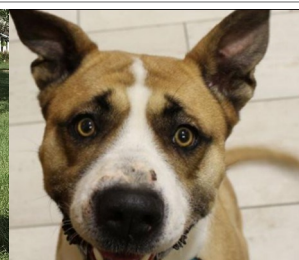
Nick, Susan & Jade

Josh

Katherine & West

Rick & Judy

Holly & James



Congratulations to our orphans and their new families. May you have many happy years together!

Rainbow Bridge

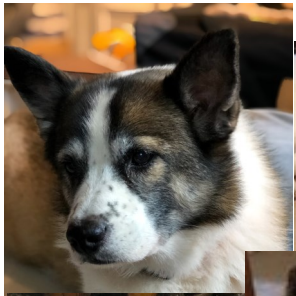
If we missed anyone, let us know!

Akita

Sarahbie
 Ready
 Mia
 Ree and Skye
 Ladybug
 Shyla
 Lucy and Zen
 Shadow
 Mojo
 Inky
 Bismark
 Ryka
 Akira
 Soba
 Simca
 Nakita
 Sasha
 Hiro
 Ally
 Tuki
 Scooby
 Gabby
 Cutie Pie

Missed by

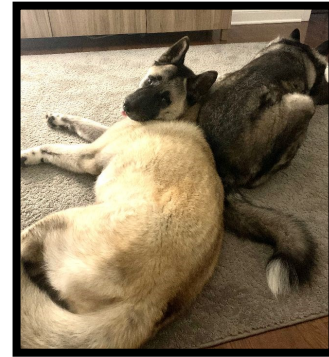
Valerie
 Libby
 Annette & Tom
 Beverly
 Jeff & Carol
 Sylvia
 John & Melissa
 ARMAC (bloat)
 Jim & Steve
 Stacy
 Doug & Leigh-Anne
 Anne & Carin
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 Travis & Teresa
 Rosanne
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 Rebecca
 Jodi & Charlie
 Ralph & Eileen
 Puller & Kevin
 Jill & Joe
 Becky



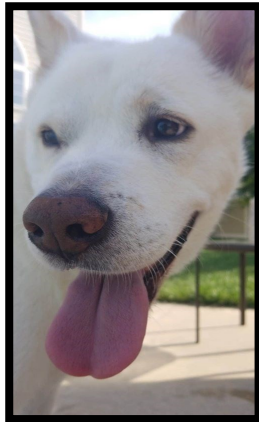
Postcards From Home



Snowbella in her Christmas gear.



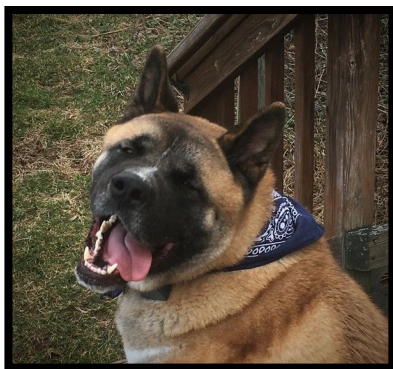
Ginger and Raiden are loving their bigger yard and home



Echo is such a happy boy in his "selfie"



Axel, formerly Fats, and his companion Harley with their dad



Balto is loving life in his new home. Balto Bear: I have a 2-1 person/dog ratio, so I get lots of pets. And I have 4 toyboxes full of squeaky stuffies. And mom says that dad is a "sucker", which apparently means he is just better than her about sharing the snacks. Ruffles cheddar chips are my favorite



Delilah is doing well. She loves the back yard. She lies on it and rolls on her back periodically. She likes to lie in front of our glass patio doors and look out at the yard.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the individuals and businesses who support us in so many ways: providing financial support or discounts, fostering, providing transportation, performing house checks, evaluating dogs, volunteering at events, etc.

A special thanks to Bill and Lynn for setting up generous monthly donations!

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Believe

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Radar and moved himself into the run next door. This was disappointing. Radar was fabulously friendly with people and many animals, but he too was unhappy in an extreme fashion at being crated.

He lingered at the kennel, was neutered and began to settle down. He never tried to escape his dog run at the kennel. After a few months, I got a call from Lauri and Chuck inquiring about Radar. I was thrilled and petrified at the prospect of his being adopted by them. What would Dakota do? She had only been with them about 6 months. She wasn't crated. What would Radar do? I had to tell Lauri and Chuck my fears so they went into this fully understanding the ramifications. Chuck's response endeared him to me forever: "I'm a contractor, you know. I fix things (like holes in walls) daily for a living." They keenly wanted to meet Radar. So, we suggested they go alone and meet Radar, and then make plans to bring Dakota out for a meet and greet. They loved Radar and were enchanted with his affectionate demeanor. The next step was to take the Princess Dakota out to meet her new boy toy. His presence hardly registered on her radar. We insisted on one more meet...which also went without incident. So Radar went home.

The first week, we all sweated bullets. He didn't like the crate. He escaped. The crate was reinforced and then Lauri and Chuck decided to crate Dakota next to him. CHAMP that she is, she complied. He settled down immediately. She never fought the crate. She never destroyed or worked on the crate. She slept. He slept.

They are two peas in a pod. What I came away with, from this placement is, you really have to BELIEVE in the dog you are adopting. Lauri and Chuck believed and were able to convey to Radar and Dakota that they were home.



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