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**SUGAR, SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE:
TWO GIRLS WHO NEED FOREVER HOMES**
BY PULLER LANIGAN

PRINCESS

Princess (bottom right inset) is one of our Special Needs dogs. She came in to Rescue at 8 mos. of age and she is now 2+. She was surrendered to a small rural shelter by her breeder because she was fighting with her female sibling. Ostensibly, she wasn't getting along with her dam either. It was unclear whether Princess was truly dog aggressive or just combative and trying to sort out her place in the pack by fighting with her sister and dam in their pen. We were successful in getting Princess into a foster home where it was determined she was more interested in trying to play with other dogs (she was dominant and tested her limits, but her behavior was play oriented) than eat them. Conversely, some of the resident dogs had met previous Akitas and were a bit cautious of the new boarder. Over time, Princess relaxed and learned the schedule and became integrated into a household with a small elderly male Beagle, a young Mixed Boxer/Akita and a medium sized older female mixed Shepherd. In addition, the foster also helps re-home dogs of elderly citizens who either pass away or become institutionalized, so there have been quite a few additional smaller dogs running around too! At around 18 mos. Princess developed a lesion on her nose. It was initially suspected she was doing too much digging in her dog run during the day while her foster worked. But the lesion didn't respond to traditional treatment. She

then started rubbing her eyes and getting lesions around them as well. This did not bode well. Our immediate suspicion was Pemphigus. After several months of negotiating with the local vet, a punch biopsy was submitted to Texas Dermatological and it was confirmed, Princess had Pemphigus. Sadly, this is an autoimmune disease is not curable but it is treatable. There are no tests to date to check for it prior to presentation of the disease. Once she started her medical protocol, she responded nicely and recovered very well. She has gained a bit of weight after having been on the Prednisone, but she has been backed off of the steroid and is now being maintained on managed doses of Immuran and antibiotics. At no time did Princess revert to aggression (as often happens when dogs are on steroids) to her canine bud-



dies. She has truly blossomed like a flower in the sun under Sherry's dutiful care. We now hope that Princess can find her OWN HOME. She is truly a magnificent Akita! Her breeder was notified that she developed an autoimmune disease. It is unclear if he even knew what it was and I suspect may still be producing dogs.
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FOSTER HOMES

NEEDED!!!

Ever thought of fostering?

Maybe in the future?

If you can find it in your

heart, we urge you to

complete

the paperwork now.

Please visit our

website for more

information:

AkitaRescue.org

WHAT GOES INTO MAKING AN ADOPTABLE ORPHAN?

BY PULLER LANIGAN

This exchange came about as one of our orphans was proving to be a bit of a tough nut in the training department and making her less adoptable. She is very lovable, however, she was antagonistic towards her foster's resident older male Akita which caused problems, not to mention, bolting out doors, jumping all over you, weaving on lead, etc. Lee finally decided everyone in his household needed help so off to training Tora went.

Lee writes, 'We picked both up yesterday. Bo went out for four days to see if Sue could better acclimate Tora and Bo to each other than we could. I have no anticipation at this point that they can ever lay quietly beside each other but some improvement was made. We are enacting Sue's advice to continue the process. Tora is a different dog. Not to diminish the need to advance her training but that was the best money ever spent. Melissa is outside now doing Tora's 10 minute drill.

I took her (Melissa too) to the kids school this AM for some distraction which proved readily evident. Though early in our honeymoon stage, the boarding/training program might be something to suggest to new Akita owners.

It might prevent some bounced back dogs. Sue did in two weeks what would have taken me many frustrating months to accomplish and she did it better. Cost wise, it is probably cheaper to use Sue as we did than to register for local classes and drive back and forth and burn fuel. Schedule around a vacation where boarding would be needed anyway and it is a no-brainer.

I admit the bonding time with local training is important but the primed, ready-to-go, boot camp trained dog idea is very appealing to me.

You can cruise the Caribbean and take classes, continuing education, cruise with your favorite has been rock star, specialty cruises for organizations, etc... This is my idea: consider a doggy/obedience cruise. You take your dog on a cruise and have them trained at the same time. The dogs are trained by on board trainers during the day while you snorkel and frolic. After first seating dinner, you go and train with your dog for 30 minutes to burn off the 2 cheesecake slices you just ate. The Lido deck might get a bit messy at times but all you have to do is sweep it overboard. Okay, back to reality...'

ROOM TO GROOM: GROOMING GUIDANCE FOR DIRTY DOG DEBACLES

BY LIBBY BURNS

Wake up, take a shower, brush your teeth, comb your hair— this isn't just a people routine. Grooms Jan Thompson and Pam Ahart agree that simple, dialy preventatives can fend off pet hygiene and grooming crises. But in case you've fallen off the pet-care wagon, we fetched solutions to these common grooming gaffes.

MATTED FUR: If the matted fur is not too serious, use a steel comb or FURminator and work your way closer to the skin. Brushing a few times a week will prevent these painful tangles.

LONG NAILS: Be sure to only clip the very tip of the nail. Cutting too close could nab the "quick", the blood supply in the nail.

EYE CRUST: Dampen the fur around the eye with a warm, wet washcloth, and carefully comb out crust with a fine flea comb. See your vet for frequent discolored discharge. This could be a sign of infection or irritation.

YELLOWED TEETH: Although pet teeth are naturally more yellow than human teeth,

it can often be the result of plaque buildup.

To prevent plaque, use pet toothbrushes and toothpaste or special doggie treats such as DentaStix and DentaBone that scrape plaque from the teeth directly.

STINKY COAT: Many groomers say that an animal's outside reflects its inside. Keep your pet on a more natural diet, bathe them with shampoo and frequently brush out dead skin and fur. Also, be sure to clean dog beds to eliminate dirt and dander.

DIY CARE: AN OWNER'S MANUAL FOR TREATING BASIC PET AILMENTS

BY LIBBY BURNS

Aside from convenience, at-home remedies are important to know so owners can tend to ailing pets on the spot. Dog owners should, however, contact their veterinarian before trying any at-home remedies. Effects often vary among animals.

ALLERGIES: We're not the only ones who come down with the seasonal sniffles. Many animals also suffer from allergies. Pick up some Benadryl for your pet

too. Be sure to contact your vet, as it may not be safe to use on all pets!

INSECT/TICK REMOVAL:

After leaving a park or wooded area, check your pet's coat for ticks or other insects. To remove a tick, grab it with tweezers and pull to release the head. Using a cotton swab, apply alcohol on the bite to avoid infection.



HEAT/DEHYDRATION: If you notice excess panting, lethargic behavior or a lack of coordination, move your pet to a cool area.

Encourage it to stand or lay down in cool water, place small amounts of water on their tongue and/or offer your pet ice cubes. If your pet does not respond within 10-15 minutes, contact a veterinarian as soon as possible.



EAR INFECTIONS: Dilute white vinegar to 10 percent with distilled water. Use a cotton ball to gently clean out the ear. Applying the mixture helps to eliminate yeast in the ear and breaks down excess wax.



CHEF HILLARY'S KITCHEN BY HILLARY LAMAY

Kiss Me Under the Mistletoe Mint Cookies

Happy Howlidays! Those warm Akita kisses at the end of a long cold winter's day would be even better with a minty or ginger freshness! Move over hubby! Whip up either of these recipes for your fur-legged friend and you will be smooching your pooch under the mistletoe :)



Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1 1/2 cups bisquick
1/2 cup mint chopped leaves
1/4 cup milk
4 tablespoons margarine
1 egg
1 1/2 teaspoons corn syrup

Directions:

Combine all ingredients in food processor, process until well mixed. Roll out on a floured surface to 1/4 to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut with holiday shaped cookie cutters, place on non-stick cookie pan. Bake at 375F for 20 minutes or until lightly browned.

Good Boy Gingerbread

Ingredients:

1 cup molasses
4 tablespoons honey
1 cup water
1/2 cup vegetable oil
6 cups all purpose flour
2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp ground cloves
2 tbsps ginger powder

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine the molasses, honey, water, and oil in a medium bowl. In another large bowl mix the flour, the baking soda, cinnamon, cloves, and ginger. Slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients. Combine well. Divide this dough in four sections and roll each piece into a ball, wrap each ball in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 3 - 5 hours. After the dough is well-chilled Put dough onto a lightly floured surface and roll dough out into 1/4 " thickness. Cut dough with a cookie cutter into gingerbread people.

Bake 10 - 15 minutes, or until cookies are lightly browned and firm.

Bow Wow Wow Yipee Yo, Yipee HEY YOU!

Do you have a yummy recipe your pup loves?

Is it healthy and easy? We'd love to put it in the next newsletter! Please email Chef Hillary with your submission: HJLaMay@yahoo.com



HOWLIDAY SAFETY FOR CURIOUS PUPS:

'TIS THE SEASON TO STAY OUT OF THE EMERGENCY VET!

Chocolate and candy canes, trees and garlands. The holiday season represents the joy of giving and peace and love. Unfortunately for some, the holidays also represent costly emergency vet visits for obstructed bowels after the tinsel on the tree mysteriously disappears, chocolate poisoning from careless children leaving their treats out, and turkey bones from the garbage that must be removed from an intestine.

Below is a short list of things to keep in mind. We want your entire family to have the safest, happiest holiday season. Arf arf, bow wow!

- Be especially careful opening your front door when you are greeting guests and also with delivery people so your dog doesn't dash out. Put your pup on a leash when you open the door. Make sure he/she is wearing ID tags or is microchipped so that if he/she

does get out and gets lost, whoever finds him can locate you easily.

- Watch what your pet is eating/sneaking. Tinsel/streamers can be deadly to your pets and can get tangled in their intestines if they get avoid of them. Chocolate is deadly. Too much rich holiday food as "treats" will likely make for many days of deadly gas and nasty diarrhea.

- Don't forget to spend quality time with the fur-family. Sometimes we get so caught up in the activities we don't take time for long walks and play sessions with our buddies - which are an excellent de-stressor. With just a few simple precautions, your family and your animals can have a safe and enjoyable time.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

CRATE TO CARRIER: HOW TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR PET WHILE TRAVELING BY TRACEY MELONI

The dreaded suitcase: Haul one out and watch pets quiver or worse. The owner may put on a brave face, but chances are the first call made away from home is to your pooch. What's the best way to handle this mutual separation anxiety? It all depends on the pet and your circumstance.

TAKE OUT: Traveling with your pet

The Humane Society of the United States, www.hsus.org recommends that you "not transport your pet by

plane unless absolutely necessary," such as when relocating across the country. If your pet MUST fly, try to use direct flights. Talk with your veterinarian, and ask the airline these questions: Can you take your pet on board? If not, what are the rules for pet transport by cargo? What are the health / immunization / carrier requirements?

Familiarize yourself with the carrier for several weeks and avoid

flying at busy times.

For car travel, take the pet for repeated trial runs before a long trip. Pets should ride with a harness or seatbelt.

RENT A ROOM: Boarding

Some pets do better with 24/7 professional care. Ask to see the facility. Ask about emergencies and who will be called. Know the difference between kennels and open-air boarding.

STAY IN: Pet Sitters

Middle-aged dogs who are most comfortable in their own home are ideal candidates for pet-sitting. In-home pet-sitting is a great choice for nervous, anxious or older pets. Ask about the company's history and full disclosure of their services. It is imperative that you hang up the phone with a feeling of complete trust in the company's ability to care for your pet. Ask about insurance, references and staff-training policies.

SUGAR, SPICE (CONTINUED FROM COVER)

TORA

Tora (right) first came to our attention through an email from a shelter in West Virginia. She was an owner surrender with no known vices and already spayed. So we put her on our website. Shortly thereafter we were notified by the shelter that Tora was ADOPTED!!! Everyone was excited. The following day, we received an email from a patron in Virginia reference an Akita that was adopted from us and surrendered to a local shelter. Are you following me on this? This dog was not microchipped, but her name matched the dog adopted from the WV shelter.

When the Virginia shelter called the owner who surrendered her, it was then disclosed she had actually come from the West Virginia shelter, not us. We were shocked. Apparently the young man who adopted her was 18 years of age, but lived at home with his parents, who said, 'NO DOG'. Poor Tora, what would become of her now? A patron offered to foster her as the shelter staff said she was a FABULOUS dog and very pretty! He brought her home and she was great with his daughters, but not particularly interested in being friends with their elderly male Akita. She wanted to play, play, play and when he grumped she then thought it was time to tussle. It also became apparent that she had had little training. Her foster muddled through with putting up a pen so she wasn't at risk of encountering the aged resident Akita when his children came home from school. He also made certain that she was only walked by an adult.

There was hope she had a home last year, but she and the resident Dachshund escaped through a door left open by children and purportedly she jumped another dog. She was returned.



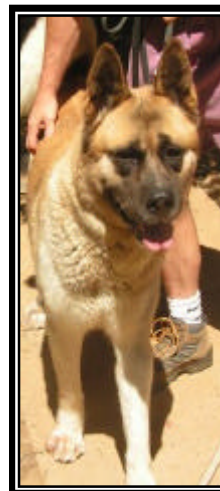
Our problem with both Princess and Tora is their location. We (They) were very fortunate to get them in to foster homes, however, they are not locally situated and this seems to be a problem with garnering interest in them. PLEASE let people know about both of these girls who are truly wonderful dogs stuck in out of the way places. I know Sherry has met people in the past to introduce them to the dogs she has fostered (Morgantown, WV) and Lee is not as available to meet people on the road, however he is near Winchester, VA which is a nice drive any time of the year.

THE STORY OF MR. HANDSOME

BY JODI MARCUS & MR. HANDSOME

I'm Mr. Handsome! The name suits me, don't you think?

My foster mom is going to help me tell my story since my paw does not work well with a pen or keyboard. She doesn't know the whole story; I keep trying to tell her, but she doesn't always understand what I am saying...humans can be so dense sometimes! We get along pretty well despite the language barrier. So here is my story (all typos and other errors are not my fault and can be attributed to my foster mom.) I am told I was born in a "puppy mill" and followed the usual path to a home: puppy mill to distribution center to pet shop where I was bought. (Mom says probably at some ridiculously outrageous price... HA! no price is too high for me!!) I can't tell you about my early life...that dog/human language barrier again, but I lived with a military family in Ft Huachuca, Az. My last vet visit there was in December of 2004. What happened to me between then and July 23, 2008, when I landed in the Prince William shelter will remain unknown, other than my registered owner is an Army captain assigned to Quantico Marine Base. July 23, 2008 was a very hot day. I had been running loose and was really tired, hot, and thirsty. I went into this huge building, looking for some shade and hopefully some water. I found a really nice gentleman who gave me water and let me hang out in his air conditioned office. He said he would love to take me home but already had a (continued on page 5)



A GIFT



TO OUR ADOPTERS

Another Rescue Angel has offered to pay for half of the Basic Training fees for up to 10 Adopted Dogs who enroll in the PawPaws Canine College for 2008/2009!

The 2-week course is \$425. One could say this patron believes in dogs and believes in Sue Clauss!

The format involves boarding the dog for 2 weeks with Sue so that she can work one-on-one with the dog and then the owner joins her for a 2-day training seminar where you are trained to work with your dog.

Please go to:
PawPawsCanineCollege.com
for more information.

If you are interested in signing up for this training after talking to Sue, please notify Puller (puller@akitarescue.org).



MR. HANDSOME (CONTINUED)

Houseful of dogs and could not take another one in, especially one as big as me. (Not only am I a good sized guy ...yes, size matters... but did I mention I am also quite good looking?) He called animal control and they sent someone out to pick me up. This person seemed quite nice, so I went with him happily. We arrived at the animal shelter. Talk about a scary place!!! Whoa! The people were great, but I know bad things can happen there. I was given a "temperament test" which I passed. I didn't even know I was being tested!! But it did not help me get out of there. There was a minor incident with a small dog (no one was hurt), but it took me off the "adoption list". They said that "rescue" people had called and were monitoring me and my progress, so the shelter called them to let them know they were needed. Someone was going to rescue me??!! YES!! A man and a woman met me in a small room. All I wanted to do was get outside, go potty and beat feet away from there. They talked to the shelter people and we FINALLY went outside. I hit several trees and did the heavy business in as sheltered an area as I could find. What a relief!!! I hated going potty in my living area. They opened a door to a van and I hopped right into the crate sitting inside. We arrived at a house which, from the sound, was full of other dogs. I went in and the dogs were all Akitas! COOL!! I had a whole room to myself. Now I could relax and uh oh, my sore paw made itself known again. It had been sore for quite a while... before I entered the big building where the nice man gave me water and a break from the heat. I kind of ignored it while I was in the shelter. I had more important things to think about, like getting out of there. I tried ignoring it for about a week, but it kept getting worse. I limped occasionally, and then started holding it up. My foster mom, who let me know right away that I could not get away with anything (jeeze, she is really up on all my Akita tricks), and my foster dad took me to the vet to get a rabies shot and have my foot checked out. They held me while the vet poked and tried to examine it very closely, but it HURT!!! I kept pulling it away.

Finally the vet decided to put me on antibiotics and said when I was knocked out to be "tutored" (huh?) in two weeks, she would examine my foot thoroughly. The day arrived and my

foster mom took me in, held me, and the next thing I know, I am waking up with my paw all bandaged, feeling a little woozy and SORE, not just in my paw if you know what I mean. I went home. Every time I went out, they put a little plastic baggie on my foot to keep the bandage clean... you have no idea how annoying that was, but I bore it with great equanimity. After a few days, mom held me while Dad removed my bandage. My toe was gone!! But so was most of the pain. The vet had told mom the bone in my toe was in little pieces, literally pulverized, as if someone had slammed a hammer down on it. She said it could be the result of an injury or it could be decomposition as a result of cancer or bone infection. The biopsy results came back saying it was a traumatic injury with secondary infection. Mom says she would love to know how it came about and I would love to tell her, but that language barrier is sometimes insurmountable. I may be missing a toe but it most certainly has not thrown me off my stride (get it?) and I am much happier now that the pain is gone. Mom says it is amazing that I behaved as well as I did while I was in what had to be tremendous pain!! (Of course, I am AKITA!!) Meanwhile, when I was taken from the shelter, the people there told my new mom I had a chip. (What, another beside the one on my shoulder?)

The animal control officers said they traced the owner to Quantico Marine Base, and got a phone number, called and left a message but never received a return call from my owner. My foster mom is stubborn and relentless enough to be an Akita herself. She called and got the info off the chip, contacted the vet listed to find out my medical info. She tried both numbers listed for my owners but they were disconnected. She also found out my name was King, a name which I hated and to which I would NOT answer. She tried several other names and I just ignored her. Then she called me "handsome" and my head whipped around. Yes! We were finally communicating. That is how I became Mr. Handsome. (Sooo appropriate— just look at my picture.) She and my foster dad put out some feelers and actually managed to have my listed owner, the army captain, call. He claimed he gave me away a long time ago, (foster mom says it could only have been after he was transferred to

Virginia since he and I were both here (...I mean what are the chances of both of us ending up in the same state, same county, same area in the county and arriving separately?). She told him I was heading for death row (REALLY ??!! Wow I am lucky!!!), and asked for the new owner's information, explaining how irresponsible it is to just let a dog loose or not look for a missing dog who may have escaped. The army captain refused to give her any info, bid her good day and hung up on her. The captain called the other person who had suggested he call rescue about me and told him that foster mom was a "crazy psycho". She did press him a bit about the new owner; her main concern being that the second owner was deployed and that the person who was supposed to be caring for me had gotten careless or tired of the responsibility and just let me go or not bothered looking for me if I had run away. With no cooperation from my first owner, it became a dead end and I was put up for adoption. Mom says that the captain's whole attitude toward me was so cold and uncaring that she thinks I am better off without him. She's right— I am!

I love walks, know how to sit and down, ride well in a crate in a car, LOVE my Kuronda bed, like to talk, especially right after I get up in the morning or when my foster parents return home. I do not exhibit any aggression toward other dogs living here, but have not had formal introductions with any of them. My foster mom says I am VERY predatory toward cats, small dogs or anything else small and furry. She also says no kids. My birthday is November 19, 2001...that makes me a Scorpio, ladies, a real lover man in the prime of my life. My foster mom says I have to go to someone who has lots of experience with VERY dominant dogs. Hey! I'm an Akita and a Scorpio, what do you want ... Casper Milquetoast? So, if you can be firm and hold the line and are looking for a wonderful companion, come see about me!!!

I am Mr. Handsome and I approved this story.

Did You Know... ??

\$40 billion was grossed in 2007 by the U.S. pet product industry

94% of pet owners feel that their pets display "human-like" personality traits

62% of pet owners celebrate their pet's birthday

\$12 million is the size of the trust fund

Leona Helmsley left for her dog when she died

2004 American Animal Hospital Association Pet Owner Survey

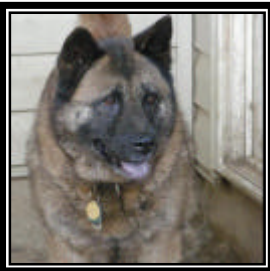
AVAILABLE ORPHANS

CURRENT LIST OF AVAILABLE AKITA RESCUE (ARMAC, INC.)
 WWW.AKITARESCUE.ORG TO VIEW MORE PHOTOS

The majority of these dogs came from animal shelters, therefore "owner surrender" does not necessarily mean they were received directly from a home.

Nakita — s/f, dob 9/02, Red fawn and white pinto with black mask. BIG GIRL. She has grown immensely in the 3 years we have had her. Very pretty! Very 'lovey' with people. Prefer home with children teenaged or older. Obedient, but still dog aggressive on lead. Needs experienced Akita owner. Calm and housebroken in the house. **Needs to be ONLY pet!**

Cora — s/f, dob 2002, RED with white markings and black mask. If this girl doesn't scream 'Cadillac' (for all you older Akita fanciers), then nothing will. She is a classic 'old style' Akita with a



very loving personality towards humans. Cora is very, very "people-centric". She is a total love bug. Cora would love to be the only

pet...no birds, small dogs or cats and probably no other large dogs either.

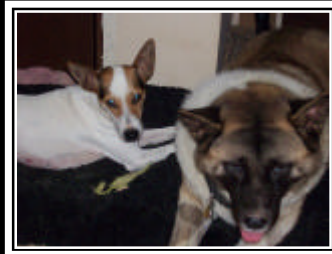
Tora — s/f, dob 2006, flashy brindle with white markings. Tora is housebroken, good with kids, currently living with a grumpy old male Akita so there is no love lost there. Was temporarily kept by



a family with a Dachsund and got along fine with the Dachsie, but probably best with a dog of her choosing or only pet. Tora was initially a shelter dog who was seen on our website under shelter list-

ings... 'adopted' by a young man whose parents did not want a dog and within 24 hours was deposited in another shelter in another state! When he surrendered this hard luck girl, he told the shelter he got her from ARMAC and we were contacted.

Princess — **UPDATE**, s/f, dob 2005, fawn with black mask. Our beautiful 'Classic Beauty' has been stricken with Pemphigus. She is responding well to treatment, but will have to be maintained on Prednisone the rest of her life. On the Pred she needs to be monitored **VIGOROUSLY** as pred makes dogs snappy. So sad, as she came to us a 'wild



Indian' when first taken in, having been dumped by her breeder who admitted to having too

many dogs and not enough time. She settled in to a routine in her foster home with several smaller mixed breeds. We suspect she would do best as an only pet, but could be swayed to try a nice mellow boy pairing. CrackerJack, JRT pictured, currently being fostered with Princess. Great package deal!!

Romi — F. 2 yrs., fawn w/blk. Guard hairs, black mask, white mkg. (classic fawn with black mask). Was a house pet, owners moved out and left her behind. Neighbor fed for two months before taking to shelter. The vet offices love her. She's been great with all people. **Update from Puller:** Romi blossomed at the kennel also! I did not realize just how depressed she was until I went to pick her up and move her to a foster (at \$300/mo. She had to 'go'). She is currently enjoying life to the fullest in foster care and driving her foster parents crazy with her puppy antics. Upon review of the shelter paperwork, she was listed as 1 year of age. We feel she is just 2 years or a little less as she has grown exponentially and is truly full of joie de vivre!! Probably shouldn't go to a home with cats as she is very keen on 'making the kitties run'. Her foster does not have any other dogs but at the kennel, she spent her 'free time' out of the run, running about and tormenting the dogs in kennels. It's possible she might be able to be paired with a mellow large breed

who can withstand her rigorous play. She got along great with the kennel owners' 5 year old daughter.



GumDrop

9/07, is a little dynamo. Found running at large in a Richmond park. She was sited several times, but managed to elude capture. Finally someone lured her onto their porch and she was taken to the shelter. She was wearing a pus and blood encrusted t-shirt, and only weighed 43 lbs...a walking skeleton. She had a severe case of demodectic mange and secondary infection from scratching and biting. GumDrop is now spayed and mange free. She loves all people. Has no "doggy" manners, but does like to interact with the other dogs.. they are not so sure. She rides well in a cars. She is small for an Akita, possible due to lack of early nutrition. She walks well on a leash, will pull a little, but stops when corrected. Will chase kitties but with playful intentions. A very charming companion who will bring light and joy into anyone's life.



Mr. Handsome

Red/fawn pinto, black half mask, Kabuki eyes, dob 11-17-2001. Was pulled from a local shelter after he was picked-up as a stray. Although initially aloof he warmed up to his foster parents and is showing new and interesting facets to his personality. He knows how to sit and down for his treats, and behaved very well at his vet visit. He jumped right into the crate in our van. He loves car rides. Once he gains a little weight will he be a head turner. He needs an experienced Akita owner, in a home with no cats or small dogs, and no children of any age. He requires a home where he is walked on leash all the time or with a very, very secure fence. No food aggression that we've noticed.



RAINBOW BRIDGE

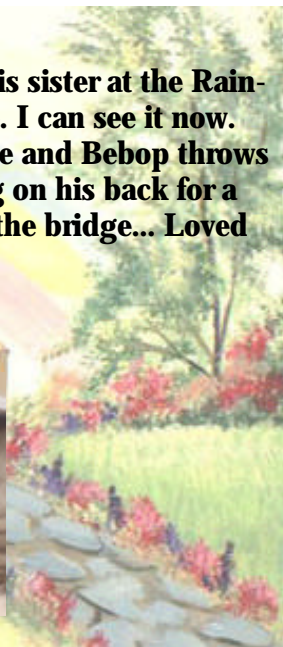
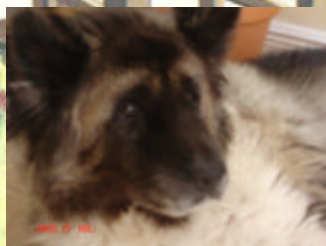


Bebop: The Ambassador

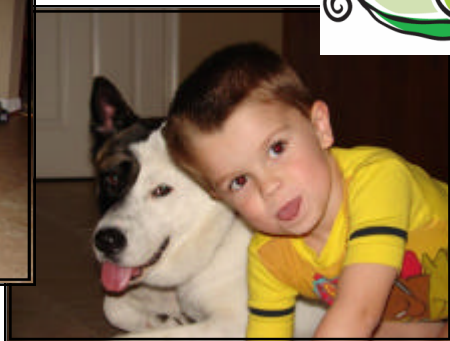
He is now with our pack and his sister at the Rainbow Bridge, healthy and whole. I can see it now. Someone approaches the bridge and Bebop throws himself in front of them, rolling on his back for a belly rub...the toll for crossing the bridge... Loved by Jodi & Charlie Marcus

LuLu: Our First Akita

She was the BEST!
Loved by Mark DeAndrea



POSTCARDS FROM HOME: NEKO & DILLON MORSE



ABOUT ARMAC

Akita Rescue, Mid-Atlantic Coast, Inc. (ARMAC), is one of the oldest Akita rescue groups in the United States, and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. ARMAC was founded by a small group of concerned Akita owners and has been serving the Mid-Atlantic seaboard since 1984.

Our highest priority is to save and re-home Akitas in area shelters, however, we also address a wide variety of Akita needs such as educating potential owners, referrals, support for Akita owners, and evaluations of dogs in private homes and shelters.

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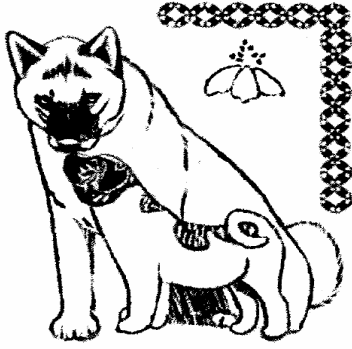
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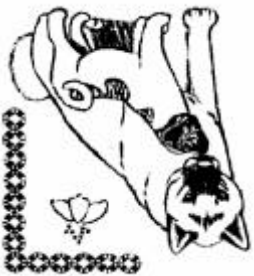
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