

# UNIQUELY AKITA

Akita Rescue Mid-Atlantic Coast Inc. (ARMAC)

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## WORKING TOGETHER FOR BUDDY

By Puller Lanigan

Buddy was brought to our attention by a kennel owner and previous Akita owner. At the young age of 2, after living as a house pet, Buddy found himself homeless and left chained to a tree. Could we help? We had no available foster space for him and with two dogs in kennels; ARMAC could not afford to kennel another one.

We frantically searched for someone willing to foster Buddy but were unsuccessful. ARMAC was then contacted by Joann Dimon of Big East Akita Rescue (BEAR), asking if we could send her information about "the dog that had been left chained to a tree after his owner had to move." Jo stated that she had been befriended on Facebook by a man who had recently acquired a longhaired Akita. He repeated a story that those in rescue hear all too often.

Buddy had been listed online by a patron who had interceded on his behalf (Good Samaritan; non Akita person). He had been 'adopted', intact by a man with an intact female Akita. This man had produced several unregistered litters of puppies in the past. So while this was distressing enough, the man, whom himself was displaced and living

with his mother with his Akita and his mother's cats...had brought home another dog. Buddy and the female Akita appeared to get along. Jo was horrified at the photos of the man on the floor between the two dogs as they chewed on pigs ears. After a few days, Buddy must have felt comfortable enough in the home to go after the mom's cats. One of the cats was injured in the scuffle and the new owner posted to Jo's Facebook page that he planned to kill Buddy.

Jo called us in a panic, looking for suggestions on how we might get Buddy out of the situation and transported to her. We contacted the kennel owner for her assistance. She was equally horrified at what happened to Buddy and made arrangements to have Buddy picked up immediately. We called a staunch ARMAC supporter, whom kindly agreed to pay Buddy's board until Jo could get him to New Jersey. Wheels were once again set in motion to move Buddy to safety. Buddy arrived at the kennel, got vaccinated for his trip to New Jersey and was transported within a span of two weeks. Jo reported he was worth every minute of despair and frustration, to save. What we all thought was a dirty fawn with black overlay Akita, turned out to be a stunning brindle boy! Sadly, his coat was so matted, he had to be shaved but I think between the bath and attention, he has shed his old coat like his old life and gets another chance at becoming the cherished

family pet he once was. (Under normal circumstances we don't recommend shaving Akitas, their coat helps regulate body temperature in both hot and cold climates)

We would like to publicly thank Lee Harvey who stepped forward and generously donated for Buddy's emergency boarding and to Sue Clauss, who not only forwarded Buddy's info to us, but then when things became critical, made room for him at her kennel until JoAnn could get him to New Jersey.



## FOSTER HOMES

### NEEDED!!!



Ever thought of  
fostering?

If you can find it in your heart, we urge you to complete the paperwork now.

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website for more  
information:

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## PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD FOR PETS & PEOPLE

By Michele C. Hollow of [Pet News and Views](#)

[Pet News and Views](#) is offering subscribers a Free Pet Discount Drug Card good for pets and their humans. This card is actually good for pets and human prescription medications. A lot of the drugs prescribed for pets are the same meds that we take—just smaller doses. I signed up to distribute Free Pet Discount Drug Cards, and thought it would be nice to share them with my subscribers.

The cards are accepted at over 80 percent of all pharmacies in the U.S. and its territories, from national chains to your local pharmacy including Walgreens, Rite-Aid, Target, CVS, etc. The card never expires and can be used over and over again.

### Not Insurance

This is not pet insurance or health insurance for people. Health insurance coverage for people does not cover pet medications. And many pet health insurance plans do not include prescription drugs for pets. I actually know a few self employed people who have health insurance without the prescription drug policy; it is less expensive. If they need medication, they use this card. With this card you can save up to 15 percent on brand-name medications and up to 55 percent on generics. All you have to do is get a prescription from your vet and take it to a participating pharmacy with the Prescription Drug Discount Card.

### To Get Your Free Pet Discount Drug Card

You may print out this card and take it with you to your pharmacy with the prescription you get from your pet's vet to receive your discount. If you would like additional cards for family or friends, e-mail me at [michele@petnewsandviews.com](mailto:michele@petnewsandviews.com) and I will ask you to send me a self addressed stamped envelope to cover the postage.

**NOTE:** *ARMAC has not used this card, it was recommended by the author of the above article and may be useful to some pet owners, or as the article stated, people as well.*



*You can print out this card to use for your pet's prescriptions. Just take it with the prescription from your vet to your local pharmacy to receive the discount.*



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ARMAC will be hosting an online auction November 3rd to the 11th. We have many unique Akita items that will be offered, as well as, non-Akita related.

In the next edition of Uniquely Akita we will have a "sneak preview" at some of the items. You won't want to miss event. It's a great way to get a head-start on your holiday gift list.

## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD - OUTLAW BSL

Too many people have lost their family pets, some of whom are certified therapy dogs, assistance dogs, and many well behaved pets belonging to responsible owners because of Breed Specific Legislation (BSL). Your dog is not safe! There are currently 75 breeds or mixes thereof banned in various parts of the United States.

Please sign the petition to outlaw BSL in the US, you can find the petition at ...

<http://www.change.org/petitions/congressonal-animal-protection-caucus-outlaw-breed-specific-legislation-in-the-united-states>

# GREATER BALTIMORE AKITA CLUB



## Supporting the Akita through Education, Responsibility, and Love

The Greater Baltimore Akita Club (GBAC) was founded in 1980 to promote the health and well-being of the Akita breed and to offer Akita owners a way to gather in support of these magnificent dogs.

In 1986 GBAC was recognized by the AKC as an accredited club and eligible to hold sanctioned AKC matches. Since then GBAC has held over 20 matches.

GBAC is a member club of the Akita Club of America. Each November, GBAC holds an ACA Regional Specialty dog show where Akitas from all over the east coast come to compete.

GBAC includes members from Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia and surrounding areas. Monthly meetings are held which often include a program of interest (i.e. grooming, handling, health, etc.) The public is welcome to attend these meetings.

GBAC welcomes anyone interested in the health and welfare of the Akita to join the club. You do not have to participate in shows, obedience trails or any other sport to become a member.

The public is welcome to attend general club meetings. To become a member applicants must:

- Fill out an application and sign a Code of Ethics
- Attend a meeting, where the application will be presented and read
- Attend a subsequent meeting, where the application will be read again and voted upon by the members

You may download an application from GBAC's website at [www.greaterbaltimoreakitaclub.com](http://www.greaterbaltimoreakitaclub.com) or on the following page. You can fill it out and bring it to the next meeting or email it to the club secretary at [secretary@greaterbaltimoreakitaclub.com](mailto:secretary@greaterbaltimoreakitaclub.com).

### GET DOG FOOD RECALL ALERTS BY EMAIL

Dog food recalls are vital to maintaining a safe food supply for our dogs. Recalls that are conducted are almost always voluntary by the manufacturer. Only rarely does the FDA actually request a dog food recall.

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### Saving your pet with CPR

With pets increasingly being treated like a member of the family, many owners are learning emergency techniques like CPR to keep their pet alive before bringing it to a veterinarian.

**Check for breathing and pulse**  
Check pulse using middle and index finger below the wrist, inner thigh (femoral artery), below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.

**Look for other warning signs**  
• Gums and lips will appear gray-colored.  
• Pupils will be dilated and not responsive to light.

**If not breathing, give breath to animal**  
**Cats and small dogs**  
Place your mouth over its nose and mouth to blow air in.  
**Medium-large dogs**  
Place your mouth over its nose to blow air in.

**Heimlich maneuver**  
If breath won't go in, airway may be blocked. Turn dog upside down, with its back against your chest. Wrap your arms around the dog and clasp your hands together just below its rib cage (since you're holding the dog upside down, it's above the rib cage, in the abdomen). Using both arms, give five sharp thrusts to the abdomen. Then check its mouth or airway for the object. If you see it, remove it and give two more rescue breaths.

**Areas to check for pulse**

**Pupils**

**Gums**

**If there is no breathing and no pulse, begin CPR immediately.**

**Start compressions if no pulse**  
Lay animal on right side and place hand over ribs where its elbow touches the chest. Begin compressions. Do not give compressions if dog has pulse.

Animal size	Compress chest	Compressions per breath of air
Cat/small dog (Under 30 lbs.)	1/2-1 inch	5
Medium-large dog (30-90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	5
Giant dog (over 90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	10

**Repeat procedure**  
• Check pulse after 1 minute and then every few minutes.  
• Continue giving CPR until the animal has a pulse and is breathing.  
• Stop CPR after 20 minutes.

# GBAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

[www.greaterbaltimoreakitaclub.com](http://www.greaterbaltimoreakitaclub.com)

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior(s), if any: \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Akita Interests: Companion\_\_\_ Breeder\_\_\_ Conformation\_\_\_ Obedience\_\_\_ Tracking\_\_\_ Therapy\_\_\_ Agil-  
ity\_\_\_

Other Akita interests (please specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Akitas you have owned: Male\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_ How long\_\_\_\_\_

Number of registered Akita litters bred in the past five years: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of unregistered litters: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of AKC point shows or obedience trials exhibited at in past 3 years: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been suspended by AKC? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_ If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from a breed club? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_ If yes, please explain on a separate sheet.

Other dog clubs/activities you support or participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state why you wish to become a member. \_\_\_\_\_

I request membership in the Greater Baltimore Akita Club. I pledge to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of the Club and subscribe to the Club's Code of Ethics (*Akita Club of America Code of Ethics*).

Signature (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues – Individual: \$15.00 plus a non-refundable \$10.00 application fee. Please make check/money order (in US funds only) payable to GBAC. *Note: The membership year is July 1 - June 30. (Applicants between Jan 1 – May 31 pay \$7.50 plus application fee of \$10).*



## Oso's STRUGGLE

By Jodi Marcus and Lisa Gray

ARMAC has been anxiously awaiting the arrival of Oso for a few months. Osito (aka Oso) was a stray in Puerto Rico. Ms. Vivian Acevedo rescued him from the streets where clearly Oso has sustained some trauma to his shoulder and he was being repeatedly attacked by other dogs.

When Oso was taken in by All Sato Rescue it was found that he was heartworm positive, emaciated and was limping, most likely from being hit by a car. Oso was treated for the heart worms and his shoulder was x-rayed and evaluated. It was the opinion of the medical staff that Oso's shoulder injury was already healed, and while it clearly didn't heal correctly, he was not in any pain and it would be best to leave his shoulder alone. All Sato Rescue was not sure they would be able to find him a new home on the island so they contacted us.

ARMAC agreed to take him and after a few months of trying to arrange transport to the United States, almost taking off and it not quite happening, Oso boarded a plane and arrived in Virginia in late June.

Oso spent the first couple weeks with Jodi, at which time he was evaluated by an orthopedic specialist. The doctor reviewed the x-rays taken in Puerto Rico, examined Oso and felt that he had adapted very well to his injury, which left Oso with a mechanical limp caused by limited motion and a slightly shorter leg because of the way the shoulder healed. The doctor thoroughly manipulated Oso's shoulder and leg and stated that it appeared he was in no pain. He felt that Oso would be fine until he got older, around 10-12, when he might have arthritic problems, but many dogs that age suffer from arthritis, so no surprise there. Oso was a little anxious initially during the exam, but he settled down and just laid on the floor in spite of several distractions: several "yappy" dogs coming and going. Oso politely accepted the pets by vari-



ous strangers.

Oso arrived at his permanent foster home on July 2nd, where he will stay until his forever home is found. He has been quite a gentleman there and his foster family thinks he's a great guy also!

### UPDATE (As of July 31st)

Please keep our Oso in your thoughts and prayers. He is very ill and fighting a battle for his life. He was taken to the ER this past Sunday night with pale gums, fever, lethargic and poor appetite. It was clear that he was very sick. Yesterday his symptoms seemed to be stabilizing with indications he may be improving. Unfortunately this morning his fever was back. He underwent a sonogram with most things normal, with the exception of a slightly enlarged spleen. His white cell count is way down; his platelets are way down, his red blood cell count down. He has developed a heart arrhythmia and his lymph nodes are swollen.

Oso's symptoms are consistent with several conditions, some which are not easily diagnosed, but it's very possible it is one of the strains of tick borne diseases. So far his medical costs, including emergency care, hospitalization, x-rays, sonogram, blood work, and medications have come to nearly \$2400. If anyone would like to donate to help us defray his costs, it would be greatly appreciated. You may visit our website to donate via Paypal or mail a check with "Oso fund" in the memo field.

## Obedience Training

### DC/Maryland

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  
Paw Paw (304) 492-4075

## Kennels/Boarding

### DC/Maryland

Country Critters  
Millersville (410) 787-9592

Stacy King  
Myersville (301) 293-1737

### Virginia

Dana's Dog Care  
Manassas (703) 794-7576

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

## Akita Friendly Vets

### DC/Maryland

Friendship Animal Hospital  
DC (202) 363-7300

Norbeck Animal Clinic  
Silver Spring (301) 924-2416

Palmer Animal Hospital  
Myersville (301) 371-3333

### 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

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Animal Medical Center of Cascades  
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Morgantown (304) 599-8269

# AVAILABLE ORPHANS

CURRENT LIST OF AVAILABLE ARMAC ORPHANS

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

## Naomi

Spayed female, estimated age 5 years. Naomi really loves all the humans she has met, including children. As with many dogs who are so human oriented, there is sometimes some separation anxiety. Her anxiety levels seem to be improving. She is good with kitties, rides very well in a car, walks well on leash, loves attention and play. She has shown no aggression to date with other dogs. She panics in a crate, but does not she has a shining personality.



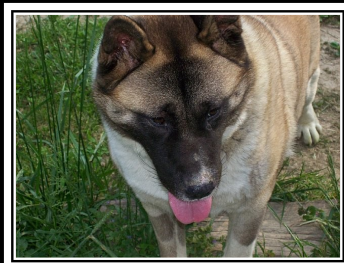
## Obie

Neutered male, age 12 years. This wonderful old soul was the meet and greet dog for a local bed and breakfast, that closed down. They tried to put him to sleep but no vet would do it. Obie is super social, but not clingy. He gets along with other dogs, ignores cats, doesn't seem fazed by large crowds and is good with children.



## Princess

Spayed female, estimated age 5-6 years. Princess is a stunningly beautiful female who loves everyone she meets. She is housebroken, good with most other dogs, obedient and very affectionate. Sadly, Princess suffers from Pemphigus, a common autoimmune dermatologic genetic condition. However, Princess is responding well to her medication and the long term management of her condition is very positive. She just patiently waits for a family that will allow her to win them over with her charm and affectionate nature.



## Hanna

Spayed female, estimated age 3 years. Hanna was a stray who recently had puppies, although they were never found. Despite her initial health problems, she is gentle, sweet and love everyone, including children. Hanna is fully housebroken, walks well on leash, rides well in the car, loves children, and is very easy to approach. She enjoys being around people. Please, no cats, other dogs, or small animals.



## Corey:

Neutered male, estimated age 1 year. Corey was chasing a fawn and found himself 20 feet down from the edge of a quarry on a ledge. Corey could not go up, and down was a long drop. He is still very thin, his vertebrae, hips and shoulders are showing quite clearly. He was a little anxious at first, but settled down and rode well in the car. He is a great boy, doesn't bother the cats and shows no signs of dog aggression.



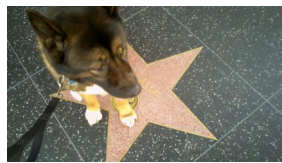
## Oso

Neutered male, age 3-4 years. Oso came to us from Puerto Rico where he was found running at large. It appears he was struck by a car at some point and the broken leg was not treated, therefore he walks with a limp but this does not dampen his spirit. Oso loves to play and is extremely well behaved. He can be reserved at first but when he gets to know you he warms up. Oso would do best in a home with older children and possibly a mellow female dog.





## POSTCARDS FROM HOME



~ Malachai ~  
Hollywood's Walk of Fame—Lassie's star.  
Courtesy of Carolyn Marcotte & Dave Rozell

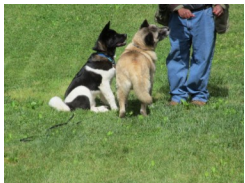
~ Yukon ~



Exhausted after playtime!  
Courtesy of The Rae's

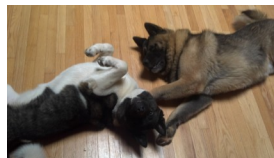


~ Zoey & Buddy ~  
What now Dad?  
Courtesy of The Boggs



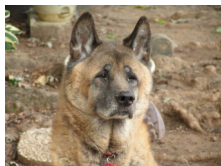
~ Sumo & Loki ~

Friends for Life!  
Courtesy of Adrian & Diana



## RAINBOW BRIDGE

*Our deepest condolences to the following...*

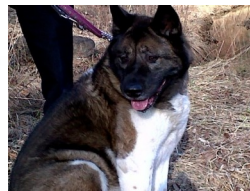


*The Marcus family on the loss of Pookie—the happy dog who put the “special” in “special needs”*

*The Petrie family on the loss of Houdini. Hootie will be greatly missed by her family and Pug friend.*



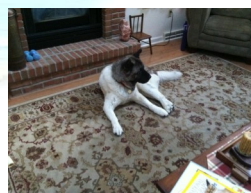
*Finka Cathey on the loss of Sammy (aka Osamu) who passed away too soon.*



*Jenn & Bill Stabley on the loss of Sasha.*



*Aaron Hoskins on the loss of Wyatt. Your spirit is at peace.*



## ABOUT ARMAC

Akita Rescue Mid-Atlantic Coast, Inc. has been serving the eastern seaboard for over 25 years. We fulfill a wide variety of Akita needs in the greater Washington DC area. We help educate potential Akita owners; we offer support to Akita owners, not only those who adopt from us, but all Akita owners regardless of where they got their Akita. But most importantly, we save the lives of Akitas that would otherwise be euthanized in area shelters. All of our fostered Akitas are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, micro-chipped, and temperament evaluated prior to adoption. Potential adopters are screened carefully and thoroughly to ensure we have a perfect match between family and Akita. Our assistance doesn't stop at adoption. We offer support to our adoptive families throughout the lifetime of their Akita.

Please visit our website for more information on how you can get involved:

[www.akitarescue.org](http://www.akitarescue.org)

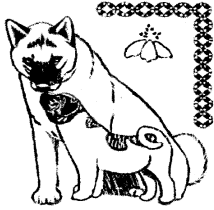
*Thank you for your donations!!*

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- Ruth Boggs*
- Robert Fisher*
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- The Gariazzo's*
- Robert Lee Harvey*
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- John Stroheker*
- Sharon Theologus*

*Congratulations On your adoption!!*

~ Ronin ~  
~ Kitana ~



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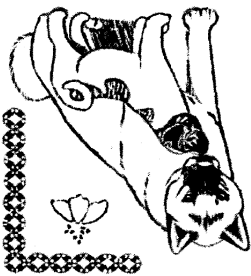
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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**FREDERICKSBURG PET EXPO**  
 SEPT 22 & 23, 2012  
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**K-9'S IN THE VINE**  
 OCT 28, 2012  
 1 PM-5 PM  
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