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Happy Tails!

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Building Safe Havens

The Volunteer Rescue Coordinator at the Humane Society of Marlboro County, one of the few all volunteer run county animal shelters in South Carolina, recently reached out to DITR. They operate the Marlboro County Animal Shelter in order to ensure that the homeless animals in their county are treated humanely and with respect. Their county has no animal control officer. Packs of stray dogs roam downtown Main Street and congregate at gas stations looking for food. The county council views euthanasia as the answer and not spay/neuter despite educational efforts otherwise.

Their county council recently made the decision to convert them to an open intake kill shelter with a 30 day hold due to community complaints that there is never enough room for people to bring in animals and strays. As soon as they finish renovating a new building this summer, they must move and comply as they are tearing down the current building. Many of the dogs with the Human Society are long timers who have been with them over 6 months, some for 2

years! They get very few adoptions in their rural area and currently only send about 4 to 8 dogs per week to rescue. They are attempting to make more rescue partnerships to prepare to handle the overwhelming influx of dogs that they will start receiving once they move and the new time limits are implemented.

DITR has committed to six of their animals (see the featured Diamonds section on page 3) and has helped facilitate communications to other local rescues as well as additional rescues across the border and throughout the North East.

DITR would like to thank our sister rescues for sharing our emails and posts. A special "Thank You" goes to North Chautauqua Canine Rescue, Buffalo Cares, Educate-a-Bull, Camp Lots of Dogs (Ontario), and ACRA who committed to some of the Marlboro dogs. With everyone's hard work, we are ecstatic to report that **no dogs have been left** without a safe place to go! DITR is so proud to be part of such great teamwork!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW ONLINE STORE:

<http://www.cafepress.com/diamondsintheruffny>

Merchandise includes car items, bags and wallets, buttons and magnets, cases and covers, clothing, drinkware, hats and accessories, home goods, jewelry, pet items, stickers and signs, and more! DITR receives all proceeds.

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Volunteer Spotlight:

Krissa Halter

- 1) **Do you have any pets?** Diezel & Zena and Jack the cat
- 2) **How long have you been involved with DITR?** Seth & I have been fostering for DITR for 2.5 years.
- 3) **What's your favorite DITR memory?** It's hard to pick a favorite memory, I think it's a tie between all the times that our fosters have gone home to their forever families. It's always bitter sweet because I love them all! But I also remember talking to Maria on the phone for the first time telling me about Mia who would be our very first foster! I was so excited and could not wait to meet Mia!! That also ranks up there with favorite memories.
- 4) **What is your favorite TV show/movie?** Downtown Abbey
- 5) **Do you have any other hobbies?** reading, running
- 6) **A fun fact about you:** Hmm...I'm pretty boring these days, but when I was in college I bungee jumped off the Victoria Falls Bridge while I was in Zimbabwe for the semester.



Update from the Board

Our second annual St. Paw-tty's Day was standing room only as the fundraiser was filled to capacity! Diamonds in the Ruff would like to thank our volunteers and generous community members for their donations. We truly appreciate it and cannot express our gratitude enough. Diamonds in the Ruff would also like to thank Cambria Volunteer Fire Company, Certo Brothers, Papa Leo's, and Johnston DJ Services for their support with this event. A very special thank you to Cambria Volunteer Fire Fighter Howard Morgan for all his assistance with set up and tear down and his endless patience with us. As there are always more animals to be rescued and loved, the fundraising never ends so be sure to check out page 5 for what's up and coming. We hope to see everyone again soon!

Diamonds in the Ruff undergoing some restructuring in the next few months. We ask everyone to please be patient as we navigate through this change. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Maria or Tammy at diamondunderdogs@yahoo.com.



Heaven received another angel: Our dear sweet Lootah.

Almost all of Lootah's life from a puppy to just 6 months ago was spent on the end of a thick chain. Lootah had an owner for awhile until he moved, leaving Lootah behind in the back yard. Attached to his collar by a padlock. He was alone all the time.

Lootah came to Diamonds at the age of 12 and found a loving fur-ever home. He was loved beyond belief during the 6 months that he was home. Treated like a king. Wearing sweaters, eating good food, going for walks and sleeping on a warm comfortable bed. He also had eye surgery to make him feel better.

Lootah passed dearly loved and not on the end of a chain. He is now running free with all his new dog friends.

Featured Diamonds:



Waylon is a gorgeous, friendly 1 year old male lab/border collie mix with one blue eye and one brown eye. He loves to play and have fun and enjoys riding in the car. He loves other dogs his size. No cats please.

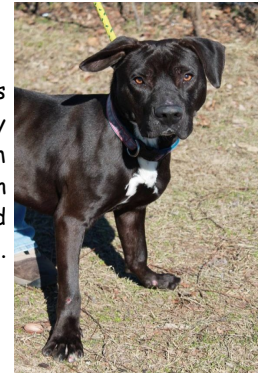


Dusty is a male hound mix puppy about 1-2 year old. He is great with other dogs but is shy with humans. He was adopted last year but kept escaping the fenced yard to the shelter. He dug a hole to get back inside the shelter fence and our volunteers found him there the next morning. It was heartbreaking to think that this poor guy feels like the shelter is his true home.



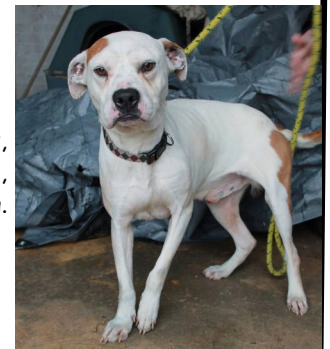
Buddy, NKA Walter, is an 8 year old, 59 lbs black lab. He is quiet, friendly, gets along with other dogs (though he does not want to play) and is pretty easygoing fellow. He is looking for a loving family and soft fluffy bed to relax in for his twilight years. Buddy's owner passed away and he had him from a puppy, so he has ever known only one home and that was outdoors and not well cared for.

Dupont is a goofy and shiny black / white bullie mix, with floppy jowls and oversized feet. He is just about 1 year old and 60 lbs. He is very active, a little clumsy and needs a good amount of exercise. No cats or farm animals please. He loves people and likes to bury himself in blankets when he is cuddled up. He also loves to climb into your lap and pretend he is a lap dog.



Rex is a 2-3 year old male, hound / lab mix. He is very sweet and loves everyone he meets. He is eager to play with other dogs and is always on the lookout to make new friends. Great with kids too!

Able is a very loving 2 year old male, and is 47 lbs. He is underweight, and has an old injury (break) in his front left leg that healed wrong, so he doesn't use it much. He is very friendly, sweet and easygoing.



Murphy is a 6 to 9 month hound mix and is 32 lbs. He was born to a stray mom as part of a litter of 9. He is the runt of the litter and we brought him to the shelter because his siblings, that are in foster, had begun to pick on him. He is very scared and needs a special person to step up for him.

Tootie Pie is a senior deer fawn chi mix, who is 9 years old and 11 pounds. She was owner surrender and had been living with her mom in a car. She was then adopted a few months ago by a new owner, who has since lost his home.



Ruthie only weighs 27 lbs and is 3 years old. She is the mom of Sandy. She has a growth on her neck that we need to get checked out.

Sandy is a 1 year male and is 44 lbs. He is the son of Ruthie. He is scared at the shelter and shy.

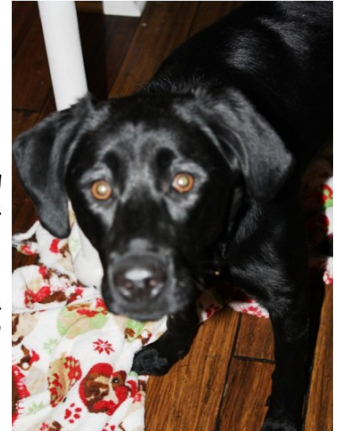


Wildlife Living with Morris the Moose!

Hi friends, it's me Morris, Morris the Moose, that's me!

Mom and her rescue friends had this big St Paw-tty's Day party. They work real hard raising something they call money. I don't know what that is but, it must be good cuz Mom says she needs it to feed me. An' I like to eat! Eatin' is my favoritest thing in the whole world!

She came home from da party with these boxes that smelled real good, ya know, kinda like grapes. So, when she left I had to check 'em out, ya see. OMG! There was this most amazin' liquid in there. I couldn't stop myself. I had both boxes ripped open an' dug in. It made me feel kinda funny. I fell an' I couldn't get up! *



Mom came runnin' in freakin' out. I don't know why, I was the one who falled. She made me sit in my crate an' that made me mad, so I started barkin' and biting at the crate. The whole time she was cleaning up the yummy stuff an' you know what she did? She threwed it out! Why did she throwed it out?

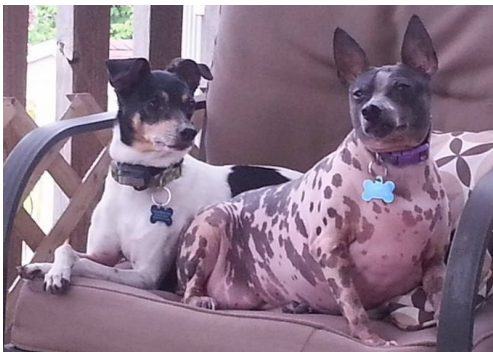
She let me outta da crate an' took me outside. Boy, did I have to pee. I was still feelin' funny tho. I started stumblin'. I peed all ova myself and Mom laughed at me! Can you believe it? She said I was "just like a man, getting drunk an' peeing on myself" - I don't know what that means. When I started feeling good again, I was thirsty. I drank so much water. Mom hasn't brought any of that amazin' liquid in the box home again. She says she won't ever again. She can be mean sometimes.

** PLEASE NOTE - Morris' vet was contacted immediately and consulted on what actions needed to be taken in order to ensure his safety.*

Success Stories

Happy Tails to some the following rescues:

KONA and CATURRA found their fur-ever home—they were at it all along! Kona and Caturra had been with their foster family for over a year when they decided they just



couldn't be parted with the pair! Happy foster failure to their mom, Lisa Stephen!

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| Maggie | Trixie | Buddy | Molly |
| Izzy | Ivy | Sugar | Gwen |
| Dolly | Sophie | Meli | Wendy |
| Mega Puss Rex | Zobby | Louie | Marley |
| Rivers | Lily | Murphy | Alfie |
| Brooklyn | Miles Bradley | Mecca | Rocky |
| Bella (Doberman) | Bella (hound) | Carl (FNA Buddy) | |





Community Events

On the first Sunday of every month, DITR will be at Grandpaws Pet Emporium on Center Street in Lewiston from 1pm-4pm with adoptables and merchandise.

DITR will be at the Lockport PetSmart store every second Saturday of the month from 10am-2pm with some of our adoptables.

On the last Saturday of every month, DITR will be at Clyde's store in Wrights Corners from 10am-2pm.

Stop out and see us or bring your foster for an outing! If you would like to volunteer at any of our community events or if you know of any community events DITR may be interested in participating at, please email us.

Fundraisers

Save the dates!! Also, watch our Facebook page for new adds and events!

Saturday, July 18th we are at Lockport Market.

Sunday, July 26th from 1-6 is our Valvoline Car Show. Come out and see our adoptables and some fancy rides!

Sunday, July 26th at 7pm Becker Farms will host a Farm to Table event for us. Dinner, hayride, and bon fire will be included in ticket price. Tickets can be purchased online or at Becker Farms.

Sunday, Aug 2nd is our Rolling Hills Asylum vendor fair.

Monday, August 3 Paint on Tap in Williamsville will host a painting fundraiser benefitting DITR. Cost is \$40 for your reservation and materials, with DITR receiving half of every registration fee! And guys, don't be shy! You can join too! Hurry, space is limited!

Sunday, August 9th we will be at Smooches for Pooches for a multi-rescue event.

Saturday, Aug 29th will be our Chicken BBQ at Oh Sugar. We will be selling tickets for this event. We will be getting the chicken from an independent source, whom is being very generous. We will need lots of volunteers for this event. More info to come on this event.

Monday, Sept. 21st will be our event at Gianni Mazia's in Clarence. All pizza sales that night will benefit the rescue.

TBD - Our second annual Chowder Sale will be in late October/early November.

Did you know there are ways you can donate to DITR besides donating? DITR has the following ongoing fundraisers:

Cans and Bottle Drive: just drop them off at any Bottle Junction location or Fast Cash Bottle & Can Redemption Center in Lockport and tell them it's for DITR!

Gust of Sun Winery crafts a special wine for DITR and donates a portion of the sales to us! So if you need a gift for a wine lover, consider Gust of Sun's Diamond wine!

ResQwalk or WalkForADog: download either of these walking apps and select DITR as your favorite walk to donate your miles. Those miles turn into shares of the weekly prize pot!

Amazon Smile: order from Amazon and select DITR as a designated charity!

FreshScoop: order cat items from FreshScoop.com and donate your Paw Points to DITR for future litter, cat food, cat toys, etc. purchases!

As always, monetary donations can be made to Diamonds in the Ruff at any time. Also, if you have any fundraising ideas or opportunities that Diamonds in the Ruff qualifies for or may be interested in, please contact us!