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Happy Tails!

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Four Paws Up for St. Paw-tty's Day Fundraiser

Our first ever St. Paw-tty's Day fundraising efforts on Saturday, March 15th surpassed all our expectations, as weeks of planning came together in a fabulous event. Plans are already underway for next year's event!



If you missed out on the St. Paw-tty's Day t-shirts, there are still some available for a discounted price of \$10. Sizes are limited so please email diamondunderdogs@yahoo.com if you would like to order one.

Our mission is simple: to advocate for and rescue high risk animals. The proceeds of this event will allow Diamonds in the Ruff to not only continue the support of animals currently in our care, but will enable us to help many more animals in need of rescuing and loving fur-ever families. We are dedicated to making a difference, one life at a time!

Our day started off setting up, which was held at Cambria Volunteer Fire Company in Cambria. Naively, we set up five or six tables and started placing the donated baskets on them. We quickly ran out of room and baskets were still being delivered! When the doors opened at 6:30 that night, there were almost 120 baskets for the raffle and 20 items for the high end raffle!

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, Gust of Sun Winery, Walnut Street Liquor, Certo Brothers, Papa Leo's, Johnston DJ Services and K9 Krunchers 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. Without such phenomenal support, we could not help our animals!



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Update from the Board

Hello, wonderful volunteers!

As exciting as our inaugural newsletter is, we do have some sad news to share with you. After much discussion, we came to a decision that we can't financially afford to stay at the rescue anymore. It was a difficult decision for us but a necessary one. A physical location requires a large financial commitment. While we have many fundraisers in the works but at the moment, the money used for our location expenses could be used for saving more animals. That being said, we will only be at the rescue until the end of June. Our plan is to be foster based for a while. We hope to be able to find another location in the future without having to compromise our mission to help as many abused, neglected or forgotten animals as we can.

We want to thank all of our volunteers who have spent time with our animals at the rescue. Your willingness to donate so much of your time to help care for and socialize our rescues humbles us. We are so grateful to work with such selfless and generous people!

Volunteer Spotlight

Lisa and Kindra Stephens

- 1) Do you have any pets?
We have two dogs, Sophie and Sasha. Also a pet bunny named Pop-corn.
- 2) How long have you been involved with DITR?
We have been involved with DITR for a little over a year.
- 3) What's your favorite activity/game with the DITR animals?
With the dogs our favorite game is usually fetch. The cats we usually play with the teaser toys.
- 4) What's your favorite DITR memory?
My favorite memory is when I was trusted to do the meet and greet with potential adopters for Titan and Rocky. I was so overwhelmed that the person wanted to adopt them I was in tears. They had been with us so long and they are such good boys. Now they're in a great home.
- 5) What's your favorite movie/TV show?
My favorite TV show is Chicago PD. Kindra's is Pretty Little Liars.
- 6) Do you have any other hobbies?
We do the movies a lot. Especially in the summer. We can take our dogs with us to the drive in. Also Kindra is great at writing poetry.



Thanks, Lisa and Kindra for all that you do for DITR!

Featured Diamonds:

Dobby

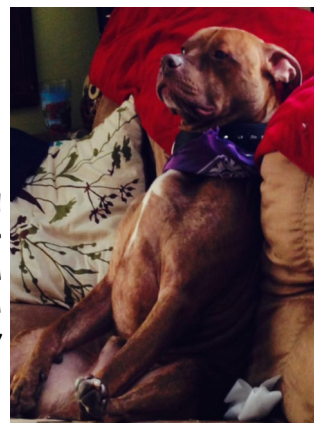
Breed: Pit bull mix

Age: Approximately 3 years old

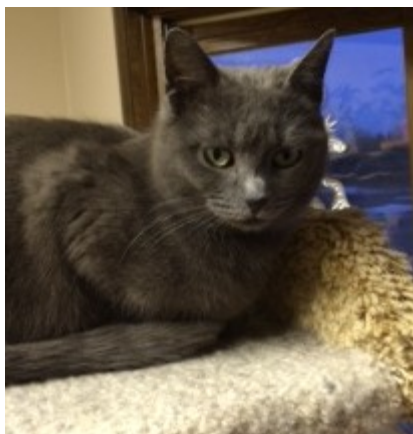
My Story: My family had to move and couldn't take me with them. It was very, very sad and I miss them so much! They named me after the house elf in the Harry Potter movies - maybe you like the Harry Potter movies too and you can be my new family? I'm only a pooch and not a real house elf so I can't promise to help with the chores but I'm good with other dogs and kids so I guarantee some type of entertainment on a daily basis.

Favorite Activity: I love going for walks! Especially when the walks take me past my new friends the llamas! Such funny looking creatures with all the hair but they seem to like me too!

Funny Fact: My favorite movie is Scooby Doo! That's what I'm watching in my picture. He's my hero!



Nellie



Age: Approximately 2 years old

My Story: I was found at Krull Park in Olcott, left to fend for myself.

Favorite Activity: I love snuggling! In fact, I'll butt your hand with my head to get me some lovin'! Now that I've warmed up to everyone at the rescue, I'm not shy. I'm an equal opportunity cuddler - ask any of my kitty roomies! The new cat Ruffles has taken a shine to me!

Funny Fact: I love the kitty condos at the rescue. I'll lounge in there all day if you let me! I like to pretend I'm a queen and it's my castle.

New Arrivals

It's been a busy year already! Please help us to welcome our new animal friends:

Ruffles the Cat: he's a little shy so you will most likely find him hiding under the couch!

Mittens and TigTig: this beautiful duo are friends of Ruffles and helping to ease his shyness, that is when they aren't hiding themselves!

Dobby: he's a little nervous without his human sisters and the rest of his family.

Nena: she's originally from Puerto Rico!

Spuds: he's still an itty-bitty pittie!

Jack & Molly: our two 2 Boxer Siblings! They're already causing quite the stir on the adoption circuit!



Please remember that we are **ALWAYS** looking for new foster families for our rescued animals! If you are willing to open your heart and home, or know someone else who is willing, please contact Diamonds in the Ruff and complete a foster application today!



Community Events

We are always looking for events to promote our animals! Here's what we have coming in the next few weeks:

Sunday, April 27 - "The Dog Walk" at Hilbert College, 11am-2pm

Saturday, June 7 - "The Wilson Dog Paddle"

Sunday, June 22 - "Kenmore Dog Days of Summer" at Kenmore Town Hall

If you would like to volunteer at any of our community events, please contact Nola at noli_oli@yahoo.com or email DITR. Also, if you know of any community events that Diamonds in the Ruff may be interested in participating at, please email Nola with the information.

Fundraisers

Fundraising is crucial to small rescue organizations. Please help spread the word on our fundraising efforts below:

Thursday, June 12 - Krolick's Fish Fry, 3pm - 7pm (or until we run out of fish!)

Saturday, June 21 - Diamonds in the Ruff Garage Sale

As always, donations can be made to Diamonds in the Ruff at any time. Please email Diamonds to make a donation! Also, if you have any fundraising ideas or opportunities that Diamonds in the Ruff qualifies for or may be interested in, please contact Amy Cummings at amy.cummings7997@gmail.com.

Success Stories

Everyone can agree that finding a fur-ever home is the best happily-ever-after for a rescue animal.

Miss Panda and Miss Chloe have also found their fur-ever families! These lovely ladies were so patient and we can't be more thrilled for them! Nino has also found his fur-ever home, with human sisters and a huge yard to romp in—what more could the big lug ask for?! Happy tails, Nino, Panda and



Chloe! We cannot wait to get some updates!

Maximillan, one of the new arrivals and DITR's resident gentle

giant, went to his foster home too! He has a human sister who cannot wait to read him some happily-ever-after stories!

Not to be out done, Max the golden retriever got real serious about finding his forever family once we brought him up here! His stay was short, but sweet, and we're thrilled Max has a home to call his own!

Maybe to make it one better is when that happily-ever-after is a foster failure! Congratulations to Buck and Wrangler, our two brothers who were fostered by Lauren and Colin! Despite actively promoting Buck and Wrangler with potential homes and participating in adoption events, Lauren and Colin realized that they're lives would not be complete without the handsome duo and have claimed them for their own!



Buck and Wrangler join new human family and doggie brother, Cody.

We are also very excited to report that our very own king of toys, Nero, has a foster family!! A huge thank you to Charlie Wheeler for opening his home to our resident lick.