

e-WOOF

Electronic Newsletter for Wyoming's Out-of-Options Furkids

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e-WOOF is a bi-monthly e-newsletter produced by a small group of Wyoming dog rescuers in an effort to highlight shelter dogs in critical need of help.

e-WOOF spotlights many dogs that face euthanasia within days unless they are rescued, fostered, or adopted.

Transport can be arranged, in most cases, to approved adoptive or foster homes or rescue organizations.

Please help us! These are good, healthy, happy, loving dogs that are out of luck and out of time.

We urge you to crosspost to e-mail lists and Web groups, forward to friends, send to co-workers, and share with family.

We hope our weekly efforts, combined with yours, will save many lives.

For the dogs -- **Christina, Jan, Sherry, & Kathy**

Urgent-Riverton; NEEDS A HOME ASAP!



Niko



2-1/2 year old, German Shepherd Dog, male. Niko is neutered, up to date on shots, good with kids, does not chew, and very happy and friendly with people. He minds well and is housebroken but has been living outdoors. He loves to go for rides in cars and is well-behaved in the car. He cannot be around male dogs or cats.

Contact: rottusrus@hooperlaw.net

Urgent-Casper; Big Stretch!



Rosie



1-year old Lab/Husky mix, female. Rosie is well started: nice to handle, sits, good on leash, and housetrained. She is an enjoyable, young companion dog--short, clean coat; Lab disposition, Husky marking.

Contact: rainbowescuesbesnan.net

Volunteer...e-mail
thezootwo@vcn.com



Transporters needed...

If you can help drive a dog to safety, please join our transporters list.

Foster homes needed... If you can open your home to a dog in need, please join our fosters list. Dogs will be vetted and altered prior to entering a foster home. A rescue or shelter will actively pursue adopters for each foster dog.

For more information on volunteering, please e-mail **Sherry** at thezootwo@vcn.com. Joining these lists does not obligate you to foster or transport. We welcome volunteers from all states.

Color-codes Key...

Urgent

Must be moved this week.



Time Limited

Must be moved soon. Time can be extended if place is found and transport is being arranged.



Special Needs/Senior

Old dog or dog with treatable medical condition. At risk due to lack of space/funds.



Other

In critical need of help but does not fit in another category (i.e., hit by car, needs donations for emergency surgery).



Update

Good news...!





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Special Needs--Sheridan



Slim – 8 year old Border Collie, male. Slim is neutered, housebroken, has excellent leash manners, and is good with other dogs. Poor Slim was left when his ranch home was sold in October and the old owners moved to town, and the new ranch owners let him starve. He made his way to a

friendly place and let himself be caught. *Now he cannot get enough attention!* His vaccinations are current and he has had a complete health check. He does have an arthritic knee but comes with a "trust" fund to help pay for his medicine. He would do best with a family with a friendly dog that likes to play and someone who is mostly home. **Contact: Jody Fay, dogsetc@bresnan.net,**

307-672-9354



Urgent--Casper Haley



1-year old Pointer mix, female. Haley is smart, strong, hunter driven. Pretty white/liver, she needs basic training and attention.

Contact: rainbowescuesbesnan.net



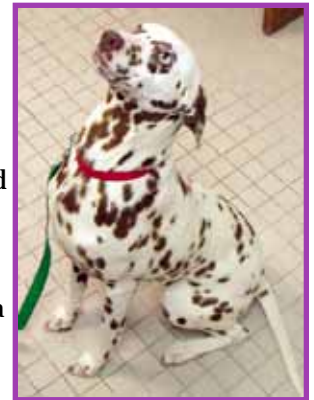
Special Needs--Casper

Bounce – 20-month old, Cattle Dog, female. Spayed, intelligent, and recently diagnosed as deaf. Bounce is housebroken and is learning hand commands quickly. She needs a permanent home where she can learn a job to keep her occupied—preferably a home with no small children. She would make a great agility dog. She is current on her shots.

Contact: Jamie Campbell, demaineimage@bresnan.net or 307-266-0945.

Special Needs--Newcastle

Kayla – 1-year old, Dalmation, female. Kayla is a beautiful liver and white dalmation—young, active, and very affectionate. She is also deaf and in need of a special home that will give her the love and training she needs. She is very responsive to food as a reward and sits when given the chance for a treat! She will be very trainable in a home that is willing to be patient and devote time and energy to her upbringing. Check out www.deafdogs.org for info on raising a deaf dog.



Contact: Christina, bdaddyLL@wyoming.com



URGENT from the Humane Society of Park County

Contact: 307-587-5110 or loveonaleash@vcn.com



Buck – 1-1/2 year old Hound mix, male. Buck is a very loving dog. His previous owners never allowed him in the house, so he would need some work.



Yoda – 5-year old German Shepard/ Pit Bull mix. Yoda is a very loyal dog. She's very sweet and loves to be loved. She will jump short fences, so she would need a tall fence.



Cassie – 3-year old Shepard mix, female. Cassie is an all-around great dog. She seems to get along with most other dogs, doesn't mind cats, and she does very well with kids.



Sable – 6-month old Chow mix, female. Sable is very playful! She needs someone to love her and be patient with her.





SMILE--Youre' on "Canine" Camera!



Anna helped her Mommy transport **ZENA** (who was featured in the April 7 e-WOOF), to Cheyenne, Wyoming. From Cheyenne, volunteers drove Zena to Denver, Colorado, where Zena's new family met them and drove Zena to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she began her new life!



BAXTER (top, left) and **HAPPY** have become the "best of buds" since they were adopted and now live in Laramie, WY. Happy was adopted from the September 2007 e-WOOF and Baxter was adopted recently from an animal shelter.

Updates

- Dolly** -- Casper Adopted
- Zena** -- Douglas Adopted
- Pua** -- Casper Adopted
- Simon** -- Casper Adopted
- Jackie** -- Gillette Adopted

Lorie from South Dakota is in love with her handsome **Big Black Dog GUS** from Big Sky Rottweiler Rescue. Companionship and "alerting" barks are great reasons for adopting a Rotty.



DOC (named for Senator Dr. John Barrasso) is transported from the Gillette shelter by Kristi Wallin (Senator Barasso's State Director). Kristi incorporates animal transport into her job whenever possible.



FANNY, a rescue from Riverton, is shown with the new love of her life, Jack Carriger, from Butte, Montana. Walking his new companion dog has improved Jack's health in countless ways!



One of the benefits from transporting is getting a free neck massage from a passenger. **DINKY** was on her way to a rescue in Rapid City when she spent the night in Douglas.

SIERRA from Metro Animal Shelter, now living in Denver (the May 2007 e-WOOF) knows a few new tricks!



E-mail thezootwo@vcn.com for our "8 million reasons to spay & neuter" poster. Print it out...hang it up!

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact thezootwo@vcn.com It's free...!

REMEMBER: Adopt, don't shop... If you're in the market for a special friend, please let us know what you're looking for. We'll watch the shelters and alert you when we hear of one in need.





Big Black Dog

*The following article appeared on <http://www.CNN.com/living...>
we thought it was interesting information to share with you.*



NEW YORK (AP) -- When Aaron Jones walks Gozer, his Rottweiler-hound mix, people cross the street to avoid them. Mothers scoop up their children. A lost motorist once rolled up the windows and drove off after spotting the dog. One woman screamed. Kit-Kat, a 5-year-old female Rottweiler, wears a bandana at Humane Society of Vero Beach in Florida.

"He's the nicest dog I know," said Jones, 33, of Oakland, California. "It's hard to understand all the fear."

Gozer isn't aggressive and doesn't look mean or bark, Jones insists -- people are afraid of the dog purely because it's big and black. As a puppy, Gozer was passed over for at least a month before Jones took him home. According to animal shelter officials, big, black dogs like Gozer have more trouble finding a happy home than do other dogs. Some shelters even have a name for it: "Big black dog syndrome."

Nobody tracks the problem nationally, and local shelters often keep only limited data on the sizes, breeds and colors of the dogs that are adopted or put down, according to the Humane Society and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "But anecdotally," said Stephen Musso, executive vice president of the ASPCA, "that's what we hear from shelter after shelter: Big, black dogs just don't get adopted."

At the city animal shelter in Rogers, Arkansas, big, black dogs almost always make up the bulk of the animals put to sleep each month. Last month, 13 of the 14 dogs killed by the city were large and black -- mostly Labs, shepherd mixes, pit bull mixes and Rottweilers, said Rhonda Dibasilio, manager of the city Animal Services Department. It's not just that large dogs can be frightening: Animal shelters say black dogs of all sizes are difficult to photograph for online listings, and are hard to spot against the shadows of their crates and cages in dimly lighted kennels. Older black dogs with a little white in their muzzles can look elderly. Bigger breeds like German shepherds or Chows aren't as fashionable as small, cuddly lap dogs. Then there's the reputation. The idea of a big, black dog unleashing destruction is a common theme in books, movies and folklore as diverse as "The Hound of the Baskervilles," the "Harry Potter" series and "The Omen."

Even the common sign "Beware of Dog" depicts a big, black dog, teeth bared and gums dripping. The notion that the animals are menacing is so pervasive that Winston Churchill famously called depression "the black dog." People are often wary of dark dogs because it's difficult to read their expressions, said Paul Nicosi, the dog behavior specialist at Bide-A-Wee animal shelter in New York City. Without defined eyebrows, a playful grin might be construed as an angry grimace, he said. "There isn't a lot of contrast between black eyes and a black face, so people can't get a handle on how the dog is feeling," Nicosi said.

Joseph Giannini, owner of the Chicago dog-walking and doggie day care service Urban Out Sitters, said people may subconsciously snub big black dogs because they aren't comfortable with what the pet may say about the owner. "If I'm out with a Yorkie I definitely get treated very differently than if I'm walking a big Rottweiler or a dark pit bull mix," he said. "You look at the owner of a big, black dog and you might think, 'Oh, there's a tough guy. I better avoid him and his mean dog.'" It doesn't help that a quirk of dark-dog biology has led to an overabundance of large, black dogs, said Alex Yaffe, who founded Heartland Lab Rescue, a network for rescuing abandoned Labrador retrievers in Oklahoma. Labradors and pit bulls are resilient dogs who tend to have big litters of five or more, which increases overpopulation.

One black dog, Coal, took more than six months to find a home despite a sweet temperament, excellent recommendations, and a featured spot on Yaffe's Web site. "He was just black," Yaffe said. "That was his one offense."

The Web site blackpearldogs.com, a resource devoted to increasing public awareness of the "big black dog phenomenon," offers some lighthearted reasons to adopt a big, black dog: Their color doesn't clash with furniture or clothing, hides dirt well, and is easy to accessorize. In other words, black dogs could be the new black.

The dogs do appeal to those who want protection on walks late at night, or men who seek a canine boost of machismo, said Sandra DeFeo, the co-executive director of the Humane Society of New York. And there's a certain contingent of dog lovers who specifically seek out black dogs because of their connection to the trendy Black Dog bakery on Martha's Vineyard. "But either way, feelings aren't based on fact," she said. "Any dog can be friendly or unfriendly -- big, black dogs and little Chihuahuas alike."

Please Note: The e-WOOF newsletter editor will be on vacation and there will be no May 5 issue. However, shelters are welcome to e-mail Kathy, Jan, Sherry, or Christina if they have an emergency.

