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There's Always Room For More

submitted by Indrani (PPR volunteer)

If I were asked to describe myself I would answer that I am a dog person! I notice the dog before I even notice there is a person at the other end of the leash. I always have dog treats in my pocket.

Ten years ago I volunteered at a no kill shelter walking and leash training dogs. It was difficult going to the shelter and all the dogs pulled at my heartstrings. On my birthday I adopted a mini Australian Shepherd that I had been walking while volunteering at the shelter. Cleo had been abused, was very fearful, and it took two years of patience and love before she came out of her shell. She remained a bit on the neuroticside, but she was the LOVE of my life.

Cleo was diagnosed with oral melanoma when she was only 7 years old. Despite all the medical treatments we tried (including radiation, chemotherapy and acupuncture), poor Cleo passed away about 9 months after she was diagnosed. I was not sure I could share my heart with another canine companion. One of the most bittersweet aspects of this human life is falling in love with an animal knowing that you will certainly live longer. Saying goodbye to a beloved pup is one of the hardest things any of us have to bear.

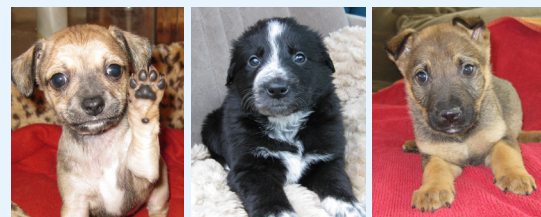
A few short weeks later, I was sitting outside a coffee shop when a woman walked by with a beautiful shepherd mix puppy. Of course I stopped to pet the dog and inquired where the adorable puppy came from. I learned she adopted her puppy from Pound Puppy Rescue. I emailed PPR and started volunteering that week, making phone calls to potential adopters and attending events to interview families. I liked how PPR fostered all their puppies in private homes where they could get love and attention.

Pound Puppy Rescue Volunteers are a group of almost 30 people who all have huge hearts. 100% of all donations go to the puppies as PPR has no paid staff. The reward we receive as volunteers is watching the adoptive families smile hugely as they take their new addition home with them. Pound Puppy Rescue has become my second family. We all strive to reach one goal: to make a difference in the lives of dogs. I just got an email saying that we are on our way to saving 100 dogs this year already, and it is only March! I am so very proud to be part of such a truly amazing group of people.

As for me, I ended up adopting a dog from PPR shortly after beginning to volunteer with them. He was part of the "Designer" litter; a litter that was left in a cardboard box outside the door

Pound Puppy Rescue is a volunteer-run organization whose purpose is to keep puppies out of overcrowded shelters where they are at risk for disease and euthanasia.

In February 2009 Pound Puppy Rescue started a new chapter in Grass Valley / Nevada City, where our first three litters (Bambi Litter, Sporty Litter, and New Dawn Litter) are being fostered by local volunteers.



Thumper
(Bambi)

Yoga
(Sporty)

Dusky
(New Dawn)

If you live in the Grass Valley / Nevada City area and would like to volunteer as a foster or adoption counselor please call Kathleen at 530/274.8079 or send email to poundpuppyrescue@comcast.net.

of a vet office. It was January and the puppies were only a couple of days old. One of the puppies had died of exposure before they were discovered, and another passed away that evening, despite a dedicated PPR volunteer bottle feeding every few hours and keeping them warm throughout the night. I am so grateful for



Sutter

the foster who nursed the litter back to health. "Dolce" (now named Sutter) is a wonderful addition to our family, none worse for the wear. He is a

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two-year-old, seventy pound "mutt" with an unusual red color, humungous ears and a huge personality.

Just a month ago we adopted number two. He was found by an Oakland Police Officer; apparently someone was selling the litter from the back of a pick-up truck. The puppy, now named Marshall is a black lab mix with a very mellow personality and eyes that melt your heart.



Marshall, the newest addition to our family

Pound Puppy Rescue is a major part of my life now. If you send us an email, I will most likely be the one to answer it. I look forward to hearing from you, and I look forward to helping you find your next furry friend.

How You Can Help

If you'd like to get involved, there are many volunteering opportunities available, including:

- Fostering
- Adoption Counselor
- Event Coordination
- Web Maintenance & Development
- Transport
- Home Checks
- Marketing

Visit www.poundpuppyrescue.org or email poundpuppyrescue@hotmail.com for more info.

If you don't have time to spare but would still like to help, there are several ways to make a tax-deductible donation.

- Give online by clicking the "Donate" button on our website
- Send checks to Pound Puppy Resuce at:
P.O. Box 2503
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Don't forget to check with your employer about matching your contributions!



Cali

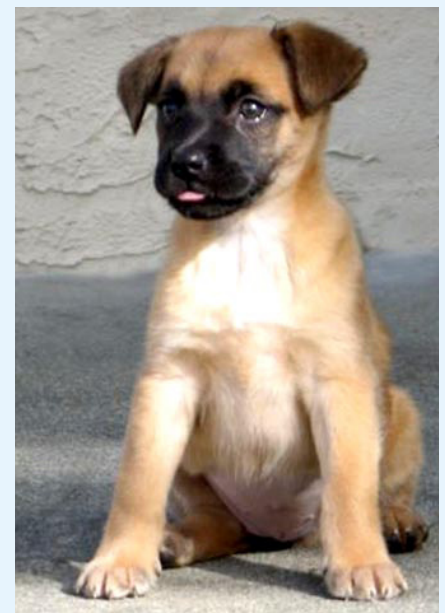
submitted by Patrice (adopting family)

It had been a few years that my beloved "Nicky" passed away when in December 2004, I was feeling as if I was ready for another dog.

I saw a posting for an adoption event at a local Pet Food Express and met volunteers from Pound Puppy Rescue. I was encouraged to purchase "Before and After Getting Your Puppy" by Ian Dunbar since it had been many years since I had a puppy. I went home and read the book which promptly scared the pants off of me! I had forgotten all the work it takes to raise a puppy. Potty training, crate training, socializing, puppy training classes... but I wasn't worried because there were so many interested adopters at the event I figured I probably wouldn't be selected anyway. A few days later I was notified that PPR wanted to adopt one of the puppies to me! YIKES! I told the volunteer that after reading the book I decided I wasn't quite ready. One of the main reasons PPR encourages adopters to read the book and "sleep on it" is because it is much better to realize this before taking a puppy home than after. So, for two months I was "Auntie" to all my friend's dogs and was quite content playing and running with their dogs.

As fate would have it PPR sent me a photo of a litter of adorable Shepherd mix puppies. I drove to the event convinced I was going to "just look" at the puppies. After all, visions of Ian Dunbar were still swirling in my head. My friend and I arrived at the event to see a litter of the sweetest pups I have ever seen.

They were sleeping in a jumble, one on top of the other, like a Norman Rockwell painting. My friend pointed out the female pup (I was skeptical because I had always had male dogs) and a volunteer let me hold the puppy. As the doggie gods would have it, this sweet puppy and I were meant to be. I adopted her and named her Cali.



Cali, as a little puppy

Cali was of course a very smart dog and learned quickly. She has become such an integral part of my life and I couldn't imagine my life without her. Cali's quirky trademarks include always having to have a toy in her mouth and the ridge which forms on her back when she is worried. One of her most endearing features is that she has body image issues. She weighs 57 pounds and thinks she is a little

Girl Scout Service Project

The Girl Scouts of Northern California, Troop 61425 in Santa Clara Valley helped assemble over 200 Pound Puppy Rescue adoption packets!



lap dog! It is known by all who visit that inviting Cali onto the couch next to them will result in Cali turning around and slyly backing up and sitting straight up on their laps. She is content to stay there, oblivious to the fact that she blocks views and cuts off circulation!



Cali, 57 lbs. and still a "little lap dog"!

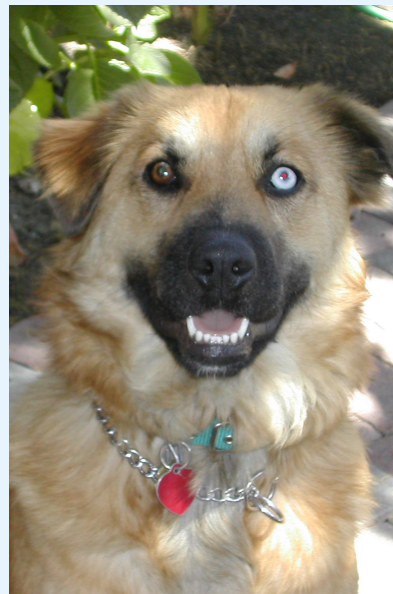
I have since adopted another dog "Bailey" who was found on the freeway. Bailey integrated perfectly into our family and looks similar to Cali. They are great friends and love to play together all day. I will forever be grateful to the volunteers of Pound Puppy Rescue for matching up the perfect dog for me!

few months to realize why the volunteer looked like she had died and gone to heaven.

Lucy was sweet, loving and smart as could be. I fell in love this precious dog and decided to adopt her. I renamed her Sake. I couldn't understand how her previous owners could have surrendered her. There is a period called the "Honeymoon Stage" when adopting a dog. There seems to be a sixth sense that dogs have -- they are perfect long enough for their humans to fall in love with them... then the naughty behaviors start to surface.

One of the reasons PPR is so rigid in their adoption process is because of dogs like Sake. A really nice family adopted Sake when she was a puppy. It is believed that the family was too busy to properly train and socialize Sake and she ended up spending a lot of time alone in the backyard. This is a formula for disaster. A backyard dog grows up and is suddenly unwanted because they have no doggie manners, no training, and are not good with other

dogs or people due to lack of socialization. And unfortunately, a backyard dog usually does a lot of backyard barking.



Beautiful Sake

Sake has a few (to put it mildly) bad behaviors. She raids the garbage when left alone, runs along the backyard fence barking

How Sake and PPR found Me

submitted by Cynthia (PPR volunteer and board member)

I walk dogs for a living, and five years ago I was minding my own business walking several dogs in an off leash area. I ran into a friend who introduced me to a PPR volunteer who happened to be walking a dog named Lucy. I learned that Lucy had been "returned" by her owner and the volunteer's husband was not happy to have a fourth dog in the house -- not to mention an untrained dog. I can understand returning a pair of shoes, but a dog? This dog was beautiful! She had long silky light brown hair with one brown eye and one blue eye. I offered to foster Lucy to help out. It took me a

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Mark Your Calendars for the LOS ALTOS PET PARADE!

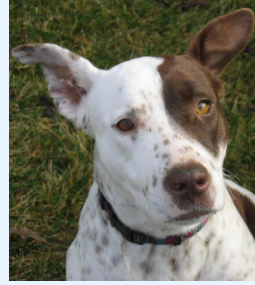


The Los Altos Kiwanis Club Pet Parade is Saturday, May 16 at 10:00am, and as always, Pound Puppy Rescue will be participating. All PPR puppies and their adopting families are invited to join. We will meet at 9:30am and wear PPR colors (light blue and brown) so that our group will stand out in the crowd! Stay tuned to our website for more info about where to meet and other details. We hope you can join us!



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FEATURED POUND PUPPY



Koloa is a sweet cattle dog mix, about 50 lbs. and 2 years old. She was a great momma to the 4 healthy pups in our Hawaii Litter and is now ready to find her forever home. She is a real love and very gentle. She loves to hug and cuddle and lounge in the sun, but

soccer is her big talent! For more info about Koloa, please email poundpuppyrescue@hotmail.com or visit poundpuppyrescue.org/ppr_findapet.

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while chasing squirrels, chases cars and bikes (training has cured that behavior), barks at men with hats, surfs the kitchen countertops when no one is looking, chews up toothpaste tubes and important paperwork, and pulls the end of the toilet paper through out the house. Sometimes it is a challenge not to haul her off to the nearest shelter but dogs are NOT disposable items and shelter dumping is not an option.

Sake does have redeeming qualities. She is a devoted love bug, can say “ma-ma” in English, and I love her dearly. There is nothing better than having her curl up on the couch next to me after a hard day. The truth is no dog is any more perfect than a human. We all have our

good and bad qualities. I suppose if it were legal, many children and spouses would end up in shelters. ☺

Sake can be challenging but I have either trained or learned to manage all her bad behaviors. What a different world this would be for animals if every owner took responsibility for their dog. Training, socialization and exercise are imperative when owning a dog. If you don't have time to train, there are excellent dog trainers for hire. If you don't have time to do what is right by a dog the simple solution is to not have a dog.

But if you do have the time, energy and patience for a dog you will be rewarded with a devoted companion who gives unconditional love. I wouldn't trade my volunteer work with PPR or Sake for all the money in the world because I get back so much more than I give!