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- Tax-deductible contribution (see end of newsletter or visit our website)
- Become a foster home
- Volunteer with events or even sell for us on eBay
- Assist with fundraising
- Help us follow up with adopters

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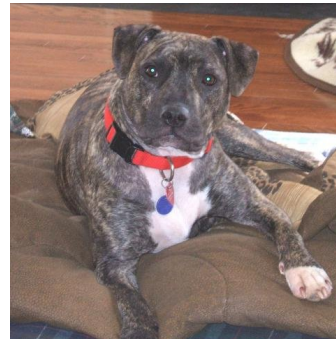
Roxie's Roundup

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Interview with Laila

Laila is one of the favorite foster dogs in the Roxie's Fund program right now, and she is ready for a home! She has a gorgeous brindle coat and is very smart. Ever generous, Laila has granted us an interview! If you are interested in adopting Laila, please call or email.



Laila

Q: Laila, tell us how you came to Roxie's Fund.
Laila: Well, my first home wasn't too good at finding time for me, and decided to give me up. I came to Roxie's Fund, got a foster home, and now I feel great!

Q: What are your hobbies?
Laila: I have so many!! I love to meet new people, my foster mom says I'm super friendly. I have some cool toys that I like to play with. In the evenings, I like to snuggle on my bed-or the couch! I also like walks, of course, and could definitely

get in training to be a jogging companion too!

Q: How do you keep yourself occupied when your foster parents are gone for work?
Laila: My foster mom says I'm super well-behaved in the house. But most days, I get to go to the Dog Club! They call it doggie day care, whatever that means, but to me it is like social hour and playtime all day long! I really like to play with my friends, but like it

even more to be with my foster family.

Q: What do most people not know about you?
Laila: Well, I don't usually admit this, but I LOVE baths! I love all the bubbles and all the scrubbing, it is like a dog-massage!

Q: Any hidden talents?
Laila: I can go down a slide!! All by myself! and it is a lot of fun!

Q: What would you like to say to anyone reading this interview?
Laila: I am really hoping for a new, forever family. I love my foster family, but I wish that people could see past my "pit bull" looks to the awesome girl inside!! (oh, I am of course healthy, UTD on shots, and spayed) Please call or email Roxie's Fund about me--I'll wiggle my way into your heart!

Dog Whisperer in D.C.

"Humans tend to treat dogs like they are human, but a dog is an animal," Cesar Millan preaches fervently. "A dog needs calm, assertive energy from its owner, then exercise, discipline and affection in that order."

Roxie's Fund was pleased to

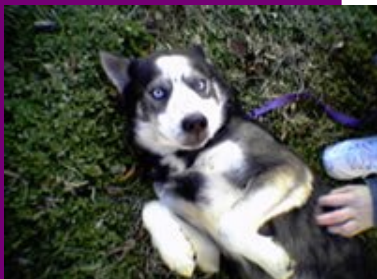
co-host Cesar Millan in Washington DC on April 22 at the National Geographic Society. Tickets were sold out early, and everyone was excited about the event. Cesar is known working with rescues, and Roxie's is proud to be part of such a high-profile

event. Special thanks to volunteer Mary DiBlasi for arranging the event and working tirelessly with Cesar's staff on many details. This was a great opportunity to gain visibility in the community while learning new ideas and techniques.



Guinness, a gorgeous pit bull, just one of Roxie's recent adoptees.

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Saul relaxing with his foster mom.

Roxie's Rocks Madam's Organ

Happy Hour had really gone to the dogs in February 2006 at Madam's Organ in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

Roxie's Fund received \$1 per drink purchased between 5 and 9 pm. We also set up a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, donation jars, and of

course plenty of brochures and photos of our dogs.

We were thrilled to clear about \$800 from our first-ever attempt at this type of event. Madam's Organ employees were extremely helpful and allowed Roxie's Fund carte-blanc for the night.

In fact, the volunteers had such a great time, most ended up staying on until late that night!

Roxie's Fund has scheduled another Happy Hour at Madam's Organ on May 11, 2006 from 5 to 9 pm. We hope to see you there as a guest or volunteer!

Heart of Gold: Saul's story

We don't know where Saul came from. We do know that Saul was found wandering the streets of Richmond all alone. He spent two VERY long months in a small kennel at the city animal shelter—first waiting for his family to find him, then as he lost hope for them ever coming, hoping for a new family to call his own.

Saul was very scared and depressed in the shelter. Literally on his last day before euthanasia, Sonja from Roxie's Fund fell for the poor scared guy huddled in the kennel, too shy and frightened to come to the front of the kennel for some attention.

Cindy and Sonja took him out for a visit and he captured their hearts. In no time, Roxie's Fund took him into the program, giving him a second chance at a new life.

And what a lucky break it was for everyone involved!! Away from the scary kennel, Saul was a different dog!! So happy and friendly! He loves to play chase and loves everyone he meets! This once shy guy had begun to come back to life and enjoy the fun things life has to offer.

Sadly, when we took Saul for his routine vetting, we found he had one more hurdle to

jump before he got to "happily ever after". We found that Saul was Heartworm positive. A deadly, but also curable condition, heartworm is very costly to treat. But, like a trooper, he has been through the treatment and is now well on the road to recovery! He is recuperating nicely in his foster home with Sonja, but is still waiting and hoping for a family of his very own.

Treating Saul's heartworm condition was a huge unexpected expense. All donations towards his treatment will truly be a big help in a wonderful rescue happy ending.

Chrome for Critters

June 10, 2006 something unique will happen in metro Maryland. Motorcycle riders and car fanatics will partner up with Animal Welfare organizations to raise funds and awareness! Roxie's Fund is proud to be part of this new event!

A motorcycle ride will leave Pikesville at 9am and travel to Prince George's Stadium in Bowie. There, a Classic Car

Show will be held beginning at 10 am.

From 10am to 6pm, just a \$5 admission will get you in to see the car and motorcycle shows, PLUS a festival of arts, crafts, family fun, food, LIVE music, a doggie wash and more! Local Animal Welfare groups will have booths of information and wares for sale.

Car and motorcycle awards will be presented at 6pm. A Bowie Baysox game will commence at 7pm versus the Binghamton Mets.

Roxie's Fund is hopeful that this event will be an excellent way to get in touch with more of the community and that this unique partnership will become an annual event. Make plans to attend!



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Spotlight on Jack

by: Jack

Well, Laila got an interview, but I get to write my own column!

Let me introduce myself, I'm Jack, an All-American Patriot Dog! Ok, I've also heard Heinz 57, but All American sounds better, doesn't it?

I haven't gotten to stay in one place for too long, but now I'm in a foster home and loving life! I am very friendly and like

"working the crowds" with my charm. I know all about making people happy and I'm very responsible! I know a bunch of those Words people use (like "sit" and "come"), I play well with other dogs and cats, and no question that I always "do my business" just where I'm supposed to. I have been to the vet and had all of that business taken care of as well! I like rides in the car, walks,



and relaxing. People say I'm affectionate and that I try hard to please. Won't you stop by and meet me? I'm much more handsome in person!

Workplace Giving Campaigns

Are you a state or federal employee or retiree? If so, you are eligible to participate in one of their charitable giving campaigns. It's easy to set up a one-time or recurring donation to **Roxie's Fund** through this program!

Roxie's Fund is honored to be recognized in the Maryland

Charity Campaign (MCC). Please consider Roxie's Fund as your charity of choice. Our designation number is 2655.

Roxie's Fund is a recognized Charity for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for Federal Employees to donate to the Charity of their choice. Designations vary by region

and are:

Western Maryland #3310;
Central Maryland #3126;
St. Mary's County #4450.

Please inquire at your workplace for information on signing up for this program.



Your donations have helped dogs like Sabrina get a second chance. Sabrina is currently available for adoption.



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Please Support Roxie's Fund

Roxie's Fund is dedicated to meeting all the needs of the dogs we bring into our program—basic necessities, medical care, and behavioral or specialized training. We go beyond what others can do and do not discount a dog simply because of a treatable problem. However, this costs money!! We do not recoup all of our expenses from the adoption donation and rely on donors such as yourself. Please consider making a tax deductible donation today.

Membership: Join Roxie's Fund Membership Circle! You and your pets can help fight for homeless animals. \$35 plus \$5 for each additional pet you would like to include.

Sponsorship: The typical dog stays with Roxie's Fund for 6 weeks and costs \$350 in care—that's over \$50 a week! Would you consider sponsoring a dog for all or part of his/her 6 week stay?

Please clip off this portion and return with your tax-deductible donation to
12208 Judson Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20902 or make your donation online at www.roxiesfund.org

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