

How you  
can help  
Roxie's  
Fund:

- Tax-deductible contribution (see end of newsletter or visit our web-site)
- 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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## Our Youngest Donors

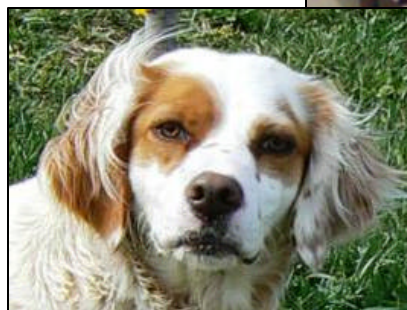
Young students at **Children's World Learning Center** in Fort Meade collected over a hundred towels, sheets, blankets, and stuffed toys for the rescue dogs!

The children participate in community service activities throughout the year. Parent Susan van Doren proposed that the children collect supplies for Roxie's Fund rescue dogs, and the school director agreed to the idea. Children's World Learning Center has 260 pre-Kindergarten and 45 Kindergarten students.

The donations were recently presented to Cindy

Vernasco, Roxie's Fund president. "We always need new towels and bedding! Our rescue dogs need baths and warm places to sleep. Plus the larger sheets are great for car rides to the vet and adoption events. We are so thankful that these young students wanted to help!" said Cindy.

*Quite an impressive number of donated towels, sheets, blankets and toys!*



*These donations are so valuable to dogs like **Cassie**, a Brittany Spaniel who needs a home!*

## "Brother, can you spare your time?"

Every day we are bombarded with economic news, and it seems that there is no end in sight. Many of us have felt fat wallets go thin and family budgets tighten. Individuals have cut back on unnecessary expenses, and many charities have noticed a drop in donations.

We believe "support" doesn't have to equal "monetary contribution." Of course, we couldn't get anywhere without funds, but we would truly be nothing without our volunteers. A donation of time or money should leave you with that great feeling, that belief that you have made a difference.

So to rephrase that old song, "brother, can you spare your time?" Volunteer hours are worth their weight in gold to us! Please consider opening your home to a foster dog, helping with fundraising, phone calls, and more. Call or email to find out more!

## March "Husky Madness" event

Roxie's Fund was thrilled to run the concession stand again this year at the Chesapeake Siberian Husky Club's breed specialty show. This year the event was held on Feb. 28 and March 1 at the Catoctin Kennel Club.

An array of volunteers got to work preparing a variety of snacks, sand-

wiches, and drinks for the crowds. Even dog treats of course! Nine volunteers staffed the booth.

The turnout for the show was great! The crowd watched conformation showings and obedience trials.

We heard rave reviews about the

food and were pleased with this fundraiser again!



## roxiesfund (186)

Roxie's Fund has been raising funds on eBay with the help of dedicated volunteer Kris Greulich!

The title above shows our seller ID (roxiesfund)

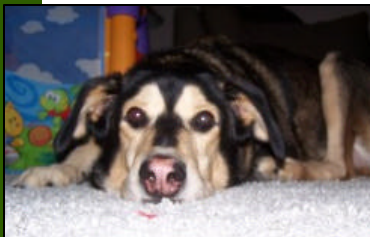
feedback! This means that each buyer has been pleased with the transaction.

So how does it work? Well, sellable items are donated to Roxie's Fund, and Kris completes the listing process on eBay to sell the item, including taking pictures and writing a description. She monitors the auction, answering any questions that buyers might have. Then she completes the transaction by sending an invoice, waiting for payment (usually with PayPal) and mailing the package!

What items can be donated? Almost anything can find a buyer on

eBay! But the best-selling items are name-brand items in good condition and that aren't too big to mail easily (think about gifts you'd like to regift!). Kris has recently auctioned off over 30 listings of craft items including popular rubber stamps. The net proceeds totaled over \$700!

*Your donations help dogs like Shep find new homes. He's still waiting!*



and our feedback score. The feedback score shows the number of transactions that have been both completed and rated by both parties (buyer and seller). As of press time, we have sold 186 items! We have 100% positive



*Sky has gorgeous green eyes and a heart of gold, and needs a home!*

# Upcoming Events

## Uno's Restaurant donation night

Uno's Chicago Grill  
Thursday, April 23rd  
Columbia Mall on  
Little Patuxent Parkway in  
Columbia, MD  
*Roxie's Fund will receive 20% of sales that night!*

## Micro-chip Clinic and CGC tests

Saturday, April 25th  
12 to 3pm  
Greenbelt Fire Department  
125 Crescent Rd.  
Greenbelt, MD

*Microchipping provides permanent identification for your pet! Only \$20. Can your dog pass a test of basic skills? Try the Canine Good Citizen test!*



*Check out bright green BJ the iguana—he needs a home!*

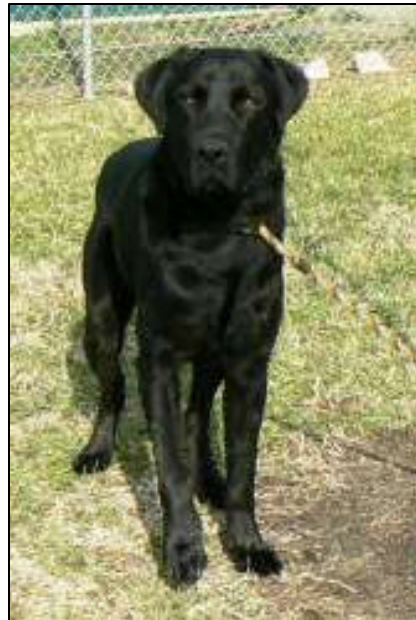
## Meet Aiden

Aiden was found by the humane society and brought to the shelter. He was very underweight and suffering the discomfort of a bloated stomach. But the staff quickly saw what a great dog he is! They decided to call Roxie's Fund.

Aiden gets along very well with other dogs and really enjoys his time at Doggie

Day Care! This big beautiful boy gets along with dog-savvy cats. He is crate-trained, microchipped, and up to date on all shots.

Aiden is a wonderful, happy dog who loves to meet people and have his ears scratched! At just over a year old, he has lots of love to give. Please come and visit with me!



## Workplace giving

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.



*Holly needs a home! Ask us how she showed her thanks at being rescued!*



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We appreciate your feedback on our newsletter!

## 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?

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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](http://www.roxiesfund.org)

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email address:

would you like to receive our newsletter by email?

Donation amount: \_\_\_ \$35 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$200 \_\_\_ Other:

Is this donation in \_\_\_ honor or \_\_\_ memory of a person or pet? If so, please include their name.

If you would like an acknowledgement mailed to this person, please include their address.