

ROXIE'S ROUNDUP



Roxie's Fund volunteers Jeanne Schierhoff-Boone (2nd from left) and Stephanie Klingenberg (far right) pictured with Rachael Ray and Best Friends staff.

Above, Rachael with her dog Isaboo.

Rachael Ray donates to Roxie's Fund!

In November, **Rachael Ray** announced that she would be donating \$775,000 to animal-related charities by the end of 2010. This money comes from sales of her dog food, Nutrish, of which she gives 100% of her proceeds to animal-related charities. Rachael decided to make donations to no-kill shelters in each of the 12 cities along the tour for the release of her 18th cookbook entitled Look + Cook.

Several years ago, our very own Mary DiBlasi completed paperwork for **Roxie's Fund** to be part of Best Friends Animal Society's Network

Charities. Best Friends developed this network to support grassroots organizations working towards no more homeless pets. Fast forward a few years and with her generous donation in mind, Rachael Ray and Best Friends partnered to find reputable rescue groups across the US who were in need of financial support. As an approved Network Charity with Best Friends, Roxie's Fund was selected to be the recipient of the donation made in Washington DC.

Two Roxie's Fund volunteers went to the DC Convention Center for the

Metropolitan Cooking & Entertainment Show on November 14, 2010. During Rachael's live cooking show, she made a generous **donation of \$7500 to Roxie's Fund.** She is also donating **20 bags of Nutrish** food to help feed our foster dogs.

For more information, see these sites:
<http://www.rachaelray.com/pets/nutrish.php>

<http://network.bestfriends.org/golocal/newyorkcity/16282/news.aspx>

Warm Hearts, Happy Paws

For the second year, pet-friendly realtor Deborah Hartten is organizing the **Warm Hearts, Happy Paws** donation drive to benefit local rescue groups, including Roxie's Fund.

Debby has a passion for pets and believes that everyone can make a

difference. This has become part of her business model, and we are thankful to be included as a recipient of her efforts.

Roxie's Fund has a Wish List and items may be dropped off at **Dogtopia in White Flint**. Items wanted include

leashes, no-slip collars, towels, large dog treats, and more.

Please see www.warmheartshappypaws.com for more information or stop by Dogtopia in White Flint! Also feel free to contact us to make a donation directly!

Adoption Events

Adoption Events are our way of increasing visibility in the community and promoting adoptions of our own and other pets. This fall and winter, Roxie's Fund has been busy with numerous adoption events in the area.

Recent events have been held at:

- Bark!** in Rockville and Olney,
 - Whole Pet Central** in Rockville,
 - Unleashed by Petco** in Olney,
- and at the shelter open house at
College Park Animal Shelter



Can you volunteer?

Volunteers are needed at these events to handle dogs and talk to the public. We often have dogs who are at the doggie daycare and not in a foster home, so we can use some extra hands! Please email or call for details.



PRECIOUS

Precious is an adorable, young chocolate lab-AmStaff mix. Just nine months old, Precious loves to play and snuggle. She was left outside without adequate care and taken by the local animal control and now is with Roxie's Fund. Precious knows how precious life is and boy is she happy now! She learns quickly and even has a thoughtful look about her! Precious wins over people wherever she goes! Wouldn't you like to meet this cutie, a true diamond in the rough?



TERZA

Terza is a beautiful brindle-color boxer mix girl just two years old. She is calm in the house and has good manners. She really likes playing with her new friends at doggie daycare. Terza is a little shy at first, but warms up quickly and is very loving. Won't you meet this cute girl who really needs a forever home?



VERDE

Verde is a striking green iguana. She has a full tail and is getting used to being handled. Iguanas are the real divas of the reptile world: exquisitely beautiful and high-maintenance! Verde will require large housing with specific lighting and a varied diet that must be followed. If you are interested in an iguana as a pet, plan on doing a lot of research, and please contact us for more information! Email our reptile coordinator at sonja_pups@comcast.net

Pepa: a heartwarming story



We were surprised to get an email one week later from Mike and Jen, a local couple who have a few older and special needs pets already. The story pulled at their heartstrings and they wanted to welcome Pepa into their home.

Mike and Jen are pleased to report that Pepa has settled in nicely and made

Pepa is a cute black lab mix who had lived her whole life with a caring owner. Until one day, her owner passed away. No family or friends wanted to take her in because she was 14 years old! So, Roxie's Fund agreed to take her into foster care and try to find her a loving home. Pepa had been well cared for and was spayed and current on all her vaccines. Still, we were not sure how long it would take to find a home.

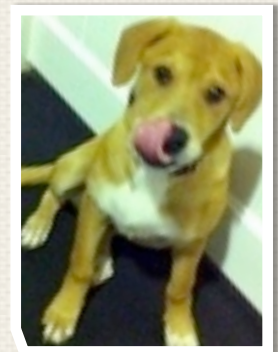
friends with the other pets. A favorite is Timmy the cat, who Pepa follows around! Pepa wags her tail "a million miles a minute." As you can see from the picture, Pepa (far left) feels right at home!

Older and special needs pets are full of love and companionship, too! Keep your heart and mind open to the possibility, and you might be surprised at what they offer.

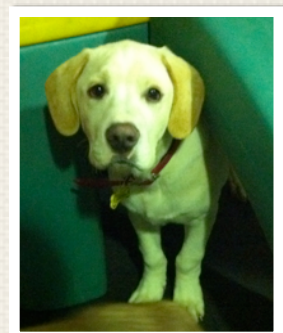
RECENT ADOPTEES



BEN



GABRIELLE



GRIFFITH



SPOT was left behind when his owner moved out and was emaciated, wounded, and covered in mites when he was taken in by Roxie's Fund. Eight months later, he is healed and living a great life in his new home!



Recent adoptee Tessie is falling in love with her "sister" Ilona and is so gentle. Her parents wonder why she ever ended up in an animal shelter! Roxie's Fund has many wonderful dogs available for adoption.



SHOP FOR ROXIE'S

Ready to start your holiday shopping? If you shop online, you need to check out iGive! It's an online shopping mall that features retailers who donate a percentage of your purchase to the charity of your choice.

Roxie's Fund is one of those charities. Get started by visiting www.iGive.com today!

VISIT US ONLINE!

Did you know that in addition to the Roxie's Fund website, we are on Facebook and have our own blog? We could use some more "friends" in the virtual world. We're up to 1,270 friends on Facebook! We'd love to hit 2,000!

Visit us at:

www.roxiesfund.org

roxiesfund.blogspot.com

www.facebook.com and search Roxie's Fund

Of course, we use old fashioned telephones also!

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