

Doberman Pinscher Rescue
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Thank You to all who gave up their valuable time to foster, make phone calls, answer emails, work on the website, transport, or provide much needed supplies or monetary donations to the organization.

DPRWPA 2009 REUNION!

We were thinking August 23rd, 2009. There will picnic type eats, an agility course, and maybe an obedience demo, training tips etc. and possibly a nail trimming booth. It will be a joint reunion with DDRI. More to come as we get things finalized, so check back often for updates!

6th Annual Hearts & Paws Pet Adoption & Care Fair

Christ United Methodist Church



44 Highland Rd
Bethel Park, PA 15102
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Please join us for the **Sixth Annual Pet Adoption and Care Fair** sponsored by the Pet Ministry of Christ United Methodist Church. The Pet Adoption and Care Fair will take place on the church grounds at 44 Highland Road in Bethel Park on **Saturday, June 27, from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM.**



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My Doberman Rescue

I was reeling from the loss of my almost 8 year old Great Dane, Tonka. Big, beautiful and loving, he got very sick, very quickly, and within 2 days, we let him go.

I have 3 wonderful little Jack Russell Terriers, but have always had a big dog in my life and missed it terribly. I immediately thought of the wonderful Doberman we grew up with...and Nancy Robson who rescues those sweet souls. I had met many of Nancy's rescues, and had told her, you'll hear from me sometime in the future. That would be today.

I called Nancy, I was looking for a young dog...not a puppy! I had recently lost more than 1/2 my left foot in a mower accident...it was cold out, it would be tough. But she convinced me to meet these 2 blue babies that had come up from a large rescue operation from a puppy mill in Tennessee.



The next evening I went to Nancy's and met a male and female puppy from the older litter...they were 4 months old. Though both wonderful, I fell for the clumsy boy. On our drive home, he slept soundly, snoring contentedly.

When we got home, Hank, my young 2 year old JRT welcomed him into the family.

They've been great buddies ever since. I named my new baby "Leroy."



He thrived here, eating well, getting good quality food, lots of love, and the scars on his face healed, his coat became glossy and he fell uneventfully into the routine of our home. He and Hank went to work with me everyday, then played, snuggled and passed out happily every night.

One afternoon in mid-January, Leroy started vomiting. I wasn't too alarmed at first, he's a puppy, he got into everything, and so I just watched him... but he continued to vomit and look worse. I placed an IV catheter into him and put him on a slow drip to keep him hydrated and feeling better.

He continued to deteriorate through the night. I was horrified and felt so helpless. By 3 am, I realized he was having trouble walking. Around 5 am, I realized he couldn't see...his pupils were fixed and dilated. He looked awful. Shortly after, he had this episode of blowout bloody diarrhea. I then woke my boyfriend and we drove to the emergency facility on Camp Horne Road, PVSEC.

The sun was rising as we were driving, and I was holding this

near lifeless body in my arms. I was praying that I would at some point, be driving back home with him all better, but he looked so awful. I didn't feel very hopeful.

Long story short, Leroy had a litany of tests and diagnostics...on his blood and after two spinal taps, one lumbar, one at the base of his skull, all of this testing yielded no results. Every test run was negative, including viral, toxic, bacterial disease. What had happened was a per-acute (sudden onset,) of a meningio-encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain.

I picked up Leroy 4 days later, thin, roughed up, and still blind, but otherwise ok. He continued to rally and recover...to gain weight, build muscle, increase his activity level, but never to regain his sight. Under the care of a neurologist and ophthalmologist, they felt his sight was not likely to return. This was much harder on me than on Leroy.

He rebounded so seamlessly and uneventfully...washing my worries away. He taught me, and is still teaching me, many life lessons. He lives in the moment. He loves completely...and is for all intents and purposes, unaware of his handicap.

To observe him in his environment, e.g. my house, my yard, my office, my car...you would be hard pressed to notice he can't see. He is my blessing, my charge, my forever loving soul. And I am his.

-Nora

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DPRWPA NEWS

Give a pet a second chance, become a foster parent



Many dogs not just Dobermans are put to sleep in shelters daily. I experienced first hand accounts of this a few years ago when I myself worked at a local shelter for some extra money. A job that "WAS REQUIRED" of myself was what the workers there called the carcass room pickup. I cried daily doing this "required job". It was something that made an imprint on how I looked at things forever. You see it was an "open door shelter" which means they take anything that is brought in by humane agents , owner relinquishes, or strays. When this type of shelter becomes FULL dogs & cats that had been there the longest or were the oldest had to be put to sleep to make room for all the unwanted animals coming in the door. I am not just talking about 5 or 10 dogs a day, sometimes there was as many as 40 to 50 dogs and twice as many cats DAILY. The carcass room job was that the early person had to go to the

freezer and pull carts of dead and frozen cats and dogs to the garage door so the "man" could literally throw them into his truck. The worst day for me which was probably one of my last days working there was when I went to do this job and saw a little brown mixed female senior pitbull ,that I had gotten attached to, on the top of the deceased pile. She was 10 yrs old and her owner had passed away. Tears ran down my face and the sadness was overwhelming. This poor girls last days where spent alone and frightened. This goes on daily at most shelters that are open door not because the shelters are bad but because there is just NO MORE ROOM for unwanted pets, because of over-population and indiscriminate 'breeders' that want to make a buck or because of the economy or death.

This is where you come in. Fostering just one dog for maybe 2 to 4 wks can save its life and possibly another life because room has been made to accommodate it Fostering is not easy but the rewards are great and you could be the person that makes a lifesaving decision for one particular dog. This doesn't sound like much but it certainly could mean life or death to the dog. So please consider becoming a foster parent. You might save a life. If you are interested please call 412-469-9767 or email bruno526@comcast.net .

Story by Nancy

Riley finds happiness in her new home

She has made it to her new home safe and sound and they think she is the best ! The man Rich, who is her new companion and Donna are very happy with her... I am very happy for Riley ☺ Thanks go to all of you who have helped her in one way or another!

He put her blanket down and she laid down on it with her head on the pillow and she slept all night in her bed. She loves to wake him up in the morning and run around in the backyard. He had his neighbors next door and the kids and Riley hit it off very well. They've gone for several rides and she can't wait to get in the car and go for a ride. So I think it's going very well and they're really taken with each other.

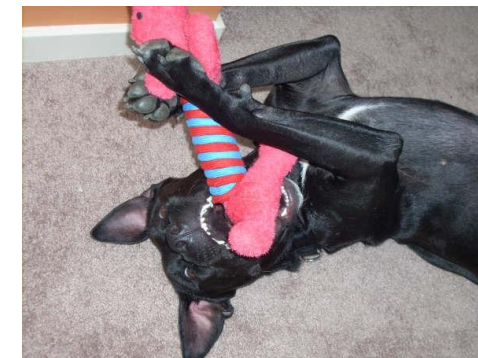


Riley—above—In our Rescue, waiting for that special family to take her home.

Zoey in her new forever home

Zoey has found her forever family and is doing great. They have trained her to sit at the door to go out and stay there until they put her leash on. She remembered me ! She saw someone pulling up in the driveway (ME) and I heard her bark and she was not certain who I was until I got up to the door and spoke to her. When they came to the door and let me in she immediately jumped on me licking and wagging her whole entire body until she almost fell on the floor. I sat in the living room chair and she dove onto my lap and stayed there licking and just remembering me for 45 minutes. Brought tears to my eyes, but this time they were tears of happiness for her. Her coat glistened, she looks very sturdy and has grown up in mind and behavior and she truly is happy. When I left she stood there whining, wanting to go for a ride and sad to see me go, but Zoey is one of the lucky ones. She has made it. Her life will go on happily with her new family. So many pit bulls are out there being abused or euthanized daily, so this truly is a Cinderella story.

Nancy Robson



Zoey—above—and her new buddy Geno! How happy

Hi Nancy

I wanted to see when it would be good for us to get together so you can see Zoey and I can get your crate back to you. During the week we have been really busy. My daughters car has been out of commission and we have been having to get her to work after we work. I think on Wednesday might work or you just tell me.

Zoey has been doing well, she is sound asleep on the floor beside me she had a busy morning. She either gets a nice walk or we take her somewhere to run every night. Its been nice when it rains no one is at the ball field and we take her up to run then she comes home and gets a shower which is funny. She didn't really like it at first but she is getting better.

She is better with strangers on and off. She met some of the neighborhood kids last night my husband said she did ok. She was afraid at first but got better and was playing with one of them. She is pretty good pals with Phil the cat and Zoey the cat is coming around also. Lizzy doesn't like her but that is Lizzy she doesn't like anybody.

Thanks Beth

An adoption recommendation: Please remember you have or will be adopting a dog that may have been abused or neglected in the past. Obedience training is strongly recommended to form the bond between you. This training period helps everyone adjust to their new found friend. If interested please email bruno526@comcast.net for a reputable trainer near you. We would like to thank EXCEL Canine Training Center for their time and patience in helping our rescues and their owners overcome behavior problems and work on their obedience and manners . Thank You