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Puppy Mill Survivors: Peppermint & Phantom

Rescuing dogs from puppy mills is just one of the ways that DAAWG helps to save as many lives as possible. Puppy mills are large facilities that breed purebred dogs repeatedly in order to sell the puppies in pet stores, as well over the internet and through newspaper ads. Some dogs are kept at the mills their whole lives for the sole purpose of breeding.

Dogs in puppy mills are kept in horrible conditions, often-times stacked in crates with wire bottoms. There is no special area designated for them to relieve themselves, so they are forced to relieve themselves in their cages. Many of these dogs suffer from illnesses, lacerations, malnourishment, etc.

When the DAAWG rescue is able to take these dogs from that environment and offer the dogs a safe foster home to recuperate, we call these dogs 'survivors'. We offer these dogs love, care, and attention and try to find them a great home. However, adopting out these 'survivors' is not always the easiest, because these dogs often need physical and/or mental rehabilitation.



Puppy mill survivors lack the proper socialization needed to live a 'normal' life. They need a patient owner who can help them learn how to love and live in a family environment. It can take these dogs a while to trust their new owners. Often times, survivors rehabilitate better in homes that have other pets.

Currently in the DAAWG rescue, we have Peppermint and Phantom up for adoption. Both of them are puppy mill survivors. Phantom (see picture above) is a 2-3 year old male poodle. Peppermint (see picture below) is a 2-3 year



old female poodle. Both are learning about crate training and that a leash doesn't have to be a bad thing.

Both dogs will need a home that understands the lack of socialization that Survivors have and is willing to work with them in all aspects of training. They would do best in a home with another dog to help them with training and socialization. Please note that Phantom and Peppermint do not need to be adopted together. Both are sweet, shy dogs that will make outstanding pets for the right family.

For more information on puppy mill's and puppy mill survivors, please visit www.hsus.org and www.atailtotell.com.

If you are interested in more information on Peppermint or Phantom, please feel free to e-mail us at daawgsinc@yahoo.com or fill out an adoption application by visiting us online at www.daawgs.org.

Happy Tails: Momma Pia

This story is about Pia. As some of you may know, Pia was one of the featured pets in our Summer 2009 newsletter. She was a momma dog that came into rescue with 6 pups. Not only was she a great mommy to her babies, but she also took in 3 more orphaned pups and cared for them as well. She was a pleasure to have in foster care and her foster family was very pleased when she found a great home of her own. Here is a quick note from her new parents, who have renamed her Mia.



"Hello! Mia is doing great. She didn't like the snow much at first—too deep. But as you can see from the picture, she got over it. We take her to the park on an average of 4-5 days a week. He leaves her off leash to run with her and Caesar's friend, a male golden lab. She loves it. No problem with the car ride, it's a very short ride. We take her to pet smart once in a while. She gets very excited and starts to take me for a walk. Mia is a great addition to the family—everyone just loves her."

If you have adopted from the DAAWG Rescue and would like to let us know how your new baby is doing, Please e-mail us at daawgsinc@yahoo.com. We always love to hear from our previous fosters.

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A Cry for Help: Teddy's Story

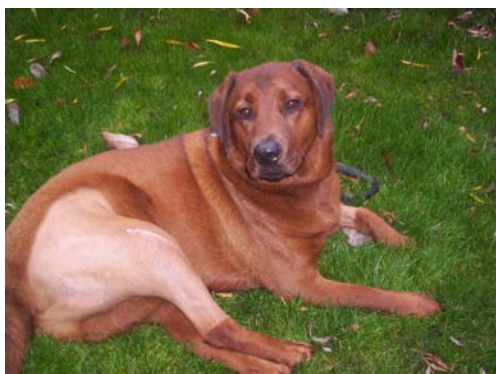
About one year ago, Teddy (see picture right) was adopted from the DAAWG rescue as a puppy. He adjusted quickly and easily to living in his new home with three older kitty cats and his family fell madly in love with him. Sadly, only a few short months after they adopted Teddy, he started showing signs of lameness associated with activity. He was in severe pain. The family's vet diagnosed Teddy with Panosteitis and suggested it was temporary and would go away on its own.

Unfortunately, it did not. After more vet visits and more x-rays, Teddy's mom sought a second opinion from a different vet who, sadly, in-

formed her that Teddy needed surgery on both back legs due to a deformity in his knee caps which made his leg bones grow curved. Teddy was sent to see a surgeon at The Veterinary Specialty Center here in Delaware. After examining Teddy the vet agreed he needed surgery, but wouldn't know whether or not Teddy would require a more complicated procedure involving his hips until he actually got in there and started the operation. Also, the

vet found something wrong with one of Teddy's front paws -- one of the bones in Teddy's leg did not reach the elbow, which was causing him pain and swelling. He said that all of these problems were genetic, Teddy was born this way but didn't show symptoms until he grew. The vet said that Teddy would need 3 surgeries and estimated that each surgery would cost around \$3000. Teddy's mom decided to have the surgeries done, and on November 9, Teddy had his first operation, costing over \$3,000.

Teddy will soon be going for his second surgery and then his third. His family is struggling to find ways to pay for these. DAAWGS would like to help her - but we need donations in order to do so. I hope that you will tell others about this request so that we can raise money to help with Teddy's surgeries. Donations can be made to DAAWGS paypal account and in the reference, put "TEDDY". We will then pay the funds directly to the Veterinary Specialty Center on Teddy's behalf. Anything would help—\$5.00, \$10.00—it adds up. DAAWG and Teddy thank you for taking the time to read this article.



Volunteer Spotlight

The DAAWG Rescue is always thankful for kind-hearted people that donate not only their money, but also their time, love, and home in order to see homeless pets move on to happy lives. This month, the DAAWG rescue would like to thank Bobbi Mortimer for donating so much of her time and efforts by helping DAAWG. Bobbi is one of the co-founders of the DAAWG Rescue. She helps the rescue by fostering, assisting at adoption events, writing grants for donations, and updating our website, among other volunteer tasks. Without the help of people like Bobbi, our rescue wouldn't be able to thrive and meet its mission. So thank you, Bobbi, for being a loyal volunteer to the DAAWG rescue.

Winter Dangers

Winter can be a fun and beautiful time of year, but there are some dangers lurking that all pet owners should know about:

1. Be sure not to leave your pets outside for long lengths of time, especially any pets with health conditions, as it is harder for them to stay warm. Keep pets indoors to prevent frostbite and/or hypothermia.
2. Always wipe your pet's paws if they have walked on rock salt or chemical ice melts. These chemicals can be poisonous if ingested.
3. Be careful when starting your car, as stray cats sometimes hide near the engine to keep warm.
4. If you light a fire or plug in a space heater, make sure your pet avoids getting too close to it, either catching themselves on fire, or bumping into it and putting the whole household in danger.
5. Feel free to bundle up your pet in a sweater, especially if he/she has short hair.
6. Visit www.hsus.org for more information on winter dangers to your pet.



Poet's Corner: If I Didn't Have A Dog by Anonymous

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.
My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.
All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.
When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.
When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.
I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.
I would have money ...and no guilt to go on a real vacation.
I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grand kids through college.
The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it ALONE.
My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.
My house would not look like a day care center, toys everywhere.
My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.
I would no longer have to Spell the words B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E-E, W-A-L-K, T-R-E-A-T, B-I-K-E, G-O, OR R-I-D-E!
I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.
I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog/cat ties them down too much.
I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading "mud" season.
I would not have to answer the question "Why do you have so many animals?" from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

How EMPTY my life would be!

*A House Is
Not A Home
Without A Pet*

Delaware Alliance for Animal Welfare Groups, Inc.

An animal rescue based out of Delaware, with a network of foster homes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and other surrounding states.

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Our Mission is to measurably improve the lives of unwanted domestic animals and to prevent their needless suffering and death; to increase public awareness of the plight of these animals; to rescue, maintain and place animals abandoned to kill-shelters and discarded by volume breeders; and finally, to educate the public about the social issues associated with pet overpopulation and the benefits of spaying and neutering their pets. Read more about us and our plans when you visit our "About Us" link on the left.

Our group's short-term goals are: low cost spay/neuter initiatives through mobile units providing communities with easy access to spay/neuter at a low cost. To become a NO KILL society through spay/neuter laws, public education, elimination of puppy mills, backyard breeders, class B dealers, breed specific legislation, gas chambers and other killing shelters. To encourage aggressive adoption programs with local kill shelters and encourage the public to adopt and not buy from pet stores.

Long term our vision is to create a country-wide network where volunteers from shelters, rescues, transports, vets, and boarding kennels work together nationally to save our pets via a streamlined group of people pulling from shelters, boarding, vetting and transporting to a rescue or loving home. We envision our organization to become a tool to be used to coordinate these efforts and to encourage individuals and organizations to join our group via our yahoo group DAAWGS.

Donations are Always Needed

The DAAWG Rescue is always in need of the following donations: blankets, newspapers, medical supplies, pet food, paper towels, and of course, monetary donations. If you are interested in donating, or interested in collecting supplies for the rescue, please contact us at daawgsinc@yahoo.com. Also, on our webpage, you can give a donation using your PayPal account. All donations, big and small, are appreciated!

Upcoming Events

Check our website for upcoming events in 2010. We have many meet and Greets coming up at the following locations:

- January 30th, 2010 in Concord Pets Middleton
 - 340 Main St. Middletown Crossing Middletown DE 19709
- February 13th, 2010 in Concord Pets Fox Run
 - 326 Fox Hunt Dr. Fox Run Shopping Ctr Bear DE 19701
- February 27th, 2010 in Concord Pets Middleton
 - 340 Main St. Middletown Crossing Middletown DE 19709
- March 13th, 2010 in Concord Pets Newark
 - 312 Suburban Plaza Newark DE 19711
- March 27th, 2010 in Concord Pets Middleton
 - 340 Main St. Middletown Crossing Middletown DE 19709

