



Volunteer Spotlight Krystal Moore

Krystal has been an animal lover as long as she can remember. She and her husband Derek currently have four dogs and a Chin-chilla. Krystal also fosters dogs for Waggin' Tails. She has been a volunteer for a little over a year and has already fostered thirteen dogs. Before she became a foster mom she would transport animals from the Shelter in Gladwin County where she currently works. Then she met Lola. Lola is a pit mix puppy who was noticed by one of the Waggin' Tails board members when she came to the Gladwin County shelter to pick up a litter of puppies. She couldn't take Lola with her so Krystal offered to foster the puppy. She and Derek "fell in love with Lola and

her wiggly body and loving kisses." Lola went on to her forever home and Krystal brought home another dog. She has many stories of the animals she has taken care of over the last year but one that touched her deeply was Nova. Nova came into rescue after being hit by a car and she was terrified of people, especially men. Krystal worked with Nova on a daily basis and after a couple of months Nova would actually wag her tail when Krystal came home from work. Then Krystal met a wonderful lady who loved Nova from the beginning and took her home. Nova is doing well and continues to improve daily. Those are the success stories that help ease the pain when one of "her

dogs" is adopted.

There are many people in this world who complain about the sadness and hardships these animals face but do nothing. Then there are people like Krystal and her husband. Waggin' Tails is very proud and honored to spotlight Krystal Moore as our volunteer for this issue. Thank you Krystal for all you do to help animals. You are truly a savior.



Krystal with her husband Derek. They are expecting their first child in February. Congratulations!

Black Dog Syndrome

Black Dog Syndrome is commonplace among the shelters and rescues in the canine adoption community. Black dogs are the most overlooked and under adopted of any dog waiting for a home. We are guessing that the

general public is not aware how doomed black dogs are when they are brought to the shelter. Black dogs, particularly black labs or lab mixes, are euthanized at a horrifying rate. Most are passed up for lighter colored dogs. If you are

thinking about adopting please don't overlook the black dogs because they are just as loving and wonderful as lighter colored dogs. Just turn the page to meet some of our wonderful black dogs currently up for adoption.

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Blacklisted

Great color is superficial, isn't it? A dog's temperament and health are more important than the shade of his fur, Right? Then why are shelters packed with wonderful, fit, loving black dogs?

Fred sat up eagerly hoping for a smile, a friendly word, but the family passed him by, again. It was the fifth time today. His wagging tail slowed as they walked past, then dropped forlornly as he slowly laid down to wait for the next group.

Fred shut his eyes. Far away, in a distant memory he sees a family, his family. They took him from his mother's warm body when he was just a baby, to a new home and he had been so excited. But then they left him hours and hours each day, all alone. He knew they went to a place called work and he wanted to go

with them so he learned to escape and try and find them, but a man always found him and brought him back. Finally his family brought him to this place and left him here.

He is not sure how long he's been here now. He heard the nice lady who brings him his food sigh and say "three years" but he is not sure what that means. It feels like a long time. He doesn't know why he has to stay here, why no families ever want him. Is there something wrong with the way he looks? He has all his legs and his ears and a tail. He doesn't know why they never like him. He could jump and run, but he always sits politely, waiting and hoping for his forever home.

MEET JAKE

Jake was born in October 2006

He weighs 66 pounds.

His family moved and decided not to take him with them. He is a German Wirehaired Pointer, Redbone Coonhound mix



Meet some of our Beautiful Black Dogs

MEET BUSTER B

Buster is 10 years old

He is a Labrador/Spaniel Mix

**Contact Buster at
gurena01@sbcglobal.net**



MEET SHADOW

Shadow is 2 years old

She is a Labrador retriever

Contact Shadow at wor1467@aol.com

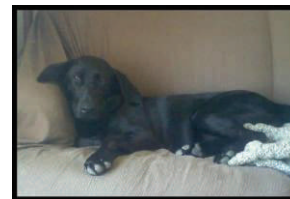


MEET OLIVE

Olive is 1 Year old

She is a Labrador Retriever

**Contact Olive at
teachkessler@hotmail.com**

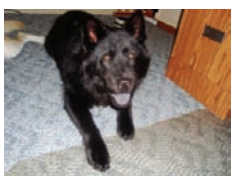


MEET RAVEN

Raven is 1 year old

He is a Chow Chow/Retriever Mix

Contact Raven at kbw15kb@aol.com



MEET JETT

Jett is 6-7 years old

She is a Border Collie Mix



MEET SHASTA

Shasta is 2 years old

She is a Husky Mix

**Contact Shasta at
doglovers3bg@hotmail.com**



Tips from the Trainer By: Judi Hales

Dear Judi—My Great Dane has a very bad habit of counter surfing and we can't make him stop! We have tried an electric collar, shaking a can filled with pebbles and swatting him with a newspaper. The only thing that has changed is he is now terrified of loud noises, collars and newspapers. HELP!

Frustrated in Fenton

Dear Frustrated—Unfortunately most dogs that are food motivated will always have the desire to counter surf and their owners may never get them to stop completely. However, the best course of action is to maintain your environment so you set the dog up to succeed. A successful dog is a confident dog. The more confident your dog is in himself, the more balanced he will be and the less chance he will have emotional issues. Maintaining

the environment simply means not leaving food on the counter. Also, never feed your dog directly from the counter or table. I know it is difficult sometimes when you are making yourself a sandwich not to share but don't!

Shaker cans are ok to use, the only issue is that you have to be present to use them and catch them in the act. If you are not present, the dog will learn that he can be successful sneaking food some of the time, so he will keep trying.

Using electric shock collars and swatting the dog will just set him up to have other issues. Unfortunately many dog owners are too busy or become too easily frustrated to take the time using patience and consistency to work with their dogs. They feel using a shock

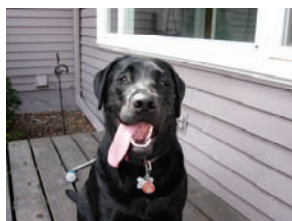
collar or swatting the dog with a newspaper is a quick fix for the problem. Training a dog using harsh punishments will teach your dog to be afraid and to not trust you, he may even shut down and not listen to you at all. It is incredibly important to never lose your dog's trust. Your may find your dog in a dangerous situation at some point and if he doesn't trust you he won't come to you and this could cause the dog to be lost or injured.

In the meantime try to build your dog's self confidence by catching him doing good things and rewarding him for those.

If you have a question for Judi send it to tipsfromthetrainerjh@comcast.net



A shout out from Scout (A dog's perspective)



So, I'm holding down the sofa as usual when I hear my mom and dad talking about what they call Black Dog Syndrome. It seems dogs who are black

(like me) are more likely to be what my mom called u-than-ized and less likely to be adopted. I'm not sure what the word u-than-ized means but I know its bad. Anyway I have come up with the Top Five Reasons people should adopt black dogs like me.

#5—We won't clash with your clothing or furniture (Yes, some people worry about that).

#4 We hide dirt real well.

#3 Excellent night walk protection. The bad guys don't see us until we show our teeth.

#2 Availability!

And the number one reason you should adopt a black dog—WE NEED YOU!!

Now call Waggin' Tails and adopt one of my friends. This is Scout saying SO LONG and have a Safe and Happy Autumn!

Halloween Dangers for Animals

Make sure all pets are inside during Trick-R-Treating, especially black pets to avoid the heartbreak of hideous pranks. In fact, all black pets should be kept indoors for the month of October.

Place pets in a secluded room keeping them from doors that lead outside. As you are greeting guests, the animal could become frightened and make a

rush for the door as you are handing out treats.

The foil wraps on candies can cause internal injuries if swallowed—the foil can be like a razor as it is swallowed and ingested. Keep all candies and their wrappers in a secure place.

Supervise all candles—pets are attracted to bright lights in a darkened room. Not only could they receive

serious burns, but they could knock the candles over spilling hot wax onto carpet and furniture. All other decorations should be carefully placed so that the pets can't pull off or scratch off and swallow any small pieces. Follow these simple suggestions and keep everyone safe and happy!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, September 27, 2008—COSMIC BOWLING

Superbowl Bowling Alley, 45100 Ford Road, Canton, MI

Ford Road and Canton Center Road, Behind Burger King

\$20 per person—Sign in begins at 9:00 pm—Bowling begins at 9:30 pm

\$20 fee includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental and pizza

SATURDAY, October 18 and Saturday, November 8, 2008—TEXAS HOLD'EM CHARITY TOURNAMENT

Sports Venue Bar & Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, MI

\$50 gets you into the game!

Registration is from 12:30—2:00 pm—Games start at 2:00 pm so don't be late!

THURSDAY, October 30, 2008—7:00 pm—10:00 pm—UNCORKED FOR CANINES WINE TASTING EVENT

Genitti's Hole in the Wall in Northville, 108 East Main Street, Northville, MI

Tickets are \$35 pre-sale and \$40 at the door—Must be 21 to attend

All proceeds for these events support our dogs in foster care and help to save homeless dogs from abuse or euthanasia. All donations are tax-deductible.

SPECIAL THANKS

The following businesses help support Waggin' Tails by offering discounts which help us save more animals. Please consider these businesses for any of your animal needs. Rest assured they will be taken care of!

K-9 Cuts—Shelby Township

Tall Oak Kennel—Whitmore Lake

Common Scents—Ortonville

Bark Busters

4-Legged Friends Dog Daycare—Livonia

Country Ridge Animal Clinic—Farmington Hills

Green Oak Veterinary Clinic—Whitmore Lake

Greko Printing & Imaging—Plymouth

Griffith Veterinary Service—Whitmore Lake

Healthy Pet Veterinary Clinic—Milford

Home Health Care for Pets—Whitmore Lake

Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic—Novi

North Gratiot Vet Clinic—Chesterfield Twp

Roose Animal Hospital—Plymouth

VCA—Allen Park

Village Animal Clinic—Farmington

Petsmart-Canton/Commerce/Northville

Parkway Veterinary Clinic

Dog's Bow Wow—Livonia

Hagopian—Novi



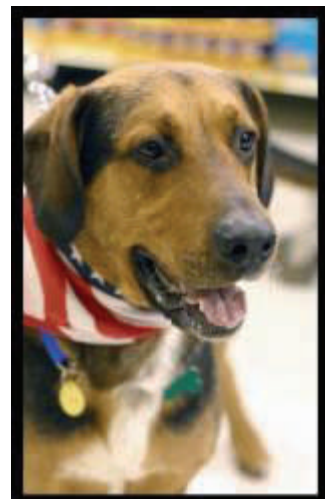
Cory's Story

I know this issue is mainly about black dogs, but I hope you will listen to my story anyway.

My name is Cory and I came from a rural shelter. My time was up, so a nice lady from Waggin' Tails came and saved me. I am part Labrador Retriever (isn't everyone), part Basset Hound and I am between two and three years old. I weigh eighty pounds and a-lot of people say I look just like a giant Basset Hound. My foster mom says I am very intelligent and I do love attention. I go crazy for hugs and pats. I am also eager to please and loveable. I already know how to walk on a leash and I can sit on command and I bet I could learn even more stuff really fast if someone would give me a chance. The only small problem I have is I don't get along very well with cats. My foster mom says I show too much interest in them and they kind of get scared, but other than that I am a perfect boy. I just know there is someone out there who can give me a loving home. So, anyway that's my story. Things didn't look all that great for me but now I'm with the great people at Waggin' Tails and my life is better already.

Please contact my foster mom Lori at lorldames@comcast.net if you would like to take me home with you. You won't regret it.

Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue has a standard adoption fee of \$175, \$275 for small breed dogs or \$200 for puppies plus a \$50 deposit which is returned upon proof of spay/neuter at six months of age. Our adoption process includes an application, vet reference checks, and a home visit.



Save a Life! Please Spay & Neuter Your Pets.

WISH LIST

Donations!!! We are a volunteer based organization. We receive NO salaries. All monies donated and/or generated through adoptions are put towards the care of our dogs. We are also in need of the following:

Dog Food

Martingale collars

Leashes

Dog treats

Heartgard Plus

Frontline Plus

Poo Clean up Bags

Revolution

Postage Stamps

Capster

Standard #10 envelopes

Petsmart gift cards

Office Max or Staples gift cards

Business envelopes

8.5x11 white 20# bond copy paper

Printer cartridges (Lexmark 32 Black, Lexmark 33 color)

Nature's Miracle Stain & Odor Remover



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WHO WE ARE

Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit rescue group which was recently established by a handful of experienced and dedicated animal rescue enthusiasts who have worked in the rescue community for many years. We are volunteers who do this activity in our "spare" time and receive no monetary payment for our activities. Instead our reward is the knowledge that we have saved a life that otherwise might have been lost.

We do not own a formal shelter. The dogs are kept in a kennel (which we must pay for) until a foster home can be found for them. Needless to say, we are ALWAYS on the lookout for foster homes so we would never have to utilize a kennel.

Listed below are some of the great people who help make this possible.

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