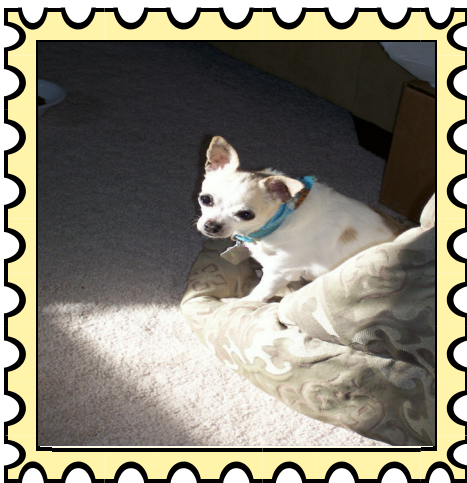


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OF HAIRLESS AND OTHER BREEDS, INC.

Quarterly Newsletter



Tango

Why I Started in Rescue: Faith Zimmerman

I first saw an ad on Pet Finder searching for a home for two Chihuahuas - a mother and daughter who had been in foster care for quite a long time and the rescue would have no choice but to try to find them separate homes if they weren't adopted together.

Their story touched me. Here were these two cute little dogs who had likely lived together the entire 7 years the daughter had been alive and it broke my heart to think that they would have to be separated and live their lives away from each other.

So I talked to my husband and convinced him to we could handle two dogs since we just bought a new house. He finally agreed and I applied online. I remember receiving the good news that I had been approved. I don't remember

ever being so happy and nervous at the same time. These were our first dogs together and definitely our first small dogs.

I drove all the way to Ohio to pick up Tango and Cha Cha and it was a wonderful drive. I remember the first day I got them I just looked at them and knew they were meant to be mine. I fell in love with them more each day as I got to know their personalities.

Earlier this year Tango passed away after some health issues. She passed away in our arms and my heart has never been the same.

Tango and Cha Cha taught me about rescue work and also taught me about love and giving of myself. Tango had the funniest personality and I miss her everyday. I am just so grateful for learning so much from her. Thank you Tango for getting me into rescue!!

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SWOLLEN TONGUE OR SMILEY FACE???

I have been involved in rescue for 20+ years -- volunteering for various rescue organizations in every capacity – board member, fundraiser, volunteer coordination, fosterer, events/ AAP volunteer, shelter work, etc. (as many of us in RA have done...)

About 5 years ago, I initiated a rescue organization – No Place Like Home (“NPLH”) in San Luis Obispo County CA. NPLH is a “stay-home/ re-home” program (we are the only formalized stay-home/ re-home program on the Central Coast of CA – located between Santa Barbara and Monterey Counties).

Owner relinquished pets account for a very high percentage of the population at county facilities. To reduce the influx into county shelters, other rescue organizations, and to make the re-homing less stressful for the animal, NPLH assists owners looking to re-home their animals.

Additionally, for people who want to keep their animal but are experiencing behavioral problems beyond their knowledge, we provide counseling – i.e., we have a trainer willing to provide phone counseling at no charge, or in-home training at a reduced fee; we will go out and assess fencing for an escape artist, etc.

Most people don’t know how, or where, to find homes for their animals. NPLH provides flyers (which our many volunteers post around our county area); we list all animals through a website “portal” that posts on Petfinder, Pets911, Martha Stewart, 1-800-Pets. We place ads (w/ pics) in a local free paper. Additionally, I screen potential adopters and, when I feel a good match has been found, I put the potential adopter in touch with the owner, and provide an adoption contract. There is no charge for these services. However, we do request a \$75 adoption donation from adopters.

When I started the program, I knew that I would be hearing from people with all sorts of reasons why they were giving up their pet (some very valid – death, terminal illness, moving can’t find a place to rent that will allow pets (it’s very difficult to rent in this area with pets). I also knew that I would not always agree with their reasons. But, I also realized that If I were to tell them what I really thought, they would hang up on me, and then I wouldn’t be able to help the animal.

So, I decided not to be judgmental about it – to bite my tongue and just focus on the fact that the animal needed to find a new home; grateful that these owners contacted NPLH rather than “dumping” them at local shelters.

I may walk around with a swollen tongue most of the time, but have a smile on my face that NPLH has been successful in placing/ assisting about 400 dogs and 30 cats to date.

I’m also a very grateful member of Rescue Alliance!!!

Deborah Sutton

No Place Like Home

www.vfa-nplh.org

Do you love animals?

How you can help

Foster or Volunteer

We are always looking for qualified foster homes and volunteers for many other areas in which we need assistance, so please contact us to find out more about our volunteer opportunities!

Donate

Rescue Alliance of Hairless & Other Breeds, Inc. functions purely on the generosity of those who want to help find homes for as many animals as possible. All rescued animals undergo a complete veterinary examination. They are either spayed or neutered, provided dental care, given all vaccinations, groomed, and are placed on a flea and heartworm preventative, if necessary. All of this usually exceeds the adoption fees.

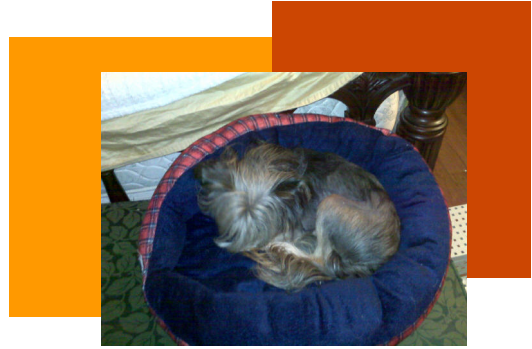
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Make a foster pet a happy pet!

All of our foster homes need supplies to take care of their animals waiting for adoption. Food, paper towels, cat litter, cleaners, blankets, towels and other supplies can really add up.

Why not purchase a gift card from a national chain such as PetSmart, Pet Supplies Plus, Home Depot or even gas cards and send it along to Rescue Alliance.

Thank you so much for anything you can give to help our animals.



A rescued dog named Max

Happy Ending Story

By: Debby Sweet

Miss Muffet was pulled from a shelter totally paralyzed in the hind legs over 2 years ago. With a lot of hard work, physical therapy, chiropractic work, massage therapy & prayers, Muffet regained enough movement in her legs to learn to walk (not perfectly, but enough to get around) and to use a wheelchair! She was adopted, but returned a few months later when her adoptive mommy had to go back to work full time. Muffet needs a stay at home mom, because she is incontinent & has to wear a diaper which must be changed at least 3 X a day.

Finally, Miss Muffet's PERFECT home came along! Another rescuer sent them to us & it was love at first sight for both Miss Muffet & the family. Her new mommy's 18 month old niece also wears diapers & she was delighted to discover that her Aunt's new dog wore the same size she does!!! She was so excited, she pulled down her pants to show Miss Muffet her diaper!

Muffet's new mom has worked with handicapped individuals for a long time, so wheel chairs, crooked walking and changing diapers was no new thing for her :) Handicapped dogs are not new for this family either, as they have another hairless Chinese Crested that is missing 1/2 of his front leg.

I think Muffet is now in the perfect home, which proves to me, if we wait long enough, EVERY dog is adoptable



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