



Pekingese and Japanese Chin Rescue and Re-homing

PNC Newsletter

Welcome!

Thank you for checking out the second issue of our PNC Newsletter. The response we received after the release of our first issue was tremendous. We had a lot of you write to tell us that you enjoyed our stories and found the contents informative.

We hope that we can continue to pique your interest with each coming issue.

Drop us a line, and let us know what you think!

Becoming a Foster Home

Being a foster home is not easy. Taking dogs into your own home, loving them, and then letting them go requires a very particular kind of ability. Every day, thousands of dogs don't ever make it into a new home simply because there is no room in shelters and humane societies to take them all. Foster homes offer a vital alternative to this sad situation. Taking a stray or frightened dog and showing him or her that people can be kind, that

Volunteering

Rescue is a great way to volunteer your time within the community, whether your love is for dogs, cats, horses, or zoo animals. Being a part of rescue, even if it's just a few minutes a week, is extremely rewarding. Not only are you helping animals in need, but you get a chance to meet other wonderful people who share your passion.

People who love animals truly are a breed in their own right!

Food is available, and that there is a warm place to sleep, creates a marvelous bridge to a new home. If we are going to make a difference in the number of animals killed each year because there is not enough space to house them, then becoming a foster parent is a priority. It is important, valuable work, and, best of all, it saves lives. Are you ready to give fostering a try? Let us know.

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**I rehabilitate dogs.
I train people.**
- Cesar Millan



Meet the Dog Whisperer!

Discovery Center presents their 2008 fall fundraiser featuring Cesar "Dog Whisperer" Millan.

Details inside this issue!

Message from Regi Goodhall

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Where to begin... There is always so much happening in rescue. There is a never-ending supply of dogs - all breeds and all sizes - looking for homes where they can be part of the family. I'm thrilled that we have so many foster homes that are willing to take these damaged and neglected dogs and help them learn the rules and joys of being part of a family pack. Another "thank you" goes to people who understand they don't have the time or physical setup to foster but are willing to help by transporting or fundraising, and by communicating the needs of these dogs to the general public.

The horrors of puppy mills are being heard of more and more on the news. As long as dogs (and cats) are raised as a commercial product, they will never receive the loving, social beginnings needed to become solid, happy companions. No matter how clean a facility may be, no matter how much vetting is done, if dogs are confined to cages and crates, then yanked away at 6-8 weeks old and transported around the country, we have failed them. Commercial puppy production that responds to the whims of fashion is the source of a good share of the abandoned dogs we see.

The bright side of our rescue can be seen in each face of a new adopter and a newly adopted dog that is finally HOME. The driving force for each of us is the story of a successful adoption. It takes the foster mom and dads, transporters, fund raisers, speakers, letter writers all to make this happen. If all you can do is provide a small donation, that's welcomed as well. All donated money goes for the purchase and vetting of our dogs with a small amount for actual administrative expenses - no one gets a salary. We not only vet new dogs (altering, vaccinations, HW tests) but also to provide the care needed by these dogs that become part of the Peke N Chin family. We take care of the eyes

and ears, hernias and skin conditions that have been neglected.

This current fiscal year we have helped over 80 dogs enter new homes that have been thoroughly screened. We hope to prevent the scenario where a dog doesn't work out and ends up in the pound or shelter. We've worked to educate more people about the need for rescue by manning a booth at the Pet Expo in Minneapolis. We're trying to slowly expand our presence as manpower and funds for booths are available. There are a lot of people to thank for their work in this area as well.

A "special thanks" goes to donors who have contributed dollars to our efforts since the last newsletter. Sometimes it's a cash donation. Sometimes it's providing a service, like grooming, at no cost. All contributions are acknowledged by a letter because each donation is tax deductible. (Please see the list of contributors on page 13 of this newsletter.)

We enter the fall with our foster homes full. We have puppy mill dogs, owner-surrendered dogs, and dogs either failing in shelters, or scheduled to be euthanized. Each dog has general needs as a canine, and specific needs depending on the history of earlier treatment. We strive to help dogs become more balanced and help adopters to understand the particular as well as general needs of the canine they're calling family.

So, I again say a giant THANK YOU to all of the people who make this work possible. - The work that says, "These little dogs are not throw away, but valuable."

Regi Goodhall
Peke N Chin Midwest Co-founder,
Treasurer



Our Forever Fosters - Snowball



It is with great sadness that on April 20, 2008 we needed to say goodbye to our sweet angel, Snowball (also known as Emma). For the short time that Snowball was with us and under the loving and compassionate care of her foster mother, Christy Johnson, she was able to experience sunshine, grass, comfort, play and a family of her own.

Snowball had endured many years of pain and neglect and, in the end, was not able to regain wellness.

She is no longer blind.

She is no longer crippled.

She is no longer arthritic.

She is no longer riddled with

Cancer that made life frightening and confusing.

Snowball is in Heaven now.

She is happy.

She is healthy.

Running and chasing butterflies.

We miss her dearly.



SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT RESCUE

I just wanted to let you all know that I put a math problem in my Course Assignments (I teach math to elementary teachers) about dogs and adoptions, etc. I found some stats on the Toronto Humane Society site that are compelling. This assignment will be done by 170 prospective teachers next year, and sometimes these people use these problems in their future classrooms too. So I thought it was a good way to spread the word. The problem contains the following footnote:

This problem is dedicated to the memory of Bonnie, a very special dog rescued by Peke N Chin Midwest (of Minnesota) and Funds for Furry Friends (of Manitoba), whose life was all too short.

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Thank you Ann for your great contribution to our cause!

Our Forever Fosters - Shadowman

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of yet another of our beloved Forever Fosters. Shadowman left us on May 28, 2008.

Andrea, his foster mom, writes:

My foster dog, named by his rescue "Shadow Man," but whom I called "Little Man," became ill and had to be put to sleep this afternoon. (He had one or more liver shunts, and his body was unable to rid itself of built-up toxins.) He was believed to have been at least 10 years old, which for his condition is good.

He was my baby, and although I only had the pleasure of his company for 5 months, I became instantly attached to him. He came over unexpectedly with a client's dog, and stayed. I knew his liver would eventually give out but I was not ready for it to be so soon.

Today was a very painful day, and I don't know how I managed. My eyes are swollen and sore, and I can barely see out of them to type this.

I am not able to say goodbye.

My daughter, Karina, wrote this poem tonight:

5 Months

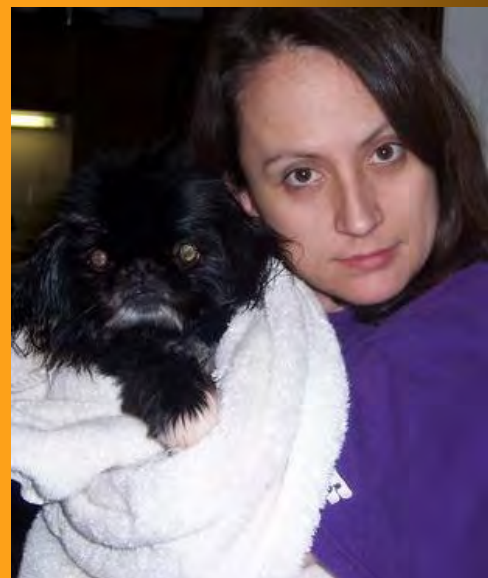
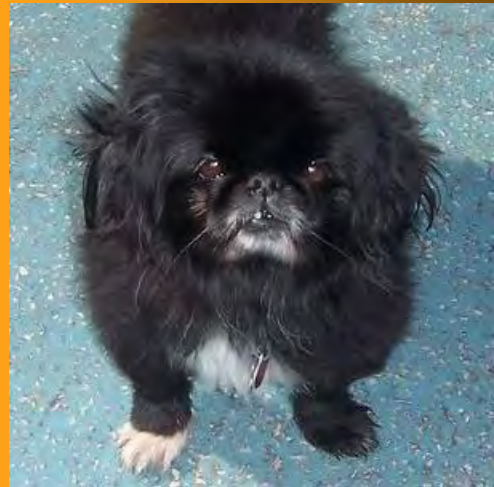
5 Months we were with him
5 Months he made us laugh
5 Months

5 Months his crooked little smile grinned each morning
5 Months he yipped and yapped
5 Months we knew him

5 Months, feels like a lifetime
5 Months of joy
5 Months gone

Only 5 Months
Never a right time to say goodbye
Not 5 Months
Not ever.

Andrea Kim
Shadowman's Foster Mom



An Adoption Success Story

Through PNC, there have been many successful adoptions. Our rate of success is actually 99.5%. We hear often from our adoptive families who want to share their joy with us. Some of these updates are so heartwarming that we want to share them with you.

Here's a letter written to Kalina Bourdeau, the former foster mom of Phoebe. Phoebe is now living in the great state of Texas with her human family.

Kalina,

I've been meaning to write to you for weeks but I keep getting caught up, so thanks for writing to me. Sophia Elena was born May 7th so she is 7 weeks old. We started training Phoebe on baby etiquette as soon as we moved into the new house. So far, she has only sniffed on the baby and licked her leg a few times. We walk Phoebe and Sophia together in the evening sometimes. Phoebe has no interest in the baby right now. She really avoids going near the baby. She just wants the attention from Rick and me that she is used to, which I can understand. The baby has nothing to offer her at this point and I think that Phoebe senses that she is small and vulnerable. We are all doing really well, and our family feels complete now. I hope you are doing well also. We look in on the website every once in a while to see what is new and get a peek at who is up for adoption. We aren't adopting right now, but dogs are so cute!

Phoebe is still doing well with her nose. She snores much less, but she still snorts sometimes. Rick suspects she does it because she has been doing it all of her life. There are some young girls in the neighborhood and when we walk Phoebe the girls will be out and she goes crazy trying to get to them. She is really good with the small neighborhood dogs and the big ones too, but prefers the smaller dogs.

I am including some pictures that Rick and I have taken. We have tried buying her stuffed toys but she only wants the squirrel that you gave to her. If you say, "Phoebe bring me your squirrel!" or "Phoebe where's your squirrel?", she will try and find it and bring it to you. So Rick went online and bought more of the same exact squirrel so when her original one dies, we will have replacements. We found out in searching that the squirrel is actually a cat toy with a little pocket in it for nip. I bought a stick that had feathers attached to the top, also another cat toy, and Phoebe just goes bonkers for it! It's like her crack habit. She will chase it until she is panting, and she will hold vigil outside the closet where it is kept. The feathers get nasty quickly so we have to buy more "feathers" pretty often.

Well, I have to go for now. Thank you again.

Janine.



In memory of Shahna Rice

RESCUE FOUNDER AND FRIEND of FUND FOR FURRY FRIENDS

On Tuesday, July 1 2008, we had to say goodbye to a good friend. Shahna Rice had a light that shone so brightly it touched almost everyone she encountered. I believe that there are many people in this world who shine, but none so strongly and as brightly as Shahna. She was able to make a mark on this world and she is someone who will truly never be forgotten. Shahna started Funds for Furry Friends in 2001 and has been involved in the rescue until her passing. The rescue was Shahna's legacy, and it is something that, born from her, will continue to live and grow because of her. Now and forever, each and every animal that finds a new life through this rescue will do so because of the dreams and determination of one person.

At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, Shahna and her family would deeply appreciate donations to Funds For Furry Friends to a fund designated as "Shahna's Shelter of Hope" that is dedicated to supporting the temporary housing of rescued companion animals from the Brandon pound. Please address donations to: Funds for Furry Friends - 740 Rosser Avenue, Suite 208 - Brandon, Manitoba - R7A 0K9. Website: <http://www.fundsfurfriends.com/>

*I looked at all the caged
animals in the shelter... the
cast-offs of human society.
I saw in their eyes love and
hope, fear and dread,
sadness and betrayal.
And I was angry.
"God", I said, "this is terrible!
Why don't you do something?"
God was silent for a moment
and then He spoke softly.
"I have done something,"
He replied.
"I created You."*

~Jim Willis



Hold On To Your Leashes!

Tickets for *Thru a Dog's Eyes...Featuring Cesar Millan* are available now!

Discovery Center presents our 2008 fall fundraiser featuring Cesar "Dog Whisperer" Millan



Location: Coronado Performing Arts Center 314 N. Main. St., Rockford, IL 61101

Description: Discovery Center Museum's 2008 fall fundraiser featuring a 90 minute interactive talk with Cesar Millan.

Tickets: \$35, \$55, \$75, or \$200.

Tickets can be purchased at

www.coronadopac.org by phone at 815.968.0595

Discovery Center Museum will also be hosting mini-seminars on dog related topics, a pet expo, and hands-on pet-related art and science activities for children and families.

Museum admission prices are Adults \$6, Children \$5, and Children under 2 and members: free.

For more information please visit

www.discoverycentermuseum.org

or call 815.963.6769

So, who is this "Dog Whisperer"?

Cesar Millan is one of the most sought-after specialists working in the field of dog rehabilitation. He has an uncanny gift for communication with dogs and seeing the world through their eyes.

Millan performs amazing rehabilitations of aggressive, scared, lazy, compulsive and jealous dogs - and of the families that are usually in the spotlight in his National Geographic Channel (NGC) series *Dog Whisperer*. Each episode of *Dog Whisperer* documents the transformations that take place under Cesar's guidance, up close and personal, inside the homes of dog owners. Cesar travels the country rehabilitating dogs, training owners and sharing his "exercise, discipline, affection" formula for balanced dogs.

His unique talent with dogs first developed on his grandfather's farm in Mexico. Now, at his Dog Psychology Center in Los Angeles, he receives as many as 100 calls a week from owner's desperate for help.

Cesar's methodology developed from his keen understanding of canine pack behavior. Unique to Cesar's approach is his "Power of the Pack" method. Incredibly, his own pack of up to 50 dogs, which includes Rottweilers, Pit Bulls and German Shepherds, are able to live together harmoniously. Most dog trainers relate to one animal at a time, but Cesar often uses the pack itself - the natural social unit for canines - to rehabilitate a wayward dog.

Millan has also grown into a pop culture phenomenon, with appearances on Oprah, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Today Show, The View and Live with Regis and Kelly. His satisfied celebrity clients include Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith, Patti LaBelle, Vin Diesel, Nicolas Cage, Scarlett Johansson, Hilary Duff, and many more. At appearances throughout the country, Cesar draws sold-out crowds of fans ready to hear Cesar's signature "Tsst!" while learning from the master how to become a calm-assertive pack leader.

Cesar is also the author of both The New York Times bestsellers *Be the Pack Leader* and *Cesar's Way*.

To learn more about Millan, visit Cesar's website: <http://www.cesarmillaninc.com/>

Winter Safety

by Don Anderson

It's that time of year. Old man winter is here and Jack Frost is nipping at our noses. While we may not all be happy about the fact, many of our furry companions are looking forward to it. If you have a dog like we do (Lab and German Shepherd mix) then this weather is heaven for them. Like many of you, I don't look forward to the winter. There always seems to be a long list of things to get done before it gets to cold and not enough time. There are a few things every pet owner should be aware of as we enter the winter months.

Outerwear

Many dogs love to spend hours outside romping through the snow. Although this is a very healthy exercise for them, precautions need to be taken. Don't leave your dog outside for long periods of time. Housedogs have a harder time with the cold even if they have heavy coats made for winter conditions. Like you and me dogs have to get acclimated to the weather. Dogs that are always outside have a much easier time with the change in weather because their body slowly adjusts to the change in temperature. If your dog is a housedog and loves the outdoors, think about a doggy coat or sweater. This is important for older dogs and puppies that may be more sensitive to the cold. Dogs with very short coats have the least tolerance for cold.

Extremely short-coated breeds include Rat Terriers, Greyhounds, Dobermans, Boxers, Boston Terriers and Chihuahuas. These breeds shouldn't go outside without a sweater or a coat except for short times to relieve themselves. Small dogs with short coats (such as Toy Rat Terriers, Chihuahuas, miniature Pinschers, and miniature Dachshunds) are especially vulnerable to cold. They may not tolerate any outdoor exercise in extremely cold weather.

Foot (Paw) Care

Some dogs experience cracking and rawness on their pads in the winter. Usually the culprit is the salt used for de-icing roads and sidewalks. It dries the dogs' pads and causes cracking. To prevent this from happening, wash your dog's toes and pads with warm water after walks to remove any salt residue and dry them thoroughly. After washing, apply baby oil, Vaseline or Bag Balm to footpads to soothe irritated paws. Apply again just before walks or outdoor play time to protect paws.

You may also notice that your dog gets balls of ice between his toes, which can cause pain. Keeping the hair between your dog's toes and pads clipped short, even with the bottom of the foot. When hair is left too long, snow sticks to it, forming ice balls that are uncomfortable and hard to remove. Long hair between pads also reduces traction, making it easier for your dog to slip and hurt himself on the ice.

Don't let a dog try to chew around lumps of ice collected in its paws or hanging from its fur. Ingesting rock salt or chemical de-icing products can have a toxic effect. There are pet-safe ice-melting products available. Use one of them instead of rock salt for de-icing sidewalks and driveways. The National Animal Poison Control Center also suggests using sand or cat litter as an alternative. They won't melt ice, but they'll provide added traction.

Dog booties are also available to help protect paws. Many dogs don't care to wear them, though. For most dogs, it takes a little time to adjust to the new sensation of walking in boots. You might want to have a camcorder ready for a funniest pet video moment... a high-stepping comedy act... the first time a dog walks in boots. To get used to wearing them, put boots on all 4 paws and have your dog just follow you around the house with a handful of treats for encouragement or go on very short

walks. Double-check the fit and make any adjustments if needed. Next day, try to get your dog interested in a favorite fun activity like chasing a ball or a favorite toy for about 10 minutes while wearing boots. Again, double-check the fit and make any adjustments if needed. Make sure the boots stay in place as they are supposed to be worn. Practice enough to know that your dog is willing to wear them for a reasonable length of time before going on any long walks. Whenever your dog is wearing boots, check them frequently to make sure they're not too tight. Never leave a dog wearing boots unattended.

Good nail care is also important, too. Nails that are too long also reduce traction. They force the dog to walk on the backs of his feet, splaying his toes - the greater the space between his toes — the more snow that will pack between them. A good way to know if your dog's nails are short enough is to listen to see if you can hear your dog's nails clicking as he walks on a hard surface like hardwood floors, tile, or cement.



Why did the snowman call his dog Frost?
Because frost bites!

Superstitions and Common Myths about Dogs

Dogs age 7 years for every human year. Contrary to popular belief, there is no exact formula to gauge how much a dog ages – it's as individual for dogs as it is for people. But a rough guide is thus: The first year of a dog's life is equivalent to 16 human years. After 2 years, they are the equivalent of a 24-year-old. At 3 years, they are the equivalent of a 30-year-old. Each year after, add 5 human years to determine your dog's age. This is a rough guide, however.

Dogs are color blind.

This is not entirely true. Dogs can see in color, but they can't tell the difference between yellow, green or red, although they can distinguish between shades of blue and gray. In fact, they can tell the difference between closely related shades of blue, gray and violet better than people.

Dingoes are a species of wild dogs in Australia.

They are not. In fact, they are feral dogs or the offspring of feral dogs. They had been pets at one time but have reverted to living in the wild.

Dog saliva is antiseptic.

Dog saliva was once believed to be antiseptic, and some people still believe it has healing properties. Though it can kill some bacteria, dog saliva contains its own exotic bacteria that can cause serious infections, especially in people whose immune systems are weak.

Dogs feel guilt when they do something wrong.

It's not true that a dog will feel guilty for doing something wrong. The "hang-dog" look is not guilt – it is fear. Because he perceives you as the leader of the pack, he will act submissive if he senses you are displeased, but he doesn't feel guilty about knocking over that priceless vase from the Ming Dynasty. If not caught red-handed in the act, your dog will not have the faintest idea what he did to make you angry; he just wants to placate you.



Dogs should have a litter before they are spayed.

This is not true. Dogs that have a litter before they are spayed are not better for it in any way. In fact, spayed dogs are at lower risk for breast cancer and uterine infections.

Dogs are sick when their noses are warm.

The temperature of a dog's nose does not indicate health or illness or if they have a fever. There is an "old wives tale" that cold wet noses indicate health. And warm or dry noses indicate a fever or illness. The only accurate method to access a dog's temperature is to take it with a thermometer. Normal dog temperature is 100.5 to 102.5 degrees F.

Happy dogs wag their tails.

This may be true but aggressive dogs often wag their tails too. There are several physical body motions and cues that help dogs to communicate their intent. A wagging tail can mean agitation or excitement. A dog that wags his tail slowly and moves his all rear end or crouches down in the classic "play bow" position is usually a friendly wag. Tails that are wagged when held higher, twitches or wagging while held over the back may be associated with aggression.

Only male dogs will "hump" or lift their leg to urinate.

This is not true. Female dogs, especially dominant female dogs, will lift their leg to urinate and "hump" other dogs or objects. This can be true even if they are spayed.

Dogs eat grass when they are sick.

Dogs descended from wild wolves and foxes that ate all parts of their "kill." This included the stomach contents of many animals that ate berries and grass. Many scientists believe grass was once part of their normal diet and eating small amounts is normal.

Dogs will let you know when they are sick.

This is not true. Dogs generally are very good at hiding that they are sick by survival instinct, thus not to appear vulnerable to "prey." Often by the time they show you that they are sick, their disease or condition is quite advanced.

Icy Paws

Ingredients:

2 cartons plain or vanilla yogurt (32 oz each)
1 small can tuna in water (8oz.)
2 tsp. garlic power
24 3 oz. plastic cups (not paper)

Instructions:

Open yogurt, if they are full to the top use a spoon & scoop out one cup (these will be frozen as plain yogurt). Put half of the can of tuna in each yogurt container add the garlic power (1 tsp. in each) & stir thoroughly.

Use a spoon & scoop the mixture into the cups. Place on a tray & freeze overnight.

Makes about 24 treats.



"When did you get the portrait of yourself over your mantel?"

Liver Treats

1 lb. beef liver
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 cup cornmeal
12 - 14 cloves garlic
2 eggs

Puree liver and garlic in food processor. Add eggs, whole wheat flour and cornmeal. Grease cookie sheet and pour mixture onto cookie sheet. Bake in 350 oven for 20 minutes, flipping over halfway through baking. Cut into desired sized squares.

Keep these treats in the fridge for freshness. These freeze well also.



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An Understanding Soul!

*Every dog must have a soul
Somewhere deep inside
Where all his hurts and grievances
Are buried with his pride
Where he decides the good and bad
The wrong way from the right,
And where his judgment carefully
Is hidden from our sight.*

*A dog must have a secret place
Where every thought abides,
A sort of close acquaintance that
He trusts in and confide
And when accused unjustly for
Himself, He cannot speak,
Rebuked, He finds within his soul
The comfort he must seek.*

*He'll love, though he is unloved,
And he'll serve though badly used,
And one kind word will wipe away
The times when he's abused.
although' his heart may break in two
His love will still be whole,
Because God gave to every dog
An understanding Soul!*

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Every Rescued Dog Has A Tale By Deborah Eades

Book Description

This book contains stories with photos of shelter dogs that were transported by volunteers to safety in another state in order to save them from being put to death in the shelter. There is also a section on how you can get involved in this worthy cause if you are interested. Some stories are funny, some heartbreaking, but all are inspiring.

The book contains 17 individual chapters, each profiling a rescued dog, with an additional 15 pages of black and white photos of many other dogs on their way to a happy ending. These stories will touch you and may even entice you to become a transporter yourself after reading how easy it is to help.

EVERY RESCUED DOG HAS A TALE

Stories from the Dog Rescue
Railroad



Deborah Eades

"You are the source of your dog's energy. You are the role model."

- Cesar (Dog Whisperer) Millan



Dog Fact

Ancient Chinese royalty carried Pekingese dogs in the sleeves of their royal robes.



Joke of the Day:

What dog loves to take bubble baths?

A Shampoodle!

We can't do it alone...
We need your help.

Hosting a special event for animals is a fun way for individuals, schools, organizations and companies to raise much needed funds for Peke N Chin Midwest or other animal rescue organization or shelter in your area.

- Garage Sale
- Birthday Money
- Car Washes
- Silent Auctions
- Bake/Craft Sales
- Casual Day at Work

How you can help us



Send us
a PNC
Success
story!

Is your dog the best dog in the World? Is he the funniest? Smartest? Or most affectionate? Does he light up your life every single day? Share your happy, touching, and memorable moments with us. We want to know what joy your special little canine friend that you adopted from us brings into your life!

Send us your story and photos and we will feature it in our next Newsletter or website.

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