



Rockbridge Dog Rescue

**THIS
YEAR:**

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FALL 2013

- 18 dogs have been rescued
- 18 dogs have been adopted
- We have reached a total of 208 dogs spayed/neutered!

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month! Be sure to make adoption your first option! You can find any kind of dog you want in a shelter or rescue group.

RDR Starts Local Pet Food Pantry

In addition to rescuing shelter dogs, we also care about local dogs in need! Our spay/neuter assistance program has helped over 200 dogs so far. Now it's time to step up a gear to help even more pets in need.

We are starting a local pet food pantry, with a goal of helping households who are having difficulty providing proper, adequate nutrition for their four legged family members. We are in the process of acquiring donated dog food as well as raising

money to purchase food. Once we have a reasonable supply, we will come



up with a distribution site and method of getting the food to those who need it most.

It is our hope that our pet food pantry will not

only help improve the lives of local dogs (who may not be getting enough to eat), and their families (who may be going without necessities to pay for pet food), but also prevent families who are having a trying financial time from feeling like they have to give up their pets.

If you would like to donate to this program, you can drop food off at Lexington Pet World or send us a check or donate at our PayPal link: info@rockbridgedogrescue.org.

Wow—look at our van!

You may have seen us riding through town in our newly-decorated van. It looks great and helps spread our message of saving lives!

Our heartfelt thanks go

to Donelle DeWitt Graphic Arts & Illustration. Donelle so generously donated her time and talents to give our van a make-over. All of the images on the van are of dogs we

have actually rescued. Thanks again, Donelle, for being such a great friend to RDR and to dogs in need!



RDR Spotlight—Jazzy!



Jazzy is a great, active girl!

Jazzy is a young (1 & 1/2 year old) Plott Hound girl who is looking for a great home. Jazzy was adopted earlier this year but was returned to the rescue when her family's situation changed and they could no longer keep a dog.

Jazzy is good with other dogs and is great with children. Her previous family had 2 young kids. She does not do well with cats, so a home without them is best!

Jazzy is a playful, funny, and active girl who would love to be someone's walking/

jogging buddy. She gets along with everyone, but Jazzy has a soft spot for men and seems very drawn to them.

For more information on Jazzy or to fill out an application for this fine girl, please visit our website.

Looking for the perfect gift? Give a membership to RDR! Visit our website for more information.

There is also a membership form on the back page of this newsletter.

Update—Ralphie

Ralphie was rescued from a shelter in NC last year, where he had run out of time. Ralphie was only in foster care for two weeks when he caught the eye of a wonderful local family.

Ralphie recently celebrated his one year anniversary in his happy home, and we couldn't be more thrilled for this wonderful boy!

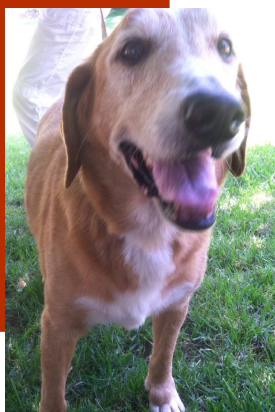
Thank you to Ralphie's family and to

everyone for your support, which makes happy endings like Ralphie's possible.



Ralphie

Update—Sam



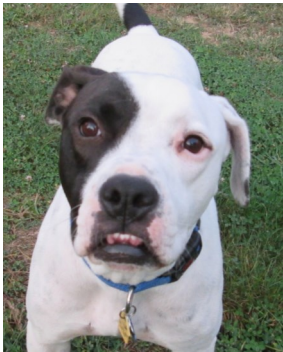
Sam is home!

In our last newsletter, we told the story of Sam, an 8 year old Lab mix who was surrendered (along with his 11 year

old companion) by his family because they wanted a puppy. Sam underwent treatment for heartworms, Lyme disease, and Ehrlichia, as well as surgery to remove broken teeth! We are so happy to

report that Sam has been adopted by a loving family and will spend his golden years with people who love him and treasure him for who he is, no matter what age! Way to go, Sam!

Welcome RDR's Newest Volunteer!



Anyone who has met Herbie knows what a truly special boy he is. When we first

saw Herbie, he was completely shut down and way too thin. He lived with Richard & Tracy for 7 months as he recovered physically and recovered his spirit.

Herbie has been adopted and returned twice because when he goes to a new home he reverts back to being shut down. He isn't like this at all in his current

home, and anyone who has met Herbie at an adoption event knows what a fun, interactive boy he is.

We have decided it is in Herbie's best interest to stay with us and be our mascot and event dog! He will be the perfect replacement for our dear old hound Josie, who has retired from public events. Welcome, Herbie!



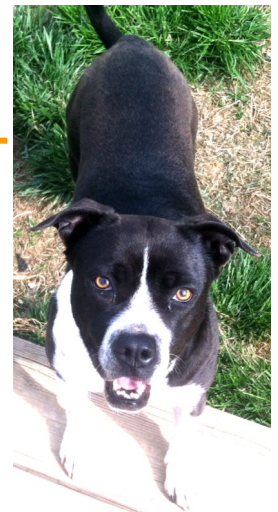
Pack Profiles—Cadpig

Cadpig is one of the members of RDR's permanent pack, who help foster dogs transition from shelter life to living in a home again. Our pack is so good at bringing a new dog into their group and helping them feel at ease.

Caddie, along with her 10

siblings, was left in a cardboard box at the dumpsters in 2009 when there was snow on the ground. We fostered them until they could be adopted, but we were so attached to Cadpig, who was the tiniest puppy, that we kept her! She has excellent manners and is al-

ways willing to play at any time. Caddie's favorite toy is her tennis ball—she could play fetch all day. Although she is great with all of our dogs, she is especially close to Zato, who spent a lot of time with her when she was very small. She is a very special girl. Love you, Caddie!



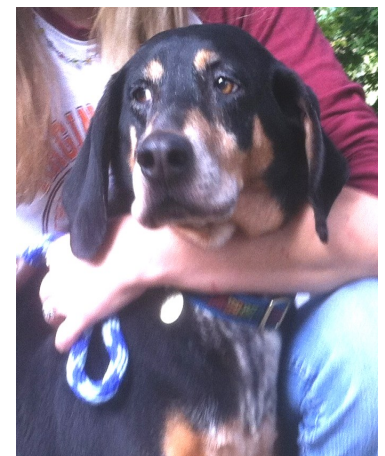
Cadpig

Adopt Rhett!

Rhett is a new fellow here at the rescue. He is a 6 year old Hound mix who is neutered, microchipped, up to date on shots, and heart-worm negative! Rhett does well with other dogs and is fine with cats, too.

Rhett is a low/medium energy boy who likes to go for walks and then cuddle on the sofa. He is old enough to be settled but young enough to have many years of faithful companionship left. Please visit our website for more

pictures and information on Rhett! He will make a fine addition to any family. Thanks to the Williams family for sponsoring Rhett!



Rhett



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Saving dogs, one by one...



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