



senior PETS

All they Need is Love



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Training Tips By Matt

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Living with Dogs - Play it Safe

It can't be said often enough: Toys are great. As training rewards, for dog-dog play, for dog-human play, and as mental stimulation when Fido is home alone. Dogs left in a moonscape environment can get awfully bored and idle minds often turn to mischief. Toys can make all the difference. However, not all toys are created equal, so carefully select toys that your dog can use unsupervised. Here are some guidelines.

Supervise first encounters. Every time your dog plays with or chews on something new, it should happen under your watchful eye. Make sure your dog plays with the toy appropriately, that is, uses it the way it's meant to be used. Gnawing on rather than swallowing a chew, for example. Or rolling a treat ball rather than trying to crack it open with his teeth.

Choose chews and toys carefully. Look for durable, non-toxic materials (some rawhides have been preserved with arsenic, for example), and always buy toys created for dogs, not plastic things from the dollar bin at the supermarket. Treat balls should have two openings not one, so a vacuum effect can't cause your dog's tongue to get stuck.

Never leave your dog alone with: 1. A rawhide or other edible chews. You need to be around to take the chew away before it's small enough for your dog to swallow and potentially choke on. 2. Anything your dog hasn't played with before. 3. Anything with parts small enough to swallow: Squeakers, buttons, eyes, etc.

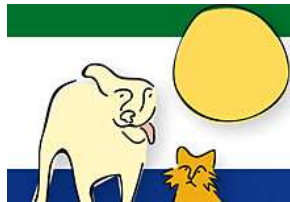
Know your dog. Some dogs play gently with all toys and never break or tear anything. Others are on a mission to take things apart at the seams; nothing gives them greater pleasure. Find a collection of toys that keeps your dog happy and constructively occupied during alone time through mental stimulation and food-and-fun delivery. If in doubt about what's safe to give your dog, always consult your veterinarian. For more training tips or general advice contact Matt Miller -at www.dogwalkingmadeeasy.com

Featured Senior Dog For Adoption: Meet EINSTEIN!



- Hi there! My name is Einstein and I am a 9 yr. old, 27 lb. beagle boy. I would not be here today if not for the kindness of Penny Angels; they saved my life when they rescued me from a shelter. I don't consider myself to be old', but I'm definitely not a puppy! Not many people are looking to adopt older dogs these days, especially when there are so many younger ones waiting to find homes, but I still think that I have a shot at finding another family. I get along well with other dogs and would be happy to share my life with you! Contact for me: [Penny Angels Beagle Rescue](http://www.pennyangels.org) Ventnor, NJ—609-965-9476 or email : Beagler534@comcast.net. Visit our site at: <http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/16616218>

Rescue Group Profile:



Picasso Veterinary Fund

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Welcome to the Picasso Veterinary Fund!

How the Picasso Veterinary Fund is saving lives...

Traditionally, animals with extreme medical needs who are taken in by animal control shelters are euthanized because the funds needed to pay for extensive surgeries and other expensive treatment just haven't been available. But many of these animals would make wonderful, loving pets if only they had access to the medical treatment they need. The Picasso Veterinary Fund was created to give these animals the second chance they deserve. By paying for medical treatment that otherwise would not be available to them, the Fund is saving lives that in the past would have been lost.

Administered by the [Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals](#), the Picasso Veterinary Fund pays for lifesaving medical treatment for sick and injured animals transferred from Animal Care & Control of NYC (AC&C) to other [Alliance Participating Organizations \(APOs\)](#) for adoption.

These animals get the [veterinary care](#) they need to get back on their feet, and then are put up for [adoption](#) when they are healthy enough to be placed into permanent homes. Since 2003, hundreds of [dogs and cats](#) have received medical treatment paid for by the Fund.

Meet some of our current senior pets who are looking for forever homes! Then visit our site at <http://www.animalalliancencyc.org/picasso/> for adoption information or email Sio-bhan@animalalliancencyc.org

MEET SHEA



Shea, 9-10, is a beagle/golden mix approximately 30 lbs. She is as sweet as sugar and gets along with everyone. She needs a foster or permanent home. This is a lovely sweet calm dog.

MEET KIPPY



Kippy, 10, ragdoll male cat, is a laid back cat in good health. He is a little shy. If you want to foster or adopt Kippy, please email Sio-bhan@animalalliancencyc.org

MEET JACK



Jack, 12, a male Pekinese came in with a companion dog, a 2 year old female Chihuahua Rosie. They must be adopted as a pair. These two like to care for each other and now need you to care for both of them.!

- "Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well."- **Bonnie Wilcox** 'Old Dogs, Old Friends'

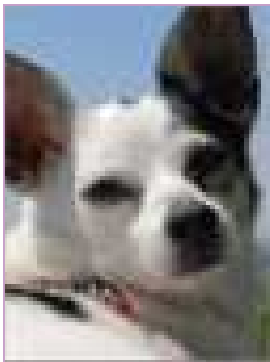
SENIOR DOGS FOR ADOPTION



Maggie May, 7, female golden retriever mix, weighs 55 lbs. Very happy dog, likes her walks and good with other dogs. Call 917-319-4304 or email mslondon-spets@aol.com Posh Pets Rescue



Daisy, female beagle was a puppy mill breeder dog. Not a great life! Daisy now is looking to go for strolls and have a good rest of her life. Contact: rescue@doghabitat.org to meet her.



Chiquita, 13, female Chihuahua is an owner surrender. An adult home would be ideal for this dog. She has been in one home since a puppy. Call Bobbi at 718-326-6070 for adoption information. Bobbi and the Strays



Hannie, 8, male shepherd mix was an owner surrender. Good with other dogs and kids, this is a well mannered easy dog. Contact katyaedwards@hotmail.com



Chip, 10, male pointer spaniel was an owner surrender. He loves to lounge around. Not great with stairs but loves long walks! contact Eleventhhrrescue@aol.com for more information on CHIP. Eleventh Hour Rescue is in NJ.



Raisin, 8-9 male pit bull is 43 lbs and is quite the character. Came in as a stray. We are sure he will be a wonderful companion. Contact SSchulz@county.bergen.nj.us



Edith, age 12 and 9 lbs, female Chihuahua was given up when her owner went into a nursing home. She must be adopted with her companion dog Archie. Contact info@barshelter.org www.barshelter.org



Lola and Sammy, shepherd, beagle are both 11 and have always been together. If you can give them a home please contact countrynell@aol.com or call 718-698-1400



• There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats." - **Albert Schweitzer**

SENIOR CATS FOR ADOPTION



Kramer, 10, was returned after 5 years. He would like a home as a solo cat! He is a very sweet boy!
 Email emily10012@aol.com
 Kitty Kind
 212-726-2652



Rex, 10, is a shy male cat who is used to being alone. He does not like loud noises but he is also playful and will sit on your lap.
 Contact strays-rus@comcast.net



Laverne, female, was adopted as a kitten and returned to us as a senior. She is good with cats and needs a new home! Contact info@barcshelter.org or call 718-486-7489
www.barcshelter.org



Madison, 9, female calico is a sweet cat who would like a new home. She likes to be held and petted. Contact [SSchulz@county.bergen.nj.us](mailto:sschulz@county.bergen.nj.us) or call 201-229-4600



Rain, 12, needs a quiet home without other animals. She was dumped by owners into the city pound. She is a low energy easy cat. Contact adopt@anjelliccats.com or call 646-457-2130



Martsch, 13, is a calico female who still acts like a kitten. She is feisty, loves to play and is very outgoing. Email eleventhrrrescue@aol.com or call 973-664-0865 Eleventh Hour Rescue, NJ



Kelly, 10, female, was orphaned when her owner died unexpectedly. She would like another home and not have to live in a cage. Contact lhs@libertyhumane.org



Mama is a sweet senior black and white cat who needs a new loving home. Contact start-kayne@aol.com or call 201-797-8861—Save the Animals Rescue Team II

Boogie's Tales

It is Fall now and the leaves are turning and the weather is finally getting colder. And I am 17 and slowing down some. I still don't like the kitten, who is a year old already but a tiny runty little thing who keeps playing with my tail. And I kind of like Ruby who likes to bark in my face if I pat her head. Well, who can blame her? Mom got me when I was 13, no one wanted me. And I have shared my life with all these great cats, and with Molly the beagle who is still afraid of me. It does not matter how many years I have left, really. I never thought I would have such a wonderful home. I hope for the past 5 years that I have been writing my column, that some nice people have decided to adopt an older cat or dog thanks, in part, to me. I hope to go on writing this column forever!! Have a good thanksgiving and I will see you in December. This is Boogie saying don't forget to pet your pets every day! *I remain, Boogie!*



Beagle Bites by Molly— I just want to be alone. But Ruby moved in with me because she had no place to go. She takes my spot on the couch, so I have to sit in mom's spot and there is NO room for mom. She drinks my water and tries to get my treats. But we all hope Ruby gets a home soon. Just leave me alone with my kitten Annie. I love to chase her all over, then I cry when she steals my bone. Hopefully I will have the place back to myself, the ONLY dog, pretty soon. I want to be mom's one and only dog. And there is nothing really wrong with that!

Some dogs just want to be alone. This is Molly signing off for now. "Every senior dog has a purpose." - Molly says—"eat good treats!"



Success Story—14 year old pit bull Dutch Gets a Home!!!



14 year old Dutch, a BARC Shelter resident for 4 years, finally went home—to Western Massachusetts! Everyone who knew him, walked him, and loved him, could not be happier for this sweet senior dog!



"Hounds used to find things using their sense of smell, but now I use a search tool called Google Nose!"

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On The Cover: Willow, 13, Pets Alive-Westchester;
Sandy, 12 —calico cat—Bide A Wee, NYC