

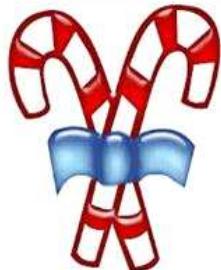


# senior PETS

*All they Need is Love*



**Molly, 11, Maggie, 7 and Winston, 10+ ADOPT A SENIOR LAB!!**



## Holiday Issue



## Dogs On Deployment—Helping Deployed Military personnel find foster care for their pets!

Dogs on Deployment was founded by husband and wife, Shawn and Alisa Johnson, who serve in the US Navy and US Marine Corps respectively. They started Dogs on Deployment in June 2011. As a dual-military family, the founders have been in situations where they needed a program like Dogs on Deployment. Alisa had orders to move to Quantico, Virginia where she was to attend six months of military training. At the same time, Shawn, was to be deployed. Neither could care for their beloved dog, JD. They were lucky enough to have family to rely on, but recognized the need for a program which would help others who found themselves in a similar situation. Thus, Dogs on



Deployment was born.

Founders Alisa and Shawn Johnson proudly own two miniature Australian Shepherds, JD and Jersey, and a Caique parrot, Kiki, who are the inspiration behind their work. They are also active fosters for Dogs on Deployment and local rescue groups.

DoD aims at having DoD Boarders located near all major military bases in the United States. A military member should be able to find a DoD Boarder located within 50 miles, no matter what base they are stationed at or deploying from.

DoD will become a first resource for military members to turn to when they need long term boarding for their pets. This includes, but is not limited to, being recommended by military assistance organizations, base family support centers and animal shelters impacted by relinquished pets.

DoD wants to help qualified military members with the cost of pet care before and during deployments in order to promote responsible pet-ownership, providing financial assistance to get military pets spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and help with cost of pet care. This is known as our Pet Chit Program. For more information, if you need help with a pet, or if you want to offer to foster a military personnel's pet, please email at: [info@dogsondeployment.org](mailto:info@dogsondeployment.org) or visit the site at [www.dogsondeployment.org](http://www.dogsondeployment.org)

### FEATURED DOG:

PRINCE, 8



Prince is a wonderful shepherd who is 8 years old and weighs 90 pounds. He is very sweet and he lives with dogs and cats. Prince loves to run around with his bones in his mouth and loves to be brushed. He is housetrained and just a really special guy! Prince is in a foster home in Massachusetts and has been waiting a while for a permanent family. If you would like to adopt Prince and make him your new family member, please visit [www.poshpetrescue.org](http://www.poshpetrescue.org) and download an adoption application. Prince would just LOVE a new home for the holidays!



## Adding a Second Dog To Your Home by Holly Santana



If you're reading this newsletter, you may be considering adopting one of these great dogs. Many of you already have a dog in your home, and adding a second dog can present its own challenges, but in return, give you lots of love and provide a companion for your dog. Here are some tips to help you make the transition to a two-dog home as peaceful as possible. For this article, we'll call your first dog Adam and your new adoptee Eve.

### **Rule #1: make sure you're existing dog feels like Top Dog**

After you have chosen your new dog, you will need to introduce her to Adam. If possible, enlist the help of a non-family member friend who Adam loves to see. Having the special treat of seeing a favorite human can help him associate the new dog with a positive emotion. Meet in neutral territory, like a park, NOT your home. Hiring a positive reinforcement trainer can help you identify any stress signals or tension either dog is showing. Use that trusted friend to start parallel walking the dogs, keeping each dog on the outside of you and your friend so they can enjoy their walk without worrying about each other at first. Once everybody is happy and tension-free, you can allow them to sniff each other and do a proper doggy greeting. Continue to walk them and don't take anyone home until they have both eliminated and are happily exhausted

### **Rule #2: Controlled introduction into their new home**

Ok, so now you have two tired dogs home, what next? The first thing you want to do is get Eve comfortable in your home and happy in a crate or pen where she can be separate from Adam. Before getting Eve, prepare two stuffed kongs for each dog. Pick up all of Adam's toys and chews so no one can get protective of a dog toy. Once you get Eve in the door, keep her on leash to explore your home. Show her the water dish, let her sniff around, but don't remove the leash yet. Once she relaxes a bit, show her the crate and that yummy stuffed kong. If she has been previously crate-trained and shows no resistance to the crate, let her hang out in the crate and chew. If there's resistance to the crate, try an ex-pen or baby gates to create a second area for her. Your temptation will be to smother the dog with kisses and affection, but hold off and let her settle in a little. Plus, your original dog will need comfort and reassurance from you at this time. Which leads to the most important point - make sure to give Adam all the affection and exercise he is accustomed to getting. Keep his schedule as consistent as you can. This may mean that you have to walk the dogs separately at first, or wake up a little early to spend quality time with Adam. But it's important that he doesn't feel that his life has been totally disrupted by Eve.

### **Rule#3: Keeping the Peace**

What you do next depends on how the dogs welcome each other and how quickly Adam accepts Eve into your home. Here's some important things to do to keep the peace between them:

- Keep their schedule as consistent as possible. Feed and walk them at the same time every day. If you are dealing with any house training issues with Eve anyway, this is important.
- Provide separate areas to eat, and possibly sleep. Food guarding is the last thing you want to happen, so don't let them eat near each other. Until they have a good history together, keep them apart when you are not home to supervise them.
- Stuffed kongs and quality chew toys in those separate areas will keep them busy.
- Give both dogs plenty of exercise. Tired dogs are good dogs!
- Hire a trainer if you feel there is any tension or bumps in the road.

### **Most importantly, have fun and enjoy the love that two or more dogs can bring you - 2 dogs can be amazingly better than 1!**

Stayed tuned for information on adding a new cat to your household.

Holly Santana

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"Because New York is rough. Life with your dog shouldn't be."



- Tough or not, most dogs can lick the entire family!!

## SENIOR DOGS FOR ADOPTION



Roscoe, 11 is a male shiba innu left by his owners at a shelter because he started having accidents. He is fine if he gets 4 walks a day. He gets along with most dogs.  
NY Shiba Innu Rescue  
917-591-3408



Scotty, 11, is a Shetland sheepdog sheltie adored by his owner who had to go into a nursing home. He was well cared for his entire life and loved. He needs a new home with the same care and love. Email Sheltielove94@aol.com



Cheeto, American Staffordshire terrier, 8, is a female 38 lb lap dog. She is extremely friendly and sweet. Contact Stray From the Heart at 212-726-DOGS to arrange to meet her or email: adopt@strayfromtheheart.com



Peanut Butter, 9, is a male beagle mix. He is too cute! He does not like being alone and would love an active family and kids to play with! Please email : rburton@sthuberts.org or call 973-377-2295



Nala, 8, a dogue de Bordeaux female found herself in a shelter when she should be lounging on a couch! She is good with everyone and has great house manners and she even lived with cats! Please contact: resq4dogues@optimum.net



Blizzard was returned to rescue after his owners lost their home. He is a male Jindo, He is extremely smart, spirited and knows all his basic obedience. Experienced dog owners email adopt@bobbicares.org



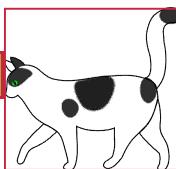
Teddy, 12, pit bull.rottie mix did nothing wrong but get older. He has been perfect in his foster home! Please contact Pibbles and More rescue at: pibblesrus33@gmail.com to meet this really handsome fellow who has lots of life in him!!



Burney is a small senior beagle who has a great beagle smile! He likes to eat without other dogs around, and since we don't know his history, he may have been abused or attacked by a dog while eating. Burney is housetrained and wags his tail in a circle. How cute is that! Please contact angelsamongusrs@live.com for more info on this cute little guy! He is in PA.



• If cats could talk, they wouldn't.- Nan Porter



## SENIOR CATS FOR ADOPTION

**Chloe**, a white female cat was born in 2002. She was an owner surrender to the city shelter on the risk list and is deaf. To adopt email [adopt@anjelliclecats.com](mailto:adopt@anjelliclecats.com)



**Bubbles**, 10, DSH was brought to the shelter when his owner died. He is SUCH a nice cat and really needs a new loving home! Please contact [adopt@anjelliclecats.com](mailto:adopt@anjelliclecats.com) or call 646-457-2130



**Marcia**, 7, is a little tortoiseshell princess rescued by a good Samaritan after living in a basement for a year. She likes to cuddle and is quiet. Email kitty kind— [emily10012@aol.com](mailto:emily10012@aol.com) or 212-726-2652



**Emily** lost her home when her owner died. She was loved and cared for and is now learning to trust in her foster home. She would be fine as a solo cat or with one other cat. [adopt@anjelliclecats.com](mailto:adopt@anjelliclecats.com) or 646-457-2130



**Grasshopper**, 10, is a British Shorthair mix . This large tuxedo feline is loveable and wouldn't mind being your only kitty. She is active and she likes to talk to her human friends. Please contact [Audrey.fisher@bideawee.org](mailto:Audrey.fisher@bideawee.org) for adoption information in NYC or call 866-262-8133.,



**Lisa**, 14, is a female Maine Coon cat who is declawed. She would do best in a home as an only cat or with one other sweet senior cat. Email [bunny.hofberg@gmail.com](mailto:bunny.hofberg@gmail.com) for adoption info!



**Sillie**, a senior female tabby was found in bad shape in a woman's yard. Ingrown nails. Ear infections, dehydrated, missing all her teeth. If you would like to give her a loving home call 718-369-7387, Dr. Szacki at Park Slope Veterinary Clinic in Brooklyn NY.



**Porky**, 8, is a lovely male orange tabby kind of a big guy. He is very social and loves belly rubs. He would be best with a female cat and a cat owner with some experience. [Bunny.hofberg@gmail.com](mailto:Bunny.hofberg@gmail.com)



## Boogie's Tales



So I thought I would be retired by now but mom had other ideas. She said as long as I am still around, I could keep doing my column. Well, I do kind of love it! So no retirement for me. But my idea of retirement is exactly that - do something you love! I love to eat and sleep and beat up Scooter. I don't know why, I guess because Bailey is only 10 and too tough for me, and little Annie is only 7 pounds and I ignore her. But once, she crept into my bed when I was sleeping and curled up with me. What a little snip! She's way too young to take over this column and Bailey is not that interested in being a writer. That pretty much leave Scooter, but he is already 15 so I consider him to be semi-retired already. So I thought I would be retired now, but the way things are going, I am going to keep this going until I can't anymore. Mom's uncle said to her recently that he was up on the roof fixing something and mom said, "up on the roof!! Are you crazy?" And he said, as long as I can still do it, I'm going to do it. Well that is the way to go I suppose. So I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. And don't forget to pet your pets every day. They love you with their hearts.

I remain, Boogie!

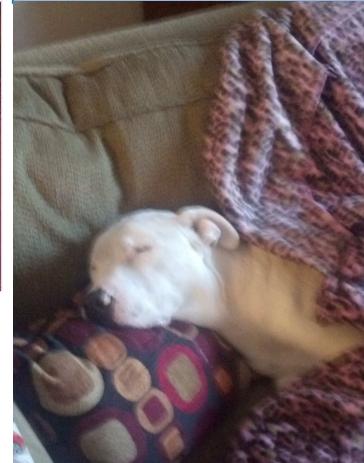


Molly with Santa

Winter 2012

# Happy Holidays!

### In Memorium—Maestro—beloved dog of Linda Schiller



Maestro was an amazing dog who graced Linda and Ed's life with his antics. He was a deaf white pitbull who did not stand a chance in a high kill shelter. He learned sign language and had a beagle girl-friend, Kara Boo. He chased planes and would run full speed across the yard trying to catch one. He loved car rides and getting his back scratched but he really loved his walks. He loved every dog he met but especially the little dogs. It was always a chance to make a new friend. He was lost to cancer on Nov. 25th. Always believing he would live to be an old man, it is such a heartache to lose a loving and sweet dog. If there was only more time to share one more car ride, or burger, or just lay on the couch with him, his head in a lap soaking up the love. Maestro never met a dog he did not love or a challenge he could not meet. A special boy will always be missed.



Here I am during hurricane Sandy, under a wool blanket on the couch. We had no heat, water or electricity. That lasted 5 days. But the worst part for me was walking up and down 9 flights of stairs 3 times a day. The first two days it was 4 times a day but that did not last. Going down was okay although it was really dark but going up was so hard. Well, really I can't complain because people lost their homes, and some people died. So I was a lucky dog. Some of my dog friends would not go down the stairs and the owners had to carry them or leave the city. So we were very very lucky. There are MANY homeless animals now and if anyone has room to foster or adopt one of them please email my mom and she will put you in touch with the contact people for these cats and dogs. It is sad but many people who lost homes just abandoned their pets. Please don't abandon your pet for any reason. Pets are FAMILY. This holiday season, help a homeless animal, donate to a rescue, volunteer to walk a dog. This is Bodie saying happy holidays and there is no such thing as a bad treat!

I do not consider  
my dog a pet.

**My dog is family.**

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