



# Rockbridge Dog Rescue

## Sam's Strong Heart

Last month we rescued a very sweet dog named Sam from a rural shelter. Sam, an 8 year old Lab mix, had been left at the shelter along with his 11 year old companion because their family wanted a puppy. Sam's prospects were very bleak, given his age and location. When a local group put out a plea for Sam and we saw his sweet face, we knew we had to help him.

Sam was rescued, placed in foster care, and evaluated by a vet. The news was not good: Sam was suffering from Lyme Disease, Ehrlichia (another tick-borne illness), and

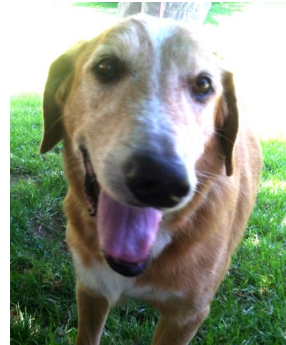
worst of all, heartworms. His teeth were in poor shape and he would need to have some of them removed.

Despite Sam's life of neglect, he is the sweetest dog! He loves everyone and his tail never stops wagging. Sam was down but he was far from out. He just needed a chance!

Thanks to your support, Sam is receiving the medical care he needs. He has completed his first heartworm treatment and will have his final treatment on July 5th. He has been treated for his tick-borne illnesses and will have his dental work when he is done

with everything else.

And the best news of all is that Sam has won the hearts of a very special family and will be adopted when his heartworm treatment is complete. We will keep you updated on this very special boy. Yay, Sam!



Sam

## RDR Spotlight - Joey

Joey is a 2 & 1/2 year old Puggle who was adopted as a puppy but found himself back at the shelter a few months ago. He is such a nice boy who gets along with other dogs. Joey wants nothing more than to cuddle on the sofa and spend time with people.

Joey is neutered, micro-chipped, up to date on shots, and house trained! He is a wonderful age and size, under 30 pounds. If you're looking for a kind, loving companion, Joey's your guy. Visit our website for more information on this precious pup or to

complete an application. He is such a great little boy!



Joey



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In 2013

We have rescued 17 dogs.

We have adopted 13 dogs!

## Story Time at the Rockbridge Regional Library

RDR recently participated in 3 Story Time sessions at the Rockbridge Regional Library. Volunteers read stories to three groups of children of varying ages. We were joined by Blue, a certified social therapy dog. The children heard stories from the Mutt-i-grees® Curriculum, a humane education program that encourages caring and compassion for animals.

Everyone really enjoyed the sessions and we will be back on July 10th and 11th.



Blue - a great RDR volunteer!

## Blue the Puppy Update

RDR's puppy named Blue, (not related to therapy dog Blue above), captured many hearts when we first told his story. As we reported in our last issue, Blue lost his vision shortly after being rescued. We have been working with our vet and eye specialists at Virginia Tech to help Blue any way we can. While we could not restore Blue's eyesight,

he did receive a treatment that stopped the pain and pressure he was feeling in his eyes from glaucoma.

Blue has adjusted beautifully to his lack of vision, and is a happy, healthy puppy who chases balls and runs with the other dogs as he did before. Thanks to his sponsor, the Irani family, and to everyone who

has kept this special boy in their thoughts. He's doing great!



Puppy Blue

## Walmart Adoption Event/Membership Drive

We held our adoption event and membership drive on Saturday, May 4th at Lexington Walmart. We were joined by McGruff the crime dog! The Walmart volunteers hosted a cookout for us in the parking lot, too! Thanks so much to all our friends at Lexington Walmart for making it such a special day. We



got some donations and good traffic!

Membership is a great way to support the rescue and it's not too late to join. E-mail

[info@rockbridgedogrescue.org](mailto:info@rockbridgedogrescue.org) for more information or visit our website.

## On the Road Again!

As many of you know, we have been having a bit of a van saga over the last few weeks. Last year we had our van's transmission rebuilt. Then about a month ago, our van broke down again. We initially thought that the entire transmission was shot and we would need a new van, so we started raising money. Then we found out that it was not the entire transmission and that the van could be repaired for less than the cost of a newer vehicle. We had the van towed to the Mazda dealer in

Staunton.

We just got our van back and we are good to go once again! We repaired the transmission and had some other much needed work done too, including replacing our worn tires.

We would not have been able to have this work completed without your generosity. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who donated and made it happen. We will be listing the "Wags for Wheels Club"

on the van, which shows the names of those who donated \$50 or more. Thanks again, everyone!



## Flea/Tick Medication Assistance Program

We were recently given a small supply of flea/tick medication by a generous donor. We would like to use part of it to help local dog owners in need. Flea and tick season is upon us, and applying a monthly preventive can prevent such illnesses as Lyme Disease and Ehrlichia. It can also repel mosquitos, who can infect dog with heartworms.

If you know someone who needs help with flea/tick medications, please have them contact us at [info@rockbridgedogrescue.org](mailto:info@rockbridgedogrescue.org). We can provide a 3 month supply and have products available for all sizes of dog.

Thanks to our friend Clover and her Mom for helping us help dogs in need and their families!



Clover

## Fletcher



Fletcher is an older Poodle who found himself at a shelter a few months ago. We rescued Fletcher and he has been adopted by a great family. Fletcher now lives the life of love and happiness that he deserves!

Many times older dogs are overlooked, but Fletcher is only 6 years old and should have many happy

years with his new family. Way to go, Fletcher!

Fletcher's rescue was possible because a foster home was available. For more information on fostering, please visit our website. Fosters choose the kind of dog they can keep (size, age, length of time). Fosters save lives!



Fletcher

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