



# Rockbridge Dog Rescue

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## Herbie Humane Campaign Begins

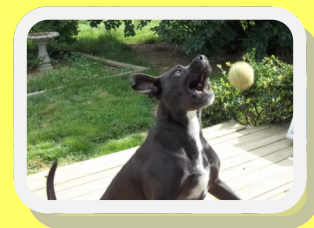
With a little help from our beloved mascot Herbie, we are launching a series of public service messages to promote kindness to animals! Herbie will be featured on bumper stickers, clothing, and other items to spread our message of helping animals, shelter pets in particular! We would like to thank Donelle DeWitt Graphic Arts & Illustration for the great designs! To see Herbie's products that are available, please visit [www.rockbridgedogrescue.org](http://www.rockbridgedogrescue.org).



## Pack Profiles - Penny



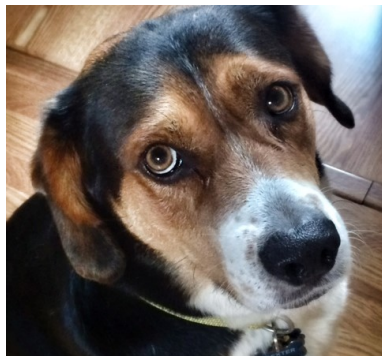
Penny has been with us for almost 4 years now! She was rescued from a rural pound where she had run out of time. Penny loves to run, and you may recall that she took 3rd place in the Mosby Foundation's 5K a couple of years ago. Penny, also known as Pen Pal, provides a calm, playful presence for other rescued and foster dogs. Penny is a common sight on early morning runs along the flood wall in Buena Vista. When she first came to us, Penny was very reactive to other dogs (not aggressive but very vocal), but the focus and socialization she received from her runs, where she interacted with lots of other dogs and people, helped her a lot. Now she can't wait to go for a run and gets so excited when her harness comes out. We're so glad to have you with us, Penny!



## Dexter Dog!

Dexter was rescued from a shelter in 2012. He was adopted shortly thereafter, and stayed with his new family for a year and a half. Sadly, Dex was returned to the rescue when his family decided to move.

Dex remembered



Dex is a great dog!

us, but had an adjustment period when he came back to us. Dex needed to get his confidence back! He got a lot of help from the RDR pack, who put him at ease right away. He made great progress over the next few weeks, and attended an adoption event at Lexington Pet World in July. Dexter caught the eye of a very special family

and was adopted! He now has a doggie sister and two small children all his own! Way to go, Dexter!



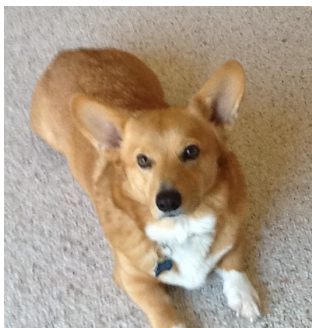
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## Update—Harry the Corgi

“Our Harry was adopted on October 5, 2012 from Rockbridge Dog Rescue. He was 3 years old. Harry is a Corgi Mix. Picture huge upright ears, a smiling face, bright intelligent eyes and a stubby tail. His tail wiggles a lot when he is happy.

He is a greeter of adults and children, just so happy to get a head pat or a tummy rub.

The vet found that he has defect in both of his hips. With medication he is able to be comfortable, take walks and do what



we call "looney loops". He runs up and down the hallway and zips around the dining table full speed for fun.

He has had to learn a lot of things such as routine, walks and learning what a toy was. With lots of love and patience he is one happy little guy. What a joy!”

## Community Service Program Updates

Between October 30, 2013 and May 31, 2014 we spayed/neutered 126 dogs, most of them free of charge! Most of these dogs also received rabies shots. We are currently waiting to hear back on several grant applications, so paws crossed that we receive more grant funding!

We have distributed over 2000 pounds of dog and cat food

through our pet food pantry project! We are still setting up our table at the Rockbridge Area Relief Association's Food Pantry once a month, and we also deliver food to families in cases of emergency.

Our humane education program has expanded, and we are now regularly visiting the



Rockbridge Regional Library and Buena Vista Public Library. During our most recent visit, we not only had stories and time with Red the Therapy Dog, but the children were given coloring sheets to work on. RDR Volunteer Coordinator Emily Cook also spoke with the children about taking good care of animals and being kind to them.

## Helping Other Rescues & Shelters

In addition to our own programs, we also provide additional help and support to the homeless dogs of Rockbridge County.

RDR offers foster support for our local shelter, providing temporary stays for dogs travelling to other rescues. These dogs, having been out of the shelter for a period of time, can go straight to their destinations without spending time in quarantine, which some areas require. We

also assist with networking homeless dogs to other rescues. By keeping dogs out of shelters, highly valuable space stays open, lives are saved, and the dogs are happier!

Other ways we assist rescues include transportation, posting transport



Skype, fostered by RDR

routes online for dogs who need volunteer drivers to get them to their destinations, and listing courtesy postings for animals available for adoption.



## RDR Supports Unchain Lexington Initiative



RDR is proud to support the efforts of a local animal welfare group called Saving Animals from Euthanasia in Rockbridge County, also known as SAFER. SAFER is working with the Lexington Police Department to assist chained dogs and their families by providing dog houses,

kennels, and fencing. This program is right in line with our philosophy of giving a helping hand to be a part of the solution!

Unchained dogs will receive any medical care needed and will be spayed/neutered if they are not already. RDR will assist in any way we can in this endeavor,

and we applaud the work of SAFER volunteers, who work hard to make Rockbridge County a better place for animals. If you would like to make a donation to support this program, please visit our website at [rockbridgedogrescue.org](http://rockbridgedogrescue.org) and note it's for Unchain Lexington.

## Thank you, friends!

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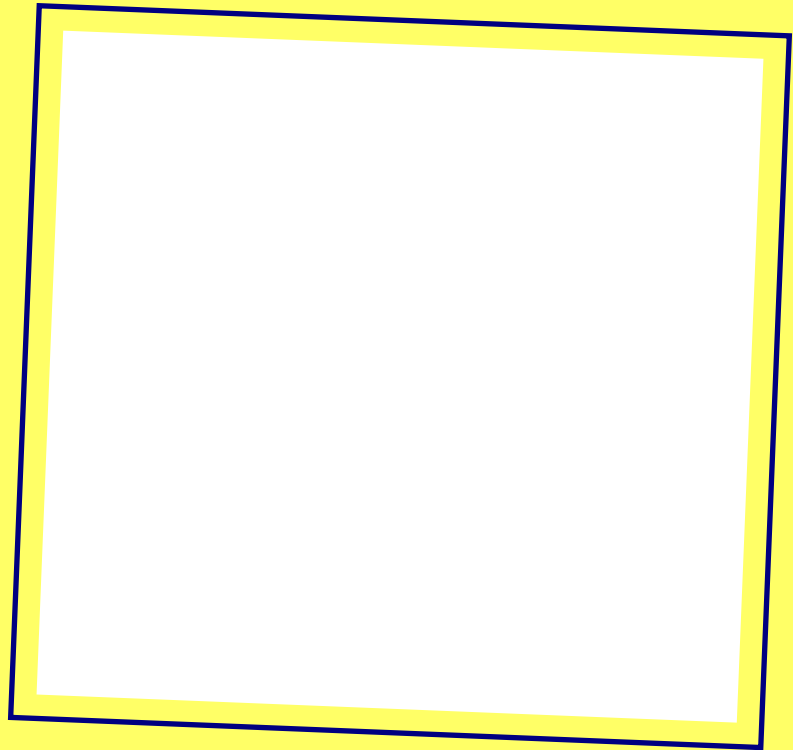
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Saving dogs, one by one...



## Become a Spay Angel and Help Sponsor a Local Dog in Need!

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I would like to sponsor a: \_\_\_\_\_ spay (\$75)  
\_\_\_\_\_ neuter (\$65)  
\_\_\_\_\_ rabies shot (\$15) for a local family in need

As a Spay Angel, you will receive a notice telling you about the dog you helped!  
Remember, because RDR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, your sponsorship  
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