

UTAH'S PERFECT POINTERS

January 2015



Welcome to our first newsletter for 2015! We love hearing from you via email and on facebook. We especially appreciate receiving pictures of your dogs and their friends. Check out some recent pictures from adopters on page 4. If you missed our 2014 newsletters they're posted on www.utahspointers.org.

Our Featured Adoptable Girl - NISHA

This is the nicest girl in the world! She gets along with all people and other dogs. Her foster mom loves her. So do all the daycare-boarding facilities she's visited. Nisha's about 7 years old and is the perfect age for a GSP. She's active and playful and also likes her quiet time with her dog pack and people. She's a wonderful companion looking for her wonderful forever home.



Donations Updates

Thank you so much to everyone who helped us get through the 2014 holiday boarding periods. We're always happy to accept donations mailed to *Utah's Perfect Pointers - PO Box 171, Draper, UT 84020*.

Rest assured every penny goes to the dogs (literally). We started 2015 with 23 dogs from 2014 (HSU snuck in the last one on the 29th) and have already taken in 7 newbies for 2015

Many thanks to the dog lovers who helped us in December:

Amy - friend
Tammy & Mike - Addie's parents
Cindy - volunteer/rescue friend
Lynne - Shadow's mom
David M. - Ace's dad
Stephanie - Chloe's sponsor
Kay - Buggy's mom (and our vet)
MJ & Glen - Danny Boy's parents
Barbara - Halle's & Riley's mom
Charlene & Frank - Poppy's parents
Jeannie - rescue friend
Jean - Lucy's mom
Connie & Bill - rescue friends
DeAnna - rescue friend-helped me pull our first 5 GSP's :)
Jeff & Heidi - Chewy's parents
Leon - Lynne's pack/volunteer
Greg & Vicki - John's parents
Brian & Patricia - volunteer's friends
Colleen & Russ - Carmella's parents
Carol - long-time supporter
Chris & Suzanne - long-time supporters
Bill & Sandra - Nutmeg's parents
Michele - rescue friend

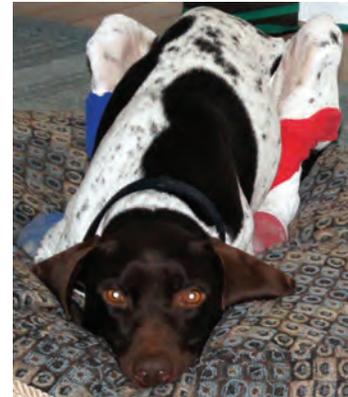
Little Man Tate Update

We love our little doofus. He makes everyone smile. He knows he's special and loved and we hope that someday he'll be special and loved in his very own home. In the meantime he gets to go to daycare at Utah Dog Park, have sleepovers with Ace's dads, race through the snow at home, try and make everyone smile with his mischievous eyes, and be the happy little guy he should be.

It was a somewhat sad realization for his humans that the physical therapy and k-laser treatments weren't going to bring back the use of his hind feet. Fortunately he doesn't care. He also doesn't care that



he's a spendy little guy at \$3,760 in 2014. He knows he deserves it and his rescue lady knows the costs for his care will decrease in 2015. She's become pretty adept at wrapping his feet for support so he doesn't go through a pair of booties every month and the surgeries are over. Exercises and massages are done at home which are good therapy for dog and human. He's the best little snuggler.



Until his perfect family finds him, he's our little ambassador spreading love, joy, understanding, and patience to everyone who encounters him. He has no personal boundaries and expects all dogs, cats and people to accept him wholeheartedly. And we do.

Stephanie & Greg - LizaMae's family
Kim & Roger - supporters/volunteers
Maria - in memory of Belle
Camp Bow Wow - supporters
Candace - Lizzie's mom
Cameron Construction - supporters
John & Norma - Beau/Fletcher/Libby parents



Valentine's Day "Canines & Cupids" Party

Come and join Jessie, Nisha and Tate at the Camp Bow Wow Canines and Cupids event on February 14th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be photo ops, a puppy kissing booth, raffles, vendors, a silent auction, games, food and Pointers! This is such a fun couple of hours and if you're already a client you can drop your dogs off to play in daycare for free while you socialize with the human pack.



Our Featured Daycare/Boarding Facility Camp Bow Wow

We are so fortunate to have the support of daycare/boarding facilities that help us when we don't have enough foster homes for our dogs (always) and allow our dogs who are being fostered to attend daycare at no cost so their parents can go to work. From north to south these wonderful businesses are: Utah Dog Park, Diggity Dog Pet Resort, Camp Bow Wow, Old Farm Pet Resort, Dog Lodge, and Dog Town. Animal Park (S. Ogden) and Laundermutts (W. Jordan) also provide daycare and occasional boarding when we're stuck - often at the last minute. This newsletter pays tribute to Camp Bow Wow. Watch for information about Diggity Dog in our March newsletter. If you're looking for daycare/boarding for your best friend, please support these good samaritans who support our rescue.



Kenzie 2013

Camp Bow Wow is lovingly and efficiently managed by Sharon Opfermann at 475 West 3600 South, Salt Lake City. CBW was founded in 2000 by Heidi Ganahl, who wanted to create a business that served the community with an additional mission to promote the health and welfare of animals worldwide through their Bow Wow Buddies Foundation. This mission meshed nicely with Sharon's

philanthropic ideals. Sharon is on the SSL Chamber of Commerce, works with Alliance House transitional employees and commits to cancer-related causes among others.

The staff is so knowledgeable about dog behavior/interactions. Many of the employees compete in rally and agility with their own dogs; they also offer basic/advanced training classes with the ultimate preparation for Canine Good



Kayleigh/
Penny 2014

Citizen certification.

Three of our dogs are adopted by the staff and we love to see them when we go in. They keep a space for one of our lucky dogs 24/7/365, which is pretty amazing since their space is always in demand.



Chelsea 2010



Maja 2013

2014 In Memory

In honor of all our loving friends who left us in 2014 we're paying tribute to a few who touched our lives. All are precious. All are fondly remembered. None is forgotten.

Lacie was in our rescue for 1.5 years, coming to us at the ripe young age of 16. She was a not-so-benevolent dictator in Lynne's home and watched over 40 other fosters during her tenure.



Maria (mom) and Belle spent 12 wonderful years together in UT and the Phillipines. From her terrified beginnings at the Heber shelter she became a constant companion and dearly missed friend.

Max was Lynne's boy for 9 years. He was the most gracious host to all the fosters that trooped through his home. His quiet, gentle manner put them all at ease and made them feel comfortable.



Miko's mom is our dearly missed rescue friend from 7 years ago. Miko and Michele moved to the northeast. We miss you both. Rest gently, Miko.

Dear little old Ruby came to us from ID and was with us for less than a month, having suffered several strokes. She hung out in the Senior Lounge at Utah Dog Park and finally came to Marylin for her last days.



Ten-month old Lirya was a heartbreaker from SUVAS. She was the most beautiful pup with a broken neck from her days on the run. When Rob at Cottonwood's x-rays showed the seriousness of her condition we sadly euthanized our little girl. Her final home was with Marylin.

Statistics - 2014

There's always a lag time for our stats. Because we're so careful with our placements and want to make sure the family is completely comfortable with their new dog we require a trial adoption that can last anywhere from 8 days to a couple of weeks. Four of our dogs who went to their forever homes in December were formally adopted in 2015. Ninety-five dogs is a pretty typical number for us to have in a year. 32% of those were special needs.

Our 2014 annual report should be available in March.

Dog Intakes 2014			
On-hand Jan. 1	Shelters	Owner surrenders	Total
24	65	6	95

Dog Outcomes 2014					
Adopted	Returned to owner	Transferred to other orgs	Euthanized	On-hand Dec. 31	Total
48	2	16	6	23	95

2015 and Beyond

Every rescue person will tell you that their greatest hope is to become redundant. Utah's Perfect Pointers wishes for 2015 and beyond are:

1. to have all companion animals spayed and neutered so that every animal is a valued family member;
2. to have a home for every animal born and waiting homes to welcome the few who become displaced by death or natural disasters;
3. to have so few animals entering the shelters that their focus could change from triage to focus on training services, community support, and veterinary assistance;
4. to have adequate laws that can be enforced protecting the health and safety of all animals;
5. to have every person selling animals regulated by state and local agencies just like we are;
6. to have every person selling animals pay yearly fees to state and local agencies just like we do (think of the money that would raise for care of shelter animals!); and
7. to never have to say to a tired shelter worker, "I'm so sorry. We just don't have room."

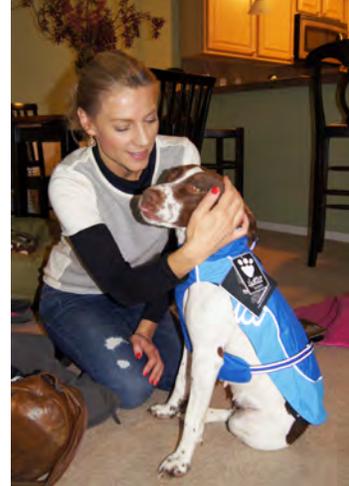
Our little 9-month old Suri came to us in May, 2013. She and her 6 babies, 1 day old, had been dropped off at a shelter. They were the lucky ones with transport directly to us and a committed group of volunteers willing to take them in as soon as they finished nursing.

They were so big that their little momma was less and less interested in spending time with them, particularly when teeth started to appear. They were loved, cared for, socialized, vetted, trained for their age levels, and finally adopted.

So what happens to the other ones - the ones who have nowhere to go and no one to look out for them? In a civilized world this should never happen. But we all know that it does. And the answer is so easy.

Utah has the best support system I've seen in any state for low-cost veterinary care to stem the tide of pet overpopulation. We can end the suffering. We can end the overcrowding in shelters. The help is available.

Suri - the little momma



Riley



SULUK - May 22 - 19 days old

Salem



SALEM - May 22 - 19 days old

Rorschach



SLATER - May 22 - 19 days old

PREVENT

TEEN

PREGNANCY



Please spay and neuter your pets!

Suri is a 9-month old English Pointer who was left at the shelter a day after giving birth with her 6 babies. Sponsored by Utah's Perfect Pointers on behalf of Suri and the kids.

Dottie



SABINE - May 22
19 days old



Sawyer



STEFI - May 22
19 days old



Spright



SAHARA - May 22
19 days old



Pictures From Adopters! (December 2014)

Thank you so much to everyone who sent us photos for this issue! We love seeing the dogs we loved while they were with us and how much they're loved with you. Pictures are always welcome at utahspointers@yahoo.com

Names are from their new homes. Dates reflect the adoption year.



Millie 2014



Ace 2014



Maja 2014



Salem 2014



Chase 2013



Murphy 2013



Jazz 2010



Rocky 2012



Sawyer 2013



Griff 2010



Marco 2014

Bock 2013



Fudge 2013



Gemma 2014



Nikko 2011



Cowboy 2014



Jake 2013



Spright 2013



Lotte 2013



Elke 2014



Rem 2014



Sokka 2014



Willa 2014



Gus 2010



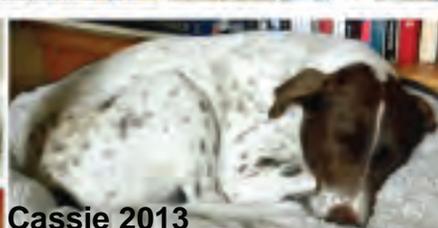
Poppy 2012



Libby & Fletcher 2013



Kaylee 2013



Cassie 2013



Nash 2013



Sidka 2013



Charlie 2013



Rorshach 2013

Echo 2013



Spring Yard Sale - Need Stuff!!!

We're gearing up for our May 15/16 yard sale and We Need Stuff! 😊 If you're ready for a little spring cleaning we'd love to have your yesterday's treasures. No books, clothes, or heavy TV's please. However, odds and ends, furniture, kitchen items, guy stuff, etc. are very welcome.



Danny Boy 2011



Nia 2013