



From the President

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe New Years. It was quiet at my house, as quiet as things can be with six dogs of my own, one foster and six cats. But I wouldn't have it any other way.

Last year we managed to rescue 69 Vizslas, 12 more than the previous year, nine to be adopted. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done. Recap for 2008 is as follows:

2008 Breakdown:

CO = 25, KS = 40, NE = 2, WY = 2, Purebreds = 65, Mixes = 4, Males = 41, Females = 28, Owner Surrender = 37, Shelters/Transfers = 16, Strays = 3, PTS = 8, KSI (KS State Insp) = 11, Returns = 4
Total Vizslas rescued from day one = 306

I want to thank Karen Phillips for her fantastic job as our Fund Raiser/Grant Coordinator. Due to her efforts we received a grant from the *Pedigree Foundation* in the amount of \$1,740.80. *PetSmart* just came through with \$2,226 for spay/neuter services. **Way to go Karen!** More on the grants in the next issue. We also received a check from *Good Search* for over \$80. I urge you all to try *Good Search* first when searching the Web. If you don't get the results you are looking for, then go to another search engine. Just think how many hits it took to make over \$80 at a penny a hit. This also included purchases through *Good Search*.

Kudos to Dani & Karen on the look of our newsletter. Dani does the layout, but we now have access to a non-profit group that helps rescues with their newsletters. Karen arranged for them to get involved, and they may have layout ideas for future issues. We'll see what the next newsletter brings.

We just keep getting better and better and growing in our efforts to help our beloved breed. I want to thank all of you. We still need foster homes; please let Laura Adams or myself know if you can help. We could also use several volunteers who would be available on short notice for transport, either to pick up a dog at a shelter or to KS to Polly.

Upcoming events in 2009: March Recyclables Fund Raiser (see article on page 3), Fun Walk, Annual Rescue Reunion in September, and hopefully some other fun fund raising events that will be announced in the next newsletter or via the member talk list.
Rita Prindle

Financial Statement

Year End, 2008

CASH BALANCE	\$7,584.00
CD (rolled over)	\$2,079.00
CD (new)	\$1,000.00
REVENUE:	
ADOPTIONS	\$ 16,083.00
OWNER SURRENDER	\$ 825.00
FUND RAISER	\$ 8,445.00
PERSONAL	\$ 3,505.00
GRANTS	<u>\$ 2,241.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 31,099.00
EXPENSES:	
VETERINARIAN	\$15,044.00
DIRECT SERVICES	-\$ 8,878.00
GENERAL OPERATING EXP	<u>-\$ 5,661.00</u>
TOTAL	-\$ 29,583.00

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Wendy the Miracle Dog – A Very Special Report by *Scott Gilchrist*

During my 15 years of experience with a large mid-western law enforcement agency I have come to two inescapable conclusions: evil walks among us, and the world is full of stupid people. Of course, I've also had the opportunity to meet a handful of individuals that fell on the opposite end of the spectrum; citizens that truly have kind hearts and dedicate their energy to making the world a better place. However, these individuals seem to be the rare exception, at least as encountered in my line of work. But this story isn't about me, it's about Wendy, the miracle dog, a young pure-bred Vizsla who wandered out of the realm of stupid, evil people and found a better life with the help of some of the angels among us.

Wendy's rescue story starts when she was about five months old. She was found running at large and taken to a Colorado shelter. She had Demodectic mange, had lost almost all of her hair, and had a severe case of kennel cough. How someone could be so callous as to cast aside a beautiful and gentle pup by abandoning her and condemning her to such a horrible fate (thus the evil and/or stupid label) is beyond my understanding. But this pup (originally named Fern by the shelter staff) walked out of her tragic circumstances and started a journey toward a much better life with the help of her own personal guardian angels. She was cared for by the shelter staff, and eventually transferred to **CWVRG** on March 18th, 2008. Two weeks later Fern met another angel in the form of Polly Mahlman, a dedicated foster-care provider who opened her home to little Fern.

Polly renamed the hairless pup Wendy because she knew she was destined to live in 'Never Never Land,' and be safeguarded from the kind of people who would dump a pup alongside the road just to avoid the responsibility of caring for another life. In contrast, Polly dedicated herself to getting Wendy back on her feet, along with the skilled help of Dr. Hasch, DVM. Wendy's mange covered 90% of her small body and she required very special care (it's not uncommon for dogs to succumb to such severe cases of mange), but Polly and Dr. Hasch were up to the task. Polly fell in love with her, as Wendy

had "been to hell and back but still has a V grin, and can't wait to meet 'ya!" My wife and I met Wendy at Polly's when we were transporting another rescued V to a foster home in Colorado. Although she was the first hairless Vizsla we had seen, we were both struck by how happy and friendly Wendy appeared, despite her rough start in life.



Polly's niece McKenzie gives 'hairless' Wendy a much needed hug

Once the mange was successfully treated Polly's efforts turned to finding just the right home for Wendy. During the six months that Wendy lived with her, Polly learned what Wendy needed to be happy. Wendy needed a family with kids, and nothing less would do. **CWVRG** received many applications but none were right until a special application arrived. Steve and Katie lived in Lakewood, Colorado with their four children and two cats, an environment that seemed ideal for Wendy's future happiness.

When Steve and Katie's daughter announced that she thought the family was ready for the addition of a puppy, Steve knew that he wanted a Vizsla. They had a friend in Florida who had one and they had fallen love with his dog. The family decided that they wanted to adopt and contacted Vizsla rescue. Upon their first meeting, Wendy and Olivia (the family's oldest daughter) were thrilled at the very sight of each other. Polly saw that they would be a loving family, so with her blessing, Wendy went to her forever home on September 20th, 2008.

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CWVRG Extends a Very Warm Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Tiffany Wisnewski, a guest contributor to our newsletter staff. Tiffany is affiliated with Creative Paw and has graciously volunteered her time to provide informative and interesting articles for our newsletter. Tiffany lives in North Dakota and works a farm with her husband, Craig. She has three dogs and lots of nice cats. Tiffany told us that while she picked her dogs, the cats chose her, and she believes there is a map out there directing all wayward cats to her farm. Her husband recently told her that she only works to support her animal habit. Tiffany is active in animal education and works regularly with the area farmers & residents to spay and neuter their cats and dogs. She said this activity usually “gets me a phone call when they find an unwanted dog or cat, for me to re-home.” Her hobbies are reading, spending time with her dogs and cats, of course her husband, chickens, guineas and gardening. Welcome Tiffany!



A Special Thank You to Creative Paw

Creative Paw is a group of dedicated and creative professionals that work pro bono to support animal welfare groups. We were fortunate to become associated with this wonderful group that brought us Tiffany. For more information on this organization, go to www.creativepaw.org

CWVRG FUND RAISER SCHEDULED FOR MARCH

We Need Your Recyclables!

CWVRG is holding its first fundraising drive of 2009 and it is scheduled for the month of March. We are pleased to partner with the **Recycle 4 Pets Program** for this event and we need everyone's help to make this a success! This is an environmentally friendly program that not only keeps these items out of our landfills and preserves our natural resources – but the rewards for recycling go directly to Vizsla Rescue!

What We Need To Do:

We need to collect as many of the items listed below as possible during the month of March.

Recycle4Pets will accept the following items:

- Cell Phones
- PDAs (Palm Pilots)
- Ink Jet Cartridges
- Laser Cartridges
- iPods
- Laptop Computers
- Video Games and Consoles
- Digital Camera
- GPS



For a complete list of the models for each category, go to www.recycleforpets.com. CWVRG will be reimbursed a specific dollar amount depending on the make, model and type of item being recycled. The program will provide free shipping labels and fliers to get started. **The program is year round so the more we donate to them, the more rewards for us!** If you have items to recycle later in the year, you can always send them to Recycle4Pets and request the monies be donated to CWVRG.

Getting Organized

We can all start with the available recyclables around our own homes or offices. Then, think big! Ask your office, your co-workers, other businesses in your office building to participate. Ask family members, neighbors, friends, your HOA association if you can start a collection drive. How about setting up a drive at your child's school? Girl/Boy Scout troop or sports team? What about asking your local gym to set up a collection box? The opportunities for collecting these items are endless and it's a great way to get everyone involved in doing something good for the environment and Vizsla rescue.

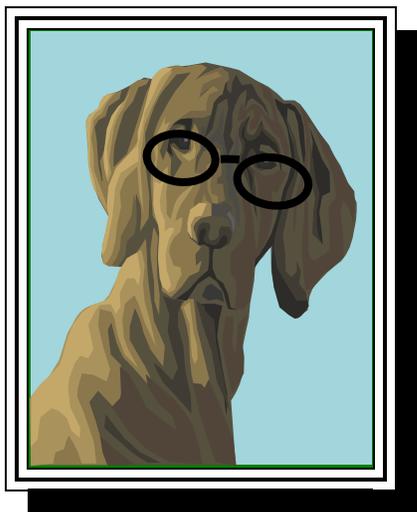
What You Need to Participate

If you are holding a drive at work or any central point for collection, all you need is a big box. We will supply you with a sign to attach to the box and fliers to pass around to family and friends and at the office. If you plan on having a central location to drop off recyclables, we have a flier that advertises the specific location for posting in key locations. Once your box is full, we will send you a free shipping label. The program is requesting that boxes hold between 20-40 lbs. If you are submitting items from your home, you can also request a

shipping label and specify the items are for Vizsla Rescue.

We all feel the tight economic times these days and this is a great way to keep items out of our landfills and raise the necessary funds to keep assisting the growing number of Vizslas in need. Participation in the program is FREE, and all it takes is a little effort from everyone to pass around some fliers and talk with your company about setting up a drive box in March.

Please contact Karen Phillips at karenpinco@yahoo.com or 303-995-6677 to participate in this event and to receive fliers and shipping labels. If you have any questions, I am available to help in any way. Your participation and cooperation is appreciated. I look forward to hearing from all of you, and let's get our 2009 fund raising efforts off to a great start! *Karen Phillips*



Did you know... The Vizsla was so closely held by the nobility of Czech and Hungary that it wasn't until the Russians came in 1945 that the dogs were taken out of the country. Fearing for their lives, the nobility made an attempt to escape from their country. Many were put into prisons but a few did escape taking their favorite Vizsla as a most cherished possession. The first Vizsla in America came with her master, the former leader of the Hungarian Democratic Party.

Looking for a Great Read?

I recently read "For the Love of a Dog" by Patricia McConnell, PHD. McConnell is an animal behaviorist and she has some wonderful insights on

why dogs behave the way they do. Through her work, she has come into contact with lots of misbehaved dogs, misbehaved owners and lots of misunderstood dogs. In this book, she gives useful information on how you can correct the behavior in your dog, such as fear of loud noises, fear of strangers or aggression. She also tells some funny and sad stories of the dogs she has worked with and owned. It has definitely been helpful in how I perceive the action of my dogs, and what some of the looks they give me really mean. *Tiffany Wisnewski*

Editor's Note: In our last issue we ran an article about electronic training devices. Member, and adopter, Laura Whitcomb had some additional information to share. This forum is always open to members who may not agree with opinions expressed in the newsletter or want to present a different view. We really appreciate Laura taking time to write an article on electronic collars!

My Turn - Electronic Training Collars

Are electronic training collars good or bad? Are they an inhumane form of training? These are questions many dog owners and trainers have pondered at one time or another. Unfortunately there is not an easy answer to these questions as a lot depends upon the person using the collar and what type you use.



I have been using electronic training collars to train my own dogs for about twelve years with tremendous success. I am very concerned that these collars continue to get negative attention. That's why I am writing this article. Only through education can we begin change.

If you are considering using any one of the many electronic training collars available you should get proper training on its usage. There are times to use it and times and situations that it should never be used in. For example, you never want to give a shock to a dog that is in an aggressive state. If your dog and another are fighting and you were to "zap" your dog it will make them think the other dog bit it, and suddenly a bad situation is made much worse. Does this mean it is inhumane? No, absolutely not. Any training device or method can become inhumane in the hands of an inexperienced

or untrained person. The key is to get the training you need. I received training on the device's proper usage from both veterinarians and professional dog trainers. Make sure you understand how the device works and how it is meant to influence your dog's behavior. The short version is that the dog wears the activated collar and you hold the activated remote. When your dog engages in a behavior you want to correct you press a button on the remote. This delivers a short pinching shock to your dog. Used at the proper time this will stop the undesired behavior. It must also be understood that an electronic collar should not be the only training you do with your dog but rather that this is a supplemental training method to include with voice and hand signal training.

Now that you have a basic understanding of how the collar works you might be thinking that 'shocking' your dog is not for you. That's OK – this training tool isn't for everyone. There are many different makes and models of these collars. Some models only vibrate; one has a vibrate mode then has different strengths of the shock. There are also collars that spray citronella as a deterrent. The model I use offers the option to vibrate as a warning; then if the dog is still ignoring the command or continuing the undesired behavior I can send a shock that varies from almost non-existent all the way up to a very intense one. I like this because I am totally in control of the strength. I have an old dog that can't hear very well, if at all. We frequently take her out for hikes in the woods. We share the woods with moose, elk, deer, snakes, mountain lions and bears. At times I absolutely need to have her attention and it wouldn't be humane to shock her since she may not have heard my commands. I can vibrate her to get her attention, then give a hand signal. This is a great example of how the collar supplements your voice and hand signal training.

To sum up all this information, talk to your vet and or professional trainer. Explain what you expect from your dog and what you are currently doing for a training program. Discuss any issues you are struggling with that you feel need correcting. Make sure to get a good explanation of how the collar works and how the shock part of it is supposed to influence a dog's behavior. Also, discuss the appropriate situations to use it in and which situations to always avoid. This can't be stressed enough as this is where the electronic collar is likely to be used incorrectly. Used properly this

type of training tool can be a great asset in any training program. My dogs wear these collars for every outing where they will be off leash. They are very well adjusted and happy, and even come to us looking for their collars before we leave the house.

That's a great sign that our electronic collars are being used properly and are humane. While they aren't for everyone I hope that this information has helped lift some of the negativity that surrounds electronic training collars. *Laura Whitcomb*

Leaving Your Legacy to the Colorado/Wyoming Vizsla Rescue Group, Inc.



It's startling to know that over 50% of Americans who pass away each year do not have valid wills. Some think they don't own enough property to need a will. Some believe that life insurance and retirement plan beneficiary designations, or joint ownership arrangements are sufficient. Some think their spouse inherits everything automatically.

What happens when people die without a valid will? The state laws of "intestate succession" come into play which amounts to a "state-written will" for those who haven't made their own. The government may become involved. A person's property might be tied up in court proceedings if multiple descendants make claims. Family conflicts may arise over distribution of certain property. Surely, most of us would like to prevent these types of issues from occurring.

A will is one of the most important documents that you will ever sign. Consider what a will can help you achieve:

- A will lets you direct precisely who will receive your property - maybe distribute cherished heirlooms to special people. Without a will, the state will decide who receives what – according to their rules.
- Your will can contain or create a trust that provides for financial security and money management for family members who need special assistance.
- Your will allows you to nominate the person(s) who will handle your estate or serve as guardians for minor children.

- Your will can be an expression of your personal values. You might want to help a special charity or cause or aid a friend in need. Without a will which sets out your desires, these gifts will not happen.
- A will can provide you with peace of mind and personal satisfaction in knowing that you have made it easier for your family members who survive you.

Preparing a will is neither difficult nor expensive. As a place to begin, focus your planning on four elements: the PEOPLE in your life, the PROPERTY you own, your PLANS for the future, and the PLANNERS who will assist you in achieving your goals. Like a building project, you will start with a blueprint and then, with the help of advisors, your plan will become a reality.

It's easy to include *Colorado/Wyoming Vizsla Rescue Group, Inc.* in your will! The following language can be placed in your will or into an addendum to an existing will:

"I, (donor name), of (city, state, zip), give, devise and bequeath to the Colorado/Wyoming Vizsla Rescue Group, Inc., a Colorado non-profit organization with Federal Tax ID Number 87-0792870 (insert \$\$ amount or percentage of the estate or description of property) for its unrestricted use and purpose."

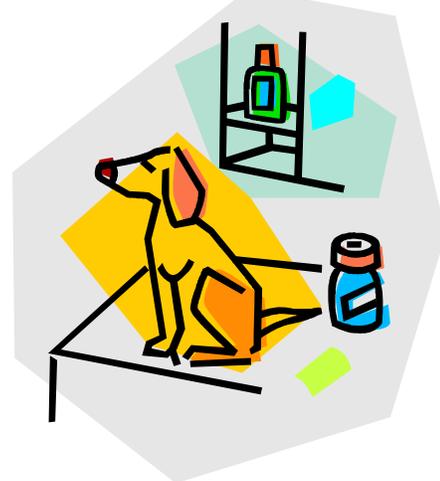


Just think how many of our red-headed friends will benefit from your generosity! *Marianne Blackwell*

Is Age Catching Up to Your Best Friend?

Is time taking a toll on your best friend; a little frost on the muzzle, slower to get up or lie down, hesitant to go up steps, or stiffness in some joints? All of a sudden you realize your dog is slowing down. It's a sad moment when your veterinarian gives you the diagnosis, arthritis. There are vast improvements in

medication for dogs suffering from arthritis. Some of the prescription medications do come with side effects and you will have to weigh the pros and cons during your discussion, of those treatments with your veterinarian. Prescription medications are not the only treatment for arthritis. Dietary supplements containing glucosamine, chondroitin & MSM can help your aging dog with joint pain.



Glucosamine and Chondroitin occur naturally in the body and help cushion the joints. An aging dog or one with joint injury may need more than his body can supply on its own. By adding these supplements to your dog's diet, you could be aiding in the pain free mobility of your dog. Chondroitin when given along with Glucosamine promotes healthy cartilage in the joints. MSM (Methylsulfonylmethane) is also a naturally occurring chemical in the body, which ensures the body can build and maintain connective tissue flexibility.

There are several varieties of these supplements available and they can be purchased at most retail pet care stores or on-line. These supplements will not work instantly, as will the prescription medication your vet can prescribe. It takes a few weeks for these supplements to build up in your dog's system before you should see results. As always, consult your veterinarian before adding any supplements to your dog's diet. *Tiffany Wisnewski*

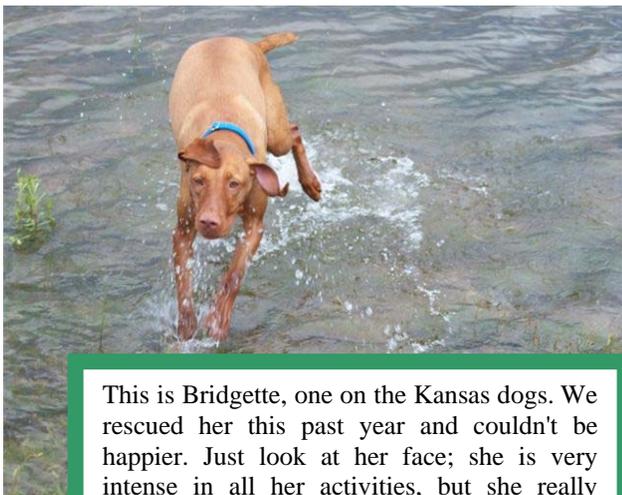
Famous Quote: You can judge the heart of a man by the treatment of his animals. *Emanuel Kant*



Rescues' Corner *This is a new feature - every issue will showcase one or two Vs that have been rescued through CWVRG. Send your best friend's photo and a brief caption so we all know who we're enjoying. (See criteria for emailing photos at the end of the newsletter). Laura Whitcomb came up with the idea so her Vs are first to be showcased!*



This is our Vizsla mix, Lucy. Just like most Vizslas Lucy loves going out with us. We were lucky enough on this day to get a picture of her doing what she does best, being a clown! We were loading the car for a trip to the reservoir and she had enough waiting, she just jumped into the trunk as if to say, "you're not leaving me behind." She really made us laugh because she acted like it was just the most normal thing in the world for her to be there. I hope every Vizsla owner gets as many laughs as we do. Our Vizslas are a constant source of entertainment. They are natural clowns as our pictures and stories show. *Laura Whitcomb*



This is Bridgette, one on the Kansas dogs. We rescued her this past year and couldn't be happier. Just look at her face; she is very intense in all her activities, but she really loves a good romp in the water! *Laura Whitcomb*

Wendy the Miracle Dog...continued

family was so excited; it was like having a newborn in the house. Every action observed was excitedly reported to the rest of the household. Wendy quickly became a constant companion to the children and is loved by the entire neighborhood.

She loves to go places and accompanies the family when they run errands, or drop the kids off at school. Wendy decided that the front seat was the only dignified place for a Vizsla as beautiful as she (and with her hair grown back, Wendy was a beautiful young Vizsla). The neighbors soon became accustomed to the sight of Wendy riding 'shotgun.' During a visit, Katie's mother got in the front passenger seat and Wendy was offended that she had to ride in the back. Apparently this indignity made a lasting impression on her. The next time Katie's mother was headed for the car, Wendy made sure she was in the front seat first. Then Tyler offered her a potato chip from the back. Wendy looked back and forth between the tempting treat in the back seat and the approaching seat thief and decided she had time to eat the chip and return to the front to defeat the interloper. Wendy miscalculated the time needed to accomplish her ambitious plan, and as a result, Katie's mother victoriously claimed the front seat. To show that she was perturbed, Wendy nudged Katie's mother's head in irritation during the trip.

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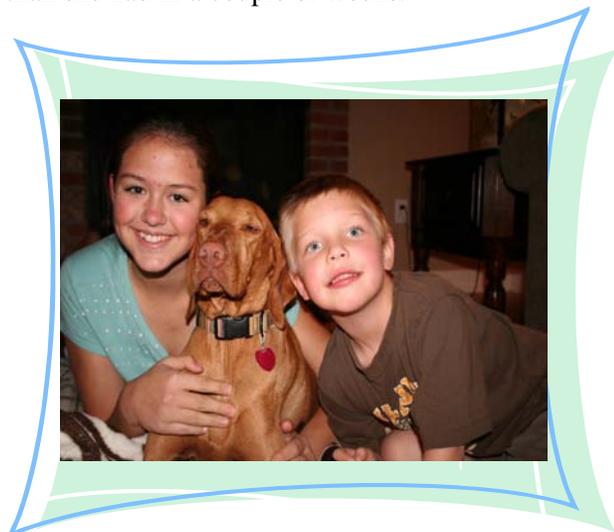
Later that fall, as neighborhood families gathered in the cul-de-sac, the kids and Wendy were running and playing. The kids ran toward the roadway, but stopped short of the street. Wendy was going too fast and ran in front of a vehicle. To everyone's horror she was struck directly on her side, and flew 20-30 feet down the pavement. The family scooped her up and rushed to the vet, expecting the worst in the wake of such a traumatic accident. Despite the horrendous impact, Wendy had no permanent injuries (just a little bleeding in her lungs that eventually resolved itself). The vet called her "a miracle dog" and couldn't believe that she had survived the impact. So far in her short life, Wendy had beaten the odds and survived abandonment, severe mange, kennel cough, and now a serious accident, but her trials were not over yet.

During an exam following her accident, the vet discovered that Wendy had a serious heart condition that should have killed her long ago. She

would now need heart surgery. At that point, the vet bills totaled \$2,400. Heart surgery would add another \$2,600 to the already hefty sum. Once again, angels intervened on Wendy's behalf and her family received two \$1,000 donations from the Vizsla Rescue Fund. This past December 4th, Wendy underwent non-invasive heart surgery. The surgeon went through an artery in her leg to insert a coil in the heart and repair the defect. Once again, Wendy's personal guardian angel watched over her and she recovered within two days. Katie reported that Wendy looked better following her surgery than she had in a couple of weeks.



Wendy keeps an eye on her guiding star.



Wendy snuggles up with two members of her new family

Katie claims that Wendy is “too good to be true,” that “she has an old soul,” and is “wise beyond her years.” Perhaps this is the indomitable spirit of a young Vizsla or maybe it's because Wendy's life has been touched by so many angels. One thing remains clear; Wendy truly is a miracle dog.

Despite the many near-tragedies that have befallen her, she has persevered with the caring help of earthly angels. Wendy has so much love to share and deserves such happiness that the combined forces of abandonment, disease, trauma, and a heart defect couldn't stop her. The miracle known as Wendy has escaped the evil clutches that transpired against her so early in her life, and through the dedicated and caring efforts of the angels she came to know, Wendy now lives in Never Never Land with her family. When they picked her up at Polly's house, Wendy knew that the path home was 'second star to the right and straight on 'til morning.'

Get to know a CWVRG Rescue Member

We all know that CWVRG is a very special organization which is directly attributable to our members and adopters who selflessly give their time, their energy and efforts to this cause. Because we are all busy and many of us are scattered near and far, we rarely have the opportunity to meet and get to know each other. So, to help bridge this gap, we will be introducing you to a rescue member or adopter that you might not otherwise have the opportunity to meet.

Introducing Carolyn Levy

Carolyn Levy is retired and lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Since 2002, she has been actively volunteering her time at *Animal Humane New Mexico* helping with adoptions. She has been a foster to shelter animals, and she also volunteers at the New Mexico Animal Friends answering calls regarding low cost spay/neuter options. While Carolyn admits she is more of a cat person, she does have a love of sporting and herding dogs. We have been fortunate to have her as a member since 2006. Carolyn has provided transportation services, foster care, and has made invaluable financial contributions when our needs were great. She and her partner have 4 cats and two dogs of their own and says “fostering tends to get on the resident pets' nerves but so far, they have all been very good sports about it!”

What was your first encounter with CWVRG?

Carolyn was volunteering at her local animal shelter in Albuquerque when a Vizsla mix named Snoop was brought in. She was thin and had a bad case of mange. Carolyn desperately tried to find a rescue group in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and Colorado to take her, all without success. As it turns out, Rita was the only rescue group who responded

to the call. Carolyn took Snoop on a road trip and met Rita in Colorado Springs to make the transfer. They stayed in touch after that meeting and Carolyn routinely read the group postings on line.

Was there one particular case or event that got you involved? Carolyn was reading the group postings one day and read about the Kansas City 8 and the urgent call for foster care. “I had just fostered a large male German Shorthair Pointer for the shelter here and I figured a female Vizsla would be a snap.” She became a member to be able to foster and once again, made the drive to Colorado Springs to get “Sydney.” Recalling that experience, Carolyn said “seeing Sydney blossom was such a joy. I’m thrilled that she is now in a loving home where she gets to sleep in the bed with her people.”



Carolyn with Snoop aka Fenix, one of our success stories!

Have you ever owned a Vizsla? “My first and only Vizsla was named Rachel. I got her as a puppy from a breeder in upstate New York in 1973. Rachel was raised as a cat since I had never had a dog before. She was incredibly smart and loving.” She recalls a friend describing Rachel as “a human stuffed inside a dog costume.” Over the years, Rachel moved to Florida and Virginia with Carolyn, and then Rachel went to Albuquerque to live out the rest of her days with Carolyn’s parents.

What made you become a member of CWVRG? “The bottom line for me is that breed rescue groups provide a crucial safety net for dogs that lose their way. As someone who sees cats and dogs in a shelter, I really appreciate foster home based rescue

groups that are willing to go above and beyond to help save lives. CWVRG is the absolute BEST breed rescue group I know of. I’m happy that I am able to help financially and I hope I’ll have the opportunity to foster again.” *Karen Phillips*

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