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Snoot Links

Petfinder

www.petfinder.com

Animal Medical Center
Skokie, IL

<http://www.amcskokie.com/>

Ruff Love Training
Northern IL

www.rufflovetraining.com

D2Care
Deaf Dog Education

www.d2care.org

Living Large with Geoff Pinkus
AM560 - Chicagoland

www.geoffpinkus.com

Dirty Dog

Mobile Grooming
Northwestern IL Suburbs

www.dirtydogmobilegrooming.com

Suburban Scoopers
Suburban Chicago
Pet Waste remover

www.suburbanscoopers.com

The Rovernight Network
Chicagoland and Minneapolis

www.rovernightnetwork.com

President's Corner: 6 months and Going Strong

It has been a whirlwind 6 months since we started and we have made so much progress!

We have made a name for ourselves in helping those dogs that other rescues often overlook or can't take in - the deaf, the physically challenged, the special needs; as well as some really great dogs that have come to us by chance.

Our mission in starting out was to help just one dog at a time, and focus administratively: so we incorporated, formed our Board of Directors, and set ourselves up to obtain licensure and 501c3 status.

While we are ready to complete those administrative tasks, we spent a lot of time helping some amazing animals (and families) over the summer and fall. We have helped and placed 12 dogs once forgotten and destined for euthanasia, and have 6

more in our wonderful foster homes as I type so we have made and exceeded our original goal. We couldn't be more proud of the steps we've made to help America become a "no-kill" nation but there is always more to do.



Elliot, a deaf American Bulldog, found his forever home on Aug. 14 2010

Winter is a good time for us to "hunker down" and focus on the administrative work and gear up for 2011... and we hope to be able to update you on this news soon! We will also have news on events and fundraisers coming up that you can be a part of. We have a lot planned!

In the meantime, thank you all for your overwhelming support as we got started... and for all you do for the animals. Please read on to find out how you can do more to help the Snoots.

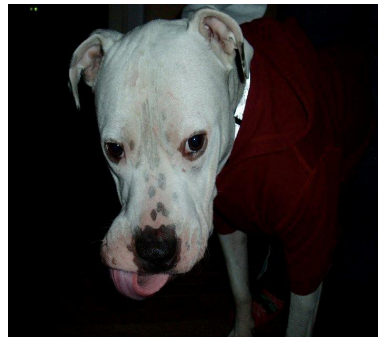
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Dog of the Month: Ozzie

Ozzie was an owner relinquish to the Kankakee Animal Control. He spent the beginning of his life chained in a back yard with very little interaction with humans or other animals.

He is a deaf 1 year old American Bulldog mix with some very cute spots underneath his soft white fur.

Ozzie is living in a foster home with one other dog and 4 cats, and has a lot of doggie neighbors as playmates to help



I swear I don't always look this silly. I'm very handsome.

him learn doggie etiquette. He walks amazingly well on a leash is also learning his hand signals and basic commands as well as how to play. He is an amazing boy and he takes treats ever so gently from your fingers.

Ozzie is definitely a youngster and has a lot of curiosity, energy and love to give a special person.

Ozzie would love to be adopted. Are you the perfect match that he is waiting for?



Fundraising and Ways to Help the Snoots

The only way Secondhand Snoots is able to help pups like Simon here is with the help of our supporters. In our time so far, we have found many but we can always use more. If you would like to show your support, here's how.

A simple way to help to donate to the Snoots is through IGive. IGive will donate a percentage of every order placed to hundreds of retailers from their site or web searches done from their site. It's a free service that really helps out all causes in need.

We also have partnered with Capital One to create a Secondhand Snoots credit card. All the rewards you earn by your every day shopping can be donated to the Snoots. The animals receive \$50 after your first purchase and then great percentages of everything else.



Simon borrows some Snoot Swag to show his love

A great way to help the animals at Secondhand Snoots Rescue is to shop for amazing Snoots Swag at our Cafe Press shop! There are t-shirts, hats, bags and Simon could get a shirt that fits him!

There are some generous companies out there who donate some of their profits. The links can be found on the fundraising page on Secondhandsnoots.org. Take a look and buy some really great stuff.

We also take direct donations through paypal or the mail. All of the funds Secondhand Snoots receives goes directly to helping our animals. If a certain dog catches your eye but you aren't able to adopt, we also offer dog sponsorship. There is no minimum or maximum on sponsorships. Your donation will go towards veterinary expenses and medication, and feeding/caring for each of these pups. You can sponsor a dog by sending a note along with your donation through the mail or paypal saying which dog you would like to sponsor.

Every Snoot here at Secondhand Snoots, human and canine, would like to thank all of our supporters. We couldn't do what we do and save lives without you.

For more info on fundraisers for the Snoots and how to participate, visit www.secondhandsnoots.org/index.php/fundraisers



Ozzie tells the world that he's deaf and proud of it.

Living with and Training a Deaf Dog

Secondhand Snoots takes in a lot of special needs dogs and we hear a lot of the same questions when it comes to training a special needs dog. The needs of a physically handicapped dog are unique to that dog and it will just take practice to find what each dog can do and what may be out of reach for them. Training a deaf dog, however, is very much like training a hearing dog with just a few modifications. Most obviously a deaf dog can not hear the trainer verbally give commands, so we use hand signals and light and vibration queues. Training with hand signals requires the dog's attention be on the trainer, so typically the first thing we train a deaf dog is the "watch" command. "Watch" is accomplished by focus-

ing the dog's attention to the trainer's face with a hand signal (typically pointing two fingers at the trainer's face) and rewarding with a treat when the dog looks. After much repetition and rewards of both treats and praise, the dog will naturally begin to focus their attention on the trainer and look to them for queues. We also teach the basic commands of "no", "sit", "down", "wait/stay" and "heel". These are the same basic commands that are taught to hearing dogs, again, just taught with hand signals. The most challenging commands for deaf dogs are the long distance commands, such as "come". All dogs have relatively poor vision, and deaf dogs typically have even worse vision still, so using long distance

hand signals can be difficult. For these commands, we turn to light and vibration signals. Light signals can be anything from flashing the porch light to a specially designed dog training "flashlight." Vibration queues are delivered with a vibration collar (not to be confused with a shock collar). A vibration collar gives the dog a pulsing signal that alerts them that it is time to do whatever they are trained to do with that alert. Whether training a hearing dog or a deaf dog, consistency is the key to a reliable dog. Every trainer has to do what works best for them and their dog, but we practice the three P's of training with every dog we train no matter their needs or their skills: Praise, Practice and Patience!