

Borderlines



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Upcoming Events:

• Adoption Days

- May 14 (Wayzata)
- May 21 (Minnetonka)
- June 11 (Wayzata)
- June 18 (Minnetonka)
- July 9 (Wayzata)
- July 16-17 (Minnetonka)

**Wayzata Chuck N Don's

**Minnetonka PetCo

- April 30th: No Kill Walk
- June 25-26: PRIDE Festival
Loring Park, Minneapolis

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Featured Dog

Secret: NADAC superstar

From the very first time I attended an agility trial, I always knew that one day I wanted a Border Collie. The speed and grace at which they moved through the course was mesmerizing to me. One Thursday right at the beginning of September I was on the BCRMN web site and noticed in a flash that there was something new – Puppies! I found out that the puppies were located just down the road from where I was traveling for a conformation show that very weekend.

She was also the only one of the three who stood up to my rather precocious Alaskan Klee Kai, Kaiser. That was it; she was the one.

About 2 ½ hours into the drive home she was named – Secret – Which was perfect, since I hadn't told a soul I was even considering her.

Secret was a brilliant puppy! I began shaping games with her the second day and in no

time she learned numerous tricks (blowing bubbles in a bowl of water, turning a light on & off, going into a box, backing up stairs, etc.). She was a little worker bee and never tired of learning. Around the age of 15 months, things really started to click for Secret.

Her first trial opportunity ended up being a NADAC games trial just two weeks after she turned 18 months. She qualified in 3 out of 4 runs! We only had to wait a week for her next trial opportunity. Secret blew me away and had a perfect

weekend – qualifying in 8/8 runs and earning her NAC

and TN-N titles. Even better, her confidence and speed



was improving with each run. We just went to her third trial and she only qualified in 2/5 runs, but I couldn't be happier because she ran her fastest yet! She had a blast out there and it was so fun to see. It feels like it was a long journey to get to where we are, but I know the real fun is ahead of us.

I think Secret has a great agility career ahead of her, but the most important thing is that we keep having fun together. I can't thank BCRMN enough for giving me the opportunity to adopt Secret. It has been a learning experience for me like none other.

Article By: Karissa Solberg



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Izzy: A Family Dog

On December 19, 2008 our family was devastated by the loss of our 7 year old Siberian Husky, Brandi. She got sick so fast and we had to make the very difficult decision to put her down. I knew a dog person and she knew that we walked Brandi almost every night I mentioned to her that Brandi had passed away a few weeks earlier. I stopped by her place the next day and saw Izzy for the first time. She was a fat little ball of black and white fuzz sleeping in the corner of the cage while all her siblings were rolling around and playing. I pointed to her and said I want to see that one. I only had to hold

her for a second to know she was supposed to be mine.

We brought her in knowing that we would be dealing with "puppy accidents" chewed up personal items and nights of whining in the cage. She was PERFECT from day 1! I couldn't have asked for a better dog! We only ever cleaned up one accident and she only played with the toys she was given....and never a peep from her. Not to mention she was a great cuddle buddy!

We are SO thankful to BCRMN for putting her in our lives, she helped complete our family again and we can't imagine life without her, she helped us all heal. (my husband has even become VERY attached, and the two of them have "morning talks") THANKS BORDER COLLIE RESCUE!



Article By: Corey Goerhing

"This person is the 'face' of the organization, so excellent people skills are a must."

Volunteer Coordinator Extraordinaire!

BCRMN would like to extend a HUGE thanks to Cindy Dawson who has been our faithful Volunteer Coordinator (VC) for the past year. Cindy came into this position when things were very much "up-in-the-air." The position had never had much structure or direction. Cindy was ready for the challenge. She came in and turned the position into a clearly defined role....and became an awesome VC in the process!

Cindy helped streamline the adoption events. She created binders to have at the events that showcased the adoptable dogs. She had great ideas for the layouts of our events and is always happy and chatty and wel-

coming of new people to come and meet the dogs! She became the contact for most of the events BCRMN attends (adoption days, expos, etc). She also helped several new volunteers get involved w/this wonderful organization.

Cindy has been, by far, the best VC that BCRMN has ever had. Thanks to her, this position is flowing and very clearly defined. She has created a wonderful relationship w/our partners at PetCo, Chuck and Don's, the Pet Expo's, etc. Please join me in thanking Cindy for all of her hard work!! You have made BCRMN a better organization due to your dedication and helped many dogs find foster

homes and forever homes. THANK YOU, CINDY!!

As Cindy focuses on her family and her career, this leaves the VC position vacant. We are looking for someone who is friendly and outgoing to be the new VC! This person is the "face" of the organization, so excellent people skills are a must. This position requires about an hour of time a week (more when big events are upcoming) and frequent emailing. This is a great way to get to know the "heart" of BCRMN and to help grow the organization. If you think you might be interested, email Melissa at cdx@hotmail.com for more info!

Adopted Dogs

"Ollie"- Lick Family
 "Tango"- Cowger Family
 "Dakota" Weigle Family
 "Kellie"- Konecny Family
 "Letty"- Pithers Family
 "Jake"- Pithers Family
 "Polly"- Welch Family
 "Maggie"- Krueger Family
 "Cody"- Laughlin Family
 "Riley"- O'Bryne Family
 "Cleo" Kitteredge Family
 "Hershey"- Mason Family
 "Rory" Gunnarson Family
 "Star"- Prevost Family
 "Tinsel"- Sipple Family
 "Reed"- Heig Family

"Mocha"- Nordlund family
 "Oreo"- Brink Family
 "Zeb"- Cook Family
 "Mocha"- Peterson Family
 "Noelle"- Bodovinitiz Family
 "Pepper"- Nelson Family
 "Buddy"- Albers Family
 "Jake"- Burroughs Family
 "Stewie"- VanDyk Family
 "Rider"- Hennen Family
 "Finley"- Larson Family
 "Tess"- Minervini Family
 "Charo"- Bredeson Family
 "Stella"- Plekkenpool Family
 "Max"- Gothel Family

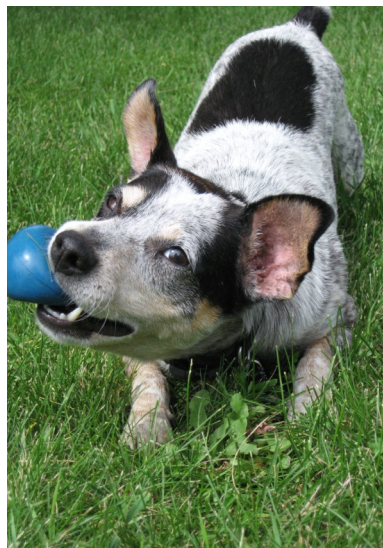
"Orlando"- Laska Family
 "Phoenix"- Mulcahy Family
 "Vegas"- Dunn Family
 "Paris"- Black Family
 "Patti"- LaTendresse Family
 "Quinn"- Hougen Family
 "Ozzie"- Wald Family
 "Sonic"- Alexander Family
 "Ritchie"- Larson Family
 "Bucky"- Ivey Family
 "Bravo"- Carlson Family
 "Lily"- McIntosh Family
 "Daisy"- Tenquish Family
 "Indy"- Williams Family
 "Jackie"- Dahlberg Family

Adoptable Dog Highlight

A truly admirable aspect of BCRMN is the acceptance of less than easily adoptable dogs into rescue. Toby is one such dog. He had enormous nodules in his ears which had to be removed by two surgeries. He's a mix of two breeds not known for being very congenial, cattle dog and Jack Russell terrier. He is on a grain-free diet to lessen reoccurring ear infections and he needs frequent ear cleaning. Toby has been in foster for nine months. He has many good qualities. The best one is his desire to be with his person. He is an ideal little buddy for someone who likes to mostly hang around home. He'll cuddle up beside you on the couch or lay at your feet wherever you are. Toby loves rides in the car. He's the perfect companion to take along on short errands. He's getting better about the constant barking

at people in other cars or walking outside. His stub tail is wagging all the time while he's calling your attention to the world around him. He enjoys walks in the park. He has a blast sniffing all the trees. He plays the "what's that?" treat game in order to be more relaxed on the leash. On his own, he'll turn and look at me once he notices something exciting. He still has problems with lunging at bicycles but I'm sure he can learn to tolerate those too. Toby loves playing with balls. He brings the ball back most times. However, he often gets the urge to zoom at full speed with a ball/stick/soft Frisbee in his mouth. It's hilarious! He moves fast for a little guy. He bounces off my leg when he's happy. I'm working with him learning to ride a skateboard. He's the perfect size for it.

Toby knows that his special person is out there even though he and I are not sure how to locate him/her. He is an undiscovered treasure and deserves a great home.



Article By: Josie Moen

"His stub tail is wagging all the time while he's calling your attention to the world around him."

BCR at the Pet Expo

BCRMN attended the Twin Cities Pet Expo in on March 12-13, 2011 at the Minneapolis Convention Center for the second year in a row. We also



different tug toys, BCRMN shirts, bandanas, collars, leather leads, agility leads, discs, etc. BCRMN held two "craft days" prior to the events where folks volunteered their time to come out and help make items to sell! HUGE thanks to those who helped out and to Holly-day Preschool for use of their facility to host the craft making fun! You guys rock! Ultimately we made around 75 dog beds, over 100 dog tugs, and 20 agility leads!

for BCRMN, additionally 5 dogs found their forever homes from being seen at the event! Congrats to Bucky, Quinn, Sonic, Ritchie, and Daisy!

The St. Cloud Pet Expo raised \$300 and Red was met his forever family at the event. Congrats, Red!!

All of the donations raised and dog's adopted, could not have been done w/out the generous support of our volunteers; everyone who helped, from making tugs, to sitting in the booth, to moving equipment, etc...everyone is vital in our success. Thank you guys for your continued support!

In addition to selling merchandise, we bring available foster dogs looking for their forever homes. This is a great socializing opportunity for the dogs, plus they are the mascots for the booth! They do a great job in bringing people into the booth and schmoozin' up the crowd!

Article by: Melissa LaMere

All in all, the Expo's were a great success! The Twin Cities Pet Expo raised around \$2000

attended the first, ever, St. Cloud Pet Expo on April 2, 1011. We had an awesome booth set up and an amazing time!

BCRMN uses Pet Expo's as one of our main fund raisers for the year. We strive to have a variety of items for sale that are easy to make and appeal to the average dog owner! This year we had dog beds, several

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Top: Josie, "Bindi", Anige after set up

Left: Annie and Malissa making tugs for the Expo

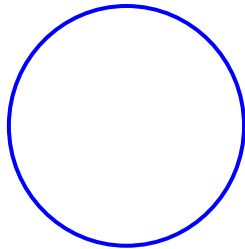
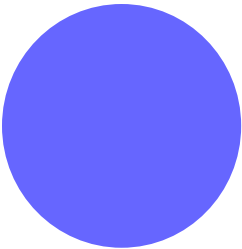
Above: Cindy, Josie, and Annie showing off the dogs

Border Collie Rescue

Border Collie Rescue of Minnesota is a volunteer, non-profit organization which accepts pedigreed, non-verified, and mixed Border Collies from owners, shelters, and other rescue organizations.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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Heartworm

What is it?

Heartworm (*Dirofilaria immitis*) is one of the many parasitic worms that a dog is susceptible to getting. It is a fairly long worm, reaching lengths of 14 inches. That's over a foot long!

How do dogs get it?

Heartworm is transferred as larvae from mosquitoes. A mosquito bites an infected dog and then once the mosquito is a carrier, it bites another dog and transfers the worms to that dog. It must be warm weather in order for the larvae to development in the mosquito. The larvae then matures in the dog and the adult worms live in the heart and nearby arteries.

How it is diagnosed?

The majority of dogs are diagnosed by a Snap 40x test. It is a blood test that checks for heartworm among 3 other common parasites in a short time period. This test is done yearly at a veterinary clinic, usually in the spring time. There are few signs that your dog may be infected but it is important to test yearly since exercise can be dangerous for the dog as it strains the heart. If heartworm is suspected, a radiograph can be done to try and confirm its presence. Several other tests can be run also to categorize the level of infection.

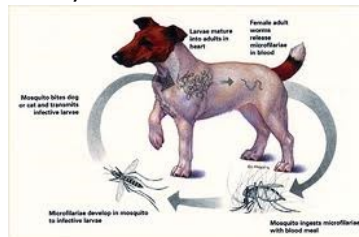
How can it be treated?

The only treatment commonly used is melarsomine dihydrochloride which is the scientific name for the drug Immiticide. It is an injection in the back that is given in three doses. This is done because it kills the adult worms. With the three dose series, it allows the microfilariae (immature worms) to grow and become adult worms.

How can it be prevented?

A pesticide with ivermectin is the best preventative. Veterinarians recommend that it should be given once a month year round, even if there are no mosquitoes. Drugs with ivermectin kill the microfilariae and two intermediate stages of worms. These drugs are effective because it prevents new adult worms from maturing.

Source: veterinarypartner.com
Article by: Kristin Ross



Quarterly Statement:

April-July 2011

Dogs Received: 51

Dogs Adopted: 44

Returned: 2

Euthanized/Died: 2

IN MEMORY



"Annie" 3.9.11



"Max" 3.31.11

First Annual Twin Cities
**NO-KILL
WALK FOR THE ANIMALS**

Raising Donations for No-Kill Shelters and Rescues!

Saturday
April 30th,
2011



Registration
9 a.m.
Como Park
Pavilion



**Walk to Show Your Support for
No-Kill Shelters and Rescues!**

No-Kill Rescues & Supporters Are Invited To Join!!

Location: Como Park Pavilion

- Come Join in a Fun Walk (rain or shine) around Como Lake and Show Your Support for No-Kill Rescues and Shelters
- Bring Your Friendly Pets, Leashes, and Plastic Bags for Clean Up
- Registration: 9 a.m. Como Park Pavilion 1360 Lexington Parkway North in St. Paul
- Collect Monetary Donations from Your Family, Friends, Neighbors & Co-Workers
- Donate Pledges Raised to your Favorite No-Kill Rescue or Shelter

**WE RESCUE
WE SHELTER
WE FOSTER
WE ADOPT
WE LOVE**

**THIS
YEARS GOAL
IS TO RAISE:
\$25,000**



More details about No Kill Walk for Animals



BCRMN is proud to be a part of the first ever, No-Kill Walk for Animals! This will be a fantastic opportunity for people to help raise funds for BCRMN! Over 30 rescues are already signed up to participate! Come one, come all! Come out and spend a few hours w/other BCRMN volunteers and alumni, plus help to raise money for this wonderful organization! This will be a fantastic event!

How Does it Work?

- This walk works like any other walk for a cause. Participants will get pledges for their involvement in the walk!

Who Do We Raise Money for?

- You choose the organization you want your funds to go to, in our case, BCRMN!

Where does the Pledge Money Go?

- ALL proceeds raised for BCRMN go to BCRMN! Your pledges will go to help w/vetting and other costs involved in the foster dogs!

Details:

Where: Como Park Pavilion, St. Paul, MN

When: Saturday, April 30, 2011

Time: Registration 9am

I want to do this! What's my next step?

- Print out the 3 flyers that are attached to this newsletter! Then start finding people who want to sponsor your participation. On the day of the walk, bring your proceeds and the signed waiver to the BCRMN booth. Checks can be made to BCRMN. Say hey to the gang at the booth and then enjoy the walk!!

Questions?

- Email us at info@bcrofmn.org

Pledge Form



Walker's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Funds Being Raised for (Rescue Organization): Border Collie Rescue of Minnesota

No-Kill Walk for the Animals

Saturday, April 30th, 2011 1360 Lexington Pkwy. N. St. Paul, MN

Pledge Form (Please print clearly)

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

____ \$5 ____ \$10 ____ \$15 ____ \$25 ____ \$50 ____ \$75 Other _____ Paid Ck ____ Paid Cash _____

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Waiver Form

I acknowledge that I am physically able to undertake the No-Kill Walk for the Animals (NKWFA), that I will be responsible for my pet and its' actions at all times, and I waive any claims that may arise out of the NKWFA which may be asserted against any parties in connection with the Walk.

Sign Below *(If you are under 18,a guardian must sign.)*

Walker's Name:

Date: _____