

Breaking the Borders



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Upcoming Events:

• Adoption Days

- January 21 (Minnetonka)
- February 4 (Wayzata)
- February 18 (Minnetonka)
- March 3 (Wayzata)

**Wayzata Chuck N Don's

**Minnetonka PetCo

• Pet Expo

-March 24-25

• Disc Dog Seminar

-February 11 (9am-3pm)

• Agility Classes

-February 19-March 18

Featured Dog

Pawsitive Vybe Entertainers

My name is Abby Cline, I live in Fargo, ND where I run a dog training business, Pawsitive Vybe Fargo. I have 7 dogs total, 6 are rescued, 3 are from BCRMN. I also work for Perondi's Extreme Canines Stunt Dog Show in the summer performing at fairs, festivals, theme parks and sporting events. This is the story of my 3 BCRMN dogs...

In 2008 I adopted my first dog from BCRMN. Pompeii (previously known as Crash) was a 1 year old ACD with tons of toy drive. He was my second rescue dog. I learned more about behavior and training from that dog than I have from any other dog I own. He was to say the least, a challenge. He is now one of my top high jumping dogs in the show. He has maxed high jump at 60 inches.

2009 was the first year I started working for the stunt dog show. I had 3 dogs and only 2 performed. When you perform with dogs the last thing you want to do is burn them out. I decided if this was a path I wanted to continue I might need another dog or two to keep my dogs

fresh and loving what they do. That's when I saw Joe on the BCRMN site. I was performing in WI at the time and immediately emailed Melissa about this Aussie mix named Joe. I stopped and evaluated him on my way to Fargo and he came home with me that day. I renamed him DOJO. He opens the show with Frisbee and also runs the triathlon which is a timed agility, flyball and Frisbee race. He is a rockstar and the crowd loves him.

Then comes Doc Holiday (previously known as Radar). Its summer 2010, I get an email of this video of a teeny tiny little 6 week old cattle dog just killing a squeaky frog toy. At this point in time I am performing in Rock Springs, WY. I send an email to Melissa to get me some video of this puppy playing with discs. Long story short I got a feisty confident puppy, I didn't even have to meet him, I adopted him from WY. That dog was made for me. He is about a year and a half now. He is coming

along real nice as a Frisbee dog and he debuted as my new jump roping extreme canine this summer.

What is so cool about this story is that these dogs that were thrown away or left or abandoned are now putting smiles on faces all summer long. In every performance we take time to talk to the audience and inform them that all of the dogs they see in our show have been adopted from shelters and rescues all over the United States, and that we hope that the next time they are looking to bring a new pet into their home that they check their local shelters and rescues before going to a breeder or pet store. So I would like to thank BCRMN for doing what they do and allowing me to have these amazing dogs in my life.



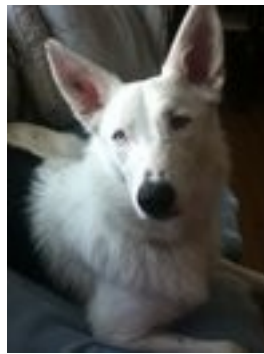
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Daisy the Wonder Dog

Having always been 'cat people' our family had no intention of adopting a dog. A friend of ours was working at the Pet Expo in Minneapolis last spring and invited us to stop by. We thought we'd pick up some toys for our three cats. We did not come home with anything but the decision we made that day which would make a positive change in our lives forever.



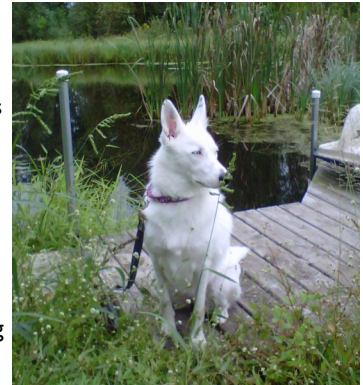
As we walked into the huge convention center the very first pooch (and there are a lot of dogs at the Pet Expo) we encountered was an exceptionally friendly white and black Border Collie/German Shep-

herd mix. Kim Nygard, her BCRMN foster at the time, introduced us to Daisy. I am sure the majority of dog owners will swear that it was love at first sight when they chose their dog- as was the case with us.

Daisy is unique. Having been deaf since birth, she has never experienced verbal commands but relies on hand signing and facial cue recognition. She compensates for her lack of hearing with intelligence- and a keen sense of smell. Perhaps it is testament to her intelligence that since the time she has been at our home we rarely notice her lack of hearing. She has successfully passed obedience training with a vibrating collar and pen light (instead of clicker) and is looking forward to herding this winter.

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have a dog that doesn't hear.



Here is a secret: it isn't difficult. The signing and com-

mands were more difficult for our family to get used to then for her. And there are unbelievable advantages to having a dog that doesn't hear- from not hearing fireworks to thunder, to other dogs barking. In the end, we are so fortunate for BCRMN to have taken Daisy from an Idaho shelter and for Kim to have been given the opportunity to work with her. We are blessed to have her and feel that she is happy with her forever home!

Article By: Clay Tenquist

"People remark how hard it must be to have a deaf dog. Here's a secret: it isn't difficult"

Letter From the President

Happy 2012!!! As 2011 closes and a new year begins, I wanted to take a minute to thank everyone for your support! BCRMN had some amazing times and some tough times in 2011. We found homes for 148 dogs which is a new record!! We were able to save several dogs who were on their last days and take in dogs that other rescues couldn't. BCRMN ran into some issues w/getting slammed w/medical bills in the last quarter of year. We had to close down intake for a bit and focus on the issues at



hand. Despite our situation, our volunteers and foster homes rallied together to raise money and offered assistance. Due to that we were able to get back on track and are doing great. We have an amazing support group between our foster homes, our volunteers, and our new adoptive families. We had several fun events for foster dogs and newly adopted dogs; the dock diving fun day was a first and a total blast! We had great events, including Pet Expo, raffles, and Ren Fest. 2012 is

here and we have hit the ground running! I have no doubt for BCRMN's continued success in the coming year. I know that we will accomplish this because any organization is only as strong as it's support base....and our support base can't be beat. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, on behalf of 148 dogs who have new homes and all of the dogs who will come through our lives in the upcoming year. THANK YOU!! Peace! -- Melissa LaMere-Dragovich, President

Adopted Dogs

Younglove Family and "Atti"
McAdams Family and "Jacqueline"
Boede Family and "George"
Anderson Family and "Cody"
Risnes Family and "Bruno"
Edwards Family and "Mylie"
Stanton Family and "Mercedes"
Warner Family and "Missy"
Schiffler Family and "Nala"
Dirnberger Family and "Barbie"
Skreen Family and "NeNe"
Metz Family and "Lexus"
McEwen Family and "Snowball"

Ivy Family and "Zura"
Ramsey Family and "PJ"
Hartell Family and "Lady"
Kirkpatrick Family and "Sophia"
Kvale Family and "Claire"
Taylor Family and "Kayla"
Kucera Family and "Hummer"
Tonsager Family and "Tulla"
Dussl Family and "Leah"
Rohling Family and "Rider"
Teele Family and "Audi"
Ward Family and "Farrah"
Conway Family and "Wizard"

Hadler Family and "Bear"
Rolling Family and "Max"
Killian Family and "Lucky"
Bloss Family and "Bailey"
Dirks Family and "Charlie2"
Hardesty Family and "Rascal"
Sieberlich Family and "Jackson"
Ankeny Family and "Sheetza"
Creamer Family and "Lappy"
Hanson Family and "Saturn"

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Adoptable Dog Highlight

Tex is our featured foster dog this quarter! Tex is a 1-2 year old, border collie x Australian cattle dog mix. He came from a shelter and is looking for his new home. Tex is a medium energy guy who is very smart. He has



started learning basic commands and is doing great. He will start agility training next month and we think he's going to love it! Tex is great w/people and loves everyone. He would LOVE a canine buddy who he can

rough-house with. Tex appears house trained and is crate trained. Tex is a silly guy who likes to "talk" when he gets excited..he doesn't really bark, it's more like...well...talking! He's a total clown! Tex's ideal home would be w/a person or persons, who could teach him new things and give him things to do! He'd probably be a great jogging or hiking partner! Tex would love a fenced yard to play in, however it's not required. He would do best w/kids ages 8+ just due to his enthusiastic attitude. All in all Tex is a total clown who can bring a smile to anyone's face!



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Agility Class Info

We are going to be offering agility classes again (by popular demand LOL). All classes will be held at Water's Edge Dog Center in Buffalo <http://www.waters edgedogcenter.com> this is an indoor, heated, fully matted facility w/AKC regulation equipment. It's a super nice place. All classes will be on Sunday afternoons and will run for 5 weeks, **Feb 19-March 18, 2012**. All dogs should be 1+ year old. Obedience is not a prereq but is highly encouraged. Handlers do need control of their dogs. Dogs must wear a buckle, martingale, or training collar. No head collars allowed. Also, dogs must have a 4-6' leash (no flexis, chain leashes, etc).

Handlers will need to bring treats or a small (quiet) toy for reward.

Intermediate Agility

Time: 3-4pm

More Info: For dogs who have completed beginning agility; we will continue to improve obstacle performance, and will also focus on basic sequencing and start to focus on handling as well

Beginning Agility:

Time: 4:15-5:15pm

More Info: For dogs/handlers who are new to agility. Teams will learn how to safely navi-

gate the obstacles and start basic handling techniques.

For both classes, the minimum number of dogs is 5 and the max is 12. These classes tend to be a big hit! Cost is \$50 for the 5 weeks. If you want to register, please email Melissa at cdx@hotmail.com



2012 Rescue Calendars



This was the first year BCRMN sold calendars,, starting your favorite adopted dogs. Adopters and foster homes were asked to submit a photo of their dog. 80+ photos

were put into one calendar! We sold approximately 115 calendars (so far) raising \$600 for the rescue. If you need to order more calendars or didn't get a chance to

order yours contact us at: <http://bcrofmn.org/shopping.htm> We only have about 20 calendars left; when they are gone the sale is complete!

BCSA AKC Agility Raffle

The MN chapter of the Border Collie Society of America (BCSA) held an AKC agility trial at On the Run Canine Center in Ham Lake, MN. They

included a raffle for BCRMN in their event. Many people donated items and BCRMN set up a booth of merchandise. There was also a silent

auction, which displayed a quilt that went for \$350. After all was complete, the raffle raised a grand total of \$1450 for BCRMN!

"Craft days will be

Feb 19th and

March 11th from

10-2"

Pet Expo Craft Days

As most of you know, Pet Expo is just around the corner! This is BCRMN's biggest fundraising event of the year! Most of the items we sell are hand-made by

BCRMN volunteers! These include (but aren't limited to), tug toys, leashes and dog beds. BCRMN is holding a few craft days to prepare for the Pet Expo. We will

meet Feb. 19th and March 11th from 10-2 in the West Metro area TBD. If you would like to come and help make leashes, beds and tugs let us know.

Disc Dog Seminar

Intro to Disc Seminar

Info:

We are going to be offering a Beginning Disc Dog Seminar this winter! If you have a dog who likes to play frisbee, this is the seminar for you! We will work on introducing your dog (and you) to the disc, show you some fun new moves to work on, explain how a disc competition works, and even work on your throwing! This seminar has been a huge



hit in the past and it's guaranteed to teach everyone a little something new!

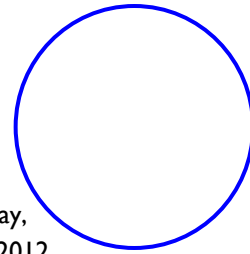
Date: Saturday, February 11, 2012

Time: 9am-3pm (Lunch Included)

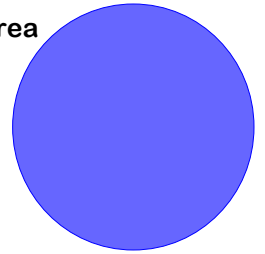
Cost: \$75 per team (limited to 1 dog per handler)

Size: Minimum 8 teams, maximum 15 teams

For more information and to register, please view the Twin Cities Disc Dog Club's site at: <http://www.tcddc.org> under "Events"



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Pet Expo

The annual pet expo is fast approaching and planning has started for the fun weekend. The pet expo will be March 24-25th this year at the Minneapolis Convention Center; 9am-6pm on Saturday and 10am-5pm on Sunday. We will be having our booth with vari-



ous dogs attending along with crafts and clothing also. We will need help setting up Friday evening; as always it's great to have some guys to help with the hauling in and take down on Sunday. Please mark your calendars for

the weekend and plan to come out and enjoy all the rescue groups along with our own dogs that are looking for their forever homes!

There is a \$1 off coupon attached at the end of this newsletter. Not only will this coupon save you a dollar off admission, but Twin Cities Pet Expo will also donate \$1 to Border Collie Rescue. It's a great way to save money and help the rescue we love!

“ Don't forget to print your \$1 off coupon and support BCRMN”

Dog Behavior 101

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.

Dogs can bring a lot of joy and happiness into our lives and add enrichment to children's lives, but they can also bring tragedy. Every year 60-70% of dog bite victims¹ are children, and it's sad to know that some of these could have been prevented had people learned more about dog language and behavior.

The first misconception with dog language is that it is just like ours minus the ability to communicate with us. While research to learn more is always continuing, it is widely agreed upon that dogs and human do not have the same language. It is common for children to want to hug or kiss their favorite furry friend, but it is important to know that dogs have no comprehension of this concept. When children or

adults move too quickly, they can perceive it as a threat and that is when attacks can occur.

All dogs, even ones you have had for years, should be approached in a slow manner. Older dogs especially can become unpredictable due to joint pain or the loss of another companion. Just because the dog has allowed it in the past, does not mean it will not attack in the future.

This is why it is so important to teach children at a young age how to properly approach a dog, and to be extra careful when waking a sleeping, deaf or blind dog. Make sure to approach slowly, and let the dog sniff your hand. The dog will show you if he or she is okay with the physical contact.

Article by: Kristin Ross
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Quarterly Statement:

October 2011-December 2011

Dogs Received: 31

Dogs Adopted: 36

Returned: 1

Euthanized/Died: 3

Year to Date

Dogs Received: 160

Adopted: 148 (NEW RECORD!)

Dogs Returned: 8

Dogs Euthanized: 13

In Memory



Daisy FKA Maisy

"Loved and cared for by the Sibley Family"



Help Border Collie Rescue of Minnesota by using this \$1 Off Coupon. For every coupon turned in with its name on it, the Twin Cities Pet Expo will donate \$1.



March 24 & 25, 2012
Minneapolis Convention Center
Hall C
Minneapolis, MN
Sat. 9-6 • Sun. 10-5

200+ Exhibit Booths Featuring Everything
You Need for Your Pet or Pet Lover *PLUS...*
Entertainment & Many Pets to See & Touch!

Admission:

Adults: \$8

w/this Coupon (Reg. \$9)

Kids (ages 3-12): \$5

*Only One (1) Discount Per Adult - No Other Discounts Apply
Admission includes all photos and seminars.*

*Please leave your own pet at home. Only attendees who are
pre-registered for a contest are allowed to bring their pet.*

For more information visit
www.TwinCitiesPetExpo.com