

Borderlines



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Featured Dog

Upcoming Events:

• Adoption Days

- July 9 (Wayzata)
- July 16 & 17 (Minnetonka)
- August 13 (Wayzata)
- August 20 (Minnetonka)
- September 17 (Minnetonka)
- **Wayzata Chuck N Don's
- **Minnetonka PetCo

• State Fair

• Herding Fun Day

• Renaissance Festival

Jun: What a Catch!

The day I brought Jun home as a foster, I remember sitting in my living room as she ran around the room in circles for hours, and thinking to myself “what the heck am I going to do with this dog?” She was 8 months old, deaf, and the polar opposite of my very calm first dog.

I started clicker training Jun using a keychain-size flashlight as the “marker.” She proved to be a quick study and learned the basics of obedience and a few tricks, using hand signals as cues. I fostered Jun for nearly a year, but she seemed to be caught in

which she loved!

I found out my first dog was going blind about 6 months after I started fostering Jun. Lok and I had been competing in disc dog for about a year and due to his failing sight, would not be able to do so much longer. As a foster, Jun played disc from time to time, and did well in a couple Toss & Catch competitions, but I had not put much time into her, since I already had a disc dog. I formally adopted Jun in March of 2009 and can't imagine life without her!

With Lok's functional sight gone by the end of 2009, Jun took over her role as my primary disc dog and has done great! Her freestyle game gets better each year, but as a fast dog with great tracking and accuracy, she really shines in Extreme Distance. Jun made the finals and took third place in the women's division in the Missouri Quadruped in July 2010, where she also took longest catch of the day in our division with a

55.5 yard catch! At the Denver, CO Quadruped in August 2010, we moved up to the women's open division, making the finals with another 55.5 yard catch and taking fourth place. The 2011 competition season has just started for us and we are looking forward to beating our team distance record this year!

In addition to competing in disc dog, Jun continues to train and occasionally compete in obedience. Heeling and retrieving are her favorites! She also loves learning fun tricks and skills to help out around the house. Jun still sometimes runs around the house in circles, but with outlets for her energy and intelligence we have become a team!

Article By: Tania Lex



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a dichotomy of being “too much” for a pet home due to her endless energy and “not enough” for most performance home. We continued to work together on her training and started an obedience class,

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Bob the Dog

It was his eyes. After looking through pages and pages of dogs on petfinder.com, there he was staring back at me. His name was Bob, and he was staring at me. I knew he was mine. The day I brought Bob home, he stood in my living room and stared at me for 6 hours. He simply stood and stared. He didn't bark, whine, or even sit down - just watched me, for 6 hours. For reasons I will never know, he finally laid down and that was the beginning of our friendship. He happily joined me on

trips to the North Shore, hikes along the Superior Hiking Trail, and running around the lakes. As I told my friends about my adventures with Bob, they presumed I had started dating someone named Bob. Thus, he became known as Bob The Dog. While he remained shy and aloof with strangers, he watched my every move and used his eyes to make it clear what he was or wasn't going to do. He was willing to sit politely to meet strangers, but never allowed them to pet him no matter how cute they thought he was. He was willing to go to agility class but was-

n't going to go through the tunnel. He was willing to wait quietly at home while I was at work but it was going to be on the couch, not in a crate. He was willing to tolerate the addition of another border collie, Sasha, to our family but he wasn't going to let her sit on the couch. Shortly after I adopted Bob The Dog he was diagnosed with kidney disease. He did quite well until this spring but sadly died in early June. After two years together, he looked at me one last time and I hope he saw my love and appreciation for his friendship and trusting me to care for him. Rest well sweet Bob The Dog.

Article By: Gretchen Rierson



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PRIDE: BCRMN EVENT

BCRMN participated in the 2011 PRIDE Festival this year, down at Loring Park in

Minneapolis, MN on June 25, 2011. We had a great time, hanging out, chatting w/ other

dog lovers, and getting the word out about our organization.

Foster dogs, Dart, Gizmo, Charlotte, Mia and Andy made new friends and met possible new families! The one day event raised about \$300 for BCRMN! None of this could be done w/out our wonderful volunteers who helped run the

booth. Thanks guys!

Article By: Melissa LaMere

Left: The booth at Loring Park Below: Jen LaMere and Tony Jackle show off dogs to potential adopters



Adopted Dogs

Berger Family-“Gus”

Zimmerman Family-“Red”

Nehen Family-“Razzle”

Hawes Family-“Copper”

Osterby Family-“Casey”

Rafferty Family-“Rally”

Behlke Family-“Kiona”

Jacobs Family-“Buster”

Wieriek Family-“Bella”

Welp Family-“Skip”

Houk Family-“Red”

Breton Family-“Bently”

Mann Family-“Clem”

Vicker Family-“Maggie”

Roberts Family-“Bear”

Reyes Family-“Batman”

Perego Family-“Hula”

Sievert Family-“Trish”

Weiberg Family- “Helen”

Herman Family-“Vegas”

Weis Family-“Willie”

Free Family-“Kato”

Larkin Family-“Marley”

Robertson Family-“Romi”

Thovson Family-“Roscoe”

Sabaka Family-“Spooky”

Armstrong Family-“Rex”

Moen Family-“Bindi”

Fyfe Family-“Trixie”

Newman Family-“Ginger”

Sager Family-“Axel”

MSP Airport Police-“Rush”

(Future bomb detection dog!)

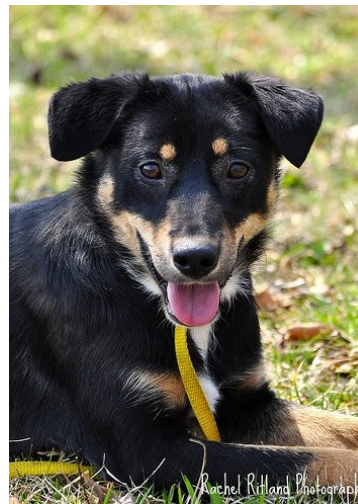
Adoptable Dog Highlight

Meet Mia!

Mia is a wonderful, sweet, friendly, border collie x girl. She arrived in foster care at the beginning of the year w/ her 5 puppies in tow. Mia was a wonderful mom and is now ready for her forever home!

Mia has no vices and loves everyone. She is often the greeter at adoption events and can be counted on to let kids pet her and hang out w/her. Mia is lower medium energy level girl. She would be an amazing, move-in-ready, addition to any lucky family!

Article By: Melissa LaMere



“Mia is a wonderful girl who loves everyone she meets. A family would be lucky to adopt her!”

Mia is a small girl at only about 28#. She does great w/other dogs, cats, and even small kids! Mia is house trained and crate trained. Mia is an all around great family dog and we are surprised this gem hasn't been scooped up!



BCRMN Herding Fun Day 2011



“This event is open to dogs who have been adopted from BCRMN”

Back by popular demand, BCRMN is holding it's 3rd, annual, Herding Fun Day! This event is open to dogs who have been adopted from BCRMN (if open spots remain, other dogs may participate, however adopted dogs get priority). This is a great opportunity to see if your adopted dog has some herding drive! This event is a ton of fun and normally fills up fast! If you are interested, sign up quick!

Date: Saturday, August 6, 2011

Time: 9am

Where: Cannon Falls

Cost: \$20 per dog

Limit: 15 dogs, BCRMN alumni dogs get top priority

Info:

- dogs need to be 6+ months old
- no prior training is needed
- dogs will be worked w/the instructor, handler, and sheep, in a small pen
- handlers are responsible for the safety of all involved
- handlers will be required to sign a liability waiver at the event

- event will be dependant on appropriate weather
Want to sign up? Have questions? Email Melissa at cdx@hotmail.com

Left: Jasper herding a sheep

Below: Buddy getting excited about the sheep



MN State Fair 2011

BCRMN will have a booth in the Pet Building at the MN State Fair again this year. More information will be forthcoming (keep an eye on the Facebook site and the website), but we will

need booth coverage for the day, from 8am-8pm. Help is needed! If you'd like to volunteer, please email Melissa: cdx@hotmail.com



Above: Participants of Ren Fest stop to play with BCR dogs

Renaissance Festival 2011

For the 3rd year in a row, BCRMN will have a booth at the Renaissance Festival in Shakopee, MN during their Pet Fest weekend. The Pet Fest falls on August 27 and 28, 2011. We will need volunteers

to help cover the booth from 9am-7pm both days. This event is a ton of fun; dressing up is highly encouraged! This is generally BCRMN's second largest fund raising event of the year, so it's a great

it's a great time to show your support and help out! If you'd like to sign up or have questions, email Melissa at cdx@hotmail.com

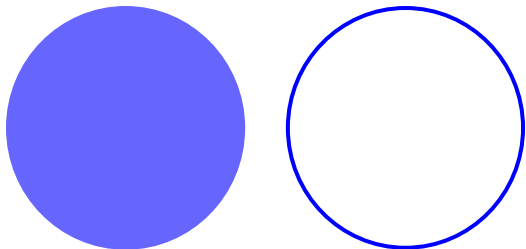
Lyme Disease

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.

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Quarterly Statement:

April-July 2011

Dogs Received: 28

Dogs Adopted: 31

Returned: 2

Euthanized/Died: 0

Newsletter By: Kristin Ross and Melissa LaMere

What is it?

Lyme disease (borreliosis) is an infectious, tick-borne disease caused by *Borrelia burgdorferi*. In Minnesota and the Midwest, the deer tick is the most common carrier of this disease. Minnesota and Wisconsin accounts for 10% of all cases seen in the United States, making central and eastern Minnesota an endemic area.

How do dogs get it?

The most common transmission is from the bite of an infected nymph or adult tick. It often goes unnoticed by the owner for a few days because of their small size. The tick does need to be attached to the dog for more than 48 hours in order to transmit this bacterial disease. However, even if it is attached for more than 48 hours, it may not always infect the dog.

What are the symptoms?

Many signs do not occur until 2 to 5 months after the infectious bite making it harder to identify the source of the symptoms since owners will not always remember pulling a tick off their dog that long ago. The most common symptoms are fever, stiffness in the joints, loss of appetite, and lethargy.

How can it be diagnosed?

A blood test is done to test for antibodies to the bacteria. The strength of the results and the symptoms can be used to determine if the dog is actually infected with the disease or has fought the infection but still has antibodies. Performing a test every 6 months to a year can help determine the status of the infection.



Courtesy of Dr. Phil Pellitteri, University of Wisconsin

How can it be treated?

Antibiotics are used to treat Lyme disease. It is important to note that if the dog does not respond within a few days to the medication, it is most likely not Lyme disease and other tests should be done. The recommended length of treatment is 14 to 30 days, but some dogs may need to be on the medication longer as they have not fought the infection completely.

How can it be prevented?

A combination of a preventative vaccine and tick control product works best. The Lyme vaccine is given twice initially and then can be given once a year after that, but a monthly tick product should be used also. These come in sprays, collars, and topical solutions to name a few.

Article by: Kristin Ross
Source: www.peteducation.com

IN MEMORY



“Bob the Dog” Adopted and Loved By Gretchen