



Forever Tails

Walk Your Dog with Wooftrax!

AFH has signed up with Wooftrax, an app for your smart phone that lets you raise money for your favorite rescue (AFH, of course!) simply by walking your dog. What could be easier?

You do have a dog, right? Of course you do!

You do walk your dog, right? Of course you do!

You have a smart phone, right? Most likely you do, and if not, maybe it's time to upgrade.

You can now raise money for homeless animals every time you walk your dog. Simply go to www.wooftrax.com, download the app, select A Forever Home Rescue Foundation as your charity of choice, and start the app every time you walk your dog.



Using this app might encourage longer walks for your dog, which is healthy for them – and for you too.

Dog walkers - you spend your entire day walking so why not donate (at no cost to you) to A Forever Home Rescue Foundation every time you walk a client's dog!

Nothing could be easier so go to www.wooftrax.com and get started now!

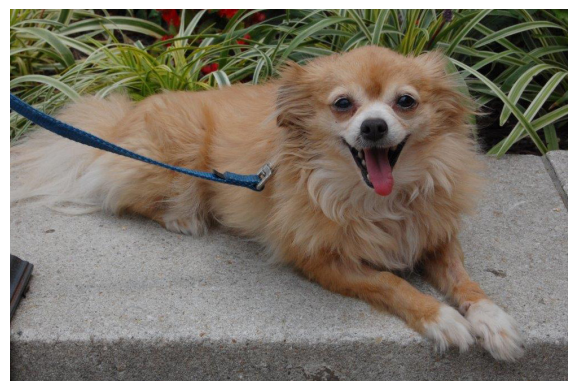
Adoption Information

Are you looking for a new furry family member? Visit www.aforeverhome.org or stop by an adoption fair to find the perfect one. We have many wonderful dogs waiting for forever homes. Once you've fallen in love, the next step is to fill out an adoption application to get the ball rolling.

Please see our website for our adoption schedule.

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**Baby is searching for
her forever home**
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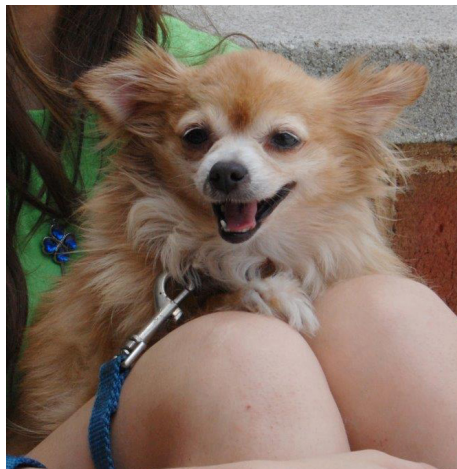
"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."
— Will Rogers

In Search of My Forever Home: Baby the 3-Legged Chihuahua

Baby (Female)

Breed: Chihuahua

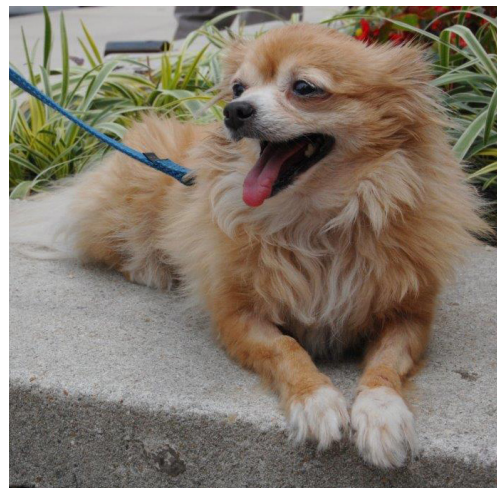
Age: 6 years



Baby is six years old. She is spayed, up to date on vaccinations, and on heartworm and flea preventive.

Baby's name fits her – she's a sweetheart. Even after everything she's been through, she still loves people and other dogs.

Baby came to us from a shelter in West Virginia with a badly broken femur (thigh bone). We have no idea how it happened or how long she had been suffering. After several surgeries (and thousands of dollars) her rear leg could not be repaired so it was amputated. Baby doesn't seem to notice and she gets along great on three legs. She is a wonderful little girl and would be a great addition to your home. Visit www.aforeverhome.org to submit an adoption application.



In Memoriam

We want to acknowledge some recent donations in memory of beloved friends...

MaryJo and Donald V. in memory of Cooper Ward

Eileen B. in memory of Buddy

Ben W. in memory of Hande Tuncer and Kelly Weinberg

David N. in memory of Ella

Patricia R. in memory of Ben, Max, Bishop, Alice, and Lucinda

Paul and Ruth P. in memory of Speckles

Mary H. in memory of Crystal

Sherry F. in memory of Mary Tuttle

Lori M. in memory of Scout

Martin and Caroline P. in memory of Fatboy

Russell and Sharon W. in memory of Bailey Shapiro



We also want to thank those of you who have donated items from our Amazon Wish List (<http://amzn.to/12FohPq>). Due to privacy concerns, Amazon does not share purchaser/donor info with us. They have assured us that they are working on the issue so we know who our donors are. Contact us at info@aforeverhome.org if you donated through Amazon and need a tax receipt.

Dr. Elwood Pawsington: The Importance of Training



Hello Friends! I am Dr. Elwood Pawsington. I will be following in the paw prints of my dear friend Sam I Am (the Regal Beagle) as your expert on all things dog. I will try my best to fill his paws by answering your dog-related questions.

Dear Dr. Elwood,

My family recently brought home a new addition – we’ve adopted a wonderful dog named JoJo. We’ve had her checked out at the vet and bought her some fun new toys, a cozy bed, and some yummy treats. What else can we do to make sure we’re off to the best possible start?

Sincerely,
Proud New Mom in Purcellville

Dear Proud New Mom,

To answer your question: Training, training and more training – and I don’t mean just the basic commands! There is so much more to training your dog than teaching her to sit, stay, and fetch.

A well-trained dog is a happier dog for many reasons. First, consistent training is really a way of communicating and bonding with your dog. You are able to make it clear to your dog what is acceptable behavior and in turn, your dog will have more freedom. Imagine that JoJo greets visitors to your home by jumping on them. This can be potentially frightening and dangerous to guests. You may end up feeling uncomfortable having visitors, or resort to banishing JoJo to a different room when people come over. Now – imagine JoJo has been trained to greet visitors calmly and respectfully when they arrive at your house. She is welcome to remain in the room and can join in on all the fun and socializing.

Training can also keep your dog safe. The recall command is one of the most important commands for your dog to know. What if she breaks loose chasing after a squirrel and is heading toward a road? Training her to respond immediately to the recall command can save her life.

Having a well-trained dog can save lives in other ways too. Sometimes, people don’t put in the time to train their dog or decide that they don’t want to deal with certain behaviors and they end up dropping their dog off at the local shelter. Right there, training can mean the difference between life and death. A well-behaved dog is much easier to match up with a family. An untrained dog may never find a home.



In addition to obedience training, socialization is a very important part of a dog’s life. It’s important for a dog to know how to greet another dog, behave at the dog park, or get along with a new canine sibling.

I don’t know how old your JoJo is, but training is not just for puppies. All dogs, regardless of age, benefit from training. You really can teach an old dog new tricks!

If you put in the time and effort to train JoJo, you can expect a strong and wonderful relationship with her, knowing that you can rely on her to behave appropriately in any situation. Once you get the basic training under your belt, remember to keep it going. Training can and should be a lifelong activity for you and your dog. Congratulations on bringing JoJo into your family – I wish you many years of fun and companionship!



"I believe in integrity. Dogs have it. Humans are sometimes lacking it."

— Cesar Millan

Volunteer Spotlight

Allison and Stacie



Allison Howard and Stacie Hornbaker run two businesses which complement one another. During the school year they work with home-schooled children who spend part of each day walking and socializing foster dogs. They enjoy watching the children's self-esteem soar as 20 children and dogs march around the driveway, calm and relaxed.

Allison tell us that she enjoys volunteering for AFH because she gets the opportunity to surround herself with a steady stream of dogs... a dream come true!! She tells us how rewarding it is to work with dogs who have behavior issues and then watch them go to their forever homes as well behaved balanced dogs.

Stacie and Allison enjoy helping puppies learn basic manners, knowing that they are well prepared to adapt to their new homes. They have done an amazing job with our dogs and our volunteers – teaching us all how to be calm and balanced. We are grateful that they chose AFH as their charity of choice and look forward to a long and productive relationship.

Stacie Hornbaker is an experienced dog trainer who has been working with AFH to help some of our dogs who need basic or corrective training. She has turned dogs who have been labeled as unadoptable due to

unacceptable behavior into well-behaved dogs, while training their guardians on what acceptable dog behavior is. She offers in-home consultations, boarding, and boarding/training, as well as classes on leash work and socialization. Stacie has undertaken extensive training in dog behavior, including classes dealing with how to handle difficult dogs and advanced socialization. She has also trained with the Dog Whisperer – Cesar Milan.

2015 For the Love of Rescues Calendars On Sale Now!

AFH dog Chewie was adopted by Dana D'Aniello, who submitted his picture for inclusion on the For the Love of Rescues Calendar produced by Chrisi Sage. Chrisi sells the calendars to raise money for rescue groups and will donate \$10 to AFH for each calendar purchased!

If you would like to purchase a calendar, visit <http://www.fortheloveofrescues.com/>, select A Forever Home Rescue Foundation from the dropdown list, and \$10 of your purchase will be donated to us! Please consider purchasing one to help

AFH and share this information with friends and family via email, Twitter, Facebook, etc. At only \$15 per calendar, you might want to consider buying a few extras for your friends who also love animals!

We want to thank Chrisi for this fundraising opportunity and Dana for selecting us as her charity of choice. Chewie gets a huge thank you too just for being adorable!

Adopter's Corner:

Sunny



Sunny (then known as Sunday) was adopted from AFH in June 2009 by Michael Doser. His wife was sick with cancer and her doctor advised her to get more exercise so Michael suggested adopting a dog. Sunny became a big hit at the hospital with both staff and patients, and some of the patients saved portions of their meals for her when they knew she was coming for a visit. Unfortunately, Michael's wife died a few months after Sunny came into their lives.

Michael has remarried and his wife is allergic to dogs, but she makes it work, even when Sunny climbs between them on the couch and puts her head in their laps or demands something (and she waits very patiently for the humans to figure out what she wants).

At first Michael thought that Sunny was a picky eater and it was a challenge to find food that she would like. She finally made them understand that she wasn't really all that picky – she just preferred being fed by hand. She will eat just about anything that his wife feeds her by hand.

Michael tells us that Sunny is the most affectionate animal he's ever known. She is also a little spoiled and often waits for her breakfast to be cooked, and sometimes wakes her human assistants in the middle of the night if she wants a midnight snack.

Michael reports that he and his wife are almost fully trained to respond to Sunny's every want and need!

Buttons

AFH dog Buttons lives with Patricia Canavan. Patricia's daughter Kathleen wrote to tell us that getting Buttons in July 2008 was the best decision she ever made. Buttons and Patricia are truly inseparable.

Kathleen says "My mother turns 90 this year and I don't think she could live without her little companion, Buttons. Having her dog has not only given her immense joy, but keeps her going! My mother lives in a 3 story townhouse and has to get up every morning to care for her buddy. They take several walks a day and Buttons likes to 'help' my mother in her garden."

Kathleen included a picture of her mom and Buttons from Patricia's last birthday, and we can see that both are doing quite well!

Happy 90th from all of us at AFH!



"The only creatures that are evolved enough to convey pure love are dogs and infants."

— Johnny Depp

Goodbye to Bailey

We recently received the email below from Valerie Shapiro...

It is with extreme sadness that we announce that our loved Bailey, adopted from AFH in October 2004, had to be put down on June 7th after being diagnosed with kidney failure in December 2013. Bailey lived part of her life in Fairfax Station, Virginia and part in Fort Collins and Denver, Colorado. She adjusted to life whether it was in suburban Fairfax Station or Fort Collins, or the city life of Denver because she was always with her Shapiro family. Bailey flew the friendly skies of Pet Airways several times during their short existence. No matter where Bailey went, people stopped us and asked what breed she was (Bailey was part Beagle, Pug, and Jack Russell and ever so cute) and was sometimes referred to as a "firecracker". Bailey was a gem of a princess who was always treated as #1 in her family. Her love for her family and vice versa will forever be in our hearts. We miss our dear girl who loved to snuggle and appreciated her family every day of her life.

From all of us at AFH, rest in peace Bailey, and many thanks to the Shapiro family for giving you a wonderful life.



We Need You!

AFH is looking for some professional fundraising help. It takes a lot of money to provide quality care to the puppies and dogs in our foster homes. We spend \$25,000 - \$30,000 every month in vet services and need to constantly raise funds to continue to provide whatever level of medical care is necessary.

We appreciate all the ideas for fundraising that we receive; however, as with most volunteer groups, a small group of people manage the day to day operations of the rescue and there just isn't enough time to dedicate to fundraising. We are looking for a fundraising professional who can plan and execute at least one large-scale and several smaller

fundraisers each year. The person we are looking for has a proven history of fundraising success, excellent organizational and communication skills, and the ability to plan and execute fundraising events while leading a team of volunteers.

We have plenty of competent and dedicated volunteers who are willing to help, but we need someone with experience to guide us.

If you have fundraising experience and would like to help us, please email info@aforeverhome.org.



Amanda and Federico Campbell recently wrote to tell us that their dear, sweet Ollie went to Heaven. They adopted Ollie from AFH in September 2012 as a 13 week old puppy. They learned of his cancer diagnosis just a few weeks ago when they brought him to the vet for an appointment. Their worst fears came true a few days later when they were told that Ollie had Stage 5 Lymphoma. He didn't respond to chemo and died on June 23, 2014. He would have been 2 years old this month.

Amanda tells us that "Ollie brought my husband and I - and anyone he met! - so much joy in his brief life, and we are forever grateful to him for showing us the true meaning of unconditional love. We know he is up in Heaven playing with sticks, swimming, and chasing other dogs, cancer-free. We love and miss him so much, and were blessed to have had him in our lives. He will live on in our hearts forever."

On behalf of all of us at AFH, thank you for loving Ollie.

How you can help...

Make recurring monthly donations
 Donate items from
 our Amazon Wishlist
 Donate a portion of your Ebay sales
 Become a foster home
 Help at adoption fairs
 Perform home visits
 Include AFH in estate planning
 Donate your used car
 Do fundraising



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While you are there, you can also purchase items from our wishlist by going to <http://amzn.to/12FohPq>, selecting an item on our wish list, and paying for it. It will be shipped directly to us! Please email us if you send us a wish list item, because Amazon doesn't share your contact information with us due to their privacy policy.

Madly in Love with Mac



AFH adoptee Mac and his adopted sister Soofi recently helped to raise \$5,000 for curing women's cancer by participating in Critters for the Cure's 5K race in Gaithersburg, MD. Mac's mom, Risa Simon, is proud of both of them – with good reason! Way to go Mac and Soofi!

A Hero in Our Midst

Back on May 27th, a fire broke out in a Lorton, Virginia condominium complex. Unfortunately, one person was killed. One of our volunteers, Lori Craddock (who had just undergone hip surgery, was in a brace, and could barely walk) ran into a burning building and rescued three cats and two dogs, and helped several people to safety. Lori told us that her adrenaline kicked in and she ran in to help. We applaud Lori's courage and are grateful for the lives she saved.

A Special Thanks...

AFH wishes to thank Pat Weakland, Trustee of the William Elliot Living Trust for a generous donation to our general operating fund. This donation will go a long way toward helping many animals in need and we appreciate his generosity in memory of his dear friend.

A big thanks also goes out to David Gillies and the Rust Foundation for their generosity. A \$10,000 grant from the Rust Foundation allowed us to purchase some much needed office equipment which will help us to be more efficient. We appreciate their commitment to our homeless friends!

Finally, AFH wants to thank the estate of Mary Tuttle for a generous donation in her memory.



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