



RUBY SLIPPER GALA

LOOKING TO ADOPT?

Are you looking for a new furry family member?

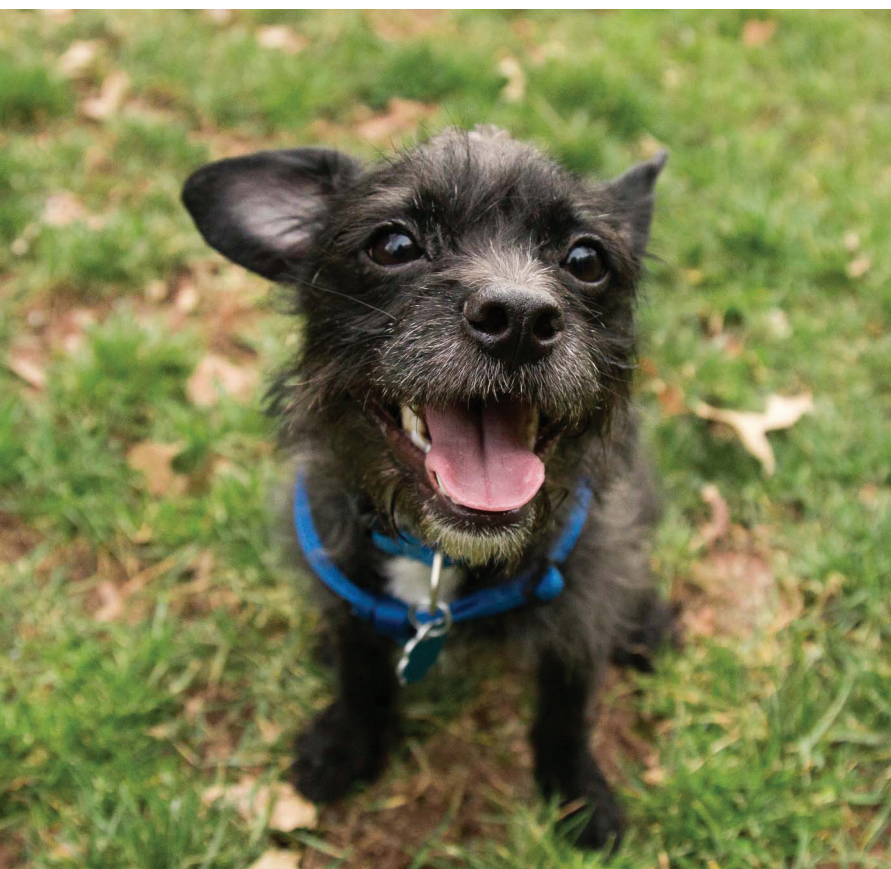
Visit **www.aforeverhome.org** or stop by an adoption event to find the perfect one. We have many wonderful dogs waiting for forever homes. Once you've fallen in love, the next step is to fill out an adoption application to get the ball rolling.

Go to **www.aforeverhome.org** for our adoption schedule and available pets.



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AFH just wrapped up our Ruby Slipper Gala, which was a huge success! It was so much fun and we made lots of new friends while we raised funds that will help us to build Imagine – a home for A Forever Home Rescue Foundation. More importantly, we were able to introduce our new supporters to the ideas we have for Imagine in a wonderfully produced video. Imagine will be more than an office for our rescue; it will be an adoption center, a boarding facility to support our rescue efforts, a training center, a sanctuary, a gathering place for like-minded people, and even a place for reflection. It will be whatever we can Imagine and it will help homeless pets find loving forever homes long into the future!



PET PREPAREDNESS IN AN EMERGENCY

Is your family prepared in the event of emergency? Now is a perfect opportunity for you to learn how to plan for your pet's safety when the unexpected occurs. If you need to evacuate your home for any reason, do not forget to plan for your furry, scaly, or feathered friends.

- Include your pets in your emergency plans
- Build a separate emergency kit for your pets
- Make and keep digital records and/or pictures to identify your pet after a disaster in case you become separated
- Create a list of places that accept pets if an emergency happens

Learn more about how to prepare your pet(s) for emergency situations at www.ready.gov/animals.



ASK THE VET

QUESTION

Why does my dog have a heart murmur?

ANSWER

Have you ever thought about why brooks babble but rivers roll along quietly? The water in a brook bounces here, there, and everywhere on the rocks but in a river the water all moves in one direction. Our blood is like that, if everything is working right then all the blood moves very quietly in one direction but if something disturbs the flow then it gets noisy and you have a heart murmur. Most of the time it is a heart valve letting blood leak backwards, upstream so to speak; other times it is a narrow spot in the blood vessel.

Is my dog's heart murmur serious?

Your vet can get a good idea just by listening to the murmur and asking questions about your dog. Sometimes we need to do a heart ultrasound, an Echo study, to look at the valves, blood vessels, and heart muscle to (literally) see what the problem is. Not to worry, most murmurs turn out to be innocent but do consult with your vet.

Ask the Vet: *Ask the Vet is a new feature in the newsletter where Dr. Martin Tohill answers questions from our readers. Dr. Tohill is one of the caring vets at Chantilly Animal Hospital who provide treatment to AFH dogs. If you have a question you would like to see him answer in the next newsletter, please send it to AskTheVet@aforeverhome.org.*

PARTNERING WITH DOGGONE NATURAL PET STORE AND ANNAMAET DOG FOOD



A Forever Home wants to make sure our rescue dogs receive quality food. Premium nutrition is critically important to the health of any dog, and this is especially true for dogs who haven't had the greatest care throughout their lives. To ensure that dogs in AFH's care receive the best quality nutrition available, DogGone Natural and Annamaet Petfoods, Inc. teamed up to provide us with one of the best

"super premium" foods available, Annamaet Encore, at an affordable price. Please take a few minutes to review some information about DogGone Natural and Annamaet (<http://www.doggonenatural.com/products/annamaet/>), and be sure to stop by the DogGone Natural stores in Ashburn and Leesburg to say "Hi" and let them know that you appreciate their support of AFH!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

JUDY KAUTTER

Judy has been part of AFH for nearly 15 years. She learned of our rescue when her dog passed away and she wanted to help animals. After offering to volunteer, she soon found herself working side-by-side with Carmen Cline, a founding member of AFH.

Judy attended adoption events, cleaned kennels; conducted interviews, home checks, and contract signings; and delivered adopted dogs to their new families. Judy has fostered over 500 dogs and pups! At one time, she also ran the spay/neuter program and often refers to herself as mini-Carmen. As our rescue has grown, she helped develop programs for fosters, home checkers, interviewers, and more.

Despite our larger volunteer base, Judy continues to work hard. Though she informed us that she would retire when she was 70 years old, it didn't quite work out that way.



Now that she is 75, she still performs many services. She runs weekly adoption events with Maribel Taylor-Mattox, nipping problems in the bud, making the tough decisions as they come along, and helping adopters find the right dogs. In addition, she still assigns home checkers for applicants and spends her Sunday evenings scanning applications and sending them off for review. During the week, she administers many of the vaccines for newly arrived puppies, helps finalize applications, and jumps in on many other tasks in a pinch.

Judy has been affectionately referred to as bossy and scary (her own words!) but she thinks of herself as a sweet little old lady - and so do we! People also refer to her as awesome and wonderful because she tries her best to make sure that people are treated fairly and that they find the right dog. Needless to say, we hope Judy never really retires!



SANDWICH MADNESS WIN GOES TO THE DOGS

Rebecca Cooper is a restaurant writer at the Washington Business Journal. She was asked by Chef Mike Isabella (of Top Chef fame) to participate in Sandwich Madness – a contest in which restaurant and food journalists come up with a sandwich that will sell at his U Street restaurant (G By Mike Isabella) for one month. The contest pitted two media influencers against each other with the final winner (the person whose sandwich sells the best) donating to a charity of their choice.

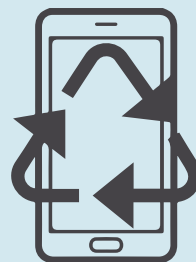
Rebecca's sandwich was featured for the month of May. "The Hot Stuff" was a Cuban sandwich with spit-roasted pork, capicola, pickles, Swiss cheese, mustard, and cherry pepper aioli. Rebecca chose A Forever Home as her charity of choice because she and her husband adopted her dog, Princess Leia, from us five years ago! A dollar from each sandwich will go to the winner of the contest. The final tally was 489 and Rebecca and A Forever Home came out the winners! Thank you Rebecca for picking A Forever Home and helping out all the puppies!

RECYCLING

RECYCLING ELECTRONICS AND TONERS CAN BENEFIT AFH

We are collecting old electronics and toner cartridges year-round. This fundraiser raises badly needed funds. We have occasional drop-off events, but if you cannot wait for an event, please contact info@aforeverhome.org to find out where to drop them off. Here is a list of acceptable donations (no TVs of any sort):

- Computers, Laptops, Computer Parts
- Cell Phones, Cordless Phones, Home Phones
- Fax Machines, Printers, Scanners, Copiers
- Game Consoles (PlayStations, Nintendo, Sega, Xbox, etc)
- Video Games
- Any internal or external wiring
- Cable Boxes
- Satellite Dishes
- DVD, VHS, and Other Media Players
- Radios, CD Players, MP3 Players, Car Stereos
- All internal Computer Parts (Motherboards, Heat Sinks, etc.)





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

ANNETTE ANDERSON

Annette Anderson has been volunteering with AFH for five years. Nine years ago, Annette's children wanted to get a dog. Annette said that maybe they could foster instead. The family was invited to come out to an event to see what it was all about – and came home a week later with a dog of their very own.

Four years later, Annette wanted to fulfill her promise to foster dogs. Her family has fostered several single puppies and sets of puppies ever since. Her AFH dog, Lily, only tolerates large breed puppies and she rules the house, so that's what they bring in. Lily has been a great help in training these young pups.

Since empty nesting a few years ago, Annette has also taken on a few more volunteer roles at AFH. She is the contact person for re-homing dogs. She recently started taking pictures of the dogs at adoption events and when incoming dogs arrive on transports. Make sure you give a "like" when you see the dogs on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!



PAY TRIBUTE TO A LOST PET

On this page we honor all of the wonderful dogs who have shared their lives with us. Please email your tribute and photo to info@aforeverhome.org. Memories are posted on <http://to-afh.org/InMemory>



ASK THE TRAINER

ADOPTING A NEW PUPPY

Congratulations on adopting your new puppy! Here are some quick tips to help make your first days/weeks/months together more enjoyable for you, your family, and your new pet.

Puppies need to eat; you need to develop a strong relationship with your new puppy. Both criteria can be met by using your puppy's daily ration of kibble to train and play games.

A leash should always be connected to your puppy's flat, buckle-type collar, both inside and outside your home, except when the puppy is in his crate. You will be able to redirect your puppy, stop unwanted behaviors, and ensure that commands are followed without grabbing toward the puppy's face/neck to get a hold of its collar. The leash also allows you to easily gain control of the puppy without chasing it around first.

The most important purchase for your new puppy is an appropriately sized crate. The crate provides a safe place for your puppy to nap, a place where they are not able to make bad choices, and a place for them to think after a training session. A crate also makes housebreaking easier. Be prepared to listen to your puppy whine and complain initially when put in the crate, but if you are consistent and do not reward these vocalizations with attention, the puppy will soon learn that his crate is a good place to be.

- Stacie and Allison

A GOOD THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

What might be considered "cute" behavior by a puppy doesn't always translate to "cute" behavior by a fully-grown dog. You may chuckle when your 10-pound puppy jumps up at the table. Will you find that same enjoyment when your 50 pound dog eats the roast off the counter? It is much easier to NOT allow your puppy to make bad choices by managing their environment from the moment you bring them home than to correct bad behaviors after they have been practiced and rewarded for months or years.

Ask the Trainer: *Ask the Trainer is a new feature in the newsletter where Stacie and Allison, trainers from Hornbaker Dog Training, answer questions from our readers. If you have a question you would like to see answered in the next newsletter, please send it to AskTheTrainer@aforeverhome.org.*

SPOTLIGHT ON H O P E



HELLO, MY NAME IS HOPE.

I am a 16 month old spayed female chocolate brown American Staffordshire Terrier. I came to my foster's home with my seven puppies that were four weeks old. I took great care of my babies and now they are all in their forever homes and thriving. Now it is my turn!

My foster Mom says I am the sweetest girl. People who meet me comment on how beautiful my eyes are. I love people - adults and children. I am, however, very strong and may knock younger children over because of my enthusiasm. Once I settle down, I roll over for those wonderful belly rubs.

As for me, I love to play with and chew up all types of toys. My foster has found a few tough toys that I can't destroy. I loved playing with my puppies and I now play with the six-month-old puppy I am living with.

I am crate trained and house trained although I am still supervised when not crated since I still like to chew. I am a wonderful young adult looking for a loving home. I would do best in a home with a fenced back yard as I love to race around after squirrels and play with my toys. I like to play fetch with my people, but I would also love a dog friend to play with. We are working on my leash walking manners, and with practice, I am sure I will get it. Training can also be used as an aid to improve behavior and I do like to please my people.

I am at adoption events weekly and would love to meet you. Won't you come and meet me?

Goodbye to Two AFH Volunteers



Teresa Edwards recently passed away. She was one of the most giving people we have ever known. What she meant to our rescue as a volunteer cannot be overstated, and her friendship with many of

us was treasured on a personal level. Teresa was always there to help with a smile on her face. She was willing to do whatever we asked, whenever and wherever we needed her, even though she did so much for so many others as well. We were devastated to lose her way too soon and she will be greatly missed.



Kim Wilson also recently passed away. Kim and her family have been long-time volunteers and have adopted from our rescue. She supported us by doing homechecks, interviews,

fundraisers, and fostering. Kim often fostered older dogs that others wouldn't foster. Kim and her family were also generous financial supporters of our work. We are heartbroken to lose not only a wonderful volunteer, but a good friend. We will never forget Kim and everything she did to help homeless animals.



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There are many ways that you can help a pet in need.

Volunteer. You can foster, perform homechecks, conduct interviews, or help at adoption events by emailing info@aforeverhome.org

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Donate your car. Email info@aforeverhome.org for more information.



HOW YOU CAN HELP