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Happy Spring From New Spirit!

"The AusSiebelts"



A Message From Our President

I wanted to let you all know I went in to work today for a short meeting to sort of wrap up. So as of now I'm officially not working. The conversation inevitably turned to what I'll be doing--our standard conversation as so many of us who've worked side by side for many years are exiting. Of course I mention New Spirit, how much time I put in, what a privilege and an honor it is to watch us grow and see every day what this amazing team of talented and dedicated people can accomplish. The people I talk to at work are blown away by what we do. I suspect they think I exaggerate how wonderful everyone is, but the fact is, I couldn't possibly exaggerate it. Watching everyone grow, take initiative and develop new skills at evaling, organizing transports, doing newsletters, conquering technology, fundraising, fostering and supporting one another so wholeheartedly. I don't think I could possibly exaggerate how cool that is.

We're off to an exciting start for 2010 with 108 dogs placed so far and 40 dogs in the program available for placement. So snaps to everyone and you are all awesome!

~Pam Caldwell~



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Pilots and Puppies

Sadly, Magi and her pups were dumped by their owner at a shelter in the panhandle of FL, 396 miles from me. Magi's pups were only 3 wks old and being in a shelter could be a death sentence for them. Luckily the shelter got them into foster care right away. They were there two weeks. If anyone has had puppies before, they know how much work they are! The foster home worked full time and with a young child just couldn't care for them any longer, unless a rescue stepped up they'd have to go back to the shelter. (Not a good situation for puppies.)

Knowing that New Spirit volunteers have used Pilots N Paws in the past, flying pups from GA to the North, I thought this would be a good opportunity to work with them. Ground transport for Mom and pups can be stressful, having to be handed off to strangers and all those germs! I contacted Kemper Gibson, our PNP "main man", who hooked me up with Elliot, a pilot out of St. Augustine. I contacted Elliot on a Tuesday and by Thursday we had a plan in place for a flight on Sunday (wow, talk about quick!). Elliot was wonderful. He kept in contact with me, flew to an airport close by to test the plane, and we got the crate situation squared away.



Paul and Elliot with Magi and her pups

On Sunday, flight day, he contacted me to let me know they arrived safe and sound and had possession of Magi and pups. We planned on meeting at a municipal airport a few miles from me and he called when they arrived. I was able to walk right up to the plane where he had Magi and her pups out in a grassy area to potty and stretch their legs. He and his co-pilot/brother in law, Paul, were so helpful. They helped me get them all settled in my car.

I can't say enough wonderful things about these two. From the great communication to their upbeat and happy personalities, they were so excited to be helping with these Aussies, and said to call them anytime! I will be forever grateful for them and I'm sure Magi and her pups will be, too! ~Kim Litz~

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Meet A Volunteer

Name: Laura Scudder

Occupation: Retired from the U.S. Marine Corps, where I was an attorney

Where do you live?: Carroll Valley Borough, PA

What is your role within New Spirit? Vice President, Worm Queen, Quartermaster

How long have you been volunteering with New Spirit? Since before it existed...
I helped set it up and get it going.

How and why did you come to be volunteer with New Spirit? Involvement with another Aussie rescue group prompted me to find a friendlier setting where I could accomplish the same goals.

What pets do you have in your home and what are their names? Aussies: Toby, age 10 or 11 (ARPH dog); Rain, age 5 or 6 (ARPH dog); Patsy, our foster dog. Cats: Eileen, age 19; Ignatius, age 11; Alice, age 11; Norbert, age 8.

Do you have a favorite thing you like to do with your dogs? Our favorite activity is to hike on the Appalachian Trail, which is about 5 minutes away. Day hikes with easy trail access are easy. But my borough (town) is also an excellent place to walk the dogs.

What is your favorite thing about New Spirit? The camaraderie, fellowship and the interaction that serves the dogs, not egos. New Spirit gets the job done and lets it be done without drama, stress or snarking. Leave egos at the door and come on in!



Laura Scudder, Vice President

For the Birds

Yesterday, a rainy day, I happened to look out my back door and there was a dove's nest about 8 ft off my deck, just above eye level, and a soggy dove sitting quietly on her eggs. Not the greatest location, in my opinion, and I don't know how I missed noticing them build it. Please note the Aussie hair hanging from the nest. You can always count on Aussie hair to make a comfy nest. And no imported bedding for this pair of doves, obviously.



I like to put hair that I brush out of my boys in suet baskets and hang them near my feeders so the birds will have some high quality nesting materials. I got that idea many years ago with my last Aussie. He was lying on the deck, snoozing, when I saw a chickadee just tugging and pulling hair out of his rump! Well, even though I save my dog hair for the gal in VT who spins it, I definitely have plenty to spare for the local birds. Just strewing it around on the grass will do, it doesn't have to be fresh from the source.

~Laura Scudder~

"It's all about the dogs.
The rest is for the birds."
~ Andrew Haslett ~



Update: I am pleased to announce that there are two babies now, and not so little. As you can see in the picture, they are "under" mom about as far as they'll go... looks like only their heads made it, their tail ends are sticking right out! This has been a lot of fun to watch.

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Available Aussies

Boone (NS 341) is approx 1 1/2 yrs old. He's a very sweet boy. He's great with other dogs and loves to play! He is also good with cats. He's fostered on a horse farm and does great! Boone is house and crate trained. He is still very playful and puppy-like and would love a home with another playful dog! Oh and Boone LOVES to swim, whether it's a mud puddle, horse trough, pond or pool, he'll swim in it!

Boone is fostered in Odessa, FL. [Apply here](#) or visit www.ns4ar.org.



Gilligan (NS 307) is around 2-3 years old, a red merle with blue eyes and a full tail. He's on the smaller side at about 32 pounds. He is a very happy boy now that he's learned life with his foster family is pretty cool and gets so excited to see you we've given him the nickname "Happy Feet". Along with wrestling with his doggy pals and hogging all the toys, playing fetch is a favorite pastime as is going to the bark park where he enjoys running and playing with all shapes and sizes of dogs.

Gilligan is housetrained and has full run of the house, choosing to sleep mostly in the bedroom with the rest of the family. He sits without being told, has good recall, walks nicely on leash and rides very well in the car. He is still a bit shy toward people, but now will come up to strangers at times and ask for attention. He has met kids, but shows the same tentative nature as he does with adults. Cats are still an unknown, but he does like to chase birds!

He was born with a slight defect in his right front paw that causes him to limp slightly, but it should require no further treatment. Because he is a product of merle to merle breeding, his vision is not perfect with some difficulty seeing in a darkened space and at

times in bright sunlight. None of this prevents him from having a grand time wherever he goes. Since he enjoys other dogs so much, we recommend he go to a home with another dog. His new family will need to continue his experiences with people so he can become more confident. As you can see in the picture, he is a bit camera shy sometimes!

Gilligan is fostered in Southern KY. [Apply here](#) or visit www.ns4ar.org.



“Who Rescued Who?”

An inspiring video about rescue featuring New Spirit dogs, created by Rachael Eley.



[Click Here](#)

or go to

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGbAwh_gjQ4

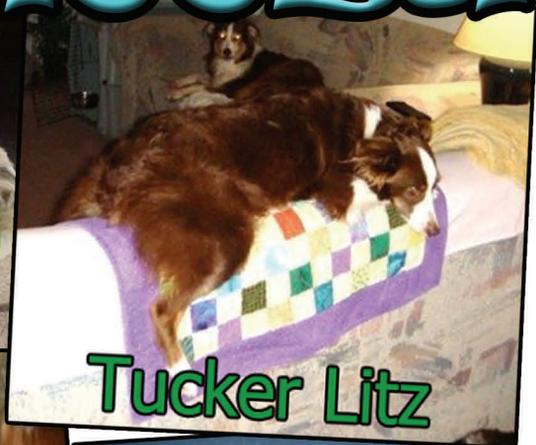
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The Revis Pack



Shawnee Jablon

Happy Endings

Gracie

Gracie (a.k.a. Daisy) joined our family in February 2009 as what was to be my first foster dog. She lasted 3 days as a foster and quickly wiggled her way into our hearts and our family! She joined me, my husband Michael, my 2 nine year old children Michala and Christian, along with my 12 year old American Eskimo Myia and 3 cats. I am proud to say that Gracie and I will be entering our first rally trial in July! She is proving to be a natural at it so far. As all Aussie parents know, they NEED a job! And she takes her job very serious too! She also loves her Frisbee time every day in the backyard. She looks like a pro with that too!

Gracie has and continues to bring such joy to our family and we couldn't imagine life without her. I can't thank New Spirit enough for bringing her into our lives. Her corky personality and unconditional love brings smiles to our faces every day. Thank you New Spirit. You have truly blessed our family!!!!

~Dawn Toma~



To read more about successful adoptions,
click the *Happy Endings* link at www.ns4ar.org



Michala, Christian, & Gracie

Panda

Our 12-year-old black tri, Lexie, died a year ago after being my friend and protector for 10 years. Although we were grieving, we decided to begin searching aussie rescue sites for a second dog to be a playmate for Kaya, our 6-year-old merle. I thought our ideal dog would be a female between 6 and 9 years old.

After applying for several older aussies who found other homes, I was getting discouraged. Then New Spirit 4 Aussie Rescue found a 6-year-old female who seemed perfect for us and we happily agreed to foster her. She had a wonderful personality but a terrible fear of fast movement and loud noises that made her frantic. Unable to deal properly with her problem, we regretfully sent her back to New Spirit and resumed our search.



Ann, Panda & Kaya

By this time I was starting to feel that luck was against us and we'd never find "our" dog. Then Pam Caldwell of New Spirit mentioned she would be going into hospital and would have to find care for her 3 aussies. In a crazy moment I offered to take one for the duration of her stay. So we found ourselves driving to her home to pick up a dog we had never met. And that's how we got Freckles, a 1 1/2-year-old aussie/border collie mix.

After a month we found we couldn't bear to part with the little devil and begged Pam to let us keep him. Not exactly what we thought we wanted! He was a puppy at heart. But now he and Kaya are fast friends and play beautifully together. We all go each morning to the nearby athletic field where they can run, and Freckles (now renamed Panda) has met the other dogs and people

in our doggie play group that meets there. And he is my shadow, always beside me as Lexie was. Now our family is complete again. And our two elderly cats like him!

~Anne Meachem & Steve Boucher~

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Happy Endings (continued)

Kango

I adopted my dog Kango in August of this year, after the death of my beloved aussie mix, Karma, due to old age. I had gone to various shelters after losing Karma, looking for a dog that my husband and I could agree on. It was very important to me that the dog was from a shelter or rescue. Eventually I discovered *Petfinder.com*. Since I already had "Blue", an Aussie rescued from Hurricane Charlie, I decided to search Aussies. That is how I found out about New Spirit 4 Aussie Rescue.

As luck would have it, Kango, was being fostered near me, by Tim Tucker, in Bradenton, Florida. Tim was kind enough to bring Kango out to meet my two dogs, Blue and Scrappy, to see if we would make good owners and if Kango would be happy with us. We completed the adoption a few days later.

Kango has proven himself to be a very sensitive and devoted dog. He is "a woman's dog" and is my constant companion. Kango had to learn to adjust to men and now he loves my husband almost as much as me. We have seven acres and Kango can run the entire length of the property in seconds. He loves running circles around the goats. He has just discovered the neighbor's cows are fun to herd, too.



Kango, Scrappy, & Baby Girl



In February of 2010 I adopted a second dog that was a referral through New Spirit. Her name was Hope. We've renamed her "Baby Girl". She is a high energy pup who loves to play. She is as sweet as she is pretty. Kango is so happy to have a playmate of the same energy level.

~Celeste E. Christman~

If you would like to share your aussie's happy ending story with us for future newsletters, please email robinsylvester65@yahoo.com.

A Surprise Gift

In December, I received a call from a lady I had met at a dog event. She remembered two of my dogs did AAT (animal assisted therapy). Her boss had a heart attack earlier last year. He credited his recovery to visits he received from the hospital's AAT teams.

So they were having a holiday party and wanted to make a donation in his name, and wanted to know, "Who could I recommend"? New Spirit immediately came to mind. I asked where their party was being held. Since it was very close to my home, I offered to bring Mack and make the presentation. Attired in his AAT vest and a little Santa hat, we made our way through the elegant restaurant.

When Jim saw him, his eyes lit up. He thought his staff had ADOPTED Mack, for him to TAKE HOME (over my dead body!!). I presented the certificate to him, explaining a generous donation was made in his name to New Spirit and that aussies can make excellent AAT candidates. We visited for awhile, and then it was time to go. His assistant (the lady who phoned me) gave me an envelope, with a nice thank you card and check for \$250!

~Tina Valant~



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Upcoming Events

June 5&6, 2010

Furry Fun Day

8am - 7pm (Sat) & 8am - 4pm (Sun)
Shippensburg Township Park, Shippensburg, PA

June 13, 2010

ARF 2010

12pm - 5pm
Wills Park Equestrian Center, Alpharetta, GA
www.arf.savethehorses.org

June 19, 2010

Baltimore Dogfest 2010

9am - 6pm
Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD
www.dogfest2010.org

June 19, 2010

Cruise To The Music

Music-fest and Cruise 4 Pets [\(Click Here for Details\)](#)
Jim Thorpe Memorial Park
West 10th Street, Jim Thorpe, PA



Rescued Hearts

Taking care of rescue dogs
Is something I do best.
I know because I've done it,
And I've surely passed the test.
The dogs I've bathed, the food I've fed,
The vacuuming I've done,
And all to watch a frightened soul
Sit dreaming in the sun.
My own dogs I've neglected,
But I tell them everyday
That I love and cherish each of them
Though a new dog's come to stay.
I know they understand this,
For in their eyes I see
The love that I have given them
Come shining back at me.
Some people think I'm crazy,
Some others think I'm great.
But very few can understand
What really is at stake.
If I can love and help a dog
To find a better way,
My own life is much richer,
I look forward to each day.
So now you know my secret,
It's there for all to see,
The love I give, the life I save,
I do it all for me.

~Kathleen Parsons~

Several ways you can help save an Aussie:

Donate:

We depend on donations to supplement our adoption fees. *Sometimes, the cost to rescue a dog far exceeds our adoption fee.* We accept checks or *Paypal* (You do not need to have a *Paypal* account yourself). You'll receive a letter acknowledging your gift for your tax records.

Shop:

You can also help by visiting our [Paws To Shop](#) section where you can buy t-shirts, mouse pads, hats, magazine subscriptions, dog treats and toys etc.

Search:

Raise money for New Spirit just by searching the Internet with [GoodSearch.com](#) or shopping at your favorite online store with [GoodShop.com](#).

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