



Happy Tail News

Missouri 75-A Survivor's Tail

An unlicensed breeder in southwest Missouri agreed to surrender 200 purebred dogs after he allegedly set his barn, kennel, house and camper on fire Tuesday, February 24, 2009. According to an associated press report, the owner was distraught over his wife's leaving, financial problems and the prospect of losing his animals.

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has stepped in and asked Midwest PAWs, to help with the dogs in need by taking in all 75 of the German Shorthair Pointers.

All 75 of the dogs required medical attention and those that were burned required a great deal more. "We were and are proud to work endlessly to get these

dogs the attention and love they so deserve." said one Midwest PAWs volunteer.



After seeing a local news story about the MO 75, this author was compelled to help. I went to the Raytown

Animal Shelter and met Piper, a 3 year old German Shorthair, shown in the pictures and a survivor of the fire.

Piper was locked in a kennel for the first 3 years of his life with no socialization or training. You could see all of his ribs and count the bony prominences of his spine. He is also blind in the left eye from cataracts secondary to irresponsible breeding according to a local veterinarian.



I am proud to say Piper is now very healthy and a wonderful loving dog. He is at a healthy weight according to the veterinarian, and has regained all of his muscle strength. It has been and continues to be a very rewarding experience to help an animal in need.

Piper is housetrained, and crate trained. His hobbies include chasing tennis balls, catching frisbees and playing with children. Piper also enjoys going to the local dog parks to play with other dogs and going for walks with his foster parents.

Piper is looking for his forever home.

If you would like to adopt piper, or one of our other dogs, please visit

www.midwestpaws.org

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Nile's Story

Midwest PAWs was contacted about Niles by the Garden City



Shelter in Western Kansas. Niles has had trauma to his eye and the shelter felt it was from abuse. They had contacted other rescue groups, who were not

willing to take Niles in and help him. Gayle Russell sent a message to our group and had a response saying YES we can help him !!!

Arrangements were made and one of our awesome rescuers, Alex Beddow, went and picked him up and cared for him until he could be transported to Kansas City. Two other fantastic rescuers, Jennifer Hughes and Joann Miller, drove half way to meet Alex and bring Niles home.



He is emaciated and will need weight on before any procedures or vaccinations can be done. The necessary surgery for Niles's eye is very expensive. Midwest

PAWs has started a collection to help Niles. Our goal is to help Niles become a healthy dog and find his forever home with a family that can look beyond his handicap to provide him the love he needs.

On September 12, 2009 Niles was well enough to go and live with his foster mother, Gayle Russell. He has since gained enough weight and is strong enough for surgery.

If you would like to donate to help Niles, please go to www.midwestpaws.org.

The Puppy Pantry

Chicken Performance Cookies

2 Cups whole wheat flour, plus extra for rolling
1/2 Cup rye flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 egg
1/2 cup safflower oil
2 tablespoons chicken broth
2 (2.5-ounce) jars of chicken baby food

For the egg wash:

1 egg
Pinch of salt

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Combine the flours, baking powder, and garlic powder in a large bowl. In a smaller bowl, beat one egg. Add oil, broth, and baby food to the egg and blend together. Add this mixture to the dry ingredients and mix with a spoon, then knead to incorporate all the dry ingredients. The dough will be soft and somewhat oily.

Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and roll out to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into shapes with cookie cutters and

place on a baking sheet covered with greased or non-stick foil.

Beat the other egg and add a pinch of salt.

Brush a little of the egg-and-salt mixture on top of each cookie, to make an attractive glaze.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until the tops brown.

Store in the refrigerator in an airtight container.



Volunteers Wanted

Midwest PAWs has many opportunities for volunteers who enjoy working with dogs, and making a difference in our community.

need of volunteers: 1)Events Team, 2) Fundraising and Grants Team, 3)Supply Running Team, 4)Foster recruitment, and 5)Publicist Team.

with Midwest PAWs, please check out our website for more information at www.midwestpaws.org or call us at 1-877-MID-PAWS.

The following committees are in

If you would like to volunteer

Thank-you.

Click It To Win

Vote for us at www.theanimalrescuesite.com and we could win \$20,000 to help pets in need.

The Animal Rescue Site is hosting a special challenge for eligible Petfinder.com member shelter and rescue groups. The grand prize is a \$20,000 grant, and they will be awarding many other grants to rescue groups with the most votes — a total of \$100,000 in



grants for animal welfare organizations.

Think how many animals we could help for \$20,000!

Help us win! All you have to do is click to help rescued animals, and then vote in The Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter Challenge. Both of these actions are absolutely free! You can vote once a day, every day, from September 14th through December 20th, 2009. Every

time you vote, or tell a friend to vote, you are making a huge difference for us.

Vote today!

Visit: www.theanimalrescuesite.com

Thank-you.

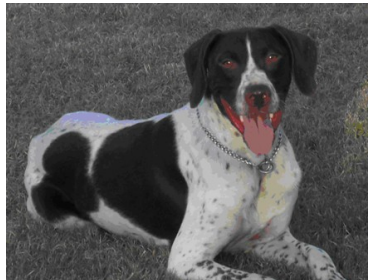
The Adoption Challenge

Hello potential adopters! We have been presented with our second adoption challenge by an anonymous donor. For the first adoption challenge, the donor was willing to pay \$50 each for the first twelve people who adopted one of our dogs in need. They wanted to see 12 of our babies adopted as quickly as possible

We have found homes for 12 of our foster dogs and the donor has offered to match 4 more!

This benefits you, the adopter, because \$50 is taken of the adoption fee and most importantly our help our furry friends find their forever home.

This will not last long! Please visit our website at www.midwestpaws.org and click on the available dogs tab.



If you are interested in one of our dogs on the available dogs page, please fill out an adoption form and send it to midwestpaws@ymail.com to get the process started.

Thank-you for considering Midwest PAWs.

“Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.”
- Roger Caras

We're on the web!

<http://www.midwestpaws.org/>

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Finding loving homes for loving animals.



Mission Statement

Midwest PAWs is a 501c3 non-profit committed to the following community services: We are a non-kill animal rescue organization dedicated to helping animals in need. Our family foster home system provides safe haven for abandoned, abused, or unwanted Pointers and Weimaraners. All dogs in our care are spayed and neutered and receive all life saving or necessary medical attention. When our foster animals are emotionally and physically healed, we search for the correct human companion(s) for each, ensuring a loving, forever home. We make a "lifetime" commitment to each and every dog we accept into our program.

We educate the public on the breed itself and its temperament. Acknowledging the dogs behavioral problems, and need for obedience. The correct and moral way to care for pets, including the importance of spaying and neutering pets to help stop the flow of abandoned and unwanted dogs in our community. We also educate the public on the horrors of Puppy Mill's and Commercial Breeders, encouraging the adoption of Pointers and Weimaraners, or purchase from a responsible, reputable breeder.

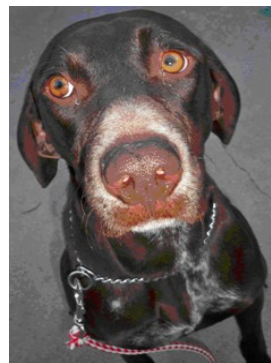
Check out some of our adoptable dogs



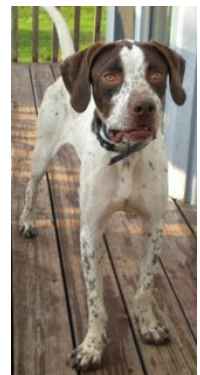
Liberty



Blue



Sasha



Boo