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EVENTS:

The Brown Dog Adoption Party was an exciting day for multiple rescues. Julie, owner of the Brown Dog School, hosts this event every year for many rescues to raise awareness of adoption opportunities. In addition, she raises money to help pay for vet expenses which she contributes to the rescues that attend this event. She also donates food, toys, collars, and other dog needs.

We were very honored to participate in this year's event and were fortunate enough to find homes for two of our dogs. Thank you, Julie and the Brown Dog School, for your dedication to rescued animals.



Look forward to seeing you at either of our events on August 14th

JULY ADOPTIONS:

Hooray to these pups that found their forever homes! We are so happy for you as you begin your new life with your loving families.



SPARKY



BELLA



HAYDEN



NEPTUNE



MEET GLORIA



Gloria is a wonderful loving girl that is looking for a home to call her own. We guess her age to be between 8-10 years old. She has enough spring in her step to jump up into the jeep and energy for long walks. She is a very easy going girl that is up for anything. She also enjoys car rides and being close to you and giving kisses. She gets along with all dogs, she even likes cats. So far she is just precious and wanting her own home and her own family. Please visit our website at www.gsr.or.com to complete an online application.



PLEASE HELP FIND HER FOREVER FAMILY AND HOME!!!

HAPPY ENDINGS:

Hi Katie,

I'm **VERY** happy in my new home! I love my sister, Mom, and Dad so much! I play all day with my sister, Ally. She has taught me to bark at people when they come to the door, and I have taught her to play with all the miniature people who play in front of our house! Mom and Dad watch us when we play and introduce us to new people. Mom says I've calmed down a lot since I was adopted.



My favorite thing is **WATER!** Mom said I should have been a Labrador, though I'm better looking than one! I love watching Mom take baths, but the one time I tried to jump in the shower with her, she told me, "No." I won't do that again, because I learn the first time what "no" means. I also like playing in my water bowl. I tap the water with my paw, then leave wet paw prints all over the floor to stare at. Because I like to run circles in the house, Dad says I have ADHD, whatever that is . . . **Squirrel!** I also like to play in our pond and in the sprinklers too! Dad lets me do that before my baths. Did I say how much I **LOVE** water??



I also love to play fetch with all my toys and the fun ball thrower. They say I slobber, so they got this thing that throws the ball. Dad threw it 2 houses away the first time he used it! I tried to jump over the fence to go get it, but I couldn't make it. Mom and I went to Petsmart and it was fun walking everywhere with her, and it's best if I am touching her the whole time. I got to meet so many people and pick out all my toys!! I have this gigantic tire with a rope through it. Dad throws it for me, but it is almost all chewed up now. Mom said they won't be able to afford food because my toys are going to put them in the poor house. I love all the treats I get, and Mom bought me a scarf to celebrate 4th of July (they say there's treats in it for me if I am a good boy! Peanut butter in my Kong is my favorite).



I like my new doctor too - he is so nice and his nurse rubs my belly! We have "grandchildren" that I love to play with. They are very little so I have to be gentle. Cooper, who is 5, taught me to sit and wait before he throws the ball for me, and I'm very good about that.

Thanks again for picking my family for me... I'm a VERY happy dog!!



Tracey's Training Tips



Crate Training Your Dog

(For ease of explanation, male gender pronouns will be used when describing "your" dog.)

Teaching your dog that being in a crate is a good thing has many advantages. First, it can help with housetraining, protect your home from destructive behaviors, and provide a safe place for the dog. Crate training requires patience and the crate should be associated with all things good for your dog. Any negative association with the crate can cause the dog to dislike being in the crate and display unwanted behaviors.

Here are the basic steps to crate training your dog:

- Place a blanket in the crate and place it in a high traffic area of your home to allow your dog to investigate it. Praise him when he is around or in the crate. You can also toss treats inside for him to eat.
- Next, begin feeding your dog his meals in the crate with the door open. You might have to start with the food bowl just inside the crate and gradually move it further back into the crate for him.
- Now, you can begin to close the door while he is eating. Stay next to the crate and let him out as soon as he is done eating. Then, gradually, keep the door closed a little longer after he has eaten, until you can walk away for a few minutes and return to let him out.
- As soon as your dog is eating regularly in the crate and is relaxed about being inside, you can add the word "crate" or "kennel" to your routine right before he enters the crate. You can also begin to increase the amount of time he spends inside from 5 minutes to about 30 minutes.
- Finally, he is ready to be crated when you are away, but keep your trips away from home short, at first.

A few pointers:

- This whole process can take days up to months, so please be patient.
- Feel free to leave something to chew on in the crate with your dog, but make sure the item will not pose a choking hazard for your dog.
- Do not let your dog out of the crate if he is whining or barking. Wait for him to be quiet first. This way, he won't think that by whining or barking, he can get you to let him out.
- When getting ready to leave your home and crate your dog, vary your routine and remain very calm, so your dog doesn't get anxious at the "signs" of you leaving. When you return, again keep your energy calm and only give him attention when he is relaxed.
- Ideally, do not place the crate in an isolated, infrequently used area of the house.
- Never leave your dog in a crate for an extended period of time, especially puppies and older dogs that may need to go potty more often.

Remember to have fun with it! Dogs love learning new things!



Does My Pet Have Allergies?



Atopy and food-related allergic skin disease are caused by reactions to inhaled, ingested, or absorbed "allergens" (pollen, mold spores, dust, dust mites, food, etc.). This is similar to "hay fever" in humans. However, instead of the sinus and nasal signs in humans, pets may manifest the disease as skin irritation that can include the entire skin surface and ear canals.

Allergic pets may constantly scratch and bite at the skin. Some may chew or lick at themselves until wounds form. Other signs include:

- rubbing
- redness of the skin (especially on face and feet) ear infections or inflammation
- hair loss
- thickened or darkened skin may develop under the armpits, on the abdomen, inside the earflaps, or around the anus
- The irritated skin can easily become infected by bacteria or yeast which already exist on normal skin.

These types of allergies are often diagnosed by a combination of symptoms, examination findings, history, and response to treatment. Specialized allergy testing will usually reveal what is causing the reaction, that can be helpful in treatment and reducing recurrence of the outbreaks.

Treatment may include numerous medications, special diets and topical skin treatments are available to reduce symptoms and discomfort.

Allergic skin disease can be difficult and frustrating to treat. For some pets, it becomes a recurrent problem that requires careful home care and compliance with all veterinary instructions for relief of symptoms.

**** IMPORTANT POINTS:**

- Use all medications as prescribed by your veterinarian.
- Absolute flea and skin parasite control is essential. Veterinarian can recommend safe effective products.
- If a special diet has been recommended for your pet, do not offer ANY other food, treats, table food, dietary supplements or flavored medications. Even small amounts of another food can lead to a recurrence of clinical symptoms.
- Routine ear cleanings with a veterinary approved ear cleaner will reduce the chance of ear infections, especially after swimming or bathing.
- Monitor your pet's skin and ears for problems and seek treatment early.
- It is important to check your pet's progress as recommended by your veterinarian.



If you have questions about this or any medical topic, please contact your Banfield hospital today.