

PUPP NEWSLETTER



November-December 2021

The holidays are here again, and another year has flown by! Despite many challenges this year, we have overcome the odds and managed to help nearly 50 additional dogs thanks to your efforts (see list on last page)! In total, the rescue placed 170 dogs this year, which means you all trained almost a third of our adopted dogs. "Thank you" doesn't even begin to describe our appreciation for all that you do! Happy Holidays and here's to hoping 2022 is a better year for all of us!



Wafer went to a foster home after prison, while we looked for an adopter. After a failed meet and greet, and another application came in, his foster family realized they couldn't let him go! His new parents waited until Christmas morning to tell the kids and we think they loved their gift from Santa!



Trix found her forever home not long after leaving prison! She had been in our rescue since June, so we were thankful she finally got her Christmas wish! They are loving her so far and giving her the space she needs to settle in.



This is our third Christmas together. Otis (fka Jude) has been a good, well mostly good, boy all year and is anxious for Santa Paws to arrive and fill his stocking with all his favorite treats! He dreams of bully sticks, dried fish skin strips, dog biscuits, and squeaky toys.







Maximus is doing really well in his adoptive home! He loves going on walks with his dad and has a dog park nearby, as well as a golf course for long walks in the colder months. He spends his dad's work days with his grandma when he can't come in for daycare and the whole family is in love with him!



Tanner was a little nervous heading back home but he settled in well and has done great with his training. His parents took him to the transition class and were able to learn a lot about what you all taught him! They are certainly happy to have him home for the holidays!



Ralph's parents are still head over heels in love with him, and he's fitting in really well with their other dog!





Finn made the newsletter again AND Santa's nice list!

"Thought I'd give you an update on Ora (fka Orla): We started using a water bottle when she is somewhere she's not supposed to be - like, cruising the kitchen table. It's working, and the last couple of weeks have been so much better!"





Marge is doing very well in her adoptive home after a rocky start. It took her a little while to settle in and get the hang of their routine, but she's in love with her parents and enjoying her feline sibling!

Twila's adorable "Adopt Me" photos seemed to do the trick! She had several interested applicants and we're happy to say one was a perfect match! Stay tuned for her "happy tails" announcement next month!







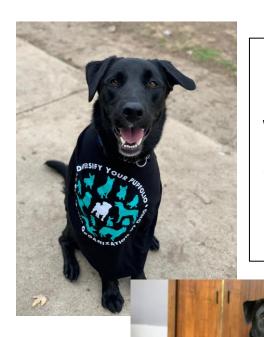
Herb and his sister Hazel, also a PRO alum, had a great time visiting Santa and Mrs Claus in December! Herb asked for treats, toys, and lots of belly rubs. Hazel asked for a replacement brother that wouldn't torment her so much! I'm sure most older siblings can relate to that struggle! Both are doing well and continue to provide their parents with daily laughs!



Zeke (fka EZ) is doing well with his mom and two human sisters. He's still an only child and acts like one! He's spoiled incessantly and hogs all of the blankets!

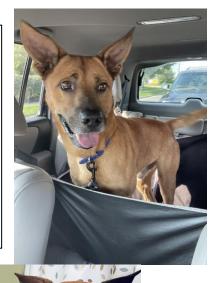


Louie (fka Barley, right) enjoys visiting his canine cousins! He's been doing well in his home and his family is smitten!



Frank had an incident in his first adopter's home (attacked another dog over a high value item) and is now on his second trial adoption with a single guy. Stay tuned to see if that works out!

We continue to promote Bisco and try to find him a "no pets/no kids" household, but it's proven difficult with the considerable overpopulation of dogs right now.





Finch (fka Farley) may be one of our all time best "glow ups" – he came to us complete emaciated and terrified, and has blossomed into such an amazing family dog. Check out the physique on this handsome boy! ©





Gunner was one of our first puppy mill releases in early 2019, at the beginning of the Puppy Mill Rescue Team. He was adopted by a wonderful family who frequently came to our events and made sure we got to see him often! Unfortunately, it was discovered he had kidney cancer earlier this year and had a kidney removed. In November, they found out the cancer had metastasized and spread throughout his chest and abdomen. His parents made the selfless decision to put him to sleep before he suffered any longer. These losses are so difficult, especially in such young dogs. But please know this, he would have never gotten a chance at a happy life if it weren't for you all. Thank you for the time and love you give to our dogs in need.

"Hi everyone - I thought you'd want to know we had to say goodbye to Marley in the wee hours today. We are devastated and our hearts are broken. We all wanted to stay together but his poor body just gave out. We tried so hard to nurse him back to where we could at least manage his PLE but nothing worked. His body was still not taking in any nutrition and he had no appetite, lost more and more weight, and just got weaker. Yesterday he went totally off his food. By 10pm, he started with some puffy breathing then 11ish it was more labored. Things went downhill so fast from there. We don't know if his heart was giving out or what was happening, but his lungs sounded like they were filling with fluid, he was coughing and hacking off and on. If the coughing slowed down and he tried to lay on his side and rest, but he couldn't do it. He popped back up and looked distressed again. We gathered him and Bentley up and got him to OSU. They let me stay with Bentley in one room and they checked on Marley in another room. They let Tim and I be with Marley so he could see and smell us while we said goodbye, told him that we love him, we'll always be together, and he will get to see his little girl again. Then we were allowed to bring Bentley back with us. Bents came in and sniffed all around. We asked him to lay down and he did next to Marley and then put his nose right up against one of Marley's paws and we all stayed like that for a long time. The people at OSU were all very kind to all of us.

I just can't believe it's the end of our time with Marley. God, he went thru so much while he was here but he never complained, got grumpy or gave up. Bentley's health is good and he did ok during the day today, he did eat. He got a bit anxious as it got darker but then settled down. Hopefully tomorrow he'll do better. Thank you for letting us be a part of Marley's life. He was extraordinary and we loved him dearly. It's going to be tough around here without him."



This holiday season, we chose to hold our annual "Santa photo event" at a nursing home, in order for the residents to be able to enjoy the company of our dogs and guests. After a tough couple of years with Covid restrictions, they were absolutely delighted to hang out with our dogs and visitors over some hot cocoa. Miley (top left) came to see Santa and hung out to get showered with attention. The other photos are from our guests who made a small donation to our rescue to get their photos taken with Santa!



