



SECOND CHANCE ROTTWEILER RESCUE



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SCCR Facts

- 29 Dogs adopted out since July 2011.
- 2011 fiscal year ending in June , vet expenses were \$16,500
- Dog food costs were \$12,400 .
- We currently have 23-24 dogs at rescue and in foster homes.

Winter 2011-2012 Newsletter



Dear friends,

We'd like to thank the supporters that have stayed with us despite the economic downturn. With raising prices, it seems we've all taken a double hit. We'd like to sincerely thank our loyal supporters! We couldn't do it without your consistent support.

It has been a challenging year with so many people losing their homes resulting in many Rotties being displaced and surrendered to pounds, SPCA and SCRR. At times, we were overflowing with rotties! The rescue even accepted a dog from Los Angeles.

A sad trend we are seeing, is people abandon-

ing their aged or ill dogs at pounds or SPCAs. Several dogs rescued in 2011 were seniors, ill or suffering injuries that required surgery. Others were later found to have medical problems that made them unadoptable but they found a forever home at the rescue with Elaine.

One particularly sweet girl, Angel, was rescued from the Sacramento SPCA where her owners had dumped her once she become ill. Angel was scheduled to be euthanized. Elaine had gone to the SPCA to rescue another dog, but when she saw Angel, she immediately decided to give her a second chance and took her home.

Cal West Veterinary Clinic diagnosed that Angel was suffering from Cushing's Disease. She was started on medication and soon she was doing much better. She joyfully lived, played and shared a warm spot on the futon with the other permanent residents of SCRR. She greeted all visitors with full body wags and a big rottie smile.

Sadly, Angel died five months after coming to Second Chance Rottweiler Rescue. Her memory will live on with those of us that had the pleasure of spending time with this loving, sweet girl.

Got Rotties?

Nothing makes a house a home like a dog. What better dog to make your family complete than an devoted, intelligent, loving and protective Rottweiler!

We currently have 23-24 rotties at the rescue and in foster homes, which gives you a great selection of wonderful rotties to consider. They are patiently waiting for their forever families to arrive.

New Rotties are arriving often, so keep checking our website!

Adoptable Rotties

Chance

This sweet boy has been at the rescue for far to long & really needs a forever home. Chance is around 4 years old. He is very friendly & would make an excellent family member. He really wants to please. He walks fairly well on a leash. He is crate trained. He gets along well with other dogs.

Chance is a small rottie mix. He would be fine with children above the age of 8.



Hope

Looking for a challenge? Hope is a 3 year old former feral dog who we have had for about 7 months. Hope was trapped in the hills above Chico. Hope has made a lot of progress but she is in need of somebody to foster/adopt her who can spend a lot of time with her and introduce her to new situations. She now walks on a leash, is crate trained and is OK with people when leashed, and knows that she cannot get away. She is fine with me when we



are alone, if there is a stranger around she will bolt and run away. The other dogs give her more confidence but she still will not come up to a stranger. She has gotten better and can be walked on the street. She is good with other dogs.

Abandoned

Adopted

Adored

Rocky



This cute boy is Rocky and he is about 2-3 years old. He is very friendly, playful and also very strong. He is great with large female dogs. Not good with cats or small dogs and he likes to chase livestock. Rocky is housebroken, neutered and current on his vaccinations.

He is heartworm negative and on preventative. His manners need improvement and he needs somebody strong to work with him. He is very willing to please and wants attention.

Rotties Needing Medical Care

Dixie was found on the road & thought to have a broken leg so we were called to rescue her. She was seen by an orthopedic surgeon and he determined that she had not been hit by a car but that both of her leg bones were disintegrated at the hip socket. Her front leg is also twisted outward. She was determined to have a disease called perthes. This is where the blood supply to the bones is cut off and the bones disintegrate. She will need a total of three surgeries to correct her problems. We have already had her first hip done and she is walking and running a whole lot better than before.

She needs surgery on her other hip and her front leg. We expect to spend about \$8,000 on her and are asking for donations to help with her expenses. Once her surgeries are complete and she has recovered, she will be put up for adoption.





Ivy before surgery

Donors Respond to Ivy's Medical Needs

Ivy was dumped by her owner in San Francisco animal control and was on their euthanasia list when we pulled her from animal control. She has obviously been abused and was afraid to go outdoors and would only go to the bathroom in a crate. The sunlight bothers her eyes so we let her play at night. She is only about 1-1/2 years old and has spent her entire life with entropion eyelids where it feels like she has gravel in her eyes. She has a lot of corneal scarring but the ophthalmologist said that most of it is not in her line of vision so she can still see well. Ivy had surgery on both eyes on January 24th and is doing well. So far the surgery has cost over \$1,100.

A special thanks to George who donated all of Ivy's surgery cost in the memory of his beloved Rottie Kauai.

Several other wonderful supporters also made donations toward Ivy's surgery which we greatly appreciate! If all the funds aren't need for Ivy, we will use the remainder for Dixie's surgery (see previous page). Your kind support is greatly appreciated as medical care is our largest expense.

We just rescued a sweet rottie who's previous owner decided to remove her tail by wrapping rubber bands tightly around her tail. She ended up in a great deal of pain with gangrene in her tail. Her owner then dumped her at the pound. She has had two surgeries and other than an infection, we hope she is finally on the mend.

Ways to Help

Wish List

Large dogloos, Dog toys, Nylabones, kongs, Gift cards to PetCo & Pet Smart, Large dog crates, Frontline, Advantage for fleas, quality dog food and treats; collars and leashes.

Sponsor a Rottie

If you cannot adopt or foster a Rottweiler for us, be a sponsor grandparent and sponsor a Rottweiler that is a special needs/hard to place kind of guy or girl. We currently have Nayla, Heidi, Graham and Apollo who will probably spend the rest of their lives with us. We would never consider euthanasia of these wonderful dogs, just because they are special needs and hard to adopt out.

"Folks will know how large your soul is, By the way you treat a dog!"
-- Charles F. Doran

SCRR Rottweilers Fighting Cancer

Many people come to Second Chance Rottweiler Rescue after losing a beloved rottie to cancer. Like most large breeds, they are often affected by cancers, especially bone cancer. Two of our volunteers first met Elaine, when they donated all their dog supplies to the rescue after losing a second rottie cancer. Devastated, they didn't want to own another dog until they could make a difference in the fight against canine cancer. George and Sandy Vilahu founded the K9 Cancer Walks in 2008 in honor of their beloved rotties, Roxie & Brenna. So far the walks have raised over \$525,000 to fund canine cancer research via Morris Animal Foundation's Canine Cancer Campaign. Rottweiler lovers have raised more that \$12,000 to fund canine cancer research.

In 2010, George & Sandy adopted Gloria, a senior rottie mix and Abby (left) from SCRR. Abby is now the K9 Ambassador for the Elk Grove & Los Gatos K9 Cancer Walks. If you have lost a beloved dog to cancer and want to help, you can honor your dog by joining Abby's team for the April 29th Elk Grove K9 Cancer Walk (k9cancerwalk.org). Abby's team is called "**Abby & Friends**". See you there!



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- "Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal humans have ever made."- **Roger Caras**

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Special People & Special Dogs

My wife Kathy and I have been married for almost 28 years, and we have no children, but since we have no human children, our Rottweilers are our children. In addition to having adopted and fostered Rottweilers from Second Chance Rottweiler Rescue, Kathy and I volunteer by walking dogs, doing any pick-ups or transports for Second Chance and assisting the rescue in any way we can help.

Our enthusiasm and love of Rottweilers started over 20 years ago with our first male. Since then our house has never seen less than two rotties. Our house has been home to a total of 11 Rotties. In

the last 4 years, we have adopted 4 Rotties from Second Chance Rottweiler Rescue, and are currently fostering 2 for Second Chance for a total of 6. Our experience with Second Chance Rottweiler Rescue and Elaine started with one picture and biography from the rescue's website. Our first Rottweiler from Second Chance was Brandi. Brandi had a host of orthopedic problems before being eligible for adoption, and had been with Elaine at the rescue for about a year while getting those problems corrected. Because individuals had donated money to Second Chance, Brandi was able to have surgery to repair a torn ACL, and Femoral Head Osteotomy. Brandi was an incredibly sweet girl. We adopted Brandi when she 4 years old.

On Halloween 2009 after relaxing after walking a few dogs at the rescue, Elaine introduced us to Sara. Sara became our second Rottie from Second Chance. Sara was 10 months old when she came to our house that Halloween evening, and she too quickly became a member of the pack after Brandi gave her the "this is how it's gonna be" dog talk/body language introduction. We had four Rotties -- all rescues with various, unknown backgrounds, but they all got along great.

A fifth Rottie, Gus, and THIRD adoption from Second Chance joined the pack in August 2010. Gus was the only boy among four girls. Unfortunately in the Rottweiler world cancer of all types is rampant, and we lost Gus at the age of 8, and over the summer of 2011 Brandi to bone cancer, Brandi was 7 years old.

We are currently fostering Dixie, anxiously awaiting the day we can officially adopt her. Dixie has some orthopedic surgery on the horizon to correct an issue with her front leg. Dixie has already had surgery done on her right hip to remove a broken off femoral head. After Brandi passed away, we had the wonderful opportunity to adopt our fourth dog from Elaine and Second Chance, this time we decided to go with an 8 month old male whose name fits him Tuggs. Tuggs fit right in with Sara and Dixie.

On the second anniversary of adopting Sara (Halloween 2011), we took in Diamond to foster for Second Chance, as with Dixie's case, we are anxiously waiting for the day that Diamond will be ours. Diamond is about 2-3 years old. Diamond has possibly knee or hip issues in her right rear leg, and will be possibly (if needed) getting surgery to correct that problem.

We now refer to the pack, as "The Clump" (Sara, Dixie, Tuggs and Diamond) as they do EVERYTHING as a clump, and we jokingly refer to having a "houseful of toddlers" because the oldest, Sara, just turned 3, and the youngest is Tuggs now about 1 and a half years old. People are amazed that we have 4 Rottweilers, and Rescued Rotts to boot - different unknown backgrounds, yet they all get along great !! We wouldn't have it any other way. Vince and Kathy Augusta