

# THE HOPE HERALD

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF HANDS OF HOPE RESCUE



## Hands of Hope Rescue

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### About HOHR

We are a foster-based all breed dog rescue dedicated to helping save the lives of dogs in desperate situations. Hands of Hope Rescue is a state-licensed rescue and incorporated charitable organization, so all donations are tax deductible. As a foster-based rescue, HOHR does not have a facility, and does not function like an animal shelter. We receive dogs from across the region, and save as many as possible by relying on an amazing group of volunteers offering space in their homes until the dogs get a chance at the forever families they deserve.

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### Adoptions and Intakes

Found their forever homes in April:

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| -Baxter      | -Leia          |
| -Beatrice    | -Leonidas      |
| -Bella Bea   | -Mickey Rooney |
| -Clark Gable | -Millie        |
| -Hannah      | -Mosha         |
| -Heidi       | -Patty         |
| -Hoss        | -Spencer Tracy |
| -Kodi        | -Vivian        |

Who to watch for (new dogs in the rescue in April):

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| -Alpine          | -Lexi          |
| -Benjamin        | -Magnolia      |
| -Bonnie          | -Mya (adopted) |
| -Cahira          | -Outie         |
| -Flint (adopted) | -Sheldon       |
| -Gilly           | -Tilly         |
| -Leo             |                |



*Adoptable Dakota hangs out with his foster mom at the April Meet & Greet*

## Monthly Adoption Events

The last Sunday of every month we hold a meet and greet at Petsmart West in Wichita from 12:30pm to 3:30pm (533 S Tracy St). On April 29 we were able to bring 6 dogs: Greta, Elliot, Gilly, Dakota, Nellie, Lila, Harley, & Jake. This is a time where potential adopters can meet the animals to see if they would be a good fit for their home. It is also a good way to socialize the dogs and spread our message to the community.

If there is a specific dog you would like to attend a meet and greet, let us know! We will do our best to get that dog to the event. Contact us for more information about events or dogs at: [handsofhopegb@cox.net](mailto:handsofhopegb@cox.net) or by following us on Facebook.

## Meet and Greet the last Sunday of Every Month

## April News

This month we had 16 adoptions! It takes a village to get each one of these dogs to the rescue, through the foster process, and adopted so thank you to everyone that has helped us!

We could not do what we do without help from people like you!

Are you looking for a smart, loving, active dog to add to your family? Here at Hands of Hope Rescue it is currently raining Border Collies! We have four currently available for adoption: Lila (F, 6 months), Jake (M, 5 yrs), Sheldon (M, 1 yr), and Greta (F, 9 months). We also have 2 litters from Border Collie Mix moms that will be available for adoption in the coming months.

At the moment we cannot take anymore dogs without more fosters! The shelters are all busting at the seams and without fosters, we can't save them. If you've ever thought about fostering, now is the time!

Thanks again for all your support in helping us to save more lives! We couldn't do it without you!



*Two of our Border Collie mixes (Lila and Greta) at our last meet & greet (along with adoptable Dakota).*

# Meet Greta!!

This cutie is Greta Garbo! She is a 9 month old border collie mix. She is an absolute sweetheart!! Loves to play with her toys! Greta would love to become part of your family! She is dog and kid friendly, house and crate trained. She has been spayed, microchipped UTD on shots and on monthly preventatives. To apply to adopt Greta complete an adoption application on our website



ADOPTABLE  
DOGS

# Meet Jake!!

If you're looking for an easy addition to your family, Jake is your guy! Jake is a 5 year old Border collie mix who weighs 80 lbs. He is potty trained and can be left in the house uncrated. He loves everyone he meets and is very much loves children of any age! He rides in a car well and loves to go on walks. He also enjoys playing fetch and with his toys. He gets along great with other dogs, but still a little hesitant about cats. He is very well mannered and can sit, shake, speak and lay down. Jake is very sweet and would make a wonderful addition! He is neutered, UTD on shots and monthly heartworm and flea prevention.





# Ask Hope:

Dear Hope,  
I always hear that I should spay and neuter my dogs, but I really want a puppy! Why should I get them fixed? I just want one puppy and then I'll get her spayed.  
Sincerely, Doggy Momma

Dear Doggy Momma,  
Spaying or Neutering your dog has multiple benefits!

Did you know that only 1 out of 10 dogs ever finds a permanent home? That means the other 9 are in shelters looking for homes or strays. A female dog can have 2 litters of puppies a year, with 6-10 puppies in a litter. That means including her offspring, one dog can produce 60,000 dogs in 6 years. There are not enough homes for that!

Also, spaying and neutering can help your dogs live a longer, happier life! By spaying a female dog you decrease the risk of mammary tumors and uterine problems. Spaying your dog prior to her first heat will greatly decrease this risk. Neutering a male dog will decrease his risk of testicular cancer and some prostate issues. Neutering can also keep your dog from roaming and help with some behavioral problems. Spaying will keep your female from going into heat. While a female dog is in heat she is typically very vocal and will urinate frequently, sometimes all over your house!

If you want a puppy, we urge you to consider going to a shelter or a rescue to find a puppy right for your home.  
Thanks!  
Hope

## Day in the life of a foster dog

Its morning! I hear the humans stir. They come to greet me and tell me I was a good boy last night! Nobody's told me that in a while. We go outside; it's so nice to potty in grass again. When we come inside they give me breakfast, it's sure nice always getting fed. My human tells me they have to go to work and its time to kennel up. I run to my crate, I don't want to miss out on my cookie. They close the door, tell me they will see me soon and to be a good boy. It's not always fun in my crate but it does have a nice soft blanket and toys. Its way better than that scary place I was last week. Soon my human is home again and we get to go outside again. That is so much fun. I get to play while they make some food. Sometimes they sneak me a bite! Then it's back in the crate while they are off, but I know they will be back soon. Soon they are back and we get to go outside to play. Then we settle into the living room and I pick out a toy to join me on the resident dogs bed. It so nice of him to share with me and in a bit I bet I can persuade him to join me in a game of chase. The humans see we want to play so they let us go outside again. We run and run and they take our picture and say how funny we are. I show off my tricks because I want them to love me to.

Soon they say they will find me the perfect home; maybe with a little boy I can play with. That would be so much fun! Until then they will love me, and the best part is I know dinner is still to come!



*Adoptable Jake is walked by his foster brother.*

# What is a foster?

Currently, the shelters are overflowing and we are in desperate need of fosters! Have you ever thought about fostering but aren't sure if it's right for you?! If so, feel free to send us a message and we can tell you more about it! We do our very best to match dogs to the home they are going into. We have many fosters that can only take certain dogs, for example a small female, or a large submissive male, only ones good with kids, etc. This is no problem and we will make sure we find the dog that fits your family best! We never commit you to a dog without checking with you first.

The rescue will provide toys, crates, leashes, medical care and food if needed. Your job is to love on the dog and teach it how to become a member of a family. On the fence about adding another dog to your family? Try fostering first and see how it goes.

Can't foster? We would love to have you join us as a transporter or volunteer!!! Visit the website for more information.



*Adoptable Emmy spends time cuddling with her foster sister.*

# A poem for our fosters

To My Foster Mom,  
 There I sat, alone and afraid,  
 You got a call and came right to my aid.  
 You bundled me up with blankets and love.  
 And, when I needed it most, you gave me a hug.  
 I learned that the world was not all that scary  
 and cold.  
 That sometimes there is someone to have and  
 to hold.  
 You taught me what love is, you helped me to  
 mend.  
 You loved me and healed me and became my  
 first friend.  
 And just when I thought you'd done all you do,  
 There came along not one new lesson, but two.  
 First you said, "Sweetheart, you're ready to go.  
 I've done all I can, and you've learned all I  
 know."  
 Then you bundled me up with a blanket and  
 kiss.  
 Along came a new family, they even have kids!  
 They took me to their home, forever to stay.  
 At first I thought you sent me away.  
 Then that second lesson became perfectly  
 clear.

No matter how far, you will always be near.  
 And so, Foster Mom, you know I've moved on.  
 I have a new home, with toys and a lawn.  
 But I'll never forget what I learned that first day.  
 You never really give your fosters away.  
 You gave me these thoughts to remember you  
 by.

We may never meet again, and now I know why.  
 You'll remember I lived with you for a time.  
 I may not be yours, but you'll always be mine.

-Author Unknown



*Adoptable Ruby spent her first 6 years neglected and continuously bred, she is now safe and loving life in her foster home while she waits for her forever family.*



# Volunteer Spotlight

Bren W.



Let me introduce to you Bren!! Bren is an amazing foster and volunteer that really puts her heart into caring for each foster she takes in!! Along with her husband, Wes, they just helped raise Anna Belle and her 5 puppies!! They did an amazing job from midnight feedings, to vet visits, to helping get 5 puppies into their forever homes!! Let me tell you, Bren is the best puppy photographer we have!!! Bren also helps out with applications and is great at fundraising!!! Please put your paws together for Bren!!

## Happy Tails

We are the Stewart family and have adopted two dogs through Hands of Hope Rescue, Baxter and Romeo. We also have one additional dog, Ariel, that was not an HOHR rescue. All three of our dogs get along really well and have been tremendous additions to our home. The dogs favorite activities include being outside and chasing balls (and each other) around.

We found HOHR almost by accident a few years ago when we decided to look around for another boxer. Fortunately, a series of google searches led us to the organization. What impressed us the most was the thorough vetting process - including an in-home visit - to ensure their dogs were getting a home they deserved. It was a huge part of why we then adopted a second dog from HOHR. Both experiences have been great for our family and we will almost certainly adopt from them again in the future.



Want to update us on your pet? We'd love to hear from you! Send us a response at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8BNTBYK>

# How to donate:

Don't forget, your donation to Hands of Hope is tax deductible! If you didn't donate this past year, there's still time for next year! Hands of Hope has a new paypal account where you can donate fee free! It is <https://www.paypal.me/HandsofHopeRescue> We can't say thank you enough for all the donations! They have saved so many lives!! Hands of Hope Rescue is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All of our dogs are based in foster homes with food, toys, bedding, kennels, leashes, collars, and medical expenses paid for by the rescue. We rely on donations to allow us to continue getting dogs out of shelters and off death row and get them into loving homes instead. Other ways to donate include attending our events as well as PayPal, Amazon Smile, Facebook, and iGive. Fosters, Volunteers, and Transporters are always needed as well!



*New mom, Tilly, nurses her new puppies on a donated blanket. Thank you!*

# Upcoming Events

May 27: Petsmart Meet and Greet,  
12:30pm-3:30pm, Petsmart West Wichita

June 2: June Jaunt, 6am-2pm, Great Bend

June 24: Petsmart Meet and Greet,  
12:30pm-3:30pm, Petsmart West Wichita



*Adoptable Gilly gives kisses to board member Camille at our April Petsmart Meet & Greet*