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Furry Bottoms Rescue: Humble Beginnings

Lisa Young didn't set out to change the world; she just wanted to save dogs that would otherwise have been euthanized or sold to research facilities. In 2005, after fostering for a rescue in Richland Center, Young saw the need for rescues and decided to start one in Plymouth, WI where she lives with her husband and children.

"I thought with our community and our area there would be more people available to help," Young

stated. With the help of her husband Mark, Young began taking foster dogs into their home, paying the expenses out of their own savings.

Young's first foster was a chocolate lab/Border collie mix named Blossom. Young describes her as, "one of the sweetest, kindest, most gentle dogs I've ever met." Blossom was pregnant when Young picked her up and within 2 days gave birth to a litter of 13,

with 11 puppies surviving. In all 45 dogs were placed into forever homes by the Young family the first year.

In 2006, Bobbie Jo Lomibao and Jennifer Hellmer joined forces with Young to create the original board. The rescue-officially named Furry Bottoms Rescue-was incorporated. In April of 2006, it was granted 501(c)(3) status; officially making it a non-profit organization able to accept tax-deductible donations.



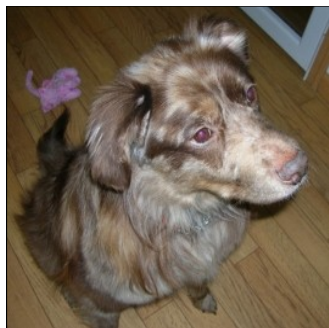
Helping One Dog at a Time

"Bottoms Up"

Back on April 26, 2009 we had our first ever benefit brat fry at The Wild Side Bar on S. 8th St in Sheboygan WI. Everyone at Furry Bottoms Rescue would like to give a gigantic thank you to the countless numbers of people and businesses that helped make our first brat fry event such a huge success!! Who knew it was that much work? We just cannot thank ALL of you enough. It is because of you that we were able to earn some money towards our mission of "Helping One Dog at a Time".

Though the assistance of Lomibao and Hellmer was pivotal in forming the rescue, it wasn't until Cindy Chouinard of Elkhart Lake joined the rescue that the network of foster homes that exists today was born. Today, that network spans the eastern half of Wisconsin.

The number of dogs that can be rescued is dependent upon the number of foster homes available. This number often varies, as Young points out that several fosters have "failed Fostering: 101," which means they have adopted the dogs they fostered. Young herself adopted both of her dogs through rescue. (continued on page 2)



Hi! My name is Romeo, check out my story at:
www.furrybottomsrescue.com

I am in search of my forever home...is it with you? I am a 5 year old Australian Shepherd Mix, learn more about me online or call the rescue at (920) 449-5084!

SUPPORT IS NEEDED, WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- FOSTER A DOG
- HELP WITH HOME VISIT INSPECTIONS
- REFERRALS
- VOLUNTEERING
- PICK N SAVE WE CARE #250160
- SIGN UP FOR IGIVE
- DONATIONS:
 - MONEY
 - DOG FOOD
 - COLLARS
 - TOYS
 - TREATS
 - DISHES
 - LEASHES
 - CLEANERS
 - BEDDING
 - ETC...

iGive: A New Way to Donate

It's a vicious cycle: as the economy struggles, the number of dogs needing homes drastically increases. Unfortunately, the suffering economy also causes a significant decrease in the number of donations needed to help find these dogs homes.

That is why Furry Bottoms Rescue is now a member of iGive. Now you can raise money for our rescue

by doing things you do every day – like searching the internet and shopping online.

Here's how it works: when you sign up as a member of iGive, they will donate one cent for every qualified search you make using their site. When you shop online as a member through one of thousands of participating stores (including

common sites like eBay,) the shopping partner will donate a percentage of your purchase to the rescue.

You can even download their toolbar to maximize your donation potential. It will even track the donations you've raised for Furry Bottoms.

To become a member, simply

go to www.igive.com and sign up to become a member. If you need assistance or have any questions, please email Joel at: donations@furrybottomsrescue.com for assistance!

And to all those who have used or will use iGive – thanks for supporting our paws – ahem – cause!

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Inspiration Corner

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SIONS YOU OWN,
HAVING A DOG
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RICH.”
~LOUIS SABIN~

What to Watch For:

- ~Featured Dog of the Month
- ~Success Stories, send yours in!
- ~Share your experience with us...we'd love to hear it!
- ~Advice for us to improve our newsletter
- ~Letter from the Volunteer Coordinator Renae Harris
- ~Letter from the President Lisa Young
- ~New Upcoming Events

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Nakoose, a six year old German shepherd/Norwegian elk-hound mix was beaten with a bat and left for dead before Young adopted her from the Richland Center based rescue. Dino, a black lab/mastiff mix was extremely malnourished, weighing only 43 pounds, when Young “failed fostering” and adopted him from Furry Bottoms. He is now a healthy 100 pounds.

“There is something about taking a dog in that nobody wants because of the way they look and then placing them into a forever home...it is one of the most humbling experiences you can have— to give that dog a chance.: remarks Young. “The greatest thing about fostering is the lessons you learn about life.”

Not all of those lessons are good ones, though. “Seeing a dog come in that is so abused that, no matter what you do, it still passes away,” is one of the most challenging things Young has dealt with in the rescue. “There are so many dogs that need our help...but because we're limited by the number of foster homes available, we have to turn them away knowing they will be euthanized.” Thankfully, those tough moments are tempered by fond memories. Updates from adopters, pictures and Christmas cards remind Young

Why Foster?

Some people make comments to us about how they don't understand how we can foster dogs. They are confused as to how we are able to give so much love, just to let these dogs move onto their “forever families”, leaving us behind

To help answer this common question for everyone out there, we are asking our foster families, “Why do you foster?” Each month we are going to post a reply from a volunteer foster family. You can decide for yourselves if we are all crazy or just crazy about these amazing dogs...Who knows maybe you can relate to their response, and maybe you will want to give fostering a chance??

“Why do I foster...? Fostering = Therapy

If the eyes are the window to the Soul, then I have seen and heard gratitude reflected back to me through their eyes. It is in these eyes I see a reflection of myself, together we heal from the inside out.”

~Linda Ledbeter, Volunteer Foster Mom, Plymouth WI

Upcoming Events:

Pick N Save We Care #250160

MILL STREET FESTIVAL:
July 11, 2009
9AM to 4 PM

North Street all the way to Mill Street will be blocked off in Plymouth with a family friendly atmosphere. There will be music, food, kids entertainment, & local businesses.

We will be there with some of our dogs and fun games and information about the rescue, hope to see you there!

More information to follow in the next newsletter on adoption Days at Kmart in Plymouth WI!

of the benefit of being a foster mom. That and the family she has found in the other volunteers and foster homes.

“Knowing you are not alone, that the people you connect with are your family and are there for you is what keeps me going.” Young commented.

There is no doubt the rescue has grown since its creation. In 2008 it managed to place 180 dogs into forever homes. It has a presence on the web at: www.furrybottomsrescue.com and lists the adoptable dogs on Petfinder.com.

The volunteers hold fundraisers and attend adoption events, pet expos and other events around the state to promote the rescue and raise funds to help pay for the medical and

other expenses related to rescuing the dogs.

So where does Furry Bottoms go from here? “More volunteers,” Young comments, “a small, intimate facility for training with a shop to generate steady income would be nice.” She never wants to get so large, though, that the rescue loses sight of why it was created – to save dogs.

“Sometimes the world is not a nice place, but it takes just 1 person to make a difference,” says Young. Though F.B.R. may not have changed the world, the world was changed for the over 500 dogs that have found their forever homes since it was created. *Written By: Joel Gollhardt*