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Dear Board of Supervisors:

As a member of the local business community, I would like to lend my support to the future of the Office of the El Dorado County Animal Services Department.

I have owned and operated The El Dorado Pet Club, an active grooming, training, daycare, and boarding facility with a private dog park, for the last ten years. Our relationship with Animal Services has been one of mutual benefit and respect.

Three years ago we began a Foster Program in conjunction with the shelter. Since that time we have successfully fostered and placed nearly sixty dogs. It has been a wonderful connection—we get to help re-socialize and train abused or neglected dogs, find them loving homes, and then their new families choose us as a service business for continuous care. The work that Animal Services does not only helps with the animal population, but also serves as an avenue for generating revenue for many community businesses. Local suppliers such as veterinarians, retail item pet sales, trainers, grooming shops, and feed supply stores all benefit from the placement of abandoned animals in the nearby area homes.

This community in the beautiful foothills is strongly animal-oriented. I support and look forward to many more years of working with the Office of

Animal Services in El Dorado County. Their work is high quality, valuable and something that makes me proud of the area I am fortunate to live in.

Kerry E. McBride
Owner

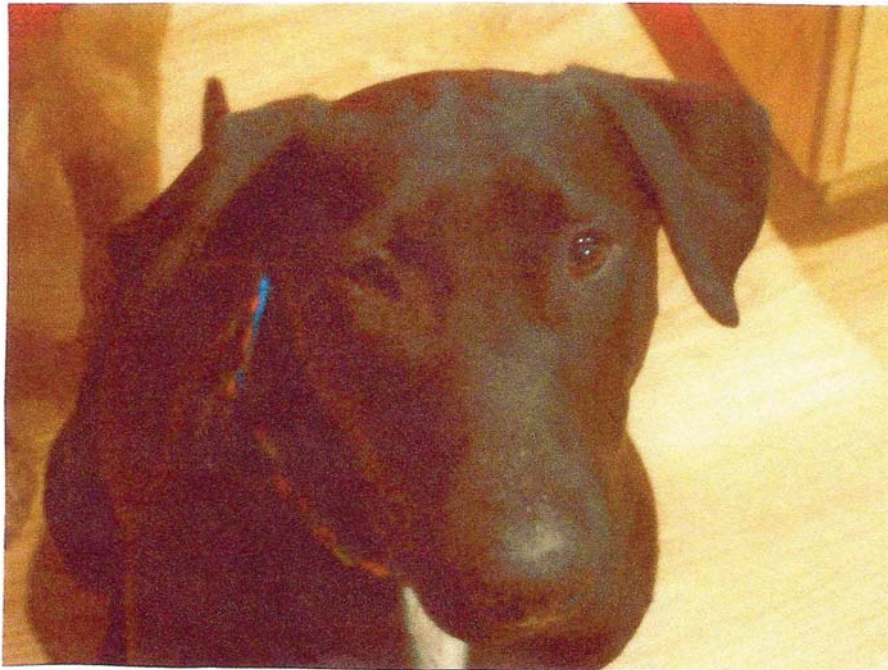
El Dorado County
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300 Fair Lane
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Hi! We are the Wells Family, and Dodger, a bull terrier mix, has become a wonderful part of our family. The story is that he was a part of an animal hoarder's collection, and the only survivor to make it to Animal Services. He was being socialized through the El Dorado Pet Club when we met him and fell in *love*.

Our oldest daughter is a special needs adult with many challenges in mental health and development, and we were looking for a companion dog for her. Dodger fit the bill perfectly - energy, focus, intelligence, and a very sweet heart. Today he is her constant companion and an integral part of our family. We also have a rescued Golden Retriever, Max, that has become his best friend and play buddy. We cannot imagine our life without him! If there were no wonderful Animal Services like we have here in El Dorado County, Dodger probably would have been euthanized. I love so much being able to tell people his story and refer them to Animal Services for their efficient and high-quality care.

Please help us take care of Animal Services so that they can continue to take care of the many, many lost and abused animals here in this beautiful foothill county.

The Wells Family
Cameron Park



From: steph ulmer (badonkadonkchick15@yahoo.com)
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Date: Tue, April 5, 2011 4:11:05 PM
Cc:
Subject: story about micah

Well Micah came into my life at the perfect time. I was looking for a dog that would be able to walk with me cause i love to walk dogs. Kerry brought him to our softball games. So, one nite I brought him home just for the nite. Well, one nite turned into two nites, then a week, then two weeks. And i finally adopted him officially after keeping him for two weeks. I was so excited! I saved his life and he saved mine. He had a pretty sad life stuck in a kennel for months when he was a puppy.. He barked so much that they almost euthanized him 3 times and then Kerry saved him and he was a foster dog for several months with El Dorado Pet Club. He bounced around going home with different people at nite time. I came into the picture and was his first stable home. So anyway, just a little back round on me... I am bipolar and i have mania and depression that cycles back and forth. So Micah kinda saves me because he cheers me up when i"m depressed and keeps me busy when I'm hyper. He walks very well and plays at the dog park 5 or 6 days a week. He's a very active dog and he keeps me very busy but he also sleeps once he's worn out from playing at the dog park. He loves to go for car rides and i take him with me as much as i can. Micah turned out to be a blessing in my life as well as many other people's lives. He is a very special dog and without him i don't know what I'd do. He's my little boy and my best friend! I am grateful everyday for him being in my life!



From: Kristine Melton (kristine.melton@sbcglobal.net)
To: eldoradopetclub@att.net
Date: Tue, January 12, 2010 11:44:31 AM
Subject: Adopted dog Jack

Our dog Jack is a wonderful addition to our family. He is a great best friend to our chocolate lab Lucky, and he keeps her fit and active as a great playmate. His energy and enthusiasm matches hers well, and they have 2 1/2 fenced acres as their play yard. We have two children, and we frequently have neighborhood children at our home to play. Jack and Lucky both love the kids and can always be found wherever the kids are playing. We've discovered that Jack is a very smart dog too! He learns very quickly and has a wonderful, sweet personality. Unlike Lucky, he is not stubborn at all, and he is sensitive to correction. He responds quickly to a change of tone of voice, or even a look. He's a great dog, and we are so glad we adopted him!

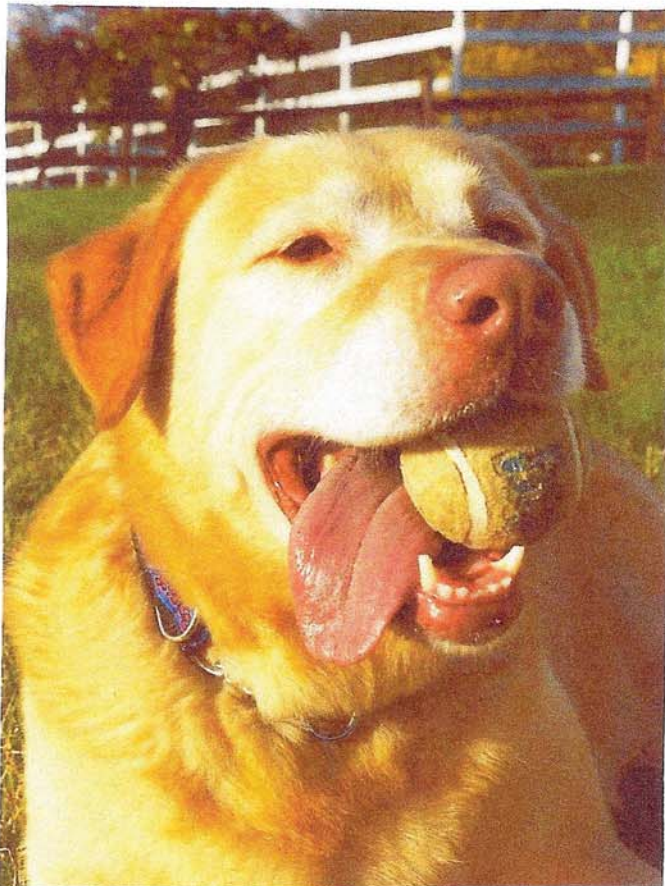
A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.



LADY'S STORY

We are so happy that we adopted Lady. She fit in instantly with our family - a bundle of energy and entertainment! Our older dog, Honey, enjoys her companionship too. She is a very positive addition to our menagerie of adopted animals.

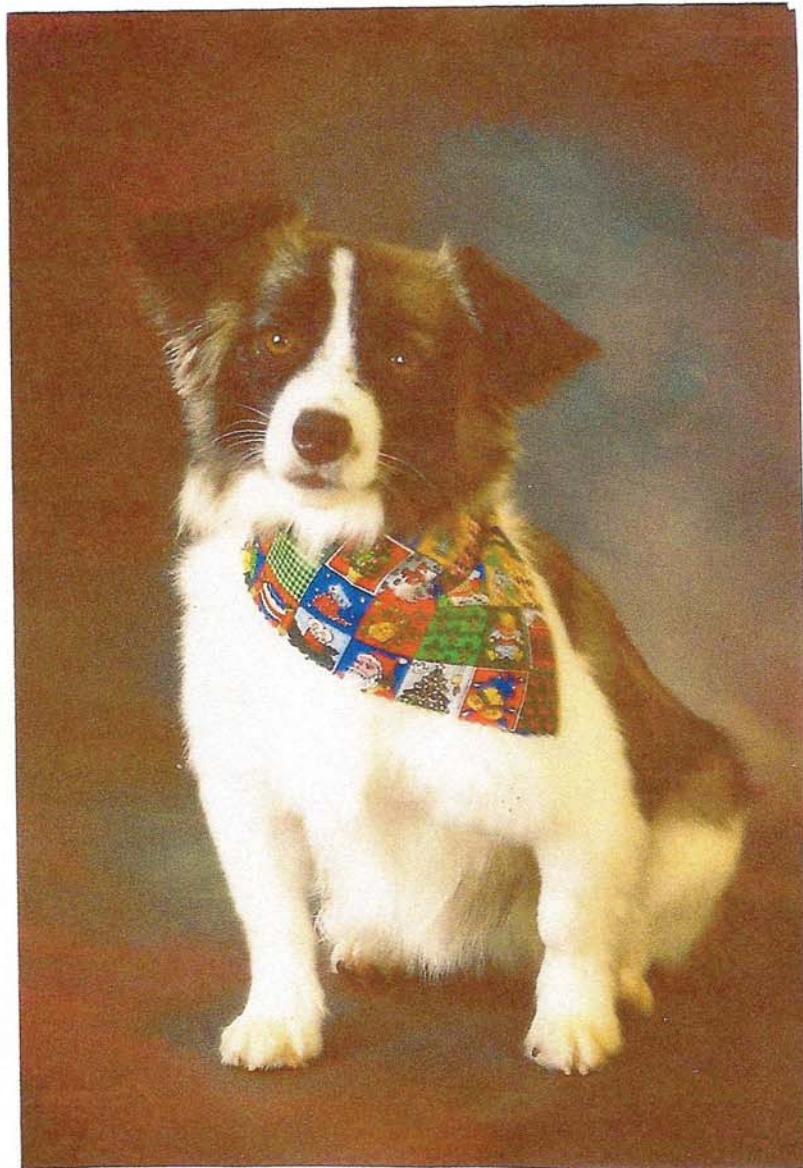
The Sartoris Family



MILE'S STORY

Miles (originally Pancho) was in terrible condition, and looked like a wild animal had attacked him when he first came to us. He was thin and fearful, and had just had surgery. We re-named him Miles because he has come sooo far. He is my shadow and constant companion.

The Hartrick Family



From: PATRICE HOCKING (patricehocking@sbcglobal.net)
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Date: Wed, April 6, 2011 1:22:54 PM
Cc:
Subject: Rescued Animals

Hello Kerry

I wanted to respond by telling you my rescue animal stories. Since living in El Dorado County I have been the beneficiary as I will call myself, of 5 dogs and 6 cats. My adoptions of animals have been from a combination of local rescue organizations, the Animal Services organization and most recently, El Dorado Pet Club. All of these organizations are vital to our local pets and their ability to live out their lives with people who love them. I always check the Animal Shelter listings to see if there are any that would fit well into my life and that of my present pets.

My first dog I found on the El Dorado Bike Trail and took him to the Animal Services. After a bit of research and trying to find the owners, I ended up adopting him myself. This dog turned out to be an Australian Terrier which I had never heard of before. He was so smart and so loved by our family, that I ended up purchasing an Australian Terrier from a breeder. We had both of them for many years, all bringing us great joy.

Second and Third dogs came to me from the German Shepherd Rescue of Shingle Springs. Their previous owner went to prison (someone unknown to me at the time) and it was supposed to be a temporary foster stay. However I ended up having both dogs until their respective passing - the first being 6 years from the date I took them both in.

Fourth dog I adopted a year ago from the Animal Shelter on Placerville Drive. She is a German Shepherd and was 10 years old at the time of adoption. This dog is wonderful and has been a blessing to my household. She is currently on thyroid meds but otherwise in perfect health and everyday I feel blessed to have her in my life and grateful I can give her a good home until her final days.

Fifth dog I adopted just recently from El Dorado Pet Club, a black lab named Rosco. He is also 10 years old and according to the vet also in excellent health. Every day this dog smiles, dances and loudly slaps his tail on the floor when he sees me. I look forward to this summer when we can enjoy the Lotus park and river walks.

Over the years I have also adopted cats through the animal shelter as well as the cat rescue on Enterprise Drive. I currently have 2 cats that were adopted - one from the animal shelter in Placerville and one from Auburn shelter.

Without the services of EDC Animal Services these wonderful animals would be put to an untimely death. All life is precious, including those of our beloved pets. Education targeted at the grade school and middle school levels is vital to encourage responsibility regards to these beautiful living beings. They are not disposable and without the shelter they would be put to death without a chance to be adopted by those of us who want to care for them. I currently have 3 dogs and 2 cats. My home is full now but I will always look to the animal services organization to adopt those needing a home when the time is right. Please keep this vital service available to all.

Patrice Hocking
3089 Cedar Ravine Rd
Placerville, CA 95667



BLITZ'S STORY

We enjoy Blitz so much! He has a loving and protective nature, is fun and rambunctious, and kind to our 3 yr old lab, Ducati. We are so glad that we found Blitz!!

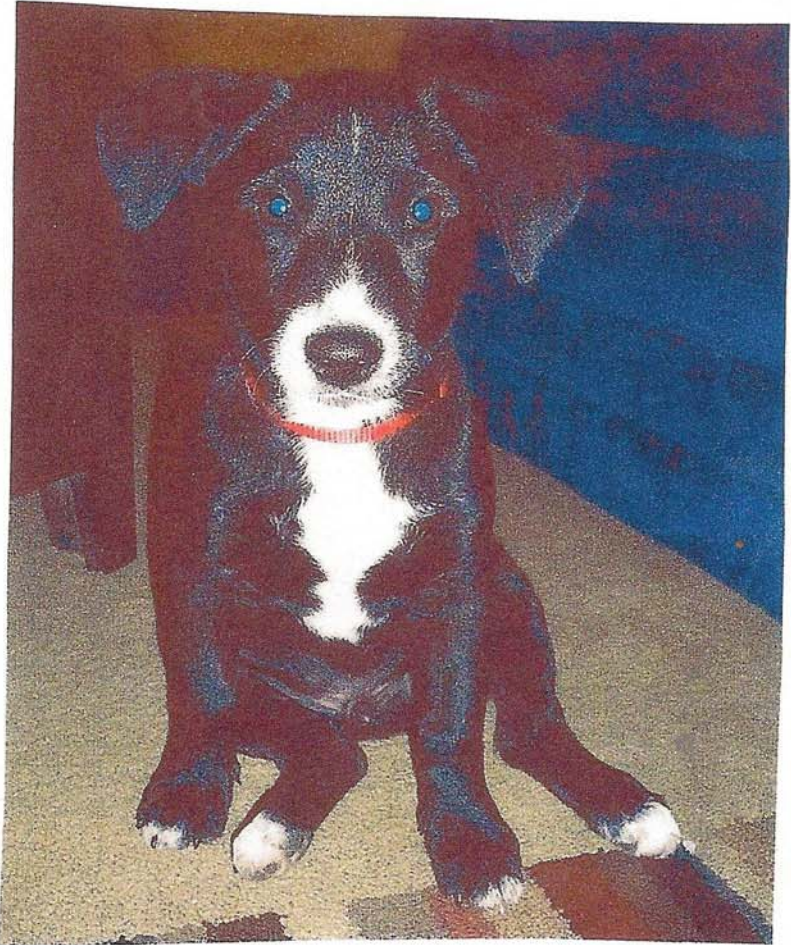
The Lee Family



DEXTER'S STORY

Dexter is very happy to have lots of toys and a nice big yard to play in. I can sit and shake and play fetch. My best friends are Bodie, Molly, and Otis -we chase each other and have tons of fun together. We are so glad to have found him!

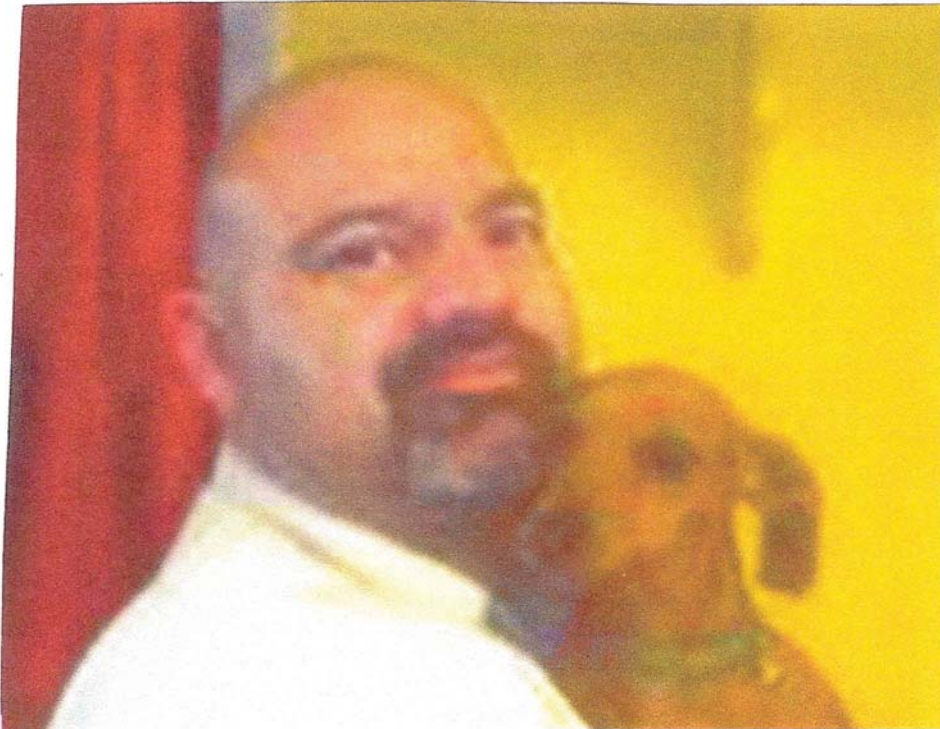
The Thompson Family



Vienna's Story

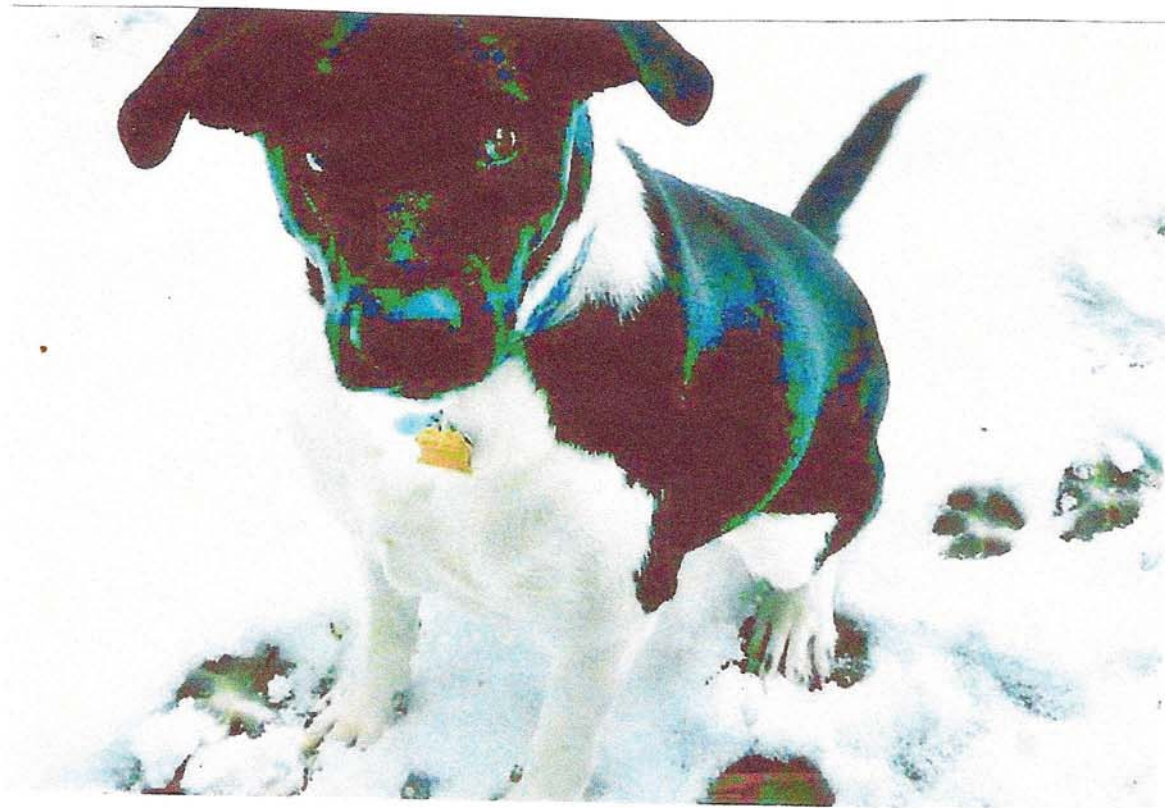
Vienna found a wonderful home with lots of kids to play with, and an endless supply of love and affection. She loves to cuddle on a warm lap under a blanket. She is definitely "Daddy's Girl!"

The Resendes Family



ANGUS' STORY

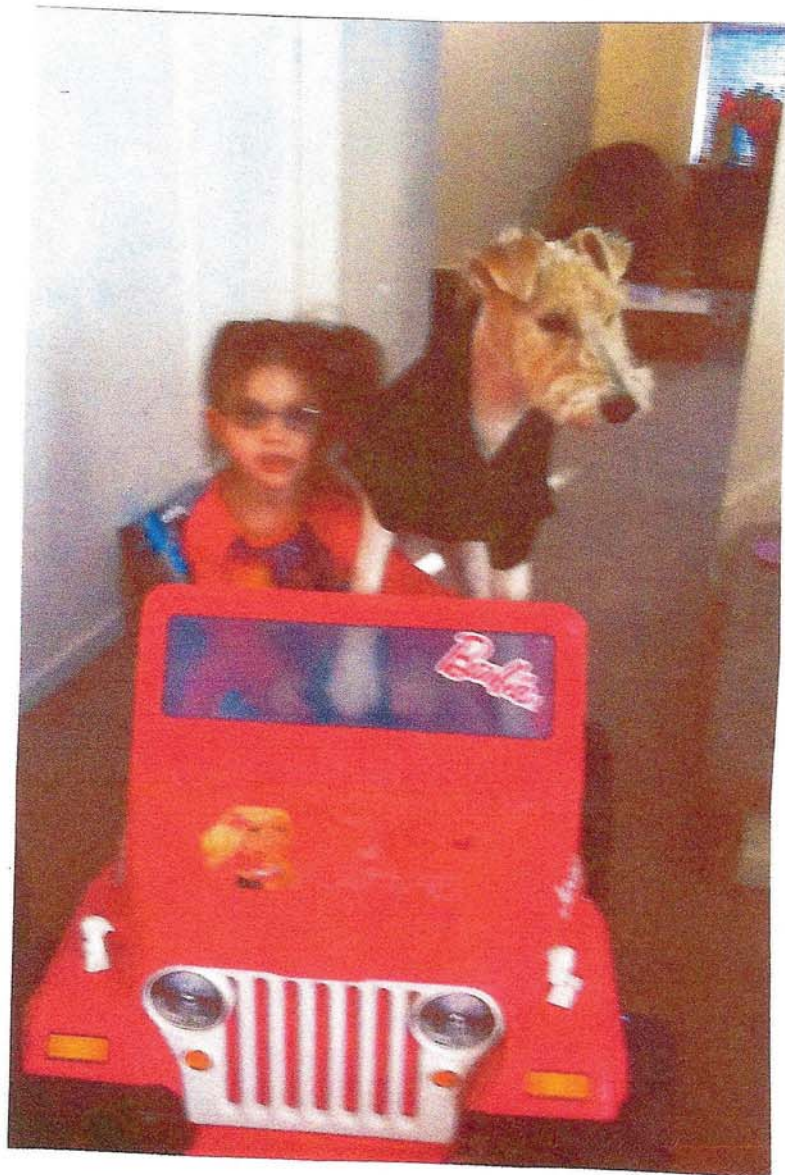
He's WONDERFUL! The best boy EVER! Angus came to us just three weeks after losing our Sadie, and has been an incredible blessing to us - his name means "unique choice", and boy is he ever!



BAXTER'S STORY

Baxter is awesome! He enjoys life getting walks and treats everyday. He love to lounge on our bed all day and has frequent playdates with his cousins and friends. Baxter loves everyone, and the feeling always mutual. He is the best dog EVER !!!

The Haggarty Family



Pal, a Yellow Labrador Retriever, is a rescue dog with a traumatic experience. Pal was in a horrible situation the first 10 months of his life. His home life was in a hoarding home/puppy mill. Pal was El Dorado Pet Club's first foster care dog and a total mess. My husband (Dick) and I met him Easter, 2009. Dick fell in love and wanted him. The Monday following Easter we picked Pal up. He had been called Surge; we didn't care for that name, and changed it to Pal.

Pal was extremely difficult but we continued to love and be patient, which was difficult at times. As he began to recognize he wouldn't be hit, beaten or kicked he started calming down and allowed us to pet him, when he wanted petting. We couldn't touch his head for months, as he had been hit on it so often. Dick passed away September 30, 2009. Being overwhelmed with grief I didn't know if I could keep Pal and continue patience with him as well as do right by him. He had begun to do more with Dick and was becoming his Pal. Pal didn't understand why Dick was no longer here.

End result, Pal is truly my Pal and companion and friend. I can't imagine what it would be like to not have him. He is loving, fun and all that goes with it. I thank God he is my "PAL".

Please do not consider discontinuing the Animal Shelter - it would be a crime! There are many animals that can help people such as myself; they are excellent companions and friends.

Thank you for your consideration of taking care of animals and not allowing harm coming to them, they need help and by getting rid of the Animal Shelter would be a sin.

Theresa Williams

