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Rehoming Some Of Colorado's Most Eligible Dogs

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Maggie Rice: Borzoi Welfare Collective

by Erin Bradford

Maggie Rice started her lifelong love affair with Borzois more than 37 years ago when she took one into her home for the first time. Since then, her love of the breed has taken off much like the Borzoi itself – swiftly and with grace. Maggie is a long-time member of the Borzoi Club of America and a founding member of All Breed Rescue Network (she is proud to have been at the first meeting back in 1992). In 1990 Maggie and her late husband Art Grosheider were contacted by some Borzoi rescue folks in Missouri. A breeder left 38 Borzoi at a puppy mill already overrun with over five hundred dogs of other breeds.

After a court settlement, the puppy mill owner took possession of the dogs and offered them for sale to Borzoi enthusiasts, turning this unfortunate situation into a money-making opportunity. Soon, it became apparent that the dogs required much more care than he could provide. Luckily, a Texas rescue group stepped in and raised funds to acquire the remaining dogs that people from Kansas and Missouri hadn't already purchased or begged for. After reviewing the 38 adults and multiple pups, they took the ones in the best shape. Art Grosheider and a good friend, Carl Garver, drove to Missouri and agreed to take in the four remaining dogs. Carl

Garver kept three, leaving just one for Maggie and Art to place. This experience changed Maggie forever, and from then on, she would have one foot in the Borzoi competitive ring and one in rescue.

The Borzoi originated in Russia and was used by the Russian aristocracy to pursue and catch wolf, fox, and hare. They were originally bred for the coursing of wild game on more or less open terrain, relying on sight rather than scent. Consequently, they are more of a sprinting breed than one built for long-distance running. Borzois possess sound running gear, a strong neck and jaws, and the courage and agility of a hunter. But perhaps the breed is most recognizable by its unmistakable elegance and graceful motion. The Borzoi is one of the largest sight hounds, averaging 28" to 32" inches at the shoulder and sometimes weighing over 100 pounds. The muscular, athletic body is clad in a soft, silky coat of almost any color.

The beauty and rarity of this breed is really a blessing for Borzoi rescue, as there are not thousands of them languishing in shelters at any time. Because of the smaller numbers of dogs in need, the Borzoi rescue community has become a very tight-knit one, connecting groups over all parts of the U.S. with each other. For example, in 1993, 42 Borzois were confiscated by Courts in New Mexico. Borzoi folks in New Mexico, . . . fetch the rest on page 2

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Lizzy The Greyhound

... You Found It! Borzois

Kansas, Missouri, Texas, and Colorado all worked together and were able to place the dogs in almost no time. Probably the most helpful tool in this rescue effort was some much-needed face time with the public. Channel 9's "Afternoon Colorado" agreed to feature several Borzoi rescues and owners along with an announcement about the "New Mexico 42." The dogs and story were to be shown after a drawing for a big-ticket item, which blessedly only took one try, so the Borzoi got the rest of the time slot all to themselves. Maggie's voice mail got 58 calls in three minutes, and the dozen dogs that came to Colorado on the first load were placed that week. Maggie has also appeared with adoptable Borzois on Channel 9's "Petline 9" on Saturday mornings.

Maggie says that her secret to not burning out is that Borzois aren't too common in the everyday household - they tend to grow too quickly to be sold in pet stores. Most of the dogs that they get in come in lumps of 30 or so from breeders who end up in difficult circumstances. The breed is naturally gregarious and usually gets along quite well together in large numbers - which comes as a real blessing to Maggie sometimes!

On Average, Maggie takes in 6-12 dogs a year, having rescued about 5 so far this year. She credits her wonderful national

contacts that she has made over the years with her success. The process to adopt a Borzoi from

Borzoi Welfare Collective is pretty standard: first, an adopter must contact Maggie and after answering a few questions (about fences, etc.), they are asked to fill out an application. Borzoi Welfare checks both personal and veterinary references. Next, a standard interview and home visit follow, and then the prospective adopter meets with the dog. Sometimes, there is a long wait for a Borzoi to come into rescue, so the adopter must be very patient.

After a dog in need is found, the meeting of dog and adopter either seals the deal or has Maggie suggesting another breed. Adopters with small dogs, cats, or nervous children are usually reasons for the rejection of an applicant. As far as letting them down easy, Maggie is simply honest. "I tell them straight out that they should look into another breed. I know this breed, and that is one of the reasons that I don't take in other breeds - I'm simply not

as qualified to place them."

Borzoi Welfare charges a \$250 adoption fee to cover medical costs, and all their dogs are spayed and neutered before going to a new home. To cover the rest of their costs, the group has a grant with Harrison Memorial Hospital and also receives private donations from Borzoi breeders, especially from those who have sold the dogs to the surrendering

party. As we can all appreciate, this is certainly a rare community of breeders and Borzoi-lovers. In fact, all of Maggie's foster homes are people who have adopted in the past: "These are some of the best friends I've ever made." On occasion, Borzoi Welfare will also sell donated items on e-bay to make a little extra cash.

Occasionally Maggie feels burned out, but

the people who have adopted dogs from her keep her going. They do a lot of the work: house checks, foster, cat testing, kid testing, and promotional events, to name just a few. Maggie says, "Before I started doing rescue, I would often hear, 'Borzoi don't have a rescue problem. They don't end up in shelters.' She continues to say, "They don't need rescue until they turn up in a shelter or running down University Boulevard and no one claims them. As Bonnie Guzman with ABRN told me from the beginning, 'There is a home for every dog - you just have to figure it out.'"



Interested in submitting an article?

To submit articles for the newsletter, please call Susan Brown at (720) 851-7222 or email mollybrown@peakinet.net. Photographs of rescued dogs are always welcome. If photos are digital, please set your camera at the highest resolution (3Mb minimum). Deadline for submissions for the next issue is November 25, 2006.

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We are grateful, also, to our regular donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Watch for Maggie and several of the people affiliated with Borzoi Welfare in the Colorado Ballet's Fall Season production of "Giselle." If you are interested in learning more about the Borzoi, Maggie and the Borzoi Welfare Collective can be reached at 303-756-1331 or email follyquarters@yahoo.com.

A Cross-Country Success

by Millie Barrett,
Italian Greyhound Club of
America Rescue-Colorado

When two tiny Italian Greyhounds were sitting in a Wyoming shelter, they never could have guessed that their road to rescue would end with them riding down a Washington street in a stroller.

Lily and Avery are two sweet, tiny girls that came to Colorado Italian Greyhound Rescue from a Wyoming shelter. They were transferred from the shelter to Colorado, where they were placed in a foster home. While living in their foster home, they had no fear of Owen, the Irish Wolfhound (it was clear that he made for a warm and soft blanket), but they were terrified of humans.

Plainly, the biggest obstacles facing this rescue group were going to be placing these inseparable girls in the same home, and helping them trust people. After months of searching for the perfect home, Colorado Italian Greyhound Rescue was fortunate enough to come across Tanya and Walt Richardson, and their Whippet, Bandit in Washington.

Tanya and Walt had contacted the rescue about the two girls and didn't back down, even after learning about the challenges

these girls presented: they wouldn't walk on a leash, they were still very untrusting of people, and housetraining was an ongoing challenge. Putting these girls on an airplane was something that made their foster mom cringe, but she just had a good feeling about the Richardson family, so off they flew to their new home.

IG Rescue knew it had made the right

choice when Tanya called to let them know that Avery, the more timid of the two, immediately jumped into her lap when they opened her travel crate after the long journey from Colorado. All the way home, the two snuggled in their new mom's lap in the back seat of the van, poking their tiny heads up so they could take in their new surroundings.

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their combined dislike of eliminating in the rain, the terror they exhibited when put on leash, and more. At first both were terrified of going on walks, but they have become accustomed to it since Tanya bought them their own doggie buggy. Rides in the buggy helped them become accustomed to going outside, and they have since overcome their fear of walking on a leash. They now insist on going when Tanya and Walt get out the leash for Bandit! Avery prances along like a thoroughbred horse on the leash, and Lily runs wildly from side to side, having so much fun you think she might burst at the seams. Through all of the challenges of housetraining and building trust, the Richardson family has emerged as a true rescue success story!

The Richardson

s report that Lily and Avery, who were underweight, have each gained a pound since arriving in their new home. They love wrestling with one another, crawling under the covers, and barking at Bandit so he'll vacate his warm spot to them.

Colorado Italian Greyhound Rescue is thrilled to see Lily and Avery flourishing in their new home. If you or someone you know is interested in this breed, please contact us at coloradoigrescue@yahoo.com.



The Richardson family has been very patient with Lily and Avery and their various quirks – Avery's strange door phobia,

I Was Just Not Ready to Adopt....

by Lu Horner

When my much-loved Rottie/Terrier “Sparkle” died, I was sure that I did not want to adopt another dog for awhile. Sparkle had been a rescue dog that I found sleeping on the sidewalk in Downtown Denver. She had no tags or chips, so I took her home after stopping at my vet for a check up. I ran “found dog” ads in both major papers and by the end of the week I was relieved that I had no calls for her...because I had fallen in love. Sparkle had an “unusual” look and a marvelous personality. She was a dear friend for years, and when she died at the age of 13, I felt I needed some time to grieve for my 60-pound Muppet dog. I wanted a good deal of time before thinking of adopting a new dog and I made this clear to my friends involved in rescue.

I had been volunteering at Table Mountain Animal Center (TMAC), and a friend who was walking dogs there mentioned to me that she’d seen a dog that reminded her of Sparkle, but she added that she was well aware I wasn’t ready for another dog.

A week or so later, two other TMAC volunteer friends emailed me with a much more urgent message. They had been watching over “Cosmo,” the dog in question and were getting concerned about him. He’d been in the shelter for several weeks and when the volunteers showed him to would-be adopters, they all said the same thing....”He’s too big. I want a smaller dog.” It probably didn’t help that Cosmo was mostly black and in a back-row kennel with a metal gate-guard that partially hid him. He’d been picked

up by Animal Control on the highway and was about 1 year, not neutered, not micro-chipped and without any id tags.

But Cosmo was one of those dogs who never give up hope in the shelter. Friends told me that he always stood up at the gate as people approached and that he’d kiss anyone who would bring their face close



Sparkle

to him. He endeared himself to staff and volunteers alike. And his tail never stopped wagging.

So my friends’ emails requested that

I just come and see Cosmo. I was smitten quite quickly by his white goatee and his tuxedo markings. And I was especially taken with his wagging tail. He appeared

to be a Border Collie/ German Wire-hair Pointer mix, weighing about 60 pounds. I took him for a walk and found that he was affectionate, happy and very easy to walk. This handsome boy was very tempting, but still....my heart was aching



Cosmo

for Sparkle. That weekend I went to my mountain cabin and realized that it was the first time in 30 years that I was there without a dog...the place was simply too quiet and a mountain walk without a dog isn’t worth taking. I talked to my partner Jim and decided that I really wanted Cosmo to become a part of our family.

When I went back to adopt Cosmo I was surprised to find he was not in his ken-

nel, and I worried when I saw that his name card had

been taken down. I searched for him and finally found him in the isolation kennels, sick with kennel cough, but still wagging his tail. The staff at TMAC oversaw his adoption and gave me his free check up certificate with the understanding that I would take him to the vet right away. So we did go in right away. Cosmo was given some medications and sent home with me to recover, but soon I noticed that he was sneezing blood, so we headed back to the vet. Cosmo required three hospitalizations and was treated with a nebulizer that delivered medications directly to his lungs. He remained on antibiotics and slept with a vaporizer for a couple of weeks until he was well. And of course he wagged his tail through all of his tribulations!

Cosmo is one of those larger black dogs that often languish in shelters. I’ll never know how he came to be dodging cars on the highway to be picked up by Animal Control Officers and brought to the safety of a shelter. I do know that he is lucky that he has a resilient and positive personality that endeared him to several people in the rescue community.

He is lucky that he did not react to the stress of the shelter by becoming depressed and withdrawn as some dogs do. And I am lucky that my friends found him for me and encouraged me to meet him.

Cosmo has remained healthy since he recovered from that first illness. He continues to be a happy tail wagger who makes us laugh regularly. He continues to endear himself to everyone who comes to our home. I have never had a single regret about bringing him home so soon after I lost Sparkle. In fact, rescuing another dog is the best tribute we can give to the dogs we have lost.

How NOT to Transport a Dog

by Susan Brown

I am not a risk-taker. I get regular checkups, carry an umbrella, save for retirement, am careful when interacting with strange dogs, and drive carefully. I even took a defensive driving course a few years ago and still do all the things the instructor recommended. Nevertheless, what ought to have been a simple dog transport became a thrill ride of epic proportions because I failed to take a few simple precautions. I've transported many dogs before. Sometimes I hold them on my lap while my husband Jerry (who also has a perfect driving record) drives. At other times they rode in the back of the Jeep with the divider firmly in place. Never a problem. Until I got an email from Jenni McKernan of Colorado Sheltie Rescue, who got an email from Gale Caron of Pikes Peak Humane in Colorado Springs, about a Collie needing a ride up to Denver. I didn't have

the divider for the Jeep, didn't have a crate (don't have one big enough, anyhow), and didn't know much about Collies. I didn't know, for example, that herding dogs tend

to get anxious in storms. So after picking up "Carmen" from the Springs and tooling merrily north to Denver and a meeting place with Jenni, I was oblivious to the Collie propelling

herself over into the back seat, which was so full of stuff it's a wonder she was able to do it, and on into the front seat – with me. What began as a gentle rain progressed into a driving rainstorm with hail, a situation Carmen clearly found somewhat distressing. Although her previous adopter had been very unkind to her, she maintained the



Carmen

was still preferable to being alone in the hatchback, even if there was a soft blanket back there. Unfortunately, this was rush hour traffic in a construction work zone on Interstate 25 in Colorado Springs, and I was preoccupied with my usual non-risk-taking behavior – namely, navigating my vehicle to my destination whilst said vehicle and I remained intact. When I called Jenni on my cell phone to let her know that Carmen seemed somewhat anxious, she told me the stuff about herding dogs and storms. Who knew?

Luckily, the rain let up and Carmen stayed put on the passenger seat for the rest of the ride to Denver. I gave her a hug, left her in Jenni's capable hands, and gratefully took off alone for home and my dull but safe life. So, if you want to know how to transport a dog SAFELY, attend Ted's seminar. Don't ask me.

Foster Parent Training Seminar

with Ted Terroux

by Susan Brown

On July 30 and August 1 two Foster Parent Training Seminars were held at Ted Terroux's Canine College in Lakewood, Colorado. Over 100 people attended and received manuals with excerpts from the book, *Practice for Real Life* by Ted and Tiffany Terroux. (The book is a complete guide to living with and caring for a dog, covering all behavior issues and basic obedience. It is available from Ted Terroux's Canine College for \$24.95 for the general public or \$19.95 for rescue individuals. Quantity discounts are available.)

The seminars covered all aspects of being a foster parent for a dog, starting with the first call that a rescue group

gets from the person surrendering the dog. Ted discussed what questions to ask, how to get as much information as possible, and ways to explore potential problems with the dog. Ted reminds us that people surrendering a dog are not always honest about these things. Ted recommends being very observant when going to the home. There are many different ways that you can pick up on problems, issues that a dog might have while you are there, or while they're bringing the dog to your facility to surrender the dog. Again, be very observant about the interactions that take place between the people and the dog because they are very telling about what types of issues the dog might display later on. Ted reviewed ways to hone one's powers of behavioral observation. Ted covered how to transport a dog and how to do it safely (see sidebar), introducing the dog to the new foster home, properly introducing dogs to dogs in the new household, and how to address com-

mon behavior issues such as jumping up, mouthing, chewing, housetraining, and separation anxiety. Another important skill is how to match a dog to a household and how to match a dog to another dog.

Ted Terroux has over 30 years of professional training experience with over 17,000 clients. He is a canine behavior consultant and evaluator for many Rocky Mountain region rescue organizations that are dedicated to finding lifetime homes for "second-hand" dogs. He has graciously donated his professional services to All Breed Rescue Network groups for many years.

Ted and Tiffany plan to conduct additional seminars in January, 2007. Please contact them at 303-232-1034 or e-mail ted@tedterrouxdogtraining.com for more details and to reserve your place. A \$10 fee will reserve your spot and covers the cost of materials and refreshments. Call now! These classes will fill up fast.

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GRRR Reunion Picnic

Chatfield State Park

by Pat Dinkey

Around noon on Sunday morning, August 20, folks got their fabulous Golden Retrievers into their starting positions for the Big Ball Toss. There was so much excitement in the air, with dogs pulling to be released and owners searching the water for the winning balls (the ones that could be exchanged for gift baskets with lots of nifty dog merchandise). On the count of three, and set to the music of Who Let the Dogs Out, approximately 100 dogs charged the pond with one goal in mind. Get a ball! Any ball will do when you're a Golden Retriever. Three lucky people and

their spectacular Golden Retrievers won first, second, and third place in the 10th Annual Big Ball Toss.

Chatfield Reservoir always provides a superior place to bring our Golden Retrievers,

see so many beautiful dogs taking delight in the water, and enjoy the comradeship of other Golden lovers. This year we registered almost 300 people and their dogs through our Welcome table. The afternoon was filled with swimming, games, food, raffles, micro-chipping and music.

Pictures say 1,000 words that I cannot put



on paper. The reunions always provide an afternoon of fun, and for those of us who help to foster and place these beautiful dogs, it is truly an opportunity to see first-hand how a Golden Retriever Can Change Your Life—and theirs! If you are interested in adopting a Golden Retriever, please go to www.goldenrescue.com or call 303-279-2400.

Taste of Colorado 2006

The Taste of Colorado held over Labor Day weekend, was a very well-attended event this year. However, this year, because of the Pro Plan Rally to Rescue RV Tour, a select group of dogs were allowed to attend as well. Ten rescue organizations were chosen by the Pro Plan Team to participate in their rally. We were encouraged to bring dogs that were available for adoption or to bring representatives of breeds whose rescue groups had dogs available for adoption. All Breed Rescue Network had a booth there, as did two ABRN member groups: Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies (GRRR) and Rocky Mountain Scottish Terrier Club Rescue. The ten booths were arranged in a circle in a grassy area of Civic Center Park that was separate

from the countless other vendors at the event, but the giant balloon dog figures and the bright white and purple Pro Plan van attracted many families. "It reminds me of a giant petting zoo," said Mary Kenton of GRRR as she watched children going from booth to booth gently petting the animals that were there.

This event was organized and coordinated by board member Sandy Moore, with lots of help from ABRN president Martha Smith, and volunteers from over ten different rescue groups staffed the ABRN booth. The Alie Foundation brought a frisky 4 month-old Bloodhound they were training and Gladis Duarte brought a beautiful 2 year-old Springer Spaniel that was available for adoption. Darci Kunard brought her spectacular Weima-

raner, and Patti Morgan came all the way from Colorado Springs with the always popular Bernese Mountain Dogs in tow. Borzoi Welfare was well represented with Elliot and Jake, two Borzois that were in last year's Rescue Parade at Plum Creek. Beagle Rescue also came with a Beagle that was available for adoption, who along with Dash, the English Setter brought by hotline volunteer Chris Collins, attracted a large crowd of children. Elizabeth Pette braved the crowds and the challenges of parking that are typical of The Taste of Colorado to bring her Springer Spaniel, and Mary Kenton of GRRR was an invaluable help manning the booth. The Golden Retrievers are always a big draw! Thank you also to hotline volunteer and shelter liaison Valerie Horner for doing two booth shifts with her husband and son, and for bringing three of her Senior dogs: two Cocker Spaniels and a Chihuahua mix. ABRN appreciates everyone's hard work – thank you, all.

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Stay in Touch!

• If you are interested in being on our rescue referral list or if you are on the list and have changes you need to make, please contact Bonnie Guzman at (303) 733-4220 or terrierlvr@comcast.net

• Would you like to feature a dog on ABRN's website, www.allbreedrescuenetwork.com? Jenni McKernan is the liaison with the Webmaster, Terry Hoffman. Contact Jenni at (303) 783-5772 or at colosheltierescue@prodigy.net to highlight a rescue dog on the website. Please follow up with Jenni when that dog has been adopted.

• If you have a temporary change, such as a vacation, please contact the hotline coordinator, Susan Brown, at (720) 851-7222 or mollybrown@peakinet.net

• To find the appropriate rescue group to adopt or surrender a pure-bred dog, first check our website, www.allbreedrescuenetwork.com. If the information is not found there, call our hotline, (303) 989-7808.

Adams County Animal Shelter (Brighton, CO):

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None at this time*

Humane Society of Weld County (Greeley, CO):

None at this time.*

Larimer County Humane Society (Ft. Collins, CO):

Michelle Bartz (970) 407-9011 or (970) 566-3614

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None at this time.*

Mesa County Animal Services (Grand Junction, CO):

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8 Happenings...

Temperment Testing & Evaluating Dog Aggression

Sunday, November 19, 2006

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$40.00

Location: Ted Terroux's
Canine College
Lakewood, CO

Reserve your space today!

Pat Muller, a nationally known dog trainer who has done a number of training seminars in the Denver area, will be back to present this topic, which should not be

missed. This is geared toward rescue folks, animal control agents, humane societies and hobby breeders who would like to hone their skills and learn different techniques in evaluating aggression in dogs. Dogs from all seven breed groups will be used as demonstration dogs.

Reserve your spot early, as space will be limited. Contact Bonnie Guzman at terrierlvr@comcast.net or (303) 733-4220 to reserve your spot. Please list your name, group affiliation, number of people attending, contact information, including phone numbers, and mailing address.

Necklace Raffle

A dog lover's dream of a necklace valued at \$900 will be raffled off as a fundraiser for ABRN starting in January. The drawing will be held at the Plum Creek Kennel Club Dog Show in February. Raffle tickets will be sold by ABRN board members and members.

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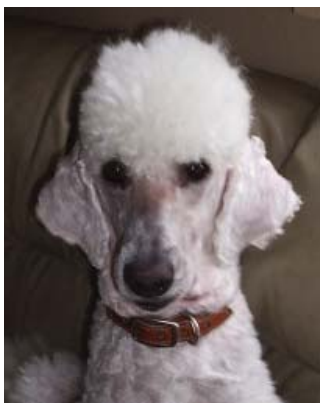
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