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...to the rescue

Rehoming Some of Colorado's Most Eligible Dogs

ABRN Annual Membership Meeting

The meeting was held on October 10, 2010, at The Summit Restaurant in Aurora, Colorado, and began with cocktails and party trays of food prepared by the chefs.

Board members in attendance were President Martha Smith, Vice President Karen Brown, Secretary Jeanne Phipers, Treasurer Susan Lummanick, and board members-at-large Sandy Moore, Diane Leshner, and Karin Lang, along with approximately 54 people from the ABRN's member various rescue groups. Door prizes donated by several

people and ABRN were presented throughout the meeting. Karin Lang brought tubs of free collars, leashes, halters etc., donated by Peggy Shafer for distribution amongst the meeting attendees.

The evening was chaired by President, Martha Smith, who began by asking people to introduce themselves and their guests. The only board member who was up for election was Diane Leshner, and the membership voted to re-elect her to a 3-year term. There were no nominations from the floor.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the summary of statistics gathered by ABRN. The numbers of dogs rescued by ABRN members and the amount of money spent on veterinary services to make those dogs adoptable were very impressive. Martha pointed out that even this amount, although large, would

— Look over there on page 6!

*Back row, left to right:
Jeanne Phipers, Karen Brown*

*Front row, left to right:
Diane Leshner, Susan Lummanick,
Martha Smith, Sandy Moore, Karin Lang*



Jeanne's Lyric

Karen's Easy

Sandy's Amber

Karin's Petey

Diane's Whitney

Susan's Billie Jean

Martha's Rigby

ABRN Board of Directors



In rescue, we tend to think in terms of “easy dogs” and “hard dogs.” Big, black dogs are the hardest to find homes for, and small, purebred dogs are the easiest...or so the logic goes. But learning more about Japanese Chins has taught me that, no matter a breed's size or appearance, every rescue dog comes with its own set of challenges and that rescue is never easy.

RESCUE SPOTLIGHT: Colorado Japanese Chin Rescue, Inc.

By Erin Bradford

there are always those exceptional ones who touch a special place in our hearts. Abby was a 3 year-old black and white female who came from a shelter in Trinidad, Colorado, in 2009. Her owner left her at the shelter after Abby had weaned her last litter of puppies. She was emaciated, weighing just 6 pounds, and had such severe bilateral luxating patellas that she appeared deformed. At first, she was very afraid and shy. She quickly settled in and became a very social little companion. At the time we were fostering Abby, my father was in a nursing home rehabilitating from a broken leg. Every day I would visit and bring a different Chin to the nursing home to visit the patients, as they make wonderful visiting dogs for the elderly. This is where Abby met her adopter. A couple was visiting their mother in the same

home, met Abby, and absolutely fell in love with her. After putting some much-needed weight on her, it was time to address her medical needs. She had bilateral patella surgery and was spayed. She went immediately to her new family, who also adopts blind cats. They wanted to rehabilitate her after her surgery. Abby is currently thriving in her new family and has made a full recovery from her surgery. She now is able to play and run like all the other dogs.”

Tina says that Chins are very calm, intelligent and social. However, she stresses that they do shed, so a person wanting a hypoallergenic breed would not be a good candidate for the Japanese Chin. They are great for the elderly or those in small or multi-family housing because of their quiet demeanor and ability to

houstrain easily. While they can be aloof with strangers (the word “Chin” actually means “cat” in Japanese),

Colorado Japanese Chin Rescue, Inc. (CJCR) was founded by a group of 16 devoted volunteers who wanted to continue the effort of rescuing, rehabilitating, and re-homing unwanted Japanese Chins. First bred in China as companions to royalty, the Chin's affectionate nature and loyal disposition has made it a popular dog in America. Few know the breed better than Tina Jordan, Vice President of CJCR. Tina and her husband got started in rescue after adopting three Chins from a shelter. “We immediately got hooked on the breed and adopted two more within the next couple of years. After moving into a home with a large fenced yard, we decided we wanted to foster for this breed. I found the All Breed Rescue Network website, made contact with the rescue, and in February, 2009 we got our first foster.”

“We generally have at least 2 or 3 in our home, fostering over 60 dogs in the past 20 months. We've loved every one of them, yet



*Kelby
with Gizmo*

*Hillary
with Tiki*

they are very loyal to their owners once they form a bond with them. "Chins do very well with other Chins, I kind of think they are Chin snobs," Tina jokes. They can range in size from 4-20 pounds, an average size being 10-12 pounds, are very entertaining, playful, and love to fling their own toys to chase!

This year has been especially busy for CJCR. While in a typical year, the rescue takes in 10-12 dogs, as of November, 2010, it had taken in 53. All of the rescued dogs are fostered in individual homes, typically with other Chins, until they have been rehabilitated, either emotionally or physically, and are ready to go to a forever home. Half of the rescued dogs come from shelters, and half come from owner relinquishment.

The rescue makes sure that the dogs are fully vetted and any dental or medical needs are taken care of before they are offered for adoption. Because of the Chin's specific health issues, the rescue often needs additional funds to



cover cardiology, ophthalmology, or orthopedic surgery. Fundraising is a priority, since adoption fees and public donations alone don't always cover the vet bills. The rescue sponsors a "Chindig" event for anyone who has adopted, volunteered, assisted, or donated in some way to the rescue. "We have a BBQ, silent auction, raffle, and just an overall good time. We also invite all of the dogs to attend this event, and there are people and dogs everywhere! It is just another way we try to raise funds and awareness of how many unwanted yet wonderful dogs are out there," explains Tina.

Other 2010 events the group participated in were Petco adoption events, Holiday Gifts for Pets and Their People, The Brown Dog Adoption and Fundraising event, Dachtober Fest, and Murdoch's Ranch and Home Store's Santa photo session. The volunteers worked hard, but it was a labor of love, and they had fun. They enjoy being around their beloved Chins and others who love Chins.

Placing Chins in appropriate homes is no easy feat. Because of their delicate frames, they are better suited to homes without small, rambunctious children. They also require a dedicated owner who can deal with any potential health issues a Chin may encounter, including, heart, eye and patellar problems. "The patella and heart problems can be fixed or managed

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— Tina Jordan

with medications and/or orthopedic surgery. We see more dogs with eye problems, typically from traumatic injury. They can have protruding eyeballs, making them more susceptible to injury. They do very well on walks; however, they would not be a dog to take jogging or bicycling, due to their size and flat face," says Tina. On the flip side, Chins can live a very long time (some up to 20 years), so a home that is committed to that long life is critical.



Chins have some great attributes that make them wonderful pets, but they also require homes willing to deal with their special requirements. One thing is for sure, though: Tina and the rest of the team at CJCR will be there for them with open arms, willing to give them a second chance at the happy life that all dogs deserve.

Tina believes that "rescue work is not for everyone, and sometimes you have to take in a dog that may not have a long time to live. Nevertheless, we believe that every Chin should be given the opportunity to live in a home where they are loved and cared for regardless of how much time they may have with us. This means opening ourselves up to loss, but we believe that this delightful little breed is worth it."

To adopt, donate or volunteer for Colorado Japanese Chin Rescue, Inc., please go to www.cjcrecue.com or call 720-903-6640. 🐾

The Pet Overpopulation Fund

2009 PACFA STATISTICS



ADOPTED

More than **33,000 cats**
More than **100,000 dogs**



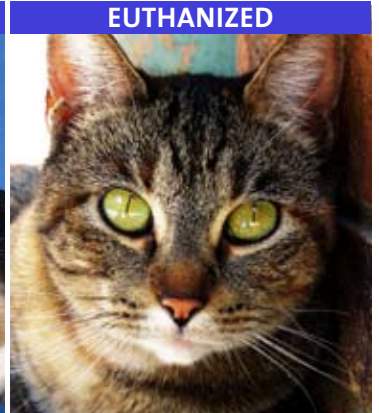
RETURNED TO OWNERS

Nearly **2,400 cats**
More than **25,000 dogs**



TRANSFERRED

Nearly **2,400 cats**
More than **25,000 dogs**



EUTHANIZED

Nearly **22,000 cats**
More than **11,000 dogs**

To take some of the sting out of doing your Colorado state taxes for 2010, you can feel good and know that you are contributing to a great cause. Simply write in a donation to The Pet Overpopulation Fund, which was established by Colorado statute in 2001. It exists to educate the public about the importance of controlling pet overpopulation and to work with animal shelters, veterinarians and communities to curb pet overpopulation in Colorado, ultimately ending the need for animal euthanasia due to unwanted pet births. The Fund subsidizes sterilization for Colorado's pets by providing grants that support collaborative efforts between veterinarians and animal care and control agencies. The Fund has awarded nearly \$1.5 million in grants for more than 41,000 pet sterilization surgeries in Colorado. In 2009 the fund received \$152,000 in donations which was awarded to 26 rural spay/neuter collaborations in Colorado.

Thanks to Colorado's concerned citizens who contribute to this effort, the Fund is able to make grants to local programs that work to reduce pet overpopulation in underserved areas of our state. With funding from the

Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund, animal care and control organizations and veterinarians are working together to reduce unwanted litters of puppies and kittens.

By controlling the number of animals reproducing, we can reduce the number of pets that must be euthanized. Last year alone, over 33,000 pets were euthanized due in part to a shortage of adopting homes in Colorado.

In addition to the Tax Check-Off, the Fund now has a second program – the new Adopt a Shelter Pet license plate. The plate will be available for purchase from January 3, 2011, from the Dept. of Motor Vehicles. \$30 from the sale of each plate will go towards funding spay/neuter programs and medical care for animals in Colorado shelters and rescues in underserved areas.



For more information about these programs, please visit www.coloradopetfund.org.



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wish to remain anonymous and those who
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Come to the Dog Show!

It is not just
a dog show.

The Plum
Creek Kennel
Club Dog Show,
Rocky Mountain
Cluster, February
17-21, 2011, at the
National Western Stock
Show Complex has
the fun of agility
trials, the precision
of obedience competition, and the style of conformation
shows. But wait, there's more...come meet the breeds, learn
about rescue, take a cart ride, and shop the vendors selling an
amazing array of everything for and about dogs.

DeDe LaRue, Denver's award-winning sculptor and Chinese
Crested rescue person, has donated an original circus-dog themed
sculpture to ABRN to be raffled off as a fundraiser. You can see
DeDe's three-dimensional artwork on display at many Denver-
area art galleries and on her website, www.ddlarue.com.
The drawing will be held Sunday, February 20, at 4:00 p.m. at the
ABRN booth. You need not be present to win. Check the Special
Events page of our website for details on purchasing raffle tickets
or email Sandy Moore, cynthiaamber@comcast.net. Tickets
will be available after January 1, 2011, for \$5 or 5/\$20. For
more information about schedules, parking, and events, visit
www.plumcreekkennelclub.com. Go. You love dogs. You'll
have fun. 🐾

Plum Creek Kennel Club
Dog Show and Raffle



I am always on
the look out for
new adventures!



**Daisy is a rescue that
belongs to Ann King
at 9News in Denver.**

ABRN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

—here it is, from page 1!

have been larger except for the fact that many veterinarians give generous discounts to rescue groups. Each person received a copy of the summary, and it is available on our website for the public to view.

Jeanne Phipers presented the key contact person of each group with a packet called the "ABRN Master Forms for Collecting Data", containing PACFA licensing requirements, PACFA Report Forms, List Update information, ABRN stats worksheet form, Asilomar Accord definitions, and an ABRN Master Collection Spreadsheet. She explained and demonstrated how the packet might be used by rescue groups as an aid to the yearly collection of information. After the meeting, Jeanne and Lois Williams mailed packets to the key contacts for member groups who were not at the meeting.

Martha spoke briefly on taking dogs out of state, stressing that we must still make sure that we have room for shelter dogs from our own state. She also spoke about some legislative issues that are being considered, the Proposition B in Missouri and how it might affect our state, Pet Lemon Laws, and how heartworm tests should be given by the state in which dogs reside before they come to Colorado. Karen Brown discussed the AAFS service grant and how people may apply.

Denver Municipal Animal Shelter Brent Wagner stressed that it is imperative for rescue groups who are contacted about dogs at the shelter to quickly respond to him or the shelter directly. Everyone understands if a group is unable to take the dog, but it is essential and a requirement of ABRN for a member of the rescue group to respond on all shelter calls, regardless of whether the answer is yes or no. Failure to respond is a poor reflection on the shelter liaison and ABRN and is unacceptable. Furthermore, the shelter liaison job is a difficult one, and everyone needs to do whatever is necessary to make their jobs easier.

A big thank you to all concerned, especially Sandy Moore for all her hard work for another successful and well-attended Annual Membership Meeting. 🐾

The Winning Stretch

Maryalyce Allery, Dumb Friends League- Foster/Volunteer, Dachtober Fest, LLC

All Breed Rescue Network was the recipient for some of the proceeds from the third annual 2010 Colorado Dachtober Fest, an event to help raise money and awareness for non-profit organizations involved in animal rescue, fostering, and adoption.



The German-theme festivities took place last September on a sunny, warm Saturday at deKoevend Park in Centennial. Over 400 humans and 200 small dogs attended the event, entering in the Doxie Dash, Costume and Talent Contest, and Bobbing for Wieners. Even though the event is centered on Dachshunds, all small dogs weighing less than 25 pounds, known as Doxie Friends, were welcome to attend. ABRN-affiliated small dog rescue groups - Colorado Pug Rescue and Rocky Mountain Yorkie Rescue - had booths, and Tina Jordan, of Colorado Japanese Chin Rescue, fully devoted herself as a volunteer to help make the event a success.

Foster dogs up for adoption were in attendance, hoping to meet potential new forever families. The day was filled with German food, music and dancers, Dog Yodeling, and 22 vendors, including VRCC.

New this year were Special Events, with four professionals donating their time to help raise more funds: Animal Communicator Pam Baca, Art Caricaturist Mark Hall, Healing Touch for Animals Helen Hedtke, and Animal Massage Therapist Mino Fuller. In addition, Dr. Deloatch took time off from Deer Creek Animal Hospital to help answer questions on the importance of Acupuncture treatment

The event brought in \$2,000.00 for ABRN, which has been named as a recipient for next year's Colorado Dachtober Fest, scheduled for September 24, 2011, from 11-4, at the same location. Mark your calendars, and we hope to see you then!



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ABRN Mission

The mission of All Breed Rescue Network, Inc., is to provide a vehicle for the fostering and rehoming of abandoned purebred dogs, to assist in increasing the adoption of shelter dogs by promoting awareness and working with shelters, and to educate the community regarding responsible dog ownership including the spay/neuter of companion animals.

ABRN Vision

*Ending euthanasia
 of adoptable dogs in Colorado.*

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 a member of the ABRN List Committee: Karin Lang, Coordinator, (970) 667-4314 or km2dog@aol.com, Jenni McKernan, (303) 783-5772 or colosheltierescue@prodigy.net; or Bonnie Guzman, (303) 733-4220 or bonefinder@comcast.net.
Would you like to feature a dog on ABRN's website?

Contact Jenni McKernan 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. Let Jenni know if the dog would be suitable for an active lifestyle, and she can add the "Jog Dog" icon next to the dog.

If you have a temporary change, such as a vacation, please contact the hotline coordinator, Susan Brown, at (720) 851-7222 or editor@skybeam.com.

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

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Denver Municipal Animal Shelter (Denver, CO)
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♦ *Note: If unable to contact a shelter liaison or if there is none, please contact a board member.*

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To submit comments, suggestions, ideas or articles for the newsletter, please call Susan Brown at (720) 851-7222 or email editor@skybeam.com. We love to get emails from people who've adopted a dog through ABRN. Photographs of rescued dogs are always welcome. If photos are digital, please set your camera at the highest resolution (3 mg minimum). Deadline for submissions for the next issue is February 28, 2011.

Romulus and Camille

If I could rearrange the alphabet, I'd put U and I together.



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Mango, Japanese Chin

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