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That Pet Store Puppy

by: Marjorie Wentworth

That cute little puppy sitting in the pet store window calls to you to buy it and take it home. The store clerk tells you how the puppies are from good breeders and they will even set you up with a credit card to pay for your new dog monthly. Any "good Breeder" would be interviewing potential owners and be very picky about the people who bought their puppies. They certainly would not allow the pups to be trucked to a ware house and distributed to pet stores.

Every puppy is cute and very hard to say no to. They will make it very easy, even if you truly are not ready for the responsibility. I know of two college kids that where sold two dogs (So the one wouldn't be lonely). They have since lost their apartment and have had to move back home. Luckily both parents are sweet people and will also take the dogs. This is usually not the case. We have fostered many of the dogs bought from a pet store in Syracuse. They do not, by the way, take the dogs back.

You have the right to know where the puppies come from and should be given this information. If you want to be sure you are not supporting puppy mills do not buy from a pet store.

I Saved a Human Today

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them. As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life. She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

Author unknown



Training Classes:

Behavioral /Obedience Classes — Classes are scheduled Thursday Evenings 6:30—7:30 PM. Classes are seven weeks in length. Registration is required. Call 343-0001 for more information or to register. Next class starts January 15th.

Basic Obedience Class
Classes are held Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:30. Registration is required.

Game Night – **Cancelled for the summer months.** Every Tuesday evening from 6:30—7:30 PM. No registration is required, but we ask that you call 343-0001 the day of the class to let us know you are coming. Games are selected based on the number of attendees.

Puppy Kindergarten—Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM. For puppies up to 6 months of age. No registration is required.

Fun with Agility—Wednesday evenings at 6:30—7:30 PM. Call 963-8293 for more information. This class is instructed by Maureen Howard and all the proceeds go to Paws Across Oswego County.

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My Christmas List

By Marjorie Wentworth

My Christmas list for this holiday season:

May every one who is good to their fellow man and the animals of the world be treated with the same kindness by all they meet.

May the world find a day when there is always enough food on every ones plates to be sure there is enough food in every animal's bowl.

May the dogs and cats who live outside in the cold of the winter find a warm heart to take them in out of the cold.

May the day come when there is no more homeless animals and people give animals the same devotion and unconditional love that we are honored to receive from our pets.

May you all feel kindness, be filled with warmth, and loved unconditionally in this holiday season.

Did You Know?

A third of the dogs in shelters across the United States are Pure Breeds?

It is estimated that in parts of America 70% of pets in shelters are euthanized.

Dog Wardens are only paid to hold a dog (they do not take cats) for 5 days then they either pay the expenses them selves to keep them longer or they euthanize. They have no funding to get vaccines or to spay or neuter. Only a few contract with the shelters , were they are vaccinated and have a chance for adoption.

There are still over 5,000,000 companion animals being euthanized across the United States every year.

If your pet is left to run loose and causes damages, which include damage to a car or persons in that car, you are legally responsible.

Meet the Fosters

Note: We foster dogs through Paws Across Oswego County. They are a not for profit group made up of volunteers who work on donations and fundraisers. If you are interested in meeting any of our fosters, please call the shop to make arrangements.



Elsa

Elsa is a sweet one!! She loves every person she meets and is sure to show you with a sweet meow and a face rub. She does not seem to be pleased with other kitties though. May be a candidate for an only child home. She has been spayed, feline luke tested, and has had her full series of shots. This one is a people pleaser for sure!



Itsy: Itsy is a 5? Year old female white poodle. She was found wandering the streets and no one claimed her. She is very sweet and loves to sit on your lap. Itsy will be spayed on the 24th. She has had all her shots and will be heart worm tested before she will be able to go. She does not do well with all dogs.

Update: Itsy has been adopted into h furever home!!!



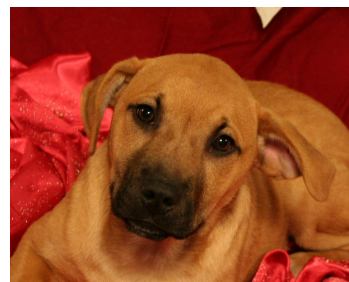
Neil : Neil is about 4 years old. He is a Peek/Pom mix who was found wandering the streets alone. He was very matted and his dew claw had grown into and through his pad. He has been neutered, heart worm tested, vaccinated, and his dew claws were removed and should be ready for his new home by Thanksgiving. We are working to train him. House breaking has been coming along with work. Neil is also not good around cats. He will need a very dog savvy home. He is a big dog in a little body.



Elizabeth Fay:

Elizabeth is about 3 1/2 months old. She has been spayed and has had all her shots. This baby girl will be big when full grown and we are sure she will be a gentle girl. Being still a puppy she has a lot of energy, but she has had no accidents in her room so we are keeping our fingers crossed that she truly is house trained.

Being a smart girl she already has learned her sit and down and she is very happy to show you how smart she is.



PLEASE spay and neuter.

Looking for a new member of the family? Check out petfinder.com

If you would like to make a donation in memory to Paws Across Oswego County send a picture and tell us about your much missed and loved pet and we will place it in our next newsletter



Don't forget to support your local SPCA and Humane Society



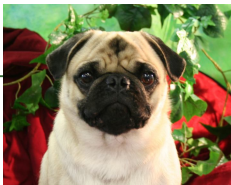
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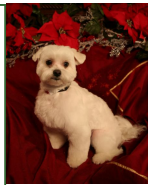
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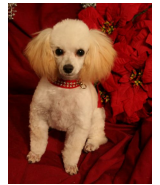
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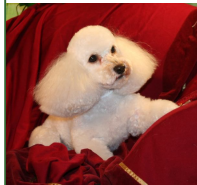
We have more in
store for your best
friend."



Christmas Pictures



Can't think of a thing to get your family member? Surprise them with a picture of their best friend. We also have poster size pictures. Or get a CD of all the picture we take for them to put on their own computer or have mugs, hats, shirts, etc. made from the CD.



Package =(1)8x10 (2) 5x7 & (9) wallets \$30.00/ 1 pose
CD of all pictures \$30.00 Poster Size Picture \$15.00
Extra pose \$10.00 a sheet
\$5.00 extra for each additional pet or person.
\$10.00 sitting fee for appointments
(fee waived if pet is staying for grooming or boarding)



Bark Heard Around the World!

This year the Bark Heard Around the World will be held at the Pepsi International Building at the New York State Fairgrounds on May 30th. Last year it was a wonderful event and was held at the Yates County Fairgrounds and they had rescues from all across the states and wonderful speakers, including Rescue Ink and representatives of the Best friends Pet Sanctuary. Mark your calendars early for this event and I will keep you updated on all the venders, rescues, and speakers that will attend.

Saturday Obedience Class

December 6 from 10:30—11:30

Starts the next Saturday dog Obedience class

Instructor: Andrea Jones



Next Basic Obedience classes



The Next Evening Dog Obedience Classes will start
Thursday January 15th through the 26th of February.
The cost is \$100.00 and you must preregister to join. (8 per class)
Kathy Shumway is your instructor



Puppy Class Price Reduced



The price for Puppy Classes on Saturday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 has been reduced to \$10.00 a session. The puppies all need their second series of shots to attend. You are welcome to come any Saturday.
Andrea Jones is your puppies instructor.