



Forever Tails

Casino Night 2014

This year's Casino Night and Silent Auction was a HUGE success! Not only did we have a packed house – but we made over \$25,000 toward our own forever home!

The games were exciting, the food and drinks were good, the location was wonderful, and the crowd was amazing. We actually sold more tickets than expected, so next year we will be expanding into the patio area outside the main room.



We want to thank everyone who attended. Your ongoing support is so important to us, and we really enjoy the opportunity to meet all of you face-to-face at our events. We know that we are sometimes just faceless names, so we appreciate being able to socialize with you in real-time so we can get to know you.

We would also like to thank our sponsors. Through their generosity, we covered all of the expenses for the evening, which means all proceeds from the event went directly to our cause of funding a forever home for A Forever Home. Even though the event is over, please continue to support the sponsors who so generously supported our cause. You can view them at <http://www.aforeverhome.org/cn2014-sponsors>.

Our generous donors deserve a big thank you as well – they donated all of the silent auction and raffle items, and the door prizes. Donors are listed at <http://www.aforeverhome.org/cn2014-donors>. Please consider patronizing their businesses and let them know that you are there because of their generosity in helping AFH raise money.

Finally, we want to thank Piedmont Country Club for the exceptional service and fantastic food - they were wonderful to work with - and Tucker Barnes, our special guest host.

See you all next year!

Adoption Information

Are you looking for a new furry family member? Visit www.aforeverhome.org or stop by an adoption fair to find the perfect one. We have many wonderful dogs waiting for forever homes. Once you've fallen in love, the next step is to fill out an adoption application to get the ball rolling.

Please see our website for our adoption schedule.

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**Barbie and Hope are searching
for their forever homes**
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Looking for our Forever Homes - It's Dueling Beagles!

Barbie (Female) **Breed:** Beagle **Age:** 3 Years

Hope (Female) **Breed:** Beagle **Age:** 19 Months

Hi Everyone! Two beautiful bouncy Beagles are looking for you! They can be adopted separately.

Barbie is 3 years old, spayed, up to date on shots, and on heartworm preventive. Barbie has never met a stranger! She walks well on a leash and is crate trained and housetrained. She loves to cuddle with teddy bears or any willing person. She loves going for walks and if you're a runner, she will happily go for a run with you.

Barbie is an all around great girl and will make a wonderful companion for one lucky adopter.



Barbie



Hope

Hope is a 19 month old spayed Beagle. She is up to date on shots and on heartworm preventive. Hope was a little shy at first, but her personality has blossomed in her foster home. She enjoys playing tug, checking out her yard, and snuggling in laps. She thinks that back scratches are the best thing ever and her current favorite toy is a squeaky pink pig! She is quickly learning manners and basic commands and will continue to learn in a new home. She is a happy dog and loves all people.

In Memoriam

We want to acknowledge some recent donations in memory of beloved friends.

Gayle G. *in memory of KC Mo*

Christine R. *in memory of Nicholas M. Holder*

Scott G. *in memory of Cody*

Barbara N. *in memory of April Norkus*

Jennifer T. *in memory of Diane Beale Davis*

Annemarie M. *in memory of Nikki, AJ, and Amber*

Sharon M. *in memory of Mocha Brodnick*

Katherine W. *in memory of Georgia*

Felicia N. *in memory of Fatty Waickwicz, Souve Kitty, and Madison Coley*

Maureen G. and Gary N. *in memory of Mabel*

Sandra C. *in memory of Kipper and Basil*

Carole R. *in memory of Maggie*

Alana S. from the Plys Family *in memory of Piper*

Dree C. *in memory of Cobi*

You can make a memorial gift by simply stating who your donation honors when you donate to AFH.



We also want to thank those of you who have donated items from our Amazon Wish List (<http://amzn.to/12FohPq>). Due to privacy concerns, Amazon does not share purchaser/donor info with us. They have assured us that they are working on the issue so we know who our donors are. Contact us at info@foreverhome.org if you donated through Amazon and need a tax receipt.

Our Third Annual Casino Night and Silent Auction was a huge success!



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AFH wants to give a big shout out to Natalie Glasser, who is 12 years old. Natalie loves dogs and wants to foster for AFH, but due to severe allergies in her family she is unable to have a dog in her house.

Not one to be discouraged, Natalie immediately started a fundraising campaign on Crowdrise.com to raise \$600 to help AFH. As of the writing of this newsletter, she is just a few dollars away from her goal.

Way to go Natalie!!

Volunteer Spotlight

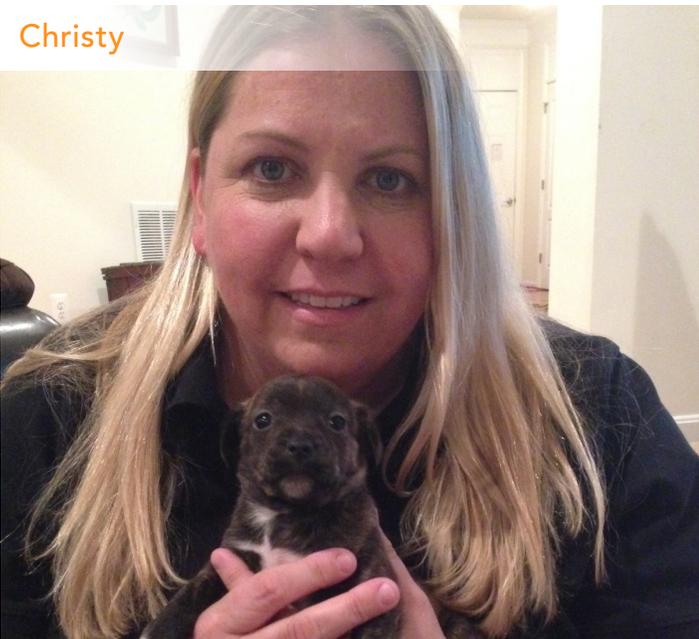
Carolyn and Makenzie



Makenzie and Carolyn Bannister enjoy helping AFH save dogs. Their interest started when Makenzie needed service hours for high school. One Sunday three years ago she went to an adoption event at PETCO and now she rarely misses a Sunday! When she first began, she helped fosters by sitting with puppies, and now she enjoys helping at our table with whatever needs to be done. Makenzie loves being around our puppies and dogs and enjoys interacting with people who come to adopt from AFH. Makenzie soon realized that more foster families meant more lives saved, so she convinced her mother Carolyn to help her foster some puppies. This mother/daughter team has cared for several litters since their first set of five adorable huskies. They remember the first time being challenging as they learned how best to

take care of the puppies, but Makenzie and her sisters loved showering the puppies with attention and have learned how rewarding it is to see puppies grow, thrive, and go to their forever homes. Makenzie and Carolyn say that the best part is handing over a puppy to his or her new forever home. Seeing how excited the new families are and knowing that a puppy has found a forever home makes their work worthwhile. Way to go ladies!

Christy



Christy Hoggan has been with AFH for almost a year. She helps us with several different tasks including conducting phone interviews, performing personal interviews at adoption events, doing home checks, and fostering puppies and dogs.

We asked her why she wants to help dogs and she told us that "The unconditional love of a dog is what inspires me to work with A Forever Home Rescue Foundation. Wagging tails, puppy breath, and doggie kisses bring me great joy and happiness. Knowing that I have helped save a life and have a part in giving a dog a second chance is a life changing experience." One of her favorite quotes is "Saving the life of one animal may not change the world, but the world will change for that one animal" -author unknown.

We know what you mean Christy. We feel the same way.

Adopter's Corner:

Jasmine

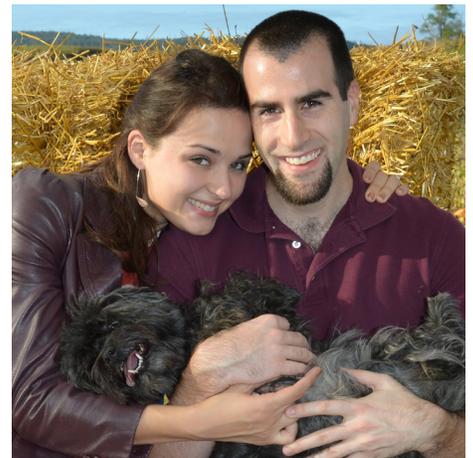


When Caroline and her family first met Jasmine, they immediately knew that she was special. When they first went to visit her at her foster home, even though she had six puppies who were all running around like crazy, she sat calmly in their laps, letting them know that she had already chosen them and was just waiting for them to get on board. It didn't take long. Even though she had on a silly purple bathing suit

the next time they saw her, they still loved her and filled out the adoption papers that very day!

Whether she's snuggling with them on the couch, putting her face on their laptop keyboards so they have to pet her, greeting them at the door with overwhelming excitement, or chasing after her squeaky purple hippo like her life depends on it, she brings joy into their lives every day. They are not the only ones who love her either. They call her "the converter" because any time she meets someone who doesn't like dogs, by the time she's through, they have seen the light! Caroline and her family tell us that they are so grateful to AFH and her foster family for rescuing

her. In fact, every year on the day they adopted her (the "Jazzy-versary"), they make a donation to AFH in her name. They couldn't imagine their lives without this fluffy bundle of joy!



Cory

In August 2003, Stephanie adopted Cory (then Candy) as a puppy from AFH. They recently moved to Colorado and she is loving her new surroundings and enjoys hiking in the mountains. Cory has done a lot of traveling (17 states so far). She has been to Florida beaches and the Rocky Mountains, and has lived in 4 states over the last decade. She just turned 11 years old.

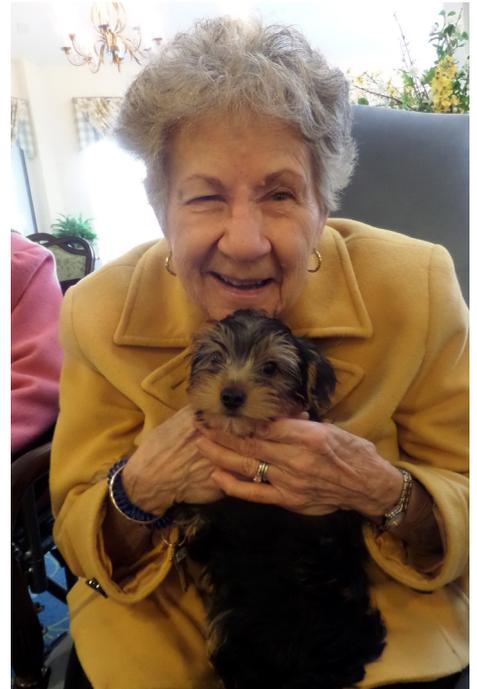
Cory has started to slow down a little over the last year or so, but is still very fit and loves to run and play in the snow. Stephanie gets a lot of compliments about how good she looks and many people are surprised to learn how old Cory is.

Stephanie and Cory are looking forward to many more years together in their new home and wanted to share their success story with all of us.



Tall Oaks Assisted Living

AFH volunteer Debbie Melia recently took some puppies to visit the residents of Tall Oaks Assisted Living in Reston, Virginia. The room was packed and the residents loved it. With seven puppies in attendance, everyone got a chance to hold or pet a pup. Some of the puppies were happy to sit still and just cuddle and others entertained the residents with their antics in typical puppy fashion. It was the puppies' debut at a social event and they were adorable. Just watching their antics was a lot of fun for everyone. The puppies were very good at posing just right for the camera too. There were lots of beautiful smiles all around as shown in the pictures below. This is yet another volunteer opportunity for those of you who want to help AFH but can't foster.



Schnitzel

Tina and her family adopted Schnitzel in March 2010. We just received the following email from Tina.

Carmen and all: It is with a heavy heart that I am notifying you that our beloved A Forever Home Doxie, Schnitzel, passed away yesterday after a valiant battle with cancer. She came to us in March of 2010 and helped my son fight his cancer battle. She became more of a therapy dog and attended school with him on Video Teleconference, and when he was able to go back to school she often walked with us to and from the school. She had a wonderful last four years with us filling the family with much joy and laughter. She is survived by her adopted sister, another beautiful rescue Doxie, Nicki.

My son Beau said last night that Schnitzel took his cancer away and died so that he could live. She was 13 years old.



How you can help...

AMAZON UPDATE: We know that a lot of you are shopping through Amazon Smiles and selecting us as your charity of choice. However, Amazon's Affiliate Program donates even more money to us! Instead of shopping through Amazon Smiles, go to www.aforeverhome.org, and click in the Amazon box to search for an item. This will take you directly to Amazon.com. That's all you have to do!

While you are there, you can also purchase items from our wishlist by going to <http://amzn.to/12FohPq>, selecting an item on our wish list, and paying for it. It will be shipped directly to us! Please email us if you send us a wish list item, because Amazon doesn't share your contact information with us due to their privacy policy.

SCHWAN'S CARES: AFH is teaming up with Schwan's for a tasty fundraiser. We all know that Schwan's offers good food at reasonable prices and even delivers it to your door, but did you know that they help charities raise money? From May 10 through June 21, for every order placed through the Schwan's affiliate link, AFH will receive 20% of any food purchase and 40% of any eCertificate purchase. Additionally, for the next 320 days, will receive 5% of any orders you place through this link.

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Go to <http://schwans.flipgive.com/campaigns/8946-afh-cares> to place your orders.

Please get those orders in before June 21st and continue to shop for an entire year!



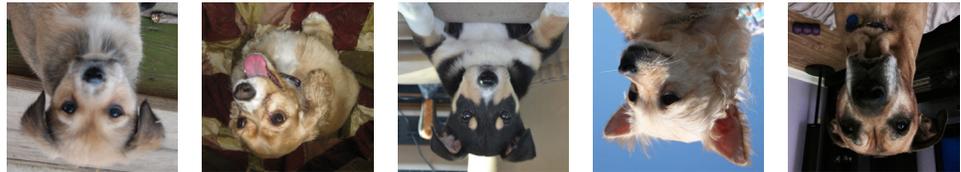
We know that it's Spring and everyone wants to forget all that freezing weather and snow, but we just couldn't resist sharing this picture of Kiki and her family!

RIP Boomer 11/2002 - 3/30/2014



Boomer was adopted from AFH in December 2002, along with his friend Ozzy. His mom Jennie notified us that Boomer, one of her best friends, just lost his battle with cancer. Jennie tells us that Boomer was an amazing dog and will always have a home in her heart.

Remember that you can receive your AFH newsletter electronically if you prefer. Please email us at info@foreverhome.org to switch to an e-newsletter.



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