

Pointer Rescue: Points to Consider

<http://www.pointerrescue.org/>

Why we rescue

I would've died that day if not for you. I would've given up on life if not for your kind eyes. I would've used my teeth in fear if not for your gentle hands... I would have left this life believing that all humans don't care ...Believing there is no such thing as fur that isn't matted, skin that isn't flea bitten, good food and enough of it, beds to sleep on, someone to love me, to show me I deserve love just because I exist. Your kind eyes, your loving smile, your gentle hands Your big heart saved me... You saved me from the terror of the pound, Soothing away the memories of my old life... You have taught me what it means to be loved. I have seen you do the same for other dogs like me. I have heard you ask yourself in times of despair Why you do it... When there is no more money, no more room, no more



Numbers & Statistics

- Since PRO was founded in 1999, we have listed 752 dogs for adoption including referrals
- Average of 118 dogs per year.
- In 2005 we have listed 41 (1st 6 months).
- 4 dogs reunited with owners.
- 46 dogs currently listed (12 PRO, 34 referral)

Income:

Adoption donations	\$2650.00
Other	
vet care refund	
fundraisers	
bank interest	\$2571.01

Total INCOME
\$5221.01



Expenses:

Vet care	\$2013.04
Other: organizational, postage, website hosting	\$2080.37
Total EXPENSES	\$4093.41

631 dogs have been adopted with PRO's help.



With a face like this, you can get away with most anything...Taylor: Read her happy adoption story inside.

homes ...You open your heart a little bigger, stretch the money a little tighter Make just a little more room...to save one more like me. I tell you with the gratitude and love that shines in my eyes In the best way I know how ...Reminding you why you go on trying... I am the reason. The dogs before me are the reason. As are the ones who come after. Our lives would've been wasted, our love never given. We would die if not for you.

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Special points of interest:

- Bragging Rights: Rescue pointer becomes accomplished therapy dog—Kobe's Story
- Updates from foster and forever homes
- How to help Pointers in need
- Training Tips for foster parents

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Why we do this :-)) and how you can help.

The pictures tell the story. These beautiful dogs were both turned into a county shelter with their babies (we don't know what happened to the puppies).

We do it for the dogs. And quite frankly, it feels good.



Rosie—a Valentine Dog

Here is the last part of a little poem making the rounds on the rescue lists.

By the love of those who I've been privileged to rescue, I have been Rescued. I know what true unconditional love really is for I've seen it shining in the eyes of so many Grateful for so little.

I
I am an Animal Rescuer.
My work is never done,
My home is never quiet,
My wallet is always empty,
But my heart is always full.

Adopt!, foster, transport, network, donate.



Finty—One of the beautiful pointers we recently "pulled" from a county Animal Control facility.

Bragging Rights—Kobe, Therapy Dog

A little history on Kobe. He came to me for fostering two years ago this month. I knew from the get go he was a special needs boy. He has a facial injury resulting from a kicking injury of some kind. He bottom teeth were broken off and he has a funky bottom lip. He has lots of scars from barbed wire, so must have been a farm dog. He was vastly underweight and in a shelter in Shawnee, KS. He is gun shy and the shelter was adjacent to a rifle range. And to top it off - his name was Elmer. Things could only get better!

My kids took one look at him and said no one would ever adopt him! But inside his homely exterior was a prince!

Kobe also suffered a pelvic fracture sometime in his life which gave him residual pain. In the mornings he would cry and have trouble with stairs. Daily pain meds keep him comfortable unless he does too much running. I have a friend who is a chiropractor who gives him weekly adjustments.

He had three adoptions pending fall through over a years time - so finally it dawned on me this boy was home to stay!

He is so laid back, his tail always wagging, and with his big happy grin you can't help but love him. He is the only one of my four dogs to have recliner privileges. The others have bed privileges, but fosters don't enjoy that right. **But he deserved some perks so he has his own chair!**

My lab and I do pet therapy visits at a local hospital weekly. And visit a adolescent drug rehab facility twice a month. Her allergies were horrible this summer so I hated taking her out to greet the public when she didn't feel good or look all that healthy. So I had Kobe screened for therapy work knowing he'd be a natural too. He will wag and smile as long as someone will love up on him.

So that's his story - I am so blessed to share his life!



"Don't wish me happiness - I don't expect to be happy; it's gotten beyond that, somehow. Wish me courage and strength and a sense of humor - I will need them all."

~ Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Updates and Progress Reports

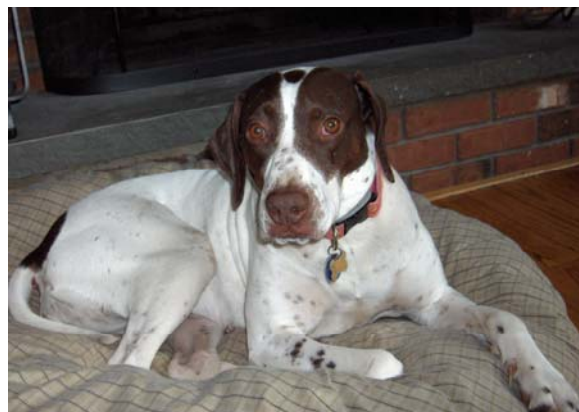
From Taylor's New Dad

Wow, its been 9 months already! Well, Taylor has settled in just fine. She's a real doll. Tails, as we call her (only when she's up to mischief does she get the full Taylor Moore treatment) is very comfortable, and is enjoying life to the full. She adores our kids - and they adore her. Everyday when they come home from school Tails gets so animated that she runs around in circles until they come through the door, and then its massive playtime.

She is very healthy. . She is fully house trained. As she rarely barks - she may have barked five times in the nine months - if she needs to go out at night

she wakes me up with those wet doggy kisses. She is an exceptionally good natured dog, although a little nervous when she hears any noise....

She loves chasing seagulls on the beach, and trying to catch moths and lightning bugs at night. My daughter has taught her to retrieve a ball when thrown to her, and she always comes when called. Overall she prefers to be in the house with us rather than outside. Peter (Taylor's new dad).



Taylor

Meet Miss Maggie



Recently Maggie was stuck at a crowded shelter in San Bernadino, CA. Thanks to a willing foster family (*dad* is pictured), a dedicated volunteer, donations, and team work she is outta there!

Thanks to the volunteers that are giving her a second chance, Maggie will be in foster care until she finds that special forever family. We think that family will be just as lucky as Maggie.

Thanks to volunteers, Maggie has a second chance.

Susie Update

Susie is great. She really came to life this last week. She was scared at first. Now she goes anywhere in the house. She still pees a little when she gets scared but is getting better with it. She loves to play with her tennis ball and chew her bones. She runs around the house playing. She likes the cats. They just look at her like *whatever*. She sometimes chases them.

She is so loving. She follows me around the house at night when my husband is at work.

She is so much fun. We love her. We try to take her for a walk but she is still too scared. We walk her around our yard.



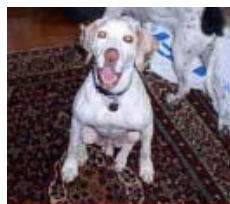
Susie with her new dad.

Thanks PRO



Jack's owner abandoned him when he gave up hunting. Poor Jack was facing another cold New Jersey winter in this little pen.

A concerned neighbor called PRO and begged us to help. We believe a Pointer's place is on the couch and with his family!



Jack



Our favorite mail comes from previous adopters! Seeing the pictures of our Pointers in their forever homes is the motivation that keeps us going.

Thanks for remembering us and keeping in touch

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhh



I just wanted to thank you guys for your tremendous efforts in finding homes for one of the best breeds of dog ever.

After losing my 9 year old lab and 5 year old pointer to anti-freeze poisoning in 2002, my mother located your website and I found "Lucybelles" who I have now had for 3 years. I drove 5 hours to Flower Mound Texas to adopt her and she has been my pride and joy every day since. It is amazing how much joy these little furry creatures can bring into your life. Keep up the good work and as soon as I get a house with some acreage I will look you guys up so I can be a foster parent for the less fortunate pointers. I am enclosing a picture so you can see the fruits of all of your hard work. Thanks a million—Kelly Page

Parker's story: Referral Pointer

Hi from Melody Daggs!

A year and a half ago, I found an Eng Pointer pup approx 5 mos old, locked inside our local dog park in Fresno, Ca. I named him Parker (the dog park boy).

I am a dog trainer and do rescue work on the side, and soon came to understand why his owner decided to abandon this good looking pup. His bad habits included: fence jumping, stool eating, constant humping of any dog he got near, chewing, and when crated, chewing the wire until he chipped his teeth, standing on tables and counter tops, etc, etc, etc.....!Needless to say, NOT very adoptable at that time!

So I started with a neuter ASAP! And when the 'humpy boy' behavior lessened, I put him in daily playgroup so he would get tired, and the adults would correct him if he forgot his manners. Then we trained, trained, and trained.

Then I contacted your group about listing him for adoption, and you were so kind as to help me. I got many inquiries, and decided on a wonderful couple in Calgary, Canada. They had another Pointer, so they had lived through the 'puppyhood' before, and Parker would have a playmate. They also agreed to continue his training. And most amazing of all, agreed to DRIVE to Fresno, Ca from Canada in the dead of winter!

I'm happy to say that Parker has been successful in his new home!

I wanted to thank you for letting me use your website to help Parker find a home a year ago.



Parker
Pointer Rescue referral dog.

Ear Care



Belle lived in a wire cage as a puppy factory. She is learning to trust. Belle's brother, Sergie, was also in our care. He had two ear hematomas while he was with his foster mom.

Pointers, like all drop-eared dogs can experience ear problems. Most of these can be easily prevented with simple routine care.

Check ears weekly for dampness or colored matter within. Check if your pointer starts shaking his head or scratching at his ears. Skin inside healthy ears should be a light pink color. Some specks of yellowish-brown wax are normal, but a heavy wax build-up is not.

Smell the ears. Even a mild ear infection will cause a foul odor.

Routinely clean ears with soft cotton balls or soft tissue (no Q-tips or pointy tools). Use olive oil or skin moisturizer (such as Lubriderm) as your cleaning agent or just use cotton balls. Never use water-based cleaners—ears must be kept dry.

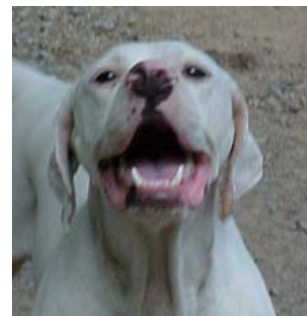
If there is redness or sign of infection—visit your vet.

Here is a terrific website with more information.

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art29091.asp>

Puffy / hematoma ears. Can resolve on their own, but generally the dog needs to see the vet. Ear hematomas can be treated with medication (steroids to reduce inflammation and itching). Sometimes surgery is required.

Sergie—happy boy who was very good about having his sore ears treated. He now has his very own family.



Introducing a new dog to your home

Notes for foster homes by Tammy Albee, foster and training.

Often there is conflict between existing dogs and the new foster dogs as they are coming into your households.

These are some points and suggestions to help things go more smoothly.

1) Don't be afraid to crate your foster dog separately from your other dogs, for at least the first week. They need time to decompress and observe their new environment. It's OK if their "housetime" is a bit limited at first. Let them "settle in" slowly.

2) When you are ready to introduce the dogs to each other, take the foster dog outside on a lead. Then have the senior (or alpha) dog in your house (not ALL YOUR DOGS AT ONCE if you have many) outside to meet the new dog. If you think YOUR dog is going to be aggressive, put that dog on a lead, too.

3) Allow them to greet one another and correct either dog for any REALLY obnoxious behavior. A bit of posturing (stalking around with ears and tail up) is OK at first, but if they don't relax, simply separate them calmly, praise both dogs and put them up for today. Try again tomorrow.

4) DO NOT put your own dogs at risk for any reason. It's better for the foster dog to be a bit more confined than we would like than for YOUR dogs to be involved in a disagreement. YOUR dogs come first, and the foster dog will just have to accept that.

5) You can and SHOULD put the foster dog either in his crate or outside for ALONE time with your OWN dogs each day. Make sure they know they are still special.

6) A big key to foster dogs is that they have NO self-control. They are kind of like a 15 year old kid with NO RULES in their lives. Often they are active, silly and have a short attention span. Patience, as we all know, is important. The most important things for them to learn as soon as possible are housebreaking, walking politely on a lead, and DOWNSTAY...



Parker and Ziggy—Friends. A lot of training went into making Parker a model pointer—everyone win's with this type of care.



Abby and Friend

This is how they do DOWNSTAY at her new home.

Meet the board (Note: visit www.pointerrescue.org for live mailto links)

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For other information about adopting a pointer, listing a pointer in a shelter, and much more, please visit

www.pointerrescue.org

For the next newsletter

The newsletter was put together by Judith Van Noate (foster mom to many pointers and GSPs). <http://www.dogs-hope.org>

The content comes from you—your stories, happy and sad, health and training tips, anything you would like to share which helps foster pointers find and prosper in forever homes.

Send pictures and text for the next edition to judithsviews@gmail.com.

Please put PRO Newsletter in the subject line so that I will know to save it for the next newsletter.



He isn't a pointer, but he probably had one for a grandpa. Anyway, he suggests that you keep those stories and pictures coming.





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<http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/NJ256.html>

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I would like to adopt an English Pointer and want to know more.

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Please mail to: Pointer Rescue. Org, Inc. 160 Finley Rd. Bridgeton, NJ 08302

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To: _____

Tavi — This beauty is one of three littermates who ended up in the shelter. Although she is deaf, she was quickly adopted.

Put a little Pointer in your life, or even a big one.