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Upcoming Events:

• Adoption Days

- January 8 (Wayzata)
- January 15 (Minnetonka)
- February 12 (Wayzata)
- February 19-20 (Minnetonka)
- March 19 (Minnetonka)
- April 9 (Wayzata)
- April 16 (Minnetonka)

• Pet Expo

-March 12-13

• Agility Class

-Feb 13- March 27 (Buffalo)

• Super Nova Flyball

-February 11-13 (Minneapolis)

*Wayzata Chuck and Don's

*Minnetonka Petco

Letter From the President

Hello All! Happy 2011!

I would personally like to introduce everyone to the new BCRMN Newsletter; Borderlines. This will be a quarterly publication that we will use to help spotlight adopted dogs, foster dogs, dog sports, BCRMN volunteer opportunities

and upcoming events.

BCRMN became an official rescue in January 2009. In 2009 we helped 130 dogs find forever homes, and we repeated that success in 2010. We have our volunteers (YOU!) to thank for this. You guys rock!

Please take a few minutes

and read through our newsletter, we hope you enjoy it and we want to thank you for your continued support. Here's to another awesome year of saving lives and finding forever homes!

Melissa

**LaMere-Dragovich
President of BCRMN**

Winter Agility Classes

BCRMN will be offering Winter Agility Classes for the 3rd year in a row! Agility classes are a great way to get out and train, exercise, and bond w/your dog. Winter classes are indoors, in a heated building w/ matted floors. This offers you a safe (and warm!) place to work w/your dog!

All classes will be held at Water's Edge Dog Center in Buffalo, MN. For more info (and directions), see their site at: <http://www.waters edgedogcenter.com> Classes will run on Sunday afternoons, for a 6 week duration. They will start Sunday February

13 and run through Sunday March 27 (no classes on March 13). Classes are \$50 for BCRMN-adopted dogs and \$60 for non-BCRMN adopted dogs. All dogs should be a minimum of 1 year old, to participate. Below is more "specific" info pertaining to each class:

Beginning Agility

- **Time:** 3:30-4:30pm

- **Class size:** Minimum 5 dogs, maximum 12 dogs

- **Info:** This class is for dogs and handlers new to agility, or dogs needing a refresher course.

Intermediate Agility

- **Time:** 4:30-5:30pm

- **Class size:** Minimum 5 dogs, maximum 12 dogs
- **Info:** This class is for dogs who have been through beginning agility and have a basic understanding of the equipment. The dogs must be able to navigate the majority of the equipment w/ out assistance (teeter, contacts, and weaves excluded). This class will focus on basic sequencing and beginning handling.

If you are interested in signing up for classes, or have questions, please email **Melissa at cdx@hotmail.com**. We hope to see you there!!

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Taser Finds a Forever Home

Formerly known as Annie, I adopted Taser in September 2009 when she was 6 months old.

I was actively looking for a Border Collie puppy on Petfinder.com; however none really caught my eye.

I happened across Border Collie Rescue of Minnesota's Website and found Annie. I didn't inquire into adoption at the time as I figured she'd be snatched up in a second. A month passed and I checked their website

once again. She was still listed as available. The rescue was

holding an adoption event that coming Saturday and we made the drive down to go visit her. It was love at

first site when I noticed her in the crate inside the rescue's van.



Taser (Annie) was very shy when we first met. I don't remember when I first learned of her history, but I

knew that it would take some work to make her comfortable in life. She was one of 120 Border Collies that were seized from an Okla-

homa residence. The owner had dementia and things spiraled out of control.

I brought Taser home on a Tuesday and she ran into my house like

she owned the place. It was like we had Taser her whole life. I enrolled her in puppy classes immediately. She

was very shy and was afraid of walking on the floor of the training school. After carrying her into the building for the first two weeks, she learned how much fun class is! Pretty soon she was pulling me into the building because she wanted to get there as fast as she could.



We have attended puppy, beginner, and intermediate

obedience classes as well as many agility classes. She is quite the social butterfly and loves every dog and person she meets. She fits in well with my pack of dogs and we are very happy we had the chance to adopt her.

Article By: Angie Hanson

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Agility Dogs

Dog agility has so many benefits. The human-canine bond is strengthened, the exercise is healthy for you both, the dog's confidence is built up, you get to hang around with other dog lovin' people, but most of all, it's FUN. The teamwork involved in agility can easily transfer to other dog activities or help with simple obedience at home.

Any breed or mixed breed can do agility. Some dogs will pick up the sport quickly while others proceed at different rates. Puppies can go to foundation

type classes geared for their growing bodies and attention spans. Dogs at least 18 months old and even seniors can compete in agility. Special classifications exist for older dogs or those breeds where jumping at the required heights can be harmful. You may also choose to jump your dog at a lower height if you have concerns about their joints or body structure.

Agility courses can have jumps (single, double, triple, broad, tire), an A-Frame to climb up and over, a dog walk, a teeter,

a chute, weaves, and tunnels which dogs especially love to charge through. Running a course never gets old since there are so many different configurations and also games such as snooker, wildcard, colors, gamblers, etc. There are different venues to suit everybody: USDAA, CPE, AKC and NADAC.

Dogs don't care about ribbons or titles but they can earn both. The biggest reward from agility, however, is the time you and your dog spend together. Article By: Josie Moen



Recently Adopted Dogs

Name: Izzy
Adopted By: Pooler Family

Name: Sasha
Adopted by: Rierson Family

Name: Smiddy and Collin
Adopted By: Kunz Family

Name: Riot
Adopted By: Griess Family

Name: Milkman
Adopted By: Doyle Family

Name: Ace
Adopted By: Larson Family

Name: Maggie
Adopted By: Williams Family

Name: Dixie
Adopted By: Robinson Family

Name: Kevlar
Adopted By: Cotton Family

Name: Merlin
Adopted By: Custer Family

Name: Zero
Adopted By: Krueger Family

Name: Reva
Adopted By: Kalbacha Family

Name: Doc
Adopted By: Schmelzer Family

Name: Chopper
Adopted By: Russo Family

Name: Layla
Adopted By: Lengvenis Family

Name: Solitare
Adopted By: Doll Family

Name: Cedar
Adopted By: Fena Family

Name: Zeke
Adopted By: Whitley Family

Name: Charlie
Adopted By: Fadgen Family

Name: Blue
Adopted By: Blanck Family

Name: Eggo
Adopted By: Bonewell Family

Name: Annie
Adopted By: Rudquist Family

Name: Enzo

Name: Josie

Name: Spartan
Adopted By: Weisman Family

Name: VanGo
Adopted By: Roisum Family

Adoptable Dog Highlight

Roscoe

Roscoe the foster dog? More like Roscoe the WONDER dog. Ever since we started fostering Roscoe it has been an absolute adventure. Since he was my first "high drive" foster I was not sure what exactly to expect; destruction, barking, fighting, bad behavior, house training issues... We were happily surprised to find out he was the complete opposite. He rides in a vehicle better than any of the 4 dogs I own, he is house trained, crate trained, gets along with other dogs,



our rabbit, and our cat. Ever since we brought him home, he has been a complete gentleman. I have never had a dog adjust to a home as fast as he did.



Roscoe is currently enrolled in basic obedience class at the Family Dog Center. He is one of the top dogs in his class. Upon his graduation, he will be put into agility training classes. He knows how to do some obstacles now, but will learn more in class (the training methods I use most are from Susan Garrett). Roscoe is

trained to the Pet Stop Fence system. He knows his yard very well now, and doesn't test the fence what so ever. Since he is an extremely fast learner, I have started him with crate games. He goes in his crate with drive, and comes out to his release word, "BREAK".

All in all, Roscoe is a magnificent dog, and would be a brilliant addition to any performance home.



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Slate: Star at Home and in Competition

I wasn't looking to get another dog when I saw Slate. I already had four dogs and we had just adopted Taser 6 months prior. I talked to Melissa and told her that if no one wanted him, I would take him. That started the ball rolling and one week later, I was in the process of adopting him.

perfect since I had 4 female dogs. I learned that they used to have two schnauzers, so Slate was used to small dogs.

better each day, and he is a total mama's boy. He does love my husband, but he bonded to me right away.

I enrolled Slate into agility classes right away and he quickly picked back up where he



He fit right into my pack from day one. Taser

left off. We entered our first CPE trial after only having him for 1.5 months...

adores having a big brother to pick on and the schnauzers love ganging up on him. He even gets my oldest schnauzer to play with him, which isn't easy to do. We have had no issues with him getting along with any dog, at home or at class. Thanks to BCRMN for letting me adopt this wonderful dog.

Who wouldn't want this dog? He is AMAZING!



He is a 5 year old slate blue merle Border Collie. His former owners put a lot of work

into Slate with obedience and agility training. They had to make the hard decision to surrender him because there was a shift in their pack's dynamics. Slate and their male Lab kept getting into fights. They suggested that Slate goes into a home with females only, which was

competing with Slate in AKC, CPE, and USDAA. We are taking weekly agility classes at our local training facility and he loves it so much. Slate is a quick learner and picked up on my training right away. Our relationship keeps getting

Article By: Angie Hanson



BCRMN Fundraising Raffle

BCRMN will be hosting a fundraising raffle at the SuperNova Flyball tournament in Minneapolis on February 11-13, 2011. We are looking for donated items/services to raffle off. If you have an item or a service you would be willing to donate, we'd be forever grateful! ALL proceeds go directly to BCRMN, so this is a wonderful way to help out a great cause and have fun w/dog people all at once! (items/services do not need to be dog related). If you've got something you'd like to donate, please email us at info@bcrmn.org

2011 Pet Expo

BCRMN will be participating in the 2011 Twin Cities Pet Expo! This event takes place on March 12 and 13, 2011 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. This is the biggest, single weekend, fundraiser we have each year! Last year over \$2500 was raised! We are looking for volunteers to help work the booth both days. You get free admission to the expo, you get to play w/foster

dogs, and best of all, you get to help out this great organization!

BCRMN raises money at the expo by selling hand-crafted items such as leashes, collars, dog beds and tug toys. In order to have enough merchandise we've scheduled two craft days! Both craft days are from 11am-2pm. They are on Sunday, January 23, and Sunday February 27. The

event will take place in Minnetrista, no skills are necessary, just a desire to have fun, cut/braid/sew some fabric, and help out this great organization!

If you would like more information on Pet Expo or the craft days, or are interested in participating, please email Cindy at CLDawson@express-scripts.com

Foster-To-Adopt Program

Border Collie Rescue

Border Collie Rescue of Minnesota is a volunteer, non-profit organization which accepts pedigreed, non-verified, and mixed Border Collies from owners, shelters, and other rescue organizations.

Newsletter Made by: Kristin Ross
Information with help from Melissa LaMere and Beth Ann Ziebarth

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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BCRMN is pleased to add a new program designed to help dogs find forever homes and to help new homes find forever dogs; we are proud to introduce our Foster-to-Adopt (FTA) Program!

How does it work?

- Simple! Potential adopters can "foster" a dog for 2 weeks prior to making a decision to adopt the dog. If, at the end of that 2 week trial period, the home decides to adopt the dog, they have the first option to do so. If they do decide to adopt the dog, they will continue to foster the dog until the dog's forever home is found!

What if someone wants to adopt my FTA dog before my 2 week trial period is up?

- No worries! Your foster dog will not become avail-

able for adoption until the end of your 2 week trial period! The dog will not be on the BCRMN website or Petfinder in that initial 2 week time frame.

If I see a dog on the website that I like, can I apply through the FTA program?

- No, FTA is available only for newly arriving dogs in the BCRMN system. Once dogs are on the site, they are not available for foster-to-adopt.

The details:

FTA is a great program that several other rescues have started using w/in the past couple of years and have reported great success. BCRMN ran 3 trial FTA runs this fall and had wonderful results. If you know your family wants to adopt a dog, this is a great way to help ensure you find the

perfect forever dog! Interested parties will need to fill out an adoption application and sign a foster home liability waiver. Essentially the family is applying to adopt, but also applying to be a foster home. Once the applications are approved, we'll work closely w/the family to find a dog that best suits their lifestyle (approved homes will be very involved in finding their FTA dog and making sure it's a good fit before bringing into foster care). Once a suitable dog is found, BCRMN will bring the dog into the system and the FTA Approved Home will begin their 2 week trial period!

For more information, please see the BCRMN website!

Article By: Melissa LaMere

Quarterly Statement:

September 1-December 31, 2010

Incoming Dogs: 23

Dogs in Foster Homes:

16

Dogs Adopted: 32

IN MEMORY



Blue
12/25/2010



Kisa
11/22/2010



Lucy
5/20/2010