



**Pearl was spotted by us at the shelter and taken to Cocker Spaniel Rescue.**



**Kelpie was pregnant when we rescued her and sent her to a foster home with Border Collie Rescue. Thanks to team work Kelpie and her pups have found their way to loving homes! [www.bcrescue.net](http://www.bcrescue.net)**



**Besides homework, here are some other things dogs should not eat.**

## Foods Harmful to Dogs

Theobromine, a naturally occurring compound found in **chocolate** can be toxic to dogs.

**Grapes and Raisins** have been found to be toxic to dogs. Acute renal (kidney) failure is the most common result.

**Walnuts** are poisonous to dogs and should be avoided. Many nuts are not good for dogs in general, their high phosphorous content is said to possibly lead to bladder stones.

**Onions**, especially raw onions, have been shown to trigger hemolytic anemia in dogs

**Turkey skin** is currently thought to cause acute pancreatitis in dogs.

Raw **potato** poisonings among people and dogs have occurred. Note that cooked, mashed potatoes are fine for dogs, actually quite nutritious and digestible.

For a list of harmful plants and more visit us online at

**[www.localrescue.org](http://www.localrescue.org)**

## **Neutered by a shot?**

The world's first and only FDA-approved sterilization drug for puppies.

Neutersol® (zinc gluconate neutralized by arginine) atrophies the testes and prostate and renders the puppy permanently and irreversibly sterile. Neutersol® is a safe, effective and convenient alternative to surgery. Neutersol® injectable solution is a prescription product used to sterilize male puppies 3 months to 10 months of age. Neutersol® is given as a single injection into each testicle. The injection should be given only by a licensed veterinarian. Unlike surgical castration, puppies treated with Neutersol® become sterile without removal of the testicle and, therefore, the male hormone, testosterone, is not completely eliminated. Go to [www.neutersol.com](http://www.neutersol.com) for more information.

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**If you buy groceries you can help us raise funds just by swiping your grocery club card! This has been very successful so far and the more people that sign on the more funds we receive! We also accept old cell phones and are set up with [igive.com](http://igive.com). We get money when you shop online! If you use Mary Kay or Avon we can tell you how that helps us too! To find out more about these donation programs and other fundraisers log on to [www.localrescue.org](http://www.localrescue.org) or call 760-240-7241. You can also email to [localrescue@aol.com](mailto:localrescue@aol.com). THANK YOU for helping us!**



**Buster was picked up at the shelter w/ severe bite wounds from a dog. He was declawed and didn't stand a chance! He was hospitalized for over 3 weeks!**

## **What's a Home Check?**

Sometimes people wonder why rescue organizations perform home checks. They ask us if they are adopting a pet or a child. Some think it is offensive or just plain silly. The fact is we are not coming to look at your laundry or your dirty dishes. We don't care how ritzy your home is or how big. We do care about fencing, holes in fencing, adequate shelter or shade, poisonous plants and other things that you may not be aware of that could cause a problem for your new pet. Often we have seen improper conditions for existing pets and have to educate the potential adopter about proper pet care before they consider adding any more furries to their family. We make suggestions to ensure the pet we are adopting out will be able to live safely and happily. We want to make sure that the adopters are serious enough to take us seriously. Often a refusal for a home visit is a red flag in itself. Some potential adopters are already over their legal limit or don't want us coming for a slew of other reasons. Most of us who love pets and know about what many homeless pets have been through can understand and appreciate the reason for proof of adequate fencing and shelter and signs that the family understands our concern for the pet in need. Often the need for a home visit can be satisfied with a drive by and current photos showing all areas of concern. Personal references also supply helpful information and assure us that we are doing the best we can to ensure that the pet will be adopted to a permanent, loving home. Follow ups are performed to make sure everyone is doing okay and settling in. We are just doing our best to see that each adoption is a good match with hopes that the pet will not have to be displaced again. Even with all this careful screening— we still have returned pets and failed adoptions. But the screening does help minimize them and we are able to sleep at night knowing we have taken the time to see that we are sending Fluffy off to a reliable, caring home. Just remember we do this because we LOVE animals! We aim to make people AND pet happy!

# Golden Smiles!



This is FDR shortly after arriving at Golden Retriever Rescue. You can see he is still quit sad and traumatized after his stay at the local impound shelter in Apple Valley. His rescue was arranged by our wonderful adoption coordinator, Linda Glaudel. Linda got FDR hooked up with Barbara at Golden Rescue. We have worked with Barbara on a countless number of rescues and she always sends us the most wonderful adoption updates! To the right is just one of many Happy Endings.

**25-30% of shelter pets are full breed. We always see Border Collies, Aussies, Dalmatians, Golden Retrievers, Boxers, Huskies, Great Danes, Pit Bulls, Doxies, Shih-tzus, Labs... you name it! People must consider this before they breed their pet. Leave breeding up to professional breeders that require spay/ neuter contracts and carefully screen homes.**

Dear Family and Friends,

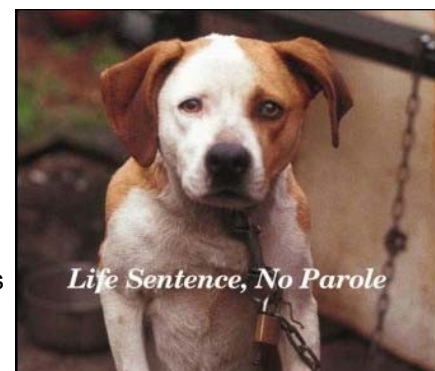
As many of you know...our sweet dog, McCoy, passed away a few weeks ago on September 7th. We adopted McCoy when he was 3 or 4 years old and had him for 6 years. He suddenly got sick on Tuesday and we took him to the Urgent Care Vet at 10:00 pm they said he had a liver or spleen tumor that hemorrhaged and there was nothing they could do to save him. We were so, so sad and upset for days and decided that we needed another dog in our life as soon as possible.

We were referred to the Golden Retriever Rescue Club (<http://www.grcglahomestead.com>) by Geoff's mom. The Rescue matched us with a dog who likes kids, cats, other dogs, fetch, baths, rides in the car and everything we like to do! We found Teddy (formerly FDR) in Upland and visited him this Saturday and fell instantly in love with him. He was like hugging a big Teddy Bear so we named him Teddy. He is a big 3-4 year old guy – around 75 pounds with red fur. He LOVES tennis balls so our neighbors donated a bunch of tennis balls to Teddy's toy box. Now he's really happy. We think the tennis balls are like his 'pacifier' or 'security blanket'. He seems to have accepted us and our home fast because he seems very relaxed and happy here. He hangs out with us where ever we go but seems content hangin' in the shade in the backyard too. We can't wait for you to meet Teddy soon but in the meantime, here are some photos of our new family member.

Thank you all for your sympathy and kindness,  
With love, Darla, Geoff, Sophie and Shawn



A chained animal is caught in a vicious cycle; frustrated by long periods of boredom and social isolation, he becomes a neurotic shell of his former self—further deterring human interaction and kindness. In the end, the helpless dog can only suffer the frustration of watching the world go by in isolation—a cruel fate for what is by nature a highly social animal. Any city, county, or state that bans this practice is a safer, more humane community. Dogs are naturally social beings who thrive on interaction with human beings and other animals. A dog kept chained in one spot for hours, days, months, or even years suffers immense psychological damage. An otherwise friendly and docile dog, when kept continuously chained, becomes neurotic, unhappy, anxious, and often aggressive. In many cases, the necks of chained dogs become raw and covered with sores, the result of improperly fitted collars and the dogs' constant yanking and straining to escape confinement. Dogs have even been found with collars embedded in their necks, the result of years of neglect at the end of a chain. More information and alternatives to chaining can be found at [www.unchainyourdog.org](http://www.unchainyourdog.org) If you would like updates on local anti-chaining ordinances email us. We are developing a local campaign to prevent chaining cruelty. Always report animals in bad situations to animal control and follow up. Email us at [localrescue@aol.com](mailto:localrescue@aol.com)



# Prevention is the Answer!

Every once in a while someone will ask me if the animal shelter on Zuni Road is no-kill. I patiently reply "no" and explain the situation. Then people want to know why the shelter doesn't keep the pets until they are all adopted. Then I patiently explain that there is no room and not enough good homes. Some of the pets are so unsocialized or aggressive they may never be adoptable. Most are sweet and loving with pleading eyes. It's not fair that they have to endure the confusion of being lost or dumped. It's not fair that they have to defend themselves against other aggressive animals or become deathly ill while waiting at the shelter. Waiting for what you ask? Adoption, if they are lucky. Adoption to a GOOD home if they are even luckier. If they are extremely lucky they will get picked up by a rescue group that won't even adopt them out until the new home has been properly screened for adequate shelter and fencing. Rescue groups never want to see that animal endure a shelter again. The not so lucky ones are lead or dragged off to be euthanized. No they don't all walk willingly. They know more than you think. It is a scary, horrible situation. I get so tired of hearing people say "Oh, I lost my dog but he is probably in a better place now." No regard for the events that animal may have gone through at all. Strays are found abused and killed in the river bed and the desert all the time. Some are taken by coyotes. Some are adopted on a whim only to end up back at the shelter or on a chain. It is this neglectful attitude that puts us where we are today. Yes we see some innovative, top of the line shelters on T.V. sometimes but those are not our shelters. Our shelters lack the funding and innovative approaches of areas like San Francisco. No one person or shelter is to blame. There is no simple answer but we have to insist on change and accountability. We have to get spay/neuter programs in place and control breeding. The easiest thing someone can do is drive their pet to the vet to get fixed. Financial help is out there if you can make a little effort. Some people have the money but aren't concerned. You alone can prevent thousands of animals from suffering by making sure your pet does not add to overpopulation. If you think it is not a big deal I challenge you to walk the shelter one day. See the eyes, smell the smell, hear the howls and then turn your back and walk away. Approximately 15,000-18,000 pets were euthanized in High Desert shelters last year. Can you even imagine that? Please be responsible. Don't wait until it is too late and that litter is on its way. Add it to your list of things to do today and make sure you get it done. We can stop overpopulation easily by altering our pets. See the insert for resources and vouchers!

## FREE TICKET HOME



All it takes is a collar and up to date I.D. tag . If your pet should ever become lost they will more than likely be returned to you. Also consider a microchip for your pet. All shelters and rescues are required to scan each animal in their care in order to locate the pet's guardian if possible. If you have found a pet take them to the vet, your local shelter or rescue group to be scanned. Almost all rescues microchip their pets now days so there is a good chance the pet you found may have one. Found ads are free in most newspapers so make sure you place an ad and leave the same information at the local shelters if you plan to keep the lost pet at your home. If you are able to keep the pet until a new home can be found contact one of the local rescue agencies to become a foster home for the pet. Ask your local shelter to microchip all the pets they adopt out. Always have visible, current ID on your pet at all times. Fines may apply to stray dogs not wearing a license. Spay/Neuter vouchers are available via Apple Valley & Victorville when you license your pet.

## California Law ~ Dogs in Truck Beds

Dogs In Open Vehicles: It is illegal to transport any dog in or on the back or bed of any open truck or other open vehicle while traveling on any county road, street, highway, lane or alley. Violation may result in citation, court appearance and fines of up to \$250 per incident. **EXCEPTIONS:** Dogs used for ranching or Farming. Also, Dogs may be transported if each animal is cross-tethered securely or the sides of the open vehicle are built up to a height of 46 inches (3-feet, 10-inches) (Vehicle Code Sec. 23117)



It has been estimated that at least 100,000 dogs die each year when tossed from pickup trucks.

Dogs can easily fall, jump, or be thrown from the bed of a pick-up truck. Veterinarians and police officers report that countless dogs have been injured or killed after they were launched from pick-up trucks. They commonly suffer from multiple fractures, abdominal and thoracic trauma, and severe cuts and bruises. In many cases, dogs who manage to survive the fall are hit and killed by other vehicles. Tethering dogs to the trucks can also pose a dangers because dogs who jump or fall may be hanged or dragged alongside the vehicle, causing terrible abrasions.

A survey conducted in 1988 by the Massachusetts Society for the Protection of Animals found that 141 veterinarians in the state had treated 592 dogs who had been ejected from truck beds in that year alone.

Even if dogs do not fall, the hot metal of the truck can burn dogs' feet. Dogs riding in the hot sun without shade may suffer from heatstroke. Several studies have indicated that covering the bed of the pick-up with a tarpaulin or shell may expose dogs or other passengers to potentially lethal carbon monoxide poisoning. In addition, dogs can get corneal ulcers when bugs, sand, debris, or other objects are blown into their eyes when trucks travel at high speeds.

The safest way for an animal to travel is inside the truck with his or her guardian. If that is not possible, leave the dog at home. In fact, it is illegal to drive with a dog in the bed of a pick-up in some cities, counties, and states. For example, Florida, New Hampshire, California, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Oregon have laws prohibiting and/or restricting animals in cargo beds of trucks. For tethers <http://www.canineauto.com/truckrestraint.htm>



## Meet Cindy

Cindy was rescued with her 7 beautiful puppies (see pg 8). Cindy and her babies were left at the impound shelter to die. The puppies were too young to be adopted out and Cindy was in terrible, emaciated condition. She was so thin from lack of food and she was giving any nutrients she did have to her nursing babies. No one ever bothered to get Cindy spayed so she ended up with 7 puppies, then they ALL ended up impounded in Apple Valley. Cindy's luck was about to change. The shelter staff felt compassion for this unfortunate dog and her pups. The folks at the shelter called our adoption coordinator (Linda Glaudel ). Luckily we were able to get the okay from one of our foster homes to get the pups out and to safety. We waited anxiously for 2 weeks to pass so we could be sure there was no Parvo. Luckily everyone is doing well and is healthy. The pups are eating food and giving Cindy a chance to build herself back up. Despite her circumstances and abandonment Cindy loves people.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to Local Rescue PO Box 1292 Apple Valley, CA 92307  
credit cards accepted online at  
[www.localrescue.org/securedonations.htm](http://www.localrescue.org/securedonations.htm)  
We are 100% volunteers! All funds go to help the pets!



You can see Cindy's ribs and hip bones protruding in both photos. Her head appears much bigger than her tiny, thin body. You can also see that Cindy welcomes a gentle pat on the head as she tries to give a kiss. Cindy will be available for adoption after she has gained some weight and can be spayed. She is a young dog, maybe 1-2 years old. The pups will be available sometime in November. For information on fostering or adoption email us at [localrescue@aol.com](mailto:localrescue@aol.com) or call 760-240-7241. We would love to help more pets like Cindy and her babies. But taking in a mom and her litter require a lot of work and compassion. But, Cindy is living proof that those kind of people are out there. Special Thanks to Bev for caring for them and being able to let them go



when the time comes. You can't help but get attached when you take in homeless pets but seeing them go to good homes and opening that space to save more makes it all worth while.

## Adopt Shelby

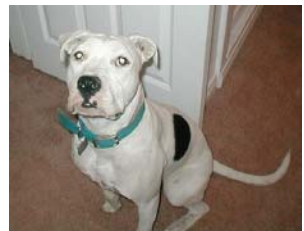
Shelby was a special gal at the shelter. A shelter employee phoned us asking us if we could save this exceptional, sweetheart of a dog. She "stood out in the crowd" so we went ahead and rescued her. She's approximately 3 years old. She gets along great with other dogs and seems to do well with kids who have treated her with kindness. Shelby is partially deaf, but that doesn't slow her down or change her loving personality one bit. She's looking for a home to give her a chance and love her forever. Adoption fee is \$50 (adoption fees vary by pet \$50-\$150). Shelby has a microchip and is already spayed. Also vaccines are current. 2 months free pet insurance included. Each dog is adopted out with a collar and ID tags. E-mail us for an application. Home check required. Due to Shelby being partially deaf we have had her in our care since July. She would very much like to go to her permanent home very soon! So, if you don't mind her minor disability maybe she can go home with you! email us at [lindee33@charter.net](mailto:lindee33@charter.net) or call 760-240-7241.



We have some cute cats, like "Mista" available, too. Visit us online [www.localrescue.org](http://www.localrescue.org)

## Big Boy

Birthday 6/13/04. Big Boy is going to a beautiful dog. He's a very happy, active lively puppy. He enjoys playing with all his buddies. He has a great personality and is taking to commands very quickly. Get a FREE 6 week obedience certificate. Mom is a full German Shepherd Dog (all German Working Lines) Dad is German Shepherd/Rottweiler. Big Boy goes back 12 generations with top working, herding, obedience, conformation etc. Big Boy is the last of his litter and would like to go home soon just like his siblings. Adoption fee is \$100. Contact [lindee33@charter.net](mailto:lindee33@charter.net) or call 760-240-7241



**ADOPT PARIS**  
Beautiful, 11 mo. old Am. Bulldog/Pit mix. A total sweetie. Needs good home ASAP!