

One of the most frustrating things about rescue is having to refuse a dog in need because we don't have a place for the dog to go!

Angela was being treated for skin issues by Atwood Veterinary Clinic who suggested her owner give us a call when her owner stated she could no longer afford her care.

We were told over the phone Angela was a Rottweiler mix and we hardly ever refuse this breed of dog. So we headed out to Angela's house and discovered quickly she is most likely a hound mix. Needless to say, we couldn't leave her behind. One of our previous adopters offered to give Angela a place to stay until she is adopted. Since being in foster care, Angela is on a much better grade of food and has seen our vet. She is doing awesome, has a foster sister, Raven and a feline foster brother, Captain.

Angela is still looking for a permanent family and she has no restrictions whatsoever! She would be perfect for a retired couple, first time dog owner or stay at home mom.

Thank you to Sue & Jim for opening their home to Angela.

Now let's find Angela a home!

PICK ME! 



Our organization number is **3024** for those that wish to donate via payroll deduction through the RI State Employees Charitable Appeal program.

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PICK ME! 



Meet Mojo! He is a 3 year old, 22lb, Jack Russell Terrier hails from Rumford! Mojo's owner left him with his parents when his life became increasingly hectic. The parents already have a dog of their own and wanted to spend their retirement resting and not chasing two dogs around.

We have placed Mojo in foster care but really want to find this spunky guy a family of his own.

He is fully vaccinated, neutered, housetrained, good with kids and dogs; no cats, please!



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Tails of our Rescue

Rest in peace little one

Canine parvovirus is a highly contagious virus that can affect all dogs, but unvaccinated dogs and puppies younger than four months old are the most at risk.

Parvovirus is extremely contagious and can be transmitted by any person, animal or object that comes in contact with an infected dog's feces. Highly resistant, the virus can live in the environment for months, and may survive on inanimate objects such as food bowls, shoes, clothes, carpet and floors.



Picking up Vito from OSVS

Most of us are eager to leave work on a Friday afternoon in anticipation of a relaxing weekend, especially during the summer. For those of us involved in rescue, our work is just beginning when we leave our full time jobs. This was exactly the case on Friday, August 5th!

An Ocean State Veterinary Specialists employee called us about an eight week old English Bulldog puppy who was diagnosed with Parvo. Apparently the owner purchased two English bulldog puppies and shortly after, they both became gravely ill. Both pups were being treated at the hospital but the owner could only afford to pay for one puppy. We were asked if we would become financially responsible for the other.

Without hesitation, we agreed to try to save this youngster's life. One of our volunteers rushed to OSVS to pick up Vito to transport him to RI/MASS Veterinary ER where we bring dogs who are in immediate danger. We knew it was going to be costly but couldn't turn this boy away. So we named him Vito and told him we would do every-

thing within our power to save him.

The staff informed us that he seemed kind of "moosh" on Saturday and that he was not holding food in at all so they were going to try to get that under control.

We went to visit him and saw that he was slightly declining but we were still hopeful that he could turn around.

The staff continued to update us throughout Saturday and Vito remained in a guarded prognosis.

On Sunday morning a group of volunteers headed back to the hospital to see if his prognosis was looking brighter. Unfortunately there was minimal change and it appeared that Vito just didn't have the strength to continue to fight.

We spoke with Dr. Lampe and informed her that if there wasn't any improvement by Sunday night, we would make the heart-wrenching decision to let him go. During our con-



Vito in isolation at Mass/RI ER

versation, she was interrupted by staff, who informed her that Vito has passed.

He was picked up the following day and brought to Final Gift for private cremation. His ashes remain with us and he will never be forgotten.



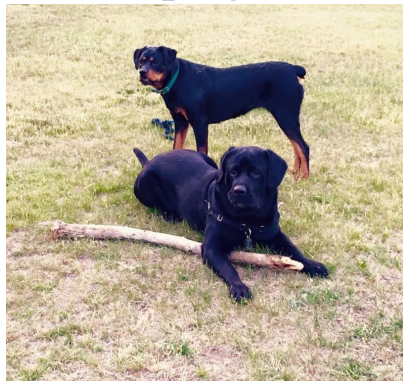
Vito's pawprints given to us by Final Gift

There's no place like home!

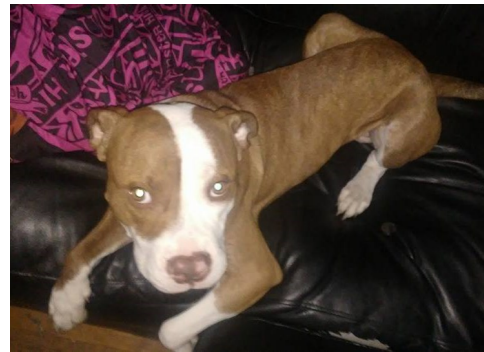
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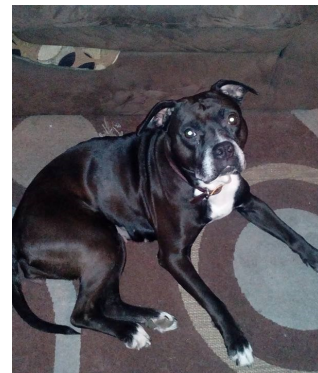
Helping our community



We became aware of Sadie via a neighbor who was concerned that this pretty Rottweiler was being overbred. We asked the neighbor to pass our contact information to the owner along with an offer to pay for his dog to be spayed. The owner was receptive to our offer and sent us this photo of Sadie. No more pups for this girl!



Storm's owner, a Pawtucket resident contacted us asking for our assistance to get him neutered. We immediately scheduled a neuter surgery with our vet fully funded by Almost Home Rescue. His owner has sent us a thank you note along with his post-surgery photo.



We received an urgent plea for help via our Facebook page. A family took in this young bully mix and within a few days discovered she had pyometra which is an infection of the uterus and without quick and aggressive treatment, is deadly. We paid for the full treatment/surgery and are happy to report that Sheeba's is fully recovered.

ADOPTED!



We were told about a woman who had lost her home and was struggling financially. She is the caretaker of several special needs dogs and refuses to part with any of them. AHR got in contact with her and arranged a vet appointment for them to be seen. Trixie, above, born without front legs was also spayed at our vet. We also bought her a supply of prescription dog food which most of her dogs are required to eat. All dogs are fully vetted and we will provide whatever they need for as long as necessary.



Gemma with the Costa's



Uni with the Bushy's

Saved from lives of neglect



The day we picked Oliver & Lucy up!
Oliver's teeth were in horrible shape.

All too often people get pets... and that's it. Other than providing food and water, there isn't any additional care provided. A kind woman called us about a man who was looking to "get rid" of two Shih Tzu's. He stated that the female kept having puppies that died and he no longer wanted either of the adults. Both of these dogs were handed to us without collars, leashes or even names.

It was apparent that the male was suffering from extreme dental neglect and his female friend seemed to have an ear infection

and was shaking her head a lot.

They were seen by our vet who spayed and neutered them accordingly. The male had 12 teeth pulled and the female's ears were flushed and treated. She also had some mammary growths removed during her spay surgery. Our next step was to move them to foster care.

Cheryl welcomed these two cuties into her home and she began working on their housetraining and learned more about their personalities.

We received an application for the male and it was love at first sight with his new owners. Newly named

Oliver was adopted by David Cruise and Nathan Hannon. While Oliver was off beginning his new life, Cheryl realized she could not part with Lucy and just like that,...Lucy was home!



Look at Lucy now!

"We buy only from USDA-licensed breeders."

USDA stands for the United States Department of Agriculture, which deals with farming and livestock. The USDA knows little or nothing about dogs. As long as a breeder's paperwork is in order, the facilities are disinfected, cages are a (very) minimum size, and no infectious diseases are immediately obvious, the kennel passes.

The USDA has no interest in...

whether the breeder knows anything about his breed whether the dogs used for breeding look like their breed whether the dogs used for breeding act like their breed whether the dogs used for breeding are free of health problems such as hip dysplasia, eye diseases, or heart defects – all of which can be inherited and show up long after you buy the puppy.

We can't help but wonder why people still buy pets from pet stores? It seems as though people put more time and research into buying a car or television than an animal that will live in their home!

This is a story of a dog, Giuseppe, purchased from a RI pet store.....

Back in the day, any mixed breed dog was considered inferior to purebreds and labeled a mutt. Someone who we must consider a genius created designer dogs and stuck a large price tag on their collar and it caught on. Giuseppe is a Jug which is a cross between Jack Russell Terrier and Pug.

If you are lucky enough to purchase a dog from a pet store that isn't sickly, chances are the dog will have behavioral issues resulting from a myriad of things wrong with the han-

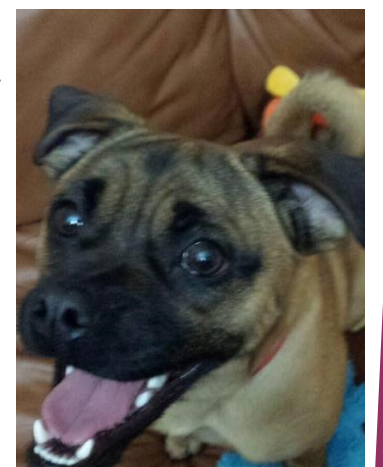
What in the world is a Jug?

dling of these pups once removed from their mothers. This was the case with Giuseppe. He was definitely too much for his family to handle and could not be housetrained which sealed his fate. Giuseppe had to find a new family at just a few months old.

It took some trial and error before we found the right family for Giuseppe, now named Joe. What seemed almost impossible was achieved with dedication, consistency and boundaries. Joe is now living with a human baby sister and another canine friend.

Still on the fence about buying from a pet store? Remember, the pet store received \$700.00 for the purchase of Joe but..

A rescue took ZERO money and saved his life!



Joe, formerly Giuseppe