



RESCUE REVIEW

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A breed-specific rescue organization dedicated to finding new homes for abandoned or unwanted Samoyeds

INSIGHT FOR THE CRITICS OF DOG RESCUE RULES



Dog rescue organizations often come under harsh criticism for their in depth applications and probing interview questions. Critics wonder how and why these organizations put potential applicants under such intense scrutiny for their adoptive dogs.

After all, isn't *any* home better than the alternative? So many dogs are in

need...why do these groups care so much?

The simple truth is that these everyday rescue heroes see just how these dogs came to need new homes in the first place. The questions on the application and the eye-opening interviews help these groups to avoid getting the dogs in their care into that same "need help" situation again.

If you have been reading these stories for any length of time, you have most assuredly seen the dogs that are covered in mange, or suffering from eye infections, ear infections, mouth infections - or injuries....things that their prior owners did not treat. Instead, they dumped them at the shelter.

Many of the dogs featured in these articles came to an animal shelter in horrible physical condition because they belonged to an owner that chose not to seek a veterinarian's care for the dog. (Remember the German shepherd that was hit by a car and left at a shelter with broken bones?)

When a rescue inquires about veterinary history of prior pets for a potential applicant, they are trying to prevent their adoptive dog from becoming an animal shelter statistic. The rescue wants to **know** that the adopter is

going to take care of the dog's physical needs.

By looking at prior vet care, they can make a pretty accurate guess at future care for a dog. Rescues do not want the dogs that they adopt out to wind up in a shelter with a disease or condition that was left untreated by a careless owner...to wind up in a shelter with that disease because their owner did not want to pay for treatment.

When the application asks where the dog will spend the daytime hours, it is not because the rescue is being nosy - it is because they want to know if the answer is going to be "left unattended in fenced backyard for 10 hrs day while I work", or "outdoor covered kennel 10-12 hrs/day and heated dog house at night".

Why, you may ask, is this a problem? Many of the dogs surrendered at shelters got there after a neighbor complained about a dog barking 10 hours a day in the backyard. Or, an owner stating "dog digs and barks".

Ensuring that a rescue organization's foster dog does not get put into the position to fail and wind up back in a shelter is paramount. Rescues ask these questions out of self-preservation. They do not want the dogs in their care to wind up in a home where problems will pop up again. The dogs in their care were saved by a rescue once...they might not be so lucky the next time.

Many rescues keep their dogs in homes while they are in foster care, rather than (Continued on page 5.)

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Need a hint how you can help rescue efforts?

- ◆ **Use GoodSearch.com** and enter NISA as your cause to earn money for the Fur-Kidz
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Holiday Tips

It's that time of year again. Thanksgiving is just days away, soon it will be Christmas time. Family and friends gather together to eat more food than any one human should consume. But, hey that's part of the holiday tradition! Naturally you'll want to include your pets in the festivities and perhaps give them a little of this or a little of that but before you do, consider this. Many of the foods we eat with great enthusiasm are unhealthy and even harmful to our four-legged family members. Most dog owners know the dangers of giving chocolate to dogs. Chocolate contains Theobromine, which is toxic to dogs depending on the type of chocolate, quantity and the size of the dog. A single Hersey's kiss will do little harm to a medium size dog but a tea-cup poodle is a different story.

If you have guests coming to dinner who are not familiar with your pets or what they are allowed to eat, inform them of the rules when they arrive and allow them time with your pet to become acquainted. Signs to look for if you think your pet may have ingested chocolate are irritability, increased heart rate, increased urination, muscle tremors, vomiting, diarrhea, restlessness and hyperactivity. If you observe these symptoms go immediately to the closest animal emergency facility. (As a responsible pet owner, locate the nearest animal emergency and take a test drive to the location BEFORE their services are needed.)

Turkey skin is very hard to digest and can cause acute pancreatitis. The symptoms of this condition can be very mild at first and you may not even realize something is



wrong until it's too late. Also know that potato skins, grapes, raisins, and onions (raw or cooked) can be toxic to your pet. Those festive bowls of mixed nuts should also have warning signs on them for our pets. The shells can break up and become lodged in their throats, and certain nuts like the Macadamia are toxic.

When dinner is over and before sleep sets in, don't forget to clean up and secure all food waste, strings, bones and turkey carcasses in a sealed container safely out of reach. Dogs have the best sense of smell in the world and will go out of their ways for the bones or scraps if they are not properly disposed of. You will feel compelled to give them a treat, with their adoring

eyes begging you to drop something, but remember, the best treat you can give them is a safe and healthy holiday. Their usual day to day meal served along with the family and love is all they need.

Christmas and New Year celebrations are generally cheerful occasions, but some of the decorations and gifts we humans enjoy can be harmful, or even fatal, to our pets. If you have a "real" Christmas tree, clean around it often, as ingested pine needles can puncture a pet's intestines. Drinking the water from the Christmas tree base can cause diarrhea, mouth sores, vomiting and loss of appetite.

Ornaments, ribbons and rubber bands, tinsel, garland and other items can be ingested, causing serious and possible fatal digestive problems. Please decorate and celebrate with safety for your pets in mind.

And like humans, pets can suffer stomach aches from an overindulgence of snacks and treats.

Happy Holidays!

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Why A Rescue Dog?

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TOP 10 REASONS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER A RESCUE DOG

Why on earth would anyone want to adopt a rescued dog? After all, aren't they like used cars? Who wants someone else's problems? "If the dog is so wonderful, why would anyone give him away? If he was a stray, why didn't someone try to find him? I'd rather buy a puppy so I know what I'm getting, and besides they're so cute!" ... Rescues often hear a variation of this conversation. Many prospective ... owners are just not convinced that owning an older (i.e, 6 mo.+) "pre-owned" [dog] is better than buying a puppy. But there are a number of reasons why adopting a [dog] from a rescue that carefully screens and evaluates its [dogs] can provide an even better alternative. Here are the "Top 10 Reasons You Should Consider a Rescue."

10. In a Word: Housebroken

With most family members gone during the work week for 8 hours or more, houstraining a puppy and its small bladder can take awhile. Puppies need a consistent schedule with frequent opportunities to eliminate where you want them to. They can't wait for the boss to finish his meeting or the kids to come home from after school activities. An older dog can "hold it" much more reliably for longer time periods, and usually the Rescue has him housebroken before he is adopted.

9. Intact Underwear

With a chewy puppy, you can count on at least 10 mismatched pairs of socks and a variety of unmentionables rendered to the "rag bag" before he cuts every tooth. and don't even think about shoes! also, you can expect

holes in your carpet (along with the urine stains), pages missing from books, stuffing exposed from couches, and at least one dead remote control. no matter how well you watch them, it will happen--this is a puppy's job! an older dog can usually have the run of the house without destroying it.

8. A Good Night's Sleep

Forget the alarm clocks and hot water bottles, a puppy can be very demanding at 2am and 4am and 6am. He misses his littermates, and that stuffed animal will not make a puppy pile with him. If you have children, you've been there and done that. How about a little peace and quiet? How about an older rescue dog?

7. Finish the Newspaper

With a puppy running amok in your house, do you think you will be able to relax when you get home from work? Do you think your kids will really feed him, clean up the messes, take him for a walk in the pouring rain every hour to get him houstrained? With an adult dog, it will only be the kids running amok, because your dog will be sitting calmly next to you, while your workday stress flows away and your blood pressure lowers as you pet him.

6. Easier Vet Trips

Those puppies need their series of puppy shots and fecals, then their rabies shot, then a trip to be altered, maybe an emergency trip or two if they've chewed something dangerous. Those puppy visits can add up (on top of what you paid for the dog!). Your donation to the rescue when adopting an older pup should get you a dog with all shots current, already altered, heartworm negative and on preventative at the minimum.

5. What You See Is What You Get

How big will that puppy be? What kind of temperament will he have? Will he be easily trained? Will his personality be what you were hoping for? How active will he be? When adopting an older dog from a rescue, all of those questions are easily answered. You can pick large or small; active or couch potato; goofy or brilliant; sweet or sassy. The rescue and its foster homes can guide you to pick the right match (Rescues are full of puppies who became the wrong match as they got older!)

4. Unscarred Children (and Adults)

When the puppy isn't teething on your possessions, he will be teething on your children and yourself. Rescues routinely get calls from panicked parents who are sure their dog is biting the children. Since biting implies hostile intent and would be a consideration whether to accept a "give-up", Rescue Groups ask questions and usually find out the dog is being nippy. Parents are often too emotional to see the difference; but a growing puppy is going to put everything from food to clothes to hands in their mouths, and as they get older and bigger it definitely hurts (and will get worse, if they aren't being corrected properly.) Most older dogs have "been there, done that, moved on."

3. Matchmaker Make Me a Match

Puppy love is often no more than an attachment to a look or a color. It is not much of a basis on which to make a decision that will hopefully last 15+ years. While that puppy may have been the (Continued on page 9.)

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kennels. So, when critics state that "any home is better than the alternative", that isn't necessarily true. Rescue organizations have a vested interest in these dogs - they want what is best for them.

Rescues want to see the dogs in foster care get adopted to families that will treat them as part of the family. Tethering a dog in a backyard, or confining a dog to an outdoor kennel all day/night is simply not good enough. It is not better than the alternative (especially if the rescue dog is in a loving foster home until he/she is adopted).

Sentencing a dog to 10+ years in a solitary yard or kennel confinement just to "save" him, is not good enough.

A rescue that has taken on a dog - putting time, love and money into their care - has the right to make the decisions about where the dog will go - what that future adoptive home will be like. They want the dogs to have a successful, long-term adoption.

Jumping through those rescue hoops can often be to the adopters advantage.

NISA Samoyeds receive training while in foster care to eliminate bad habits and instill acceptable house manners.

All dogs are not only crate and potty trained but receive valuable socialization with other dogs, children and cats.

If you are a potential adopter and you are not inclined to jump through the many hoops that rescue organizations will have you jump through - don't despair. At any given moment, there are literally thousands of dogs sitting at animal shelters across the nation, all waiting for good homes. Take a quick peek at Petfinder.com and you will find most any type of dog that your heart desires.

To better understand the inner workings of a rescue organization, volunteer for one. If you are angered by the number of dogs in shelters, step up and do something about it.

Rescues are always in need of foster homes - there are always more dogs in need of saving than there are homes to foster them, so your odds of being able to help are high.

After you've worked with a rescue for awhile, you will most likely have a greater respect for their stance on screening potential dog adopters. After all, you will now have a vested interest too. Never criticize until you know the full story - you know the old saying..."until you've walked a mile in someone's shoes".....

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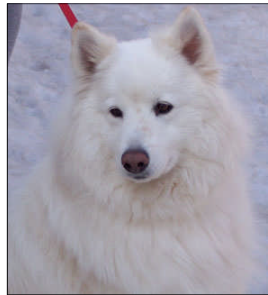
DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

RASCLE is a Sammie/Shepherd mix with gorgeous caramel splotches in his coat. Relinquished to Anti-Cruelty because of too many pets in the home. Fostered with 4 other dogs and a kitty cat. Loves to chase and retrieve balls or toys.



This sweetheart deserves a quiet retirement home!!
Fostered with Bev Stewart

LEXIE (59#) longs for a home of her own.. She is house/crate trained, likes toys, and is quite playful.

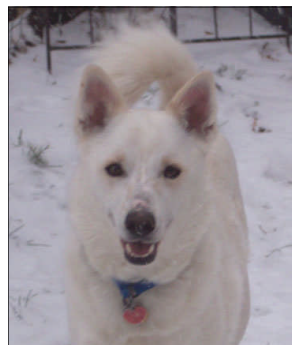


Will limp if she over does the jumping and twirling. X-rays were inconclusive except to show a twisted pelvis. Suspect she may have been injured at a young age.

Would do best as only pet.
Loves long walks, car rides and endless belly rubs.
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Samoyeds are
determined on
a case by case
basis**

SPIRIT wants a human with patience to teach him fun things, someone who is understanding of dog behavior, someone who is outdoorsy, active in dog activities and someone who has a big yard for him to run in. (This is one of the softest, sweetest, most sensitive dogs I've ever had the privilege of fostering.) "I love to run and do



laps around the yard chasing my sister or housemates. I am as quiet as a mouse unless someone

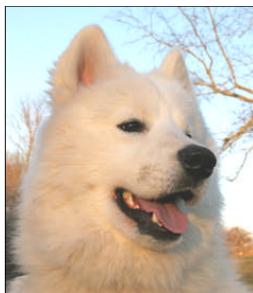
knocks or if I hear a neighbor dog bark. I love to snuggle and like soft, warm beds like yours!"

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Yes, he sleeps all twisted around...

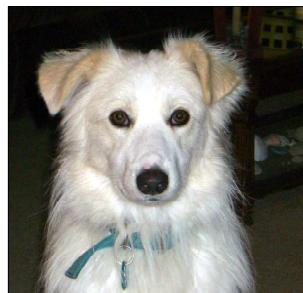
DAKOTA is down to 76 # of pure love and 5 years old. He has a dry eye which is associated with his breed. His eye proved that with diligent foster Mom to apply eye meds. He's a nice boy, likes other dogs, safe with kitty cats and children. A big LUV-bug.



Fostered with Bev Stewart



BUDDY is a Sam/mix of maybe Collie but whatever his is—he is one great little dog! A follow up Kidney panel showed continued above normal levels of Bun & Creatin so we've put him on KD formula and added some meds in the hopes that levels come down to normal range. More details to come. He's playful and has HUGS to share with everyone!!



Fostered with Jim and Diane Knowlton

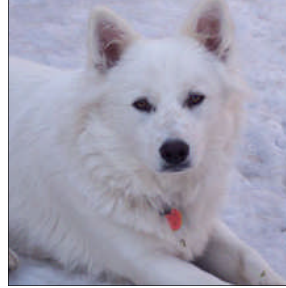
SAVING LIVES, ONE SMILE AT A TIME

RADAR at the age of 7 is an awesome dog at 85 pounds of rock hard muscle. He's a high energy boy and needs to do laps around the yard to burn off energy. He's crate/house trained, okay with our cat and a bit on the Alpha side toward male dogs. Loves to be groomed gently. Seems to have issues with men. From a puppy mill.



Fostered with Jean Gilles

NIKI is a littermate to Spirit. Samoyed-mix of some kind. This energizer-bunny needs an active owner who can provide lots of exercise and mental stimulus to keep her happy. She's intelligent, sensitive, loving, power-packed, fit as a fiddle and a little stick of dynamite all tucked neatly in little 43# body. Good with other dogs kids and cats.



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NISA needs Foster Homes

If you've ever thought you might like to foster a homeless dog/Samoyed — NISA needs your help.

- NISA covers all approved veterinary needs
- Crates and bowls are provided
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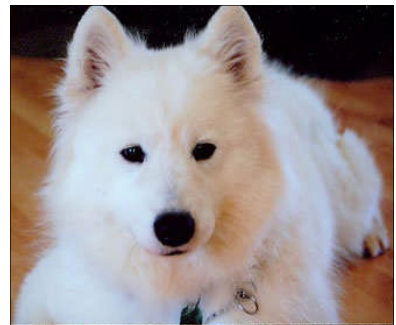
WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE TO SEND YOUR COPY OF THE RESCUE REVIEW!

LILO Estimated to be around 8 or so, she's got the heart and soul of a puppy with her whirls, twirls and bouncing to solicit play. Lilo gets along well with other dogs, good with dog savvy children and houstrained. She's ready and waiting for a perfect family to step forward. Walks nice on a leash and Yep, she's going to bring joy to some ones heart!



Fostered with the Donfries family

LUCY is est. to be 6-years, good with kids 5 and up, and some dogs—but not all dogs. Lucy is houstrained but not fond of being crated. She would like a family with patience to teach her new things and love her forever. Doesn't like to share food or toys. Loves long walks, snuggling close and belly rubs.



Fostered with Ellen West

DIAMONDS: 4-LEGGED LOVE BUGS

HAPPY Yes, that is this angels name and happy she is! She's roughly 11 years old and sadly her owner dropped her off at a local shelter. Her stated age of 13, deemed her unadoptable and death waited around the corner if NISA couldn't take her. She has a dental disease and will require extensive (expensive) dental work.



Adoption Pending

Two appointments later Happy's dental work is done and unfortunately only two, yes you read that correctly, two teeth remain. No need to feel sorry for Happy though as she feels soooooo much better. No more pain, no more infection, and no more garbage breath. Softened kibble, and soft treats are well received with wags and wiggles.

If you would like a snuggle-bug, a no problem companion Happy would love to share her time with you. She likes toys, belly rubs, long walks (LOOK OUT squirrels!) and relaxing while you read a good book or catch a few ZZZZZZ's. No need to crate, she doesn't have

any bad habits and folks, they don't come any better than this!

Fostered with Carol Lewandowski

NEW ARRIVALS:

November was a busy month for NISA. One by one we've welcomed 5 new Samoyeds into the rescue program. Fortunately no super major medical issues are involved but there are many minor issues to address. More details will be coming soon, as well as pictures, when all have had time to settle into their foster homes.



UP-DATE:

One already adopted, 3 in foster care and one foster home still needed.

Glory: She's growing-HAIR!



Tip of the day!

If you own a gas cooking stove and have a dog that periodically does a little counter/table surfing for food YOU might consider removing the stove burner knobs. This action will prevent either a fire and a singed Sammie or the possibility of a explosive gas flow. I keep my stove knobs in a bowl next to the stove.

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cutest of the litter; he may grow up to be superactive (when what you wanted was a couch buddy); she may be a couch princess when what you wanted was a tireless hiking companion); he may want to spend every waking moment in the water (while you're a landlubber); or she may want to be an only child (while you are intending to have kids or more animals). Pet mis-matches are one of the top reasons Rescues get "give-up" phone calls. Good rescues do extensive evaluating of both their dogs and their applicants to be sure that both dog and family will be happy with each other until death do them part.

2. Instant Companion

With an older dog, you automatically have a buddy that can go everywhere and do everything with you NOW. There's no waiting for a puppy to grow up (and then hope he will like to do what you enjoy.) You will have been able to select the most compatible dog: one that travels well; one that loves to play with your friends' dogs; one with excellent house manners that you can take to your parents' new home with the new carpet and the new couch. You can come home after a long day's work and

spend your time on a relaxing walk, ride or swim with your new best friend (rather than cleaning up after a small puppy.)

1. Bond, Rescue Dog, Bond.

Dogs who have been uprooted from their happy homes or have not had the best start in life are more likely to bond very completely and deeply with their new people. Those who have lost their families through death, divorce or lifestyle change go through a terrible mourning process. But, once attached to a new loving family, they seem to want to please as much as possible to make sure they are never homeless again. Those dogs that are just learning about the good life and good people seem to bond even deeper. They know what life on the streets, life on the end of a chain, or worse is all about, and they revel and blossom in a nurturing, loving environment. Most rescues make exceptionally affectionate and attentive pets and extremely loyal companions.

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Unfortunately, many folks think dogs that end up in rescue are all genetically and behaviorally inferior. But, it is not uncommon for Rescue to get \$500 plus dogs that have either outlived their usefulness or their novelty with impulsive owners who considered their dog a possession

rather than a friend or member of the family; or simply did not really consider the time, effort and expense needed to be a dog owner. Not all breeders will accept "returns", so choices for giving up dogs can be limited to animal welfare organizations, such as Rescues, or the owners trying to place their own dogs. Good Rescues will evaluate the dog before accepting him/her (medically, behaviorally, and for breed confirmation), rehabilitate if necessary, and adopt the animal only when he/she is ready and to a home that matches and is realistic about the commitment necessary to provide the dog with the best home possible.

Choosing a rescue dog over a purchased pup will not solve the pet overpopulation problem (only responsible pet owners and breeders can do that), but it does give many of them a chance they otherwise would not have. But, beyond doing a "good deed", adopting a rescue dog can be the best decision and addition to the family you ever made. Rescue a dog and get a devoted friend for life.

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Recipe—Carob Oatmeal Bars

Ingredients

1/4 cup vegetable oil
 1/4 cup honey
 2 eggs
 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
 1/4 cup water
 1 cup whole wheat flour
 1/2 tsp baking powder
 2 cups quick-cooking oats, uncooked
 1/4 cup carob chips

Preheat the oven to 350°.

In a medium bowl, mix all the wet ingredients. In a large bowl, mix all the dry ingredients. Slowly add the wet ingredients to the dry mixture, and mix well. Pour the batter into a greased 9-inch square baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. The bars are done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool and cut into 2-inch square bars.

Yield: Approximately 16 bars

From the Doggy Desserts cookbook by: Cheryl Gianfrancesco

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Special People with Special Hearts!!

Thanks to generous Sammie Saviors, NISA's Fur-Kidz who may require specialized veterinary care and daily medications or supplements, are able to receive their every need.

For many this includes a supplement formulated to keep joints and bones lubricated to prevent painful arthritic discomfort. Dosage may require two or more tablets each day. In extreme arthritic conditions it may be necessary to provide Adequan Canine injections (a form of glucosamine) for stronger treatment of arthritic joint inflammation.

Other Diamonds require specialized eye drops to stimulate tear production, eliminate infections, treat corneal abrasions, and dry eyes. This can amount to hundreds of dollars.

Most of NISA's mature Sammies appear to have never had their teeth brushed and heavy calculus requires a professional cleaning. In many cases extractions are necessary due to long term damage from gingivitis and bone loss.

Extensive diagnostics, water therapy, chiropractics, specialized surgeries, more frequent blood chemistries and much more would be cost prohibitive for the general budget. Thankfully all this is possible through the Sammie Savior program.

Your contributions provide a higher quality of life to many Fur-Kidz that NISA couldn't otherwise afford.

Thank you "Sammie Saviors"

Why Does My Dog Eat Poop?

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Man's best friend has some baffling habits that sometimes offend man's best sensibilities. Nobody likes to talk about it, but everyone wonders, "Why does my dog eat poop?"

Dr. Kelly Ballantyne, a veterinarian at the University of Illinois Chicago Center for Veterinary Medicine, has a special interest in animal behavior and offers behavior consultations for pet owners. Veterinary behavior integrates medicine, research, learning science, and deductive reasoning, but some behaviors can't quite be figured out.

Dr. Ballantyne says this habit of dogs usually has nothing to do with their health, and it falls into the "unexplainable behaviors" category. While there is no solid answer as to why dogs eat poop, there are some linked behaviors for the majority of the dogs who do.

Ironically, the dogs who eat poop tend to be very fastidious. They do not soil their sleeping or resting areas. So contrary to human logic, this behavior is not a "dirty dog" behavior.

There has been limited research on this puzzling question. One study showed that in domestic dogs, those that had been spayed and neutered were 50 percent more likely to eat stool than intact dogs. There is also evidence that dogs that eat quickly are twice as likely as to eat stool as dogs who are picky or slow eaters. If you have a dog that's a picky eater, that behavior might have a positive side!

Published findings also indicate that the behavior is most common among basset hounds, shelties, poodles, and various retriever breeds.

The next question that comes up actually is more important: How do you keep your dog from eating poop?

Unfortunately, behavior modification does not seem to be a very reliable or effective way to prevent poop-eating. Commercial food additives marketed as addressing this problem also have not been found to be effective.

The most effective prevention method is to be diligent. Keep the yard clean and pick up stool immediately after your dog defecates. When walking your dog, have good control with the leash and, well, have great reflexes! So while it isn't completely understood why dogs eat stool, the best advice is to minimize their access.

For more information, contact your local veterinarian.

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Birthday and Gotcha Days: L. Weigerding



"What is a Gotcha Day???"
It's the day a rescue or stray was adopted into it's Forever Home. It can be counted as the day the adoption papers were signed or the day the dog arrived. The custom started because most people don't

know their adopted pets actual birth date.

Wishing a huge Happy Gotcha

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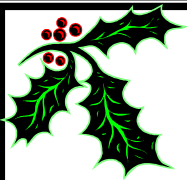
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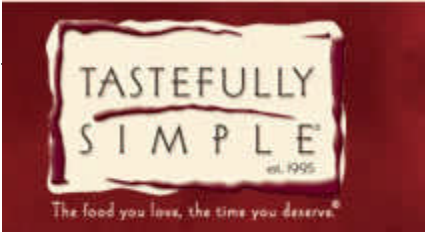
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What was this all about????

By Carol Lewandowski

You may have noticed an e-mail from NIASFundrasier@hotmail.com, during the month of September, or a sign at the picnic. This was an invitation to participate in an online Tastefully Simple® fund raiser to help support NISA. It came about

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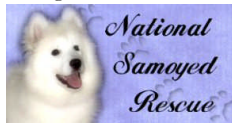
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