

This past summer marked some major milestones for Nikeno's Second Chances. We held our first annual summer garage sale in August to raise money for our fledgling medical fund. Two of the dogs in our program are in particular need, and we hope to have the ability to help them with their surgeries by the end of the year. Thank you to everyone that helped participate in this effort. In addition to successfully rescuing our first litter of puppies, we are also happy to announce that we have received our official 501 non-profit status from the IRS. This means we can now accept company matching gifts. It will allow us to apply for funding from grants and other private foundations. As always, private donations are needed and appreciated. If you have donated in the past year and need a receipt, please let us know and we would be happy to generate one for you.



NSC has just accepted a transfer of a nursing cat and her kittens from an extremely overcrowded shelter. Although we are a dog rescue, these little guys just needed a place to spread out so that they can be adopted. There are five kittens, ranging in age from 6 to 8 weeks. They are available immediately (call to confirm if you are interested). The mother cat is also available and very friendly. They are \$75 to adopt, and will come with a spay and neuter contract as well as their first set of vaccinations. Please see the website for more pictures, or contact Ginger if you think you'd like to add a little puffball to your family.

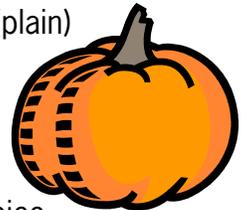


Gretchen's Goodies

"Spiced Pumpkin Cookies"

Ingredients:

15 ounce can of pumpkin (plain)
1 egg
1/8 cup of molasses
2 tablespoons olive oil
3 cups of all purpose flour
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice



Directions:

- Mix pumpkin, egg, molasses and olive oil in a bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the pumpkin pie spice and flour.
- Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients until completely mixed (it should form a stiff ball of dough).
- Roll the dough out on a lightly floured surface to 1/4-inch thick. Cut into shapes with a cookie cutter.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. For a crisp cookie, turn off the oven and leave cookies in it for an hour or two before refrigerating in an air tight container. For a softer cookie, remove immediately from oven, cool, then refrigerate in an air tight container.
- If you don't have pumpkin pie spice on hand, you can make it with:
 - 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon
 - 1/4 teaspoon of ground ginger
 - 1/8 teaspoon of ground cloves
 - 1/8 teaspoon of ground nutmeg

Success Stories



September marks over 60 successful adoptions processed since our inception. Thanks to everyone in the community for their continued support and encouragement!

Jesse and her litter of eight puppies were rescued in June from abusive conditions. The pups were just three days old at the time, and were all suffering from heat exhaustion. The Scott's agreed to foster the little ones until they were old enough to be adopted, and we couldn't be more pleased to announce that in August all eight found homes. Jesse found her forever family in September, making this story a fairytale ending.

Jasper is a senior German Shepherd that Nikeno's has had in its program for over a year. A few months ago it was noticed that Jasper seemed to have more and more trouble standing and walking around. When we took him to the vet it was discovered that this sweet guy has Degenerative Myelopathy. It is a spinal disorder that causes an inability to walk. Although his success story does not include him finding his forever home, we are very happy to announce that with the help of financial donations and some long hours of work, we were able to find Jasper a doggie wheelchair. With assistance from his new apparatus, he is again able to enjoy going outside.



Canine Trivia

Researchers have found that just like humans, cats and dogs are dominantly left or right handed. While a slight majority is ambidextrous, knowing which laterality your dog prefers can help with predicting behavior. Dogs that are ambidextrous are less likely to be upset by loud noises like gunshots, thunderclaps and fireworks. During training, researchers found that dogs that are dominantly right handed have a harder time naturally heeling on the left – the side preferred by most trainers. This discovery is helping shape the way trainers approach service dogs. To test your dog's laterality – check out this website: <http://tinyurl.com/35pemp>.

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Adoptable Dogs

These are some of the dogs currently in NSC's training process for adoption. For the most current listing, please check our website at www.NikenosSecondChances.com. If you are interested in meeting any of these fine pups, please call Gina at 303-985-7775 or email Ginger (ginger@NikenosSecondChances.com) to schedule an appointment. All adoptions through NSC come with four weeks of training to facilitate the transition into a new home.



Coco is a 3 year old purebred, AKC registered German Shorthaired Pointer. She is an owner relinquish because another dog in the household had been fighting with her and they thought it would be easier to find a home for the non-aggressive dog. She is housetrained, crate trained, and knows basic obedience. She does well around kids, but can get excited and knock little people over. Because of her experience with living with an aggressive dog, she would do best in a household with another submissive dog or as an only dog so she doesn't act timid. She is a cuddler and loves to be under the blankets on the couch with you.



some health problems suffered by the owner. She is an inside dog who is housetrained. Cookie has been around kids 5 and older and is used to being a companion dog to a stay-at-home owner. Cookie is a big girl coming in at 105lb, but she is just looking for a family to snuggle with. She would prefer to be an only dog or have a male companion to hang with.

Cookie is a 5 year old purebred longhair german shepherd. She is being relinquished because of



Hope was found as an emaciated stray wandering the hills. She is a very tall dog that still needs to put on some weight, but should fill out in the 80+lb range. We're guessing she's some sort of malamute mix and around 3 years old. She cannot be in a home with small animals or cats; she would likely do best in an adult only household without any other dogs. She is very noble and would be great for someone who wanted a companion that was very true to her canine roots.



Maya is a 6 year old shepherd mix that was a shelter transfer. She is very friendly with dogs and people, and would do great in a home with companions for her to play with. She is about 68lbs and is working on crate training and basic obedience. She has a very nice temperament and would love to be someone's forever friend.



Lucky is an 8 year old purebred Golden Retriever who is looking for a new home because his owners have suddenly found themselves allergic to him. He is housebroken, good with children and small animals, but can be shy around new dogs. He is very loving and looking for someone to bond with. He gets along with everyone and is a patient and caring golden (typical of the breed). He is neutered, up-to-date on vaccinations, and just had a bath. Please come meet this special guy.

Upcoming Events

Clearwater Dog Training

12th Annual Halloween Party on October 27, 2007, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Your dog deserves to go trick-or-treating this year...
So why not bring them to a Halloween Party just for dogs!
Proceeds will benefit Nikeno's Second Chances.

The activities for the day include:

- ❧ Dog Costume Contest ❧
(Costume judging 10:30-11:30/awards given at 12:30/must be present to win)
- ❧ Pet Photography by Nicole Howard ❧
- ❧ Agility Course ❧
- ❧ Fun Games for You and Your Dog ❧
- ❧ More Vendors to be Announced ❧

Donations will be accepted to benefit Nikeno's Second Chances

Suggested donations include:

- Monetary Donations
- Collars and Leashes
- Towels and Blankets
- Toys and Rawhide
- Exercise Pens and Crates

Mark Your Calenders:

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2007

Time: 10:00 am until 1:00 pm (registration from 10:00 - 10:30)

Location: 5555 W. Evans Avenue in the Denver Sports Center
(three blocks west of Sheridan on the corner of Evans and Depew)

Phone: 303-985-7775

Thank You So Much

Thanks to **Merebeth and Dave Scott** for all their help fostering our first litter of puppies.

To **Denise Burroughs** for her much appreciated donations for the puppies.

Thank you to our volunteers at the sale: **Edie Nichols, Nancy Duffy, Kathy Swanson, Sami Luif, Julie Riggs and Joannie Gladden.**

Thank you to all of our many donors who contributed to the success of our garage sale.

Thank you to everyone that helped walk, care for and foster our shelter dogs.

In addition, thank you for your generous donations:

Amber Allen
Mike & Gabrielle Allen
Armin Burdick
Cindy Cravitt
Vicky Dixon
Bob & Gail Gandert
Joan Gladden
Henrietta Hudgins
Janice Jensen
Barbara Kaifesh
Phyllis Kirk
Julia Lane
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Laurie Stoessel
Dave & Nicoll Sudo
Mary Sullivan
Jan Therkidsen
Donna Valori
Dorothy & William Williams
Gary & Margaret Williams
Chuck & Judy Woodring

Keno's Angels

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following families:

Chuck & Judy Woodring for the passing of Barney;
James Hovey for the passing of Brooke;
Bernie & Rodger Ames for the passing of Keona;
Mike Mensch for the passing of Tank (Winzing), an NSC dog that was most loved;
they will all be missed.

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of one of Nikeno's own. Pete was an emaciated stray that was picked up several months ago. He was a very handsome senior German Shepherd that was a fine example of this noble breed. He had lingering arthritis in his spine, and although he hardly complained, it was apparent he was ready to give his angel wings a shot early this summer. He will be missed here, but has certainly joined Keno on the other side of the rainbow bridge.

Nikeno's Second Chances

Training is our Motto

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Please consider our Business Members when you are in need of services:



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Keep up-to-date on NSC events by checking out www.NikenosSecondChances.com



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