

# Nikeno's Second Chances

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**W**e'd like to start this issue of the NSC newsletter by thanking everyone who donated, attended and/or worked the 12th Annual Clearwater Halloween Party. It was a resounding success! With the proceeds of the silent auction and general donations, we were able to raise nearly \$2,000 for Nikeno's. A special thank you is in order for our vendors, volunteers, and to our master of ceremonies – W. Bruce Cameron. Bruce is a syndicated columnist who not only donated his time, but subsequently wrote about his experience as our celebrity MC. You can check out a copy of his column by going to <http://tinyurl.com/yraefq>. To receive future columns, email him at [bruce@wbrucecameron.com](mailto:bruce@wbrucecameron.com).

The New Year is a great opportunity to evaluate our program and let our supporters know what a difference we are making in the community. Since our inception in 2006 we have rehabilitated and found homes for more than 80 dogs and an additional 18 cats. Over 100 animals have found families through our program in the last two years! As we demonstrate what a crucial piece of the process training is, we continue to establish ourselves within the rescue community as a resource for dogs that would not otherwise be successful in their second chances at life. We have been able to transfer a multitude of dogs from death-row at other shelters and provide them the tools they needed to find and stay in their new homes.

We continue to explore different fundraising opportunities including grants, company matching gifts, community involvement projects and various donating venues. We are currently planning a low-cost microchipping clinic, set for mid-spring or early summer. This unique opportunity would help reduce the number of pets that end up lost and in shelters, with the proceeds going directly to Nikeno's. Please watch your mail for more information as we get closer to spring.



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## Canine Trivia

When bedding down for the night, dogs often turn in circles. This behavior is millions of years old! It is believed dogs (and wolves for that matter) spin in circles to help flatten the substrate (usually foliage for those sleeping outside). This makes the surface more comfortable and allows for better visibility. It's also believed that dogs use circling as a way to mark out their territory.

# Success Stories



**Dexter** (f/k/a Hercules) is a purebred German shepherd that was deliberately left at animal control because the owner no longer wanted him. Initially he had terrible separation issues and had to be medicated in order to control his behavior. After a few weeks in the NSC program, it turns out all Dexter needed was some structure in his life. He was weaned off the medication, and went from a frantic and sometimes berserk animal to a calm and loving companion dog. He was adopted by Andrea Palten, and has completely changed into a wonderful (and adored) family pet.

**Barney** is a purebred basset hound that needed to find a new home because of food aggression with other dogs in his household. His owners realized what a daunting process it would be to try and find a home for Barney by themselves. Considering this issue and without the resources to properly screen applicants, NSC was just what they were looking for. With some structured training, Barney became a candidate for any home, and he found his shortly after Christmas with the Kimberlin family. He is now out of trouble and in an environment where he can blossom as the silly boy he was meant to be.



Although NSC is primarily a dog rescue, we try and help where we can. This past year we had the opportunity to be instrumental in rescuing several different litters of kittens from shelters that were too overrun to house them. With the help of various volunteers we were able to find homes for 18 felines (both adults and kittens). Thanks to everyone who assisted with this project. These kitties pushed our total to over 100 successful adoptions!



# 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](http://www.NikenosSecondChances.com). If you are interested in meeting any of these dogs, please call Gina at 720-514-2543 or email Ginger ([Ginger@NikenosSecondChances.com](mailto: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.



**Katana** is a two year old mixed breed shepherd who had the misfortune of being owned by someone that could not be bothered with the responsibility of owning a dog. She is a very nice girl that gets along great with cats, other dogs and kids of all ages. Katana weighs about 50lbs, is house trained, spayed, and up-to-date on her vaccinations. She should not be expected to live outside – nor will she stay in the yard unsupervised with anything less than a 6 foot fence. She is a sweet dog who is just looking for someone to care about her enough to give her the essentials – for which she will return a heart full of love and devotion.



**Hannah** is a year old border collie mix that is around 30 pounds. She is a transfer from a shelter in Wyoming where she had given birth to puppies – and now that all her babies have been adopted, her time was up. Hannah is crate trained and polishing up her house training, but she's a very smart and willing girl, so we think she'll have it in no time. Hannah is a bit protective of her people and things, but we expect she will do well in our program and make the transition a smooth one. She has unlimited patience for the younger dogs in our program, so she would likely do well with kids and possibly cats. She is very laid back and just wants someone to be a companion to. This little lady deserves someplace great and we're hoping with a little training she can find her home in no time.



**Jack** is a three year old purebred border collie that was found as a stray. He is extremely intelligent, does well with people, cats, kids and other dogs. He would be an awesome family dog, however he does need a bit of stimulation, whether it's kids or another dog to play with. He isn't one to just lay around. Jack is house and crate trained, neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations. This great guy has the potential to be somebody's best dog ever.



**Harvey** is a black lab/border collie mix who is about eight months old. He was a transfer from a high kill shelter in Wyoming where his time was up. He is such a nice, wanting-to-please kind of dog that we decided to give him a second chance here in Colorado. He is a very happy dog who does great with other dogs as well as kids. As a young guy who was penned up so long, he is very excited about this new lease on life! Harvey is working on house training but rarely has accidents anymore (he is also crate trained). He is a very happy dog that has really come a long way in his socialization. We're hoping for a home with kids or other dogs for him (although he could fly solo as long as there is a 6-foot fence when he is unsupervised outside).



# More Adoptable Dogs



**Girard** is a one and a half year old golden retriever/shar pei mix that had done quite a bit of traveling before winding up at NSC. Originally he was a relinquishment from an owner in New Mexico who, due to health problems, could no longer care for the dog. He does well around cats, knows how to shake and give high 5's. He is house and crate trained. Girard is recently neutered, wants to please, and would really enjoy a home to call his own.



**Libby** is a ten week old chocolate border collie. She is a shelter transfer and has shown an amazing retrieving/working drive already. Libby is extremely smart, and at the moment, very happy to be

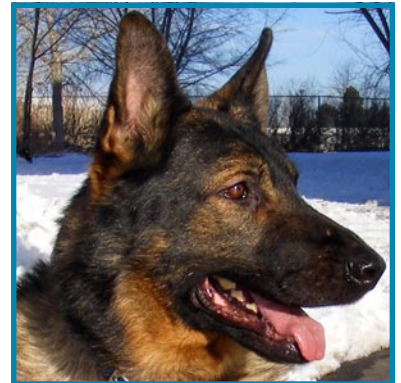
someplace where people are friendly. As a puppy she can get overly excited and leak a little, but is trying very hard to get house trained quickly! She is crate trained and very wiggly with an abundance of puppy kisses. She does well around other dogs and with children. She would likely prosper best in a home that will keep her busy throughout her life as her working drive is pretty strong.



**Pearl** is a purebred blue German shepherd. She is on the larger side for a female at around 80 pounds. She was a bit difficult to handle when she first came into our program; however, after weeks of intensive behavior therapy, she has made huge leaps and is now ready to be adopted. She is house trained, knows basic obedience and with the additional training is very obedient. Pearl would do best in a home with experience handling large dogs, however, she has shown such a transformation in behavior that all applications would be considered.



**Zeus** is a 5 year old purebred sable German shepherd. He is a very muscular 105 pound giant whose original owner died. He is currently working on his socialization skills, but is house and crate trained. He is recently neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations. Although Zeus does well around other dogs, he should not be adopted to a family with small dogs (since he is so large himself, sometimes the little ones look like prey animals). He would do best either as a single dog or as a companion to a large female. Zeus would be okay around older children, but would love just as much to be a protector of a single person or a childless couple.



## Keno's Angels

Max will be sorely missed by both the Jankowski and the Kirk families.

Jasper, a NSC German shepherd that so patiently dealt with the loss of his rear limbs and learned to use a doggie wheelchair, was ready for his angel wings right before the holidays. He was an example of how wonderful and loving these dogs can be, and we know he has joined Keno on the other side.

# Thank You So Much

Thank you to all of our many donors and volunteers who contributed to the success of our Halloween party.

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

Thanks Edie for your long-term assistance in caring for Jasper.

## **In addition, thank you for your generous donations:**

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## **Gretchen's Goodies**

### **"Cheesy Chihuahua Cookies"**

#### *Ingredients:*

2 cups all purpose flour  
1¼ cup shredded cheddar cheese  
¼ teaspoon garlic powder  
½ cup vegetable oil  
4 - 5 tablespoons water

#### *Directions:*

- Preheat oven to 400°.
- In a blender or food processor, mix dry ingredients, then add vegetable oil and cheddar cheese. Blend until the mix is the consistency of cornmeal. Add water and blend until the mixture forms a solid mass.
- Using a rolling pin, spread mix on the counter until it reaches ½" thickness. Cut into shapes.
- Bake on ungreased cookie sheet about 10 minutes or until center is firm and edges are slightly brown. Cool and store in refrigerator.

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