

PAWSITIVE MATCH RESCUE



Dogs brought into care in June: 38

Dogs adopted in 2014: 209

Dogs brought into care in 2014: 145

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OUR PARVO PUPPIES

By now you have probably heard of our litter of greyhound pups who have been diagnosed and treated with Parvo.

Parvo is an acute, highly contagious disease that tends to attack

rapidly reproducing cells (such as those lining the gastrointestinal tract). The virus is shed in large amounts in the stools of infected dogs for up to several weeks following infection, and is transmitted by oral contact with infected feces. Because Parvo can be carried on the dog's hair and feet, or on contaminated objects (crates, shoes, toys), when the dog licks anything that has come into contact with the feces, he will acquire Parvo.

Although Parvo affects dogs of all ages, most cases occur in puppies 6-20 weeks old. The



incubation period averages four to five days, then illness begins with depression, vomiting, profuse diarrhea containing mucus and/or blood, and sometimes fever.

Dogs with



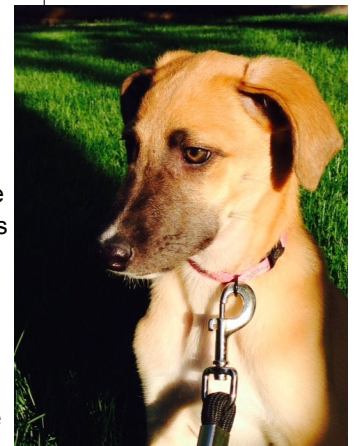
IV fluids and medications to control vomiting and diarrhea are often required, as well as antibiotics, while more severe cases may require blood plasma transfusions and additional intensive care. Many pups can recover without complications if they receive veterinary care quickly, depending on the

virulence of the specific strain of parvovirus, as well as the age and immune status of the dog.

Parvo can be prevented with thorough cleaning and vaccinations, which will prevent most cases of parvovirus. When puppies are first born, they are protected by high levels of maternal antibodies, but as these levels decline, there is a period of 2-4 weeks during which puppies are susceptible to infection because the vaccinations have not fully taken effect. Nearly all apparent vaccination failures are due to exposure during this susceptible period. This is why it is so important to isolate young puppies as much as possible until they complete the parvo vaccination series at 16 weeks of age. The most effective disinfectant is household bleach in a 1:32 dilution, left on the contaminated surface for 20 minutes before being rinsed.

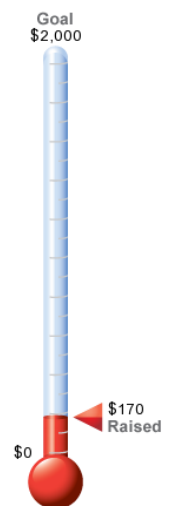
PUPPY UPDATE

All 6 puppies are doing excellent in their foster homes! They are growing bigger and stronger each day and will be available for adoption shortly! The puppies are still in need of something important—and that's their names! We will be featuring the pups in another naming contest shortly to help pay for the vetting care they required.



Our goal for 2014 is to achieve \$2000 in monthly donations. Your donation goes directly to the rescue and care of our dogs, and you will receive a tax receipt!

You can subscribe to donate monthly through our [website](#).



INTERVIEW WITH A VOLUNTEER—NANCY RATTRAY

My volunteering career with Pawsitive Match Rescue Foundation started officially in 2011 after my son was born. I had been following PMRF for months and wanted to get involved so badly. One day they finally posted something I could do... Adoption processing.

Adoptions was super fulfilling, especially when all you wanted to do was make a difference in even one dog's life. I became the Adoptions Coordinator a few months later and I started to realize I wanted more responsibility within the rescue. I wanted to be more involved.

In 2012 I became PMRF's Medical Coordinator. Let me tell you this is a massive job, basically 24/7. But I loved it!! I realized my massive passion for animal health, which then led to online courses and working in the field. I have to thank PMRF for this ability to learn and use these skills in my life.

In the latter part of 2012 I became a board member and became the Medical Director. I continue in this area and I'm actively working with vets, clinics, fosters, adopters and anyone who would interact with our dogs. I can't say enough of how much I love everything about my area. It's hard work and



long hours but really it's amazing!

Each day is a new day and we see many different things when it comes to our dogs. Some days are wonderful and we see beautiful adoptions and wonderful connections. Sadly we do see hard days too and I'm thankful we have such wonderful

volunteers that support each other and especially the dogs in their transitions. We work tirelessly and do not ask for anything back in return. I get asked on a regular basis "why do you do this, no pay, long hours and really no reward?" My answer to everyone - working with PMRF is my way to make a difference in someone's life. I have always said I wanted to change someone's life one day and I can say I've done that. It's all worth it when I read the Happy Tails stories, the hours, the frustrations, the sadness, the stinky kennels, EVERYTHING is worth it!

I volunteer as much as I do because I want to make a difference in this world! PMRF has made a massive difference in the dog overpopulation and I'm so very proud to be a part of everything we've accomplished. We continue to grow each day and I'm so happy to be apart of the board to see these changes through.



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| Buddy | Charly |
| Clara | Boss |
| Trixie | Tila |
| Miu | Bronco |
| Corky | Dixon |

ADOPTED IN JUNE

People who say "money can't buy you happiness" have never paid an adoption fee.

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| Charlie | Romina |
| Oreo | Zoey |
| Brutus | Chester |
| Buddy2 | Piper |
| Poppet | Kona |
| Asvin | |



How can anyone abandon a beautifully loyal dog?

It's not an accessory.

It's your best friend.

Ricky Gervais



ADOPTABLE DOG OF THE MONTH—SNOWY

Snowy is a very energetic and playful girl who loves to cuddle and always be at your side. Although she's a Husky/Cattle Dog X, Snowy is quite a compact girl and is much smaller than she looks in her pictures!

Snowy still needs to work on her basic commands but she will do anything for a treat and is quite easy to train. Snowy is good with other dogs unless she's on a leash, as she tends to get overexcited by them. She is scheduled to attend a Feisty Fidos class to assist with this! She is however not a fan of cats and stands firm in this!

Snowy is a great girl who would be perfect with an active individual or in a family with older children (because of her high energy). If you are interested in adopting Snowy please visit our [website](#). Snowy is also currently looking for a foster home!

PARTNER SHELTER—COZUMEL HUMANE SOCIETY

The Humane Society of Cozumel Mexico is all about working to help the animals in our community and we have been doing just that since 1996. Our clinic/shelter, which opened in April 1996, began with two rooms, no electricity, 24 kennels, one vet and one kennel worker. Today, we have 14 employees and care for over 300 animals per month, either found astray or given up by their owners for a variety of reasons. We do our best to care for them and place them in good, loving homes.

Our goal is to fully change the approach towards dog and cat overpopulation with an aggressive spay/neuter program both at the clinic and by utilizing mobile

clinics. The Humane Society of Cozumel has the only permanent FREE spay/neuter program in all of Mexico. This is achieved solely on our own with no government assistance.



By finding loving homes for pets and providing education to the community, we can create responsible pet-people relationships and improve the welfare of animals.

Our work is made possible by many wonderful humans who contribute their time, talents and/or money to the cause for which we are immensely grateful.

You can find out more about the Cozumel Humane Society by visiting their [website](#).

It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them, and every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are. - Anonymous

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Volunteer of the Month

Ana Maria Triana

I became part of the Cambrian committee around December 2012 and since then I've met many wonderful people and encountered so many tales along the way.

I love helping out PMRF because I believe in the work that is been done. I've experienced first-hand the

unconditional love that dogs are capable of and the joy they fill life with.

I was lucky enough to meet Max at the end of the summer last year at Cambrian. He has become a great companion and addition to my family.

I hope to help out for as long I can - I know that everyone in PMRF is dedicated to saving precious lives and I'm so happy to join in this wonderful effort.



Fosters of the Month

Jon Hopkins and Jenny Kosior

We started out volunteering at the Cambrian facility and really enjoyed working with the dogs and the other volunteers from Pawsitive Match. Growing up with dogs in both of our households we knew we wanted to have one when we moved in to our first home together.

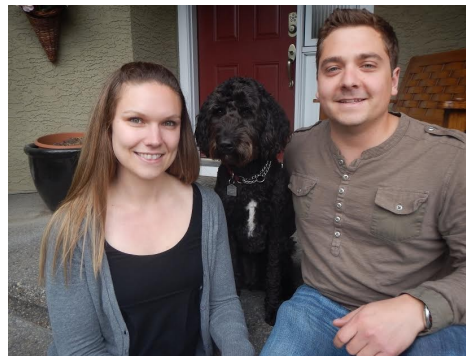
We decided fostering would be a great way to get a feel for what kind of dog fit our lifestyle.

A day after moving in we picked up Oreo, a small lab mix. She was a little bundle of energy and excitement and kept us on our toes right from the get go.

Working with Oreo really showed us how resilient dogs can be. Although she spent a couple long stays at the vet she always came back with a wagging tail ready to go on an adventure and steal your shoes every chance she got.

It was tough to see Oreo go when she found an adopter but we knew she was

going to a good home and we had done a good thing for her, which made it a lot easier. Helping to unite a family with a dog



has been an extremely rewarding experience. We are glad to be part of such a great organization and have the support of a great group of people. We can't wait to be future foster parents for more 4-legged friends.

Shelter dogs aren't broken, they've simply experienced more life than other dogs. If they were human, we would call them wise. They would be the ones with tales to tell and stories to write, the ones dealt a bad hand who responded with courage. Don't pity a shelter dog. Adopt one. And be proud to have their greatness by your side.



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Shaping Dog Play

Shaping dog play is one of the most important skills that can be taught to puppies and even adult dogs. Arousal is very closely linked with aggression. Play can be extraordinarily arousing for dogs and one of the most common issues that I see is dog play tipping over into a scuffle or even a full blown fight. Humans do this too – we can see examples with this at riots that result from sporting events or even young children getting too wound up at a birthday party and then tipping over into aggression.

One way to prevent this in dogs, is to shape disengagement early and often during play. I strongly recommend starting this in a different context first, like play with a toy.

Here's what it looks like:

1. Release dog to play with other dog or with toy if you are doing out of context setups (recommended)
2. As soon you release the dog, countdown 10-20 seconds in your head and then it's time for the first disengagement! Ideally at this point, the play is baring even arousing
3. Disengagement: I will issue a general "break" cue then a loud prompt such as "whoop whoop whoop" then mark YES & reward with food and/or a big PARTY when the dog runs to me or disengages from the play , then right back into play as a double reward.
4. If the dog does not come out of play after a few seconds of "whoop whoop whoop" then I count out loud "1...2...3..." then it's Time Out.
5. Time Out – to issue a time out, I calmly approach the dog, grab onto their harness and then remove them to my "penalty box" which is a "boring" area with no visual access to other dogs/toy etc. I completely ignore dog while in penalty box. I issue time outs starting no less than 10 seconds and add 5 – 10 seconds for each offense up to 2 minutes. After time out is over, I calmly release dog to go and try again.

The more you do this, the sooner the dog will disengage when you say "break". If they don't they will likely disengage on the "1" "2" or "3".

Eventually your dog will do this process all by himself :-) This takes time and practice!

This is eventually also a great way to practice other training cues such as recall, touch, sit, down.

There is no better reward than play :-)

(The use of this strategy for dogs with aggression/reactivity/ fears or resource guarding is NOT advised, and can better be addressed by contacting a local trainer you trust!)

(If you have a suggestion for a Tip from a Trainer that you would like to see featured, please email pawsitivenewsletter@gmail.com)

HAPPY TAILS—PALOMA

We changed her name to Gracie Rainbow (my 5 year old wanted Rainbow as a first name, but I stood firm). She has definitely changed our lives...for the better. It was a bit of a rough start but all is good now.

It is hard to believe that we have only had her for a month. She is my baby. For the first few weeks she followed me everywhere. We tried to put her in a kennel when we went out but she always managed to get out (we have no idea how) but since she never did any damage we have not used it since the 3rd day (excellent \$150 spent). She likes to sleep curled up against my shoulder blades and she is big enough to slowly push me to the edge of the bed, but when she spreads the love around and sleeps with my daughter I miss her.

We are amazed at how wonderfully she has fit into our lives. It has been almost completely stress free. She is a wonderful dog, only barks when someone come to the door, is learning to accept new people and



is AMAZING off leash. Her tail is wagging more and more and she is becoming much more comfortable around other dogs. "Sit" has been mastered, we are working on "Come" and "Down", well.....I don't know if that will ever happen, but she couldn't be more perfect for us.

She becomes unbelievably excited when our children walk in the door after school and she tries so hard to lick them that her jaw clicks shut after every slurp of her long tongue so that it makes the funniest clicking noise.

She makes the sweetest yawning noises, is a total lazy bones and if you try to move her off of me she growls and then gives a funny little whine as if to apologize for her bad manners.

We couldn't love her more

(If you would like your Happy Tail featured, please email pawsitivenewsletter@gmail.com)

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- **Foster!** Without foster homes, we cannot save dogs. Fostering is an incredibly rewarding experience, and all supplies and expenses are covered by Pawsitive Match.
- **Donate!** (monthly or one time donations) Any amount helps to cover the soaring costs of rescuing.
- **Volunteer!** We are always looking for volunteers to join our team and have many different positions, each with varying time requirements.
- Consider Pawsitive Match as a memorial gift in memory of someone, or as a gift in honour of someone and a special event in their lives (ie. Birthday, graduation)
- Donate supplies to our holding facility (bleach, paper towels, etc. Please contact pawsitivecambrian@gmail.com for the current needs)

OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS SAVE LIVES EVERY DAY!

If you've ever looked to adopt a dog, your first impression was probably from the picture that the rescue had on the website. Maybe it was the cute ears that caught your attention, or the way the dog cocked his head to the side, or perhaps the personality-filled smile complete with snaggle-tooth. Whatever it was that caused you to click on the profile to read more...would you have been as interested without a picture? Research has shown time and time again that a quality picture is what will initially catch someone's attention.



When a dog first comes into rescue, we generally have very poor pictures taken in the shelter while the dog is scared, uncomfortable, and sometimes sick. These pictures are taken in low quality light, often with low quality cameras and ultimately leave much to be desired. To have a professional photographer volunteer their time to supply high quality pictures showcasing the dog and their personality is something many rescues can only dream of.



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When my friend agreed to photograph some of our adoptable dogs, I immediately volunteered to join her to be her "dog handler" during the pictures. I figured, *'hey, I'll show up, cuddle the dogs, she'll snap a couple pictures and that will be that!'*

By the second or third dog I realized just how much work goes into taking a decent picture of a dog! The poor dogs had much better things in mind than sitting and looking sweetly at the camera—there was grass to pee on, children nearby

to look at, humans staring at them and NOT giving them cuddles, new smells they'd never encountered, butterflies to play with...I'm sure the list goes on.

How the photographers manage to catch these magic moments showcasing the dogs' true personalities between the prancing, sniffing, licking, cuddling...I will never know, but thank goodness for them! Our photographers are the reason so many of our dogs get noticed and find their forever homes. Just from the three examples included in this article, there is such a huge difference in the "before" and "after" photos!

Pawsitive Match would like to take this opportunity to send a HUGE thank you to all our photographers who put in multiple hours with our pups, editing the shots, and helping to get them adopted! We couldn't do this without you.

Iska Kolackovsky from [DogFish Pet Photography](#)
 Inga Morozoff from [Inga Morozoff Photography](#)
 Courtney Tario from [Honey Tree Photography](#)

Christy Campbell
 Sheryl Hart from [Sheryl Hart Photography](#)



THANK YOU!

New Monthly Donors—Sherry Brochu, Carling Hay, Colleen Thiessen, Danielle Selinger

Large Donations—Shauna Mcguire

Sunridge Nissan for hosting an adoption/fundraising event!

**My mission is to rescue.
 My dream is that one day I won't
 have to.**



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