



Rescue, Rehabilitation, Foster and Placement for Border Collies in and around the state of Nebraska

Nebraska Border Collie Rescue

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Adoptions and Fostering

Adoptions are still down this spring. They seem to be picking up in June. Yet, we still have new arrivals. They all have places to go, however we are in need of new foster homes all the time. Please see the inside story on fostering.

If you are aware of anyone interested in adopting or fostering a Border Collie, please let Karen know by emailing her at maeseck@cox.net.

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KAREN'S NOTES: LEASHES



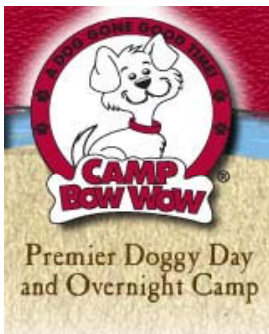
Many pet owners are using flexi leashes to walk their dogs. Flexis or retractable leashes are fine when training a dog to do a recall or taking a dog out in your own yard for a quick training session.

However, flexi leashes are not a good choice for taking a dog out in public.

Almost every experienced dog person I know cringes every time they see someone walking a dog on a flexi.

The owner has very little control over the dog and a strong dog can snap the leash with a strong lunge. The preferred leash for taking a dog out in public is a 6 foot leash.

Camp Bow Wow - Omaha, celebrated their Grand Opening!



When: Saturday June 23rd, 2007
From: 10 p.m. until 4 p.m.
Where: 11819 Stonegate Circle,
Omaha, NE 68164
402-991-7297

Camp Bow Wow® Premier Doggy Day and Overnight Camps provide a fun, safe and upscale environment for dogs to play, romp and receive lots of love and attention from our well-trained staff!

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Rescue a NBCR dog between June 23rd and July 23 and get 2 days at Camp for free.

Rescue of the Month: Teagan

🐾 Last August, Teagan started a new life. He was running "wild" in a farming town for an estimated six months. When NBCR volunteers caught him, he was between nine and 12 months old. Teagan was quite the wild boy when he came into rescue. He has been through an amazing transformation and has come a long way in the last 9 months!

Teagan is now 1 1/2 to 2 years old and he is doing WONDERFULLY!

He is a true character and has such a personality. He is now quite healthy and has a good coat.

He does have an old injury to his right front foot, but that does not impede him at all. He now runs, jumps, crawls, romps, and speeds about with ease! The injury may develop arthritis when he is older.

He does well with meeting strangers and has done very well at the rescue events he has been to.

Teagan met a few toddlers and younger kids at a recent rescue event. He was nervous around toddlers and very small children, but not aggressive at all. When Teagan met kids who were a little older, six or so, he did very well and let the kids pet him with no issues. Teagan has also been around kids between ages seven and 14 for a limited amount of time and did well. He really did not act any differently than he would around adults.

He does not retrieve toys, although with more training he could probably be taught to. He likes to carry toys around, and chase thrown toys.



While Teagan gets along with every dog he meets, he does get a little over enthusiastic sometimes. Teagan loves to play, especially if the other dog is likes to "rough-house" or play "chase".

Teagan loves to play with other dogs and gets along with both male and female dogs. One of Teagan's best buds in doggie day-care is a male Boxer, although Teagan loves to play with just about any dog that is willing to play!

Teagan loves doing dog agility. He enjoys going to agility class and knows jump, tire jump, table, tunnel, and the dogwalk. Teagan has also started training with the teeter, chute, and weave poles and is learning hand signals and is starting to follow basic agility handling. Teagan should probably not compete regularly in agility because of the old injury to his front leg. He would probably enjoy a home where he had a chance to do agility once and a while.

When Teagan first went into day-care, he had a few issues with small dogs (mostly wanting to chase them). Due to doggy day-care, Teagan no longer has any issues with small dogs.

At this point we would still not recommend Teagan to a family with small dogs, cats, or other small animals.

He still has some prey drive. Teagan would love to be an only dog or in a home with a dog roughly his size or larger.

Teagan is doing GREAT with training. He continues to learn what is appropriate behavior and is doing very well. With people he knows, Teagan is sensitive, though not generally timid, and is fairly responsive to commands and corrections.

He knows sit, down, and has a good recall with people he knows well. He is also learning stay and walks well on leash. Teagan knows "kennel" as well and he likes his kennel. Teagan is mildly afraid of thunderstorms. He is not destructive during storms, but does like to hang out/hide in his crate.

Teagan loves to be petted and loved on by the people he knows well.

Teagan does very well when he



gets a bath and gets brushed while on a grooming table. He isn't overly happy about being brushed, but it doesn't really bother him either!

He seems to be potty

trained. He is currently in a foster home and has not messed once.

He loves to take dips in the kiddie pool in the summer mornings and evenings.

Teagan has truly blossomed into a wonderful dog. He is loving, smart, has an amazing temperament, is biddable, and has personality to spare! We are very proud of our "Teagy".

Great Iowa Pet Expo:

Adults \$4; Children 6-12: \$2; Children 5 and under: Free

The largest celebration of pets in Iowa with a trade show (80 booths!), entertainment, contests and education showcasing new pet products and services.

Location: E. 30th Street and E. University Ave. in Des Moines IA.
4-H Exhibits Building.

Event Days:

October 20, 2006

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

October 21, 2007

10:00 Am - 5:00 PM

75 Banned or Restricted Dogs somewhere in the US

🐾 This list of dogs that are NOT UNIFORMLY banned/restricted across the U.S.

Individual states, cities, counties or towns all make LOCAL LAWS - and those laws differ according to individual communities.

So, courtesy of the **RDOWS**, here is the list of 75 - banned or restricted breeds

1. AIREDALE TERRIER
2. AKBASH
3. AKITA
4. ALAPAHA BLUE BLOOD BULLDOG
5. ALASKAN MALAMUTE
6. ALSATIAN SHEPHERD
7. AMERICAN BULLDOG
8. AMERICAN HUSKY
9. AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER
10. AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER
11. AMERICAN WOLFDOG
12. ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD
13. ARIKARA DOG
14. AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG
15. AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD
16. BELGIAN MALINOIS
17. BELGIAN SHEEPDOG
18. BELGIAN TURVUREN
19. BLUE HEELER
20. BOERBUL
21. BORZOI
22. BOSTON TERRIER
23. BOUVIER DES FLANDRES
24. BOXER
25. BULL DOG
26. BULL TERRIER
27. BULL MASTIFF

28. CANE CORSO
29. CATAHOULA LEOPARD DOG
30. CAUCASIAN SHEPHERD
31. CHINESE SHAR PEI
32. CHOW-CHOW
33. COLORADO DOG

**No Border Collies
are on this list?
WHAT A RELIEF!**

34. DOBERMAN PINSCHER
35. DOGO DE ARGENTINO
36. DOGUE DE BORDEAUX
37. ENGLISH MASTIFFS
38. ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL
39. ESKIMO DOG
40. ESTRELA MOUNTAIN DOG
41. FILA BRASILIERO
42. FOX TERRIER
43. FRENCH BULLDOG
44. GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG
45. GOLDEN RETRIEVER
46. GREENLAND HUSKY
47. GREAT DANE
48. GREAT PYRANEES

49. ITALIAN MASTIFF
50. KANGAL DOG
51. KEESHOND
52. KOMONDOR
53. KOTEZEBUE HUSKY
54. KUVAZ
55. LABRADOR RETRIEVER
56. LEONBERGER
57. MASTIFF
58. NEOPOLITAN MASTIFF
59. NEWFOUNDLAND
60. OTTERHOUND
61. PRESA DE CANARIO
62. PRESA DE MALLORQUIN
63. PUG
64. ROTTWEILER
65. SAARLOOS WOLFHOND
66. SAINT BERNARD
67. SAMOYED
68. SCOTTISH DEERHOUND
69. SIBERIAN HUSKY
70. SPANISH MASTIFF
71. STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER
72. TIMBER SHEPHERD
73. TOSA INU
74. TUNDRA SHEPHERD
75. WOLF SPITZ

How's that for scary?

<http://www.povn.com/rdows/>

Becoming a Foster Parent: Are You Ready?

By Melissa Bahleda, M.A.T., C.B.C.

Bahleda, is a certified canine trainer and behavior counselor who specializes in rescuing and rehabilitating homeless dogs.

Because I have been fostering shelter dogs for more than 20 years, I am often asked the same questions: “Why do you foster?” “How do you find the time?” “How do you choose the right animal?” “How do you know if they’ll get along with your pets?” “How do you keep from getting attached?”

Fostering a dog, cat, rabbit, horse, or any other animal in need of shelter, love, and guidance is a time-consuming effort, but it’s also one of the most rewarding ways to help homeless pets.

Providing a “stepping stone” for animals in search of permanent homes saves lives, alleviates the strain on animal shelters, helps set the stage for successful adoptions, and teaches you the skills that will enable you to help other animals in need.

I have found that dogs and cats who are fostered in positive, nurturing environments by people with basic training and behavior knowledge are more likely to be adopted; less likely to be returned to the shelter; less likely to suffer from behavior and training problems; and less stressed and more able to adapt to life in their new homes.

With that sort of introduction, you may have already picked up the phone to call your local shelter or rescue group to ask about fostering.

But as with adoption, the decision to foster shelter pets is not one to be made lightly. If you’re considering taking a foster pet into your home, first investigate your local shelter’s fostering policies and application requirements; then ask yourself these important questions.

Does fostering fit your household and your life?

The health and welfare of all individuals in your home—human and animal—must be considered before bringing another creature into the mix. Fostering a homeless pet should never be considered unless your home environment is happy, safe, healthy, and spacious enough to nurture the foster pet adequately and retain sanity among the existing members of your home. If any of your family members are contending with allergies, excessive stress, other physical or mental health issues, career instability, financial difficulties, or housing or space restrictions, fostering is not a good option for you at this time.



But if you believe you have the ability to foster, and the entire household agrees that fostering would be a positive experience, your next question should be “Do I have the time?”

Fostering a shelter pet is a 24/7 job. Although you may not be physically interacting with the animal every second of the day, you will be responsible round the clock for the pet’s safety, comfort, and general well-being, and this responsibility alone can be exhausting.

If your work or family schedule is already so hectic that adding another time-consuming responsibility will only create more stress, do not consider fostering at this time. If that new foster dog will spend long periods of time in his crate—periods that frequently approach or exceed the eight-hour threshold—or if you’ve killed your umpteenth houseplant because you just haven’t had time to water it, you’ll want to put those foster dreams on

hold for now. The amount of personal attention needed will vary greatly from animal to animal, but you can expect to spend anywhere from three to seven hours a day interacting with a foster pet, and even more if you’re planning to foster puppies or kittens.

Teaching dogs or cats the lessons they will need to become happy, thriving, life-long members of another family is the essence of fostering, and this takes time and patience.

What kind of foster animal would be best for your family?

If you and your family feel you have the time and ability to provide a dog or cat with the socialization, exercise, positive stimulation, supplies, regular feedings, health care, vet care, and training she needs to

become a happy, healthy addition to someone’s home, you next need to ask yourself, “Who do I want to foster and why?” Any animal considered for fostering should be healthy, fully vaccinated, behaviorally sound, and disease-free (unless you are specifically fostering heartworm-positive dogs, feline leukemia-positive cats, or other “special needs” animals). But those are not the only considerations.

These were some of mine: Although I love cats, my husband is severely allergic, so I needed to

accept the fact that I could not foster cats. Because I am a certified canine trainer and behavior counselor,

I decided that it would make sense to primarily foster dogs. In addition to caring for three of my own dogs, I also care for an assortment of other four-legged and winged creatures, and I continuously have people of all shapes, sizes, and ages coming in and out of my home. Because of this, I knew I could

only foster dogs who are known to be non-aggressive with other animals or children, and who do not possess a high prey

drive. (In general, this is the type of dog I recommend others foster as well. Minor behavior problems such as separation anxiety and housetraining issues can usually be addressed with a little time, effort, and knowledge, but aggression issues should be left to the experts.)

Also, because most of the shelters and rescue organizations I work with can easily find homes for purebred and small dogs—and even have waiting lists of people eager to adopt them—I have chosen to foster medium to large mixed-breed dogs instead. (You might want to talk to your shelter about which sorts of dogs are most likely to get passed over.) I specifically look for those with wonderful temperaments who have excelled on their behavior evaluations (see “The Skinny on Behavior Assessments” at right) but might otherwise be passed by due to looks, breed, or color. Hence, many of my foster dogs tend to be Lab or shepherd mixes between one and three years old—the period when they are most likely to be surrendered.

Other foster families I have worked with prefer to take in specific breeds or certain kinds of animals—female cats, orange tabbies, or whatever seems to work best for them, their human families, and the pets they already have. It’s important to do the research *before* you bring an animal into your home. For instance, if your family is not very active, a young, energetic border collie probably isn’t the dog for you.

Remember, fostering does not work if it’s stressful for anyone involved, including other pets. If bringing a young puppy or kitten into your home stresses out your animal family members or puts any of them in danger, you may need to reconsider what types of animals you foster—or even reconsider fostering altogether. Saving one animal’s life while jeopardizing or reducing the quality of another’s isn’t justified.

Are you prepared to say goodbye?

Some of my foster dogs are with me for days; some are with me for months. And yes, there have been one or two who have just fit so well into our lives, our hearts, and our home that they have attained status as one of our permanent pets. It’s important to remember, however, that fostering should not be viewed as a

“trial adoption.”

Anyone who fosters must be realistic about the expected outcome: that the animal will be adopted by another family. While it is impossible not to become attached to a sweet dog or cat living in your home, it’s necessary to keep your original goals in mind and remain committed to finding the animal a new family.

Although I exercise and socialize my foster dogs with my own dogs every day, I also plan “Mom Time” activities solely for my own dogs. Not only does this soothe relations between the temporary and permanent members of my canine family; it also helps me keep “my pets” mentally separated from “my foster pets” so the level of attachment

I experience with both sets of dogs remains different, and the line between the two does not become blurred.

I have met foster families who became too emotionally attached to part with their foster pets, even when great homes were available and waiting. Think of it this way: For each pet who is adopted by his foster family, one fewer “foster opportunity” exists, which translates into fewer animals being given a wonderful chance at life in a real home. If you find it hard to say goodbye, imagine how happy your foster pet will be in his or her new home—and remember how you helped make that happen.

www.animalsheltering.org

We would like to welcome a new fosters
Jim and Marcy.



WHAT IF IT DOESN'T WORK OUT?

If you have decided that fostering is right for you and feel prepared for the experience, you may still encounter obstacles to a positive outcome for your foster pet. These may include unknown behavior problems that are difficult to modify; illness; injury or unexpected death; the foster pet’s non-acceptance of pets already in the household (even after a reasonable acclimation period); or existing pets’ non-acceptance of the foster pet.

Because dogs passed from home to home or repeatedly returned to the shelter tend to suffer from bonding and behavioral problems, you must be willing to allow a significant amount of time and training in areas of housetraining, crate training, leash training, and basic obedience.

But if your foster pet has been given ample time to adjust to your home (usually two to six weeks) and still seems anxious, becomes aggressive, or suffers from any significant behavior or health issues, talk to the staff at your shelter or consult a veterinarian, trainer, or recommended behavior counselor.

Serious health or behavior problems may require the attention of a veterinarian or professional trainer. Never be embarrassed to ask for help.

Accidents can happen as well. No matter how conscientious you are, dogs and cats can escape, become injured, or even die. Talk to the staff at your shelter about the possibilities before you bring an animal home, and make sure the shelter you are working with allows you to sign documents outlining and clarifying expectations, requirements, and liability issues before the animal is put into your care.

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NBCR Meeting Minutes

May 29 and June 10, 2007



Treasurer's Report

- Currently: \$4000 ≤ and 4 CDs

Fundraisers: Faith Hutchinson

- Received \$1000 grant from the AKC Border Collie Society of America
- The CGS Systems donated \$600
- We attended both Cause 4 Paws and the PVPL event.
- Suggested raising prices on donated dollar table items.—Accepted

Events

- Celtic Festival: June 23rd - Canceled
- Great Iowa Pet Expo.
- Parades? If you know of a parade happening in your area, please email Karen at maeseck@cox.net.
- Poker Run: September 3rd, Details are to come
- We need to set up PetCo visits again: We will do it in rotations, so that everyone will participate.

Other News

- We are accepting nominations for a new board member, please email Karen.
- Bona Fide: recommended for training
- Camp Bow Wow: may help foster pets www.campbowwowusa.com
- Help wanted to continually update the website
- Our BCs are also posted on www.1-800-save-a-pet.com and www.petfinder.com
- Phil and Faith: Thank you for the use of your home for our June meeting.

*Mark your calendars, the next meeting will be Sunday, July 29 at 12:30 at Karen's
824 Calais St. Bellevue, NE 68123.

It is potluck as usual. All humans are invited. **No Dogs Please.**

Rainbow Bridge

Riley	Loved by Phil and Faith
Roina	Loved by Theresa, the staff and campers at the camp in Elkhorn
Lilly	Loved by Lee & Sylvia
Wisp	Loved by Linda, Jude and Bob

Caws for Paws

Nebraska Humane Society

Caws for Paws was on May 19th 2007. Thanks to all of our volunteers who were able to attend. We recruited what we thought would be a great foster family. As it turns out, they are now an adoptive family. Welcome James and Marcy Heggins and congrats to Brodie.

Pet Fair

Professional Vet Products

May 19th, 2007

The turn-out was small due to Caws for Paws being on the same day.



Bandana Days

Green Chiropractic

Saturday, June 2, 2007

We sold a few items and received a few donations, but best of all Anlan and Kevin were able to meet their forever families.

