

# The Rover Rescue Newsletter Spring 2017

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#### **Donate Online**

Now you can help out the homeless dogs and puppies of Rover Rescue by making a donation online. Just go to RoverRescue.org and click on "Donate" – you'll make your furry friends very happy!

# Great New Sponsors for 2017

Our gratitude goes out to Ann Tardy, Jennifer Leska, Pam Turner, Patti and Scott Olt, and the Tukker family for becoming the newest sponsors of Rover Rescue's homeless dogs and puppies. You have delighted your many two and four-footed fans!

#### **Get Your Competitive Groove On**

Saturday, May 6
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Aurora Turners Club
See Entry Form on Page 5.

It's almost time for your four-footed champ to demonstrate his sparkling personality, spectacular talent and amazing skills at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Rover Rescue Dog Show! Putting



his best paw forward, he can show off his expertise with the fastest recall, best trick, most kisses, Hoop It Up, best costume, Sherlock "Bones" and more at Aurora Turners Club on Saturday, May 6. With over a dozen fun categories, you'll both have a wonderful time!

There's almost as much for the humans to do as the canine competitors. Your two-footed family members can browse the great Rover merchandise booth, munch on treats from the bake sale and enter the raffle and silent auction for an amazing array of terrific prizes. Extra tickets will be available for the cash raffle, too. You could even discover a future four-footed sibling among the dogs and puppies available for adoption at the show.

Dogs of all sizes and breeds, mixed and purebred, are welcome to enter the show if they are spayed/neutered. The proceeds benefit Rover Rescue's homeless dogs and puppies. Mark your calendar now for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Rover Rescue Dog Show, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 6, at Aurora Turners Club, 1335 Mitchell Road, Aurora.

Register for the show today — complete the entry form on page 5 to give your furry friend the chance to be the next Best in Show winner. See you there!



An All-Volunteer Group Dedicated to Giving Homeless Dogs a Happy Future

# Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Family,

Sunshine and longer days lie ahead. Spring brings a renewed sense of optimism – the perfect time of year for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show. It is one of our most cherished events. The show offers something for dogs of every age and size. It gives pet parents the opportunity to show off their beloved furry friend and a few of the tricks they've mastered. This event is not limited to just the dogs that have been adopted from Rover Rescue. It is open to *all* well-mannered canines over four months of age. In addition to being a fun event for the entire family, the dog show is an opportunity for foster families to be reunited with dogs that were adopted from them.

Since late 2003, Rover Rescue has found homes for more than 8,100 animals in need. While our primary focus is dogs and puppies, we also get the occasional opportunity to help rehome other animals such as chickens, pot belly pigs, bunny rabbits and even a few feline friends.

Rover Rescue is fortunate to be located in an area where people support pet adoption and many would like to help an animal in need. It's a "win-win" for the adopter *and* the adoptee: One of our furry friends finds a much-needed home filled with love, and the adopter is the recipient of a lifetime of companionship and devotion. It is a labor of love, filled with sloppy kisses and wagging tails. It's also an opportunity to give back and make a life-changing difference, one dog at a time.

Of course, we hope you will not stop with helping just one dog, but strive to become one of our foster families. It takes numerous volunteers who have dedicated their time and love to make a difference in the plight of homeless dogs. Regardless of how long or how many dogs you're able to help us save – we need your help!

Take the next step and become a foster parent. Rover Rescue covers the cost of veterinary care and provides the food and supplies. There is no need to pay the veterinary bills yourself and wait for reimbursement. Rover Rescue has trusted veterinary partners across the Fox Valley area who provide excellent care to our dogs and puppies. These vets will gladly give your foster pup the care they need. As a foster parent, your main responsibility is to provide a warm and loving home while working with your foster dog to help them thrive and continue to develop into a great pet.

The Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show is a great place to learn more about becoming a foster parent, to reunite with a foster family, or adopt a new four-footed member into your family. Please come out and enjoy a great day with people just like yourself – people who love dogs!

Warmest regards,

Kelly Janulis President

**Rover Rescue** 

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."

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# Pet Dog Show

Saturday, May 6, 2017
Aurora Turners Club
1335 Mitchell Rd., Aurora, Illinois
(On Mitchell Road, just north of Indian Trail)

Check In: 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

(Dogs not checked in by 9:45 a.m. will be disqualified.)

Entry Fees: \$10.00 per dog, which includes 4 categories

■ Each additional category entry is \$1 before May 4

■ Additional category entries <u>on day of show</u> will be \$3 per category and permitted during check in hour only!

All dogs must be registered before the day of the show

■ No category changes permitted after 9:45 a.m. the day of the show

Entry Deadline: Thursday, May 4, 2017

General Admission: Free

Rules of Show: 1. All pets must be at least 4 months old on the day of the show. 2. Pets over 8 months of age must be spayed/neutered. 3. Any aggressive or constantly barking dog will be asked to leave without a refund. 4. All dogs must be on leash and under control at all times.

Also featured during this show will be:

Cash Raffle Dogs for Adoption

Quarter Raffle Bake Sale

Silent Auction Pet-Related Crafts & Products

Awards to Winners & Participants Food - Hot Dogs, Nachos, Chips

& Beverages

Service charge may be applied for credit card purchases — details available at the show.



#### **BEST SENIOR**

Cleanliness of coat, teeth and ears. Cut nails, grooming, attitude (personality). Overall appearance. *Dog must be over 8 yrs. old, or 5 yrs. old for an extra-large breed.* 

### **MOST CATCHES\***

Overhand and underhand throws allowed. Owner supplies item to be caught. Throws and catches must stay within the confines of the ring (approximately 40 ft.). The dog with the most catches in 15 seconds wins.

#### **BEST COSTUME\*\***

Originality is the key. Costume must be safe and humane.

#### **FASTEST EATER\***

There is a 20-second maximum. This category will be split into three categories by weight: 19 lbs. or less, 20-40 lbs., and 41+ lbs. Food supplied by judges.

#### **MOST KISSES**

Dog will kiss (lick) owner. The dog that has most kisses in 15 seconds wins.

#### **BEST BEGGAR**

Judges' opinions prevail.

#### **BEST PUPPY**

Cleanliness of coat, teeth and ears. Cut nails, grooming, attitude (personality). Overall appearance. *Dog must be under 1 yr. old.* 

#### **BEST PUREBRED**

Cleanliness of coat, teeth and ears. Cut nails, grooming, attitude (personality). Overall appearance.

#### **BEST MIXED BREED**

Cleanliness of coat, teeth and ears. Cut nails, grooming, attitude (personality). Overall appearance.

#### **BOBBIN' FOR DOGS**

There is a 15-second maximum. Dog must remove pieces of hot dog from bowl of water.

#### **MOST TAIL WAGS**

The dog with most tail wags in 15 seconds wins.

#### **BEST TRICK\***

Originality is the key! (Tricks you have used in previous years will be considered non-original and judged accordingly.) Trick must be in progress within a 30-second time frame. Tricks in progress have a 30-second maximum for completion. Tricks not in progress within 30 seconds are disqualified.

#### **FRIENDLIEST**

Judged on attitude and personality. Does dog a pproach judge or back off from judge? Playful, wagging tail, body language. Growling or snarling dogs will be disqualified.

#### **SHERLOCK "BONES"**

There is a 15-second maximum. Dog must find treat hiding under a bowl. There will be three bowls placed upside down. A treat will be placed under one of the bowls, then the bowls will be shuffled. Timer will start after the bowls have been shuffled. Timer will stop when treat is exposed.

#### **FASTEST RECALL\***

There is a 30-second maximum. Dog sits and is held by a judge. Owner goes approximately 40 ft. away and calls dog. Timer will start as soon as owner calls dog. Timer stops as soon as dog reaches owner.

#### **EARS TO YOU!**

Judged on most unusual ears. Judges' opinions prevail.

### **HOOP IT UP\***

Owner holds hulahoop (provided) 1in. or more above floor for dog to pass through. The dog with the most passes through the hoop in 15 seconds wins.

# DESCRIPTIONS OF CATEGORIES OPEN TO KIDS 12 AND UNDER

#### **BEST COSTUME\*\***

Both child and dog must be in costume for this event. The ideal costumes would be complementary/similar in nature.

#### **BEST LONGHAIR**

Cleanliness of coat, teeth and ears. Cut nails, grooming, attitude (personality). Overall appearance.

#### **BEST SHORTHAIR**

Cleanliness of coat, teeth and ears. Cut nails, grooming, attitude (personality). Overall appearance.

- \*Dog may be off leash for this category.
- \*\*Dog may be entered in either adult or child category, but not both.

# Only one handler will be allowed in the ring per dog.



# Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show

# Participating is Easy and Fun!

Get your entry blanks in right away along with proper entry fee (entries are limited).

Please arrive at the show hall early enough to give you and your dog plenty of time to settle in and get a good seat. Only one handler per dog will be allowed in the ring. Judging will be taking place in up to two different rings at the same time. On arrival, go to the check-in desk to pick up your entry number(s). Entry numbers should be worn on upper arm. **Dogs not checked in by 9:45 a.m.** will not be allowed to participate in the show.

At 10:00 a.m. the judging begins. Be sure to listen for your dog's number/categories and go to the main show rings when called.

There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place given for each category. Points will be given for each placing. The dog with the most points at the end of the day will be named as "Best of Show."

If you have further questions, call Teri at 630.897.7454.

#### \*\*4 categories are allowed per each \$10 dog entry. Each additional category entry is \$1.00.\*\*

Make check payable to Rover Rescue. Mail registration (one entry form per dog) and appropriate entry fee to be received **before May 4, 2017** to: **Rover Rescue, PO Box 4074, Aurora, IL 60507.** 

You can also enter your dog online at <u>RoverRescue.org</u>.

## ENTRY FORM

## ROVER RESCUE PET DOG SHOW

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

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STREET ADDRESS:		
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All exhibitors, spectators, attendees a the presentation of this event of all r		er Rescue and all others connected with ge, negligence, or loss of any type.
Signature		Date:

### Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show at Aurora Turners Club 1335 Mitchell Road, Aurora

From the North: Follow Route 59 south to Butterfield Avenue and turn right (west), then go left (south) on Mitchell Rd.

From the East: Go west on I-88 (the East-West Tollway) and exit southbound Farnsworth Avenue. Then turn right (west) on East Indian Trail and turn right (north) on Mitchell Rd.

**From the South:** Take Route 25 north to Mitchell Rd. and turn right (northeast).

From the West: Go east on I-88 (the East-West Tollway) and exit on southbound Route 31. Then turn left (east) on East Indian Trail and left (north) on Mitchell Rd.



#### **Healthy Homemade Dog Treats**

Prep time: 15 min. Cook time: 30 min.

Yield: 60 dog bones, 30 calories each

7 oz. pumpkin puree 3 Tbsp. peanut butter

4 egg whites or 2 whole eggs

½ tsp. salt

½ tsp. cinnamon

¼-½ c. water

3 c. whole wheat flour

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Add 7 oz. of pumpkin puree to 4 egg whites, ¼ c. water, 3 Tbsp. peanut butter, ½ tsp. salt and ½ tsp. cinnamon. Turn on the mixer and combine until well mixed.

Slowly add 3 c. whole wheat flour with the mixer on low. Add a little more water to get all the flour mixed in, approx. ¼ c. (this is a very dry dough).

Place dough on a cutting surface, cut into four equal pieces. Roll into 1-in. logs and cut into ½-in. pieces.

Prep two Ig. cookie sheets with parchment paper and distribute the biscuits evenly. Bake 30 minutes at 350°F for semi hard dog bones.

### Your "Doggie Voice"

That high-pitched, sing-song voice you're using with your four-footed friend could be strengthening your bond – or not.

Researchers have found that puppies often react to that voice, looking up, approaching closer, or just reacting more quickly than to normal speech. But adult dogs don't always respond the same way. The research showed they often ignore the "doggie voice" when it's from someone unfamiliar to them.

Women typically use a higher-pitched voice with dogs of all ages, but their tone is even higher with puppies. The study suggests that humans use this type of speech to interact with listeners who can't talk back, such as babies, or with those who have difficulty reciprocating, as sometimes happens with the elderly. One researcher wryly observed that the results spoke more about the humans in the study than the dogs.

So you might be able to ditch the "doggie voice" if your dog is all grown up...but it could be difficult to say "who's a good boy?" without it!

#### Your Generosity = More Lives Saved

Because of your help and support, our Southern Indiana Save-a-pet Shelter Partners now have the replacement van they so desperately needed to continue their lifesaving transports! They report that the 15-passenger Transit van is bigger than their old van and drives like a charm. On its maiden voyage, it carried 56 animals to safety, their biggest transport ever.

The volunteers of SISave-a-pet send their heart-felt thanks to the many pet lovers and corporate sponsors whose donations made their replacement van possible. Because of this generous support, many more dogs and puppies will be able to find forever homes through Rover Rescue and other rescue groups, and we all can continue to do what we do best – save lives.



### **Happy Helpers Donation**



Happy Helpers gave our homeless dogs a big hand with their HUGE check, presented by member Zach Morrisroe. Their four-footed friends at Rover Rescue howled in approval!

#### **More Happy Tails**



Cooper and I are now a certified therapy team!
When I think of all the lives that Cooper will touch as a therapy dog, I am so grateful for Rover Rescue.
I can't imagine the world without Cooper in it. Thank you for all the dog lives you have saved!
Kathleen McTighe

We got Franky in January of this year, and we are so happy. This boy is called "The Ambassador" at the dog park, because he greets every dog that comes there!





We wanted to take a moment to say thank you for your wonderful rescue organization. He is an amazing dog – thank you! The Moses Family

Bentley is just a delight. He has more personality than any other dog I have had. My other dog, Sunflower, is TOTALLY attached to him. In fact, having Bentley has helped her tremendously with being a happier dog herself. Thank you for rescuing him and letting me find such a great little guy! Louise Basgall



# What's Ahead?

#### 14th Annual Rover Rescue Dog Show

Saturday, May 6, 10am-2pm Aurora Turners Club 1335 Mitchell Road, Aurora See the entry form on page 5!

### **Adoption Events**

Watch RoverRescue.org for weekly adoption events!

### The Great Annual Rover Rescue Garage Sale

August 3-5, 8am-4pm, North Aurora Donations accepted starting May 1 – call 630.897.7454 for the drop off location.



#### **Contribute a Raffle Prize!**

Do you have great new stuff you'd like to donate to the Dog Show raffle and silent auction? Give us a call at 630.897.7454 for a convenient dropoff location for your game tickets, autographed collectibles or other raffle contributions. We'll be happy to provide a tax receipt!







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