

The Rover Rescue Newsletter Spring 2020

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Apple Cheddar Treats

1½ c. whole wheat flour ½ c. old fashioned oats

½ c. shredded cheddar

½ c. unsweetened applesauce

2 T. olive oil

3 T. water

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix ingredients together in bowl until well combined. Place on parchment paper and roll until ½ to ¼ in. thick. Cut out with cookie cutter and place on parchment-lined cookie sheet. Bake 25 min. at 350°F. Cool completely before sharing! Store up to 4 days in air-tight container or freeze up to 3 mo. (thaw before serving).

The Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show is Coming!

Saturday, April 25 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Aurora Turners Club 1335 Mitchell Road, Aurora See the Entry Form on Page 4.

Is Your Dog Ready to Rock First Place?

Your four-footed friend is your hero — he has the mighty spirit and inherent talent to be a champion. Now you can let him prove it at the 17th Annual Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show!

Give him his shot at the winner's ribbon in great competitions such as the best trick, the most kisses, Sherlock Bones, and Ears to You. The fastest recall offers challenging "distractions", and a new favorite, musical mats.



keeps the audience riveted with suspense. Plus, there's a friendliest competition just for kids! Your whole family will have fun at this exciting event on Saturday, April 25.

Want a little retail therapy, too? During the show, you can shop for irresistible goodies at the bake sale, check out the great Rover gear, put in the winning bids for your favorite Silent Auction baskets and try to win an amazing array of prizes at the raffle tables. You can buy extra tickets for the cash raffle, too. Hot dogs and nachos will be available for lunch, and you can meet our phenomenal foster dogs and puppies available for adoption.

Enter your talented pooch in the great 17th Annual Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show now! We'll see you April 25 at Aurora Turners Club located at 1335 Mitchell Road in Aurora. Whether he's a Heinz 57 wonder or a purebred pooch, your dog is welcome to participate!* All proceeds benefit Rover Rescue's homeless dogs and puppies.

*All dogs over 8 mo. old must be spayed or neutered.









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

Letter from the President

Dear Friends and Family,

Spring is just on the horizon and warmer days will soon be here. As nature regenerates itself, flowers start to bloom and the grass turns green. Hope for a better tomorrow fills the air for those who will be rescued today.

This year, we will have rescued and found forever homes for more than 10,000 dogs and puppies — no small feat. Rover Rescue volunteers invest a great deal of time, effort and dedication to our mission of saving as many dogs as possible. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support and involvement. While this is certainly a milestone to be celebrated, it is also a reminder that there is much more work to be done and so many more dogs desperately waiting for help.

The number of dogs in our foster home program is a direct reflection of the number of volunteers willing to open their homes to a dog in need. The majority of the dogs and puppies in our care just need a little more time to find their forever homes.

Due to overcrowding and lack of funding, most shelters are only able to provide care for a very limited time. Unfortunately, that means most dogs who find themselves in a shelter only have a few days to be adopted before they face euthanasia.

You could make a difference and save a life. Please consider opening your home and heart to a homeless dog. You can give him a safe and loving home, and Rover Rescue helps out with the rest. We provide the veterinary care, food and other essentials. You get showered with sloppy kisses, adoration and gratitude!

With your help, we can continue to make a lifesaving difference, one dog at a time. Please give us a call or visit our website for additional information on becoming a foster home.

Warmest regards,

Kelly Janulis,

President

"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."

- Unknown



Help Us at the Dog Show!

We're looking for volunteers over 13 years old to handle dogs in the adoption center, help at the raffle tables, volunteer as judges or donate time at other stations during the Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show on April 25. Call 630.897.7454 and let us know if you can volunteer!









in order to benefit homeless animals...
presents a

Pet Dog Show

Saturday, April 25, 2020
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 April 23

Additional category entries on day of show 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, April 23, 2020

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 the show:

Cash Raffle Dogs for Adoption

Quarter Raffle Bake Sale

Silent Auction Pet-Related Crafts & Products

Awards to Winners & Participants Lunch – Hot Dogs, Nachos, Chips

& Beverages

Service charge may be applied for debit and credit card purchases at the show.



Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show

Participating is Easy and Fun!

Get your entry blanks in right away, along with the proper entry fee.

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 your 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 awarded 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 "Best of Show."

If you have further questions, call Teri at 630.897.7454.

Date:

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

There are two ways to enter your dog(s):

Online at RoverRescue.org, or

Signature:

Make check payable to Rover Rescue and mail with entry form (one per dog) to be received <u>before April 23</u> to: Rover Rescue, PO Box 4074, Aurora, IL 60507.

ENTRY FORM

ROVER RESCUE PET DOG SHOW SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

OWNER'S NAME:STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY: DOG'S NAME/BREED: AGE: DOG SIZE: sm./med	ZIP:EMAI	L:
MY DOG IS: ☐ spayed/neutered ☐ u SCRUFFIEST MUSICAL MATS BEST MIXED BREED (sm./med.) BEST MIXED BREED (lg./x-lg.) BOBBIN' FOR DOGS BEST PUPPY (4 mo1 yr.) BEST SENIOR (8 yrs.+/x-lg. 5 yrs.+) MOST KISSES SHERLOCK "BONES" BEST PUREBRED (sm./med.)	nder 8 mo. old (All dogs over 8 month FASTEST RECALL WITH DISTRACTIONS (sm./med.) FASTEST RECALL WITH DISTRACTIONS (lg./x-lg.) MOST CATCHES MIRROR IMAGE EARS TO YOU! BEST COSTUME FRIENDLIEST (sm./med.)	-
BEST PUREBRED (lg./x-lg.) All exhibitors, spectators, attendees and presentation of this event of all respons		

SCRUFFIEST

Judges' opinions prevail.

MUSICAL MATS

Just like musical chairs, dogs will sit on available mats when music stops. With each round, there are fewer mats and the dogs without mats are eliminated.

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 (approx. 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 divisions 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.

MIRROR IMAGE

Dog and owner look alike. Judges' opinions prevail.

FRIENDLIEST**

Judged on attitude and personality. Does dog approach 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 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 WITH DISTRACTIONS*

There is a 30-second maximum. Dog sits and is held by a judge. Owner goes approximately 40 ft. away and calls dog. Treats, toys, etc., will provide distractions during event. 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.

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 are complementary/similar in nature.

FRIENDLIEST**

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

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



^{*}Dog may be off leash for this category.

^{**}Dog may be entered in either adult or child category, but not both.

Here's the Way to the Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show

Aurora Turners Club

1335 Mitchell Road, Aurora



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

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









Become One of Our First Dog Show Sponsors!

You can help make the 17th Annual Rover Rescue Pet Dog Show an even bigger success by becoming one of our first-ever sponsors! We have several levels to choose from: Silver – \$350, Gold – \$550, and Platinum – \$1,000. These new sponsorships will help us cover the costs of this fun annual event.

All three levels come with an 8' x 10' booth space, your business' banner (supplied by you) will be hung on the wall behind the judging table in full view of the audience, and a business card-size ad will be included on the show program. In addition, the announcer will mention your business throughout the event. It's a great way to show your support and promote your company!

Or, you and your family can sponsor a specific show category for just \$25. Do you have a favorite category or did your dog win the Best Costume or Most Kisses competition last year? Sponsor it in honor of your dog! We'll place a poster on the show ring fence to thank you for your generosity, and we'll announce your sponsorship when the class begins. Plus, you can hand out the ribbons to the winners of your category.





Make Your Dog HAPPY to See the Vet!

"How do you do that," you say skeptically? By following your visits with the doctor by one of the activities your dog loves most! Go to the dog park, feed him a pupsicle, take a swim, or walk his favorite trail in the woods. Knowing there's fun coming up will make the dreaded trip to the vet make your dog feel SO much better about being there!

Have Something to Contribute to the Silent Auction or Raffle?

If you have some great new things you'd like to donate to the silent auction or raffle at the dog show, let us know! Dog beds, kids' toys, game tickets, novelty items and other fun prizes are welcome. We need lots of empty baskets, too!

Just give us a call at 630.897.7454 for a convenient drop-off location – we'll be happy to provide you with a tax receipt.



Sincere Thanks to Our Amazing Rover Rescue Sponsors

We offer our gratitude to these wonderful sponsors who have so generously donated to the homeless dogs and puppies of Rover Rescue:

Jennifer Leska 🐕 Dr. Lori Civello 🗳 The Tukker Family

In Memory of Roger Jacobazzi 🕻 In Memory of Beverly Leonardi & Hazel Weis

Join Us for The Great Annual Rover Rescue Barn Sale

Amazing finds are waiting for you at The Great Annual Rover Rescue Barn Sale, now located at our bigger and better indoor location in Elgin! It's THE place for bargain hunters like you to indulge your passion for fabulous deals, while helping out a great cause.

If your closets are ready for a spring cleaning, we'll be accepting donations for the sale starting on April 1. Just drop them off at 326 Sharon Lane in North Aurora, or you can make an appointment to take them to the barn at 8N006 Dittman Road, Elgin.

Watch RoverRescue.org for the dates for The Great Rover Rescue Barn Sale to be announced soon!

Congrats to the winner of our raffle basket at the Pets-A-Palooza Festival and his dog, Holly—adopted from Rover Rescue!



One of our former Rover Rescue foster dogs is famous! Not only has Buddy become a certified therapy dog, he now has his own children's book about his great adventures called, "Secret Rescuers Lil Buddy and Goose", available on Amazon!











Sending a Four-Paw Salute to 7-Year Old Fulton Meinig

Our homeless dogs and puppies are giving Fulton lots of tail wags because he asked his friends and family to bring donations for Rover Rescue instead of presents to his birthday party! He collected toys, blankets, cleaning supplies, treats, and a whole lot more. Thanks, Fulton!





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What's Ahead?

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The Great Annual Rover Rescue Barn Sale

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Rover Eats Out

Keep checking <u>RoverRescue.org/events/</u> for the latest dates and locations of the current scrumptious outings.

Adoption Events

Watch <u>RoverRescue.org</u> for our weekly adoption events!



Donate to the Show Kitchen



We need your help! Can your family or business contribute any of the following supplies to our kitchen for the dog show?

- 160 Sam's Club Beef Hot Dogs
- 160 Rosen Hot Dog Buns
- 48 Cans of Dr. Pepper
- 72 Cans of Pepsi
- 48 Cans of Diet Coke
- 48 Cans of Lemonade
- 120 Bottles of Water
- 160 Small Bags of Potato Chips
- 2 Boxes Sam's Club Nacho Chips
- 2 Cans of Sam's Club Nacho Cheese
- 3 Squeeze Bottles of Ketchup
- 3 Squeeze Bottles of Mustard
- 1 Squeeze Bottle of Relish
- 2 Jars of Jalapenos
- 4 Sweet Onions

If so, please give us a call at 630.897.7454!