

# Good Dog! Gazette

## The Rover Rescue Newsletter Winter 2022

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### PB&P Pup Treats

2½ c. whole wheat flour

¾ c. rolled oats

2 lg. eggs

1 heaping c. canned pumpkin

3 heaping tbsp. peanut butter

½ tsp. salt

½ tsp. cinnamon

- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Mix ingredients together. Add water as needed to make dough workable, but keep it dry and stiff.
- Roll dough until ½-in. thick and cut out with bone-shaped cookie cutter.
- Bake 35-40 min., until biscuits are hard.

Dear Santa,

I know you're super busy getting ready to deliver toys to kids all over the world, but I have a really special wish this year. My Grandpa needs a buddy to go on walks with him. The doctor says he's gotta go every day, but Grandpa thinks it's too boring to walk all by himself. Grandma can't go 'cause she has a bad foot, and his friends are always busy. So, I want you to get my Grandpa a dog!

A big, fluffy one that will walk with Grandpa to the park and watch the ducks (but not chase them, ok?). A dog that rolls over to get her tummy rubbed, wags her tail a lot, and licks Grandpa and makes him laugh.

Grandpa says it's sad that some dogs don't have any home to call their own, especially the "senior dogs." I think those are the dogs that are gray, like him, and don't run and jump as much anymore. Grandpa doesn't go very fast, so I think he'd really like one of those dogs. He'd be really pleased to give a homeless dog someplace warm and safe to live. Grandpa and Grandma's dog would get lots of petting and almost as many hugs and kisses as me. She'd have a full tummy, a soft bed and a whole bunch of toys. Grandpa will teach her neat tricks and sneak her cookies when Grandma isn't looking.

I could play with her when I go to their house and show her all the cool stuff in Grandma and Grandpa's backyard. Did you know there's a hole in the side of their fence the neighbor's dog tries to see through? Maybe Grandpa's dog could be friends with him.

Best of all, Grandpa wouldn't be lonely on his walks anymore and his dog wouldn't be lonely either. It's like a present for both of them!

Would you bring my Grandpa a homeless dog this year, Santa? It would be the best holiday of my whole life!

Thanks, Santa!

Your best friend forever,

Me



## Rover Rescue

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# Letter from the President

Dear Friends & Family,

As 2022 draws to a close, I am reminded of how far Rover Rescue has come as an organization. Founded in 2003, we will be entering our 20th year of service as a nonprofit dog rescue. Since the beginning, we have been and continue to be an all-volunteer organization, which means no one is paid for their time or contributions. It is incredible to think a group of volunteers came together and rallied around this single, important cause. Over the past 20 years, we have succeeded in finding homes for more than 11,500 dogs. That's a huge number of lives saved.

Our supporters have worked together, making a difference one dog at a time. Many of our group have opened their hearts as well as their homes, providing a safe haven for those scared and bewildered souls in our care. Other volunteers have spent countless hours transporting dogs, puppies and an occasional cat, bunny, chicken or pig to safety. And still other caring individuals have organized opportunities to increase community involvement and support. We have countless reasons to thank our wonderful volunteers.

This year we hit a milestone with the Annual Barn Sale, generating more funds than ever and giving us the opportunity to save so many more homeless dogs in perilous circumstances. The community support has been tremendous!

THANK YOU. We would not have been able to achieve these important goals without each of you!

We urgently need your continued support going forward. Please spread the word – pet adoption is a heart-lifting way to make an immediate difference. If you cannot adopt, consider fostering. We are limited by the number of foster homes willing to provide temporary care for a dog in desperate need. Rover Rescue takes care of the supplies and covers the veterinary costs, while foster families provide the love, patience and safe place to stay. With your help, we can make huge strides in helping more dogs find their way to forever homes.

Please visit our website at [RoverRescue.org](http://RoverRescue.org) to see how you can support us!

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



## Join Us in Celebrating 20 Years of Saving Lives

In 2023, Rover Rescue will be turning 20! That's two decades of helping more than 11,500 dogs with little chance of a future to find happiness in the safe, loving arms of new families. Over the next year, we'll be sharing insights and fun details about Rover Rescue, our fabulous volunteers, and the wonderful foster dogs who were saved through a lot of hard work, grit and sheer determination.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating our 20th anniversary throughout the coming year!



## Holiday Hound Toy Drive

Help Santa give our foster dogs a terrific holiday by donating a fun, new dog toy! Whether it's a frisbee, chew toy, tug o' war rope, squeaky toy or stuffed ducky, there's a foster dog whose tail will be wagging as soon as she gets it. Just put your toy in the Rover Rescue donation box at Bentley's Pet Stuff in Oswego, PetPeople in Aurora or Petco in North Aurora – or drop it off at 326 Sharon Lane in North Aurora. Give Santa a hand and make our foster dogs *really* happy!

## Making the Dog Park Fun

Want to be sure your trip to the dog park is a success? Here are some pointers for you:

- \* Be sure your dog has a good recall and knows what you mean when you ask her to “settle down.”
- \* If your dog's not very big, see if there are special park times reserved for the small fries or a section that's just for them. It's far too easy for the little dogs to get overwhelmed – or bowled over – by the bigger guys, and you want this to be a great outing for your pup.
- \* Before you both enter, check the safety and layout of the park and observe how the other dogs are behaving.
- \* Once you're both comfortable, take your pup off the leash if it's allowed. Otherwise, your dog may get tangled up in it, causing her stress.
- \* Don't zone out with your friends or your phone – keep your attention on your dog to be sure she's safe and having a good time.
- \* Maintain your connection by calling your pup back to you from time to time and playing a quick game or giving her a few pets before sending her back to romp.
- \* Avoid becoming part of a clump of people and dogs grouped together in too small an area. This can lead to doggy spats and an unhappy experience for your pup.
- \* Save the treats and toys for home – there's too much potential for dogs to start stealing or guarding behavior, leading to aggression.
- \* Always clean up after your dog and ask the other pet parents to do the same. The dog park won't be enjoyable if it's not maintained and poop-free.



- \* And remember, if it's no longer fun, it's time to go. Some days, your dog just isn't into it or other dogs are acting up, so be ready to leave when she stops enjoying the experience. If your dog's having a blast, though, consider staying a little longer than you'd planned. But if you become concerned about anything, leave immediately – your #1 priority is to keep your pup safe.





## Our Sincere Gratitude to These Generous Donors

The Leska Family • The McCall Family • Andrea Kasiewicz  
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Cheryl Brown • Raymond Nelson • Holger Liebenstein  
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## A Special Shout Out to Our Barn Sale Contributors – *THANK YOU!*

Not only did we receive more donations for the Great Rover Rescue Barn Sales than ever before, we also had more shoppers help with our cause. And for both of those things, we extend our sincere and awestruck gratitude. Combined, this year's six sales were our most successful fundraisers yet. *With your help, we raised enough funds to fully vet 150 foster dogs.*

We'll begin taking donations for next year's Barn Sales on May 1. See you there!



HUGE thanks go to Fulton Meinig, our dedicated, 9-year-old supporter from Geneva who AGAIN asked for dog-related presents for his birthday and donated them to Rover Rescue's VERY happy foster dogs! *Thank you, Fulton!*



Let's hear it for Girl Scout Troop 1675! These fabulous scouts from Batavia included Rover Rescue in their recent donation drive held at Louise White School. They collected toys, treats, and food for our homeless dogs – and earned a whole lot of wagging tails for their kindness and generosity!



## Make Our Foster Dogs Howl with Happiness

Would you like to make our pups super happy this holiday? Send us something on our Amazon wish list at [RoverRescue.org/Help-Us/Wish-List/](https://www.amazon.com/help-us-wish-list), or donate one or more of these items:

- ♦ Dog Treats
- ♦ Towels from Fitness Clubs or Daycares
- ♦ Paper Towels
- ♦ HE Laundry Detergent
- ♦ Baby Gates
- ♦ White Laser Jet Address Labels – 30/Sheet (Avery #5160)
- ♦ Garbage Bags – 30 & 13 gallon
- ♦ New or Like New Dog Crates
- ♦ Stamps
- ♦ New Stainless Steel Dog Bowls
- ♦ New Collars
- ♦ New Leashes
- ♦ Dog Beds
- ♦ #10 Business Envelopes
- ♦ Clorox Multipurpose Spray Cleaner

Call us at 630.897.7454 for a convenient drop-off location.



## Save a Life – *Become a Foster Home*

More foster homes are desperately needed. If we can get just **10 more foster homes**, we believe we could **save 120 more homeless dogs and puppies** in the next year! That's another 120 homeless dogs facing a hopeless future that could be rescued – *with your help*. Call us at **630.897.7454 today** to learn how you can become a lifesaver, too.



## ***BRRR...*** **It's Cold Outside!**

The cold Chicagoland winters can be a serious threat to your pup's health. Just like you, dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be kept inside as much as possible on winter days. No pet should be left outside for long periods in below-freezing weather, no matter what their breed or type of fur.

You can make sure your dog is safe with a few precautions. Keep an eye on her cold tolerance and adjust her outdoor activities accordingly to avoid frostbite and hypothermia.

You may need to shorten your walks with your pup, especially on particularly cold days. If your dog is very young or old, or has arthritis, she may have trouble on snow and ice-covered walkways. Conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, and hormonal imbalances, like Cushing's disease, can make it harder for your dog to regulate her body temperature so she's more susceptible to temperature extremes.

Remember, even if your dog has long, thick fur, she'll still feel the cold! And if her legs are short and her body's low to the ground, the shivers will set in even faster. She may need a sweater or coat to handle the cold outside. And make sure it's dry from her last outing – putting your dog into a damp coat will actually make her colder.

Wipe your dog's paws, legs and belly when she comes inside to remove deicers, antifreeze, and other toxic chemicals that could poison her if she licks them. Also, check her pads for any signs of cracks or bleeding, because ice and snow can accumulate between her toes. Putting her in booties or clipping the fur between her pads can help avoid injuries.

You might want to move your pup's bed to a warmer spot in the house, too. If you keep the thermostat low to save on the heating costs, consider putting your dog in a sweater indoors, as well.

In case your pup gets loose and needs help finding her way back to you, make sure she's microchipped and her name tag has your current contact information. And don't leave her in a parked car when it's cold, especially if she's very young, old or in compromised health. Your vehicle will lose heat quickly, and she could soon be facing a very dangerous situation.

Stay alert to the warning signs of hypothermia – if your dog is whining, shivering, seems anxious, slows down or stops moving, seems weak, or starts looking for warm places to burrow, get her inside *immediately*. Frostbite is harder to detect, and you may not know she has it until a few days later. If you suspect your pup has hypothermia or frostbite, take her to your vet right away.



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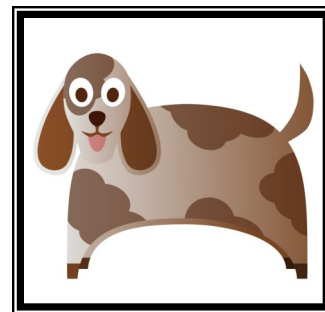
Warm car engines are an attractive source of warmth for cats trying to escape the winter cold, so take precautions when starting your vehicle. Before turning the key, check under your car, bang on the hood and honk your horn to shoo them out of danger.

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## Show Off Your Pup's Great Doggy Smile

Enter our special raffle to have a custom portrait created of your fabulous dog by talented painters Megan Good and Lisa Highley of Highley Good Creations! Buy your raffle tickets at any of our adoption events, or click on the link at the bottom of the [RoverRescue.org](http://RoverRescue.org) home page to buy your raffle tickets online now. Don't miss this chance to win an amazing holiday present for your family – the raffle drawing is **December 11, 2022**, and the winner will be notified by email.



## Give the Gift of Rover Gear

We're making the special 2022 Rover Gear available again for a limited time at [www.bonfire.com/rover-rescue-1/](http://www.bonfire.com/rover-rescue-1/). It's your last chance to order this fun and colorful design by Taylor Kuchta of Batavia. From November 17 to December 4, you can choose from a variety of styles and colors – they make great holiday presents!



## Traveling for the Holidays?

If you take your dog on the road with you, be sure to take precautions.

**Over state lines or across the border** – Your dog will need a health certificate from your veterinarian, regardless if you're going by plane or car. Check the requirements of the areas you're traveling through, as well as your final destination, and take care of the necessary vaccinations and paperwork well in advance.



**Going by car** – Your dog should always be safely restrained in a secure harness or a carrier in a spot clear of all airbags. Don't leave her alone in the car in any weather. And absolutely never transport your pup in the bed of a truck.

**Traveling by air** – First, talk with your vet. Air travel could put your four-footed friend at risk, especially if she's a short-nosed pup. Your vet can advise you on your dog's ability to travel by air.



**Wearing ID** – Make sure your pup has up-to-date identification, with the current address and your mobile number. And when's the last time you checked to see if the contact information linked to her microchip is correct? If she's not microchipped, now's the time to get that done.



**Packing for your pooch** – Along with her food, treats, medications, toys, bed and leash, bring copies of her medical records, photos and information to help identify your dog if she gets lost, and a doggy first-aid kit.

**If your pup is staying behind at a boarding kennel** – Ask your vet how to best protect her from the canine flu and other contagious diseases. And make sure she's up-to-date on all her vaccinations to keep her safe while you're gone.







## Pick a Toy Your Dog Will *LOVE*

Toys make the world go around for your dog – she can make them bounce, roll and fly into the air. They inspire her to play, enrich her training, stave off boredom and curb problem behaviors before they get started.

Some dogs want toys they can sink their teeth into, others prefer soft toys that don't hurt their gentle mouths, and then there are the pups that want to chase flying frisbees, run after bouncing balls, and play tug o' war with their two and four-footed friends.

Knowing your dog's preferences can give you a big head start in selecting the right toy, and her style of play should be your guide. Even a small dog can be a power chewer, so choose accordingly! Her life stage may also be a consideration – young pups may want something to gnaw on that will massage their gums, while older girls with dull teeth might be happier with soft, stuffed toys.

Before you buy, check the toy carefully. If it has an obvious smell, it might have chemical residue. Bright colors could be the result of toxic or irritating dyes that could leach into your dog's mouth when wet. Beware of fire retardants and stain guards which could contain formaldehyde and other chemicals; check the labels and manufacturer's website for information.

When you're picking out your pup's fun new addition to her toy box:

- ♦ Select toys that match your dog's play style.
- ♦ Keep a variety of toys on hand and rotate them to keep your dog interested.
- ♦ And remember, toys are no substitute for your attention and interaction!



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## Pumpkin Ginger Treats

3 c. whole wheat flour  
1/2 tsp. ground ginger  
1/2 c. pumpkin  
1 large egg, beaten  
1 tbsp. coconut oil, melted  
1/4 to 1/2 c. water

- Preheat oven to 275°F.
- Combine flour and ginger. In a separate bowl, mix pumpkin, egg and coconut oil. Add the flour mixture and mix until crumbly. With the mixer on low, slowly add water 1 tbsp. at a time until dough comes together but isn't sticky.
- On a floured surface, roll out the dough to 1/4-in. thickness and cut with a cookie cutter. If you're using a bone shape, press holes in the center with a fork.
- Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake until the bottoms are lightly browned (the tops might crack) and the biscuits feel firm when pressed, about 2 1/2 hours.



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### Make the Holidays Bright for Our Homeless Pups

Your donation will have our foster dogs jumping with joy this holiday! Go to [RoverRescue.org](http://RoverRescue.org) and click on Help Us > Donate to give them a special treat.



### Rover Eats Out

Have fun eating out with the family and help our foster dogs with our local fundraising events. Keep an eye on our website for upcoming dates and locations.