



# Midwest Rescue of Illinois! Pit Stop Newsletter

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Hello, friends!  
Spring is here, and we are finally entering "Adoption Season." More pups get adopted now than any other time of year. Our dream is to get everyone adopted before the first frost, especially long-timers Saki and Addante.

To boost their chances, we'll be attending all kinds of events over the next few months, from dog expos to street fairs to corporate pet awareness days. We'd love you to join us, and we know some furry little faces who'd love to see you, too!

Julie, Deb & JJ

## Sundays Are Going to the Dogs!

### Join us for Dog Walks/ Petco Days!

Unless we have other weekend events, we dedicate most Sundays to our kennel dogs (the ones who aren't in foster homes).



Addante says: "Let's Go!"

That means Sunday morning dog walks in the Vernon Hills area, followed by Adoption Day Events at the Vernon Hills Petco. We're at Petco from 12-2:30ish, and are planning to be there May 4, 18, & 25 and June 8 & 22. Join us!

## Bark Your Calendars!

Let's get some dogs adopted NOW! Here's what's on the calendar for May and June...

### Fri, May 3. 7pm-11pm — Rags2Wags Fundraiser

Come party for the pitties! Midtown Kitchen & Bar, Chicago. See page 2.

### Fri-Sun, May 2-4 — PetSmart Adoptathon Weekend

We're inviting our fosters and courtesy affiliates to hold mini-adoption days at their local PetSmarts. By participating, we get a percentage of national proceeds raised. Want to help? Let us know!

### Sat, May 10, 9am-5pm — Pet Expo in Tinley Park

Tinley Park Convention Center, I-80 & Harlem Ave.

We will be one of 80+ exhibitors, including all kinds of pet stuff, demos, etc.

### Fri, May 16, 10am-2pm — Pedigree Adoption Event

Kmart Atrium/Sears Headquarters,  
3333 Beverly Rd, Hoffman Estates

This was a great fundraiser for us last year, and the Atrium is a fascinating place. Available on a Friday? Check it out!

### Sunday, June 1, 11am-5pm — Angels with Tails

Michigan Ave. & Oak Street, Chicago

This year, we've been invited to participate in Chicago's legendary adoption event!

### Sat., June 14, 11am-3pm — Orland Park Dog Expo

Brighton Gardens, 16051 S. LaGrange Rd, Orland Park

We'll not only help the pups at this event, but raise funds for Parkinson's Disease as well.

### Sat, June 28, 8am-4pm — Glenview Summer Fest

Glenview Rd., west of Waukegan Rd & east of the Metra Tracks  
Typically one of our most successful summer festivals—and most fun, too!

If you plan to attend an event, please contact JJ at 847-680-6044 or email [mdwstrescueabull@aol.com](mailto:mdwstrescueabull@aol.com).



## Put on Yer Party Hat &



## Party for the Pitties!

Let's put the FUN in FUNdraiser, as we help a sister rescue raise money and awareness

**Rags2Wags Fundraiser — Sat., May 3, 7-11 pm**

**Midtown Kitchen & Bar, 203 N. LaSalle, Chicago**

\$10 cover charge • Raffle & silent auction • Complimentary buffet

Special guest: former UFC Heavyweight Champ Andrei "the Pit Bull" Arlovski

For more info, visit [www.rags2wagspitbullrescue.com](http://www.rags2wagspitbullrescue.com)

## We Need 2 Things...

### 1) Ideas!

Help us make the most of our spring and summer events! We're looking for venues where we can show our pups. If you know of any dog-friendly street fairs, expos, etc., please tell us.

Also, we're interested in new fundraising ideas—especially stuff to sell. Think dog-themed items that are small and easy to carry (like our magnets), and reasonably priced, so people will buy. All inspirations gratefully accepted!

### 2) A Great Foster Home!

If you've been thinking about fostering and are interested in dog training, here's a golden opportunity for you!

We need a foster home for a loving, adult female dog. She's VERY SWEET with people, but not with most dogs (although she does fine with her submissive male roomie).

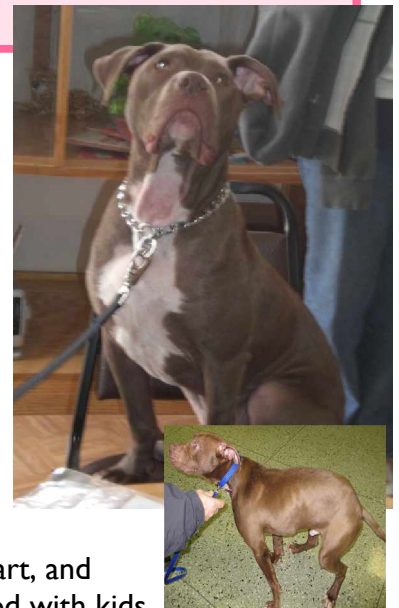
We are very fortunate: one of Chicago's best-known bully behaviorists, Curtis Scott of Canis Familiaris, has agreed to work with us on her dog aggression. He is a wealth of knowledge, and you can be part of it. It would be an amazing opportunity to learn, while helping a pup who really needs a friend.

## Pupdates!

You might not recognize this gorgeous, glossy guy from the scarred, starving puppy we introduced in March!

We're pleased to tell you that today, **Wiggles** is a healthy, happy, beautiful boy. His foster mom says he's a pure delight: playful,

smart, and good with kids, dogs and cats. Now, all he needs is his forever home!



What happened to **Faith**, the abused puppy with the broken leg? You'll recall we raised funds for her surgery, which was scheduled for March.

The big day came, and her surgeon determined that, given her growth and healing, surgery would do more harm than good. (A 2nd opinion confirmed it.) Faith will always limp a bit, and she'll get arthritis later. But otherwise, she's doin' great. In fact, she's ready for adoption (so is sister Paige, on the right).

We've earmarked your donations for her future medical expenses, so Faith's leg won't prevent her from being adopted. Thank you for your wonderful gifts, which will go to her care, just not exactly as planned!

**Thanks for supporting Midwest Rescue!**

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