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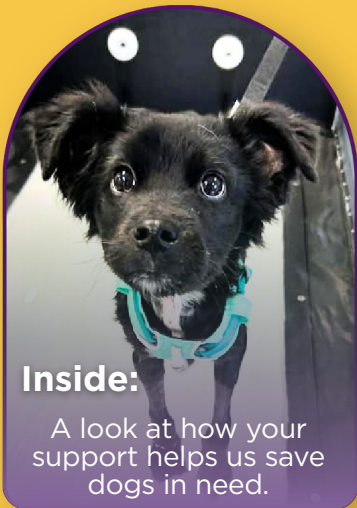


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Reality of Rescue

Delco Dawgs is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; 100% volunteer run and foster based rescue. All donations directly support medical care and rescue operations. Your support saves lives and makes rescue possible. We **THANK YOU** for being part of our mission!



Inside:

A look at how your support helps us save dogs in need.

In this newsletter, we highlight updates on our dogs, share success stories, and emphasize the importance of fostering and community support in saving the most precious lives.

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Every foster home, adopter, volunteer, donor, and supporter directly contributes to giving dogs a second chance.



New Beginnings

Lieutenant Dan lost his leg in 2023 due to severe injury and infection. He was adopted by an experienced and devoted shepherd owner who gave him a second chance at life. Recently, seizure-related mobility issues affected his balance, but thanks to Holly's generosity, he now has a custom-fitted wheelchair, restoring his independence!

Lt. Dan is happily rolling into his next chapter!



Why Rescue Matters

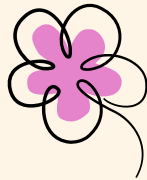
Every week, dogs are entering shelters due to abandonment and neglect. **Delco Dawgs** works to give them a second chance, made possible by you! **YOU CAN HELP BY:**

- **Advocating Against Cruelty**
- **Fostering • Adopting • Donating**
- **Volunteering • Sponsorships**
- **Sharing Our Mission!**



Foster Corner

Rocco's Recovery



Hi, I'm Rocco!

I've come a long way since arriving in rough shape with a sore mouth and a skinny little frame. After settling into my foster home and getting the care I needed, I recently had a big dental surgery to fix everything that was bothering me. I handled it like a champ, and I'm feeling better more and more each day. Now that I'm on the mend, my sweet and easygoing personality is really starting to shine. Next up is my neuter, and I'm one step closer to the happy, healthy life I've been waiting for. I can't wait to show everyone just how good life can be!



Clementine's Crew



Foster Spotlight

This month, we're shining a light on Clementine's journey in foster care with Ash, who graciously shared a few thoughts on what fostering really means. It's a small glimpse into the love, commitment, and lifesaving impact behind the scenes.



Q. Can you tell us a little about yourself and how you became Clementine's foster caregiver?

A. I'm a veterinary rehabilitation nurse and massage therapist, and I've been a medical foster for Delco Dawgs for 6 years. When I heard about Clementine, I knew she would benefit from having a foster who could continue her recovery at home, so my boys (Sharkie and Guppy - both DD Alumni) and I offered to take her into our care.

Q. What does/did caring for Clementine look like day to day during her recovery?

A. When Clementine was discharged from the hospital, she was still in need of around-the-clock care and monitoring. Because the goal is for her to safely gain weight, she has small and frequent meals (and frequent potty breaks!!) which are carefully measured for caloric content, along with medications and supplements to support her GI, liver, and to help her build muscle. We did range of motion of her joints, gentle exercises to encourage her to use her legs and neck, and massage to keep her comfortable as her body started to work. Her strength and stamina have increased each day, and she has gone from being unable to lift her head to enjoying walks and playtime with her foster brothers. She has also come a long way with basic puppy training—she's now crate trained, housebroken (knows how to ring a bell to go potty outside), knows how to 'sit' and 'wait' for her food, and is currently working on 'leave it'. She's a smart cookie!

Q. What has been the most special or rewarding part of watching Clementine's progress?

A. The most special part of Clementine's progress is just watching her learn how to, and actually become healthy enough to be a happy puppy. The way she watches the boys and then jumps in to try for herself is so sweet! Her will to live is incredible, and I have no doubt that she will live a very happy life from here on out!

The Power of Community

From local supporters to people across the world, Clementine's journey has brought together a community united by compassion. Your support continues to make stories like hers possible!

Clementine was found abandoned and emaciated in freezing conditions. Upon arrival at emergency care, she was clinically lifeless and needed revival before intensive care. Her body was shutting down due to neglect, requiring critical intervention and constant monitoring to survive. After nine days in the ICU, she stabilized, progressing from being unable to lift her head to standing and walking, thriving with physical therapy and a supportive nutrition plan. Today, Clementine shines bright and resilient, capturing hearts with her debut on 6abc Philadelphia. Her journey continues, thanks to the rescue's intervention. Clementine's tale packs a mighty punch to say that while her suffering was preventable, compassion, intervention, and community support can truly save lives.

Clementine's Recovery Progress

- Doubled her weight! (2/10 → 3/9)
- Progressed from near death to active rehabilitation.
- Digestive health is gradually improving after severe malnutrition.

New Beginnings

Stories of Strength, Healing & Second Chances.

Thank You For Supporting Clementine's Crew Shirt Fundraiser!



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ADOPTION SPOTLIGHT!

ABBY



Hi... I'm Abby!

I'm a lively, playful girl who loves to run, stretch my legs, soak up the fresh air, and then settle in close for cozy snuggles with my person. I'm incredibly smart and can even use communication buttons! I truly love being connected to my humans. This season feels like a fresh start for me, and I'm ready to grow, love, and begin my next chapter with someone special. My heart is big, my love is endless, and I'm just waiting for someone to share it with.

Abby was rescued from ACCT when she was young, emaciated, and frightened, but she has made an incredible transformation and is now ready for her new beginning. She would do best as the **only pet in the home**, as she thrives when she can focus all of her love and bond closely with her person. Because she can sometimes forget how big and strong she is, a home without small children would be best. With the right home, Abby will continue to flourish into a loyal, deeply devoted companion. If you or someone you know could be the perfect match for Abby, please fill out our application and apply today to give her the loving home she deserves!

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Training Tips

Bringing home a new furry friend is a heartwarming experience! Rescue dogs often need a bit of time to settle into their new environment and routines with their new human pals. With patience and consistency, they can become your best-ever companion!

- New scents, sounds, and unfamiliar people can be overwhelming for dogs.
- Some dogs may exhibit shyness, anxiety, or excessive excitement in response to new experiences.
- 3 days to decompress, 3 weeks to start settling in, 3 months to fully adjust and feel at home.
- It is essential to closely monitor their behavior and keep a record of their progress.



Adoption Corner
Maggie's Match



Maggie, a 10-11 year old blind chihuahua mix rescued from a hoarding situation, weighed only 5 pounds and had a traumatic past. Even through her challenges, she showed a loving spirit and thrived in foster care after receiving medical attention. Maggie adapted well to her environment, getting along with kids, cats, and dogs. She recently found her forever home, where she is safe and cherished, enjoying a bright future. **Happy tails, Maggie!**



Delco Dawgs rescues and rehabilitates abandoned and abused animals, offering safety, compassion, and loving homes. We provide lifesaving veterinary care for critically injured dogs through community support and help reunite lost pets with their families.

Dexter's Dream



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I'm a charming little fellow with a vibrant personality, discovering that the world can be a safe and loving place. I adore my cozy crate, enjoy playing with my favorite person, and am gradually learning how delightful life can be. Once I build trust, I become a devoted companion who enjoys baths, grooming, and peaceful cuddle sessions.

Dexter is a small Shih Tzu mix, a few years old, seeking a patient and nurturing forever home. He is neutered, fully vetted, and thriving physically after overcoming early life challenges. Dexter will flourish in a serene environment where someone is ready to invest time in helping him adjust and build confidence. He gets along well with cats and may also do well with the right dog, given a proper introduction. A peaceful home without small children is ideal for his overall confidence and happiness.



Kids Corner

Welcome to our Kids Corner, young dog lovers can learn how to help pets stay safe, healthy, and happy!



How to be a Pet Hero!

Did you know YOU can help animals every day? Here are simple ways to be a pet hero:

- Always be gentle with animals.
- Make sure pets have clean water and food.
- Never chase or scare animals.
- Tell an adult if you see an animal that looks lost or hurt.

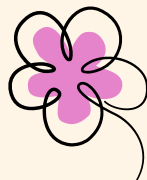
Pet hero tip: Animals have feelings too—just like you!



Tip: Take things slow, trust builds over time. Allow your dog to approach you instead of forcing interaction.

Alumni Corner

Maddie



As just an 8-month-old puppy, she was sadly struck by a car and suffered fractures in both front legs, requiring complex orthopedic surgery. Even with her injuries, she remained sweet and friendly during recovery. Following multiple surgeries and weeks of dedicated recovery and follow-up care, Maddie healed exceptionally well! Today, her legs are strong, stable, and fully functional. Maddie was adopted into a loving home where she now runs and plays freely, demonstrating resilience and the powerful impact of quality veterinary care and community support. She even made a special appearance in the St. Patrick's Day parade, proudly showing off just how far she's come!

Every story starts with a choice to care and act. By fostering, adopting, donating, or sharing our mission, you help give vulnerable dogs a second chance at new beginnings. We truly appreciate all of your support!



Delco Dawgs is entirely donor-funded. Every rescue, medical procedure, recovery, and safe place to rest is made possible through the generosity of our supporters. Your donations directly impact the lives of the animals we save. **THANK YOU!**



Grumps



At just 6 months old, Grumps faced severe trauma, including an untreated hind leg fracture and being hit by a vehicle, injuring three legs. He underwent emergency care and surgery for his left front leg. Despite his challenges, Grumps showed remarkable resilience and affection during rehabilitation, including aqua therapy. Adopted by his foster, a VRC team member, he now receives specialized care and thrives in a loving home, exemplifying the impact of advanced veterinary care and a dedicated rescue community.

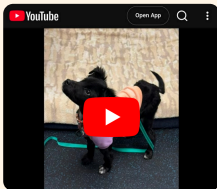
Safety Tips: Keep Easter fun and safe for your pups! Skip toxic plants like lilies and daffodils, keep chocolate and candy (especially anything with xylitol) well out of reach, and watch for sneaky hazards like plastic grass, foil wrappers, and small toys that can cause blockages. Stick to dog-safe treats, remind guests not to share human food, and if you're hosting or egg hunting, double-check your yard and baskets afterward; curious noses will find everything!

Upcoming Events

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Upper Darby's Pet Expo is back on April 25th (rain date April 26), and Delco Dawgs will be there! Stop by for free rabies vaccines for township residents, plus low-cost vaccines and microchipping from All Pets Veterinary Hospital. Come say hi, meet the team, and keep your pets happy, healthy, and up to date. Just be sure to register in advance! <https://www.upperdarby.org/petexpo>

Watch Clementine's Story: Thanks to Jeff Davidson for the beautiful tribute as a supporter, foster, adopter, donor, and friend.



CLEMENTINE'S STORY ON GABC!

Every Dog Deserves a New Beginning.



Host a Fundraiser!

Support Delco Dawgs through fundraisers or community events like restaurant nights, vendor pop-ups, and corporate partnerships! Funds raised will provide emergency medical treatment and daily care for animals in need. Our team is ready to assist you in planning a successful event. Contact us at our email listed below today!



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This map represents supporters proudly wearing their shirts and standing behind Clementine. Many more are still on the way. Look how far her story has reached... and it's still growing.

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