

B.A.R.K.

Fall Newsletter 2024



RACING THE STORM



BARK board members work with shelters/rescues all the time. January 2024 started out with new adventures for our **BARK** board members. As individuals living in various parts of Kansas, we are still members of our individual communities.

A board member received a call from a rescue in her area that two pit bull mixes were found. However, the rescue didn't have any room for the dogs. The same was true for the humane shelter in the community. The dogs were in nice condition so it was presumed that their owners would be found. The owners were never located. Had the dogs been dumped? What were we going to do?

BARK and the rescue team jumped into action as a frigid arctic blast from Canada was coming to the Midwest in a few days. The dogs would never survive without food and shelter. During this time the wind chill could drop as low as minus 30 degrees. Forecast was up to 8+ inches of snow. Frantically, we found haven at Auburn Animal Clinic where **BARK** paid for their boarding,

vaccinations and neutering. This was only a temporary solution, but at least they were safe. We needed time!

Their names became Makao and Rio. One of the employees at the clinic fell in love with Rio and adopted him. Now we needed to find a place for Makao. A Kansas City lady in rescue drove to Auburn, KS to pick up Makao. The only place we could find foster care for Makao was in St. Joseph, Missouri. This guardian angel picked up Makao, drove to St. Joseph Missouri and then back to Kansas City. Both dogs were now

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Rio



Dear Friends of Animals:

Good news and bad news. The good news is **YOU!** Wow – we have been able to help so many homeless pets this past year because of our fabulous donors. We receive requests from those that take care of homeless pets, and we can either contribute or pay for all. The **ONLY** reason is because of generous, people such as **YOU.** **BARK** is extremely grateful and humbled.

Now, for the bad news. We have experienced way too many dogs and cats that are surrendered to shelters/rescues because of the owner moving, divorce, new baby, going to senior care facility or sadly, the death of the owner. It is heartbreaking seeing family pets confused and scared. Life does bring changes but please try to keep your pet if possible. Do you have someone to take your pet(s) if something happens and you are no longer able to care for him/her? We must plan if the unthinkable occurs.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter of all the pets **YOU** helped this past year. The **BARK** board members consisting of Wendy Erickson, Ginger Barr, Jordan Carpenter and I appreciate and thank **YOU.**

Blessings to you all,

Kathi Barr Thies



Homeless Pets Helped Because of YOUR Donations

PERRIN



PERRIN and **MORAINE** are brother and sister with Chain of Hope. Perrin is blind and deaf. Moraine is deaf. They needed training and **BARK** contributed towards their special training. Both were adopted! Moraine is a therapy dog, working with her therapist mom.

MORAINE



LEMON (Mid-America Bully Breed Rescue) was found limping and imaging showed a significant trauma to her rear left leg. She needed orthopedic surgery. **BARK** was able to contribute towards this expensive surgery. It was successful and Lemon was adopted.



LEMON



CHLOE

Gastric torsion (same as bloat) is deadly without surgical intervention. Midwest Animal ResQ had a dog, **CHLOE**, who needed this emergency surgery. **BARK** contributed towards the surgery, and it was a success. Chloe was adopted.

PENNY



CRICKET



Adorable **PENNY** was at a city shelter, Pleasant Hill, and needed help. **BARK** paid for her vaccines, spay surgery and medication. Penny was adopted.

Soon after **CRICKET** was born, her owners moved and left their 4 dogs (including Cricket). The family was not educated on spay/neuter or vetting their dogs. Therefore, Cricket was infested with fleas, ticks and hook worms. She

was weak and sick. She needed to spend a few days at the vet to gain her strength and be treated for multiple parasites which **BARK** paid for. Cricket was eventually adopted by her foster family.

TOULA



A tiny bundle of fur, **TOULA**, had a battle against pneumonia. Toula (Meowy Matchmakers Cat Rescue) needed to be at a specialty vet clinic to receive the necessary oxygen. **BARK** was happy to contribute towards her stay.

ASHTON



Angels Left Behind (ALB) received a senior Havanese from a puppy mill. He was old and no longer needed. A senior dog sanctuary where the dogs live openly in a pack (cage free) and are treated as family members agreed to take **ASHTON** if he was neutered and current on vaccinations. ALB contacted **BARK** and we gladly paid the medical bill for Ashton. ALB had him groomed (spa day) so he'd be ready for his new life.





JIMMY

A city shelter, Oak Grove Animal Control, found a rescue to take **JIMMY** but he needed some items completed before the rescue would take him. **BARK** paid for his vaccines, neuter and a nail trim. Jimmy was then transferred to a rescue to find his new family.



PERDITA

ZEEMA (Lawrence Humane Society) developed a respiratory infection that progressed where she needed to be on continuous oxygen. She went to a specialty vet clinic and was on oxygen for 10 days. **BARK** contributed towards the expensive cost. Zeema is doing well in her foster home with her bonded companion waiting for their forever home.



ZEEMA

Another pup from a breeder/puppy mill. **PERDITA** needed heart surgery, so the puppy mill had no use for her. Furry Kids Refuge agreed to take her and took her to University of Missouri for heart surgery which was successful! **BARK**, because of **YOU**, was able to contribute towards the expensive surgery.



YUKI

YUKI (Great Plains SPCA) is an eight-year-old French bulldog that had 2 bladder stones. One was lodged at the end of his urethra so he could not urinate. It is a routine procedure to flush the stones out and then surgery to remove them. However, Great Plains medical team was unsuccessful flushing the stones. Yuki was then taken to a specialty clinic where they were able to flush the stones which **BARK** contributed towards, and Great Plains medical team was able to remove the stones. Yuki was then adopted!



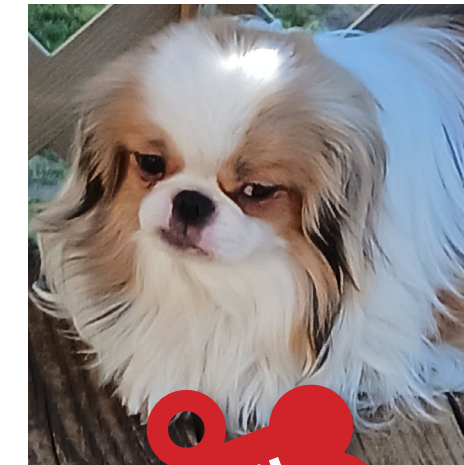
FLIK

Eight-year-old **FLIK** was a puppy mill dog that was fortunate to come (with many others) to Great Plains SPCA (GPSPCA). A lady (former volunteer at GPSPCA) that lived in Kansas City and moved to Minnesota saw a video of Flik on Facebook and wanted to give him a home. Her son was traveling from KC to MN for the Christmas holiday the next day and could transport Flik. GPSPCA had everything ready for Flik except a health certificate to cross state lines and it was night, and no vet was open. **BARK** contacted LionsGate Pet Hospital (after hours) and they would see him first thing in the morning. The vet gave him an exam (not charging **BARK**) and the health certificate could be issued. **BARK** paid for the health certificate and got Flik back to the shelter to meet with the son. Flik (now named Gus) is living a spoiled, happy life in MN.

ELEVEN



BARK paid for **BONSAI**, another puppy mill dog, that needed x-rays, vaccines and be neutered. **BARK** paid the bill and Bonsai is available for adoption.



BONSAI

KOVA needed entropion surgery. It is a condition that causes the eyelids to roll inward which left her eyelashes constantly scratching her eyes – OUCH! **BARK** contributed towards Kova's surgery, and she is now pain free. Kova is still looking for her forever home.



KOVA

BOARDING DOGS



Echo

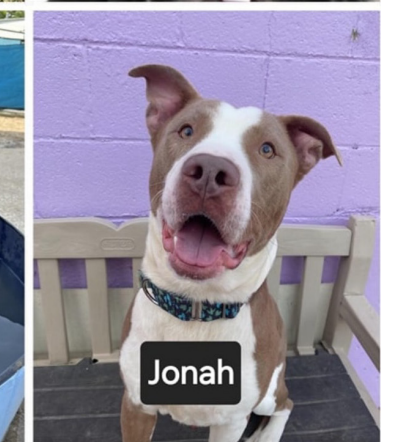


Kova

ELEVEN was originally seized by animal control in a neglect/cruelty case with her siblings and parents. Eleven was found with an enlarged valve that was causing her heart to work 3 times harder, pumping blood too quickly through her heart. **BARK** contributed to her life-saving surgery.



Scooch



Jonah

Many rescues are forced to board their dogs if they don't have enough foster homes. All shelters and rescues **NEED** foster homes. One rescue was in dire need of help with their boarding dogs. **BARK** helped them with a recent bill. Volunteer to foster at your local shelter/rescue.

OUR PARTNERS

BARK is eternally grateful to our giving partners. The following give us discounts and/or donate their services. We cannot thank them enough.

Auburn Animal Clinic, Auburn, KS
Eagle Consulting, Topeka, KS
Eye Care for Animals, Overland Park, KS
Heather Garten, Overland Park, KS
Ted Ferguson, Raymore, MO
Gentle Dog Training.com, Overland Park, KS
Hippie Hound Pet Lounge, Topeka, KS
Jayhawk Kennel Club, Lawrence, KS
LionsGate Pet Hospital, Overland Park, KS
Mission Veterinary Allergy & Dermatology Clinic, Mission, KS
Veterinary Allergy & Dermatology Clinic, Overland Park, KS
Westport Animal Clinic, Topeka, KS

Shelters, Rescues, Pounds we have teamed with:

Adopt Rescue Foster, Belton, MO
Angels Left Behind, Belton, MO
Cat Association of Topeka, Topeka, KS
City Pound, Desoto, KS

City Pound, Eldorado, KS
City Pound, Columbus, KS
Chain of Hope, Kansas City, MO
Colby Animal Clinic, Colby, KS
Corgi Connection of Kansas, Milford, KS
Furever Friends, Madison, KS
Furry Kids Refuge, Lee's Summit, MO
Great Plains SPCA, Merriam, KS
Heart of America Humane Society, Overland Park, KS
Helping Hands Humane Society, Topeka, KS
Humane Society of Greater KC, Kansas City, KS
Kansas City Pet Project, Kansas City, MO
Kansas Animal Facilities
Lawrence Humane Society, Lawrence, KS
Lifeline Animal Placement & Protection, Wichita, KS
Meowy Matchmakers Cat Rescue, Mission, KS
Mid America Bully Breed Rescue, Kansas City, MO
Midwest Animal ResQ, Raytown, MO
Missouri Pitbull Rescue, Kansas City, MO
Melissa's Second Chances, Shawnee, KS
Oak Grove Animal Control, Oak Grove, MO
Paws-N-Claws, Newton, IA
Paws to Love, Wamego, KS
Pawsitive Tails Rescue, Topeka, KS
Pleasant Hill Animal Control, Pleasant Hill, MO
Pratt County Humane Society, Pratt, KS
Rockin' Paw Rescue & AdoptionNetwork, Emporia, KS
Rocky Mountain Cocker Rescue, Parker, CO
Second Chance Animal Refuge Society, Auburn, KS
Shooting Star Horse Rescue, Wakarusa, KS
The Animal Rescue Alliance (T.A.R.A.) – Raytown, MO
The Rescue Project, Kansas City, MO
Topeka Community Cat Fix, Topeka, KS
Unleashed Pet Rescue, Mission, KS
Wichita Humane Society, Wichita, KS

Distributing Supplies



LionsGate Pet Hospital staff with a car load of pet supplies for distribution.

The staff and their clients at LionsGate Pet Hospital are giving angels. LionsGate donates to **BARK** in memory of their clients that have passed.

They also donate endless supplies to BARK to distribute to community outreach, pet food pantries, shelters and rescues in need. Their clients also donate. Food, heartworm/flea preventive, beds, blankets, towels, toys, leashes, collars, etc. are extremely appreciated by the organizations we deliver the supplies to.

Opie is looking for a home and is a delightful companion. He knows no strangers and is fine with nice kids, cats and dogs. Email the following for more information on Opie: ginger@gingerbarr.com



In Remembrance

We honor those who have been memorialized through **BARK** this past year. They are:

Suki Blakely
Norma Fox
Abbey – pet of Sue & Mark Synovec
Abby – pet of Tara & Matt Adams
Abby – pet of Lamberti Family
Abby – pet of Swaim Family
Albert – pet of Franzoni Family
Alex – pet of Deborah Patrick
Ambrose – pet of Tina & Brian Murray
Annie – pet of Drake Family
Aria – pet of Mann Family
Baela – pet of Gardenia Olivera & Heidi OH
Bailey – pet of Murphy Family
Bailey – pet of Rhodes Family
Bailey – pet of Leslie & John Young
Bane – pet of Nate & Haylee Bryson
Barkley – pet of Weiner Family
Basil – pet of Rojas Family
Bear – pet of Betty Gowans
Beauregard – pet of Cindy & Danny Himmelberg
Bella – pet of Lamberti Family
Bella – pet of Ellen Withrow
Benny – pet of Hagen Family
Bentley – pet of Donna & Curt Boyd
Bentley – pet of David & Robin Love
Bernard – pet of Horowitz Family
Bernie – pet of Braun Family
Betsy – pet of DeVolder Family
Bia – pet of Rogers Family
Boe – pet of Lippert Family
Brodie – pet of David & Karen Sapenoff
Brooklyn – pet of Cynthia Caldwell
Bruce – pet of Clifford Family
Buddy – pet of Becky Larma
Bungie Boo – pet of Betsy & David Vicknair
Buzz Lightyear – pet of Robertson Family
Bruno – pet of Ann & Gilbert Galle
Buddy – pet of Burghart Family
Cali – pet of Jennifer & Mike Giuseffi
Carly – pet of Logsdon Family
Charley – pet of Turner Family
Charlie – pet of Joe & Joyce Coleman
Charlie – pet of Joffe Family
Chloe – pet of Malecki Family
Cisco – pet of Carol Dale
Cooper – pet of Franklin Family
Copito – pet of Bazzichelli Family
Corey – pet of Tim Coleman
Dakota – pet of Carnago/Duty Family
Dash – pet of Ron Berg & Sheri Stamper
Dash – pet of Teresa Ross
Dot – pet of Karen Litt
Dupree – pet of DJ Nolan & Debbie Richmond
Eddie – pet of Mabny Family
Finnegan – pet of Synovec Family
Fran – pet of Horton Family
Frances – pet of Tina & Brian Murray
Frankie – pet of Jan Johnson
Gabby – pet of Adair Family
Gracie – pet of Brodd Family
Gracie – pet of Dolginoffs family
Gracie – pet of DJ Nolan & Debbie Richmond
Gracie – pet of Susan & Joe Petrich
Guinness – pet of Grauer Family
Guinness – pet of Kimberlee & Chad Johnson
Gumby – pet of Katzer Family
Haggis – pet of Gruell Family
Hank – pet of VanDeberghe Family
Hunley – pet of Ellen Withrow & Rob Noah
Ice – pet of Sohee & Matt Priest
Ike – pet of Pam Allard
Indy – pet of Kim White
Jack – pet of Bolts Family
Jackson – pet of Ritchie Family
Jasper – pet of Krone Family
Jax – pet of Lippert Family
Jei Jei – pet of Carolyn Mankellow
Jemma – pet of Alon Family
Jenna – pet of Clements Family
Joey – pet of Joan Haas-Flynn
Joey – pet of Marie Marley
Jordy – pet of Williams Family
Katie – pet of Simkins Family
Kayley – pet of Ferrigno Family
Kit Kat – pet of Feather Family
Koby – pet of Murillo Family
Kyah – pet of Bingham Family
Lexi – pet of Karen & Steve Hancock
Libby – pet of Jane Schaible
Lili – pet of Jan Saling
Lily – pet of Carnago Family
Little Willow – pet of Slutsky Family
Lola – pet of Armbrrecht Family
Lola – pet of Cleek Family
Lola Pearl – pet of Jane & Gary Raetz
Louie – pet of Mic Fuss
Lucy – pet of Lia Broadwater
Lucy – pet of Judy & Lee Bruss
Luna – pet of Aramoons Family
Luna – pet of Katzer Family
Mae – pet of Kenyon Family
Maggie – pet of Ronald & Sharon Silver
Maggie – pet of Sullivan Family
Maggie – pet of Veverka Family
Mara – pet of Butler Family
Marvin – pet of Theresa & Jim Swallow
Max – pet of Nikki & Sean DeVlin
Mickey – pet of Bill & Vicki Wallace



Milo – pet of Britain Family
Mogley – pet of Ladish Family
Molly – pet of Connie Alexander
Molly – pet of Westby Family
Murphy – pet of Mary & Mike McGinley
Nellie – pet of Ratterman Family
Nola – pet of Stefanie Bien
Nym – pet of Nicholls Family
Oreo – pet of Ramos Family
Oscar – pet of Woo Family
Penny – pet of Wendy & Rich Sgarlat
Pipa – pet of Groover Family
Pippin – pet of Brenda & Edward Bruehert
Porky – pet of Barbara & Lee Cochran
Princess – pet of Pickens Family
Rally – pet of Bracken Family
Reggie – pet of Joe & Kristy Lockwood
Rocco – pet of Bigham Family
Rocky – pet of Gwen & Steve Fetter
Rocky – pet of Johnson Family
Rocky – pet of Wedman Family
Roxie – pet of Umentum Family
Ruby – pet of Debbie & Randy Korte
Ruby – pet of Darren & Erica Voiles
Rusty – pet of Wood Family
Sandy – pet of Lehman Family
Sasha – pet of Pam & Rick Miller
Scooter – pet of Xiaoyan Li
Scout – pet of Deb Bauman & Sharon Rellihan
Scrappy – pet of Boos Family
Shadi – pet of Holland Family
Shadow – pet of Maffry Family
Sheba – pet of Evin Sagduyu
Skipper – pet of Wells Family
Sleven – pet of Laura & Toby Hendrix
Slick – pet of Mackenzie Viets & Marek Holzrichter
Soca – pet of Michael & Lauren Arbucci
Sophie – pet of Bales Family
Sully – pet of Russ & Nancy Simmons
Taco – pet of Brimacombe Family
Teddy – pet of Russ & Nancy Simmons
Tess – pet of Stephanie Rawson
Tess – pet of Schadegg Family
Tiger Lily – pet of Abigail Olson
Timber – pet of Galich Family
Tommy – pet of Emily Wortman
Sheldon – pet of Horowitz Family
Skye – pet of Deb & Brian O'Hearne
Valentino – pet of Shari & George Weyrauch
Willie – pet of Katelynn Roberson
Zeus – pet of Whitehill Family
Zoe – pet of Lisa & Brad Love

safe from the terrible winter elements. Once Makao was settled, **BARK** paid for Makao's training and special toys that every dog needs!

The **BARK** Board thanks everyone that was involved in helping these dogs continue their story until they found their perfect home. It truly took a village! There was lots of work done by special angels for these dogs! We couldn't have done it without the support of our donors.



Makao

Our Mission

BARK is an IRS 501(3) (c) charitable corporation. The purpose of **BARK** is to receive and accept funds and property to be administered exclusively for charitable purposes, primarily in connection with the prevention of cruelty to animals. **BARK** acts as a valuable resource for the care of animals, including their food, board, medical needs and social training. **BARK's** goal is to act as the voice for animals in need of care by allocating **ALL funds** toward the support of local humane shelters and other charitable organizations whose purpose is to prevent cruelty to animals.

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