

president's column CAT WALTON

Administrative, financial goals set for 2003

Welcome to the first edition of the CBRR&R newsletter!

Look here for the activities, achievements and goals being pursued by the Board of Directors and the various committees of CBRR&R. It is a pleasure for me to have this forum to keep all the membership involved and advised of our progress.

Now that the New Year has passed, there are many areas of activity under way. As I advised in the year-end address, we will be focusing in the first quarter on administrative and financial programs to assist us in our goal of rescuing and placing as many dogs as possible.

One that is currently underway is an "in-kind donation" program for our members. All of our rescuers generously spend a lot of their own hard-earned wages on the rescue, transport and fostering of dogs in need without requesting reimbursement.

All of this is gratefully acknowledged, but we also want to help the members with a program where these dollars can be claimed on personal tax returns as deductible donations to CBRR&R. It will involve some record keeping by both the members and the finance committee staff, but we hope to organize the program in a way that will not over-burden either. We are researching the legalities and IRS requirements, but are confident we will have

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DAN RUGGIRELLO / CBRR&R

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coming up...

Name the Newsletter Contest

Do we have any imaginative souls out there who are willing to help name our newsletter?

We are looking for something that will capture the spirit of the Chesapeake Bay Retriever, the newsletter, and CBRR&R.

The winner will be chosen by a panel of experts.

Newsletter committee members may enter, but will not participate in judging.

Rules:

1. Entrants must be a CBRR&R volunteers.
2. Send as many entries as you want, within reason.
3. Entry deadline March 1.

Please send entries to
Tim Myers at
myerstpaul@aol.com.

In addition to naming the newsletter, the winner will receive a yet to be determined prize.
Good Luck !

Potential articles, art, sections, columns, etc.

In upcoming issues, we would like to include some or all of:

- . Rescue dog achievements, such as CGC, TDI, agility titles, etc.
 - . In memoriams.
 - . A featured dog, perhaps one with special needs or talents.
 - . A listing of upcoming field and bench events.
 - . Regional updates including adopted dogs, unusual rescue situations, great volunteers, etc.
- Please submit ideas, writeups and photos to myerstpaul@aol.com.

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this program ready to present to the membership in the coming months.

We are aware that at times the members feel that the Board is out of touch with the needs and problems that are specific to the different regions. With this in mind, we are discussing and researching the requirements needed to set up regional chapters or coordinators who are familiar with the issues associated with rescue in the different areas. This is still in a planning stage, but I feel that by year-end all regions will feel that they are well-represented and have a voice in our organization.

Also, as the membership drive was not completed until late in 2002, I am pleased to announce that all memberships will be extended to December 2003. At that time a mailing will go out to the membership requesting renewal.

Finally, we are in the preliminary planning of a membership weekend. This will be a chance for all members to come together and meet face-to-face to discuss our collective goals, and hopefully have a lot of fun in the process! We will be giving more information on this event as the plan develops. If any member would like to assist in the planning of this event or help in any other areas, I ask that you please contact myself or any board member. Our members hold a wealth of knowledge in so many areas that I look forward to hearing your ideas and working with you to achieve them.

Sincerely, gratefully and with best regards,
Cat Walton

deadline for issue 2

All submissions — Letters to the Editor, Photos to the Editor, articles/stories, columns, etc. — are due to myerstpaul@aol.com by March 1. The issue will be available April 1 on www.cbrrescue.org.



Photos by DAN RUGGIRELLO / CBRR&R

Anchorage-based team springs pups

By **HEATHER RUGGIRELLO**
ANCHORAGE, AK

Thanks to the combined efforts of a hardworking animal control officer, ACC Rescue and CBRR&R, seven, four-month-old male chessie pups were rescued recently from a small town in Alaska.

A kindly, shoe-string budget shelter worker rescued them from horrible living conditions, dewormed them, started them on proper food, and gave them their first vaccinations. A CBRR&R volunteer made a six-hour

drive to pick up the pups.

They seemed to enjoy their road trip back to foster care and settled quickly into their borrowed exercise pens and fenced-yard environment. They had spent their first four months living on flour gravy in a dark barn stall.

Needless to say, seven hungry, untrained, four-month-olds can be a handful. Extra foster space was not available in Alaska, so ACC Rescue flew two pups to a foster home in Colorado the

next day to help spread out the workload. The two boys didn't even mess their crate during the trek!

When one pup in Alaska and one pup in Colorado got sick, we feared losing the whole litter. But after worrisome nights at the emergency vet, the pups were back to their normal playful selves.

Three more pups were flown to an ACC rescuer in California a week later once the potential health crisis had passed.

editor's column TIM MYERS

Tell us what you want, we'll try to get it done

Welcome to your newsletter. This quarterly report and forum for the members of Chesapeake Bay Retriever Relief and Rescue will contain columns/updates from committees, helpful tips about dog behavior, notes on interesting rescues, and kudos to deserving volunteers. There may even be a section on dog treat recipes, who knows.

Please bear in mind that this publication is a work in progress; each issue will improve as we work out the bugs and glitches. If you see something you like, something you don't like or something we missed, drop us a line. Photographs,



LAURA BLEDSOE / CBRR&R

My rescue Buck thinking outside an Outer Banks box.

comments, suggestions and requests for articles are welcome and expected.

Letters to the Editor, Photos to the Editor and other correspondence should be emailed to:

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Our primary form of distribution will be via the main

CBRR&R website in PDF format. From that, the newsletter can be printed, in part or entirety, for distribution at events and fundraisers as needed. On the website it will be accessible to not only members, but potential adopters as well. It will contain information not found on the website, as well as some necessary duplication. The PDF format can be somewhat cumbersome to navigate in large documents; we're aware of this drawback and are working with it as best we can. It's one of the glitches we'll be addressing.

Tim

rescue hints
MARTHA CRAWFORD

Shelter dogs and temperament testing

The first Chessie I tried to rescue was in a shelter. He was put down while I was waiting in the parking lot. I almost said, "That's it! I can't do this!"

A week later I received a call from a different shelter. I raced the hour and a half to rescue a deadgrass, male WILDCHILD! I didn't ask any questions; I didn't know what to do.

I did have the presence of mind to bring a crate. I didn't bring any treats, a leash, a collar, or water, but I did bring a crate.

I got one of the workers to put him in the crate for me and off we went.

I do things a little differently now. First, I ask A LOT of questions. Here are a few:

1. When did the dog come into the shelter?
2. Was he a stray or an owner surrender? If a stray, I ask how he did with the animal control officer and if they mentioned anything special. If an owner turn-in, I ask if they filled out papers or gave any information. Some owners will actually leave their name, phone number and vet name. I ALWAYS call the owner if I get this information!
3. How long is the dog safe?? Don't take this as gospel until you KNOW the shelter!!!
4. How has the dog been at the shelter with the workers, with other dogs, and when people come to look at it?
5. What shots, altering, microchipping, etc. does this shelter offer?
6. What is the fee and procedure for rescue groups?

Meeting the dog

Now it is time to meet the dog. I take a noose leash or a choke chain/leash. I try to find a worker who is familiar with the dog to go with me for the first meeting. If the dog is happy, wagging its tail, etc., I will offer it a



MARTHA CRAWFORD / CBRR&R

I evaluated Lance at the Wake County, NC, shelter in September. The young, energetic boy, is in foster care in Chesapeake, Va.

treat through the kennel.

If it is lunging, growling and biting at the kennel door, I say a quick prayer, then ask the worker to get it out for me and HOLD it!! Then I try some more treats.

If the dog settles enough to move on, then I do. If not...well, to be honest, I haven't been called by a shelter that had a dog that couldn't settle after a minute. Most of the shelters won't call rescue about an aggressive dog. Around here, they put them down.

If it continues to act aggressively, I would question all workers who have had contact with the dog and try to make an informed decision.

I'm sure other rescuers can give more suggestions.

Temperament testing

If the dog seems friendly, I will proceed with some temperament testing.

This should be done with two people. If you EVER feel uncomfortable, STOP! Your safety is paramount.

It is always good to watch someone do it several times before trying it yourself. I'm fortunate to have Lab Rescue friends who are experienced testers.

I also attended the Sue Sternberg Shelter Dog Evaluation Seminar in February and learned about temperament evaluation.

The basic steps are:

1. Observe the dog in the cage. Is the cage messy? Is the dog barking? If so, what kind of bark? Attention (Get me out!) or aggressive barking? How does the dog react if you try to pat it? In between pats? Is it looking for more, trying to get away or trying to eat you?
2. Take the dog to a quiet area and initiate affectionate interaction such as petting and talking to the dog. How does he act? Does he want more interaction? Does he try to get away? Does he get overly excited? Does he become rough? Does he calm down?
3. Sue Sternberg recom-

mends a Teeth Exam that involves putting your hand over the dog's muzzle and the other under his chin.

NOTE: Do not try this without training.

Part the dog's lips to expose both the front incisors and one side of the pre-molars. Hold that for 5 seconds. The theory is that the more dominant a dog, the more they will struggle.

Instead of this Teeth Exam, I generally touch a dog's feet, tail, ears, and back, to see how he reacts.

4. I take a tennis ball and see if the dog will chase it and/or bring it back. I like to see how a dog reacts to a toy. Sometimes they get extremely excited and get mouthy. I also test basic commands – sit, down, come.

5. I try to get someone to bring a neutral dog to see how the Chessie reacts. I do this in a controlled way with both dogs ON LEASH.

6. The food/treat tests are last. Place the food down, sit back and watch. Does the dog inhale the food? What is his posture like??

I have a fake arm from the seminar, so I reach for the bowl with that...NEVER MY REAL HAND!!!!

Next is a treat. Sue used a pig's ear, but that is the one thing that makes my Chessie turn into Cujo! I use Jerky Treats or something that is better than food. I also try to take it with the FAKE arm.

Final points

1. I'm sure everyone has their own preferences and methods.
2. The dog may act very differently in a shelter than out of the shelter.
3. The evaluation helps me decide which foster home the dog needs.
4. The evaluation is a starting point. I don't think ONE evaluation should determine whether a dog is euthanized. I use it as a tool instead of the only requirement.

dog of note
RON HAYNES

Rescue 'Lady Chessy' rescues a fawn

In 1994 I was looking to replace a companion and hunting buddy of 13 years, a liver-colored Flat Coat Retriever, who had passed away that fall. The last thing on my mind was one of those obnoxious Chesapeake Bay Retrievers.

Four-year-old "Chessy" had been in the local shelter for three months. We were told she was a very nice dog but they could no longer afford to keep her. She was to be put down that week. Needless to say, she came home with Lois and I.

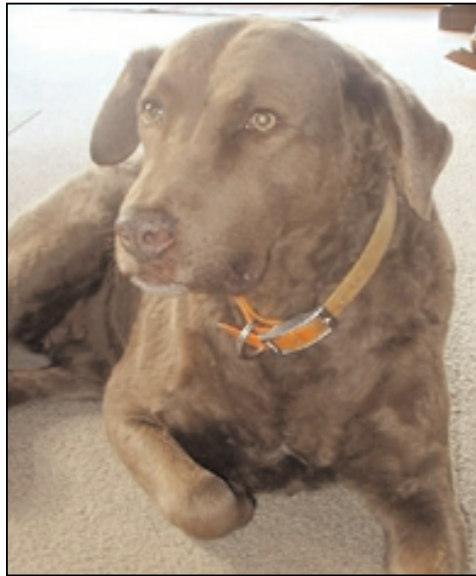
It was obvious that Chessy had lived a very sheltered life and we quickly discovered she had strong dominate characteristics with unprovoked aggression towards any animal.

When first given the run of the farm, Chessy was like a puppy, investigating everything and anything that moved from butterflies to a woolly bugger as it slowly crawled cross the driveway. She was so naïve. Once she just walked off the end of a pier and nearly drowned in the lake. I thought, at that time, that I owned the only Chesapeake in the world that couldn't swim.

In the cool of the mornings we would spend a few hours skidding out trees that were cut the previous winter. Chessy would always come with us, but once the equipment started she would head back to the farmhouse. This one time she stayed.

After investigating the area, she laid down a short ways up the skid road next to a large downed tree. We worked our way up to the tree to hook on and move it. Chessy stood between the end of the tree and the tractor - no amount of coaxing or threatening could get her to move. I backed the tractor to within inches of her and she still wouldn't move.

Ok, I figured she was just being a Chesapeake and this was one of those times when she needed a reminder as to who was boss. In getting down from



RON HAYNES / CBRR&R

Lady Chessy was rescued from a shelter in 1994 by Ron and Lois Haynes of Taberg, NY. Photographed several years ago, she is now near 13-years-old.

the tractor, she came over and licked my hand, a trick she does when she has something she wants to show you. It was obvious that she wanted us to follow her.

She led us to the other end of the tree. Way back under the branches, she showed us a well-camouflaged, hours-old, whitetail fawn. It was curled up into a ball no larger than a football.

We quickly left the area, not wanting our scent to cause the mother to abandon the baby. Chessy spent the rest of morning lying next to the butt end of that tree - the end opposite from the fawn - to make sure we didn't sneak in and move it.

The next morning she ran ahead checking out the area and, of course, the fawn was gone. She let us slowly skid the tree out while she ran in and out of branches making sure every-

thing was ok. When we got the tree to the landing I looked back and Chessy was standing where the tree had been, looking off into the distance.

Following her gaze, where the woods met the swamp was a doe looking back over her shoulder at us. As we watched, she gave a couple wags of her tail and moved off into the thicket followed by a fawn on very wobbly legs.

Chessy turned, trotted back up the road and, without so much as a glance at us, continued on up the hill towards home. Her job was done.

The fact that she found the fawn was surprising since newly-born deer have no smell - Mother Nature's way of protecting them from predators.

What I find even more amazing is that somehow Chessy had reasoned that if we had moved the tree, the fawn would have been harmed. Guarding the tree protected her.

The next day, she knew the fawn belonged to that mother deer and made no effort to chase it or to protect it from its mother.

I found Chessy's actions truly surprising, knowing the contempt she has towards other animals.

The more I work with Chesapeakes the more amazed I am with the intelligence of this wonderful breed.

Lady Chessy is now going on 13 years, beginning to lame up with arthritis and has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Lois and I have been blessed that Chessy decided to adopt our family and over the years has given us untold pleasure as a friend, companion and hunter. She is only a dog, but she would never accept that fact. It is hard watching as she struggles to do the things she loved so much but being a Chesapeake, she just will not give up the trying. We know her time is short. She sure will be missed.

donations

Editors Note: The following is a reprint of a post made in December by Ron Haynes about a letter received at the main office. The name of the donor has been removed.

Hi all,

There is one interesting aspect of working in the Administration Office. You never know what is going to show up in the mail.

CBRR&R received a donation check today sent in from Playboy Enterprise, Inc., Fifth

PLAYBOY

Avenue NY, NY, on Playboy letterhead from XXXXX. "We have a 11/2 year old Chesapeake. I read about your organization on the internet and really

appreciate what is being done. They are a fantastic dog and apparently misunderstood. Hope this helps.

Happy Holidays!"

Anyone seen a Chessie in Playboy's Center fold lately?

Ron

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2003 CBRR&R calendars still available

The southern group of volunteers created a 2003 Calendar featuring over 20 photos of rescue Chesapeakes. The original order of calendars was gone almost immediately - but 40 additional calendars are being ordered and will be

available on a first-come, first served basis. All proceeds from the sale of the calendars are being donated to CBRR&R, Inc. Please contact Laura Bledsoe directly at **770/649-7070** or bledsoel@mindspring.com.



Car donation program



TIM MYERS / CBRR&R

Sonny examines the important end of a used pick-up truck in Fredericksburg, VA. You can now donate used cars, boats or trucks to our organization! The program is very simple and your donation allows you to write off the full value of your vehicle on your taxes and help the brown dogs in need at the same time! Persons interested in donating a vehicle should contact the CBRR&R, Inc. administration office at fundraising@cbrrescue.org or 315/337-9850. We will give you a form to complete and return. Your vehicle will be picked up promptly.

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