



Hello everybody! Winter is almost over; I am sure looking forward to spring. ☺ I hope everyone learned something last month about dental health and the importance of spay/neuter. This month we are going to do something light-hearted and fun. We are going to share some feel-good stories and some fun animal jokes. So sit back and enjoy yourselves!

### **Roxie:**

Roxie is a 13-year-old lab mix. She likes to roam around her neighborhood visiting her neighbors. One day Roxie showed up at her friend, Sherry's house and Sherry could tell right away that something was not right with Roxie. Roxie had been attacked by some large animal and was in bad shape. Sherry called us Monday morning and was examined by Dr. Pollock.



Roxie was going to need surgery to repair all of her wounds. Dr. Pollock did blood work first to make sure she was healthy enough for the anesthesia and took some x-rays to make sure nothing was broken. She was healthy enough to have surgery. Roxie had numerous bite and puncture wounds all over her body, several requiring a lot of sutures. The worst wound, however, was a very large opening over her hip that was unable to be closed and would have to heal under protective dressings. Sherry assured us that she was up to the challenge and Roxie was a very willing patient.



It has been 2 months since Roxie was attacked and she is doing great! All of her wounds are pretty much healed and she is back to normal. Roxie could not have done it without the help of her kind neighbor and friend, Sherry, and without her tremendous will to survive!

## Buddy:



Buddy presented to us for a second opinion of chronic vomiting. He was initially treated conservatively, but a plan was in place. Upon recheck Buddy was slightly improved but the symptoms continued. Further tests, x-rays and blood work were performed and because of some abnormal findings, Buddy was referred to a specialist where further studies (ultrasounds) were performed. Buddy was switched to a special diet and was improving, but things were just not quite right. After another bout of vomiting and lethargy, further blood tests and repeat x-rays were performed. These tests finally proved beneficial and it was found that Buddy had a liver shunt that had been contributing to his clinical signs. He was again referred to a specialist and had a procedure performed to ligate the shunt.



Buddy is currently doing well, thanks to his loving and persistent owners and his “big brother.”

Buddy’s parents would like to send a special thanks to the doctors and staff at Hillcrest for their concern and care of Buddy while he was so sick, “you really saved our little dog, along with the doctors at PVSEC! Thanks so much!!”

## Mr. Beans:



### An Unexpected Friend

Some people joke when they come into the clinic that their cat or dog found/picked them instead of them picking the animal. For Chris Anderson this has become a reality. One afternoon in a state park, a ranger came back from a hike to find a dog sitting on her porch. Rangers aren't permitted to have dogs, so she began to search for a home for him. She called clinics and shelters only to find that clinics were full with adoptions, and the ranger was afraid that a shelter would euthanize him due to his advanced age. Chris, who is a friend of the rangers, always wanted a dog, and now he had one. Mr. Anderson became a new pet (dog) owner in July 2011. Unfortunately Mr. Beans was diagnosed with heartworm and ehrlichia at his first exam, but fortunately is being treated. Mr. Beans was nervous at first coming into a new home, but now greets Chris everyday (with excited howls) when he comes home from work. Chris has welcomed this unexpected friend and looks forward to having Mr. Beans for years to come.



## Drake:

Here is my story of how I got my dog, Drake, back when my apartment was broken into.....

I was at work around 7p.m. when I received a call from a Home Again representative. She said that a person who lived close to my house had found Drake. The rep. was so kind; she told me that Drake was ok and that he was at the person's house that had found

him, before directly connecting me with the guy. I spoke with him and he told me to come when I could to pick him up. I immediately left work and went to get Drake. The only tags that Drake had on him at the time was his registration tag and the home again tag. I had not gotten him a tag with his name and my number on it (which he now has). When we got home, I discovered that my apartment had been broken into and the robber had stolen my TV out of my bedroom, and let Drake outside in the process. I was incredibly thankful that I had his Home Again tag on him, and to be honest, didn't think much that he didn't have a tag with my number because I trusted that the Home Again microchip would work, and it did! I highly recommend getting your dog a microchip! It saved my dog and could save yours too!

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Sarah Kennedy

### ANIMAL JOKES:

- What is large, gray and wears glass slippers?  
A Cinderelephant!
  
- What happens when a cat eats a lemon?  
It becomes a sourpuss!
  
- What did the flea say to the other flea?  
Shall we walk or take the dog?

### ADOPTIONS:

I am happy to report that our kitten from last month got adopted. Thanks, Page Crouse for adopting the little guy!



This month we have 4 adorable 10-week-old kittens. We have 2 black/white and 2 orange, and they are all male. They are very friendly. They have been felv/fiv tested, vaccinated, de wormed and are ready to go!

## CANINE ADOPTION CENTER CRITTERS:



Gibson is a Dach/Beagle mix, he is very independent, playful and just one yr. Old



Angie is a super sweet female Boxer who is affectionate and nice to all. She is 4 yrs old and housebroken



Banderas is a Boxer mix puppy, he is happy go lucky and approximately 10 months old



Hemi is a 2 yr old Rot mix. He is friendly and well behaved



Rusty is an outgoing, 2 yr old Terrier/Dach mix. He is always in a good mood and loves people affection.



Tulsa is a 6 yr old, male Beagle who just wants to find a nice quiet home with a warm bed and lots of love!



Bailey an Aussie/Hound mix, she is active and needs a home where she won't be alone too much.

The Canine Adoption Center also has a lot of great cats and kittens up for adoption too!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Annual Animal Friends Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at White Park, and the Cash Bash is set for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Lodge. We will keep you updated with the details, so mark your calendars!

## NATIONAL PET HOLIDAYS:

March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the only pet holiday we have this month. It is National Puppy Day!