

## Rockin' Roxy's Newsletter # 18

*News, links and shameless propaganda!*

**Summer 2010**



## Good day = Sunshine

It's flea season , or it will be as soon as it warms up!

Do you recognize the great golden orb in the sky? It's the sun and it's back for a limited time only. And despite appreciating the business the rain brings Roxy's, I am very grateful to see blue skies. I mean, what good is a 9 p.m. sunset if the sun never shows its face?

The dogs are acting differently, as if they know the dark cloud has lifted (literal dark cloud) and things are just going to be better now. Roxy herself keeps tugging me toward the river when we go for walks, as if she knows it's time for a swim. And Gus, Reggie, Monk, Lulu and all the sun worshippers are outside on the bench, inside on the window sill, stretched out on the couch – wherever the sun takes them, they follow.



## Soldier boy

Brooke and John's old boy

Photos by

Rockin' Roxy's Staff

And with the sun come trips to the river and forest, walks in Goosepoop, er, Westmoreland Park and sidewalk strolls with the pooches. And with all of that come fleas, ticks and parasites. If Koko L could talk she'd tell you that goose poop (as well as duck, squirrel and cat poop) carries buggies that can give you diarrhea. Bella C would tell you there's giardia in them there hills. And all the dogs would tell you that fleas and ticks suck.

So keep up on the monthly flea medicine and we like the dogs to turn in stool samples every six months, people! As always, if you think your dog is sick, leave him or her at home.

### Stuff we found in poop this month:

athletic socks, panties, plastic and rubber bits from toys, a quart of gardening pebbles.

Speaking of gardens, snail and slug bait kills.

For a list of toxic plants, check out:

<http://www.entirelypets.com/toxicfoods.html>.

## Wilson

of Wilsonville



I don't know if you've noticed, but I need a recommendation for a better smelling anti-viral sanitizer. I'd love to go green, but I'm not sure if there is a safe, green cleaner that will kill the stuff that makes dogs sick, like parvo.

If you have any suggestions, or if you have questions regarding our vaccination or health policies, the best way to reach me is by email:

[tricia@rockinroxys.com](mailto:tricia@rockinroxys.com).

# The Pongo Fund

Providing quality dog and cat food for the animals of anyone in need.

(Lifted from the Pongo website)

## When we think of the plight of the homeless,

many first think of the men and women we see drifting around our cities or camping beneath our bridges. Today, we also think of the many children who have joined their ranks. What we seldom think of are the pets who live with these people. And that's why The Pongo Fund exists... to help make sure that the pets of the homeless and less fortunate are not forgotten.

Portland, Oregon is fortunate to have a number of organizations providing food for the homeless; sadly almost none of them provide food for the animal companions of the homeless. As a result, meals are frequently shared between animal and person. Consequently, neither one achieves a full stomach. But The Pongo Fund is changing this.

Samson  
Parker's little brother



## Sellwood Dog Supply's Pongo Fund Fundraising

### Fair, June 26

Rockin' Roxy's will be joining Sellwood Dog Supply and local vendors to raise money and take donations for the [Pongo Fund](#), Oregon's only dedicated pet food resource.

In addition to providing quality dog and cat food for the family pets of anyone in honest need, the Pongo Fund helps protect these much loved animals from being abandoned or surrendered simply because their families cannot afford to feed them.

Join us Saturday June 26, 11 am to 4 pm, SE Harney Street at SE 17<sup>th</sup>. 10% of all Rockin' Roxy's sales go to the Pongo Fund.

"Pets mean so much to people, they'd do anything for them. If people can't afford to feed their pet, they have to give them up. The Pongo Fund fills a unique need...they help keep families together by feeding the pets."

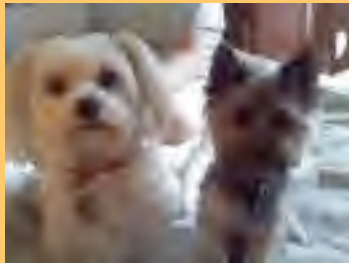
-Lael Concordia, Director of Social Services, William Temple House Volunteers

## Brady

### Boarder of the Month

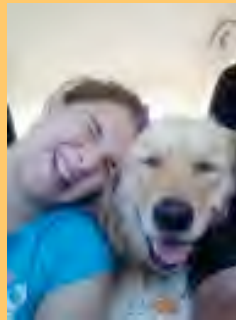
Our rescue stories are the stuff of epic novels, or at least a Movie of the Week, and Brady's story is one to savor. When owners Bob and Patrick adopted Brady from the shelter, he was skin and bones and afraid of his own shadow. When we met him, he literally was so scared of doorways he had to be carried through them.

Much love and patience went into this gorgeous creature which we saw manifest in his continually increasing confidence. We went from carrying him to coaxing him through the myriad doors and gates here at Rockin' Roxy's, until when Brady boarded here last month and we got to see him bound through all doorways without hesitation. Kudos, Bob and Patrick!



Daisy and Kibbles

Annie and Molly



**Bonus time!** If you recommend someone who joins Rockin' Roxy's make sure to tell us to collect your free day of daycare or night of boarding.

And if you become a friend of ours on Facebook, you'll get to keep up on the daily news and check out our photos and videos of your pooches!

### Man's (and girl's) Best Friend

"The one absolutely unselfish friend that humans can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts them, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous is their dog."

**~George Graham Vest, Senator of Missouri, 1855**

This website is a wonderful homage to dogs. It provides information on the history of the domesticated pooch, breeds, communication and hierarchy – it's just plain fun to read!

[http://tolweb.org/treehouses/?treehouse\\_id=3804](http://tolweb.org/treehouses/?treehouse_id=3804)

Dave and Reggie

