

Good Deeds

At the last Wrinkle Social Time, Love-a-Bull MN Bulldog Rescue held a silent auction fundraiser. Thanks to the generous participation of Wrinkle Time attendees, just over \$100 was donated to help Bulldogs in need of new homes. Those of you who have donated to Love-a-Bull Rescue might be curious as to where these funds go.

Every Bulldog that comes into Love-a-Bull Rescue is evaluated by a veterinarian to ensure that it is healthy enough for adoption. Sometimes they will have minor health concerns that need to be treated before an adoption can take place. Once the dog has been examined and it is determined that it has no serious health or temperament issues, they are brought up to date on vaccinations, if needed. BCARN guidelines require us to spay or neuter any intact dogs before placement. These dogs must also go into foster care until they have recovered from their surgeries. We are fortunate that Dr. Winsor and his staff at Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital are very generous in their discounted fees for rescue, but even they can't work for free. A large chunk of the rescue "budget" goes to veterinary care for surrendered dogs.

Some dogs may have behavioral issues before they can be adopted. If this is the case, they go into foster care for a period of time in order to more accurately evaluate their temperament. Most dogs that go into foster care will be there for approximately a month, sometimes more. One Love-a-Bull Rescue Bulldog was in foster care for six months before she found her "forever home". Those who do foster care donate their time, but they are reimbursed for any monetary expenses such as food or mileage for trips to the vet.

Many of the expenses related to rehoming a Bulldog will be covered by the adoption donation, but this is not always the case. Some dogs coming into rescue are difficult to place and their adoption fee will be minimal, so the expenses to rehome them often exceeds the adoption donation. For this reason, rescue groups do additional fundraising to make sure the organization stays financially solvent. Love-a-Bull Rescue does not want to turn any dogs away because we cannot afford to rehabilitate them, so we really appreciate those who participate in our fundraising efforts. Our sincere thanks go out to all of you.

Love-a-Bull Rescue is fortunate to have some great foster homes for our rescue Bullies. Jey and Justine York have fostered "Bob" for this past month and have done a wonderful job with him. Thank you, Jey and Justine! The York's have also been gracious about opening their home to potential adopters that wanted to meet Bob. Without foster homes, running a rescue operation is like trying to drive a car without wheels... you won't get anywhere without them! So, foster homes are always needed. If you are interested in finding out more about being a potential foster home, feel free to contact us for more information. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have and you will not be pressured into making a long term commitment.

Our website is growing. Check it out at: www.mnrescuebulldogs.org