



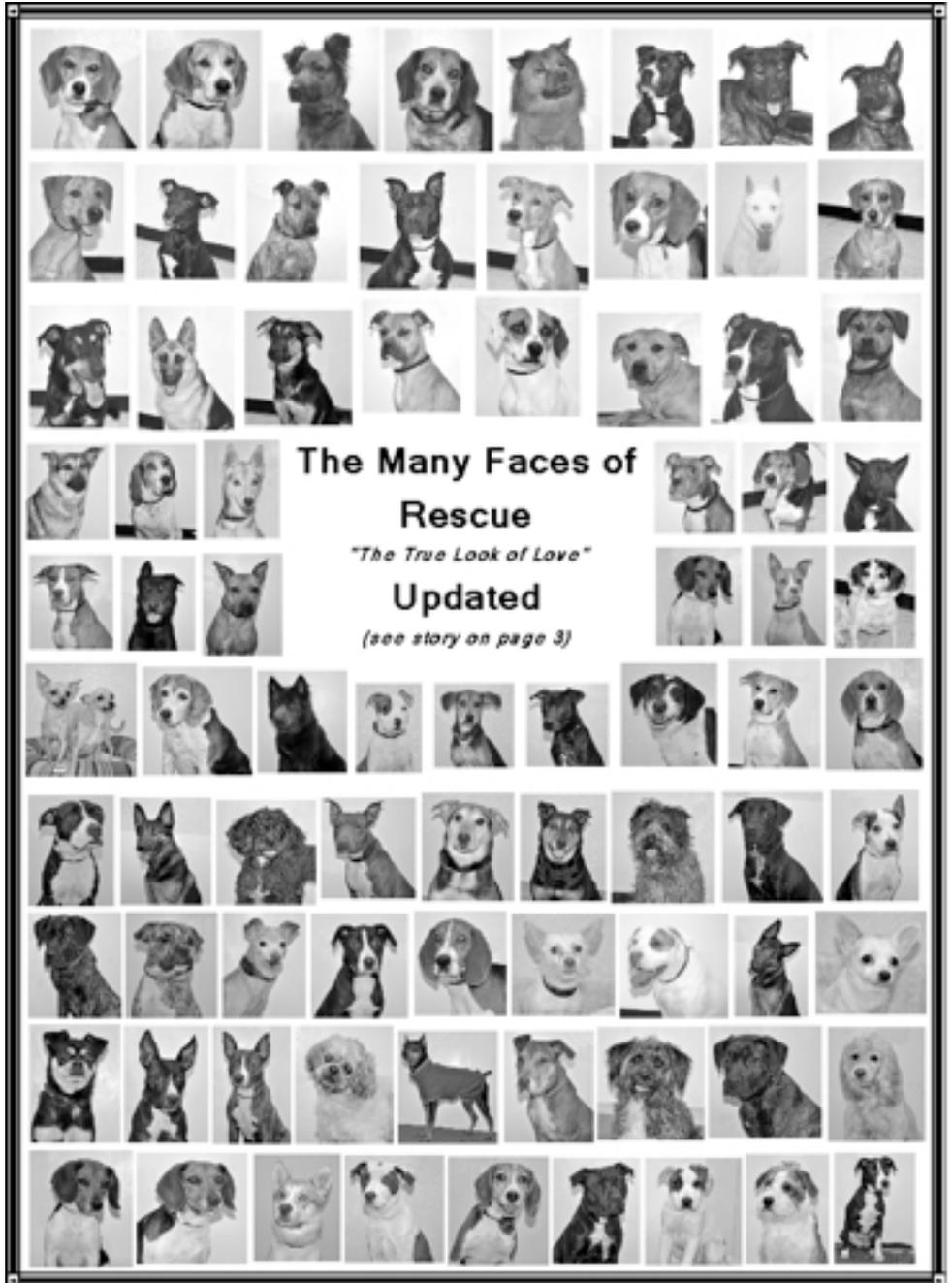
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**Paws to Remember**

As premiered in our Spring 2012 newsletter, the Town of North Hempstead is creating a memory park of remembrance bricks for the public to purchase. (see full story at our web site: [www.theshelterconnection.com](http://www.theshelterconnection.com) and how to order bricks at the same web site). *Space is limited by the amount of bricks needed and they are selling fast! Please get your order in ASAP.* You don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to come sit and reflect upon the joy your beloved pets have brought to your life...



The Shelter Connection is the volunteer organization at the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter. Our mission, in partnership with the Town, is to improve the quality of life for the dogs at the shelter and increase adoptions through training and socialization. A secondary mission is public education to shift the public perception about shelters and dispel the myth that shelter dogs are "damaged goods". The shelter is located at 75 Marino Avenue, Port Washington NY 11050.

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The Shelter Connection is an all volunteer  
nonprofit charitable organization. All  
contributions are spent on programs and  
services to improve the quality of life  
for dogs at the Town of North Hempstead  
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## Come meet:



### **JIGGS NEEDS A PERSON**

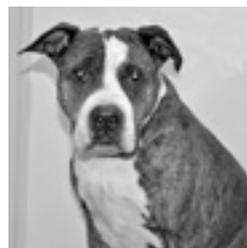
Our sweet boy Jiggs, AKA Seal because he looks like a baby seal, needs a person to call his own. As much as we make sure we give him as much loving and belly rubs as we can during his training sessions, it is just not the same as having your own person to love each and every day...a person to snuggle next to and watch TV, someone to cuddle with in bed.

He is calm around other dogs and such a gentle soul that he sometimes gets spooked by new things and crouches on the floor when you wave a hand or throw a stick. We are guessing by the scars on his face that his life didn't start out great but it surely can end up great if his special person would come to meet him. For all his scars and tough looking exterior, his main goal is to snuggle up with someone and enjoy human companionship. If you are calm, he is calm; if you play, he will join in..who could ask for more? Got room in your heart for a sweet lover boy? Come meet Jiggs.



### **SARGE**

Everyone who meets Sarge admires his handsome good looks and tri-colored coat. He in turn enjoys walking, leaning in for pets and generally hanging out. Other than his coat needing brushing out Sarge is mainly a low maintenance guy. He might chase a tennis ball for a short while; he might enjoy the occasional treat but most of the time walking and hanging out and petting are the things that fulfill his needs. Sarge is a medium sized dog and will need to be given clear rules for walking, and in the house, such as no jumping, but he is mellow enough that he hasn't displayed any problem behaviors at the shelter. He is a young adult who likes being with people but shows little or no interest in other animals.



### **DADDY**

Sitting toward the back of the kennel Daddy looks exactly what he is- an overwhelmed senior wondering why his life has changed so and where his soft familiar bed is. When you stop and call gently to him he edges forward, head down making sure- you mean me? Once he sniffs your hand he turns his body to make as much contact as possible and his wagging tail makes his body sway on his stiff legs. Soon he will start to croon with the joy of being with a warm friendly person and frustration with the barrier between you. With the handlers he walks beautifully on leash with no pulling. Long walks, a soft bed and lots of love and companionship are all Daddy hopes for- is that really too much to expect at this time of his life?

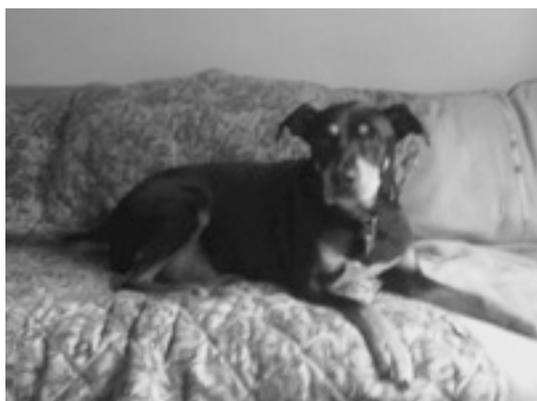
## The Many Faces of Rescue

The Shelter Connection is always looking for new ways to save animals and, in 2005, with the support of the shelter and the Town Board of North Hempstead, we offered to sponsor dogs from kill shelters. As shelters go we are very lucky because our dogs seem to fly out the doors. It has been over 12 years since we had to euthanize an animal because we ran out of room. This is not the case in many shelters across the United States. In our Spring 2007 "Tell Tails" newsletter we highlighted the first year (and the first 96 rescues) of The Shelter Connection's rescue program. As of June 2012 the number of dogs rescued is almost 500 (cover picture shows 81 of the recent rescued dogs). These dogs are wonderful adoptable pets. Their only crime is that they ran out of time. We sponsor the old and the sick and those whose time has just run out. The Shelter Connection takes on all of the financial responsibility for the dogs that we sponsor, including all medical expenses. So as not to overwhelm the shelter's capabilities, we only sponsor dogs when the shelter has lots and lots of room.

We would like to acknowledge all of our loyal supporters. Thanks to your kindness 500 dogs have been or will be given a second chance at life and love.

### Happy Tail- Dooley

From Dooley's Family: Just wanted to let you know that yesterday was two years for Dooley and us. We want to thank you for introducing us. It was rough in the beginning (and he still has his moments) but he has always been a mush with us. He has turned the corner on liking people and is much better with dogs around him. Small dogs are easy but he still reacts to bigger dogs, and, ironically, black dogs. He has a lot of fans down in Northport park and they all trust him completely.



### Fun in the Sun



Although New York is not the most dog friendly when it comes to our beaches, there are some places we know of that do allow you to frolic with Fido. Check out the links below and remember to always follow the local rules and regulations. Perhaps the more we dog owners prove ourselves responsible, the more local governments will relax some of their prohibitions!!



Patchogue:

<http://www.lidog.org/off-leash-beach-082109.htm>

Bay Shore:

<http://www.bringfido.com/attraction/1581/>

Montauk- dogs are not allowed on the beaches 9AM-6PM from May 15 to Sept. 30. No restrictions apply for the remainder of the year. Montauk has no leash laws and dogs may run on the beach with supervision when permitted.



## Children and Dogs

In the summer children are outside more frequently, so are dogs. Interactions are more common. On this page and the next are posters depicting appropriate and inappropriate interactions for children with dogs (courtesy web site Dr. Sophia Yin [www.drSophiaYin.com](http://www.drSophiaYin.com)).

# How Kids SHOULD Interact with Dogs

Use common sense.

Be polite and kind to pets



Learn to recognize when your dog is scared or anxious



Play appropriate games with pets, such as:

Fetch



ROLL OVER



Training tricks (like roll over, shake, beg, etc.)

Walking and running with a dog



Playing hide-n-seek

Always remember:

Supervise all interactions. Accidents can happen in a split second.



Train your dog to associate the kids with positive experiences so he'll be more likely to tolerate your child in case she accidentally interacts inappropriately.



# How Kids SHOULD NOT Interact with Dogs

It's common sense. Just imagine how people should interact with each other.

Avoid taking people's food



Avoid bothering dogs when they are eating

Avoid stealing other people's toys



Avoid taking a dog's bones or toys

Avoid putting your face right up to someone else's face



Avoid putting your face right up to a dog's face

Avoid bothering when asleep



Avoid bothering animals when they are resting. Let sleeping dogs lie.

Avoid pestering



Avoid grabbing tail/ears

Avoid climbing on or trampling



Avoid climbing on or trampling

Avoid pinching



Avoid hugging. Most dogs dislike it.

Avoid screaming around



Avoid hollering and shouting. Use your "inside" voice instead.



### MICROCHIPPING- SECURE WAY TO GET LOST DOGS HOME

Microchipping your dog and keeping the information up to date is the best way to ensure that your dog comes home if lost. The Town of North Hempstead Animal shelter is in the alert system. Recently, a dog went missing, was put into the alert system, and the family recovered their beloved dog the same day. It is a great system and it works. It is important to always keep a collar and ID tags on your dog but it isn't foolproof. A chip is forever. It is a painless relatively inexpensive procedure. If you are remiss in keeping a collar and tags on your dog (& shame on you..the statistics for families not recovering their dogs without ID vs. collar and tags are staggering) the best thing that you can do is get your pet microchipped. HOME AGAIN is one microchip company (<http://public.homeagain.com>) but there are others.

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### Happy Tail- Guinness (an Ebony Pup, see page 8)



Guinness' Family writes: We wanted to show you pictures of Guinness and how well he is doing..he is so happy to be here, as happy as we are having him here. He is so good, lets us know when he has to go out, sits, gives paw, never leaves the property. We say to people it's because he was raised by your staff. As you can see from the pictures Guinness is definitely a boat dog. He is the star of the docks when we are there..Everyone loves him, just like us!



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### Dogs, Car Travel & Summer Hot Weather



Leaving animals inside cars in warm weather can get risky quickly. On a 72 degree day car interiors can reach 91 degrees in 10 minutes, at 85 it can reach 104 degrees in 10 minutes and 119 degrees in 30 minutes. The sun's shortwave energy heats any object that it strikes and heats it to 180-200 degrees- such as a



child seat or an animal carrier. If you are traveling with pets in the summer you should take several steps to protect them:

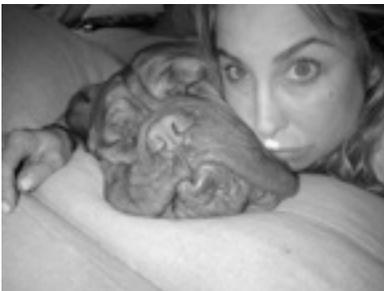
- **Turn on the air conditioner** to cool the interior of the vehicle before putting the animals inside.
- **Park in the shade** during stops and remain with your pet.
- If you need a food break limit stops to drive-through restaurants when possible or eat at a place that will allow you to sit at a shady table outside with your pet.
- **Never leave animals unattended** in the car in warm weather
- Give them plenty of water breaks
- Car air conditioning can shut off, so don't assume that leaving your pet in the car with the air conditioner running will be okay.
- Use see through sun shades on the back and side windows to shield animals from the sun.
- Cool the animal immediately with flowing water if it exhibits any heat related symptoms, and seek immediate veterinary care if the symptoms worsen.



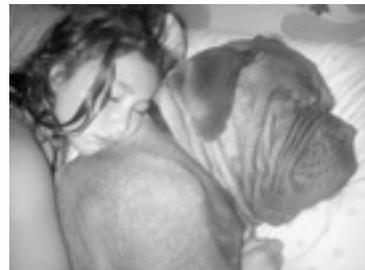
## GOT MEDIUM rawhides with knots?

The "GOT SERIES" continues with a shout out that the dogs need medium rawhides with knots on the end. Rawhides keep the dogs busy when they are confined to the kennels. Chewing is a great stress reliever. We thank you in advance for answering the call.

### Happy Tail- Rufus



They say a picture is worth a thousand words. When we asked how Rufus, a huge Mastiff adopted in May of 2011, was doing his family sent in these pictures. No need for words.



# Please help us help the dogs at our local shelter

Yes, I want to help improve the quality of life for the dogs at the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter. Enclosed is my gift to support The Shelter Connection:

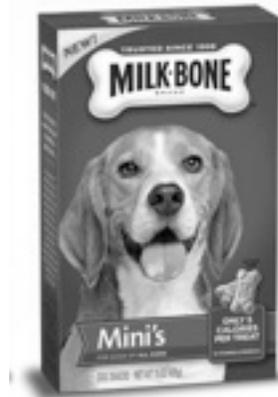
\$100  \$50  \$25  \$15  \$10 OTHER \$

Please make checks payable to: THE SHELTER CONNECTION and mail to:

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**GOT Milk Bone MINIS?**  
(yes- we can always use more!)



Come Meet:

### ***EBONY***

A single mother of seven Ebony devoted herself to her young pups until they all found safe homes to go to. Now she is refocusing her life on getting back into shape and finding a home of her own so she never has to survive on the streets again. Currently she is furthering her education taking obedience classes and has proved to be a quick study; she already knows wait, sit, let's go and leave it. In an effort to burn off her extra baby weight Ebony has discovered she loves chasing tennis balls and walking on the trail. Ebony's time on the streets was not easy and it shows in her face, which is a little care-worn and battle-scarred but her spirit is strong and her love of people obvious in her enthusiasm for petting and attention. Ebony expects little from life and will appreciate every ounce of love and kindness she is offered. This young lady has a lot to offer and she deserves even more in return.