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Upcoming Events and Clinics

• National Pit Bull Awareness Day

October 23, 2010, 11^{am} to 2^{pm}

Sloppy Kisses ~ Broadway ~ Saratoga Springs, NY

Help us to celebrate this National Event to raise awareness of the true nature of the Pit Bull Breeds. We will be in beautiful downtown Saratoga Springs with our Kissing Booth and Therapy Dog kissers, showing you just how friendly, people loving and outgoing this breed truly is. We will also have all of our merchandise for sale. Please visit Sloppy Kisses for some awesome baked doggy goodies and real cool doggy apparel too. Thanks Melanie and Eugene for hosting this event for us once again this year.



• Halloween for Hounds!

October 30, 2010, 12^{pm} to 3^{pm}

Benson's Pet Center ~ 12 Fire Road ~ Clifton Park, NY

We will be celebrating Halloween October 30th with Rottie Empire Rescue at the Clifton Park Bensons.

You'll have a howling good time with us today, as we will have a costume contest with great prizes. The categories as follows: Best original costume - big and little dog, Funniest costume - big and little dog, and Scariest costume - big and little dog. Big dogs are over 40lbs for the contest! We'll have a bake sale, fun games for you and your dog, a raffle with terrific prizes, \$5 Halloween harvest photos of your dog (and you, if you'd like) Not only all of this, but awesome American Pit Bull Terriers and Rottweilers will be available for adoption.



• Meet and Greet Event

November 13, 2010, 11am to 2pm

PetSmart in Glenmont, NY

Join us and our dogs at the Meet and Greet event to be held at PetSmart of Glenmont. Our dogs and puppies in need of homes will be on hand to greet you. If there is a particular dog you are interested in meeting please email us in advance to see if they will be present. We will also have our Out of the Pits merchandise available for sale (t-shirts, sweatshirts, mouse pads, etc).



• Meet and Greet Event

November 21, 2010, 1pm to 4pm

Pet Supplies Plus ~ University Plaza ~ Western Ave. ~ Albany, NY

Join our dogs and us at the Meet and Greet event to be held at Pet Supplies Plus of Albany. Our dogs and puppies in need of homes will be on hand to greet you. If there is a particular dog you are interested in meeting please email us in advance to see if they will be present. We will also have our Out of the Pits merchandise available for sale (t-shirts, sweatshirts, mouse pads, etc).



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Love-A-Bull

Roxy

Roxy came to OOTP in rough shape. Through the numerous procedures that many of us would shy away from ever experiencing, Roxy remained sweet in disposition and tolerance.

With much love and support provided by Copake and Troy Veterinary Hospitals and OOTP volunteers, this sweet little girl has a new forever home! Seen below, Roxy is enjoying her new forever home!

As you can see, she enjoys cuddling with her forever family in the sunshine and receiving many hugs!



Exploring Fostering Opportunities

Foster

- (v. i.) To be nourished or trained up together.
- (v. t.) To feed; to nourish; to support; to bring up.

Everyone needs a little support and nourishment, right? Out of the Pits (OOTP) works very hard to provide physical and emotional nourishment for those very special dogs rescued by our organization and placed in a foster or forever home.

A foster situation is so important because it helps nourish the positive behaviors of the Pit Bull terrier that we know and love. That is why it is so important for us to find compassionate, loving, and supportive homes for our rescues!

Why a foster? Placing a dog in a foster home gives the dog a chance to give and receive the love it deserves while recovering from the stresses it may have experienced prior to OOTP involvement – not to mention it provides space in a kennel for a newly rescued dog!

Fostering is also important because it allows OOTP the opportunity learn more about the individual dog, work with our furry friends on household manners, general obedience, interact and socialize with family members, and cuddle time and companionship (don't we all need a little of this?).

Are you up for it? Fostering a dog may seem like a challenging task, but it's a very important way to make a huge difference! We see it as a perfect scenario where everyone benefits; the foster family gets to spend time with a special dog, the dog gets the opportunity to build or expand its social and obedience skills, and our organization gains space to rescue a new Pit Bull.

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Remark-A-Bull Volunteer

In August at the "Indogural" Out of the Pits Into the Ritz Summer Gala, OOTP presented three Remark-A-Bull women: Sue Dailey, Barb Nizinkirk, and Jude Jarvis and one Remark-A-Bull little girl, Annie Lee Vankleek with gifts of appreciation to offer a heartfelt thank you for their amazing efforts and contributions to OOTP.

The photo show is Annie, a wonderful little girl that sells candy, collects blankets, and requests birthday gifts in the form of donations to OOTP, accepting her Remark-A-Bull Volunteer Award. Thank you, Annie!



Shown here, Sue Daily (left) posing with her husband Kevin and friend Julie after Sue accepted a gift of appreciation from OOTP for her continued dedication to the breed and unwavering commitment to fostering our loving rescues! Thank you for all you do!



Spay it Forward with OOTP's FIX-A-BULL Spay and Neuter Program

Similar to the rest of the country, the New York Capital Region is in the midst of a Pit Bull overpopulation crisis. If you've been to any of the local shelters you've seen that 75% of dogs are Pit Bulls and Pit Bull mixes, which as you probably already know, many show signs of severe abuse and neglect.

It's not uncommon to see them starved and sickly, with broken bones, covered with mange and fleas, and have their ears chewed up by flies or victims of home ear-cropping. Worse yet, some are covered with dog fighting scars or fresh dog fighting wounds. What's also hard to comprehend is despite the overwhelming number of unwanted Pit Bulls in our shelters, many owners continue to allow their Pit Bulls to breed because they simply can't afford to alter their dog.

How can we help fix these problems? Because we believe that spaying and neutering dogs, along with providing education about humane and responsible dog ownership are the most important ways to drastically reduce animal suffering and overpopulation.

In August 2009, OOTP launched the Fix-A-Bull program that provides free or low-cost spay or neuter procedures.

Can you believe that our Fix-A-Bull program has provided over 350 free or low cost spay or neuter procedures? We think that's a pretty *remark-a-bull* success!

How do we do it? The Fix-A-Bull program is made possible with our ability to work with local veterinary hospitals that offer discounted spay or neuter procedures.

Without the donation of the discounted services, the program would not be nearly as successful.

Although OOTP provides the program services to those in need, we focus on underprivileged areas where people are ill equipped to care for, raise, and find responsible homes for their puppies.

Winter is coming! With the cold winter months of the Northeast quickly approach, we are in need of assistance more than ever!

On average, each procedure costs \$150 per dog, and that's not including the cost of getting the vaccinations up to date. we'll be forced to turn dogs away.... and that's just not something our hearts can bear.

Based on the number of spay and neuter requests in the past year, we anticipate receiving between 400 and 500 applications for help. You can do the math; that's a lot of pretty pennies! We are seeking your help to raise some money, pennies from heaven of sorts, so we can help as many dogs as possible.

The sad truth is that without the funding, we will be forced to turn dogs away – that is a situation that our hearts simply cannot bear.

That's why it is more important than ever that we raise funds for our outstanding programs, to reach as many dogs as possible, to educate our community members, and leverage our opportunities with more and more veterinarians to promote this very important effort.

To donate please visit the Out of the Pits website at <http://www.outofthepits.org/Donate.html> or e-mail donations@outofthepits.org. We're also on facebook – check us out there!



Charolette & Dexter

Thanks for Giving

Can you believe the Thanksgiving and winter holidays are right around the corner? The apple picking and pumpkin carving festivities have begun and our homes are warm foods, family and friends (hopefully some of the furry type). Ahh, Thanksgiving!

What follows the Thanksgiving holiday? The same family and friends – and add frantic shopping for the perfect gifts, cold winter months and budgets stretched to capacity. Although news reports indicate the local economy is rebounding, we all know how tight our wallets are.

Money is tight everywhere, you cannot turn the corner without hearing about the troubled economy, job losses, foreclosures, and tight budgets.

What does that mean for animal rescue organizations like OOTP? It means more dogs surrendered, abandoned, abused - lacking food, shelter, and basic vaccinations, spay or neuter procedures, nutrition, a warm place to cuddle up and someone to just give the love they so desire. These helpless animals are bounding into shelters that are already exceeding capacity. Some make it out of the community shelters and into loving homes. Unfortunately, most don't. OOTP is a committed no-kill Organization dedicated to Pit Bull rescue, education and awareness.

Thank you for considering donating to OOTP. All members of our organization are volunteers, and all of your money goes to saving the dogs. Your donations pay for their food, housing, and veterinary care. Your contribution is fully tax deductible; IRS ID number is 16-1560721.

To assist our continuous efforts to rescue and reduce the number of unwanted Pit Bulls in our community. Look what we can do for one dog:

- Pennies from heaven will fund toys, treats, and bathing needs
- \$5 will feed a dog for a week
- \$10 will provide them a collar and leash
- \$15 covers some of the shelter costs
- \$20 provides vaccinations
- \$75 covers the cost of on dog's spay or neuter procedure

By making a donation, you help OOTP get as many Pit Bulls off the streets and into loving homes as possible. This is especially important before the cold winter months hit the Northeast. Not able to contribute funds? We are seeking volunteers interested in all facets of helping our organization grow! To donate (we accept PayPal), please visit our website:

<http://www.outofthepits.org/Donate.html> or send us an email at donate@outofthepits.org.

Training Tips

Q: How do I keep my dog's attention when another dog is passing?

A: Find an object that your dog, no matter what, remains fixated on. This could be treats in your pocket, a favorite ball, or toy.

When another dog is approaching, be sure to have control of your dog and gain his/her undivided attention using the treats or toys. If he/she looks away at the other dog, gently wave the treat in the eyesight of your furry friend and re-gain his/her focus.

When the other dog passes without incident, be sure to reward the dog with lots of cheering and praise – and be sure to offer up the tempting treat! Before too long, the dog will not even bother with passers-by, with or without the treat!

Fix-A-Bull

Did you know OOTP has a spay and neuter program? It's called Fix-A-Bull. We are proud to announce that Fix-A-Bull is directly responsible for the spay or neuter of 350 dogs since the program started in August 2009!

Spay and neuter is an essential to help reduce the number of Pit Bulls that end up abandoned, abused, and surrendered and essentially, because so few are adopted into good homes, on the euthanasia lists.

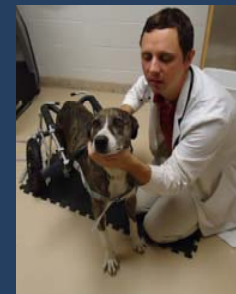
Help us control the Pit Bull population by supporting OOTP Fix-A-Bull program. More information is available on the OOTP website: www.outofthepits.org.

Pit Bulls Helping Pit Bulls

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FEATURE: MIMI

Meet Mimi, a 10-year-old Pit Bull that is paralyzed from the waist down 2 years ago. This photo captures her expression the first time she stood in 2 years!



Those eyes just melt your heart, don't they? Looking at the photo you can understand why her owners could not bear to put her to sleep.

Although the vet suggested, Mimi's owners just couldn't bear to put this sweet girl to sleep – she still has an awesome spirit and loving personality.

Unfortunately, during the hard economic times, the expense of the ailment wheels were more than the family could bear.

When Out of the Pits heard Mimi's story, we immediately offered as much assistance for her care and new set of wheels as we could.

When will Mimi get up and rolling? Well, that's up to you. If you wish to help this tremendous dog with her new wheels from Eddie's Wheels and the therapy program that she needs to go along with it, Out of the Pits, Mimi, and her people would be forever grateful.

To donate to Pit Bulls Helping Pit Bulls, please e-mail donations@outofthepits.org or visit <http://www.outofthepits.org/Donate.html>.