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Dear Friends,

I can't tell you how quickly time seems to pass these days. Just when I think things are relaxing, something happens like the Doyline Dogs. There is just too much to be done for the few volunteers we have.

Without an influx of new volunteers, we will have no choice but to scale back on our programs. Even donations are few and far between these days. After 15 years, Louisiana Downs decided to change up the Wiener Dog Races and give the proceeds to another group. This was our funding for our Spay/Neuter Vouchers to lower income pet owners for at least half the year. Without those donations we may even have to cut our Spay/Neuter voucher program after 30 years of helping the community.

Now is a good time to get involved. We need help transporting animals to and from Adoption days, help getting the word out about our Adoption days and other events to local papers, radio and TV stations, help taking flyers to businesses, help calling and/or visiting businesses for donations, help checking up on Adopted pets, help planning new events, help just getting info to the papers and on-line sites about Adoption days, help teaching dogs to walk on a leash, help recruiting new members, help on writing grants, help looking on-line for donations of food, help looking on-line for new fundraisers, help just visiting with other people to tell them about us, help fostering pets, help at our table at events such as Adoption days, selling raffle tickets, etc.

So if you have ever had the urge to help a very old and very small group of amazing animal people, this is your opportunity. Please give your time and/or your money to help us help our community of pets for another 30 years! Thank you so very much!

Gloria Freeman, President

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THE DOYLINE DOGS

Back in February of this year, one of our volunteers was approached by an older man who was having health issues. He was renting a trailer out in Doyline and thru the years several dogs had been dumped off. He had a camper set up as a dog house and was able to provide food but not much else. As his health was getting worse and the new neighbor would get drunk and shoot and kill the dogs in his yard, he realized he needed help. After contacting all the other groups for help and being told to just turn them into animal control, he contacted Animal Welfare, Inc.

Our volunteer went out and looked at the situation. It was bad but not the worse. Some fence repairs and yard cleaning would do wonders for the place. Volunteers were recruited for the clean up weekend. Unfortunately, the Sheriff's office received so many phone calls asking them to help, they just came on out and confiscated the dogs. 12 of them were ones the man was caring for. 2 of the dogs taken belonged to another person who told the volunteer that he wasn't going to pay to get his dogs back - he'd just go get another "free" dog.

With your donations, we were able to save 10 of the dogs. If we would have had more foster homes, we could have saved them all. All the dogs were checked over and vaccinated. All the dogs are friendly and in good shape. So far, 6 of the dogs have been spayed/neutered and checked for heartworms. 3 of the dogs have tested negative and 3 of the dogs have tested positive. All of the positive dogs have either been started on Heartgard or will be started on Heartgard as soon as possible.

Each dog has a unique personality. All are great dogs that deserve good homes and lots of love. We still need permanent or foster homes, so consider opening up your heart and home to one of these deserving babies. Also donations to help with the boarding and vet bills would be greatly appreciated. Over the next couple of pages, let me introduce you to some of the Doyline dogs!



Let's start off by introducing you to **Cricket**. Cricket is a beautiful girl! About 1 year old and about 35 pounds. She has been spayed, vaccinated, and heartworm negative. She is a bit food aggressive which is not unusual for "pack" dogs. She is very shy at first and takes a while to trust you but is very sweet. She gets along with other dogs but it might be best to separate while feeding.

Next is **Chief**. Chief is probably Cricket's brother. He is a handsome fellow - about 1 year old and about 40 pounds. He has been neutered, vaccinated, and started on his heartworm prevention (he was also negative). Chief also gets along with other dogs but is a bit on the food aggressive side. He is also shy and has to learn that it is ok to trust humans.



Next is **Bernie**. Bernie is a big old teddy bear of a dog. He is older - about 3-5 years old. He is about 50 pounds and quite the lover boy. He would prefer a home where he can be comfortable next to his human - available for lots of petting and rubbing! Bernie will make an excellent couch partner and will bond easily to a human that is kind to him! He has been neutered, vaccinated, and will be started on heartworm prevention - he did test positive for heartworms but after about 18-24 months, he should go negative naturally without side effects. He does have a fairly long coat and will need brushing and/or grooming. Look at that sweet face !



Pancho is our next Doyline dog. He is a striking boy at about 50 pounds and 3-5 years old. Pancho will take a lot of love and patience but will bond well with a kind human. He is funny and playful once he gets to know you. He is neutered, vaccinated, and will be started on heartworm prevention - he did test positive for heartworms but after 18-24 months, he should go negative naturally and without side effects. Are you ready to share your heart with this sweetie?

Little Foot was the first Doyline dog to be adopted. She was born with a deformed front foot. Her foster Mom and Dad fell in love after only 3 days! They filled out the paperwork that next week to make her a permanent part of their family! Best wishes for Little Foot and her new family for a life of happiness and love.



Critter was the smallest of the Doyline dogs. The husband of our volunteer decided Critter was the dog for him after only a couple of weeks. Critter will not be going anywhere - he has found his forever home!



Please consider fostering one of our needy babies. They really need some one on one attention and love. Most of us already have 10-30+ pets. We also all pretty much work full-time and have families to care for. We could really use some help! Foster homes just have to provide a safe and loving environment - food, water, etc. and bring them to adoption days once or twice a month. We provide vet care and food.

We have dogs and cats that need foster homes. If you would like to give it a try, please email us at awi@softdisk.com thru our website -

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Who knows....you may even fall in love !

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NOW I NEED YOUR HELP

Lil Bear was pulled from the local kill shelter back in 2009. He was wearing a current Rabies tag, so we contacted his elderly owner who told us he had been in the hospital when Lil Bear and his brother were frightened by a storm and had escaped. He admitted he was no longer able to care for his pets.



Lil Bear went to a foster home, who thought he might want to make him a permanent family member. However, his foster dad became sick and had to give him up. Lil Bear has been boarded ever since - almost a year now.

Lil Bear is totally house trained, heartworm negative and on prevention, fully vaccinated, neutered, and is the sweetest dog ever. He is only about 35 pounds with a smooth Chow Chow coat. He loves cats and kittens, dogs and puppies, and humans. He dances when he plays. He is extremely gentle. His only disadvantage is his long coat will require grooming and brushing. We also don't think small children would be good for him as he is sensitive around his face. He will make a wonderful companion.

Why can't we find a home for Lil Bear? The only applications he has received are for people wanting a "guard" dog for the yard. Most applicants don't even have a fence. What can we do to find him a home where he will be loved as part of the family? Please let me know if you have any ideas.

Please help by spreading the word about Lil Bear. He needs a home with another furchild to play with - one that is active and will play with him. He needs a home where he is allowed inside with his humans as part of the family. Page 6

CATS NEED LOVE TOO!

Patches and Oliver are two very sweet kitties who must be adopted together. They are very close and cannot be separated. Patches is shy and doesn't like a lot of attention, but Oliver is affectionate and enjoys being loved on. Oliver is like a security blanket to Patches, and they love to groom each other and sleep in the same bed together. These two have been looking for a home together for a few years now, but have not had any luck in finding their own people. Patches is a female Diluted Tortie, and Oliver is grey and white male, similar to a Tuxedo cat. Oliver is on a special diet of canned Fancy Feast to keep his weight down. ? If you are interested in Patches and Oliver and can give them the home and love that they deserve, we can set up a time for you to visit with them. Please consider giving them the home and family they deserve!



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