



New Spirit 4 Aussie Rescue
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New Spirit News

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An all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) organization serving Australian Shepherds and Aussie mixes on the East Coast.



Happy Holidays from New Spirit!



2009 has been a great year for us. We only formed New Spirit in April 2008 and already we've taken in 292 dogs and placed 252 dogs with 25 dogs currently available for adoption. This is an amazing achievement that couldn't have happened without our Aussome volunteers and the many folks who have donated so generously. Any amount, no matter how little, is very appreciated. We have had 19 heartworm positive dogs that we have treated at an average cost of \$300 in addition to their regular vetting, clearing them for happy healthy futures in loving homes instead of a miserable, lingering and certain death. We would like to thank all of you.



Kahlua showing his Holiday Spirit!

"I SAVED ONE DOG AND IT DIDN'T CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT SURELY THE WORLD CHANGED FOR THAT ONE DOG"

There are several ways you can help save an Aussie:

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We depend on donations to supplement our adoption fees. Sometimes, the cost to rescue a dog far exceeds our adoption fee. We accept checks or *Paypal* (You do not need to have a *Paypal* account yourself). You'll receive a letter acknowledging your gift for your tax records.



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- Become a foster home
- Make reference calls for applications
- Help transport dogs
- Evaluate dogs
- Do home visits
- Public Relations - get the word out about New Spirit!
- Fundraising



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Juneau at a shelter before being rescued by a New Spirit volunteer.



Juneau on her way to her new home.



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Happy Endings

Shawnee



Shawnee then...

Last spring, I decided it was time to add another puppy to our little family. Mickiak, my other Aussie mix rescue craved the company of other dogs. While volunteering for New Spirit, we learned of Maggie's litter. After extensive conversation with the foster mom, it was decided that we would adopt Carnie, who I renamed Shawnee. She is a delightful, energetic, sweet addition and a great playful match for her doggie brother. We couldn't be happier...

~Lori Jablon~



Mickiak & Shawnee now.

To read more about successful adoptions, click the *Happy Endings* link at www.ns4ar.org

Gracie

Gracie came into our lives at the end of February, 2009. A woman where I work had just adopted a dog from New Spirit and she told me all about her good experience with them. I went on line and filled out an application. Within a week or two we were told they found a dog that may fit our family and asked if we'd like to meet her. The dog, we were told, wasn't truly an Aussie but she landed in their shelter through extenuating circumstances and they took her in. So, we took a ride on a Sunday afternoon. Celine, as she was called then, was living in Maryland, on a farm, with Martha, a lovely woman with several dogs of her own. Celine greeted us with energy and kisses. She had one blue eye and one brown eye, was a soft brown/gray color with a chest as white as snow. We fell in love instantly and took her home that day. We immediately renamed her Gracie. She made herself at home right away – it was like she belonged there.



Gracie then...

The weeks that followed were fun. She turned out to be a champion runner and runs circles in our back yard with the swiftness and agility of a race horse. When she's done her marathon running, she is never out of breath. In human terms, she barely "breaks a sweat". Gracie stops and watches someone if they come into her view during a walk. It's as if she's saying "Hey, look at me, I'm cute, you really want to meet me."

And, of course, they invariably smile and walk toward her to be greeted with kisses and a wagging tail. Gracie makes people laugh when we walk by. She doesn't really "walk" she more or less "leaps" with joy. She reeks of happiness and you cannot help but respond in kind. She falls asleep on my lap nearly every night – exhausted from a day of loving life.

I could go on forever telling you about her antics, how she talks to us, rarely barks, keeps the squirrels away, loves the mailman, etc. but you'd probably think I was lying. What can I say? You have to see her to believe her. My husband and I don't consider ourselves to be particularly lucky people, we'll probably never win a lottery, or a trip around the world but we are the luckiest people we know when we consider how we were matched up with Gracie by the people at New Spirit Aussie Rescue. That day, back in February, we won the doggie lottery – big time!



Gracie and Cate now.

~Cate Gallagher~

If you would like to share your aussies' happy ending story with us for future newsletters, please email robinsylvester65@yahoo.com.

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First Flight for New Spirit

Four Pilots n' Paws pilots (Jay, Alberado, Thomas and his wife) agreed to give up their Sunday and donate their resources to flying New Spirit dogs Marci, Kelley and JJ to foster homes in the Northern US to assist GA foster homes in helping more dogs. The transport was a great success and we can't thank the pilots enough for their generous sacrifice of time to help dogs in need. Moving these dogs to new foster homes allowed the New Spirit GA team to help more dogs in need. We also wish to thank New Spirit NY volunteer Laura, MD volunteer Martha and VA volunteer Doug for giving our beloved foster dogs a safe place to land. Go New Spirit team!

~Rachael Eley~



Left: Pictured with the dogs are New Spirit volunteers: Gary Chapman with Kelley; Rachael Eley with Marci; Bill and Nicole Parks with JJ.

View the video at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dtPCPMHMZ8>



Right: JJ excitedly awaits takeoff.

Meet A Volunteer

Name: Pam Caldwell

Occupation: Systems Analyst

Where do you live?: Collegeville, PA

What is your role within New Spirit? President, foster home

How long have you been volunteering with New Spirit? I helped to found it starting in January 2008

How and why did you come to be volunteer with New Spirit? I've worked in dog rescue for 15 years, first privately, and then with another purebred Aussie organization as a foster home, then a representative, and the Regional Coordinator for the NE US, which included Eastern Canada down to Virginia.

What animals do you have in your home and what are their names? I currently have two personal dogs, Sasha (aka the witch) a red tri girl who's been with me for 5 years. She was an owner turn in to another rescue I represented but she couldn't be placed with an average adopter so I gave her a home. She really is a love but she isn't always the easiest dog! Ignatz (short for Ignatius) was my first rescue dog. He, his mother, and two littermates were taken out of a barn within hours of their birth. Ig will be 15 in March and is still going strong!

Do you have a favorite thing you like to do with your dogs? We mainly go for walks and play in the backyard. I've done herding and agility but time and distance make that difficult these days. I would like to try Rally-O in the new year.

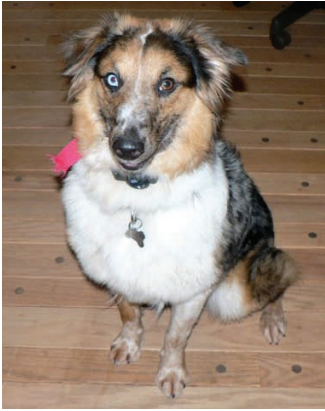
What is your favorite thing about New Spirit? The people! Most of us have worked for other rescues and we've worked hard to avoid pitfalls we've seen in other groups. We want our group to be friendly and supportive, with everyone having a voice, and we work hard to keep things upbeat, to mentor one another, and to share in both good times and bad. It really is an exceptional group.



Pam Caldwell, President

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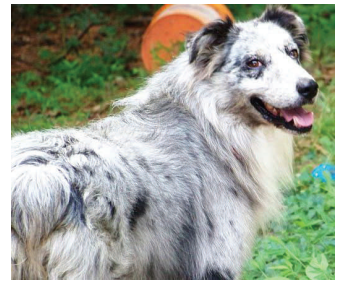
Available Aussies



Calliope (NS 318) is a beautiful, high energy pup 6-10 months old. She's extremely affectionate and people oriented, but also loves to play-play-play with other dogs, which can be a bit too much for less play oriented dogs. She's a girl who needs and appreciates clear leadership and direction from her person and will thrive with some training. Calliope is housebroken, a little too interested in cats for their taste (but hasn't chased or harmed them), and would do well with children over 8, for whom her energy level would not be a hazard. Calliope does well in a crate, which comes in handy because like many youngsters, she can get over stimulated and needs some down time.

Calliope is fostered in East Central PA. [Apply here](#) or visit www.ns4ar.org.

Gambit (NS 273) is a five year old blue merle Aussie with a natural bobtail. He is a very sweet boy, loves other dogs, loves to play and is very respectful of cats - even when they swat at him. He has also tested well with ducks. Gambit seems to have missed the memo on that Aussie reserve we see in the breed. This boy walks nicely on leash and rides great in the car.



Gambit is fostered in Kennesaw, GA. [Apply here](#) or visit www.ns4ar.org.

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