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New Year!

A Letter from SSRR President, Bill Lawton

FIVE YEARS! That's how long ago I took over as President of SSRR. It's hard to believe that five years have passed. During this time we have taken 558 Rottweiler or Rottweiler mixes into SSRR. While we do take in owner surrenders, a majority of those we took into rescue were dogs that have been abandoned by their families, in shelters. Many of the dogs we took into rescue were within days, and in some cases within hours, of losing their life. While most of those who work at shelters do the best they can to help their dogs find new homes and families, shelters are very difficult for Rottweilers. Many of them get overlooked. Some have potential adopters who want them for fighting or as guard dogs or as outside dogs, etc. Therefore some counties in the states we cover will not adopt out Rottweilers and their only hope is for a rescue to take them in. Unfortunately, there has been an influx of Rottweilers being surrendered over the past 6 months, making it very difficult for rescues to save them all.

As I look back at my last five years as President of this incredible organization, I am very happy and proud of the accomplishments we have made. We have gone from serving eleven southern states to serving fourteen. We have taken in Rottweilers with medical and/or surgical needs that had no chance of making it out of a shelter alive. We have put hundreds of Rottweilers through heartworm treatment which could have been prevented by the dog's owner simply giving a pill once a month. We have taken in neglect cases that would sadden anyone with half a heart. We celebrate those that we have been able to rehabilitate and find new homes for and we mourn those that we were unable to save. We will always remember each of them.

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the wonderful volunteers who perform temperament tests to determine if a dog is a candidate for rescue, who process foster or adoption applications, who help with performing home visits, who transport our dogs to their new foster home or adopter. I would also like to offer a very special thank you to each and every foster that has opened their heart and home to one of our rescued Rottweilers. And finally, thank you to the great team of Directors and Coordinators in our organization. These two groups have to put up with me on a daily basis but we couldn't do what we do without them.



Hogan—Adopted 01/2016



We want to thank all of our foster families of 2018 -- they saved at least one life. In 2019, we will grow our foster program so that we can work to save more lives and get our dogs into the loving, safe homes they deserve.

Want to help? **Foster, foster, foster.** And, help us recruit foster homes by sharing our information and mission with your family and friends. If you want to foster this year, please fill out a [foster application](#) so that we can add you to our list of approved homes. We will work to match a dog with your existing family environment.

Every time a foster family takes in a dog at least one life is saved, maybe more. When shelters run out of room, they must destroy the lives that we cherish. Unfortunately, due to breed prejudice, our beloved Rottweilers are often on the kill list. Kill shelters will allow only approved rescue organizations, such as ours, to pull Rottweilers; they do not adopt them to the public. Therefore, when we pull a dog from a kill shelter, we are saving its life and the life of another dog who will take its place. According to the ASPCA, 1.25 million healthy dogs are euthanized in shelters each year. If you're like us, that statistic infuriates you. Through rescue, spay/neuter, and education, we hope to positively impact those numbers and decrease the death rate. If you want to be part of the solution, now is your chance. Each of the adopted dogs highlighted in this issue of our newsletter are alive today because a family opened up their heart and home and gave them a place to lay their heads until they were able to find their forever home.

What is a Foster Home?

A foster home is a temporary home for one of our Rotties until SSRR finds a permanent home for the dog. A foster home provides the love and shelter for the dog while SSRR provides and pays for all medical needs. Fosters provide the home, love and food. Being a foster home is not easy. Taking a Rottie into your home, caring for him, loving him, and then letting him go to a new forever home can be very difficult. But, fostering can also be the most rewarding and fulfilling thing a true dog lover can ever do to support dogs in need.

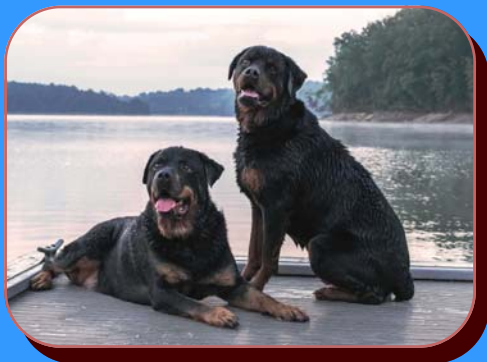
If you have adopted from us in the past 5 years, then you are automatically **approved** to foster! If you are not approved but are interested in becoming a foster home, please fill out our online [foster application](#).

PLEASE BE SURE YOU MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS before filling out a foster application: We require a Vet reference and 3 personal references, as well as a home visit. You're dogs (and cats) must be UTD with shots and must be spayed or neutered (unless there is a valid reason they can't be). You should have a fenced in yard and be committed to making your foster a part of your family. You will be assigned a foster coordinator who will be available to help you through any issues along the way and will give you guidance on our policies and procedures. Your Foster Coordinator will send you dog-to-dog intro information, foster procedures, a foster manual and other info you need to successfully foster a Rottweiler for SSRR.

The following pages highlight some of the many dogs we have had adopted from our organization over the past 5 years. These adoptions could not have happened if it weren't for our Intake team, our foster team, or application processors, our home visit volunteers, our group of transporters, our donors and supporters who believe in what we do and provide the financial means to continue and, of course, the wonderful adopters who saw something special in the dog they adopted and made him/her a part of their family, giving them the love and wonderful life they deserve.

Thank you to each and every one of you!

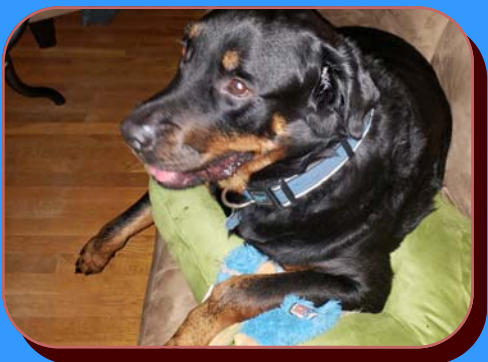
Adoption Updates



This is Bassil and Bray. Both were adopted from SSRR. Bray was adopted in May of 2013 (he was an orphaned at 24 hours old, bottle-fed baby) and Bassil in June of 2015 (he was an intact, Tripod, with heart worms). Both are amazing dogs and are truly bonded. Bray dock dives, does agility and nose work. Bassil loves to swim, run and play.



Maggie was adopted in October, 2014, when she was about 10 months old. She was adopted as Magnolia, but now she's Magdalena--Maggie. She's a wonderful, loving, socialized dog and a super playmate for Sherman, her 10-year-old GSD brother.



"Thor is a wonderful little boy. He loves his sisters and has a blast playing with his family, to include his 88 year old grandmother. He is our joy everyday. We would not be complete without our baby boy Thor!!"



Memphis (fka Raven) was adopted on May 23, 2015. She came to us from Becky Dollar who was a most wonderful foster ensuring that she underwent her heart worm treatment. Memphis came into a home with a 3 year old female rottiie who had been with us since she was 9 weeks old. Riley was excited to have a new sister, Memphis was a bit overwhelmed. The transition took about 3 months in total to get from separation to an easy co-existence.



Nina, formally Brinley, is doing very well and is loving her digs at permanent home. Her favorite chew toy is her nylabone dinosaur, absolutely loves to give kisses and cuddle up next to you before bedtime. Nina and her big furbrother, Ruger get along great. They love to wrestle and play keep away with eachothers toys while still always snuggling up to each other after a long day of play. Nina shows the most love to Ru when she licks his face and ears before bed. She has established a very positive and heart warming spot in our lives, and continues to surprise everyday with how smart she is. Her high energy and independent self are keeping us busy in the best way possible. Everyone who meets Nina falls in love immediately and they always give nothing but praise for her pleasant demeanor and behavior. We may be biased but, Nina is the most beautiful, loving, and silly pup in the entire world. We are so happy she is apart of our little family forever.





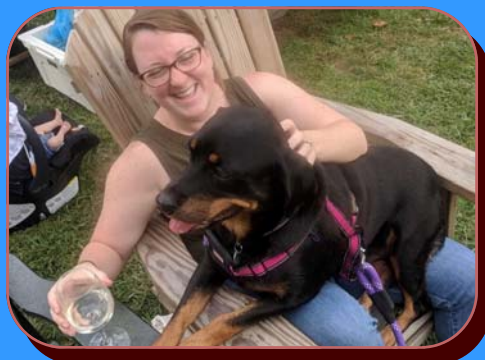
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"We adopted Cordi (formerly known as Cadi) in mid August of this year. She immediately fit in as a Fitzgerald and got along with our other dog and two cats. She thinks she's the same size as our Chihuahua/terrier mix and loves to lay in your lap or be curled up beside you. She loves her people more than anything and is just happy being near us. She is our first Rottweiler and it's been amazing getting to know her, her loyalty, and love."



"Bat Babe and Spider Man are our second and third Rotties from SSRR. Our first was Lizzie Tish all the way back in 2004. We've always had a boy and a girl. We've had Bat Babe about a year and a half now and Spider Man for about six years. Bat Babe was a stray all the way from Texas. She now enjoys laying in a bean bag chair, going for walks and bossing Spider Man around. She is super sweet and will just lean into you for petting all the time. Spider Man is a big boy and he knows he's good looking. We got him at six months old, straight out of the pound from North Carolina. He enjoys walks, barking and chasing squirrels in the backyard and being bossed around by Bat Babe. He's huge, about 120 pounds and still has many good puppy qualities.

Our late Lizzie Tish was from Houston. We called her a debutante and a super model. She was always thin for a Rottie and was beautiful and sweet. Bat Babe took her place just as she had taken our first Rottie Delilah's place. Delilah was from a local rescue as was Ozzie who Spider Man took the place of.



Brooklyn is truly the best dog. She loves cuddles and pretending she's a lap dog, rough housing with my husband, and charming everyone she meets! We absolutely adore her! Now that we live in Denver she loves the dry heat but hates the snow, she's really become a diva and I blame myself for spoiling her. She has perfected the sad puppy dog eyes so I can't help it! She's vocal, she loves to chat with us in moments of excitement or playtime (or finding the right spot during scratches). She has a hilarious naughty side but I know the moment I walk through the door when she's chewed something, she'll flatten herself to the ground and wag her little nub as if apologizing. She dragged her bed underneath the fireplace so she can warm her butt. She has a personality that has just blossomed with our routine. She is loved by our families and friends and the outdoor patios we take her to. I don't know if I'm giving you too much info but I swear I can talk about this sweet pup all the time.



Jada was rescued after her owner died in a house fire in Orange County Texas. The neighbor could no longer take care of her because she had 5 dogs of her own, all living outside with a big freeze on the way. Now she's living the life inside & barely wants to go outside. She has her own leather love seat she loves sleeping on. One spoiled rotten Rottli!

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"Vinny was adopted in August of 2016. Vinny loves the bolster on his favorite bed. He is such a happy dog, usually smiling and loves everyone. I'm so grateful I have him in my life. Izzy, the cat, also enjoys him. Thanks for sending him to me for his forever home."



"This is Angus! He was adopted (our 3rd through Southern States) in April of 2015. Angus has been a huge blessing to us. He is a very, very gentle soul that LOVES people. Given that he has topped out at 140 lbs (he's just sooo tall and long...), he seems intimidating. And then he smiles, his nub wags a million miles a minute and then his entire back end wiggles! His intimidation factor diminishes to zero immediately! Neighbors call him Mr. Wiggles! Kids adore him and ask if Angus can come out to play... he can melt your heart in an instant! Angus is an avid television watcher....he watches for animals and is very happy when they show up on the screen! He believes he's "people" and has chosen our bed as his bed...and we don't mind one bit! Angus is an amazing addition to our home. We can't imagine life without him!"



"I cannot laud long enough on my beautiful baby boy, Dexter who now is big and tall and 95 pounds! He sleeps on my bed and is very well-behaved. Everyone loves him. I'm so glad I adopted that cute little puppy!!!"



Alex was adopted by her foster family in November of 2014.

"She lives with three kids and 2 golden doodles. Since adopting her we learned our oldest child is allergic to dogs (hence rescuing 2 doodles) but daughter is on shots now and we will soon be wanting to rescue another rRtt as NOTHING compares to their devotion and temperament. Love our Alex and SSRR and all they do to keep the rottie love going!!! "



Tyson was adopted in November of 2017. He loves to run around the yard but loves his person the most. He likes to know where you are and what you are doing at all times. He has the sweetest disposition and likes a lot of attention. If he could, he would sit on your lap. He thinks he's the size of a poodle. That's just him letting you know he loves you :) He wants to please you and loves to be praised.

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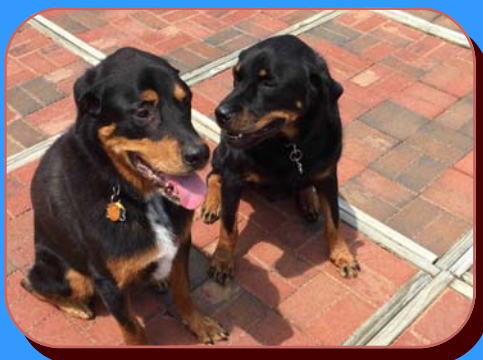
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"Here's Giselle! She's my little shadow. Where ever I go she goes. Despite her dislike for dogs with out testicles (she loves intact males), she has been doing well on our walks. We continue to train and desensitize her as much as we can around dogs but she has a limit and once its reached we better go somewhere else with out doggies just to be safe. Even though she's not a doggy dog, she most definitely loves people! Especially her people. She is gentle with our toddler and plays with her knowing that she isn't as strong as we are. But we always watch carefully in case Giselle has had enough and then we let her have her space.

She is incredibly smart and obedient and loves learning new behaviors. She loves walks, and loves to be snuggled. She is a very special dog and I think she was meant to be with us! She requires patience, routine, consistency, and love and we do our best to make sure she gets just that."



We have adopted 2 wonderful boys from you. The first was about 4.5 years ago, we call him Brewy, but you called him Brucey. Brewy has blossomed into a more secure dog--he still has his moments of fearfulness, but can also be something of a social butterfly at times. We adopted Cody last March, and he has helped Brewy to learn a bit more about being a companion dog. We have moved to Burlington, NC from Elon, NC--not a very big move, but not only does this house a fenced in yard, but it also has a dog-door which both boys absolutely love to use. Brewy learned to use the dog-door from Cody, who was an instant pro at figuring it out. Brewy overcame his dislike of the door touching his head fairly quickly in order to keep up with his canine brother. The 2 boys bonded almost immediately--even the vet's office noticed how attached they became from the start.

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Annie was 10 months when adopted and is now approximately 4 and a half years old. She now has Addison's disease that requires a monthly shot and daily Prednisone. It has not let it get her down. She is as fun loving as ever. She has had surgery for a torn ACL and then tore her PCL that left her with a slight limp but again, she is a fighter and doesn't let anything keep her down, although she can't play as hard as she use to. She is a lover of people and they love her. I used to take her to

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"We adopted Piola, now Fiona, last June. She is such an amazing dog! She and our 3 year old rescue quickly bonded and are two peas in a pod. Thanks to your organization for rescuing her :)"



We adopted "Nutmeg" in 2015- I saw her picture at a local shelter and fell in love, But she was already tagged for rescue by SSRR, so I fostered her, knowing full well it would be a foster fail! Nutmeg had a tough start, surviving parvo, pneumonia, and developing some heart issues early on, but she is a survivor, and now at 4 yrs old, she is healthy, strong and the joy of my life. Nutmeg has an uncanny knack for knowing when it's time to be a clown, and when cuddles are called for. Our family suffered several losses over the last few years and "Meggie" has given us something to laugh at every day.

Her silly antics combined with her gentle nature make her a natural therapy dog and Canine Good Citizen. Nutmeg lives with her foster fail baby brother, Remi, and her 3 cats. I am forever grateful that SSRR made it possible for the scared little pup to be part of our family and blossom into the wonderful girl that she has become.



"This is Libby. She enjoys bird watching, napping on the couch but most of all she enjoys swimming! She thinks the pool is just for her. She has been with us since 2015."



"Khaleesi is a very well behaved and happy girl. She brings our family much happiness and we cant imagine our family without her in it. Thank you, to SSRR and the wonderful volunteers who work tirelessly to save these beautiful babies. We are forever grateful."



"Charlie is by best buddy. He come to work with me often to keep me company. Gets along with everyone, people and other dogs. We couldn't be happier, our he will always be open to a Dottie. Thanks SSRR! "



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We adopted Olivia, formerly Bella as a puppy in August 2016. She is now 2 years old. I would love to know if you get updates on any of her littermates. I kept up with her foster mom Kathy a little, so I know her brother Zeke is around the same size as her (70 lbs) but Kathy said some of her brothers ended up 100+ lbs!

She loves charging around the yard as fast as she can, and she loves playing, especially when she can roll around with her belly in the air. When she's in her silly mode she is just non stop happy energy. When she's not in silly mode, she is a lazy princess. She's very smart, but don't expect her to put any effort into solving puzzles or trying to impress you. Her strategy is usually to just look cute and pathetic until someone gives her what she wants. She is a sweet baby and loves napping and snuggling, and will just climb up and sit her whole self on top of you.

We used to have 2 other dogs that she played with, but lost both of them to cancer this year. Olivia's doing fine, she still has a cat to annoy and we take her to day care so she can get her doggy play time in,



This is Maggie, one of Molly's puppies. Since rescuing her, we've adopted a puppy that was abandoned at a ranch outside of the city, an Olde English bulldog puppy the breeder couldn't sell, and now a mini poodle puppy who was illegally and inhumanly brought into the country with 24 other pups ranging in age from 2 weeks to 4 weeks. Maggie has proven to be an excellent "mommy" and leader of the pack. She's an amazing, funny, loving dog. I can't imagine our family without her. We thank SSRR for choosing us to be her family.

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We adopted Reba 3 years ago this January. She has become an incredible addition to our family. She is so smart as well as obedient and BEAUTIFUL. The picture is of her 5th birthday with a burger cake and pepperoni candles. Her present was a stuffed squirrel(of course she wished she had caught that one that ran up a tree which she tried to climb)



Arnold was adopted in December of 2017 at 6 months old. Overall Arnold is a happy go lucky boy that just needed an adventurous someone with lots of time and love to help him continue to grow into the wonderful dog he has become.



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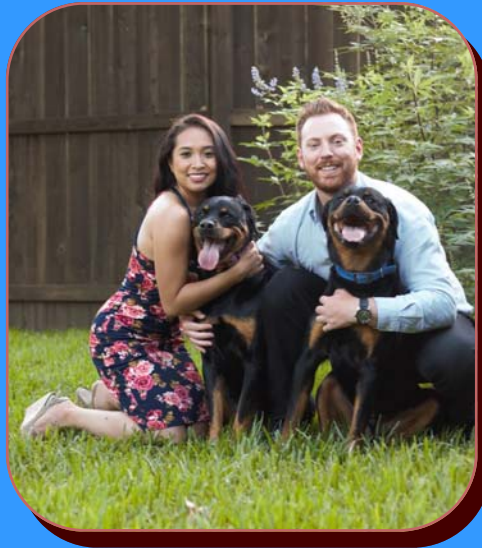
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Dolly, was one of Meadow's puppies. Dolly now goes by Zenji. Zenji is not a Rottweiler. Her sibling's owner got a DNA test and it came back mostly Coonhound and some Beagle. It wasn't what we were expecting but we love her. Zenji couldn't be more gentle. She loves to play almost as much as she loves to sleep. I'm an early riser and I have a hard time getting her out of her bed in the morning.

We trained her early but we can't take credit for how easy she's been to have around the house. She love's to chew bones and toys we give her but we've never had an issue with her chewing shoes, furniture, or have any nightmare stories other friends share with me from their dogs.

She hardly ever barks, which makes her a fairly bad watch dog, but she loves people and dogs alike. She never strays far, whether in the house or outside she prefers to stay nearby. Zenji is now 9 months and weighed in at 36 lbs as of Oct 30. She's the smallest of her litter. One of her brothers is in the 50-60lbs range. Zenji was spayed in August and recovered easily. I've attached a few pics (sorry, I'm not a great photographer).



Mo is doing great! He has bonded with our other Rotti Onyx and my girlfriend Denise. He's just the most loving, affectionate dog I've ever had. Every moment of every day he wants to be next to me or Denise and getting scratched, kissed or snuggled. He has to sleep next to me so now I share my pillow with him lol. He's an 80lb baby with a smile on his face at all times (unless Onyx is getting a birthday cake and not him). We truly couldn't have wished for a better addition to our family.

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Polo and Titus (formerly Caden & Gordo) were two of Maggie Mae's puppies that we didn't expect to survive. They were adopted in May of 2016 as very young puppies. They have grown up together and are now 2 years and 9 months old. They have been living the good life with everything that I pup could want.



All is going well with Lyric she has adjusted very well being showered with love and attention! She will be joining obedience training soon to get her acclimated on controlling her better on the leash and some more commands. We have really been building a strong bond viewing her as our little girl.



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Carl was adopted a little over a year ago. He had hip dysplasia on both sides. One side was way more severe than the other causing him a lot of pain. He wasn't really able to move much and would play laying down and cry when he stood up. He had surgery to fix the hip dysplasia and is a completely different dog now!! Before he was calm and sweet and such a lover, which is how he got his new name Romeo. But now, he is still a big lover but has a ton more energy and playfulness. He went through training and got his Canine Good Citizenship certificate and traveled with me and his 2 fur-siblings to help aid in the Hurricane Harvey relief. We spent almost a whole year there trying to rebuild people's homes. He went to the office with me often and loved the attention of everyone. He is an amazing boy that loves to play with his best friend the cat, they love to rough house. And sometimes cuddle with his chihuahua sister and guards the house with his husky sister

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We got Duchess about 3 years ago and she is doing great. She made her self at home the first day she arrived. Her and my other Rottie (Liberty) become best friends without a single problem. She got her AKC K9 Good Citizen certification (top of her class).

My wife had to evacuate for Hurricane Florence recently and I had to stay because I'm with the local EMS, so you could imagine how difficult the process was loading all your important possessions and 2 big dogs in a vehicle and drive 2 states away to safety but Duchess seemed to understand the situation and was good as gold and even helped when she could calming a stressed out mom and sister. Duchess has been a joy and a blessing to us and enjoy every day with her.



Roman was adopted in January of 2015, We absolutely love this guy!!! He is such a huge part of our family. He travels with us anywhere we go!

We all love Roman with all our hearts!!! Thank you so much SSRR for blessing our family with Roman!!!



Lilly and I've been together 4 years this week! We've adventured through 31 states together and are excited for adventures to come. She's a keeper!



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Gigi is doing great, She just reached 50lbs. She completed dog training classes over the summer and is a great family member...she doesn't stray far from me when she gets loose....she has run out of the door when she see's her friends walking by ...if we happen to be walking out ...but she runs back in when we call her back.

We had her DNA tested and she has more tree walker hound genes than anything. Gigi is very smart. She gets her food prepared in the morning mixed with, other time she gets it mixed with chicken rotisserie left overs and bones that I slow cook then puree and then re-boil with some vegetables.

Gigi is extremely gentle with neighborhood kids especially the younger ones. She seems to know that they're so small that she takes care not to jump on them. We couldn't be happier with her as part of our family



Iris is one happy girl. You know how hard this transition was for her. She had anxiety, nervous all the time and disliked little dogs. Iris was not house trained and omg this took forever. I mean forever, she could not relax her bladder. It took months for her to be normal. I don't know what happened to her prior to being rescued. We had to give her lots of love and we had to be really patient. She is a great dog! Iris loves us with her whole heart and would do anything for us. She is smart, loving and an affectionate dog.

Affectionate is not something we thought we could say in the beginning. But most of all she is always on duty. Iris is definitely a working dog.

She wants to make sure we are safe. She is an intricate part of the family and always will be.

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Frank is doing great! He's the cuddliest dog I know! He did have some issues with resource guarding, but we've worked on it and he is fine with his big sister Ava now. Otherwise he loves playing with other dogs and getting attention from people. He was also a very good little brother when Ava had knee surgery over the summer. He would always lie next to her crate to keep her company. I've learned he's not going to be my new running buddy, but he loves long walks, hiking, and camping.



My beautiful friend "Beach". Unfortunately I didn't have him long enough. He died from cancer. Beach was so much a part of our family (an older rescue like my other 4 dogs). He was a sweetheart and is sorely missed.



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Danny lives in a home with a nice backyard. He much prefers being in the house with us and just lays on the wicker cushioned couch and watches the squirrels play when outdoors. Our older dog passed away in April so he is an only dog for now. Since he is so social, we take him to doggie daycare 1 or 2 days a week where he gets along with everyone. The past two summers he has gone to training camp when we go on summer vacation. The first year they really reinforced basic commands (we taught him when he first arrived) and worked on some quirky issues like jumping on people. This year he went through basic canine training in group setting but was still very reactive (overly excited, not aggressive) when another dog approached, so they worked intensively to help him over that anxiety. I am keeping up with his training and he is improving with each walk.

On a personal side, he is my best companion and friend. He follows me around during the day and has dog cushions in nearly every room. Comfort hound is what we call him as he never lays on hard or cold surfaces. He has no bad habits in the house and when we go out to eat or away awhile, he's always sleeping on the couch



Since being adopted "Fiona" had had her name changed to Kayah. She is doing extremely well!

The whole family is enamored with Kayah. She loves her tennis balls and fetches as long as someone will throw the ball, seriously! I've started counting and she'll run 2 miles straight while fetching!. She is a real cuddle-bug and LOVES to snuggle. She has been walking/running for 3-5 miles a day which is great to get her energy out and improve her fitness. We love to take her on walks by the river. She is now going to work with our son, Alex (he works at a dog daycare) and she is making friends with a number of the other dogs and having fun romping around with them. We are still working on her shyness of new people and her car sickness and some training, but Kayah is so smart that she catches on quickly and her sweet temperament makes her eager to please. We've found that after tennis balls she loves all things fuzzy or soft, as you'll see from the pics! Thank you for an excellent adoption experience and a delightful new family member!



Buck came to SSRR heartwork positive and went through the difficult treatment to get rid of them. He was adopted in July of 2018 and is heartworm negative. Buck recently received his certificate for passing obedience training.



Our three legged wonder, little Nitro. Nitro is doing great and loves sleeping on the couch. He really loves his brother Bear and sister Zenyatta. He's the sweetest boy and we love him dearly. Thanks for letting us adopt him!



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Marlowe is doing wonderfully! He has adjusted well with the move from VA to TX. Marlowe LOVES to be outside as much as we will let him and has enjoyed not having people walking behind the fence to tease him. He does still love Jose the best but has really gotten comfortable with the ladies and enjoys daily belly rubs in my lap. He is the most happy go lucky dog we've ever seen. Nothing phases him. We love him dearly and feel very lucky to have him as part of our family.



Rocco is doing wonderfully! He has adjusted well with the move from VA to TX. Rocco is usually right by my side most of the day. However, he enjoys being outside playing with his brothers. He LOVES to fetch tennis balls and thanks to Marlowe loves to play in the sprinklers. The two of them crack us up with that. He is still scared of some noises, but doesn't growl anytime one of my boys or husband come in anymore. You can definitely see a difference in him as far as feeling secure and not so nervous all the time. We feel like making him part of the family was the best move for him.....and us.



Ciarra was adopted January 20, 2018 from Dee Pennington. She's an absolute toy and a bit of a crazy girl! She loves to play and run. We had her first Halloween and Santa Paws came! She



This is Lotti. She is 4 years old and out of two other SSRR rescues, Bonnie and Clyde. She loves her human sister. They play and wrestle together. Lotti loves toys that she can shake or play tug of war with. Tug of war play is with her best fur friend, Maggie. Lotti is our Angel and we thank SSRR so much for introducing our family to her!

When people say, "I couldn't foster because it would be too hard to give a dog up." We say, "How can it be harder than knowing a dog died because no foster home stepped up?" and that's why we do it time and time again.



We got Hardtail April 2016 He was 51 pounds today he is 76 pounds very happy dog he makes us smile and laugh everyday. He loves to go for walks and he really loves chasing chipmunks. He hardly ever barks unless there is a stranger in the yard or door. He knows all of his commands. He is such a sweetie we are so happy he is in our life. Thank you SSRR



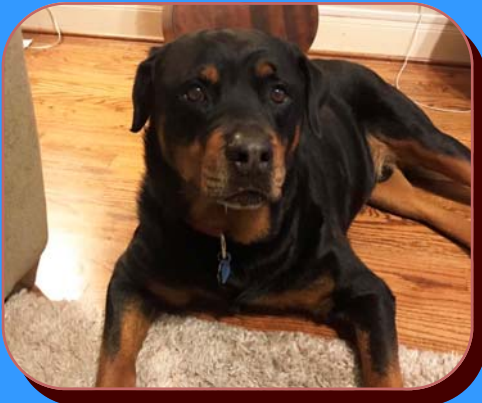
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I have had Solo for a little over a year now. It started as a foster and took less than a week before I decided I was going keep him. We get along great. He does like to give me guilt trips when I come home from work. Other than that the only arguments we have is who gets the blanket on the couch.



Hey. Thank you so much for contacting us. Cody (Kody) is a complete blessing to our family. He is in his second year at Virginia Tech with Emma. He loves the mountains. SSRR, specifically you and Denise Tomlinson, were instrumental in making sure we got the right dog for us. He is a comfort and emotional support for Emma with her anxiety. He is a love and we couldn't live without him.



Sasha (age 2) has been with me since I agreed to foster her in June of this year. adopted her a few months later. She was owner surrendered to the animal shelter in Caswell County, North Carolina in late April.

Here is Sasha and with her best bud, Dexter, who is her playmate and wrestling partner. She also plays a little with my two cats. She is a little mischievous; some days I get home and everything is in perfect order, while other days she has decided to rearrange the rugs or the pet dishes. We have had some obedience classes, mainly to work on leash training, since Sasha likes to channel her inner sled dog! We are still working on that.



I have been truly blessed to have Brutus in my life for 3 years this month (November.) He is a well adjusted happy boy and he has fit right in with my female Rottie, who is definitely the Alpha. I was very fortunate that Brutus' foster mom, Kelly, did an amazing job teaching him basic obedience skills and manners. This extra time and love that Kelly gave him made his transition into my home flawless and stress! I cannot imagine the hell Brutus suffered through before SSRR saved him, but I can tell you that he has no ill will towards humans. He is a very sweet and loving boy! Thank you to SSRR and all your amazing fosters.





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Kira, now known as Zoe, will be turning 2 years old next week. She is doing great! Loves outdoors, sticks, ropes and cuddles. She is a bundle of energy and still gets very excited when we have visitors, but we continually work on that. We think she loves her new home and big brother Brutus! (they play constantly)



Teddy is doing remarkable with He goes everywhere with me and, believe it or not, he no longer barks in the car. Teddy loves everyone and every dog that he encounters. He's still 200% stubborn though.



I'm early 2017, Trudi was diagnosed with a Fibrosarcoma and we had it removed. It came back worse about a year later and we had it removed again by a specialist. About 6 weeks ago, we noticed a hard spot in the same area on her neck and we took her back to the specialist. This was about 8 months after her second surgery. We saw the radiation oncologist and he spoke with the surgeon and they were concerned about having a third surgery and not getting any microscopic disease. I spoke with our vet on Oct 30 and let him know we were leaning towards the in Home chemo option but I would get back to him in a day or two. The morning of Oct 31 started off as usual for us. When we went in the dog's room after breakfast to let them out, we found Trudi, dead! I lost it!!! We were shocked and heartbroken to say the least. We are still shocked and heartbroken. Baileigh misses Trudi dearly!!! We had her cremated so we could take her with us to the lake house we are building!

We are so thankful for Trudi. She impacted us so much more than we even realized. I hope that we had an impact on her life too! One day, we will have more Rotties!!! We miss her so much!



Olivia, she has been with me 3 years now and doing very good. She is a sweet girl but oh so jealous of our newest member Jordy. She is coming around though as I catch them outside playing together. Her favorite place is on the couch, she would sleep there all day if I let her. When she's not sleeping she loves her long walks out in the neighborhood.



Jordy, just turned 1 in October. He is a handful as he is scared of everything. He is a giant guy and really the older he gets the less he even looks like a Rottie. His Embark DNA results says he is 100% Rottweiler. He is enrolled in private and group training and is showing progress but we still have a long way to go with this guy.



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Tanner was rescued by Lisa Sims. She originally went to the shelter to pull an eight year old girl with a broken leg who she knew would be hard to place and a little pup came up to the run door and licked her fingers. She pulled him too even though she didn't have room. That was Tanner. I had lost my pure bred boy to cancer and wanted to do rescue. I did not care what they looked like or where they came from. I just wanted to help them and spoil them. Trixie came into our lives when I lost Nikki, I contacted Lisa and she had two females she was fostering and thought Trixie would work with Tanner's personality so she became my second SSRR dog. She and Tanner became the double "T's" and filled my life with so much joy and happiness.

At age 9 Trixie had to have a leg amputated due to histiosarcoma and eventually passed away in her sleep, Tanner developed osteosarcoma and I could tell by looking at him he was in pain and not happy at all, I made the heart-breaking decision to have him put to sleep and sat with him as he breathed his last breath.



I lost Trixie two days before I had promised to drive a transport, I didn't want to let anyone down so did the transport, afraid I would want the little girl we were transporting. But all went well I was not ready for another pup. Two days later Bill posted about an 18 month old female who needed a foster in AR, I saw her picture and knew I had to help. She was located in the shelter half a mile away from my house. I knew Trixie had sent her to me. Bill arranged for SSRR to pull her and I picked her up, she came bounding out of the shelter she knew she was free. I had to come up with a name for her with no time to think, it was Valentine's week so in an instant she became Valley.

Riggs was one of Roxanne's pups who was pulled by SSRR very pregnant and delivered 11 pups January 2017. She and her pups were fostered by Kari in Little Rock. As I live close, I offered to help anyway I could with the pups. Pups were not well and had a very hard time maintaining their body temperatures, only three survived and Riggs was one of them. I was approved to adopt him and he came home with me in March. He looked like a Rottweiler when he was tiny but Daddy was obviously a German Shepherd! I call him my Rottherd or Shepweiler, he is now almost 2 years old and a very healthy 107lbs. He is definitely a character and much more mischievous than any of my Rottweilers,



We are foster failures :) And we cannot be more happy. When Roscoe came to us Spring 2015 he was very scared little boy but he was such a love bug from the first seconds that just made our hearts melt. October 4 2014 we lost our first rottie Arno to kidney disease and all the time without him was the worst time of our life. When Roscoe came to our house and to our lives we did not save him - he saved us. He is such a sweetheart. Roscoe loves his toys and especially his treats. Every time we came from the store he searches all the bags for his gifts (and he finds one every time!) He loves his cat brother Tima, playing outside, sleeping in his chair but most of all he just loves to be with us no matter what we do or where we go))) Last year we took him for the mountains for the first time in his life and it was so great to experience everything with him for the first time. This weekend we are going to the mountains again and we just can not wait. Roscoe is our little sugar baby and we love him tremendously. Thank you SSRR for expanding our family!



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Update on Tara Middleton: Tara is now living in and loving California. She has become such a sweet loving girl and the joy of our lives. She is a great companion and lots of entertainment. She loves to play with her toys and night and wrestle with Dad.

We worked with a trainer that specializes in "reactive/aggressive" dogs and it has made a world of difference. Tara is so so smart. She only has to do something 4 times and she's got it. Now when we go for our morning walks, when she sees another dog, she automatically looks to me for her treat. She gets rewarded for making good decisions i.e. not "charging cars, dogs or strangers.

With a lot of working with me daughter, Tara has learned to get along with her two Belgium Shepherds like they are siblings. We are so happy to have Tara in our lives. She is our first dog and now we are dog nuts like all of our friends and family.



We adopted Scout this past July and we're so happy to have her part of our family! She's such a sweet pup who loves jumping into our laps and getting belly rubs. We've done some training with her and she picked it up great! Scout loves our daughter and has been so gentle with her and her cousins. We've moved back home to Chicago and Scout is loving the cold and snow. Thank you all at SSRR for helping us find each other.



Jake was adopted in August of 2014 and Molly was adopted in April of 2017. They are both living a wonderful happy life in Louisiana where they are spoiled rotten.



We adopted Annie (formerly Maggie) on August 7, 2015. She is doing quite well. She's a healthy 65lbs and as spoiled as can be. She goes to daycare often and we bought a house with a large fenced in yard just for her. I sent an update to Denise, her foster mom, a couple of months ago. It's been a wonderful 3 years. She's smart. We taught her sign language and voice commands. She knows them, but is a stubborn Taurus just like me and only listens when she wants to or knows she absolutely has to. Lol. My favorite trick though is our high five. When she was a puppy she would lay on her back with her paws up for belly rubs (still does of course), and I would put palm to paw while saying high five. And then one day I wanted to try and actually teach her a high five as a new trick (to keep her mind stimulated, she learns so quickly) and it turns out, she had already learned it. Now she knows one handed and two handed high fives. She loves snow, and playing in water, but not being sprayed by hoses or rain. She has lots of friends at daycare and is a blanket hog. She almost always has a toy in her mouth and she loves to show them to you but she doesn't want you to take it.



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Apollo is a fantastic addition to the family. Great companion and will let you know if something is going on that he questions. If he barks you need to find out what is going on since he rarely barks. He is great as a watchdog and part of the family. If we introduce him to another person or animal he is so friendly. He made a trip to Ohio with me to visit my mom and she wanted me to leave him with her. Nice try mom! (He came back to Virginia!) If anyone is on the fence about Rottweilers get off the fence and adopt one. He is my second one and I could not be happier. Some people tell me Apollo is spoiled but I say he is just well loved. So happy I contacted SSRR and found a great friend.



Princess is doing great! She's been part of our family for almost 2 1/2 years. Even though she has severe hip dysplasia, she is still very active and playful. Her mornings consist of play bowing and jawing with her "brother" Blaze, a Belgian Malinois, a short walk and breakfast with green beans! She loves her green beans! She lounges on the sofa or her doggie bed most afternoons and so looks forward to dinner time! She has learned to heal, sit, high five (with either paw to match our right or left hand), touch, come, stay, down, over, find it, hide & seek, go around (tables or chairs), and pass through our legs to end at place!! She is ridiculously smart. She'll watch Blaze do a trick and copy him right away. She has fit right into our family and we are so happy to have her. Thank you so much!



Kane came to us as a foster, with patches of hair missing, malnourished and heartworm positive. He did not have a name and was shaking as he got out of the transport's car. When he entered our house, he was cautious and uncertain. He spent that first day going to every corner, sniffing things out. At the end of the day, he sat down and watched us, afraid to get too close, as people were not his friends in the past. Kane had been abused. In time, Kane flourished, he gained trust and felt safe in the world. At the time it came for Kane to be adopted, we knew he was already home and a part of our family. Kane's rotti nub never stops wiggling and he now loves everyone he meets. The world is no longer scary. We are so blessed to have this boy in our lives! Thank you SSRR!



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Finn and Huck. I originally contacted SSRR in 2015 and was told you didn't adopt in Oklahoma. I was disappointed, but shortly thereafter, I was notified that you were adding Oklahoma into your territory! We adopted Finn on Easter day, 2015. I drove to Dallas to pick him up and he was underweight, timid, and heartworm positive. My boyfriend, Aaron, wasn't sure he was the best fit due to the heartworms, but when he learned it couldn't be passed to our other dogs, he relented. Well, as it turned out, Finn bonded with Aaron and the attached picture is typical of the adoration between the two of them. Aaron can't move two steps without Finn being right behind him, next to him, or on him. He loves me, too, but I'm definitely second fiddle. If we're home and Aaron is gone, when Aaron's truck pulls onto our street (1/4 mile away), Finn can hear it and runs to the door anxious to get out to greet Aaron as he gets out of the truck. His entire body dances with joy that his dad is home. He is a healthy 95 pounds now and heartworm free. He is super smart and friendly to all, but protective of our home. We both love him dearly.

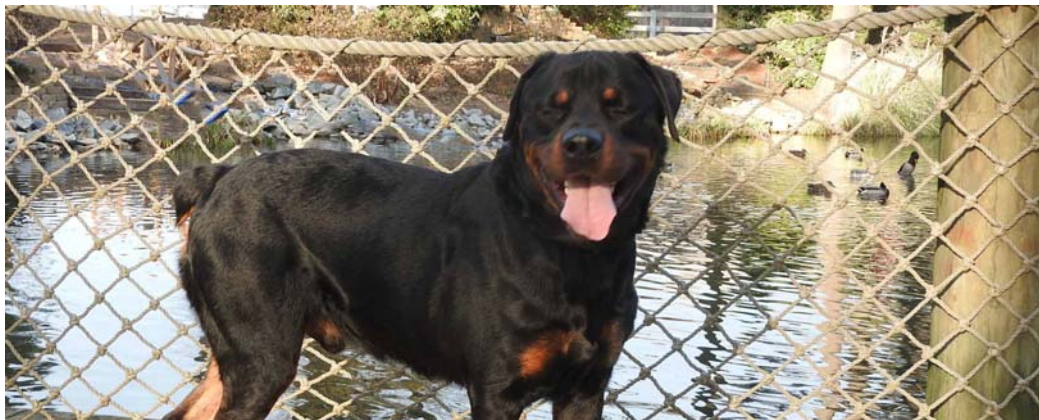


Last January, 2018, I saw the post about Huck (Hercules). He was 10 years old and had been turned into a kill shelter in Virginia by his dad after his mom passed away. My Napoleon, a cairn terrier, died two years ago and I wanted to get a senior to help in his memory. Aaron agreed immediately and transport was arranged. Huck had a long road and by the time we picked him up in Shawnee, the poor guy could barely move. He was severely overweight and we literally had to lift him out of one truck and into the other. Luckily his foster mom had bought him a harness with a handle and we used that to help him up when he needed to go out or eat. I didn't think he would make it through the year. We put him on a moderate diet and he now weighs 105 pounds. He gets daily joint supplements and CBD treats. When he is so inclined, he will run through the yard. He doesn't need help getting up and he is my shadow. When I'm home and he can't find me (because he's fallen asleep and I've left the room), he wails for me. As soon as he hears my voice, "Hucky, I'm here", he meanders over to where I am and plops back down. He can go upstairs if I'm there, albeit slowly. He sleeps on his bed next to me, snoring loudly. I don't know how much time we have left with him, but we treasure every moment. He is a joy and I am honored to have been able to be his mom after he lost his first one.



Angus has been nothing but a joy and has brought life back to our canine household. Our elder statesman, McNally, tolerates him and often channels him as his "prodigy," thus understanding who will be taking over the "crown." Angus has such an amazing personality and it "fits" in our household. He gives his older sister a run for her money, but it has also allowed her to lose weight and has fun doing it! He understands his role in the pack, for the most part, but sometimes forgets and thinks he's the only "child." The other two quickly put him in his place and he goes back to enjoying playing ball in the house. He has been a much-needed addition to our family and we keep saying, "where did we find you?" We are so happy that we did.





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Gracie is super smart, the smartest dog I have ever had. We moved about a block away from where we used to live and now live on a creek with a big back yard. Gracie loves to run laps at lightning speed around the yard, especially when her best dog friend, Glory, from down the street comes by for a visit. Gracie also loves to go for boat rides. All we have to say is "go get in the boat" and she will run down to the creek and jump in our little john boat (without getting wet!). We also have three chickens now and Gracie is their big sister and is very protective. She has saved their lives more than once. One day she was standing at the back door barking like crazy and when I ran over to see what it was, a hawk had one of the chickens pinned to the ground. I let Gracie out and she chased it away and luckily the chicken was fine. (We now do not let the chicken ladies out without supervision!). Another time, Gracie started sleeping downstairs out of the blue, which was odd because she usually sleeps in our son's room. After a couple days, we woke to her barking in the middle of the night and when we looked outside there was a fox trying to get in the chicken coop! Gracie chased him off and we haven't seen him since.



I adopted Roxanne, we call her Roxy except for when I need to repeat myself to her. She knows I mean business when I say Roxanne. She was picked up by my local Animal Control, moved to a local foster to deliver her pups, and then the whole group was transported to foster under SSRR. I was able to meet her before she left my town and kept in contact with her foster mom until she was available for adoption. She was still very scared when I got her, skittish and extremely afraid of men. She took to the kids from day one, and immediately became my shadow. It's been since May of 2017 and she has made so much progress! She comes to work with me at the pet supply store most days, which she loves. On days that I don't bring her I get the cold shoulder when I get home. People are amazed that she ignores the treat table and doesn't leave the front doors. We are in a mall setting and have the doors to the mall propped open. She's incredibly smart and picks up on things that I don't even train as a command. She has overcome most of her fear of men and loves to jump up in my husband's lap. When weather is good we take her to our local parks for hikes, or to a swimming hole to cool off. We had a new baby in September and she has been great with him. She isn't overly protective or excited but will quietly step between the baby and strangers. She's so happy and well behaved I couldn't ask for a better dog.



Max was adopted from SSRR in October of 2014. He is doing great! He's such a sweet boy, and his family just loves him so much.



Our beloved SusieQ before we lost her to cancer. Such a sweet girl with our Grandson. Such a gentle soul. We will always miss her.

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A Healthy Diet Will Make A Healthy Rottweiler

Everyone wants their Rottie to be happy and healthy. The best way to ensuring your dog is happy and healthy is a healthy diet.

Rottweilers, and all dogs, primarily eat meat. But when you look at a bag of dog food, you may find that the ingredients are primarily grains. This is because meat is expensive, and dog food companies can easily substitute meat with grains to cut down on the cost of manufacturing. **Your dog should be consuming mainly meat in their diets to keep them healthy as well as to control their weight.** Generally, the cheaper the food, the more grains, preservatives, and chemicals are used in manufacturing but this doesn't always mean that the more expensive foods are better for your dog. Make sure to check the ingredients before making a decision on which dog food to feed your Rottweiler.

How can you tell which dog food is going to be the best fit for your Rottweiler? The number one ingredient on your dog's food should be meat, or meat meal. The ingredients should say something like chicken, chicken meal, herring meal, turkey meal, etc. If you want to feed your dog a proper diet, you should not feed him food that contains produced meals, soy, wheat, or corn.

Your Rottweiler needs lots of protein in his diet. An adult Rottweiler should be served dog food that contains 22% to 26% protein, and a puppy should be served puppy food that contains 24% to 28% protein. A high protein diet will keep your Rottweiler from becoming overweight since proteins are excreted through kidneys and not stored as fat. A puppy needs more protein in their diet because they are still growing and need the extra protein to develop muscles and build strength.

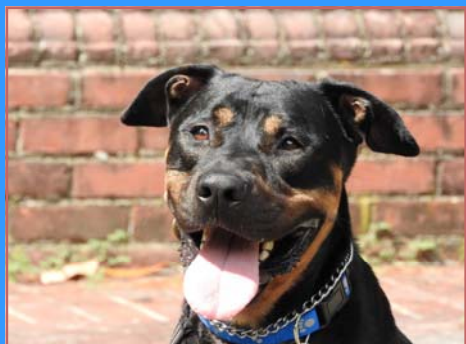
Your dog's food should contain only contain small amounts of fat and should **never** be listed anonymously as animal fat, but should appear as chicken fat, or beef fat. The healthy amount of fat content in your dog's food should be around 12% to 16% for an adult Rottweiler, and 14% to 18% for a puppy. Just like with protein, puppies can consume a larger amount of fat than adults because they are still growing and have high energy. Fat does not equal substance in a dog as it does in humans. If your Rottweiler eats foods high in fat, they **will** become overweight.

Your Rottweiler's food should never contain chemical preservatives, sugar, or artificial color. There is zero nutritional value for a dog in any of these ingredients. They can even potentially be harmful to consume.

The benefits of feeding your Rottweiler a healthy diet are simple. They will be happy and healthy! In many more ways than one! When you feed your dog a healthy diet, they will be more energetic, have less health problems, and are less likely to become overweight.

When we are not eating healthy, our energy levels drop. So if you are not feeding your Rottweiler healthy, they will become sluggish and unenthused. Feeding your Rottweiler proper nutrition will result in a healthy, lean, energetic dog.

If you are feeding your Rottie a healthy diet, their skin and coat will also look great. If they are not getting the proper nutrition they need, it will show through on the outside. Not only will you see that their coat lacks luster, but you may notice their skin flaking and their weight start to increase. Keeping your dog on a healthy diet can also prevent you from unnecessary and potentially high cost vet visits. If you feed your dog a proper nutritious diet, they will stay healthy, therefore costing you less on vet visits.



Kody



Giselle



Bayne

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January - December 2018



	TOTAL
Income	
Charitable Contributions	
Adoption Donation	15,093.45
Direct Donations	23,718.18
Total Charitable Contributions	38,811.63
Fundraisers	59.82
Calendar Contest	2,551.00
Christmas Medical Auction	2,092.83
Misc	14,876.73
Spring Auction	3,244.56
Total Fundraisers	22,824.94
Indirect Public Support	
Amazon Smile	81.54
Total Indirect Public Support	81.54
Other Types of Income	
Calendar Sales	615.00
Total Other Types of Income	615.00
Total Income	\$62,333.11
GROSS PROFIT	\$62,333.11
Expenses	
Animal Care - Non-Veterinary	
Boarding Fee	4,919.90
Crates, Bowls and Supplies	533.65
Food and Supplements	1,126.79
Grooming/Bath	407.96
Total Animal Care - Non-Veterinary	6,988.30
Biohazard Fees (deleted)	7.75
Business Expenses	20.00
Business Registration Fees	30.47
Other Credit Card Payments	1,454.96
Total Business Expenses	1,505.43
Credit	-2,371.27
Credit Card Rewards Credit	-511.85
Food and Supplementsd (deleted-1)	174.52
Medicationsions (deleted)	32.00
Misc charges	330.71
Operations	
Other	100.00
Postage, Mailing Service	895.11
Supplies	23.95
Website Hosting/Expense	190.00
Total Operations	1,209.06



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	TOTAL
Other Types of Expenses	
Other Costs	205.99
Total Other Types of Expenses	205.99
Previous credit	-88.05
Radiographs (deleted)	45.00
Sales Tax	188.90
Shelter Fees	130.00
Acquisition Fee	160.00
Licensing	10.00
Total Shelter Fees	300.00
Travel and Meetings	
Travel	143.19
Total Travel and Meetings	143.19
Veterinary Services	
Anal Gland Expression	7.00
Anesthesia/Sedation	2,617.27
Associated Surgical Costs	973.08
Billing Fee	1.00
Biohazard Fee	197.11
Deworm	247.54
Dog/Rabies License	4.00
E-Collar	83.87
Emergency Services/Hospitalizat	4,483.02
Exam	4,649.92
Fecal Analysis	939.35
Flea/Tick Prevention	1,548.91
Flea/Tick/HW prevention	769.54
Health Certificate	630.97
Heartworm Prevention	702.51
Heartworm Test	568.20
Heartworm Treatment	3,871.49
Heartworm/Ehrlichia/Lyme/Anaplasmosis Test	124.70
Hospitalization Services	485.66
IV Fluids/Catheter	940.89
Laboratory - Bloodwork	3,116.43
Laboratory - Other	1,324.95
Laboratory - Cytology/Histopath	2,101.89
Medications	7,337.75
Microchip	1,326.37
Nail Trim	58.45
Neuter Reimbursement - Adopted	60.00
Radiographs	3,209.08
Rescue Discount	-5,413.36
Specialist Consult	135.00
Surgery - Entropion	252.00
Surgery - General	2,550.42
Surgery - Laceration/Sutures	95.00
Surgery - Mass Removal	837.96
Surgery - Neuter	1,260.00
Surgery - Spay	1,854.62



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	TOTAL
Therapeutic Laser Treatment	21.00
Vaccination - Bordetella	330.51
Vaccination - DHPP Combo	1,102.41
Vaccination - Leptosporosis	96.55
Vaccination - Rabies	412.52
Vaccinations	256.93
Total Veterinary Services	46,172.51
Total Expenses	\$54,332.19
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$8,000.92
NET INCOME	\$8,000.92





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