

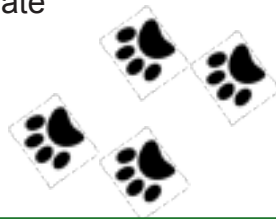
Lizzy Talk[®]

A Newsletter From Lizzy

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Bake Sale Alert!

We are thrilled to have been awarded a coveted Bake Sale date during the Naperville Municipal Band's concert series on **Thursday evening, June 9, 2022**. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the creation of Lizzy's Fund, and we are honored to be part of Naperville's heritage.

Bakers and Volunteers needed!



We need some home-made goodies to sell, and volunteers to help set up, run the sale, and tear down. The bake sale is at Naperville's Central Park, at the intersection of East Benton Avenue & Court Place. Volunteers and baked goods need to arrive by 6:00 pm to set up. Sales (and the concert) begin at 7:30 pm (or slightly before), and end around 9:00 pm.

It's a good time for a good cause, and the audience members are enthusiastic about enjoying some yummy baked goods during the concert! Please contact () to let her know how you can help out!

Since 1859, the Naperville Municipal Band has been a part of the rich history and tradition of Naperville. The Band generously allows not-for-profit organizations to host a bake sale during their summer concert series. These outdoor concerts are lots of fun and well attended. The Band provides amazing outdoor entertainment for people of all ages in Naperville's Central Park. Friends and families gather to hear wonderful music and picnic in the Park before and during the concert. We truly appreciate the opportunity to sell baked goods at the concert, enabling us to replenish our reserves so we can continue our good work.



Happy Anniversary, Lizzy's Fund

Lizzy's Fund turns 10 on June 1, 2022!



As we celebrate our 10 year anniversary on June 1, 2022, *Lizzy's Fund* looks back at a successful decade of helping homeless senior canines in our community. It is also special because June will be a matching contribution month wherein all donations are 100% matched; making our donors' generosity go doubly far! During these 10 years, Lizzy's legacy has been to provide care to senior dogs (aged 7 and older) in shelters and rescues in order to get the help that they need to become healthy and whole and therefore able to find forever homes.

The organization's name honors a spunky little Chihuahua who lived a rich 16-1/2 years. Lizzy's health was in jeopardy at age 9, but her family refused to give up on her. Rather than euthanizing her, they sought alternative medical care, which gave her an additional 7-1/2 wonderful years. After her passing, Lizzy's family initiated the charity to help other senior dogs. Even though the dogs may come to Lizzy's Fund from the direst or saddest of circumstances, Lizzy's memory lives on through the lives of over 400 senior pups during the last decade. Her legacy has not only graced the dogs she's helped rescue, but it's enriched the lives of the kind people who open their hearts and homes to adopt these worthy seniors too. We celebrate that little Chihuahua whose memory lives on.

Chris Stirn Receives the Paul Harris Fellowship



The Rotary Club of Naperville honored A.D.O.P.T.'s Executive Director, Chris Stirn, by awarding her the Paul Harris Fellow. This award recognizes her contributions to Naperville and the surrounding areas.



A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter has been finding homes for animals in need since 1989. Their director, Chris Stirn, is at the helm of their shelter's leadership. Chris began working for A.D.O.P.T. in 2009 as a Veterinary Technician, and later became the Medical Services Coordinator where she oversaw the medical department and low cost spay/neuter program. Her contributions have been significant in moving the facility forward. In her role in developing the organization's Low Cost Vaccine Clinic and Compassionate Programs, she has best met the requirements of our community's ever changing needs. Chris was promoted to Director of Operations and then Executive Director in 2014 as recognition for her efforts. A.D.O.P.T. knows that they are lucky to have such a dedicated competent person overseeing their operations and programming.

Chris Stirn's 30+ years of dedication to her community and passion for its animals has now also been recognized by Naperville's Rotarians. Nominated by the late Barbara Jean Galitz' husband, Dick Galitz, to receive the prestigious Paul Harris Award was a heartfelt gesture of appreciation. Dick was well aware of Chris's dedication because his late wife had been a volunteer at the shelter. Today a meet and greet room in the shelter front hallway is dedicated to Barbara's memory. The Paul Harris Award not only shined a spotlight on Chris's ongoing dedication, but the nomination has undoubtedly given Barbara Jean's heavenly stamp of approval.



Congratulations to Chris! *Lizzy's Fund* is honored to work with and be a partner to such a kindhearted and outstanding advocate for senior pets.



Meet Baby

Sweet little Baby is a blind, 13 year old poodle who came to Riley's Rescue Foundation when her Mom passed away and her Mom's children did not want to care for her. Instead, they sadly left her in a place with no food or water.

This terrible situation took a turn for the better when she was rescued and ultimately given to Lizzy's friends at Riley's Rescue Foundation (RRF). Without a name, RRF gave this sweet angel the name "Baby", perhaps due to her small stature and disposition. Given the ultimate compassionate care, RRF determined that Baby was blind, probably deaf (due to a raging ear infection), and had a swollen and painful mouth due to many infected teeth.

After a visit to a vet, it was determined that Baby should first be put on antibiotics for the infections and an Oti-Pak for her ears to prepare her for a dental surgery and a thorough ear cleaning. Her vet visit went so well that she was treated to a "pup cone" which she enjoyed immensely!

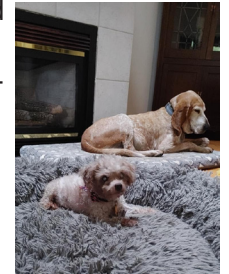
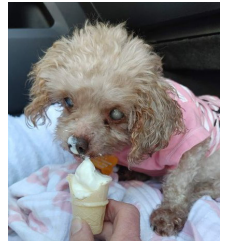
Fast forward a little over two weeks: sweet Baby is getting a bit better each day! She had 15 rotten teeth removed and also had a broken jaw. She also received more meds as well as well as having some growths lasered off in her ears. She is also being treated for a skin condition.

We are happy to report that Baby is recovering nicely and her sassy personality is starting to come out! Her favorite pastime is to lounge in the sun; either inside or out. She loves butt scratches and enjoys plain yogurt as a bedtime snack. She is also now becoming a fluffy bed hog, even if it means kicking her dog sibling, Remy, off the bed and having it all to herself!



We are so happy to be able to partner with Riley's Rescue Foundation; they truly exemplify true compassionate care for dogs and we are happy to call them our friend.

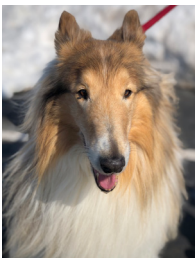
Happy life, Baby...happy life!



Brody's Memorial Fund Update

It's been almost a year since Brody left us. He was a rescued dog who had been adopted and spent the rest of his life paying it forward. Brody became a dearly loved member of his family, so much so that his owners initiated The Brody Memorial Fund within *Lizzy's Fund*, to help senior collies.

Young and old enjoyed and benefited from Brody's therapy visits. He volunteered in nursing homes and schools for many years. He was an exemplary therapy dog. Like Lizzy, Brody's legacy is one of caring. Although he is no longer with us, his memorial fund allows Brody to continue performing acts of kindness. Lizzy's Fund is pleased to share this update featuring the senior collies Brody's Memorial has given a second chance. Thanks to everyone whose support makes rescuing these senior collies possible. Each one reminds us of Brody!



Sam loved his walks, but began having a difficult time on his walks. He developed a benign lipoma, but he was a bit too old to face surgery. It was suggested Sam try chiropractic in conjunction with massage therapy. He visited Dr. Erin O'Connor and Kristina Dodge, both from Vitality Chiropractic Center, and is doing much better. Brody also had difficulties getting around and these therapies helped him. Glad Sam is feeling the benefits too!





Chance arrived into his foster home very thin with skin issues. He needed to gain weight. Unfortunately his owner fell ill and could no longer care for him. He is a very sweet natured dog. Chance needed to be groomed. He also needed his teeth cleaned and had never been neutered. He's a quiet gentleman much like Brody. Chance was given a second chance!



Max came to us when his owner could no longer care for him. He spent most of his time outside in the yard. He is so happy to be fostered in a home with other collies. He needed a complete blood panel, a dental, and desperately needed a grooming. He's a sweet kisser and, like Brody, Max hasn't met a dog he doesn't like.



Gus was found as a stray wandering in a snowy field. He was too old to be out there in the weather without shelter. The kindness of a stranger saved him. Matted to the skin, he needed to be shaved completely to his skin. His much needed dental required 6 extractions. Once his mouth healed, he felt much better. He's a gentle boy who wants to be close to his person.



Lizzy's Fund is an IRS approved not-for-profit charity that provides financial support to senior canines, aged 7 and older. The Fund is named after a little long-haired Chihuahua named Lizzy, who after her owners discovered Alternative Care Medical help, lived to 16¹/₂ after vets gave up on her at age 9.

Would you like more information on Lizzy's Fund?

Visit www.lizzysfund.org, or follow her on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

Donations are gratefully accepted, please consider helping a senior dog today!

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