

Bichon Bits & Bytes

May 2016 Bichon FurKids Rescue

Boomer and Zoey

Every time we rescue a bonded pair we promise them that BFK will keep them together and find the perfect forever home. When they are not both bichons, it can be more challenging. When one (or both) is older that can be challenging as well. And if there is a special needs member of the pair, the challenge can be more daunting.

Boomer and Zoey ticked all the boxes. He is a bichon, she's a dainty little poodle. He is a bit older (at seven) and she is special needs (as she is congenitally blind.) They were abandoned by their family at the Orange County shelter as being 'too much work'. And the shelter does NOT keep bonded pairs together!

Thanks to Natalie's perseverance we were able to rescue both of them and keep them safe. Thanks to Judy's love and caring, they found acceptance and love in a foster home. Then along came Mary and Gregg who recognized how special these pups are in oh so many ways - and thought nothing of driving 7 hours to meet and fall in love. It is their story that we want to share, with gratitude for providing the happiest of endings for this very precious and deserving pair. We are more grateful than words can say!



Boomer,
left, and
Zoey

Here's their story, in the words of Mary and Gregg...

It has been nearly 3 months since Gregg and I adopted our precious Boomer and Zoey from Bichon FurKidsRescue. We are very grateful to have them as a part of our family. What joy they bring to us on a daily basis.

2015 was a difficult year as our beloved Bichons, PD and Apricot passed away at the ages Of 15+ and 16+. We had raised them from

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Fosters Needed

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volunteer](http://www.bichonfurkids.org/volunteer)

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puppies and cared for them through their senior years. We were heart broken. Gregg and I knew we wanted to adopt a couple of Bichons but decided to wait a few months to grieve.

We discovered Boomer and Zoey while searching a national website for small dog adoptions. After seeing photos of and reading about them on bichonfurkidsrescue.org we knew they were the ones destined for our home in Arizona.

We submitted an application immediately and within a couple of hours we received a phone call from a member of the Bichon FurKidsRescue explaining the adoption process. The following day the "next step" paperwork arrived. With a quick turn around time, we were approved and phone calls were set up to finalize the adoption. All the pieces fell into place. We were amazed with the thoroughness yet expediency of the adoption process.



Our schedules for the upcoming weekend were filled with prior commitments. First thing Monday morning we hopped in the car and drove to San Diego. The following morning we met Boomer and Zoey. Judy, their foster mother, went over details and answered questions. It was clear that they were very well cared for and loved. Off to Arizona we went.

As I am writing this article, Zoey is nestled in my lap and Boomer is next to me. Despite her blindness Zoey quickly adapted to getting around our home. She has the cutest bark when she wants something, mostly attention, and is very persistent. I have even seen her do the little dance that Boomer does when he is excited. We had no hesitation in adopting a blind dog. We had experienced caring for PD when he lost his sight several years back.

Boomer, what can I say? He is a character. I spent the first couple of weeks taking photos of him in every room. It was as if he was checking everything out, including the showers, to find his favorite spot. For a while he would rest with his head under the bed. Recently, he goes completely under the bed. His other favorite spot is the step on the back patio. Boomer is quite smart. He does a little dance before he eats and I have successfully added in a "sit, stay" to slow down his charge for food.

Both Boomer and Zoey have adapted to the desert environment. On our walks around the neighborhood they stay clear of the cactus and other prickly plants. They really enjoy our family time in the evening as we wind down the day. I have taught Boomer to put his paws up on the couch and then I give him a boost. They both snuggle in close.

We are considering having both dogs become Therapy dogs through a local organization, Gabriel's Angels. The mission is to deliver pet therapy to at-risk children. I am retired from the social work field and think it would be a good fit for all of us.

Boomer and Zoey are a blessing. My husband and I are grateful to Marti and the Bichon-FurKids Rescue.

-- Mary and Gregg



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WHY FACE THIS AT SPRING BICHON BASH?



Spring has sprung, but it seems that the Bichon Bash will remain in hibernation until Fall of this year. However, we do have a blast of a Bash planned for Fall, so look for the details coming soon in our next newsletter and on the BFK website.

In the meantime, maybe you'd really rather NOT attend a Bichon Bash this Spring anyway, but you still want to help our rescued FurKids. In that case, might we suggest ...

DONATE the following...

\$100 to NOT
sit in the hot afternoon sun

\$75 to NOT
step in something undesirable

\$50 to NOT
have your bichon prance
through mud or roll in wet grass

\$25 to NOT
have to fight the traffic



\$15 to NOT
be embarrassed by your bichon
(who would never do this deliberately)

\$10 to NOT
have to eat a hot dog

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have to eat soggy salad

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have to endure any other "fun"
of your choosing



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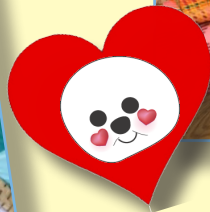
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**Thank you,
thank you,
thank you!**

Thanks to the Girl Scouts and Junior Volunteers of Troop 16525 (LA County) and Scout Leader, Robin Curtis, for the newest set of blankets for our FurKids. We appreciate their hard work and colorful patterns - and we KNOW how happy they will make the FurKids who get them.



Rose's Fund helps animals with medical needs

Editor's Note: Most of us who work with, and support our Rescue, are fortunate that we can take care of the routine and emergency medical needs of our FurKids. We wouldn't think of doing anything else, whether that need is a simple course of antibiotics or a major, costly surgery to repair an injury. Yet we all probably know of someone for whom getting their beloved pets through a medical emergency is a major and unexpected financial hardship that sometimes forces them to consider the unthinkable: euthanasia. That is where Rose's Fund can help. Please read this article and pass it on to anyone you know whom you think may be eligible for assistance. There are many other organizations that provide similar help, and you can find them simply by using keywords such as "financial assistance for pet emergencies" or "financial help for pets." The Humane Society of the United States provides this link as a good start: http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/trouble_affording_pet.html.



Rose's Story

In June 2008 Felicia Bernstein was driving in her car and saw an injured cat in the middle of the road. The other cars just drove around it as it struggled to get out of the road. Felicia stopped and put the cat - a lovely black and white female - in the car, then rushed to the closest emergency veterinarian practice.

"On registration they asked her name; I didn't know, but since the secretary had on pink scrubs I called the cat Rose," says Felicia. Felicia paid the vet to stabilize Rose, so that Felicia could look for the owners. She posted Rose's photo everywhere, even going door to door in the neighborhood where she found her. Nobody claimed poor Rose, and ultimately she succumbed to her injuries that night.

Says Felicia, "I kept thinking that at least she died warm and cared for, not in the street being hit again, or in pain as the driver left her." She says, "Many asked me why I would spend so much money on a cat that I had found, and the answer has always been that if anything ever happened to my pets, that is how I would hope someone would care for them. And it was the right thing to do."

The birth of Rose's Fund



Felicia did not want anyone else to experience the pain of wanting to help a sick pet or injured animal like Rose but not having the funds to do so, and thus Rose's Fund was born. Funded strictly by donations, and with no paid staff, Rose's Fund can help when other funds have been depleted.

The fund considers all applications and weighs each circumstance with a genuine caring approach. The fund's administrators follow certain guidelines when making funding decisions. Here is a summary:

The pet/found animal must have a life-threatening illness, injury or condition.

The illness, injury or condition must require immediate or prompt veterinary intervention in order for the pet/found animal to survive.

The veterinarian's prognosis (in the veterinarian's best professional judgment) should indicate a positive outcome.

It is expected that the guardian will contribute to the cost of treatment to the fullest extent possible and then, if able to do so, help replenish the fund to ensure that money will be available to help save the next pet. Some people donate in small monthly increments or even donate handmade goods for the fund to sell at events.

Since its inception the fund has helped save hundreds of animals, like Ginger (shown at left), a 5 month old boxer who was hit by a car and had two broken legs. At that point the owners no longer wanted her. Luckily, Ginger was adopted by the veterinary technician who cared for her, and Rose's Fund for Animals helped her get better.

If you know anyone who might need financial help with a sick pet or injured animal, Rose's Fund at www.rosesfund.org is a great place to start. Even if you don't need financial aid, the site is also a good source of animal resources, such as links to spay/neuter clinics, other sources of financial aid, animal-related organizations by state, and resources to help pets with cancer.

Drivers Wanted ...

Want to help but can't foster?

Love to see new places and meet new people?

Want to make a difference for a FurKid or two?

We need your help! Every week FurKids need to be transported to groomers, vets and foster homes. We rely on our volunteer drivers to get them there—and are grateful for their help. We DO need more people who are willing and able to transport our fluffs primarily throughout San Diego or Orange County (and not for great distances usually, either.)

Sometimes we have days in which to plan; other times it is more immediate like when we find a FurKid that needs to be moved 'right away' due to a medical situation, to be exited from a shelter or who needs to be some place other than where he or she is at that moment.

If you have time and a love for bichons, we NEED you. And if you love to organize transports, we need help with that too! Please email marti@bichonfurkids.org and say "I want to drive a furkid" and we'll be in touch.

**... because
this is what
happens when
our FurKids
try to drive
themselves!**

