



HOMeward BOUND

SPRING 2016

RESCUE tails



A VICTORY AT THE STATE CAPITOL



HOMeward BOUND WV JOINED SEVERAL ANIMAL RESCUE ADVOCATES FROM WEST VIRGINIA AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON FEBRUARY 11, 2016 FOR HUMANE LOBBY DAY.

Humane Lobby Days, sponsored by The Humane Society of the United States in state capitals across the country, give citizen animal advocates an opportunity to ask their state legislators to pass laws that protect animals.

Animal rescue groups came together to urge representatives in our state to support two very important bills for animals in West Virginia. 1) H.B. 4201 puts harsher penalties on dog fighting. The dog fighting bill not only protects animals but it also addresses the gambling, drugs, and exposure to minors during these events. 2) S.B. 436 defines outdoor shelters for dog owners. This bill helps owners understand their responsibility of providing appropriate shelter and gives law enforcement a definition to enforce the law consistently.

Homeward Bound WV was prepared to appeal to the delegate's heartstrings by enlisting a couple of our young volunteers to attend the house and committee meetings to share their thoughts on what these bills mean to them



personally. We didn't stop there. Transport timing for two Great Pyrenees worked out to our advantage and we brought 7-week old fluffy puppies into the Capitol as secret weapons. It seems to have worked in our favor!

After just a short time, both bills passed in the judiciary meetings. That's a huge victory that brings West Virginia one step closer to writing these bills permanently into law.

Update: Since our trip, House Bill 4201 has been signed into law. Penalties for animal fighting have increased from misdemeanors to a felonies.

Homeward Bound WV appreciates all of our volunteers, those in attendance and back home, our donors and supporters, and the other animal rescue advocates in attendance in Charleston. When all of us stand together for something we believe in, we can make positive changes happen.

FEATURE PET



MEET GARY

Male | Age: 5-6 months

Gary was the victim of domestic abuse. His leg was so badly broken at the hands of his abuser (who was also abusing a spouse) that it had to be removed at the shoulder. Even though his experience was traumatic, Gary is the most happy, playful pup and so full of energy, even on three legs. He's looking for a forever home to spoil him like he deserves!

For more info or to adopt Gary send a message: contact@HomewardBoundWV.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Spring Arts, Crafts & Vendor Show - Apr. 16
 - Tails and Trails - Apr. 23
 - Tattoos for Rescues - May 22
- Farmer's Market Fundraiser - June 11
- Pet Valu & Petco Adoption Events - most Saturdays and Sundays
 - and many more...

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MORE EVENT INFO: HOMewardBOUNDWV.ORG


foster rescue
donate adopt



*This number does not include animals transported for rescue.

TICKS AND LYME DISEASE IN DOGS

What is Lyme disease?

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that can affect humans, dogs, cats and other mammals. Its primary carrier is the deer tick, which often feeds on rodents in its early stages. Later, the tick can attach to a dog or human and transmit the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

What are signs of Lyme disease?

Dogs show several different forms of the disease, but by far, the most common symptoms are a fever of between 103° - 105°, lameness, swelling in the joints, swollen lymph nodes, lethargy, and loss of appetite. Although not common, some dogs have developed severe progressive kidney disease.

What to do if you think your dog has Lyme disease.

Bring your pet to a veterinarian who will do a physical exam and blood tests. Canine Lyme disease is most often treated with antibiotics. With prompt, proper treatment, your dog's condition should start to improve within 48 hours.

How Can I Prevent Ticks?

Ticks can be found all over the world. But dogs who live in warm climates and wooded areas of the Northeast, where ticks are particularly prominent, might be more prone due to increased exposure.

To remove a tick, treat the area with rubbing alcohol and pluck the parasite with tweezers, making sure you've gotten the biting head and other body parts. Since it may only take a few hours for disease to be transmitted, it's ideal for your dog to be evaluated by a veterinarian soon after any ticks are found.

Many of the same products on the market that treat fleas also kill ticks and protect against future infestation. These topical treatments or collars are especially recommended for those dogs who live in areas with high tick populations. Speak to your vet for the best product for your dog.

The key to successful tick control program lies, literally, in your own backyard. Ensure a tick-free lawn by mowing it regularly, removing tall weeds and making it inhospitable to rodents by keeping garbage covered and inaccessible.

PREVENT LYME DISEASE

- Use tick preventives recommended by your veterinarian
- Avoid woods, marshes & tall grass
- Check for ticks after being outdoors
- Clear away shrubbery
- Maintain your lawn
- Ask your veterinarian about vaccination



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

HELP HOMEWARD BOUND WV WHILE YOU SHOP. ENROLL IN KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS TODAY!

krogercommunityrewards.com

HOW TO DONATE:

Funds to support the programs and activities of Homeward Bound WV come from fundraisers, memorial gifts, donations, and grants.

Tax deductible donations can be made on our website at: HomewardBoundWV.org

or by check to:
Homeward Bound WV, Inc.
P.O. Box 80
Arthurdale, WV 26520

Homeward Bound WV, Inc. is a charitable, tax exempt 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Donations are tax exempt to the extent allowed by law.

Thank you for your support!

HOW TO ADOPT:

Check out our website for current adoptable pets.
HomewardBoundWV.org

Adoption applications can be submitted online or mailed to P.O. Box 80, Arthurdale, WV 26520.

We can also be found at adoption events at PetValu or Petco in Morgantown on most Saturdays and Sundays.

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MORE EVENT INFO: HOMEWARDBOUNDWV.ORG

