

Nebraska Rescue Council – February 2013 Newsletter

February 28, 2013 Meeting: Panera Bread, 66th & O, Lincoln, NE

Rescues in Attendance

- Italian Greyhound Rescue
- Nebraska Pomeranian Rescue
- Feline Friendz
- Airedale Rescue
- HOPE Training and Rescue
- The Cat House
- Good Dog Rescue
- Ruff Rescue



News

- The NE Dept of Ag. hired Darcy Wibelhaus from Ainsworth as the new Area 2 Dog & Cat Inspector
- Lincoln Animal Control is in the final stages of hiring a new Animal Control Officer to backfill for Diane who retired in 2012.
- Hearings for LB287 & LB288 will be held on March 5th starting at 1:30PM at the State Capitol Room 2102.
- NRC has a new brochure for distributing to local religious organizations. It is attached for informing local congregations about rescue and how to get involved.

Community Involvement

- Old Cheney Road Farmers Market – This may be an opportunity for rescue groups to participate in the market with free booths – NRC may consider hosting a booth a couple of times this year. They are working on policy for non-profits and groups that will not sell items.
- UNL Big Event (College Student Volunteering Opportunity)
 - Lincoln Dog Park Cleanup
 - *Need a volunteer to help with the North Lincoln Dog Park – contact Scott if you are interested*
 - Signup at bigevent.unl.edu
- Tractor Supply – Gina now coordinating group events at South Lincoln store. They would like to monthly rescue events at the store. Open to having groups any weekend otherwise.

2013 Animal-related State Legislation

- LB204: anti-whistleblower legislation, prohibiting undercover investigations (including those involving puppy mills) and criminalizing investigators when information is not received within 24 hours.
- LB288: allows dog and cat breeding facilities to relocate with current license and with current exemptions, also allows new breeders to move into existing facilities and enjoy grandfathered exemptions as well.
- LB287: allows breeders to self-vaccinate animals and obtain rabies vaccine
- LB329: directs prosecutors to current statutes that allow them to pursue restrictions on animal ownership by animal abusers. Sentencing on misdemeanor animal abuse can include a 5-year ban on ownership, while Felony animal abuse can include a 15-year ban.
- LB423: Livestock Animal Welfare Act – legislation to address abandoning and neglect of livestock, specifies that Veterinarians must be primary investigators on cases involving livestock. Cost estimated by the NE Dept of Ag to be \$718,330 in years 2013-2014 with an additional \$208,700 in years 2015-2016.

Best Practices Discussion:

- Rescue pictures are rotating on the NRC homepage. 1 picture is available for all state-licensed rescues, 3 pictures for rescues who are paid NRC members and 5 pictures for NRC Board members.

New additions to the Nebraska Rescue Council list! Welcome!

- A Passion for Paws – Johnson Lake, NE (near Lexington)
- Help Us Pets Corp, Inc. - Central City, NE
- Animal Rescue of Kindness, Inc. (ARK) - Moved to Hershey, NE
- Ratbone Rescues – Lincoln, No NE Foster Homes

New Corporate Web Sponsors:

- Grand Paws Country Kennel in Ashland: www.grandpawskc.com
- The Green Spot in Omaha: <http://greenspotomaha.com/>

Pet Services:

- Grand Paws Country Kennel - Ashland, NE - Holly Harpster - www.grandpawskc.com
- Happy Tails Pet Services - Millard/Gretna, NE - Jerry & Kim Larsen - www.402dogs.com (Willing to sell dog food at cost to rescues/shelters.
- Dana Damewood - Took free photos of 16 rescue dogs from 5 groups who signed up. You can see some of the pictures rotating on the front page of the NRC website under the "Featured Groups" section. You can see other pictures she took on her blog... <http://danadamewood.com/blog/2013/02/17/>
- Brad Iwen - Is also putting together a video of the photography session. We have a few other ideas for him to help with too. You can see his previous work at: <http://vimeo.com/18067934>
- Sam's Club & Costco - Now offering pet medications (prescription may be needed) - See attached list of medications offered at Sam's Club.
- Bogobowl.com - Dog food donation program where every bag purchased receives one free bag to rescue or shelter of buyer's choice. Scott has used this for a couple of months and received multiple bags of free food already.
- Domesi-PUPS has items for rent when attending events:
 - PVC Clean-up Stations (qty 6) - \$45 per event
 - Kissing Booth - \$45 per event
 - For more information, contact: mashley1@windstream.net>



Next Regular Meeting: Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Panera Bread located at 134th & Maple in Omaha, NE. A conference line will again be available.

NRC Board of Directors Report

- The NRC organizational Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State on January 29, 2013.
- Our PO Box has been renewed for another year.
- Our Notice of Incorporation will be printed in a local paper in March.

Advertising & Promotions

New Links to www.nerescue.org:

[Nebraska Pomeranian Rescue](#)

Link your website to The NRC:
http://www.nerescue.org/html/link_to_nebraska_rescue_council.html

Number of unique visitors for February 2013: Over 1,700 (Feb 17th was the 1st day with over 100 unique visitors!)

Ways to Get Involved

Join us on Pinterest at:
<http://pinterest.com/nerescue/>

Join us on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Nebraska-Rescue-Council/183433725032457>

Download our brochure at:
http://nerescue.org/Nebraska_Rescue_Council_Brochure_2012.pdf.

Business Sponsorships available starting at \$50.00. Contact Scott Besch at president@nerescue.org for more information.

Promotion of the Month!

www.hoobly.com Free classifieds.

Events Calendar

Free Email Marketing Seminar:

March 5th & 6th sponsored by the Lincoln Community Foundation.
<http://www.lcf.org/page.aspx?pid=516&srctid=1&erid=15556&trid=7f842a5a-9f80-4cfd-a541-3fe719842a43>

Laws for Paws Walk/Run:

April 6th sponsored by the UNL College of Law's SALDF Chapter. Free booths! Contact mistychristo@yahoo.com or call 402-208-0603

Nebraska Humane Lobby Day:

April 22nd sponsored by The HSUS. Free lobbying seminar where attendees will meet directly with their Senator. RSVP: <http://action.humanesociety.org/site/Calendar/793714514?view=Detail&id=108541>

Dining With Dogs Benefit for the Nebraska Humane Society:

April 27th from 6:00-9:00pm at The DoubleTree, 1616 Dodge Street in Omaha, NE. \$75.00 per person.

Terrier Games:

April 28th in Omaha / Contact Jennifer at MABTR for more info at Luckypawpals@aol.com

Verizon's Dog Days of Spring:

May 4th in Lincoln: Free rescue booths - contact Lisa.McCullough@verizonwireless.com

Give to Lincoln Day Fundraiser:

May 16th online event. Nonprofit groups can register at: www.lcf.org/community-initiatives/

Tails and Trails Walk:

May 18th in Lincoln - Rescues invited for \$110 fee – contact ops@capitalhumanesociety.org

NE Furniture Mart Rescue Rally:

June 1st in Omaha - Sponsored by Cox Cable - Free rescue booths. email arynesser@nfm.com

Pet Adoption:

June 1st & 2nd - Nationwide event - Sponsored by the North Shore Animal League - Free signup at www.animalleague.org/petadoptathon2013

LAA Wine & Howl:

June 8th from 11am-5pm in Lincoln - Deer Spring Winery - Contact Info@LincolnAnimalAmbassadors.org to get a booth & cost