

Nebraska Rescue Council – April 2013 Newsletter

April 27, 2013 Meeting: Braeda, 8525 Andermatt Dr., Lincoln, NE

Rescues in Attendance

- Ruff Rescue
- Coalition for Pet Protection
- Airedale Terrier Rescue
- Domesti-Pups
- Nebraska Italian Greyhound Rescue
- Nebraska Pomeranian Rescue
- Good Dog Rescue of Nebraska
- Feline Friendz
- Missouri German Shepherd Rescue



News

- New “Partner Pups” alliance of Omaha businesses, designed to assist rescue groups accepting dogs identified as “Pit Bulls” to move the dogs in to rescue and then to adoptive homes as quickly as possible. The businesses will decide upon a dog to sponsor for a period of 3 consecutive months, or until the dog has been adopted. Current partners are: The Pit Bull Partnership Inc, The Green Spot, Farrah Grant Photography, Pawfect Pet Service, and Soggy Paws Omaha.
- A new social group for rescuers! They meet monthly in Omaha for drinks. Join the [Omaha Rescue Leaders FB group](#) to get involved!
- Epona Horse Rescue is enhancing their facility through a generous, anonymous donation! Congratulations!

Community Involvement

- Pets Quarterly has offered a complimentary advertisement for NRC in exchange for three profiles of animal shelters, rescues or advocacy groups in Nebraska. Three, active NRC rescue groups will be profiled per issue. Let Scott know if you are a writer to help with this!

2013 Animal-related State Legislation Update

- LB204: anti-whistleblower legislation, prohibiting undercover investigations and criminalizing employee when information regarding animal abuse is not reported within 24 hours. The Hearing for this Bill was held on March 13th.
- 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. The Hearing for this Bill was held on March 5th.
- LB287: allows breeders to self-vaccinate animals and obtain rabies vaccine. The Hearing for this Bill was held on March 5th. This Bill was indefinitely postponed on March 15th.
- 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. This Bill passed Final Reading on May 1st and was presented to the Governor on May 2nd.
- 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. This Bill passed Final Reading and was signed by the Speaker on May 2nd.
- The HSUS Humane Lobby Day was held on April 22nd. Attendees were given tips to be citizen lobbyists and met with their State Senators to discuss animal welfare issues in Nebraska.

Committees and Volunteering:

- Active members are encouraged to participate on one of the following:
 - Outreach/Education (including partnerships)
 - Website/Advertising (including social media)
 - Legislation Analysis (no lobbying)
 - Veterinary Relations
 - Grants & Sponsorships
 - Events
 - Membership/Benefits
- If you have ideas for additional committees, let us know
- Volunteers at the April meeting: Tricia and Morgan – from Omaha looking to support rescue efforts in Nebraska.

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. (Pictures must be on a white background, with *entire* animal in view.).
- Offering churches a “rescue friendly” or “community” designation on our website for distributing information regarding animal rescue in Nebraska.
- Faith Jones from RUFF Rescue is collecting used sheets and towels from hotels on a monthly basis. She is willing to distribute them to other rescue groups who are interested. Contact her at ruffrescue@ymail.com.

Pet Services:

- [Cherished Images by Beverly](#): free photographs of rescue dogs, free digital image for petfinder, etc. Located at 6220 Havelock Ave in Lincoln. Weekdays and evenings are easiest to fit rescues in.
- [For the Love of Ellie](#): sales of rescue prints go to benefit a Labrador puppy named Ellie in need of substantial hip surgery. After Ellie receives her surgery, this fundraising tool may be used for other needy pets.
- Omaha Wag to Riches is moving! For more information, visit: <http://igg.me/at/wagomaha/x/2418092>

New addition to the Nebraska Rescue Council list! Welcome!

- Horse of My Heart

NRC Board Report

- The NRC Notice of Incorporation is being printed in Voice News for three, consecutive weeks as part of our procedure to become designated as a nonprofit organization. We now have the funds necessary to proceed with the IRS Application for Recognition of Exemption.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 23rd from 6:00-7:30PM at Jackie Roach’s (Husky Rescue) house located at 2604 Garden Road in Omaha, NE. The Agenda will highlight what The Humane Society of the United States can offer to rescuers and what resources the national group has for local organizations. A conference line will again be available.

Advertising & Promotions

New Links to www.nerescue.org:

Lincoln Journal Star – Pet Photo Contest

Link your website to The NRC:
[http://www.nerescue.org/html/link to nebraska rescue council.html](http://www.nerescue.org/html/link%20to%20nebraska%20rescue%20council.html)

Number of unique visitors for April 2013: 2,000

Ways to Get Involved?

Join us on [Pinterest](#)

Join us on [Facebook](#)

Download our brochure, [click here!](#)

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

Events Calendar

S.O.S. Stock Our Shelves – Food Pantry Fundraiser:

May 10th in Lincoln. \$8.00 admission, children under 5 and under are free for all-you-can-eat waffles! www.petcoalition.org

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 from 11:00AM-2:00PM at the Nebraska Furniture Mart in Omaha - Sponsored by Cox Cable - Free rescue booths. Email aryn.esser@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

2013 Platte Valley Kennel Club Show:

August 3rd – free rescue booths. For more information, contact sorr@orrkidboxers.com

Lincoln Streets Alive:

September 29th from 1-5pm. For more information regarding exhibiting [Click here](#)