

Nebraska Rescue Council – March 2014 Newsletter

March 22, 2014 Meeting: Panera Bread, Omaha, NE

Rescues in Attendance

- Feline Friendz
- Missouri German Shepherd (MoGS) Rescue
- American Brittany Rescue
- JRT Rescue
- NE Italian Greyhound Rescue
- Pug Partners
- Nebraska Pomeranian Resource Center



Opportunities and Announcements

- **Thank you to Scott Besch** (NE Italian Greyhound Rescue) for being the first person to hold the office of NRC President. We cannot thank you enough for your participation and guidance over the last three years!
- **Congratulations to Jessica Ellis** (Pug Partners/The Green Spot) who accepted the Presidency as of March 22nd. We look forward to new ventures together.
- **It's time to renew your membership** to the Nebraska Rescue Council! Please consider a \$25.00 donation to further our efforts to support rescue in our state and to educate the public on adopting pets from you! Checks can be mailed to:
Nebraska Rescue Council
P.O. Box 540532
Omaha, NE 68154-0532

Guest Speakers:

- Lee Legenhausen from **Pets In Omaha**: www.petsinomaha.com would be happy to post rescue events, meet and greets, etc. on their website. Rescues are encouraged to take advantage by showcasing their adoptable pets. Contact Lee Legenhausen at lee@petsinomaha.com for more information.
- Heath and Adam Carter from **Road to Home**: a new, mobile, in-home pet euthanasia service for the greater Omaha and Lincoln Metropolitan areas. For more information regarding this service visit: www.road2home.com or call (402) 813-6913.

News and Updates:

- We will be transitioning the management of the NRC website to an external agency. Sleepy Lion Foundation has been identified as a possible candidate to take this over.
- Business Sponsorship/Partnership available for flyer distribution: We are considering a print sponsorship for local businesses. Business logos will be printed on our redesigned flyer for distribution at local shops. Mellow Mushroom in Lincoln has already expressed interest and venues in Omaha are also being considered.
- Feline Friendz is looking to place a number of cats being removed from a Plattsmouth trailer park. These cats in need of a barn/farm to roam. Feline Friendz will assist new caretakers with permanent placement. All cats are spayed/neutered and ear tipped. Contact Larry at info@felinefriendz.org.
- The NRC members present at the March 2014 meeting voted to sign-on to a letter with Alley Cat Allies in support of ACA's campaign against a Bloomfield, NE officer who trapped and shot a family cat named Larry.

2014 companion animal-related Legislation

- **LB674** – Will allow judges to restrict pet ownership for up to 5 years for individuals convicted of cruel neglect. This has advanced through a first round of floor votes.
- **LB1002** – Will add enforcement powers under the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act. This Bill was heard by the Agriculture Committee and will change the ineffective word "may" to "shall," giving potential citation powers to Nebraska Department of Agriculture puppy mill inspectors. This bill has not advanced out of committee.

Available Supplies & Services

- Carolyn Seaman with American Brittany Rescue has a large wire kennel available for anyone interested. For more information, please contact her at (402) 333-1021 or ccampseaman@yahoo.com.
- For complaints or other information regarding state-licensed rescues, commercial breeders, or other dog-related agencies, contact Rick Herchenbach, Inspector with the NE Department of Agriculture, at rick.herchenbach@nebraska.gov. Notice: Joanne Komeda has retired from the NE Dept. of Ag. Please updated your contact lists.
- A social group for Omaha rescuers is available on FaceBook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/omaha.rescue.leaders.social.group/>. You'll receive notices of social events, rescue placements, etc.
- **Free Captive Productions**: an Omaha cinematography company willing to provide rescue videos for promoting adoptions. For information, visit www.freecaptiveproductions.com, call 402.515.0269, or email freecaptiveproductions@gmail.com.

Funding Resources

- AnimalSheltering.org, [click here](#).
- For The Lowell Fund, [click here](#).

Next Regular Meeting: Will be held in April in Lincoln. However, we will no longer be offering a conference line for those who are unable to attend in person. We are inviting speakers to present at our meetings to discuss various issues including burn-out, dog food, work-life balance, etc. If you or someone you know would be interested in presenting to our group, send an email to president@nerescue.org.

Advertising & Promotions

Links to www.nerescue.org:

[Click here](#) to link your website to The NRC!

Number of unique visitors for March 2014: 2900+

Ways to Get Involved?

Join us on [Pinterest](#)

Join us on [Facebook](#)

Download our [brochure!](#)

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

Events Calendar

2014 Bark in the Park:

April 26th from 10:00AM-3:00PM at Hefflinger Dog Park (111th & Maple). Sponsored by the Omaha Dog Park Advocates. [Click here](#) for more information.

Petunias 4 Pups Fundraiser

May 10th from 10:00AM-4:00PM at 2325 Kimarra Place in Lincoln, NE. Sponsored by Domesti-Pups. [Click here](#) for more information.

Additional events are available at: www.petsinomaha.com