Nebraska Rescue Council - Sept 2014 Newsletter

September 25, 2014 Meeting: The Green Spot, Omaha, NE

Rescues in Attendance

- Pug Partners
- Nebraska Pomeranian Resource Center
- IRT Rescue
- Nebraska No Kill Canine Rescue
- Safe Humane Omaha

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News and Updates

- Discussion of Breed Specific Legislation/Breed Discrimination Legislation: 19 states have banned BDL. Safe Humane Omaha (tentative name) has met with Councilman Grey and will meet with NHS to determine what, if any, involvement they would like to have. Additional information attached.
- Discussed progression of potential ban of puppy sales in Omaha.
 This would make it illegal for local stores that sell puppies to purchase from puppy mills. Instead they would/could partner with local rescues and shelters to help place adoptable dogs and cats.
- Sarah Schulz of the Grand Island Independent did a feature story titled, "Nebraska among top states with dog breeders who neglect their animals," which highlighted neglect and abuse in Nebraska puppy mills. For the full article, <u>click here</u>. It was also picked up by the <u>Kearney Hub</u>.
- Business Sponsorship/Partnership available for flyer distribution:
 We are considering print sponsorships for local businesses.
 Business logos will be printed on our redesigned flyer for
 distribution at local shops. Mellow Mushroom in Lincoln is
 participating as our first brochure partner and is distributing our
 information to their patrons. If you know of a business already
 expressed interest and venues in Omaha are also being considered.

Supplies & Services

- A social group for Omaha rescuers is available on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/omaha.rescue.leaders.soc
 ial.group/. You'll receive notices of social events, rescue placements, etc.
- **SitStay.com has free piddle pads available**. Email Jill at **Jill@SitStay.com** for more information!
- **Pets in Omaha** is motivated to help educate the public on utilizing rescue services. Please use this important resource!

Funding Resources

- AnimalSheltering.org, click here.
- For The Lowell Fund, click here.

Schedule for Upcoming Regular Meetings:

• Saturday, October 18th from 10:00-11:30AM at 5625 O Street, Suite #7 (2nd level) in Lincoln. Please use the South entrance.

We invite speakers to present at our meetings to discuss various issues including burn-out, rescue supplies, 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:

<u>Click here</u> to link your website to The NRC!

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.

For a list of current events, visit: http://petsinomaha.com/events

If you have an event you'd like posted, contact lee@petsinomaha.com

Pets in Omaha is offering a "Rescue Spotlight." If you are interested in being featured, please complete the attached form.

Contact us!

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The Nebraska Rescue Council is a 501(c)3 organization formed for independent, statelicensed, animal shelters and rescues to promote their work, reduce euthanasia and educate the public. Volunteer opportunities are available.

All Dogs are Individuals

Eighty-four percent of Americans believe citizens should be allowed to have any breed of dog they choose*, and we agree!



Why? Because legislation targeting dogs by breed — instead of careless owners — has proved ineffective. Not only do such laws infringe on basic rights, they fail to enhance public safety for people and pets.

As of 2014, 19 states have provisions against breed-discriminatory legislation, and we're working to increase that number.



Thank you for your involvement! We at Pets in Omaha are excited to help spread the word about our state's rescue organizations. Please answer the following questions and we will help our readers get to know your group!

- 1. What is your organization called and where are you located?
- 2. When, why and by whom was the organization founded?
- 3. Are there board members, a president or officers for your group? Who are they and what do they mean to the group's success?
- 4. What is your organization's mission and how do you execute it?
- 5. How many people volunteer for your organization?
- 6. How many animals do you rescue, foster and place in a year?
- 7. If you haven't already, tell us what a typical day for your organization entails.
- 8. How can animal lovers in the area help you in your mission? Donations? Volunteers?

When you submit your responses, also provide Eric Forrest, our editorial manager, with any or all of the following things:

- A digital logo image your group uses (the larger the better)
- Photos of facilities, animals, volunteers and anything else you'd like to include
- A link to websites, social media pages and other contact information