

Network of Independent Pet Business Owners Gives Back to Local Rescue Groups

Northern Virginia Professional Pet Sitters Network (NVPPSN) is pleased to announce its annual donation to local animal rescue organizations. The 2011 recipients are Lucky Dog Rescue (LDAR) and Friends of Homeless Animals (FOHA). Each organization will receive \$750. NVPPSN prides itself on donating funds to support worthy animal rescue groups. "Supporting local rescue organizations is very important to our members, and we are excited to be able to make these donations," states Network President, Becky O'Neil. "It is especially important to support the rescue community in the current economy as many of these groups have experienced a decline in donations. We are happy and honored to be able to give back in a time of need." The donations will be presented to LDAR and FOHA at the March NVPPSN meeting on March 9, 2011.



About Northern Virginia Professional Pet Sitters Network

The Northern Virginia Professional Pet Sitters Network (NVPPSN) was founded in 1998. As an all volunteer, membership-based non-profit, our mission is to promote professional pet sitting in Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. We maintain a membership base of more than 30 independently owned and operated area pet care businesses whose owners are committed to excellence in professional pet sitting as well as community outreach and involvement. Part of our mission is to support local area pet rescues and humane education groups committed to bettering the lives of homeless animals in the DC Metro area. For more information visit www.novapetsitters.com.

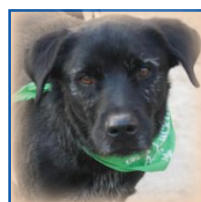


About Lucky Dog Animal Rescue
Lucky Dog Animal Rescue is an all-volunteer, non-profit animal rescue organization dedicated to saving the lives of homeless animals and educating the community on responsible pet ownership. For more information visit www.luckydoganimalrescue.org.



About Friends of Homeless Animals
Friends of Homeless Animals (FOHA) is a non-profit, no-kill shelter that focuses on the rescue and placement of homeless dogs and cats in the Northern Virginia and Washington DC area. For more information visit www.foha.org.

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Bear Needs a Little Luck!
Bear is a beautiful 3 yr old lab/schnauzer mix. People often mistake him for an older dog because he has cute white whiskers around his face, but don't let that fool you; he is only three and full of life! Bear has been with Lucky Dog for 5 months now; being a black dog, he is often overlooked. It is such a shame because he is truly amazing! Bear knows his name and comes when called. He is housebroken, walks exceptionally well on the leash, and loves playing in the snow.

Bear came to Lucky Dog when his owners in SC asked that he be euthanized since he was afraid of thunderstorms. He has been through a few thunderstorms here in DC and all he does is pant a bit – nothing destructive or damaging. Because he does have a bit of anxiety, Bear would do best as a second dog in the home – just so he has the comfort of canine companions. For more details, please visit: www.petfinder.com/petdetail/18355694 or www.luckydoganimalrescue.org/adopt/adoptable-dogs



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