

BEING ADVOCATES FOR
RESCUED K9S-B.A.R.K.

FAST BARK FACTS

- BARK was formed in April 2009.
- BARK is a 501(c)3 nonprofit.
- All donations to BARK are tax deductible.
- BARK has already found homes for more than 90 animals.

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New Group-Old Friends

Like everything in life, rescue work is more fun when you can share it with friends. Being Advocates for Rescued K9's-B.A.R.K.-was formed out of friendship and a shared devotion to saving animals who would otherwise not have anyone to advocate for them.

In April 2009, a group of friends decided it was time to form their own rescue group. Dozens of emails were shared between the members and formal plans were made during our first member's meeting.

Each founding member brought years of rescue experience, many came to B.A.R.K. with more than a decade worth of experience in shelter and rescue work. All had something different to offer,

however. Some had the organizational skills to handle the paperwork required. Some had experience with the process



involved in setting up a nonprofit organization. Some had contacts within other rescues and shelters to begin forming the network needed to locate and rescue animals in need. Some had experience in fundraising. All do-

nated the time and money needed to get the group started.

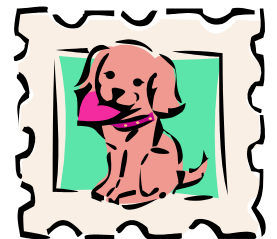
With B.A.R.K., we find our strength in our differences. Our different skills and experiences help us find solutions, allow us to accept a variety of breeds, and have resulted in the rescue of many non-canine critters. We welcome other people who share our vision of an ethical rescue devoted to helping homeless animals because we know that their time and talents will help us save more lives.

In eight months, a group of friends has built a new and reputable rescue. We have achieved official 501(c)3 nonprofit status. More importantly, we have helped more than 90 animals find new and loving homes.

Rescue Partners

B.A.R.K. is proud to work with a number of wonderful organizations. These groups help us in a variety of ways, and we want them all to know that their time, efforts, and support are appreciated.

Southview Animal Hospital
Northside Animal Hospital
People for Pets
Rusk County Animal Shelter
Poweshiek Animal League Shelter
Kandiyohi County Humane Society
Dog City Dog Park and the Chaska Petco



Ways to Help

We often hear people say that they would love to help with rescue, but they just can't foster an animal. Not being able to foster does not mean that you can't help! There are dozens of ways to help the animals in need. Here are just a few.

GoodSearch

GoodSearch.com is an internet search engine. Just go to GoodSearch.com and select BARK in St. Paul as the organization you would like to support. Then, BARK will receive

one cent for each internet search you complete. You can support our rescue efforts without any extra work or time. It is a win-win situation!

BARK Online Store

BARK is now selling fabulous signature products. Browse our store and shop. A portion of each purchase goes to support our rescue efforts. In addition, showing off your new BARK items helps us spread the word.

www.cafepress.com/barkmn

Volunteer

We often need help transporting animals from shelters to rescue, working at adoption events, or arranging fundraising activities.

Spay and Neuter Your Pets!

While we love what we do, we all hope that there comes a day when rescue is no longer needed. If your pets are already altered, consider helping someone else get their animals fixed. Sometimes offering a little financial assistance is all that is needed.



Raven, the perfect canine companion

A Special Delivery

Many rescues do not have the space or skill to accept dogs about to give birth. BARK has a couple of foster homes willing to take on the extra work involved with an expectant mom and new puppies.

In August, BARK agreed to take in an obviously pregnant dog. Within two days of arriving at her foster home, Maggie gave birth to ten of the cutest

puppies!

In October, the puppies started to go to new homes, and it was time for Maggie to start looking for her new family. During her routine vet check, Maggie was diagnosed with heartworm disease. Heartworm disease is easily prevented, but treatment can be very hard on a dog.

Maggie has come through it all

and is now looking for her forever family. If you are looking for an active companion, consider making Maggie your own!



Maggie, one special delivery!



Dukey may only have three legs but that doesn't slow him down!

Black Dogs Need Love Too!

We are well aware of the stigma of black dogs in the rescue world. They typically take longer to be adopted, both in shelters and from foster homes. They are often overlooked by potential adopters.

Black dogs are harder to photograph, and

they aren't as flashy at first glance. As a result, they spend longer in rescue and often see dozens of other lighter colored dogs adopted while they wait.

Right now, BARK has several wonderful black dogs looking for homes.

Blackie-A playful Lab/Pit Bull mix who loves belly rubs and

chasing tennis balls.

Raven-All-round perfect dog! Housetrained, obedience trained, and ready to be spoiled.

Dukey Three Legs-A large fluffy mixed breed. Energetic, happy, and loves everyone.

Petunia-A leggy black and white Collie mix. Spunky and silly.



Blackie, one of our black beauties looking for a home

Some Firsts

With a group as new as BARK, we are still celebrating a lot of firsts. Each of us involved has a favorite first, and we would like to share a few.

First Rescue

While BARK was formed to be a dog rescue, the first animal to join our group was Eugene the Guinea Pig! Eugene found himself living in the wrong home. His family was very loving, but a Guinea Pig was just not the right choice of pet for them. BARK helped little Eugene find a wonderful home.

First Official Dog

Poor Renegade was doomed from the start. Part of an unplanned and unwanted litter, Renegade was taken away from his mother when he was only 5 weeks old. While a puppy may be physically able to leave its mother at this age, it misses out on key socialization and guidance that can be provided by mom and its littermates.

Renegade came into foster care when he was an 8-week-old monster and was already on the verge of being euthanized! The dogs in

his foster home helped him learn the things he had missed. With some extra help from his foster mom, he was soon a changed boy.

We are happy to say that he found a loving home. He has canine and human playmates. His new human brother is a student in the school where one of our volunteers works, so we are able to get regular updates on his puppy antics.



Renegade was our first official BARK dog.

Success Stories



Tony the Pushon

Our little guy is doing great. We think he is potty trained (hope I didn't just jinx it). We have gone for 7 days without an accident.

The vet was beyond impressed with his health, behavior, and personality. He thought that the dog would have more behavior problems and be really shy for having the history that he does.

Tony's new best friend is a 90 pound black lab that belongs to one of our friends. They run and run and run some more together and have a great time. Next time we go over there we are bringing the video camera. It is so funny to watch them run and chase each other.

Melissa

Finnegan

I thought I would give you a quick update on Eddie. Well first of all we did change his name. His name is Finnegan.

We bring him on at least a couple of walks everyday and he does extremely well on the leash. I walk both dogs at the same time, and Finney is a lot better on the leash than our other dog.

He has gone to the dog park 3 times and absolutely loves it! He is very social with the other dogs and tries to keep up



with our other dog. He is a different dog at the dog park he runs and plays, it is very heart warming. When we walk on the paths at the dog park he walks right by my side and if he gets a head of me he stops and waits, very cute.

Well I better let you go, we are off to the dog park!

Take care,
Alison



Here is our little Dillon, a boxer mix puppy, posing for a photo with his new sisters.



Mena, one of Maggie's puppies, found a new home with a family who shares the cutest photos.



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Being Advocates for Rescued K9s is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the lives of homeless animals. While we focus primarily on canines, BARK works hard to help as many animals as we can and have already helped numerous cats and a guinea pig find loving homes.

Our success is dependent on the kindness and generosity of others. Help us help the animals. Donations of time, skills, money, and materials are all important.



Wish List

- **Monetary donations are always welcome to cover the costs of veterinary care.**
- **High quality dog and puppy food**
- **Gift cards for pet supply stores**
- **Dog toys and treats**
- **Foster homes**
- **Loving families to adopt our furry friends!**

