



## The Misha May Foundation "mutterings"

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## Adoption!!

*Your contributions at work...*

Bruce went off to live in a terrific home. Tom and Amy came down for him this morning. They are young and active and will take him everywhere. You could see it in their eyes how easily they fell in love with him. Their roommate has a playful husky so Bruce will have loads of fun.

I think he fell in love with them too. He couldn't wait to follow them out the gate and get in the SUV. Amy actually sat in the back with him, while Tom drove off.

We felt really good about this couple and this adoption for Bruce. Tom was referred and approved by a local pit rescue who wished he were

adopting from them. Bruce came to my house in March of 2008 when he was 10 weeks old. He was going to be put down for being a pit in Denver, but was saved since he was sick and got sent to the hospital. From there we got the call and I went to pick him up.

We have all been through a lot together. He has calmed down quite a bit and stopped eating poop. He grew up in my kitchen with all of the puppies last year. He's been friends with Buddy Brinx and Zeb the whole time. He has always been friendly and sweet even while trying to bust through doors.



Debbie & Doug look on. Tom & Amy on the right with Bruce front and center of course!

He has always been deferential and attentive even though he was moving a million miles a minute.

He has been here for almost a year. I am so happy for him.

He is one terrific and energetic dog. I have to say, however, I'm crying.....

Write soon Bruce!

Lorraine

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## Our top dogs...



**Koh-Koh** is a small one-year-old neutered male Chesapeake Bay Retriever. He had a very tough beginning in life, attacked by a pack of dogs. He required skin grafts on his head and some reconstructive surgery for some congenital defects.

Yet he has a terrific disposition. He is quite athletic, running, leaping and chasing toys. Most of the time he will return to you with his tennis ball!

This is a very sweet and handsome boy who could be your devoted buddy. His heart was broken but now he has hope. He needs a foster home. Can you help?



**Jackson** is a young adult Chihuahua mix. He warms up to strangers and other dogs pretty quickly. He has relaxed in his foster home already! He is playful, feisty and loving. He can amuse himself easily and has very good manners. His ideal home would not include small children as they tend to make him nervous. Are you the perfect companion for this little powerhouse?

## Fundraisers Coming Up—

### **Petco Adoption Days**

The Petco @ SW corner of Alameda and Wadsworth, Lakewood, CO  
The second Saturday of every month from Noon—3 PM  
June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12

### **Misha May Moments for Mutts**

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### **Volunteers 101**

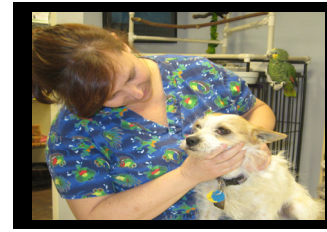
Monday June 1st @ The Bel-Mar Whole Foods in Lakewood  
6:30pm - 7:00pm: Meet the Board of Directors; refreshments served.  
7:00pm - 8:00pm: Everything you need to know about volunteering.  
Please RSVP with an email to [mishamayfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:mishamayfoundation@gmail.com)

This evening is a great opportunity to learn how to help the animals through volunteering. Whether you want to work directly with the animals, or share your special talents and expertise, we welcome you. Your questions will be answered while you discover the unique mission and purpose of Misha May. We fill a very special niche in rescue, and our vision is to put ourselves out of the rescue business, one rescued, rehabilitated, re-homed dog at a time.

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### About Bloat—



Dr. Kris checks out our little Misha  
May hound “Sprout!”

Recent studies\* are shedding more light on gastric dialation volvulus (GDV), otherwise known as bloat. GDV is the second leading cause of death in large-breed (50—99 pounds) and giant-breed (110 pounds and over) dogs. Approximately one in four large-breed dogs and one in five giant-breed dogs may develop GDV during their lifetime, with some breeds at even higher lifetime risk. GDV strikes suddenly and has a mortality rate as high as 30 percent.

In the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Vol. 17, No. 10, Dr. Larry Glickman, WMD, PhD, wrote, “Many of the recommendations commonly made to prevent GDV, such as raising the food bowl, moistening dry food prior to feeding and restricting water intake before and after feeding, were associated with a significantly increased risk of GDV.”

More recently, research has shown an increased risk of GDV in dogs who consumed dry foods containing fat among the first four ingredients, food using citric acid as a preservative and food with more than one corn ingredient. However there was a decreased GDV risk with an increasing number of protein ingredients of animal origin, including beef, poultry, lamb and fish among the first four ingredients. The study now recommends to **not** raise the food bowl, to not moisten the dry food.

Learn to recognize the signs of GDV which include pacing and restlessness, head turning to look at the abdomen, distention of the abdomen, rapid shallow breathing, nonproductive attempts at vomiting and salivation. These symptoms can progress rapidly to shock and death. Get to your veterinarian or emergency hospital the moment you suspect GDV.

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