

Red, Bright and Blue Rescue

AuCaDo Australian Cattle Dog Rescue

Michigan, Illinois and Ohio

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Birth Announcement

Meet Gertrude the Michigan Rescue

AuCaDo Rescue of Michigan is pleased to announce the birth of 9 ACD puppies on 1-24-08. Proud Momma, Gertrude, is doing well and taking good care of the babies. They decided to make their appearance when it was 8 degrees below outside. All were toasty by the furnace and under the heat lamp. Thank goodness for our outdoor wood boiler, to keep all of our babies warm.



Good ACD Ambassador

Meet Tallie the Illinois Rescue

Just an update on Tallie....with a lot of patience, determination and a lot of love she has become a very good dog and wonderful pet. I had her at a horse show in Ill. this past week-end and had lots of comments about how pretty and well-behaved she is. She is a really good traveler always ready to go. She was pretty cautious about my husband when we first got her but has now made up and jumps right in the truck with him. She is my best buddy and always has to know where I'm at. I had a girl come and ask about her at the horse show and I told her I had rescued her from you and she is coming to see some of your dogs I believe, this week-end. She was impressed with Tallie. I've located a really good instructor and planning on taking her to classes as soon as weather is better. Anyway she is doing wonderful, and we love her so much.

Welcome AuCaDo Ohio

Sister Chapter to Michigan and Illinois

The Ohio AuCaDo chapter has now formed and their PetFinder site can be found online at: <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/OH715.html>

Based in Creston OH with foster homes in Massillon and Swanton. The Massillon foster home is a great veterinary family with 2 personal ACD's who do flyball and both are rescues! Our Swanton foster home is another great couple who have 2 Stumpy Tail Cattle Dogs that they participate in agility with. Our own home base consists of 2 personal ACD's who are both rescues and the male is deaf. We can each only do 1-2 fosters at a time. ACD's are pulled from local shelters and go to the home base until 14 days have passed and the foster is disease free, fully vetted and temperamentally sound. At that point a foster home can choose who they want to add to their extended family. AuCaDo ACD Rescue OH is looking forward to expanding the rescue effort throughout Ohio. We want to THANK Michigan and Illinois for allowing us to join their effort, to help this often misunderstood breed.

Peace Making Language 101

A lower ranking member of a social group (pack) offers the behaviors to a higher ranking member to promote group tranquility and his own safety. When offered in conjunction with other behaviors, however, they can also indicate stress. Making peace and deference signals include:

- Slow movement: lower ranking dog appears to be moving in slow-motion.
- Lip Licking: lower ranking dog licks at the mouth of the higher ranking member.
- Sitting, lying down, exposing underside: lower ranking dog offers submission by lowering body posture, exposing vulnerable parts.
- Turning head away or averting eyes: lowering ranking dog avoids eye contact, and exposes neck.
- Avoidance is another stress signal. A dog turns away, shuts down and evades a handler's touch and treats. His brow may furrow and around the eyes may develop ridges.

Displacement Behaviors

These behaviors are efforts to resolve an internal conflict for the dog-unrelated to hierarchy. They include:

- Rapid Eye Blinking
- Nose licking-tongue flicks out
- Chattering Teeth
- Scratching
- Shaking off as if wet
- Drooling

General Signs of Stress

- Excessive Grooming: excessive licking of body parts
- Hyperactivity: frantic behavior or pacing
- Lack of attention or focus: the stress brain does not process information
- Lowered Body Posture: slinking, acting guilty or sneaky.
- Mouthing: willingness to use month on human skin, ranging from flea biting to taking treats too rough.
- Panting: rapid or heavy breathing
- Stretching: to relax stress related tension in muscles.
- Stiff Movement: tension can cause stiffness in legs, body, and tail.
- Sweaty Paws: damp footprints
- Trembling: may be due to stress
- Whining: high pitched vocalizations

Play Bows. Averted Eyes. Tail Wags.

Not only are our dogs masters at reading our body language, they also have the incredibly expressive tool for sending messages – their own bodies.

New Kids on the Block

Available



Meet Chili (Deaf)



Meet Juka



Meet Cayenne



Meet Willie

Forever Home Bound



Maple Sugar, Cyprus, Mick and Ginger

Wish list:

Premium dog food coupons
Purina Weight Circles
Nylabones
Kongs
Buster Cubes
Jolly Balls
Heartworm Prevention 26#-50#
Flea/Tick Prevention 23#-44#
Martingale style collars
Leashes
Gift cards Pet supply stores
Gas cards
Clickers
Bite sized treats
Tokens for instant ID tags
Sign up to Transport

Donation Thank You

Barb & Mark have donated vetting for 3 of our rescues. They also donated puppy packages with puppy food coupons, frontline and HW preventative for Gertrude's babies.

Thank You Foster Parents

Jenifer & Mike in Lansing, MI
Lisa in Sand Lake, MI
Linda in Big Rapids, MI
Barb & Mark in Massillon, OH
Cat & Dan in Swanton, OH
Martha in Rosholt, WI
Diane in Peoria, IL

Education Corner

Have a question concerning the ACD Breed, training, health, nutrition, behavior, or just want to tell us about your ACD?

We might feature your question or your story in our next newsletter.

Contact us at
cowdogrescue@gmail.com

Suggested Reading

Dog Training for Dummies
by
Volhard

Donation Thank You

Hershey received donations from Carol, John, Patricia & Thomas

Indigo received a donation from Mary

Indee received a donation from Josie

AuCaDo received donations from Todd, Steve and Nick

Rowdy received a donation from Barbara

Rose received donations from Suzanne, Greg & Brittney

Traveler's Rainbow Bridge

**The Perfect Home
(Dedicated to "Traveler" from his Foster Mom)**

**I'm here for you – I whisper to my friend
I'm here for you as our journey comes to an end.**

**You couldn't understand this world I hold dear
You couldn't understand there was nothing more to fear.**

**I tried to help you see you were safe at last
I tried to help you see you could forget the past.**

**You tried your best to trust someone again
You tried your best but you couldn't let me in.**

**For you my friend, the perfect home will not be found
For you my friend, have the perfect home far above this ground.**

**As I hold you in my arms I tell you "now you're safe"
As I hold you in my arms I tell you "you're going to a better place".**

**I've set you free to be a puppy once more
I've set you free on wings you can soar.**

**It was time again - to let another one go
It was time again and the tears start to flow.**

**This is dedicated to all the rescue animals that are just too damaged to
allow us to help them. Try as we might we can't save them all but we
can guarantee they will no longer have to live in a world they don't
understand. Hold them tight while you set them free.**

God Speed Traveler – I will see you again.

Corene E Glessner 2007

