



2nd Chance Border Rescue Newsletter

Spring is here!!! Well officially it is. But if you look out your window.....Did it really snow on April Fools Day???????

For dog owners, every season brings its own unique challenges. For instance, a Wisconsin winter can be frustrating when it's "too cold for a long walk" too many days in a row and dogs become bored. Or, the salt on ice and snow-packed sidewalks can be hazardous to a dogs' health if ingested. On the other hand, some dogs love playing in the snow and can show us that all that white stuff isn't that bad.

Spring arrives with muddy paws and rainy days - and the promise of warmer and longer days. But with those summer days can bring fleas, mosquitoes, and 'it's too hot to take doggie for his car ride to the supermarket'.

Still, we press on and like the proverbial postman neither snow, nor rain nor heat of day can prevent us from being a caring and conscientious pet owner. Our dogs are happy walking, running, jumping in the lake, playing Frisbee and catch, and we are too!

Since October Rescue has been very busy! Mae, Jack and Jill, Angie baby, Gwyn, Bear, and Baby Jane have all been adopted. They have found loving homes and responsible owners to take care of them and make them a "part of the family." Our very big thanks to them all!!!!

Our new fosters are Alvin, a really cute border collie mix, that Laura Wentz is fostering. Izzy is with Laura Everson and Harley is awaiting his forever home with RoseMarie. Check out our website for their pictures and bio's at - www.2ndchancebordercollierescue.org

And don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Mounds Pet Store Annual Dog Fest** held at the **Alliant Center** in Madison on June 8th. As always, it will be held outside and dogs are welcome. There will be plenty to see and do; breed rescue booths, vendors, demonstrations of agility, flyball, and other fun, canine sports. It's a great time for all. As always we will have a booth and be delighted to see our former fosters and their owners stopping by. And who would want to miss the traditional 'find the hot dog' game.



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And don't forget the **Labor Day Shepherding Trial in Portage**. Even if you don't have sheep, you'll enjoy and marvel at the working border collie's ability to herd and pen sheep. It's a nice day trip and food is available courtesy of Care for BC's. The Wisconsin working stockdog association hosts many clinics and herding trials in Wisconsin. Their website is www.wwsda.org

Next year 2nd Chance Border Collie rescue will be celebrating their 10th year as a border collie rescue. We have helped place over 100 dogs! All of them different, with stories of broken homes, neglect, abuse, and homelessness. Some were rescued from high kill shelters, on the verge of euthanasia. But they were, and still are, so very precious to us. As are you, their owners. With your continuing support and encouragement we are able to continue to foster, heal, and place these dogs of a very special breed.

Happy Spring!

Laura Everson, RoseMarie Riedl, Laura Wentz