

Dear DAWGS Family,

All of us here at DAWGS would like to wish you the merriest of holidays and the happiest of New Years. This year has been very difficult with the number of animals needing homes and the worsening economy, but, through it all, with your kindness and generosity, we have continued to save animals and find them new homes. Over the last seven years we have rescued 5,398 animals and found homes for 4,689. Your support has literally saved thousands of lives. THANK YOU!

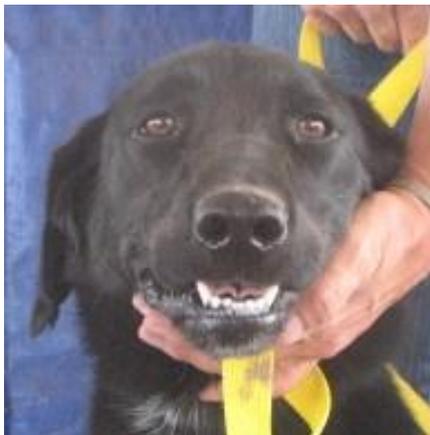
In November 2010, we had a large adoption event, sponsored by Merrick Pet Care. As you know, Merrick has always been wonderful to us, providing high quality food for the animals in our care. Last month we partnered with them at the Petco store in Amarillo and 43 deserving animals found their forever homes. Here are a few of the heartwarming stories made possible because of Merrick Pet Care and your support::



MIA is an adorable thirteen year old Maltese mix. She had been part of a puppy mill and came to us with health issues and only three teeth. We immediately took her to a groomer and the vet, and after being spayed and given a clean bill of health, she was ready for a second chance. At the adoption event everyone fell in love with her. A woman, looking for a companion for her older poodle, adopted her and today she is happily in her forever home.



ABBEY is a very shy, very sweet young German Shepherd who came to the shelter after having a litter of six puppies. The family had decided to take her to the animal control, but they were closed, so they brought her to us instead. At the adoption event, a man—who had recently had knee-replacement surgery—fell in love with her and took her home. When we did a follow-up to make sure she was doing well, we were told she was the smartest and most incredible dog they had ever known. The man was taking her on walks everyday, which was helping his recovery and, whenever they would stop, Abbey instinctively placed herself in front of him to protect him. Abbey has found her home for the holidays and for a lifetime.



BOOMER is a black lab that came in with his yellow lab friend, Marley. They were from a family that was going through a bitter divorce and they both wanted the dogs, then decided to give them both up and they came to DAWGS. At the adoption event they both found wonderful homes. Ironically they both ended up with families who already had labs and are doing wonderful with their new playmates and in their new homes. Thank you for helping make these new beginnings possible for so many precious animals.

Wishing you a great holiday,
Diane and Mark and everyone at DAWGS