



Closer to Home Animal Advocates

(CTHAA) is a group of caring individuals who work to find forever homes for Siberian Huskies, Alaskan Malamutes, Norwegian Elkhounds, and sometimes other breeds as our hearts lead us. We are dedicated to placing dogs that have been abused, abandoned, neglected, or whose present homes cannot keep them any longer. Please visit our website at: www.cthaa.org

The Story of Phoenix

Phoenix is a dear Siberian Husky that had endured severe abuse and neglect. We were contacted by our friends at the Ionia Shelter and were told that someone tied Phoenix to a pole outside the police department. We don't know how he got there but suspect that a good Samaritan removed him from his abusive home and took him to safety (we'll never really know, for sure). Phoenix was very near death. Click on this link to see a video of Phoenix when he came into our rescue:

<http://tinyurl.com/cthaa-phoenix>.

He had been starved and beaten. This video was taken in early September and we are very happy to report that he is gaining weight and starting to trust that he will never be hurt again. This process is very slow but Phoenix was lucky enough to be fostered by some very loving and patient people, Bobby and Lenise, who have stated that they are in it for the long haul and are celebrating each and every bit of improvement. After several visits to the vet and some slow weight gain, Bobby and Lenise have decided to adopt Phoenix permanently.

Due to some neurological damage to his spine, he will always walk a little bit funny but he will be loved and appreciated just the way he is. We are grateful for such special people and are

More Happy Endings!

After 15 months in rescue, Xena finally found the perfect home with Jim and Heather, folks that previously adopted Luke from us. She continues to lead a very spoiled life in her new home!



After Ally and Achilles were treated for heartworm, they both went to live with Matt and Tricia, who previously adopted Nanook from us. Isn't this a great adoption day photo?



We'll never forget these two, for sure. Lucy and Archie! Two dogs that fell in love the moment they met each other and were fortunate enough to be adopted together!

celebrating right along with them! Here is Phoenix enjoying a good roll in the grass in his new home!

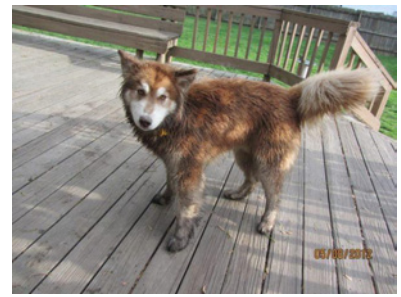


Big Ol' Nelson

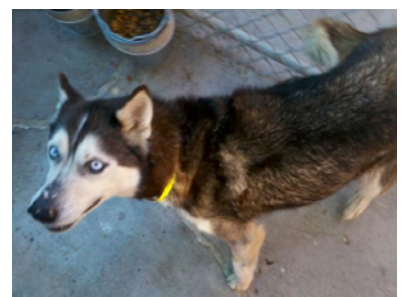
Yes, we know, he isn't a northern breed dog but who can resist this face? Nelson finally found his perfect forever home this year after spending a very long time in our rescue. He was extremely thin and had heartworm when we got him, but thanks to some tender loving care by Doug and Evelyn Ritter of Dundee K9 Nelson became the big ol' slobbery boy who he was meant to be. He was recently adopted by Sandy, a lady that works at our vet clinic. She fell in love with Nelson from the very first day that she met him. We couldn't be happier for Nelson!



Just for fun, here is a picture of Archie when he wasn't so clean!



We were called by a pound in St. Johns about 3 Huskies that had escaped their home and the owner refused to claim them. All 3 dogs have found wonderful new homes.



Angel (above) was about 5 years old. Sire (below) was Angel's son and only about 8 months old.



Miracle was a young girl about 18

Casey's Road to Health

Casey is an 8-year-old Malamute who needed a lot of medical attention due to a lifetime of neglect. Casey spent the first 3-4 years of his life on a trailer porch living in his own excrement. In the winter, to keep the chill out, the owner would board up the entire porch so that the dog couldn't even look outside. He lived in a filthy box for 6 months of the year, yet he is still a lovable, playful dog who longs for attention.

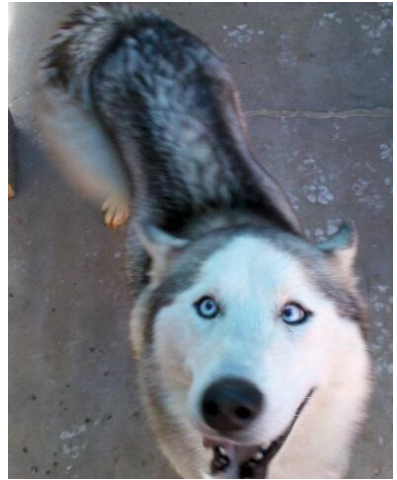
Our friends, Jimmy and Christie, dedicated themselves to nursing Casey back to health and CTHAA has sponsored the majority of Casey's medical expenses. The best news is he is just about ready to go to a permanent home with someone who is just waiting for him! You can see "before" pictures of Casey on our website (might be too graphic for some people). Here is a recent picture, which shows how much he has improved!



A Message from Mindy

This has been a year of many changes for me personally. My husband and I decided to travel to the San Diego area in mid-October to assist my parents on their ranch for a few months. We

months old.



I looked at all the caged animals in the shelter...the cast-offs of human society. I saw in their eyes love and hope, fear and dread, sadness and betrayal. And I was angry. "God," I said, "this is terrible! Why don't you do something?" God was silent for a moment and then He spoke softly. "I have done something," He replied. "I created You."

Author Jim Willis



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traveled in an RV with all six of our dogs. We plan to stay here until March and then we will head back to our home in Michigan.

Our rescue efforts have not stopped, due to great volunteers and a lot of networking on behalf of the Michigan and Ohio dogs that need help. We have placed six dogs into permanent homes just since I've been gone! We have also coordinated the movement of many dogs out of pounds to other rescues and have sponsored the medical expenses for these dogs.

Our rescue efforts continue and we are able to help these animals because of the support we receive from you! We wish we didn't need to ask for support and we wish, even more, that there wasn't a need for our rescue services but unfortunately the need is greater now than ever before.

Because they need us...we need you! All contributions are tax deductible.

We wish you all the best holiday season ever and peace, love and prosperity in 2013!

Happy Howl-i-days!
Mindy Storen, President
Closer to Home Animal Advocates

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