

# To Love A Canine Rescue Annual Report 2019



Sapphire



Flora & Lilac



Corkie



Monkey



Robin

## TLC Rescue 2019 Highlights

- Celebrating 6 years in May 2019  
501(c)(3) Nonprofit  
EIN: 46-2618710
- 719 Dogs Lives Saved in 2019  
(714 Adopted)
- 3546 Dogs Lives Saved Since  
Inception (3440 Adopted)
- Named Top-Rated Nonprofit by  
Great Nonprofits for 4 Consecutive  
Years: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Achieved Platinum Level of  
Transparency from Guide Star
- Over 15,000+ Followers on  
Facebook and 3,000 on Instagram
- West Chester Chamber of  
Commerce Member



## **A Huge Milestone Was Achieved at TLC Rescue 3000 ADOPTIONS!**



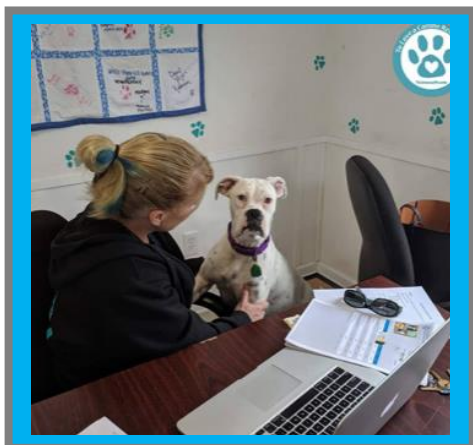
*Celebrating Saving Lives!*

### TLC Rescue Mission Statement

*Our mission is to rescue and find permanent homes for abandoned, stray and surrendered dogs in order to minimize the needless euthanizing of animals. Our vision is to make the right connections between our rescued dogs and families in order to give our dogs their final, happy, loving homes.*

# Note from Executive Director & Founder

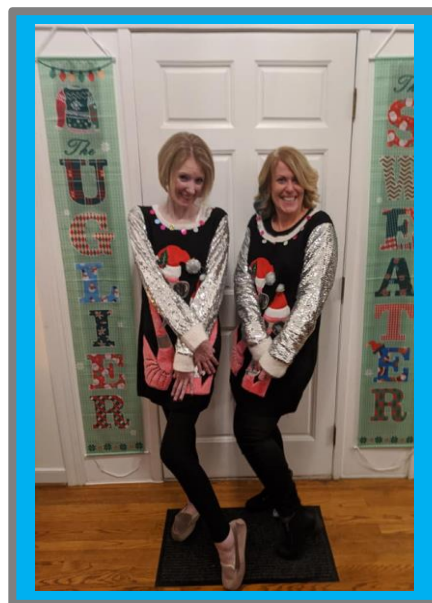
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As we say goodbye to another incredible year, a year full of ups and downs, I want to send a HUGE THANK YOU out to each and every one of you! Because of all of you and your support and hard work we have come through on top. TLC has the BEST TEAM of volunteers! We truly cannot do what we do without ALL of YOU! Over the past 6 years we have not only saved lives, we have also changed many by keeping our promise for a new and better tomorrow. Together we came through some rough times this year and saved **719** lives, and of those we found forever homes for 714 of them. Since we started, we have saved **3546** lives and found homes for 3440. How incredible and amazing is that? That is absolutely amazing! And we did it together.

Let's take a quick look back on this year:

- We added some new faces, said hello again to other ones, grew our Core Team, made some new friendships and built on old ones and we even tried some new things too.
- Our fundraisers: Miles for Mutts, Raffles for Ruffs, Puppy Yoga, Dine & Donates and Barko Bingo were even bigger successes than before. So much fun! Our online fundraisers were huge successes too.
- We pulled together and even though Parvo reared its ugly head a few times, we came out on top and saved the lives of some really sick pups. We put out a call for help and you ALL stepped up. Instead of Parvo devastating our financial situation we were able to raise the funds to pay over \$25,000 in vet bills and that was only one litter. All 7 of our Peanuts pups survived Parvo!
- We put out another call to help our Momma Mona and her pups. Mona was so emaciated and malnourished we could only save 4 of her 9 pups BUT we did! We saved them and not only were they able to thrive thanks to our wonderful foster, Tricia Gonci (and her family), we were able to help Mona survive heartworm treatment. She had such a heavy load and she was so unhealthy we weren't sure and even the cardiologists were concerned she wouldn't make it. But AGAIN, we pulled together and with the loving care and nurturing from our wonderful foster, Donna Ingersoll, Mona came out of treatment feeling great and was able to find her forever family. And thanks to ALL of you and your support we were able to again pay crazy vet bills of tens of thousands of dollars. You would think that Parvo and heartworm would be enough to wipe us out and exhaust our resources. Not this Team!
- We rallied again to help get 9 shepherds out of an awful predicament and save their lives. Their story was so sad and dire. There were 25 shepherds seized by local sheriffs in Mississippi. They came from 2 hoarding cases. One house had 19 shepherds in one house and the other 5. The conditions they were pulled from were deplorable, unhealthy and unsafe but that wasn't the worst of it. They were thrown into a prison shelter where they feared for their lives. There was no shelter, no blankets, no beds, no love, and really no future. TLC was asked to help, and we did. We saved 9 ourselves and helped to get most of the rest of them out through other rescues.





- We didn't stop there either! We were asked to help a local hoarding case and we took in 5 smaller breed pups and gave them all better tomorrows.
- Let us not forget our wonderful Marsh Creek 6th Grade Center project with our Disney pups. The community and students really rallied, and we were able to welcome 13 beautiful healthy pups into Rescue. Thanks to the wonderful Peleggi family, Sadie had a wonderful loving home to raise her pups which she now calls her forever home :) The Peleggi family was so wonderful and willing to share their experience with the students at the 6th grade center and it was all spear headed by our very own, Jennifer Catrambone, the Mini Paws Director. It was a wonderful experience for the Rescue, the students and the community.

Speaking of Community, TLC's number one priority is to save lives, but we find it just as important to give back to our community through helping others and education. In 2019:

- Our Mini Paws program, our future rescuers, continued to grow and add new members. They chose to help raise money for our 7 Peanuts Parvo pups for their annual fundraiser, "Saving Southern Souls".
- Our Mini Paws put together and mailed out their annual care packages for our military K9s and soldiers.
- Stepping out into our local community, we took pups to local high schools for "Stress Free Fridays" and helped a middle school start a "Puppy Club". We even went to some different corporate partners for some "Stress relief in the workday", gave a presentation to a local Girls Scout Troop and attended a few community day events.
- TLC partnered with Concordville Nissan and we filled an Armada with food for our local food pantry, the Chester County Food Bank.
- We didn't stop there! We also adopted 4 families in need through Laurel House to help them have a wonderful Christmas.

Wow what a busy year! We welcomed some pregnant mommas and many pups born into our care, some mommas along with their pups and even a few dads too! We never leave mom (or dad) behind! Over 38 puppies were born in our care in 2019 and over 190 Moms and their puppies saved, not to mention the hundreds of adults we gave a second chance and a new better tomorrow.

I know I said it before for 2019, but 2020 is going to be an even bigger and better year for TLC. With this Team, we are unstoppable! So many new opportunities coming up, new growth, new relationships and new adventures. Stay tuned....2020 is our 7th year and I feel lucky 7 coming up. TLC has built one of the best rescues, and of course I think THE BEST Teams around, and I personally cannot wait to see what we are capable of accomplishing together. Look at all we have done so far and all the lives we have saved and changed for the better. I am excited and hope you are too! Remember we have done this together as a Team and together we have much more to do. Let's charge into 2020 and make it one of the best years yet for TLC Rescue!

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# Fundraising Events Save Dogs Lives!

Fundraising is fundamental to TLC Rescue, and all funds raised go directly to help TLC to rescue more dogs that would otherwise be euthanized, or to offset incurred veterinary expenses. In 2019 TLC Rescue hosted **38** fundraising events raising **\$35,125.93**

The Two Largest Annual TLC Fundraisers are:

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Raffles for Ruffs – Spring 2019**  
Total Event Profit: \$8,533.89

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual I Miles for Mutts – Fall 2019**  
Total Event Profit: \$19,544.34

- Includes Corporate Sponsorships



Additional Fundraisers Included:

- Yoga with Pups - 16
- Dine & Donates - 11
- T-Shirt Sales - 4
- Barko Bingo
- Smooch a Pooch
- Giving Tuesday
- Dog Specific Vet Expense Fundraisers





# Mini-Paws – 2019 Was Packed with Experiences!

Mini Paws is TLC's group of 70+ active junior volunteers, between the ages of 4 and 18. Mini Paws had another busy year in 2019 filled with interactive meetings, fun activities, events, and fundraisers.

A few highlights include:

- Learning about dog leash handling skills and body language, and practicing on fosters
- "Painting with a Twist", making "Adopt Me" bandanas for fosters, and creating kindness rocks for Miles for Mutts
- Spreading sunshine at the Sunrise Senior Center visiting with TLC pups and playing trivia games
- Watching an awesome K9 presentation and seeing K9s in action finding drugs and explosives hidden by their handlers.



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Saving Southern Souls was changed slightly this year and the Mini Paws fundraised for the seven Peanuts Gang pups that were stricken with the Parvo virus. The Mini Paws sponsored their annual Rita's Water Ice fundraiser in Malvern and raised several hundred dollars for the Peanut Pups vet care.



Some of the Mini Paws participated in an extra special 'Agent of Change' project this year at a local middle school. A team of 6 teachers and 140 students rescued Sadie, a pregnant dog from South Carolina, and one of the Mini Paw students' family fostered her. This Mama had to be the perfect temperament to deal with all of these kids, and Sadie was.

The students had a camera on Sadie 24/7 and a YouTube channel running so that the students and their families could watch her birth, from start to finish. Sadie was expected to have 5-6 puppies based on the x-ray taken in South Carolina.

During her delivery everyone was shocked when the puppies just kept coming and coming. Sadie birthed 13 beautiful healthy puppies. The students chose the Disney theme, and named all 13 puppies after Disney characters.

Students were hands-on and signed up to help with Sadie and her puppies care and the classroom watched the daily live video footage. The student's families were very generous and donated everything needed for the care of Sadie and the Disney pups which totaled \$1,100. The collective team additionally received \$900.00 in online donations.

Sadie was so special that she ended up being a 'Foster Fail' for this awesome family (Note: A Foster Fail is rescue term that means the dogs foster family fell so in love that they adopted him/her. It certainly is not a fail!) More exciting news is that Sadie was the 3000<sup>th</sup> dog adopted by TLC Rescue. Two extra special reasons to celebrate!



## Photos From a Few Additional TLC Activities in 2019





# Oh Baby!

If there is an expecting Mom in need, TLC Rescue is there to help!

In 2019, TLC volunteers rescued a total of **268** Moms and their puppies from shelters.

- TLC volunteers supported 6 expecting Moms and brought their 38 combined healthy newborn puppies into the world.
- 34 Moms were saved along with their combined 190 puppies (**yes 190!**)



**IN 2019, 6 MOMS  
WELCOMED  
38 PUPPIES INTO THE  
WORLD WHILE IN TLC  
FOSTER CARE**

- Mona – 9 Puppies
  - (4 Survived)
- Clementine – 6 Puppies
- Sadie – 13 Puppies
- Bagel – 4 Puppies
- Stella – 6 Puppies
- Lila – 9 Puppies
  - (5 Survived)



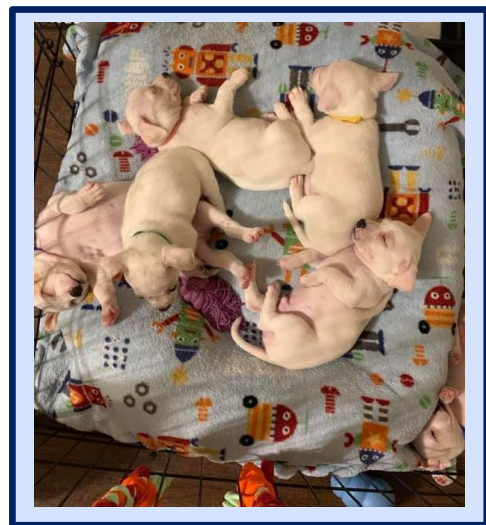
Purdy and her Pups



Sadie #2 Puppies



Clementine and her 6 Puppies



**“Our mission is to rescue.  
Our dream is that one day we won’t have to.”**



# Mona – What a Transformation!

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Mona, now Nicollette (or Nik or Nikki) was picked up as a stray in South Carolina. Mona was a senior dog, pregnant and expecting any day, underweight and heartworm positive. The hope was to transport her to TLC Rescue as quickly as possible, but Mona ended up delivering her puppies at Darlington Rescue. Sadly, the runt of her litter passed away and then shortly thereafter 2 more puppies passed away, more than likely a result of her declining health and the stress of being in the shelter.



TLC Rescue welcomed Mona and her 6 puppies to Pennsylvania in March 2019; however, another challenge arose, and Mona struggled to nurse her puppies. After valiant care from her foster family to assist with hand feeding her puppies for over a week, sadly 2 more of Mona's puppies passed away. Thankfully, Mona's four surviving puppies thrived and eventually were placed in their forever loving homes.

During this time, Mona transitioned to a new foster to begin her post-puppy heartworm treatment. Because of the severity of her heartworms, she endured two extremely aggressive rounds of treatments, each including 30 days of crate rest. After successfully completing both rounds of heartworm treatments, Mona was spayed and transferred to her third and final foster. She was adopted shortly thereafter and welcomed into her forever loving family on October 27, 2019, 7 months after being in TLC Rescue's care.



Her new family shared – “Nik is now a ‘Velcro dog’. She loves the dog park and has a bed both at work and at home. She is the official office dog and lays in the middle of the office and getting rubbed by everyone that passes by.”



As the saying goes.....

**“You can’t change a dog’s past,  
but you can rewrite her future”**

TLC Rescue, and these three TLC volunteer fosters and their families sure rewrote the future of Mona and all her puppies!

A graphic featuring a close-up of a black and white puppy's face. The puppy has blue eyes and is looking directly at the camera. Overlaid on the image is the text "AFRAID OF COMMITMENT?" in large, white, distressed font. Below that, "TRY FOSTERING!" is written in green, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the URL "TLCrescuePA.com/Foster" is displayed in white. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for TLC Rescue PA.com with a paw print and the text "Be the one a canine rescue!"

You can help TLC Rescue to save many more lives like Mona by fostering. Fostering can be for as short as an overnight stay, and TLC will train you and give you everything you need to care for your foster dog.

**Apply online to foster and help save a life!**



# Freedom Rides – The Journey to a New Life!



In 2019, TLC Rescue supported 56 transports from Mississippi, West Virginia, Tennessee and South Carolina

When dogs, regardless of breed, age, size or personality end up in over-crowded, high kill shelters, their greatest hope of finding their forever family is to be transported to partnering rescues. Transports, aka “Freedom Rides”, are when the rescues that TLC partners with meets TLC either at a mutually agreed upon location or at the TLC facility to transition their dogs into TLC Rescues care.

The transport vehicle is greeted with many volunteers who are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to snuggle the welcomed new rescue pups. Upon arrival, each rescue dog is weighed, micro-chipped, vaccinated if needed and evaluated and spay/neuter status is confirmed. The dogs are then greeted by their fosters where they will be cared for until they transition to their forever home. TLC makes a commitment to their partnering rescues that they will work tirelessly to ensure that each dog transported will be given the best care until a family that fits their needs is identified.



# Community Outreach & Meet and Greets

At TLC Rescue, we often say “Dogs that get seen get adopted” ~Quote by Michael Daprile  
– TLC Volunteer. **IT’S TRUE!**

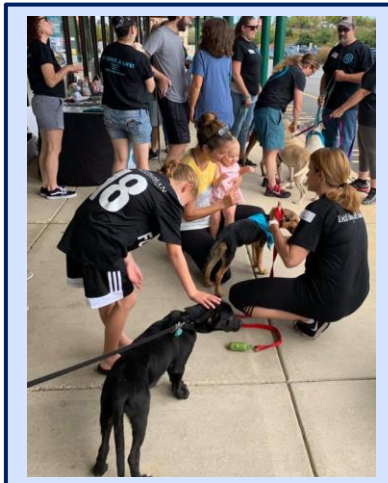
## 2019 TLC Events

- Hosted **60** Meet-and-Greets within the local communities to showcase the TLC adoptable dogs.
- Facilitated 6 corporate Meet & Greets and a Girls Scout presentation
- TLC had a presence at **23** local Festival/Community Days
- Partnered with Concordville Nissan to “Fill an Armada” at Thanksgiving and donate 564 pounds of food to the Chester County Food Pantry.
- Mini- Paws created care packages for Military K9’s and their handlers.
- ‘Adopted’ 4 families in need through Laurel House over the holidays.
- 14 school visits including:
  - Downingtown East, West and STEM, Henderson, West Chester East, Pierce Middle School and Goshen Baptist Preschool



TLC Rescue participates in multiple community events each week and is committed to partnering with local schools, retail businesses and corporations, and participating in community festivals. In addition to being fun for everyone involved, these engagements are a great way for TLC dogs in foster care to receive as much visibility as possible. Let’s be honest, it’s much easier to fall in love with a dog in person when you can experience their personality firsthand then on a computer screen. Events hosted in the community are also a great way to socialize the dogs and continue to teach them appropriate behaviors and how to interact in social settings.

Each year, the TLC community engagement and support increases. TLC is committed to that – giving back. In fact, it is core to the TLC Rescue mission.





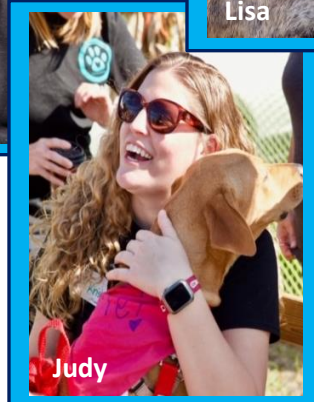
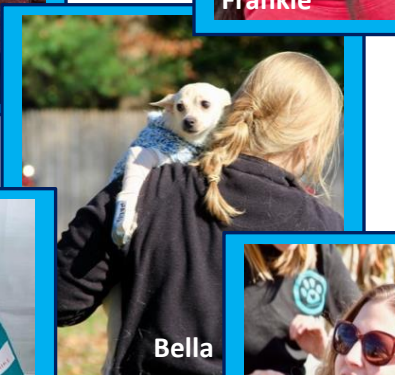
# TLC FOSTERS & VOLUNTEERS

The success and community impact of TLC Rescue would not be possible without the commitment and dedication of its MANY fosters and volunteers. Rescuing homeless dogs for over 6+ years is a daunting task that involves a lot of hard work, patience, and the need to be flexible as rescuing is often unpredictable. TLC Rescue is so fortunate to have over **160+** active fosters and **320+** active volunteers. We often say, “It takes a village to rescue dogs”, and it truly does!

TLC Rescue is committed to supporting every volunteer and foster. Each foster and volunteer is onboarded by one of the directors, or seasoned volunteers, to ensure that they are comfortable and have all their questions answered. Support is always available to the TLC fosters and volunteers and help or guidance is only a call away.

Everything that a volunteer or foster needs to know is provided to them through the many training sessions facilitated by TLC. In 2019, over **12** Volunteer Training Sessions were conducted to educate volunteers on topics such as understanding various breed personalities, basic obedience and teaching your dog/foster skills such as “sit”, “down”, appropriate play and handling, grooming tips, breed characteristics and natural instincts....and many more topics.

The best part about TLC fosters and volunteers is the community and bond that is shared....and yes, LOT of fun times, and an abundance of dog kisses and snuggles!



# TLC Rescue – Corporate Sponsors

- In 2019, TLC Rescue was fortunate enough to have partnered with 22 Corporate Sponsors that generously donated **\$15,000** in funds to support TLC Rescue.
- TLC Rescue is promoting all corporate sponsors at our two largest annual fundraising events, Raffles for Ruffs in the Spring and Miles for Mutts in the Fall, as well as at Meet & Greets.
- Sponsorship levels range from \$250.00 to \$3000.00 and advertising increases with the higher sponsorship levels.
- TLC Rescue is always seeking additional corporate sponsors and welcomes the opportunity to work with new organizations in 2020. For additional sponsorship information please contact: [info@tlcrescuepa.com](mailto:info@tlcrescuepa.com)

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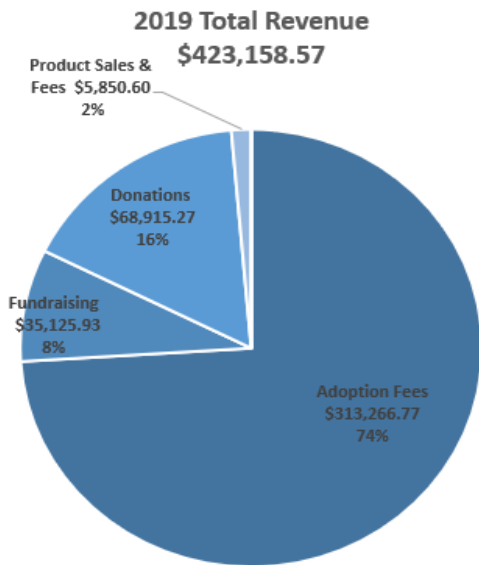
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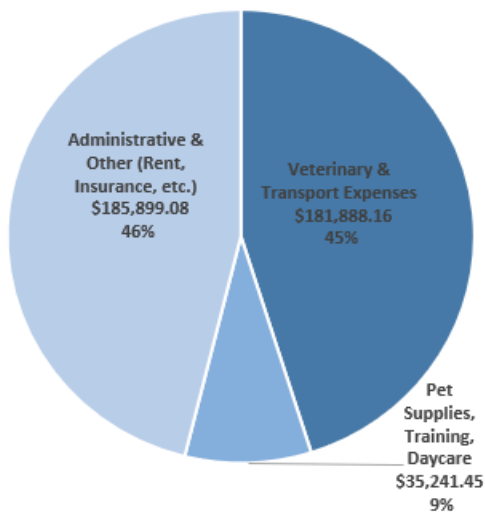


# 2019 TLC Rescue FINANCIAL SUMMARY

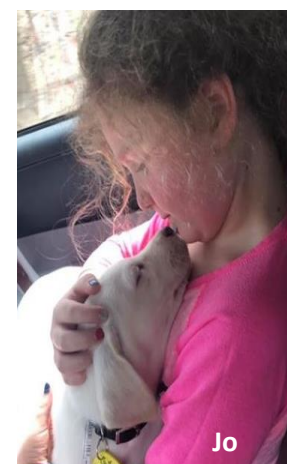


Note: The net profit was \$96,137.16 from Adoption Fees after all associated transport, vet and medical expenses were paid.

**2019 Total Expenses**  
\$403,028.69



**Dogs Love Kids & Kids Love Dogs!**



# TLC Rescue Leadership

## Management

**Tracy Long**  
Executive Director

**April Robinson**  
Marketing & Events Director

**Lisa Casamento**  
Business Manager

**Jennifer Catrambone**  
Mini Paws Jr. Volunteer Program Director

**Erin McGinnis**  
Adoptions Director

**Tricia Gonci**  
Foster & Volunteer Director



## Board of Directors

**Tracy Long, President**  
Executive Director & Founder of To Love a Canine Rescue, Inc.

**Jeffrey Boehmer, Treasurer**  
Chief Financial Officer, Crompco

**Jeri Wagner, Secretary**  
Canine Behavioral Therapist & Certified Dog Trainer

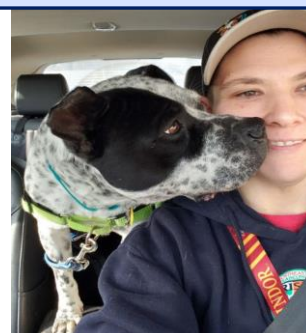
**Shannon Stanek, DVM**  
Owner, Exton Vet Clinic  
President, The Ferdy Fund

**Linda DeSantis**  
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**Rachel H. Mckay**  
Board Member

**M. Bobbie Kalia**  
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*Dooley arrived off transport not with a security blanket, but with a security bowl! We embrace all rescue personalities!*





# Keep in Touch with TLC Rescue PA



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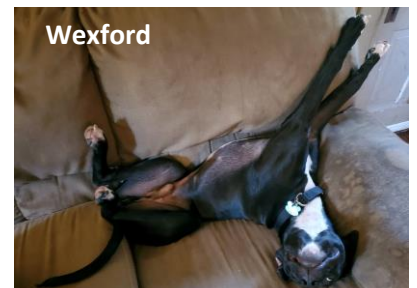


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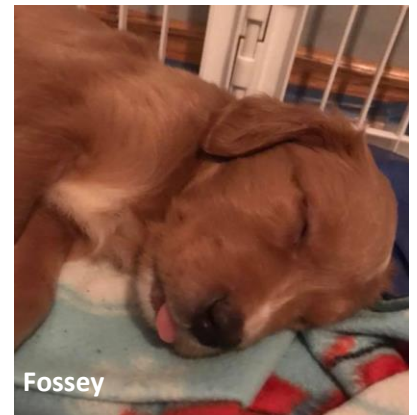


*There's a deep sleep that only comes on the first night out of the shelter. As he settles in, he gives a great big sigh, like a weight has been lifted off his shoulders. Then he sleeps deeper than he ever has knowing he's safe. You get a lump in your throat as you realize how close he came. Now, he's safe. Forever. Because you fostered*

**Together, we will make a difference and continue to save many more dogs lives**



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