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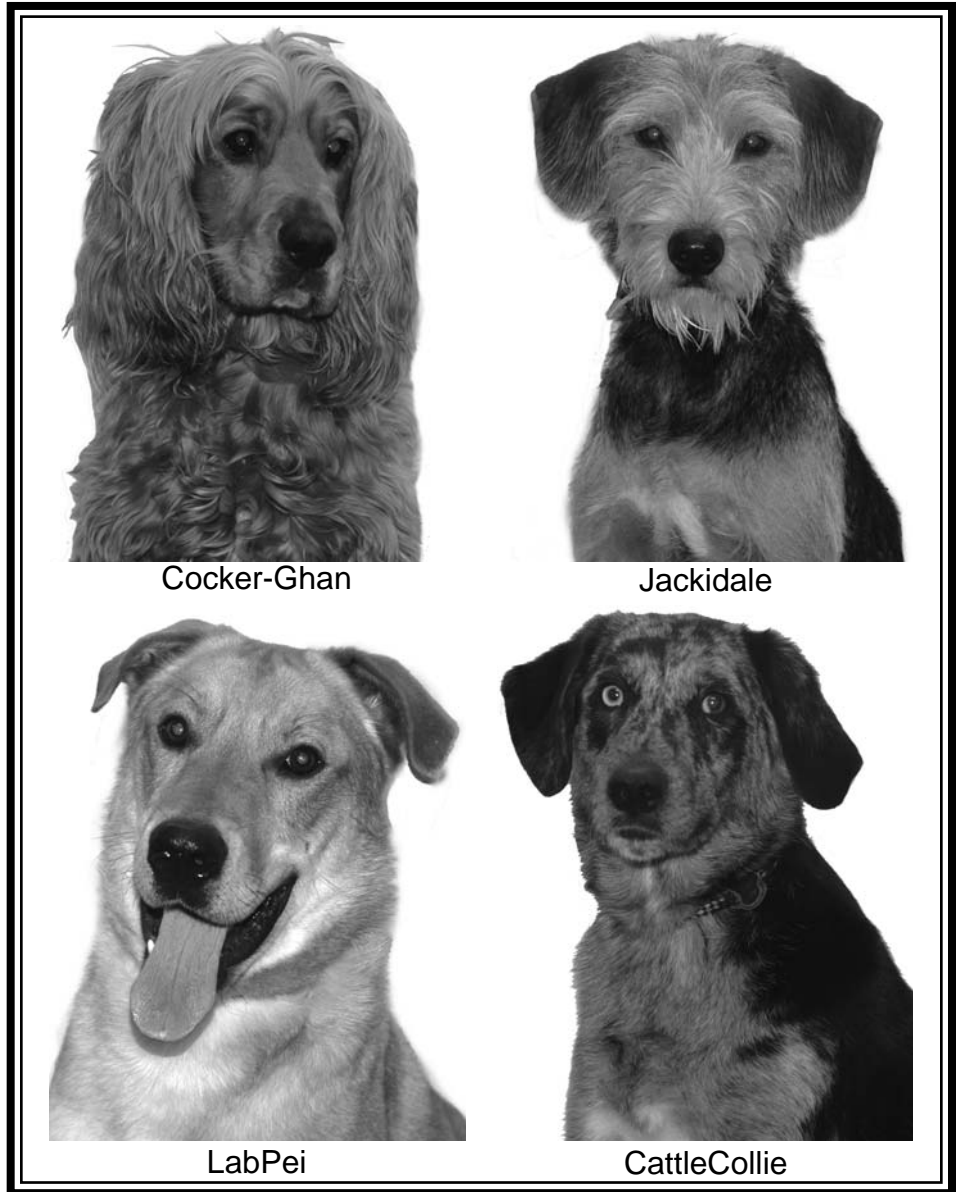
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## Pre-owned Hybrids

*“Craze or  
Just Plain Crazy?”*

Marianne Sikora

Do they use less fuel? You bet they do. A couple scoops of kibble and a biscuit a day keeps our pre-owned hybrids up and running. After ten plus years in rescue/shelter work I have to giggle each time I see someone fork over \$1200+ for the latest craze of hybrid dog. These exotic breeds have existed forever and better yet can be adopted for \$29.50 at the town of North Hempstead Animal shelter, as well as multiple shelters across



Cocker-Ghan

Jackidale

LabPei

CattleCollie

Local shelters - home of the original Hybrids

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The Shelter Connection is a volunteer organization at the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter. Our Mission, in partnership with the Town, is to improve the quality of life for dogs at the shelter and increase the adoptions through training and socialization. A secondary mission is public education to shift the public perception about shelters and dispel the myth that shelter dogs are “damaged goods.”

*The shelter is located at 75 Marino Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050*

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the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter.  
All contributions are fully tax-deductible.

# Meet the Breeds day

Denise Waters

Do you have what it takes to live with a bouncy Border Collie...or would you rather be chillin' with a Chow? Join us for our second Meet the Breeds Rescue Day.

Meet the fabulous folk who give so much of their time (and money) to rescue dogs in need. Meet some of their dogs! Meet pure breed rescue groups that truly KNOW their breed and will help you make an informed decision about what dog truly fits your lifestyle! Pet stores, newspapers and back yard breeders are the WORST place to get a dog. Find the dog of your dreams, the breed you always wanted from a rescue or a shelter. These resources have the same dogs for which you would pay thousands of dollars for a fraction of that cost. Best of all, by talking to the people who KNOW these breeds, you just may find that that cute little Jack Russell Terrier you dreamed of is way more energy than you can live with! We will also host a training/behavior table to help answer some of your questions. This is a day of learning and education for all, as well as just plain fun. COME JOIN US!

## MEET THE BREEDS RESCUE DAY

### NORTH HEMPSTEAD ANIMAL SHELTER

75 MARINO AVENUE

PORT WASHINGTON, NY

516.944.8220

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 (RAIN DATE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14)

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The Shelter Connection would like to offer their deepest condolences to Julie, Martin and Emma Nixon on the loss of their beloved pal Penny. If you remember back a couple issues Julie had written a wonderful Happy Tails about Penny. They opened their hearts and their homes to a Golden Girl and gave her the best two years that a dog could hope for. Thank you guys for making a difference in a senior dog's life.

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The Shelter Connection would like to offer their deepest condolences to Ruth Ross on the loss of her beloved Keri. We all will always remember Keri as our ambassador. She attended many of our events, sitting on her table, helping to raise funds for The Shelter Connection. We will miss her. We are happy to say that Ruth has opened her heart to her next great love, a rescue dog in need named Joy. Proof perfect that love does live on.

# A Senior Moment turns into a Senior Fiesta! Five Golden gals and guys find love!

Sue Hassett



**GRETA:** 10 year old Mend-A-Paw Beagle. She seemed to melt every time you touched her. Greta loved people and dogs and wanted attention, attention, attention. A secret admirer, Lisa, inquired about her from the website. Each week Greta was shown to potential adopters, but no takers. Her age seemed to be the issue. Lisa finally realized that Greta was meant to be hers and added her to her family which included two other Shelter dogs, Gabby and Freckles. We are told everyone is doing well and the CAT is still in charge!



**CONNIE:** She came to the Shelter skin and bones and barely hanging on. A senior citizen failed by the world. The Shelter staff and volunteers made it their mission to give her the love and affection she was missing. Connie was adopted by an elderly woman who loved her and walked with her everyday. Connie's companion became ill and hospitalized and Connie was brought back to the Shelter. She was plump and healthy and we knew a new friend was out there for her. A lovely woman came to the Shelter looking for dog company. She met Connie and knew they would make a great team. Connie is living in Port Washington, strolling the streets with her lady and enjoying the life she so

**Furry Murray:** Murray was with us for awhile. He was wonderful but it can be tough to place older dogs. He finally found love in the hearts of one of our volunteer's family. The best part is we will get to see him all the time!



**LUCY:** Michelle is Lucy's new owner. She is a Sophomore in High School and never owned a dog. She was allowed to pick ANY dog she wanted. Lucy, 11 year old Jack Russell Mix, caught her eye on a visit to the Shelter with her mother. Lucy was left at the Shelter by her owners who were TOO busy to care for her. Michelle seemed to know instantly Lucy and her could be great friends. Michelle and her family soon convinced the Shelter Director to part with Lucy, her constant shadow. Lucy now has a full time loving family to look after. Michelle is an extraordinary young woman who has maturity and compassion way beyond her years.



**GRAMMY:** You couldn't meet her and not smile! She craved attention and loved to be touched. Two ladies came to the Shelter looking for a companion for their friend. Before they even met her they commented on her BEAUTY from a picture. Grammy won them over with her soft eyes and beautiful soul. We are told she is spoiled EVERYDAY.



the United States. People have become obsessed with these expensive mix of breeds, enough so that they are skipping a mortgage payment to take one home. The interesting thing is - and I don't point this out often for fear of bodily harm - they are paying top dollar .... for mutts!! Mutts are my favorite breed of dog so I am not knocking them in any way shape or form but let's think about it - when you were growing up and Mr. Smith's Golden Retriever escaped and found love in the paws of Mrs. Jones's poodle - the result was... a mutt. Unless of course you slap a tremendous dollar sign on them and call them Golden Doodles!.

I thought it was time to introduce the public to the wonderful hybrids we have adopted out over the years for \$29.50 at the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter. I am a great fan of the Heinz 57 hybrids these crosses create. They are more exotic looking, better behaviorally balanced and more importantly tend to live longer healthier lives. Next time you have the urge to hand over a month's salary for a designer mutt make sure you check out your local shelters first. Shelters are the original hybrid headquarters and will help you save a bunch of money, but better yet, you get to save a life.



Pugx'er



Huskita



Auskie



Dalmuttion



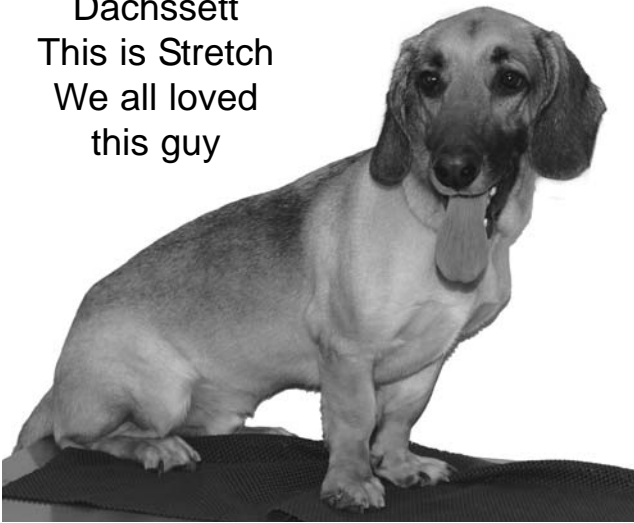
Sharstiff



Pointmation

Visit your local shelters  
**THE ORIGINAL  
HYBRID HEADQUARTERS**

Dachssett  
This is Stretch  
We all loved  
this guy



Truman  
the  
Great Bassett



Gordon St Charles

Golden  
Doodle



Husk-huahua

# Please help us help the dogs at our local shelter

Yes, I want to help improve the quality of life for the dogs at the Town of North Hempstead Animal Shelter. Enclosed is my gift to support The Shelter Connection:

\$100     \$50     \$25     \$15     \$10     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to : The Shelter Connection and mail to: **The Shelter Connection**

**P.O.BOX 226  
Greenvale, NY 11548**

If you wish to be notified about events please send your email address.  
Your donation is fully tax-deductible and will be acknowledged with a receipt.  
100% of your donation will be applied directly to program services

# “Happy Tails”

Be it ever so humble - there's no place like home



We've been meaning to drop you a letter with a “grown up” version of Brady, one of Daisy's pups. His name is Brady but he should be called Mr. But-in-ski. He always wants to be where the action is. He is healthy, smart, strong and independent thanks to the great start you guys gave him. He's pals with every shape and size dog who comes over to play. His buddies are a Bull Mastiff, Great Dane/Boxer, Golden Retriever, Yorkie, Jack Russell but his heart is with “Anna”, a spotted hound. As always we spread the word that you have the **BEST SHELTER** on Long Island.



We adopted Bandit from your shelter. You advised us that he was a bit of a wild-child. You were right! He is a nutty adolescent. And he fits right in! After several lost rolls of toilet paper, a bunch of other chewed up items, & an epic struggle for “leader of the pack” he has become a true member of our family. He is a **WONDERFUL** watchdog & protector of HIS 2 older boys ages 3 and 10 years. He is wonderful with our newest son (3 months) & loves to wash his face when he is done eating. Hey, the baby doesn't mind.

**Thanks again for adding to our family.**



Next week we will celebrate the one year anniversary of Maddie joining our family! Maddie has really filled in and grown a lot since we adopted her. She loves her walks and playing fetch in the yard. She is the baby of our family and our three daughters love her! We visited almost every shelter on Long Island to find the perfect dog for our family. Thank you for giving her a second chance and completing our family.

**Thank you to all the folks who have welcomed our dogs into their homes and hearts. We are forever grateful.**

## Come meet these wonderful dogs!



“Garth”



“Hondu”



“Hazel”



**"Nyla"**  
**Adult Female**

Nyla has come so far since she has been with us. She is an energetic girl who needs someone to continue to teach her to love life.



**"Dora"**  
**Adult Female**

This sweet girl is so unique. Her energetic spirit and love of life will capture your heart.



**"Rufus"**  
**Adult Male - Boxer**

Rufus and his sister came in together. Bella has found her new family but Rufus is still waiting for a new home and someone to play ball with.



**"Buddy"**  
**Young Male**

Chocolate Lab who is a sweet and gentle people friendly guy who needs to be your one and only pet.

## Getting Your Dog Back Home Safely

Nancy Morrie

### Microchip Identification Systems for Pets

Have you updated your pet's microchip contact information recently? Remember to notify your microchip company if you have moved or changed phone numbers. Be sure you have an alternate contact person and phone number on record. Notify your company immediately if your pet gets lost, and review the information on file.

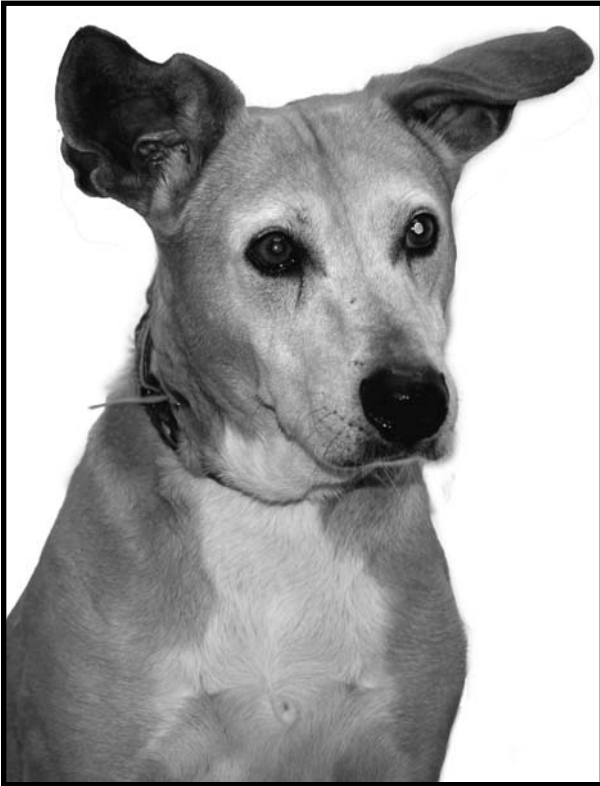
Do you know how your microchip company handles Lost and Found reports? Some companies may not take Finder information when they receive a Found pet call. Some companies may not notify you that a Found call came in on your pet. Ask your company what the policies are regarding sharing information with Finders and Lost Pet owners.

The best I.D. for your pet is still a collar with a tag showing your name and phone number. Microchips can help your pet get home ONLY if they end up in a facility (shelter or animal hospital) that can scan for the different brands of microchips.

AVID 1-800-336-2843

Home Again 1-866-738-4324

24 hr. Pet Watch 1-866-597-2424



Pedigree Dobrador

## Sweet Senior Charlotte

Charlotte is one of our special Golden Girls. She is hoping with all her heart to join the party with her senior friends on page 3. She is a gentle sweet girl with so much love left to give in this lifetime. Mend-a-Paw stepped in and fixed her eyes and removed a cyst from her tail. She is all washed, waxed and shined and ready to complete your family.

The Volunteers at the shelter have shared their lives with animals for as many as 16 years and as little as 5 months. We have learned love is not measured in years. Quality will always rule over quantity. We hope and pray for both but sometimes that is not in the stars. We know in our hearts that at the end of the day, we have made a difference in the life of a dog.

Join the family of pet lovers who have discovered the wonderful world of Senior dogs - join the fiesta!

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**When Molly's family adopted her their biggest concern was "how she would react to their cats". As you can see it has created quite the problem in their home. Unfortunately now the entire family has to sit on the floor!.**

