



# The Rottie Report

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## MEET OUR DOGS!

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### RRUFF's Jumpin' Jayda Bean (#17)



Say HELLO to one of the silliest, goofiest, hysterical, cutest girlies we've ever had the pleasure of fostering! Now, don't get me wrong, it hasn't always been peaches and cream with her - she had a few obstacles to overcome before she blossomed - but WOW .. what fun she is to have around!

Jayda is NOT a dog for a couch potato family - or even a half couch potato family. She NEEDS an active household that will include her in their activities as much as they can. Like to run or walk? Jayda is an excellent exercise companion. She currently gets 2 walks per day, averaging 2 miles each, at a pretty fast pace - then a game of frisbee (about 5 minutes worth!) and then we sometimes do a little obedience work. She is a much happier dog when she gets rid of her excess energy.

**To learn more about Jayda and Maggie and their other RRUFF friends looking for homes, be sure to visit our website at [www.rruff.org](http://www.rruff.org) and click on Adoptable Dogs!**

### Maggie (#16)

Maggie is presently being fostered in MA with two male Rottweilers and one female Rottweiler mix. She accepts correction wonderfully from her eldest foster brother and enjoys playing like a wild woman with her foster sister. Maggie's favorite games with her foster sis are chase and tug with stuffed animals.

Maggie is continuing to work on her reactive behaviors in foster care. She now responds well to correction which allows Maggie to be refocused into positive behaviors when uncomfortable. Maggie is an absolutely fun and enjoyable puppy but requires a special adopter. Maggie is seeking a family who has experience with behavior problems, is firm but fair, will enjoy ongoing obedience courses and has the time to get Maggie out for fun socialization.



# **Stuff You Should Know**

## **Is Your Dog a Canine Good Citizen®?**

Started in 1989, CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

All dogs, including both purebred and mixed breed dogs are welcome to participate in the AKC's Canine Good Citizen® (CGC) Program Sponsored by K9 Advantix®. Dogs must be old enough to have received necessary immunizations such as rabies vaccines. Owners will sign the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge attesting to having the dog under the routine care of a veterinarian who will work with the owner to determine an appropriate plan and schedule for vaccines and other health care procedures.

There is no age limit for the CGC test. A dog is never too old to be a good citizen. Puppies who have completed all immunizations and boosters may be tested, however, because it has been known that behavior and temperament can change over time, when puppies pass the CGC test, owners should have them re-tested as adults.

Some dogs who are entered in CGC tests will have completed CGC classes or basic obedience classes. Owners who have trained their dogs themselves may also have their dogs tested. Clubs and training programs in almost every city can provide CGC training to owners and dogs who need to learn a few more skills before taking the test.

The 10-step test consists of real life situations and stimuli to test your dogs ability to behave appropriately in the community.

Some homeowner's insurance companies are now issuing insurance to owner's of previously prohibited breed's of dogs if the dog has passed the Canine Good Citizen® test.

RRUFF has hosted Canine Good Citizen® tests for the public at events. Check our website listing of upcoming events for a Canine Good Citizen® test in your area [www.rruff.org](http://www.rruff.org).

The American Kennel Club, a not-for-profit organization established in 1884, maintains a purebred dog registry, sanctions dog events and promotes responsible dog ownership.

Visit [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) for more information about the American Kennel Club and the Canine Good Citizen® Program.

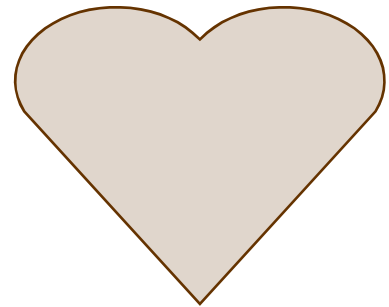
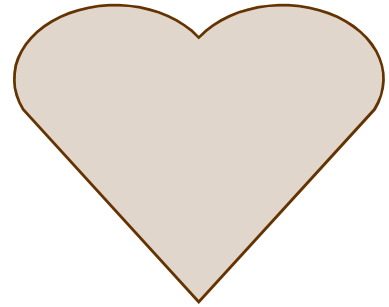


# YUMMY TREATS FOR YOUR BEST FRIEND!!

## **Paw Lickin' Chicken**

3 cups white flour  
1 cup chicken broth  
1 egg  
¼ cup yellow cornmeal  
4 tablespoons softened margarine  
1 tablespoon milk

Preheat oven to 325°. Combine flour, cornmeal, chicken broth and margarine. Knead dough for 3 minutes. Apply a light layer of flour to rolling surface and pin. Roll dough to ¼" thickness and stamp out with cookie cutters. Beat egg and milk together and apply to the top of the biscuits with a brush. Place on un-greased cookie sheet. Bake at 325° for 35 minutes. Makes 2 dozen (I usually double this recipe to use the entire can of chicken broth up).

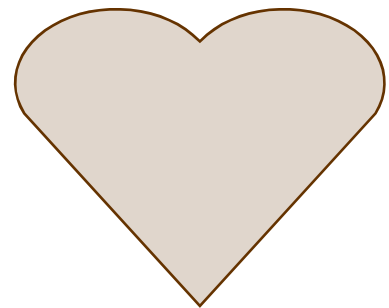


## **Garlick and Cheese**

1 ½ cups shredder cheddar cheese  
1 ½ cups whole wheat flour  
¼ cup milk  
½ cup softened margarine  
1 clove of minced garlic\*

\* 1 teaspoon garlic powder may be substituted, or I buy fresh minced in a jar

Preheat oven to 375°. Cream together cheese and margarine. Add flour, garlic and milk. Mold mixture into ball and roll dough to ¼" thickness. Cut dough with cookie cutters and place on un-greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for 20 minutes or until the edges start to brown. Makes 1 ½ dozen.



## Top Ten Reasons to Adopt a Rescue Dog!

10. **In a Word--Housebroken.** With most family members gone during the work week for 8 hours or more, housetraining a puppy and its small bladder can take awhile. Puppies need a consistent schedule with frequent opportunities to eliminate where you want them to. They can't wait for the boss to finish his meeting or the kids to come home from after school activities. An older dog can "hold it" much more reliably for longer time periods, and usually the rescue group has him housebroken before he is adopted.
9. **Intact Underwear.** With a chewy puppy, you can count on at least 10 mismatched pairs of socks and a variety of unmentionables rendered to the "rag bag" before he cuts every tooth. And don't even think about shoes! Also, you can expect holes in your carpet (along with the urine stains), pages missing from books, stuffing exposed from couches, and at least one dead remote control. No matter how well you watch them, it will happen--this is a puppy's job! An older dog can usually have the run of the house without destroying it.
8. **A Good Night's Sleep.** Forget the alarm clocks and hot water bottles, a puppy can be very demanding at 2am and 4am and 6am. He misses his littermates, and that stuffed animal will not make a puppy pile with him. If you have children, you've been there and done that. How about a little peace and quiet? How about an older rescue dog??
7. **Finish the Newspaper.** With a puppy running amok in your house, do you think you will be able to relax when you get home from work? Do you think your kids will really feed him, clean up the messes, take him for a walk in the pouring rain every hour to get him housetrained? With an adult dog, it will only be the kids running amok, because your dog will be sitting calmly next to you, while your workday stress flows away and your blood pressure lowers as you pet him.
6. **Easier Vet Trips.** Those puppies need their series of puppy shots and fecal tests, then their rabies shot, then a trip to be altered, maybe an emergency trip or two if they've chewed something dangerous. Those puppy visits can add up (on top of what you paid for the dog!). Your donation to the rescue when adopting an older pup should get you a dog with all shots current, already altered, heartworm negative and on preventative at the mini mum.
5. **What You See Is What You Get.** How big will that puppy be? What kind of temperament will he have? Will he be easily trained? Will his personality be what you were hoping for? How active will he be? When adopting an older dog from a rescue, all of those questions are easily answered. You can pick large or small; active or couch potato; goofy or brilliant; sweet or sassy. The rescue and its foster homes can guide you to pick the right match. (Rescues are full of puppies who became the wrong match as they got older!)

4. **Unscarred Children (and Adults).** When the puppy isn't teething on your possessions, he will be teething on your children and yourself. Rescues routinely get calls from panicked parents who are sure their dog is biting the children. Since biting implies hostile intent and would be a consideration whether to accept a "give-up", Rescue Groups ask questions and usually find out the dog is being nippy. Parents are often too emotional to see the difference; but a growing puppy is going to put everything from food to clothes to hands in their mouths, and as they get older and bigger it definitely hurts (and will get worse, if they aren't being corrected properly.) Most older dogs have "been there, done that, moved on."
3. **Matchmaker Make Me a Match.** Puppy love is often no more than an attachment to a look or a color. It is not much of a basis on which to make a decision that will hopefully last 15+ years. While that puppy may have been the cutest of the litter; he may grow up to be super-active (when what you wanted was a couch buddy); she may be a couch princess (when what you wanted was a tireless hiking companion); he may want to spend every waking moment in the water (while you're a landlubber); or she may want to be an only child (while you are intending to have kids or more animals). Pet mis-matches are one of the top reasons Rescues get "give-up" phone calls. Good rescues do extensive evaluating of both their dogs and their applicants to be sure that both dog and family will be happy with each other until death do them part.
2. **Instant Companion.** With an older dog, you automatically have a buddy that can go everywhere and do everything with you NOW. There's no waiting for a puppy to grow up (and then hope he will like to do what you enjoy.) You will have been able to select the most compatible dog: one that travels well; one that loves to play with your friends' dogs; one with excellent house manners that you can take to your parents' new home with the new carpet and the new couch. You can come home after a long day's work and spend your time on a relaxing walk, ride or swim with your new best friend (rather than cleaning up after a small puppy.)
1. **Bond--Rescue Dog Bond.** Dogs who have been uprooted from their happy homes or have not had the best start in life are more likely to bond very completely and deeply with their new people. Those who have lost their families through death, divorce or lifestyle change go through a terrible mourning process. But, once attached to a new loving family, they seem to want to please as much as possible to make sure they are never homeless again. Those dogs that are just learning about the good life and good people seem to bond even deeper. They know what life on the streets, life on the end of a chain, or worse is all about, and they revel and blossom in a nurturing, loving environment. Most rescues make exceptionally affectionate and attentive pets and extremely loyal companions.

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# Upcoming

## RRUFF EVENTS!

### **PET ROCK FESTIVAL**

**Sunday, September 10, 2006** (rain date Sept. 17th)  
Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester, MA  
NOON to 5 PM

**Details:** Some of the activities include: Blue Dog Frisbee Group, Cat Photo Contest, Dog Contests, food vendors, Raffle Table, Giggles the Clown, Booksigning with Jonathan Balcombe, Ph.D., Gemini Dog Training, Weston Whirlwinds Flyball Team and more!

### **AKC Responsible Dog Owners Day**

**Saturday, September 16, 2006**  
Best Friends Pet Resort, Tyngsboro, MA  
11 AM to 4 PM

**Details:** CGC testing, and there will be lots of games and contests such as bobbing for treats, "Rover Says", tricks contests, costume contest, and other silly fun games.

### **The 15th Annual CT Pet Show**

**Saturday, October 28 & Sunday, October 29, 2006**  
Connecticut Expo Center, Hartford, CT  
11 AM to 6 PM both days

**Details:** RRUFF will be located at Booth #1010.  
Visit <http://www.osbornejenks.com/ctpet.html> for detailed information and schedule.



Come and see some RRUFF dogs at an upcoming event, learn about our program, speak with some volunteers and meet some dogs looking for homes. You can find out how you can help by donating, volunteering, fostering or adopting a dog.

Our most immediate needs are donations to fund our operations and volunteer foster homes to house dogs while awaiting placement.

*Left: Jayda RRUFF #17, Sasha RRUFF #19 and Eddie RRUFF #13 in front of an informational booth for RRUFF at Paws in the Park 2006 an event held in Massachusetts.*

Check it out!!

# RRUFF STOCK 2006

June 17, 2006

**WHAT** - RRUFF Stock is fundraiser to benefit rescue.

**WHERE** - The 2006 event was held in Oxford, CT. The 2007 event will be held somewhere in New England .

**WHO** - Anyone and everyone passionate about helping the dogs! Whether you have a rottie or not, all breeds are welcome! This year we had an agility fun course, a silent auction, and food! We were lucky enough to have some very generous donors - including Waggin Tails, Drs Foster & Smith, Hillhouse Naturals (incredible line of dog care products!), Oma's Pride, Canidae, BARK Magazine, West Paw Design (really cool toys!), and Once Upon A Dog (all natural dog treats). Because of the generosity of these donors, RRUFF was able to raise over \$400 through the silent auction.

***Don't miss out on the fun ... check the website regularly for information on where RRUFF Stock will be next spring ... until then, come see us everywhere else!***



Auction items and merchandise for sale to benefit the dogs!



Fun, games and tricks for all!



Fun & games for the dogs!