

Happy Tails from 2012



Charlie III – From “At Large” to At Home

(fka Woody II)

March 11, 2012 – April 4, 2012



Charlie (fka Woody) was taken to a shelter after he was found running at large. A CWVRG volunteer picked him up and his new life began!

Charlie was estimated to be approximately 1 ½ years old. While nothing was known of his background, he was quickly found to be a very happy dog. He was a joy to foster and CWVRG wanted to make sure he went to the perfect family.

Lucky for Charlie, his forever person Mary had recently decided she was ready for a loving Vizsla companion. Many in Mary's family have Vizslas and Mary wanted her own. She went through the adoption application process and, once approved, she waited patiently for the perfect dog to come along - and he did! That perfect dog was Charlie. When they met it was love at first sight. Mary thought Charlie was a good looking boy and laughed as he ran around the yard with his tongue hanging out. After some practice leash work Mary and Charlie headed home. Charlie has a number of Vizsla family members to play with and he and Mary enjoy going on long walks together. Mary is very happy with Charlie and can't imagine life without him. Things are going really well overall!

Mary writes: “Charlie is doing great on his new leash! We walk and he doesn't pull at all! I think we ran about 3/4 of a mile today! He is a little tentative meeting strangers on our walk, but he is doing well. He will meet his cousin tomorrow. My sister's trainer is going to help introduce them. Thanks for all of your mentorship! I really appreciate it!”

Tamsin – A puppy for Aimee & Gregg!

(fka Rose)

February 11, 2012 – February 27, 2012

Hello, my name is Tamsin (fka Rose). I am 3 ½ months old. My owner wasn't able to find buyers for me and my siblings so CWVRG came to the rescue! The wonderful people at CWVRG readily accepted us because they had applicants who wanted puppies. And, guess what... we all found homes almost immediately (after we finished playing with the vet)!! I found my forever home with Aimee & Gregg. What a great home, I even have children to play with! How great is that? - Tamsin



Lara – Learning to be a Dog Again

(fka Nora)

January 9, 2012 – April 9, 2012



Hey there, my name is Lara, but it used to be Nora. I am about 2 ½ years old and a purebred Vizsla. I have been CWVRG before and I was adopted, but my dad accepted a job in Afghanistan and his brother could not keep me due to loss of his home. So, I came back to Rita, the nice lady that fostered me before.

This time I was a real challenge (her words, not mine). She said I needed to “learn to be a dog again”. You see, my dad’s brother let me do just about anything I wanted to do and fed me beef & chicken instead of dog food. Why should I eat dog food when I was getting steak and rotisserie chicken? He let me sleep in bed with him, too. What a life!!!!

With Rita at the helm, the transformation back to dog life began! First, I had to get used to eating and sleeping in a crate... what a bummer. Then I had to learn to get along with her household dogs & cats. I also started eating dog food. (I forgot it tasted so good!) I even started gaining weight, which was great! I had lost a lot of weight on my previous diet. One thing I really like best of all is being with my people.

By April, Rita believed I was just about ready to be adopted. I knew I was ready to have my own family.

My new mom Hannah sent this update to Rita:

“Lara seems to be adjusting to her new environment. She is still is being stubborn when it's time to eat but eventually she comes around. Even though she is being stubborn with eating at times, she is eating much better than the 1st week with us. Lara learned very quickly to stay off the furniture and the bed. She does not like the vinegar spray bottle. She knows when bedtime is and goes to her bed (crate) quickly. Lara met some new people this weekend and she did very well. She was very gentle and the people just kept saying "Lara is so sweet." Lara sure does like being around people; then more people can throw the ball to me.

Lara does not like when Derek leaves the house and gets very whiny. She is also staying out of kitchen when we are cooking dinner and sits outside the kitchen watching us. Lara is slowly



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experimenting with the pond by our house. She has dipped her paws in the pond and seems to like it. I think as the weather continues to warm up she might continue to explore this area.

Lara seems to be adjusting to her new home environment better and better. And we sure do love having her in our home. – Hannah & Derek

I think I am going like this “dog life” thing! – Lara

Talos - I found my family!

(fka Cherokee II)

January 13, 2012 – January 27, 2012

Hi, my name is Talos! I used to be called Cherokee. I am a 3 month old purebred Vizsla. My owners could not afford to keep my brothers & sisters anymore, so they called CWVRG for help. A real nice lady named Teila came and got us. After we were checked out by the nice vet, we were ready for our next adventure... a new permanent home!

I'm so happy that I found my home with Ohmee. She has a nice family with a dad and children. I am having a lot of fun with my new family. - Talos

Scotch – Scotch and Soda, Anyone?

(fka Shawnie)

October 11, 2012 – November 19, 2012

Hello everyone. My name is Scotch (fka Shawnie) and I am a purebred Vizsla about 1 year old. My foster mom named me Shawnie and my adopted mom named me Scotch. My brother Marco and I were having a great time running around the countryside, chasing rabbits & other varmints when animal control caught up with us. We were split up into different foster homes because they thought it would be better for us. It was fun in foster care. I got some really good food and didn't have to hunt for it!

Soon I was ready to go to my new home and I was adopted by a real nice lady, Courtney. I really like her and she likes me, too. She takes me on walks every day and that is really fun. I get to see and smell new things every day. I am also going to school, obedience school that is. I get to learn new things and fun tricks. Did I mention that I have a new sister? Her name is Soda... I guess that's why they changed my name to Scotch. Happy, happy, happy, that is me.
– Scotch



Skylr – I love Russ even if he isn't a Vizsla!

February 11, 2012 – March 3, 2012

Skylr here. I am 3 ½ months old. My owner was not able to find buyers for me and my siblings, so CWVRG came to the rescue! A nice lady called Rita made arrangements for me and my siblings to be taken directly to a local vet hospital to make sure we were healthy enough to go to foster homes. We are so lucky to have people like Rita and our other friends at CWVRG helping us find forever homes.

I found my forever home with Bill & Mary. I even have a big brother, Russ! He is not a Vizsla, but that is ok. I like playing with him. - Skylr

Hugo – Smelling a Great Life!

(fka Sydney II)

January 13, 2012 – March 10, 2012



Hi, my name is Hugo (fka Sydney II). I am 3 months old and a purebred Vizsla. My owners couldn't afford to keep my brothers & sisters anymore, so they called CWVRG. A real nice lady came and got us. I was a pretty sick puppy back then, so I went to a second foster home with Polly. Polly took real good care of me and got me well so I could go to my forever home with Alexess.

I really like living with Alexess. She plays fetch with me and takes me for a lot of walks. The walks are great fun because I get to smell the neighborhood and meet the neighbor dogs. My new mom gives me lots of love and I get to cuddle with her on the couch. What a great life! - Hugo

Sami – A Hero's Dog gets a Happy Ending!

April 1, 2012 – May 26, 2012

Hello, my name is Sami. I am 6 yrs old and a purebred Vizsla. My dad had to find a home for me because he was being deployed to fight a war. He contacted CWVRG and they found a real nice lady to take care of me and get me ready for my new home. I sure was sad and missed my dad, a lot.

It didn't take very long before Sue, my foster mom, found a real good home for me. I now have an older sister companion, Greta. I am being very considerate of her because she does not walk very well. I do get to go running every day with my new "mom" and I also have human kids to play with. I am happy now. - Sami



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Piper III – A Second Furever

January 17, 2012 – March 6, 2012



Piper is such a Vizsla! Five years old, but she still has a ton of energy. She wants to be pressed up against you at all times. She wants to sit on the couch, she sleeps on the bath mat when you shower, and she's had a hard time sleeping in her crate at night instead of cuddled up in bed. She must have been crate trained before, as she will run right into her crate when you ask her to "crate up", especially if a few treats are thrown in, too! Piper's worst habit is counter surfing, but one bad habit ain't too

bad! She has excellent recall on the flexi-lead and gets ****so**** excited when she sees you pull out her leash and collar. It's very obvious that going on walks was the best part of her day with her dearly departed owner. Piper is also great with all our dogs; a 7.5 year old intact V male, 6.5 year old Toy Poodle, and a 2.5 year old intact Vizsla girl. She loves to play with all of them and curl up next to them in a dog bed. Piper is truly lucky. She has found her forever home with Dwayne & Kelly. Piper also got a bonus, she now has a brother, Sammy, to play with. - Rita

Penelope Pickle – And Her New Family

(fka Scarlett)

February 11, 2012 – February 22, 2012

Hello, my name is Penelope Pickle, but people call me Penny. I am a 3 ½ month old purebred Vizsla. My owners could not find buyers for me and my siblings, so they contacted CWVRG for help. The nice people at CWVRG took us immediately to the vet to make sure we were healthy and get us ready for our forever homes. I went to a very nice foster home and was immediately adopted by Robert, April and their son. They have a dog buddy for me. At least I think it is a dog, it is really funny looking. Anyway, he is someone to play with. - Penny

Copper III – From Surrender to Furever

February 10, 2012 – March 5, 2012

Copper III is a 7 month old purebred Vizsla surrendered to a shelter. The shelter notified CWVRG and we picked him up. He was surrendered because his owner was moving and couldn't take him along. Being a pup, he was adopted very quickly. He found his forever home with Jackie & Casey.



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Daisy II – Not Nervous Anymore!

February 2, 2012 – March 20, 2012



Daisy is a 4 year old purebred Vizsla who was surrendered by her owners for being nervous and clingy. Her sibling pointer had died in the past year and it turned Daisy's world upside down. The owners knew another dog would help her but they were in no position to add another dog to the family as they had a new baby on the way. They tried unsuccessfully for nearly a year to find the right home for Daisy. Luckily for Daisy, one of the CWVRG volunteers got an email about her, contacted the family and arranged to pick her up.

Daisy came to our home and exhibited none of the anxieties that we had been told about. Of course, in fairness to her former owners, there were six other dogs and three cats in our home! Daisy proved to be a very well-behaved dog. She is energetic outside and enjoys running around but, in the house she is very calm and just wants to lay next to us and be petted and loved on. CWVRG already had the perfect family in mind for Daisy. They have a 5-year old female Vizsla and were looking for a like-aged female to add to their family. It was a perfect match!

Chris says Daisy is, "soooooooo perfect and it feels like she has always been with us. Miss Daisy has fit into our family like a thread in fabric." Chris remarks that Daisy and her sister Vizsla, Gabby, do the "butt scootin' boogey" around the yard then collapse in sheer bliss and exhaustion. She adds, "We have been blessed with her in our life. Gabby feels blessed, too. She has a sister she loves."

To use Chris's words "Miss Daisy-doodle is now a pampered V, getting hugs, loves, good girls and kind words of praise." That's the kind of stories we like to hear! Way to go Chris, Daisy and Gabby! We're so happy for you! - Teila

Marley II – The Bird Watching Vizsla

July 18, 2012 – August 14, 2012

Marley II is a 4 ½ yr old purebred Vizsla who came into rescue as a casualty of the bad economy. Her owners had to relocate due to employment conditions. They tried to keep Marley



and her sister, but one had to go and it was Marley. Her owners were deeply saddened by this tough decision. Marley had a tough couple of days during the adjustment from her family home to her foster home. After several days she decided that this was not such a bad deal, after all. She had Valerie to take care of her almost 24/7 and a couple of nice Vizslas to play with. A hidden perk, Valerie also rescues parrots & other birds. Even though Marley could not help herself to the birds, it was fun watching them. Valerie says "I just really see her as one very unique special Vizsla who has found a new home where she seems happy and enjoying her time with my 2 V's."

Kyler – A Flight to Furever

January 2, 2012 – April 19, 2012

Hi all. My name is Kyler and I am about 1 ½ years old. I heard it through the grapevine that there was a place where a Vizsla could go to get food & love, so I started looking for it. Well, it turns out it isn't a place exactly. It's a group of people who love Vizslas so much they will go out of their way to take care of them. I found the key and it was at the Noah's Ark shelter... kind of a catchy name right? These people contacted CWVRG and one of their volunteers came to get me. Wow, what a trip! I got to fly in an airplane to Colorado where my foster mom picked me up. I can't say enough about this rescue organization. If any of you Vizslas out there need rescuing, find your way to CWVRG! To make a long story short, my foster mom, Debra, fell in love with me and asked to adopt me. I am now a very happy Vizsla. - Kyler

Halo – An Unexpected Service Dog Success

May 5, 2012 – July 8, 2012

I think it's safe to say that Halo has found her perfect home. It was love at first sight when Donna met Halo. Donna couldn't get over how beautiful and gentle Halo was. Halo couldn't believe someone could love and need her so much. Halo has become an incredible caregiver to Donna. Lois, Donna's daughter, once had to spend 8 to 10 hours a day with her mother to help her get chores done and make sure she was ok. Since Halo took over the role as "primary caregiver", Lois finds she only needs to spend about 2-3 hours per day helping her mom.

Halo takes her new role seriously and rarely leaves Donna's side. If one of the cats steps into the room, Halo will give chase, not in an aggressive manner, but in a hopeful, "let's play tag" sort of way. Halo has quite an extended family and they have all fallen in love with her. I think it's safe to say Halo has fallen in love with all of them as well. Halo, a dog once given no attention, is now the center of Donna & her family's universe and gets all of the attention she deserves. We couldn't be happier. More importantly, Halo couldn't be happier.



Denise fostered Halo and helped with her through the adoption process. Denise considers Halo a “remarkable dog” and shared a wonderful story that assured her Halo was in the right place. When Denise made a follow up visit Halo was very happy to see her. But, when it was time for Denise to go, Halo went to the tile entry way and stopped as if to let Denise know there was no way she was going with her... Halo was HOME!!!! “It was very clear to me when I did my follow up visit that Halo is in her perfect home. She has a job and so many people who love her, and she completely loves her family.”

Halo is a Vizsla/Heeler mix and 9 yrs old. When Halo came in, we were worried about her chance at adoption. It was providence, God’s will that she was fostered by Denise because there was a home waiting just for her. It was tailor made for her. Halo is one of the reasons we do rescue.

Copper V

(fka Zeus II)

February 9, 2012 – March 5, 2012

Hi, my name is Copper V (fka Zeus II) and I am a purebred Vizsla. I am two years old and a fun-loving cuddler. I will bring you anything I can find that I think you might want - slippers, blankets, towels, or just whatever I can find. I like other dogs and kitties, but I like my humans the most of all. I lost my first home when my mom got sick and couldn't take care of me anymore. I ended up in a shelter. But then, CWVRG came to my rescue! Then, I found my forever home with Elaine & Bob. I like to walk and I like to snuggle, but I don't really like my crate. They promise me that I won't be left in it and forgotten. I am a little bit of a cry baby when I am left alone. I really miss my former mom and don't understand what happened to her. But, thanks to Elaine and Bob, I am a very lucky & happy dog. –Copper V

Cooper IV – A Cabin for Cooper

(fka Jagger)



Jagger had been a stud dog and he came into rescue with many scars scattered across his body. He had been attacked by dogs and his owner had not sought veterinary attention for the wounds. So instead of healing properly, the wounds left many deep scars. One might think an older, scar-covered, former stud dog would be difficult to handle. But, he was none of what we imagined. As a matter of fact, while most Vizslas tend to be very loving and clingy by nature, Jagger may be one of the most loving dogs we've ever had the pleasure to foster. He is a very gentle dog and wants nothing more than to be petted, hugged and loved. We looked for just the right family for Jagger, a family who would love and treasure him as we had. We could not have asked for a better, more loving and caring family than Ken and Sue. Their son has a Vizsla, Bingo, and, after dog-sitting Bingo, they decided they were ready for their own Vizsla.



Ken and Sue wanted an older dog so, Jagger looked like he might fit the bill. Boy - did he! We emailed pictures of Jagger and they fell in love with him immediately. And when they finally met him, they knew he was the dog for them. After Jagger was adopted, he was named Cooper. Ken and Sue have nothing but wonderful things to say about Cooper. They feel as if they've always had him. Cooper fit into their life perfectly. They go for walks and they like to take him to the dog park and to their cabin. He saved them on one recent visit when he stopped, stood erect and growled in the direction of the timber. What was there that was a threat? No one knows but Cooper seemed to know there was a threat. He enjoys running off-leash in the fields and timber at the cabin and has found his favorite chair at their home. When Ken and Sue were told of a story about Jagger entertaining children at the vet clinic, Sue exclaimed "That's our Jagger!" We are so happy for Cooper. We could not have imagined a better family for him. This is what rescue is all about!

Colt – Amy & Brian’s Valentine’s Day Gift

(fka Tonto)

January 13, 2012 – February 11, 2012



Colt (fka Tonto) came into CWVRG when he was surrendered by his owner. Colt was 13 weeks old and a purebred Vizsla. The owner/breeder could not sell the pups and could not afford to keep Colt & his littermates. Luckily for Colt, puppies are adopted quickly and Colt was no exception. He found a wonderful home with Amy & Brian.

Brandi II – Snuggling into Furever!

August 17, 2012

Brandi’s forever family sent in this update on the transition to her new life:

Brandi is a total sweetheart! She doesn’t seem to have any issues with men, women, or children! She is great with our other Vizslas and Toy Poodle, too. She is relatively calm and has a great nose. She let us do her nails, scrape tons of tartar off her teeth and bathe her with minimal struggling. She didn’t care for getting her teeth brushed, so we aren’t surprised her teeth were in such poor condition.

We have taken her on several walks and are working her to be more polite on leash. You'd never know she was a Veteran from how she pulls on leash! She is the biggest snuggler! We watched a movie over the weekend and let her curl up next to us. She didn’t move an inch the entire time, so happy to be cuddled and loved on any chance she gets!

We think the only hesitation anyone would have with adopting her would be her age, but she seems to be very healthy. She’s showing almost no grey and is very well muscled. And really,



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she is just the sweetest girl. Any family would be lucky to spend any amount of time with her - and nine is pretty young!! Sure, she isn't a puppy, but really, our little Brandi is wonderful :)

Bella III – From Four Homes to Love at First Sight!

January 28, 2012

Hi, my name is Bella and I am a one year old purebred Vizsla. I was originally rescued as a puppy from a mass breeder in Kansas and after a few months at what I hoped would be my forever home, I ended up with a foster family in Casper. I am young and I am eager to learn the rules. If I get consistent structure, I am more than eager to please. I am smart and a fast learner. I am crate trained and I eat and sleep in my crate. I love people! I get a little testy if someone bugs me while I'm sleeping (unless I completely trust the person). But, once we build that trust, you can bug me all you want. I spent my first year of life in and out of four different homes, until CWVRG came to the rescue! I found my forever home with Alissa & Sergio and it was almost love at first sight. - Bella

Bartok – The Clever Clinger

(fka Sam)

March 4, 2012 - May 30, 2012

I got the call Saturday afternoon. "Can you pick up a V in Albuquerque today or tomorrow? He has to be out of the lady's house so she can get to work Monday am."

Sunday noon, I met "Sam", a stray who had been fed by this woman's friend until she decided to try to adopt him herself. That plan fell through almost immediately when he marked all the furniture in the living room and jumped the fence in the backyard. She called CWVRG for help.

Sam was the biggest Vizsla I'd ever seen. About a year old, skin over bones, and intact, his coat was dull and rough and he had scars around his eyes the vet would later attribute to mange. However tumultuous his last few days had been, he was calm, self-assured, and greeted me with the eager anticipation of meeting a new friend.

We got him home and into the foster dog room, where he immediately "claimed" the trash can and the cabinets. He learned to use the doggie door in a few tries, we fed him, played a while, double-checked that the gates were secure, and then left him to nap. A few minutes later we heard a strange, high-pitched squeaking noise at the front door.

Sure enough, Sam was on the doorstep. He waltzed in, breezed calmly past our dogs, who were frozen with surprise, and settled on the sofa. Dumbfounded, we looked at each other and asked "How did he get out of the fence?" We still don't know; however, all attempts to separate him from the family met with the same results. Sam never ran away, or even out of the yard. He ran TO the family. If the other dogs were in the back yard, Sam would find a way to be there. If we were in the house, the squeaking would tell us which door to open to let Sam in.



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We fell in love with him immediately and started talking adoption when Sam was calm and friendly with every strange dog (or person) he met. He had met the major criteria we had for a new family member – he had to be accepting of the foster dogs we planned to take in.

Three months later, Sam, now called Bartok, is getting a little bit of extra tummy from being fed too well, and still sleeps in his favorite spot on the sofa. He is mellow and well-behaved, although as a young Vizsla he does need his run every morning to keep from going bonkers. His coat is getting soft and shiny, and he happily has free run of the house with our older Vizsla, Lucy (12 years old, also a CWVRG rescue). It is like he has been here forever.

Ajax – Leaning In

(fka Coco)

June 6, 2012 – July 7, 2012



Ajax (fka Coco) is a very loving, attention requiring, Vizsla/Redfox Lab mix. He is approximately 4 year old. His foster human, Jerry shared his impressions of Ajax: “He likes laying down on a dog bed in the living room or on the carpet in the den when I’m on the computer. He has the V trait of wanting to be wherever we are. He has a thing about throw rugs: he’ll take one and drag it either outside or to another part of the house. He doesn’t chew on it or try to tear it apart; just hauls it off to leave it. He walks well on a lead; took the lead off this morning and he walked beside me the rest of the way home. He knows to go to the back yard when we arrive there; the dogs get a treat when we get back. He got out the other day when I didn’t latch the gate. He didn’t run off, but went out to the road to greet a stranger walking by; may have been checking to see it wasn’t his former owner. When I called him, he headed for the gate he came out of.”

Ajax was lucky enough to find his forever home with Christy & Colyn. Here is what Christy tells us about Ajax fitting in with their family: “It’s going well. Ajax, is adjusting well. He took to his new home well, and he and Lexi get along well. We took him to the dog park for the first time yesterday, and Ajax was so nervous! I’ve noticed when he’s nervous, he will get in front of me and put his paws on my belly, like he wants me to go back. It took a bit of reassurance, but once we got farther into the park, Ajax got fairly comfortable and enjoyed himself. He followed Lexi around like she was a beacon! It was great to see a connection between them. We are happy to have Ajax as part of our family, and he is more comfortable here every day. Thanks for checking in on us!” - Christy

