



Facts about us:

- As of May 1st 2010, ABCR is on its way to saving its 1000th dog.
- Without foster homes it would be impossible for ABCR to accomplish what it has.

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An update on Fitz...

You may remember a sweet puppy named Fitz who was spotlighted in our last issue of Arizona Border Collie Rescue Quarterly. Fitz has begun his transformation from painful hip dysplasia to a happy healthy young male dog. Fitz has had a complete FHO surgery on one of his hips and has begun rehab starting in the Valley and now down in Tucson.

True to his nature Fitz wouldn't even let his surgery get in the way of his enjoyment of life. He is happily and awkwardly ambling after balls, going on short walks, and enjoying the new special attention from his physical therapy. Once his first hip has healed he will once again visit the surgeon to undergo another FHO surgery on the remaining

hip. His youth and exuberance for life and everyone he meets will carry him through his second surgery, recovery, and on to the wonderful pain free life of mobility he deserves. Fitz has since been adopted, and has found himself a loving forever home. We wouldn't be able to help dogs like Fitz without help from people like you.

ABCR Is Running Out Of Room

On April 20th 2010 Andie, a foster dog with Arizona Border Collie Rescue, gave birth to 8 healthy puppies. Just one week prior our other resident soon to be momma dog in foster gave birth to another 7 puppies. This influx of 15 cuties is in addition to the seven dogs we have waiting desperately to be taken in by our rescue. These dogs need our help and our foster homes are full.

If you have ever considered fostering a dog, this is the time to act. We desperately need people to step up and open their homes to one (or two!) of these wonderful dogs so that we can help them find their place in a forever home. Please help us keep our promise to

these dogs by volunteering today.

The beauty of fostering is that a dog just wants to be a part of your family. All your foster needs is love, attention, and a little kibble. If you already have a dog or dogs in your household a foster dog is an easy addition. They often fit seamlessly into your every day routines and give back so much more than you put in. Please go to : www.azbordercollierescue.com today and start the wheels in motion of becoming an Arizona Border Collie Rescue foster home. These dogs would love for you to be a part of their lives.

And if you've hesitated fostering because you're not sure how your resident dog(s) would respond...we have help for you (and for our more experienced fosters as well). In July, we will be thrilled to offer our first ever **FOSTER TRAINING** workshop. You won't want to miss this. Dawna Sims (herding trainer and dog behaviorist), is going to help us build our capacity for handling regular fosters as well as more difficult dogs. We're very excited about this wonderful opportunity for foster families. Stayed tuned for more information as to date and time. The workshop will be held at AZ Dog Sports in Scottsdale.



Above:
Pete, an ABCR foster dog (photo from ABCR website by unknown)

Below:
Chex, an ABCR foster dog as a puppy (photo from ABCR website by unknown)



Foster Spotlight: Pete

Pete is a dog that has been through a lot. This little boy came to ABCR with multiple fractures to his hind leg. While ABCR and Pete's fabulous foster home set to healing his broken bones they learned an injury was the least of Pete's worries.

Poor Pete had distemper. Distemper can be very dangerous and often deadly for the dogs that contract it. Pete defied the odds and has survived a bout with this

terrible disease. He came out a healthy happy boy with just a hint of his past. Pete has a slight twitch from neurological damage caused by distemper and dental hypoplasia. Dental hypoplasia is incomplete tooth enamel due to his infection with distemper as a puppy.

Despite all of the adversity he has faced Pete has a massive heart he would like to share. He loves everyone

he meets and is great with people from children to the elderly. He even adores making canine friends.

We would love to see this sweet trooper find his forever home. If you are interested in adopting Pete and getting a ton of love in return, please visit www.azbordercollierescue.com

Medical Spotlight: Border Collie Collapse

The University of Minnesota is conducting a genetic study on what has been deemed BCC or border collie collapse. BCC has also been called exercise induced hyperthermia. The condition was first studied in Labradors and named exercise induced collapse or EIC. After taking numerous samples from various Labradors and comparing their DNA, scientists have been able to identify the gene that causes EIC in Labradors. After testing border collies that have the same physical phenomenon as the Labradors' the scientists have concluded that the gene affecting Labradors is not the cause of BCC in border collies. Thus, the University of Minnesota is looking for samples from dogs suspected to be affected with BCC.

Dogs affected with BCC are normal and healthy when not exerting themselves. BCC is

often seen while dogs are participating in high activity such as stock trials, agility, fly ball, and even normal tennis ball retrieving. BCC can usually be seen within the first five minutes of activity. The visible symptoms are often a stiff or stilted gate and sometimes wobbling and collapse. Some dogs have abnormal balance and mental function during an episode. On occasion some dogs have died while experiencing BCC. These episodes seem to happen particularly during warm weather but are not thought to be heat exhaustion.

The research on BCC is still very new and the syndrome has not been characterized clinically yet. Katie Minor, a researcher at the University of Minnesota explains "...we are uncertain whether this is a metabolic, muscular or nervous system disorder. In any event affected dogs are

negative for the dynamin 1 mutation causing EIC in Labrador Retrievers so we need to start from scratch to determine any genetic bases for the condition in Border Collies."

If you think your dog may be affected by BCC and you would like more information or would like to give samples to the University of Minnesota from your affected border collie please visit their website at: <http://www.cvm.umn.edu/VBS/faculty/Mickels...ieEIC/home.html>
The possible relationship between BCC and temperature may make Arizona border collies a valuable research addition for the University Of Minnesota's testing.

Tips to Stay Cool

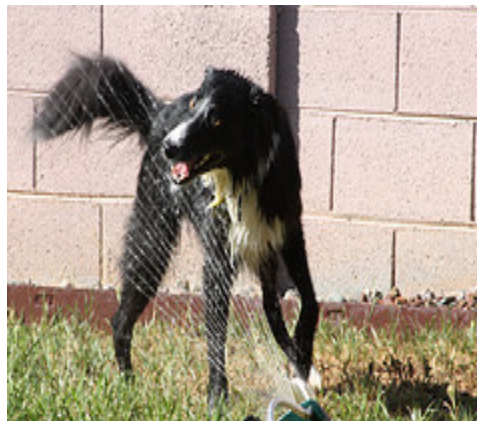
Here in Arizona the thermometer is on it's way up and for many desert dwellers our activity levels are on the way down. It is likely that our four legged friends are dreading the return of the heat as much if not more than we are. Due to our unique climate it can become difficult to keep cool and active under the Arizona sun. Here are some tips to keep your dog's mind and body in action while keeping their temperature down.

Swimming is one of the easiest ways to keep cool in the summer while exercising. If you don't have access to a pool physical activity can seem pretty much prohibited by the heat. So for those of

us non 4am morning walkers there are limited ways to keep our dogs in shape. Sprinklers and sprinkler toys are often tons of fun for dogs. Some enjoy catching the water while others enjoy just running through for a sprinkle. Both methods of sprinkler enjoyment allow a dog to cool off by the evaporation of water from their bodies.

For dryer fun, evening and early morning sunless activities provide the best time to play outside with your dogs. It can be hard to see toys, so you can either purchase glow in the dark items (such as soccer balls, frisbees, and even chuck-it balls) or you can set up your

own lighting. A \$20.00 flood light from discount store like big lots will shine the light on cooler play time. (continued page 6)



Poke, an ABCR Alumni in the Sprinklers

2010 Bowl-A-Rama

Every year Arizona's various animal rescues get together and compete to see who can raise the most money for the annual PACC 911 Bowl-A-Rama fundraiser. Last year our rescue featured a few special dogs and asked our volunteers and past adopters to help out and sponsor one of them through donations. We even created an online game and letter to challenge your friends and family to beat your score and donate. While our rescue raised money to help us care for our border collies, we know that this year we can do much better!

Arizona Border Collie Rescue asks our supporters to raise donations for the

rescue only once a year. We know that our border collie people are not the most fond of asking people for money, so this year we thought we would try something different. We would like to know what we can do for you, our wonderful supporters, to make fundraising less uncomfortable, awkward, and more successful. Would you feel comfortable asking people to sponsor a dog? Would you prefer to set out a sign and a jar in your company's break room? Would you like to send an email to your friends and family or go door to door? Would you be willing to hold a car wash or garage

sale to raise money for Arizona Border Collie Rescue? Is there an idea we haven't mentioned above that you would prefer?

Please, please, please give us feedback so that we can make this once a year fundraiser as successful as possible. As always, we appreciate everything that you do and hope to see you at the actual Bowl-A-Rama event when our donations are due and our success is announced! Thank you for your support and email all ideas and suggestions for fundraising to Chris and Carrie at c.woodiel@gmail.com.

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Merle X Merle Breeding

Many people breed dogs for inappropriate reasons. A lot of these dogs wind up in rescues and in shelters. While inappropriate breeding leads to over population and various health problems, there is a particular type of breeding in border collies, aussies, and other dog breeds that is a cause for alarm. Breeding two merle dogs to one and other creates a world of problems.

The gene that makes dog’s merle is called an epistatic gene. This gene affects other pigment genes. A genically black dog with the merle gene becomes a greyish color, or what many refer to as blue. If a dog is a genetically red dog with a merle gene it will be what is know as a red merle. The dilution of color caused by the merle gene lessens the intensity and erases portions and sometimes all pigment. This dilution is why you get the streaky pattern of multi

colored fur in merle dogs.

Because these genes effect pigmentation, many puppies from a merle x merle breeding can and will have vision and hearing problems. When the pigment is diluted or missing from the tiny hairs deep within a dog’s ear the nerves atrophy, and the ability to hear is diminished or non existent. Like the ears, the pigmentation of the eyes can affect a dog’s ability to see when affected by having two merle genes. Genetically brown eyes can become partially or totally blue. Dogs can be light sensitive, partially, or totally blind due to the effect of a double merle set of genes.

If you were to break a merle x merle litter down by odds about one quarter will be solid colored, one half will be single gene carrying merles and the remaining quarter will be double

merles. It is possible to have more double merles than one quarter. It is all a genetic roll of the dice that should prohibit the breeding of two merle dogs to one another. Unfortunately this genetic roll has been seen year after year in the rescue dogs of Arizona Border Collie Rescue. ABCR will often split litters of border collies and border collie aussie double merle crosses with the Lethal White Aussie Rescue of Arizona. Merle x merle breedings are a dangerous way to stack tough odds even higher against a poorly bred litter of puppies.

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Phoenix Pet Expo: June 12th

This summer Arizona Border Collie Rescue will participate in the Phoenix Pet Expo for the first time. The expo will be held on June 12th, 2010 at the University of Phoenix Stadium. Because it is the valley in June this event will be held indoors! The best part is not only are you invited, but your four legged friend as well. Just make sure your dog is leashed and comfortable in

large crowds. The expo expects to have 7000 to 10000 people attend.

The event itself is free, but all the goodies for sale are not. You may find yourself in the shopping mood once you show up. This event will also include the debut of the ABCR raffle quilt. Make sure you attend so you can get your tickets to win! Bring your wallets, as we

will also be unveiling new t-shirts in fab new colors at this event! We would love nothing more than to have a strong turn out supporting ABCR at this event. There is no charge for admission and we cannot wait to see you there!

A Dog and Her Goat

. In February of 2010 a young border collie and baby goat wandered into the yard of a very caring woman in San Tan Valley, AZ. If the goat lost sight of the dog she would panic and bleat. The dog would immediately return to the goat's side and the goat would calm down. The two were deeply bonded and the only family each other had.

Knowing that the shelter would separate the two strange friends the woman

contacted Arizona Border Collie Rescue to see if we could take both in together. Arizona Border Collie Rescue gladly took in Hanna the border collie and her best friend, and our first goat foster, Biscuit.

At first Biscuit and Hanna went to a foster home together. Their loving foster parents slowly started to introduce them to normal life. Soon Biscuit began to work her way into a happy

goat life with other goats and Hanna began to bond with people. Both animals have blossomed and have regained the normal happy lives that they deserve. Biscuit has found her forever goat home, and Hanna was recently adopted by an agility jr. handler and her mom. Hannah is sweet, gorgeous, and loves nothing more than to hug people. We're thrilled that these two who once only had each other, now each have their own great forever family.

A Message from Rhonda about ABCR's 2010 Rescue Round Up!

It's time once again to get geared up for this year's Rescue Roundup - the ABCR event that we host up in Flagstaff every summer. This year will be our 4th Annual Rescue Roundup which will be held on August 21st at Killip Elementary School Activity Field on a lush seven acres of green grass.

This year we will be having AZ Disc Dogs energizing the crowd with music and high flyin' canines, Sky High Jumpers will be having an Agility Fun Run and the Jack's are back with a lure course and barn hunt.

So what do we need???

YOUR HELP! This takes a ton of volunteers and lots and lots of fosters to strut their stuff. Chris and Carrie will be coordinating the volunteers that are willing to come up to Flagstaff and help c.woodiel@gmail.com. Kelly will be keeping track

of what fosters are coming up and the contact team can get a hold of potential adopters to meet and greet your special kid! We also have a limited supply of volunteer t-shirts for people coming up to help. Send your size request to corvettejackson@msn.com please.

Oh, one more thing about the t-shirts...let's make this fun and have a contest! The picture in this article represents this year's Rescue Roundup. What we need is one or two (or so) of those witty, animal related quotes that we can put on the back of the t-shirts. Don't know what the prize will be yet but it will probably be a free t-shirt!

If you can't make it to help on the day of the Rescue Roundup, we are also looking for donations of new, or slightly used dog, cat,

animal things or neat stuff we can use in raffle baskets. We will also be kicking off some promotional time at the Diamondbacks Community Corner on August 7th. Contact Rhonda at corvettejackson@msn.com if you may be interested in helping with that day.

Still scratching your head about the Rescue Roundup? Check out the website at www.rescueroundup.net. So mark your calendars and get ready to promote what we do - save lives and have fun doing it!



2010 Rescue Round Up Logo in need of your clever animal quips!

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Upcoming Events

- Phoenix Pet Expo- June 12th at University of Phoenix Stadium
- PACC 911 Bowl-a-Rama August, 7th
- Rescue Round Up in Flagstaff: August 21st

See our available dogs

At::

www.azbordercollierescue.com/adoption.asp

Tips to Stay Cool Continued...

When outside with your dog in the Arizona heat it is important to remember that paw pads aren't as protective as shoes. When the pavement is too hot for you to walk on in bare feet, then the pavement is too hot for your dog to walk on. If you must walk on hot pavement there are dog booties you can buy to insure paw pads keep from burning.

It can also be helpful to wet your dog down before and after activities. Remember, your dog cannot sweat so they need help from an external water source to cool down their bodies in the Arizona heat. Many dogs, like border collies, have Teflon like coats that are

meant to keep them dry and warm in the rain. If you only spray water on their backs these dog's coats will not allow for proper cooling of their bodies. Make sure when you are soaking down your dog you wet their chest and stomach so that they can lower their temperature through evaporation.

The heat is harder on a dog's body just as it is on their own. Expect to see your dog tire out quicker in the heat. If you are unsure when your dog is too hot just watch their tongue. Since a dog pants to cool down you will notice your dog's tongue getting longer and flatter the more their body needs to

cool down. By making the surface area of their tongue as large as possible the canine is able to cool down their body more efficiently. When you see that tongue stretch you know your dog is too hot. Make sure you are careful and your dog is not running around with a ball or toy in their mouth constantly while in the extreme heat. A toy in the mouth can block the evaporation from a dog's tongue and prohibit the canine's natural ability to cool down.

Have fun with your dog in the summer and if it gets too hot you can always work on tricks in the air conditioning. Just don't forget to treat yourself as well for a job

Photo Contest for ABCR Quarterly... New Contest and Last Quarter's Winner

The winner of last Quarter's photo contest in which their border collie was photographed in an unexpected place or doing something unexpected is... Eric Neubauer! You can see his winning photo of ABCR alumni Indy buried in the sand below. Congratulations

Eric and Indy! Would you like to see your dog in the next issue of Arizona Border Collie Quarterly? Then get out your cameras a snap the best picture of your dog enjoying the desert sun in Arizona!

Send your summer border collie photo to c.woodiel@gmail.com. If your photo is the hottest you'll see it in the next issue of ABCR Quarterly!

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