



BSDRT Updates:

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Every few weeks we receive emails with stories and updates of our rescue dogs and their adoptive families. These are just a few of the many updates we have received that we wanted to share with our wonderful supporters.

Many of you may have followed the story of Thelma and Louise (2010), two heartworm positive rescues from the east coast who were successfully treated while in foster care with Marion Heise. Both girls were placed in a loving home with a long time BSCA member. While Thelma is doing fine we learned the sad news that Louise had cancer and passed over the rainbow bridge. She was estimated to be around 10 yrs old.

Besides the passing of Louise, we said goodbye to two other senior BSDs. Former service dog, Tov (2010), had to be euthanized about a year after being placed in permanent foster care. During this time, Tov was lovingly cared for by Alice Gordon. BSDRT is eternally grateful to Alice for the love and attention she showed this 14-year-old senior while in her care.

While on vacation with her adoptive family, senior rescue Sasha (2010) became severely lame. X-rays revealed she had osteosarcoma. While her adoptive family (who had also fostered her) had less than a year with her, it was evident she was dearly loved. She was only 11 years old when she passed in the arms of her adoptive family. Her former housemate (and probable littermate) Sullie also passed away from cancer while in the care of his BSCA foster parents.

Senior rescue dog Pepper (2009) is still going strong at 13 years old. She took a recent trip to the groomers and came back looking like a glamour girl (see photo). While at the groomers, she greeted everyone who came in the shop. Her adoptive family of two years shower her with love. Lucky girl.



Good news about Pirate (2009)! He has been a busy boy according to his person. She has been training him in obedience and has recently started carting with him (see photo). We were very happy to hear that he received his ILP/PAL in July and will be competing in trials throughout the Midwest. Congratulations!

Duffy (2010) is one lucky dog to have been adopted by a BSCA member and her husband. Now he gets to travel around the USA along with their other BSD. He recently traveled to the southwest and CA before returning to his home in Colorado. He keeps a close eye on his new "Mom" and alerts her to her oncoming seizures. He is a natural at this and we couldn't have asked for a better home for him. His people love and understand his silly Belgian quirks (see photo).



Ursie (2010) was adopted after almost a year of being fostered with Sharon Roundy. While in foster care, it was discovered that Ursie had a condition known as cauda equina. Not many people understand this condition and were afraid to adopt her, but once further testing ruled out the possibility of her being paralyzed, a great pet home came forward. She is enjoying her days in the company of an older BSD and a big black cat. She spends most of her time playing with her jolly ball or being a couch potato.

One recent rescue had the happiest of endings. Flint (2011) was brought into rescue when his senior owner fell, broke her arm and had to go into assisted living. Just as his evaluation period was over and we were looking into possible adopters, we were contacted by his former owner. To make a long story short, now that she was better she was missing Flint terribly and wondered if she could have him back. After confirming with the assisted living facility that it would be okay (and that they understood he was a big dog), we adopted him back to his person at no charge. His foster family kindly donated their time and efforts (and more) to help make this happen. Flint is back with his person where he belongs.

While some of these updates contained sad news, we can take heart in knowing that these rescued dogs knew love and affection during their time with their new families or in foster care. Our thanks to the many BSCA members who helped make this happen and to our foster homes. We have had some wonderful foster homes over the years and we really appreciate all the work they have done/do in caring for our rescued BSDs. Our thanks to all.