

2011

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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location	Time
Jan 3	Big Fix	Tooele - Rockstar Pets (762 N. Main)	8 am, first come - first served!
Jan 4	Big Fix	Grantsville - Westgate Mortgage (94 W. Main)	8 am, first come - first served!
Jan 4	Volunteer Orientation*		
Jan 5	Big Fix	West Valley City - Animal Services (4522 W. 3500 S.)	8 am, first come - first served!
Jan 8	NMHPU Adoptions	West Valley City PetSmart (3061 S. 5600 W.)	12 to 6 pm
Jan 9	NMHPU Adoptions	West Valley City PetSmart (3061 S. 5600 W.)	12 to 5 pm
Jan 10	Big Fix	Roy - Dilly Dally's Parking Lot (5420 S. 1900 W.)	8 am, first come - first served!
Jan 11	Big Fix	Riverdale - PETCO (4153 S. Riverdale Rd.)	8 am, first come - first served!
Jan 11	Volunteer Orientation*		
Jan 12	Big Fix	South Ogden - North Side of 40th Park (570 E 39th St.)	8 am, appointments available
Jan 15	NMHPU Adoptions	Trolley Square Mall (367 South 700 East Salt Lake City)	12 to 6 pm
Jan 16	NMHPU Adoptions	Trolley Square Mall (367 South 700 East Salt Lake City)	12 to 5 pm
Jan 17	Big Fix	Ivins Animal Shelter (474 N. 200 W.)	8 am, appointments available
Jan 18	Big Fix	Washington - PETCO (765 West Telegraph Street)	8 am, appointments available
Jan 18	Volunteer Orientation*		
Jan 19	Big Fix	Cedar City - C. A. L. Ranch (750 S. Main St.)	8 am, first come - first served!
Jan 22	NMHPU Adoptions	Taylorsville PetSmart (5748 S. Redwood Road)	12 to 6 pm
Jan 23	NMHPU Adoptions	Taylorsville PetSmart (5748 S. Redwood Road)	12 to 5 pm
Jan 24	Big Fix	Ogden - Pack N' Pounce Thrift Store (333 E. 2nd St. Ste 8) FREE spay & neuter for dogs & cats for Ogden City residents!! Eligibility required!!	8 am, appointments available
Jan 25	Big Fix	Clinton - Fresh Market (2062 W. 1800 N.)	8 am, first come - first served!
Jan 25	Volunteer Orientation*		
Jan 26	Big Fix	Syracuse - City Museum (1726 Heritage Lane, adjacent to Antelope Dr.)	8 am, first come - first served!
Jan 29	NMHPU Adoptions	West Valley City PetSmart (3061 S. 5600 W.)	12 to 6 pm
Jan 30	NMHPU Adoptions	West Valley City PetSmart (3061 S. 5600 W.)	12 to 5 pm
Jan 31	Big Fix	Logan - Petsmart (1050 N. Main Street)	8 am, first come - first served!
Feb 1	Big Fix	Brigham City - Smith's Parking Lot (156 S. Main)	8 am, first come - first served!
Feb 1	Volunteer Orientation*		
Feb 2	Big Fix	Old Gold's Gym Prkg. Lot (550 25th St., across from the Library) FREE spay & neuter for dogs & cats for Ogden City residents!! Eligibility required!!	8 am, appointments available
Feb 5	NMHPU Adoptions	Sandy PetSmart (10329 South State Street)	12 to 6 pm
Feb 6	NMHPU Adoptions	Sandy PetSmart (10329 South State Street)	12 to 6 pm
Feb 7	Big Fix	West Jordan - Animal Shelter (5982 W. New Bingham Hwy.)	8 am, appointments available
Feb 8	Big Fix	SLC - Salt Lake County Animal Services (511 W. 3900 S.)	8 am, first come - first served!
Feb 8	Volunteer Orientation*		
Feb 9	Big Fix	Herriman - City Hall (13011 S. Pioneer Street)	8 am, first come - first served!

No More Homeless Pets in Utah Programs and 2011 Goals

- The Big Fix and Utah County spay/neuter clinics (statewide): 15,000 surgeries.
 - Feral Fix - Trap/Neuter/Return-statewide: 4,000 surgeries.
 - Free Fix - Spay/Neuter for low-income residents-statewide: 6,000 surgeries.
- Adoptions - Partner with Utah shelters, rescuing from shelter euthanasia lists: 500 adoptions.
 - Super Adoptions - Held in SLC twice annually: 800 adoptions.
- Community Development - Working with local governments and other stakeholders to implement statewide collaborative, life-saving sheltering programs.

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GIVING THANKS

by Anita Y. Tsuchiya

Bio: As a child, Anita preferred curling up with the family dog to sleeping in her own bed. Over the years, she has been a veterinary assistant, ranch hand, mule skinner, carriage driver and wildlife rehabilitator. Nowadays, she is a freelance writer who spends quality time with dogs Molly and Linus, and a resident covey of California Quail.

I asked Linus' foster mom Suzie about this rescue, and the tale was an especially unpleasant one. After getting evicted, the original owners left Linus' mom and her litter to fend for themselves in the empty house. It was several weeks before neighbors called animal control services. By this time, the mother was so disturbed that she could not be handled and was put down. One of the pups had perished and been partially devoured by the survivors. Linus' face was covered with bite scars. Still only a few months old, the abused pup languished in the shelter until No More Homeless Pets in Utah rescued him from the euthanasia list.

In the beginning, the terrified puppy greeted everyone with bared teeth and snarls. After months of Suzie's loving care, Linus got along well with his foster dog-mates but he was still a "special needs" pup. He was a destructive chewer. He could be dog aggressive. He was afraid of men and rough with children. And he barked, a lot. In fact, his adoption agreement began with a two-week trial period.

When we got home, our work began. It was easy to see the hardships Linus had endured. He spent the first week nervously slinking around the house, acting more like a cat than a dog. He was easily startled. His muscles were so tense that even when lying on his side, he curled up into a tight, little ball. He reminded me of a hedgehog. During his physical exam

with Molly's favorite vet, Linus covered under the exam table. The doctor deemed my new puppy to be healthy in body but fragile in spirit.



Linus with his mentor, Molly.

Thankfully, my eight-year old rescue Molly was the ideal mentor, calm and gentle. From day one, the two dogs have never fought. By day three Linus had become Molly's black and white shadow, watching her every move. To nurture his growing trust, I provided boatloads of physical affection—body rubs, coat brushing, chin strokes, ear massages. I also massaged the muscles in his back and legs, and moved his legs in range-of-motion circles.

To give him a more balanced perspective on life as a "good boy," I introduced Linus to as many new experiences as possible, always watching carefully for signs of distress. With Molly as my wing-dog, we met new dogs and people, went for car rides, visited our favorite pet store, and played in the backyard. I caught glimpses of a goofy personality, as befits a one-year-old puppy. I hired a trainer who believes obedience training is the key to a healthy dog-owner bond. Armed with our homework assignments, we'd gear up for our morning practice sessions.

The tipping point came during our first visit to the Parley's Canyon off-leash dog park. I kept Linus leashed until we reached a broad, grassy meadow. I removed his leash and the

two dogs started their usual game of chase. Linus circled Molly closely at first, as if they were still playing in our fenced yard. Then suddenly, he bolted straight as an arrow across the open space. He was ran hard, ears folded back, feet flying over the earth. After about 100 feet, he made a huge curving turn and came blazing back towards Molly and me. I felt as though I was witnessing the emancipation of a once-imprisoned spirit. I could hear the clanging of chains being broken and flung aside. I could feel the vibrancy of a heart soaring and swooping with joy. He ran non-stop for a full 10 minutes until I finally called him back. After returning to the car and before we'd driven even a block, I glanced back to see him sprawled out, dead asleep. And I swear he was smiling. A life renewed, a puppy reborn.

It's been two months since Linus joined our mixed-species family. Honestly, I couldn't imagine our lives without him. At Thanksgiving dinner, one of my guests was a boy just over two years old who absolutely fell in love with my black and white pointer mix. As we adults chatted over desert, boy and puppy dozed quietly under the table. When I tell people about Linus' remarkable transition from troubled pup to sweet companion, many have commented that he is a very lucky dog. Actually, I believe it's the other way around. Thank you Linus, I feel blessed that you found us. 🐾



Linus frolics in the snow.