



# Alaska Dog and Puppy Rescue Volunteer News

## Montana Creek Huskies Still Waiting for Justice

By Angie Lewis

A few weeks ago, many dog lovers stood in protest at the Palmer Court House. We were there to represent and advocate for the 160 dogs that were slowly starved at the hands of Frank Rich. Many of these dogs died because of the neglect and abuse resulting from the lack of care given to them by Mr. Rich. The others, that survived, bear emotional and psychological scars that may never heal.

Alaska Dog & Puppy Rescue (ADPR) took approximately 60 of these puppies and 20 of the adults. One of these adult dogs was just returned by the adopters, who stated that this dog was just too damaged emotionally to ever trust in a human being again. We won't give up! ADPR will continue our support for this poor animal.

Recently, Frank Rich called Channel 2 News for a press conference at his home, in order to defend and explain his actions toward his dogs. What

involved, because he didn't want his dogs to be euthanized. Much better, I suppose, to watch them slowly die of thirst and hunger. In fact, in 2007, Mr. Rich asked Animal Control to euthanize many of his dogs because he could not feed them.

Unfortunately, justice is not always swift or fair. That afternoon in court, Frank Rich backed out of a plea agreement and plans on going to trial. The pre-trial conference hearing will be held on January 12, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. Soon it will be a full year since this horror was brought to the public's attention.

ADPR asks that you, the public, show your outrage at Frank Rich's behavior and the damage that he has inflicted on these helpless victims. Join ADPR in demanding that Mr. Rich serve time in jail, pay any required fines, and NEVER be per-

mitted to own an animal again. It was YOU, the public, that rose up in defense of these dogs and donated money, food, and other materials to nurture their damaged bodies and emotional state. Stand up for them again! Come to the Court House on January 12th and give Frank Rich a

he told them was that these dogs were "like members of his family" and that he "loved" them. Oh my, suffice it to say, that I am glad not to be loved by Mr. Rich or to be a member of his family. How does he treat beings that he doesn't love or consider a family member? He also stated that he didn't want Animal Control in-



message that his behavior will not be tolerated.

Thank you for your support of these helpless dogs. If you have any questions about protesting at the Court House or other issues regarding this case, please call Angie or Holly at 745-7030.

### ADPR

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#### Please Like us on Facebook and ask your friends to, as well!

- *The Mardi-Gras BOW WOW Ball is February 18th. Help us get donations for our auction or Volunteer.*
- *It's time for Pick.Click.Give. Help us help Alaska's dogs.*
- *Consider Fostering—Save a Life*
- *Thank you for everyone who has adopted, volunteered or donated. Everything you do helps us!*

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## IT'S BACK—The Annual Mardis-Gras BOW-WOW BALL

Alaska Dog and Puppy Rescue Volunteers and the "Spirit of Alaska Broadcasting" along with our Premier Sponsor Chugach Anesthesia are revving up for the 2nd Annual Mardi Gras Bow-Wow Ball. This year's event will be at the Lions Club in Eagle River on February 18, 2012 from 6 pm to 10 pm. This is a "no paws event" but benefits the dogs and puppies in our care.

Last year was very successful, raising more than \$7,000 for medical expenses. This year, we know it will be even better. Q99.7 will again be sponsoring a contest with a limo ride and a table for 8 to the ball. So listen in to the Q and enter for a night of fun.

This is a very important Fundraising event for us and we are very excited by the opportunity for our supporters to come together, have fun and meet the volun-

teers. This is also an opportunity to celebrate the dogs we save and support a cause very close to many Alaskan hearts.

Our fundraising focus for this year is to enhance our ability to provide for the medical needs of our dogs and puppies. We took in

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*The Ball will take place February 18, 2012 from 6-10 pm. Masks, beads, food, fun, come join us!*

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over 60 of Frank Rich's starving puppies and many required medical care. In fact, last year we spent \$85,000 in medical expenses for abandoned dogs. We want to continue our mission of caring for Alaska's Canines, but we need your help.

We have moved the event from the Valley to Eagle River, in or-

der to be in the "middle" of supporters – those in Anchorage and those in the Valley. In order for our event to be successful we need lots of help. In particular, we need items for our silent auction, people willing to donate, sponsorships and people willing to ask OTHERS to donate.

Please call Angie at 745-7030 if you would like to help by donating an item for the Silent Auction OR if you would like to help with getting items donated from businesses. We especially need help with the Eagle River and Anchorage areas.

Tickets for the event will be on sale shortly. If you would like to buy a ticket or would like to volunteer before, during or after this important event, please contact ADPR at 745-7030 and leave a message that you would like to be a BOW-WOW Ball Volunteer.

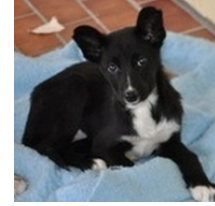
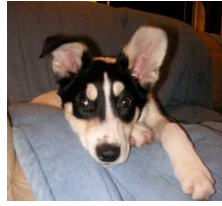
## ALASKA Dog and Puppy Rescue-Living up to our Name

Alaska Dog and Puppy Rescue lives up to its name. We rescue dogs and puppies from communities such as Iliamna, Nome, Dillingham, Igiuk, Kenai, Moose Pass, Willow and more.

We could not do this without the amazing support of our volunteers and from people in the community who see a need and respond to it.

But we should also note that many of the airlines that serve the communities off the grid, such as **Era, Alaska, Penn Air** and smaller transports have helped ADPR in our mission by providing transportation. Thank you to everyone involved. Please support these organizations and thank them when you can!





## Long-Term Foster-Dogs Need Homes!

Sadly, there are several dogs that ADPR has had in foster care for months, and even more than a year. The lack of a fur-ever home for these dogs is not their fault. Sure they have quirks, but don't we all?

and he doesn't do well in clinic. He's been with us well over a year.



Bart, he's kind of cute with one blue and on

and on brown eye and an odd little gait. His issue? Besides the "kinda" in cute, he loves to talk but his "talk" is a little gruff sounding



Daisy is an American pit bull terrier who never knew training and discipline and never got enough exercise. Now, in her foster home she's

learned all of that and is looking for someone who wants to run, ride bikes and hike and have a grand old time outdoors.



Hudson, well he's a 91lb chocolate lab and? bull or mastiff mix. He's gorgeous, he's friendly and he gets along great with other dogs. His issue is that he is

fascinated by birds and livestock and he REALLY wants to meet them all up close and personal-like. So people with chickens that they like, need not apply.

These dogs are all older dogs who deserve a special home with a special family. Are you special or do you know someone who could be? Won't you consider an older dog? Please go to our website at [akdogandpuppy-rescue.com](http://akdogandpuppy-rescue.com) and read more about these special dogs and others that need homes. Because they have been with us so long, we may consider a reduction in adoption fees for these three. Thank you.

## Desperately Seeking a Foster Coordinator

By now you may have already heard that our current foster coordinator, Jesslyn, is making major life changes and is planning to move to Washington in March (and yes he sounds like he's worth it).

This leaves ADPR with a HUGE void. Huge. Jesslyn has been an active Board Member, Foster Coordinator, Website changer, Dog Evaluator, Facebook updater and part-time Volunteer Coordinator. Basically, if you name it, she's done it.

We desperately need an Anchorage Foster Coordinator to step into Jesslyn's shoes. So, what does that entail? In very basic terms, the job is all about finding foster homes for potential foster dogs. Because we don't have a central location, we generally cannot accept new foster dogs until we have a foster home for that dog. So, there's a little dog evaluation, so you can describe it, and there's probably a LITTLE bit of groveling and some begging involved.

There is also very likely quite a bit of time involved. We are an all volunteer organization, so sometimes it takes longer than other times, but generally our foster homes are great and people really step up.

But if you ask Jesslyn, it's worth it. Her efforts have resulted in the saving of literally hundreds of furry lives. She wants to have time for training, so please consider helping out soon. You won't regret it.

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### *Caring for Alaska's Canines*

If you are on Facebook, please "like" us, tell your friends, share our posts and help us get the word out. Together we can make a difference in the lives of homeless and abused dogs and puppies throughout our great state.

*ADPR is an all volunteer organization. From our Board members, to the people running the clinics to our foster homes. Volunteers are the life of ADPR. Events cannot happen without the dedication of each and every volunteer. Everyone deserves thanks. Here are just a very few of the many people who make ADPR a success:*

*Terrill O'Docharty, who does all of ADPR's bookkeeping—spending well over a week a month on ADPR's books. And she's a foster mom, too!*

*Kristie and Dan Lent, of Kristie Lent Photography who were responsible for our successful pictures with Santa Fundraisers and who are also foster parents.*

*Angie Lewis who is not only a board member and responsible for getting donations for our silent auction at the BOW WOW BALL but is also leading the charge against Frank Rich, the Montana Creek Monster.*

*Ann and Paul Aitken who are working hard to repeat the success of the Mardis Gras Ball planning committee.*

*If you were not mentioned, please note that it's only a lack of space. Your contributions are so important. Without you we wouldn't be able to [Care for Alaska's Canines](#).*

## Help us get the Word Out! It's Pick, Click, Give Time

ADPR has been around since 2005. You would think, by now, that people who know all about us, who we are and what we stand for. But that's just not the case. We are constantly evolving and changing. We have some events we do each year, like the annual Ball and the Bear Paw Festival. These take a lot of work and volunteer time.

You may wonder, then, why we do these special events. These events are a way for us to get out the word that we are here. It helps people to know what we do and who we are.

But it also helps us to raise money – so we can save more dogs. In fact, our long-term goal is to purchase land so that no dog can be turned away because we don't have a foster home. That's where you come in. It's pick, click, give time. With your help, ADPR can raise additional funding to buy property and create the first no-kill shelter in Alaska. Please help get the word out.

