



Mastiff Rescue of Florida is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded to meet the needs of English Mastiffs throughout the State of Florida. These dogs, through no fault of their own, are not able to stay with their owners. We are an all-volunteer rescue that works to find forever homes and to educate the public about these gentle giants.

Note from Pam...

This last quarter has been one of the most emotional months for our Mastiff Rescue Volunteers that I personally can remember. With rescue comes the Good, Bad and the Ugly and those that commit to it do it fully with heart and soul! When you rescue a dog from a shelter, it is so hard to properly evaluate a dog. We do our best, some volunteers go back several days in a row, just to see temperament changes. Sometimes, we must turn dogs down other times we take the chance and hopefully have that Special Foster that knows how to handle the dog...it is up to her or him to find out...that dog after a few weeks attacks her dogs and then redirects and attacks her. That HAPPENS...a healthy 5 year old, turns into a powder keg. We take a dog that the owners lied and never socialized or trained much in the outside world. Might be a beautiful dog and wonderful with the volunteer but with anyone else turns into Cujo! It's hard....a 3 year old and healthy dog but very dangerous! Both scenarios are true and both dogs were held in loving arms while our MRF volunteers put the dogs to sleep. The lifeline to saving these dogs is our fosters they are the best, most dedicated and loving caretakers. When they say there is a problem...we listen! It takes a special person to do what we do...we do this 24/7, there are no breaks. We are called on holidays even 9am on Christmas morning to pick up a dog. Mastiff Rescue of Florida has the best volunteers. It is always 'the dog first'!

For the GOOD and there is LOTS.....this 2nd quarter we took in 19 mastiffs. Bella, Samson, Dixie, King, Brutus, Bodhi, Boomer, Chaz, Emma, Finnegan, Goliath, Metro, Iris, Lola, Maggie Moo, Max, Remington, Raylan and Star from 10 weeks to 13 years old. Fourteen owner surrenders and five shelter or strays. The 1st quarter we took in fifteen Mastiffs, that is 34 Mastiffs since January 1, 2017! The numbers are staggering and we are foster based with no facility. What a team we have! And what a wonderful FOSTER FAIL rate we have!

We did not get the Grey Muzzle Grant this year...too many applicants. We need to raise money to help support all of our veterinarian expenses and our Oldies. We not only have many of the intakes to spay and neuter, vaccinate, test for heartworms. We also had to remove an eye, do entropion surgery, cryptorchidic surgery, X-rays, testing for diabetes insipidus and all of the meds to treat. Please we need your financial help...we are a 501c3...all donations are tax deductible and are used totally for the care of the dogs. It is your support and our volunteers that enable us to save so many!

Thank you,

Pam

The Parvo Girls...they survived and they are 1 year old!

Mastiff Rescue of Florida was contacted in March 2016 by a concerned animal lover in regards to a litter of puppies living outside in deplorable conditions. MRF volunteers jumped into action and contacted the seller who had listed the litter of puppies on Craig's List for sale. MRF could not buy the dogs but our volunteers could and would and turned the puppies over to MRF. Our volunteer, Cheryl contacted the seller and saw the horrible conditions. Upon arrival Cheryl was informed by the seller the puppies had been at the vet and were given medicine to rid them of worms. Cheryl asked about vaccines and was informed none of the puppies received any kind of vaccines. The puppies were 12 weeks old and should have received several at this point. There were five puppies left; Cheryl was able to leave with three of them. She focused on the ones that looked in the worst condition, Harlow, Rumor and Willow. When they were taken to the vet on Monday they were diagnosed with Parvovirus. (noun, plural parvoviruses. 1. Veterinary Pathology. a highly contagious, often fatal viral disease of dogs, characterized by vomiting, severe diarrhea, and depression and accompanied by high fever and loss of appetite.) At that time, MRF contacted animal control to ensure the remaining two puppies received the medical attention needed. MRF volunteer Donna took on the huge job of saving the girls lives. They were on IV antibiotics and Donna spent endless hours with them. The parvo was so aggressive poor sweet Willow, did not survive. MRF volunteer Lisha was contacted by the seller about the last female puppy, Gracie, we of course stepped in and rescued her. Treating these puppies was very expensive but so many donated to help MRF out. We truly are a team of the best volunteers with a village supporting MRF.

A year later and all three girls are thriving and their stories are below.

- Harlow is a fun loving 150 pound goofy girl. She is in the process of becoming a Canine Good Citizen; she has completed her first course at obedience school. Harlow has done several rescue events this year and is taking notes from her big brother Toby to take over as ambassador to MRF. Harlow loves her big brothers, Toby and Zander, but she thinks she is the top dog in our house. She loves the water and enjoys splashing in the pool with her humans. I am amazed how Harlow has thrived considering the horrible conditions her little life started out as. I was involved as I picked her and her siblings and watched them suffer first hand. I am blessed to be Harlow's mommy.



- Rumor Hi It's Rumor! Thank you soooooo much to all the people who have and continue to support Mastiff Rescue! Because of you, my sisters and I were saved from a bad breeder who didn't vaccinate us and we got parvovirus. I almost died!!!! But because of my aunts; Pam, Donna, Cheryl and all of the others, here I am one year later; healthy, boating and driving golf carts and playing with my sister Sydney. I am pretty sure I become annoying always playing with her but she sure never tells me that, so I just keep doing it A-I-I day long! My mommy says to say Thank you to everyone too!! She said that the work that you do is so incredible and makes such a difference to so many, even though sometimes we know it's hard! That is me for now - see you next year, with more adventures and pictures, my sisters and I are beautiful after all.....Love Rumor

- Gracie was one of the Parvo puppies that were rescued from a backyard breeder in 2016. Gracie became a member of our family on May 13, 2016 and her weight at that time was 44 pounds and was just shy of turning five months old. Since arriving in our home, Gracie who is the new pet professor ambassador, has done several community out-reach events. From being a participant at the Rib Fest @ Vinoy Park in November to the Paw Fest in April @ Largo Central Park. Gracie has also visited several schools during the Great American Teach In and after school programs. Gracie enjoys her new home, visiting elementary schools and doing community outreach events.



Volunteer Katy.....



Katy our very important midwife, Mom to the puppies! MRF team member and part of the family!

I believe everyone is blessed with a gift from God. For some this is just instinct and others find it during their life's adventure for both it is still a gift to be nurtured and treasured. My gift is the care of God's beautiful creatures. From a very young age, I have been put in the path of injured, neglected, abused, homeless, sick and otherwise helpless animals. It has been my blessing to be chosen to do whatever I can to help these animals. Having a background in emergency medicine has given me the education and opportunity to be able to work hands on in serious situations with skill and knowledge. I am blessed as well to have had a team of wonderful veterinarians willing to go out of their way to help me. After 50 years of rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing wildlife I have been guided to the life of the dog rescuers...an amazing group of selfless, loving, giving souls that I am proud to be included in. It seems what has been needed from me in this area is to be doula or midwife to the pregnant females. It pains me to see them from puppy mills, pet stores, back yard breeders, dog fighters and anyone with greed looking for a buck at the expense of an innocent animal. It never seems to stop! We need to educate...be proactive....be painfully honest....change laws and be their voice! Thank you for reading this newsletter and for taking the time to read this and please any chance you get to make the difference no matter how small.....JUST DO IT!

Health and Beauty.....

Turmeric.....

What if we told you a little spice (that's probably sitting in your kitchen cupboard right now) could make a major difference in your dog's health and even their lifespan? Research shows it is true...turmeric (the spice used in curries and mustards) with over 6,000 studies to its credit, has shown to trump some expensive drugs for Arthritis, Steroids, Inflammatory bowel disease and anti-inflammatory drugs. Turmeric contains a compound called curcumin. Curcumin has antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, antiviral, anti-bacterial, antifungal and wound healing properties.

- **Antioxidant:** Turmeric is a powerful antioxidant and antioxidants can slow down aging and degeneration. Antioxidants help fight free radical damage that can accumulate in cells. Research suggests that curcumin can play a role in the prevention and treatment of chronic inflammation diseases.
- **Anti-inflammatory:** Research has shown curcumin outperformed ibuprofen in people with arthritis. It doesn't just control the inflammation in joint disease it worked just as well as anti-inflammatory drugs and worked better than both aspirin and ibuprofen but without the gastrointestinal side effects experienced by the patients who took ibuprofen.
- **Gastrointestinal Disorders:** Turmeric's effects can be helpful in treating Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) as well as other gastrointestinal disorders.
- **Steroids:** Many dogs are on steroids for allergies and joint pain and studies have shown that curcumin is just as effective as steroids. Not only can it work just as well as many prescription and over-the-counter drugs, it doesn't carry the same nasty, unwanted side effects.



The best thing about Turmeric is that it works and its safe but not all dogs should get turmeric. If your dog is always hot or seeking out cool floors, turmeric may not be for them because Turmeric is a 'warming' spice.

Also, it is possible that turmeric can interact with some medications so if your dog is on any medications, please check with your veterinarian before adding turmeric to his diet. Chances are it will only help but it's always best to check.

The Three P's.....

Pills: Every pet parent has had the experience of giving pills to their fur babies. Instead of purchasing the expensive and not too tasty pill pockets, why not open your pantry or refrigerator and use what is already handy? Proven pill 'hiders' are: cream cheese, yogurt, cottage cheese, cheap deli meat, cheese, peanut butter, canned dog food, or a spoonful of homemade dog food or other goodie from the human food menu. My old girl, age 13, sometime figures out what I am doing with the pills but never refuses cheap deli meat rolled around her pill cocktail. Also, did you know that Walgreens, Publix and Target have special deals for your pet's prescriptions? Some antibiotics are even free! Check it out.



Pee: Just a reminder that UTIs are common to our big four legged pups who squat low to the ground. It is not always necessary to take your furry pup in to the vet's office if a UTI is suspected. Most family veterinarians will let you bring a sample in to their office. This also saves the cost of an office visit and expedites the process. To collect the 'pee' follow your boy or girl to their favorite spot in the yard. For female dogs slide a low side container under their backend. Some people use a long handled soup ladle. For male dogs, use a 'red solo' type cup to catch the urine. Pour in a container with a tight lid or use a Ziploc bag and take to your veterinarian's office. They usually call you with the results so you can start medications quickly if an infection is present.

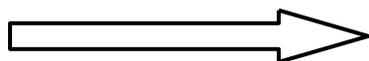
Poo: When your veterinarian wants to check your dog for internal parasites, you do not have to go to the vet's office. Just collect a sample from the yard, place in a Ziploc bag and drop off at the vet's office.

Mastiff Rescue of Florida knows all of you experienced pet parents know these suggestions. We want to help make our first time pet parent's veterinarian experience a little easier and less costly.

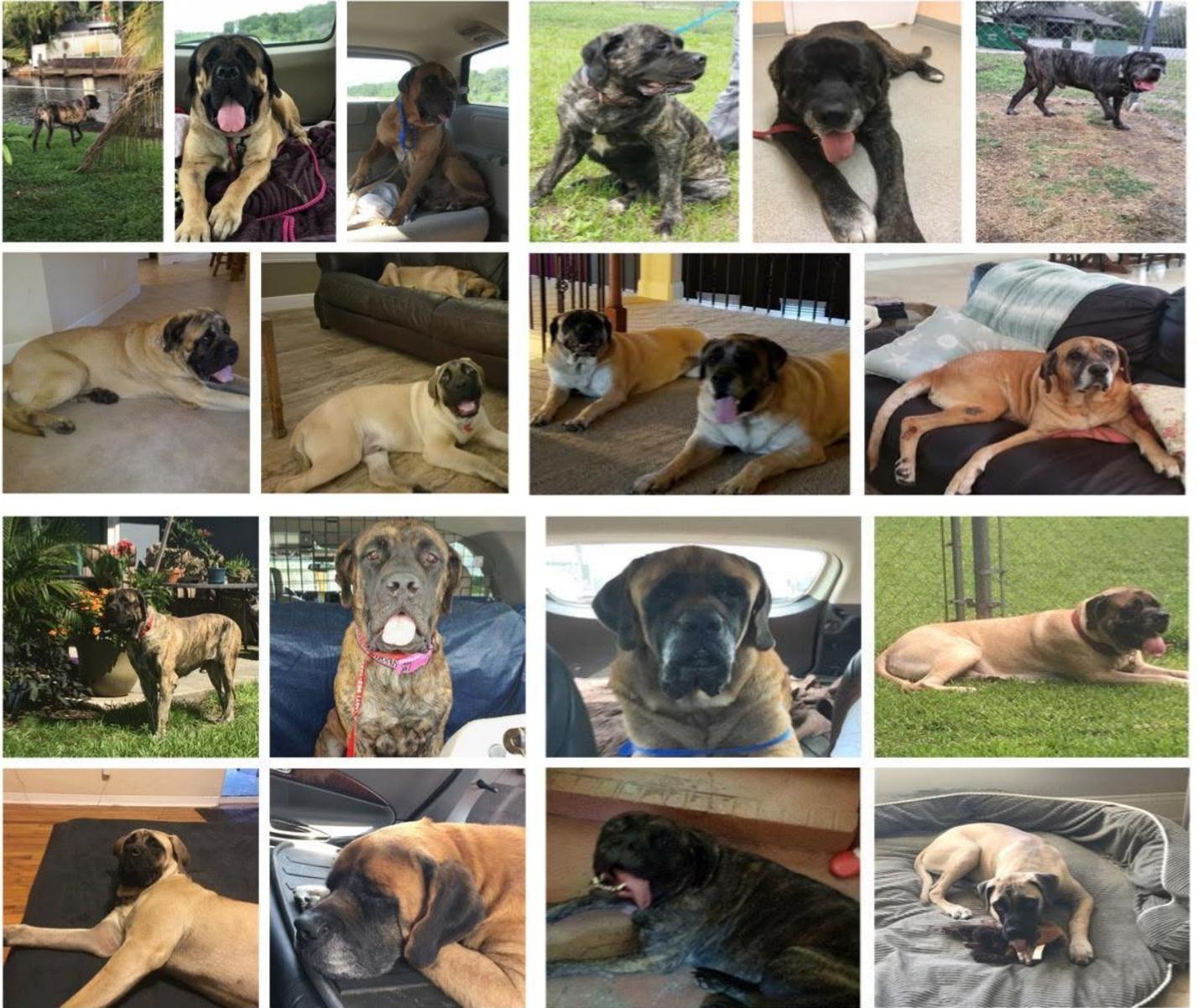
Easy ways to help.....

- Set up Mastiff Rescue of Florida on your Amazon Smile account. On your first visit to Amazon Smile www.smile.amazon.com, you will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and every eligible purchase you make at www.smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. The website is exactly the same but has the added bonus of helping Mastiff Rescue of Florida with your purchases.
- Purchase one of our great Mastiff Rescue of Florida car decals from our website!
- Visit www.liluspetsupply.com a percentage of every purchase comes to MRF!
- Mastiff Rescue of Florida has a Wish List on Amazon. Any item would be greatly appreciated!
- Through your place of employment: www.yourcause.com, 501c3 matching programs, etc.
- Forward our newsletter to your friends that have Mastiffs!
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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The 2nd Quarter.....



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