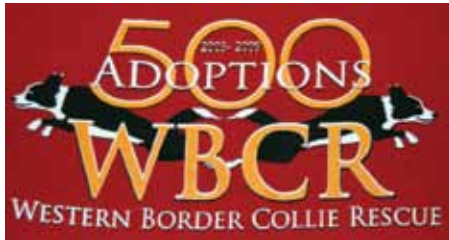


## WBCR CELEBRATES 500 ADOPTIONS

### What a year it's been!

We can hardly believe it either! In just 6 years (2003-2009), WBCR helped bring over 500 dogs to safety and ushered them on to new lives in loving forever homes.



Amazing what a small group of dedicated people can do!! An enormous THANK YOU to all of you that have helped to make our mission a reality.

To commemorate this milestone, we have printed a limited number of "Celebrating 500 Adoptions" T-shirts that also feature our logo. These are high-quality long-sleeved t-shirts that come in blue, red, green and gray in adult sizes S - XL.

With your \$20 donation, you will receive one free t-shirt; for \$30, we'll make it a "twofer"! Donations can be made via check or through PayPal on our website; please just note your size/color choice(s), and mailing address with your payment!



### WBCR on the Web!

Thanks to the efforts of our hardworking volunteers, WBCR can now be found all over the Internet. Topping the list is our wonderful website at [www.wbcrescue.org](http://www.wbcrescue.org). We also have a Facebook page and a Twitter account, where you can keep track of all the latest WBCR happenings ('tweets' can also be seen on the front page of our website). We also have all kinds of items for sale available on EBay, where 100% of sales proceeds go to WBCR's dogs! Links to all of these can be found on our website, [www.wbcrescue.org](http://www.wbcrescue.org), where you can also find out more about who we are, how to help, and drool over the many gorgeous Border Collies available for adoption!



## HELP WBCR WITH JUST A CLICK OF THE MOUSE!

The Animal Rescue Site ([www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com)) is hosting a special challenge for eligible Petfinder.com member shelter and rescue groups. The grand prize is \$10,000, and there will be many other smaller grants to rescue groups with the most votes — a total of \$100,000 in grants for animal welfare organizations. Think how many animals we could help for \$10,000, or \$2000, or \$1000!



Please vote for WBCR today and everyday through August 22, 2010 when the contest ends. All you have to do is click to help rescued animals, and then vote in The Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Shelter+ Challenge.

**You will find us listed as the Wyoming Border Collie Rescue** by doing a search for rescues located in Wyoming. You can even sign up for daily email reminders to vote through the end of the contest.

Please vote once a day, every day on every computer you can access from May 17 - August 22, 2010. Every time you vote, or tell a friend to vote, you are making a huge difference for the Border Collies in our care. Vote today and Everyday!

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## A STRING OF PEARLS - WBCR Takes in Many Special Needs Dogs in early 2010

As some of you may know, the second half of 2009 was both extremely rewarding and extremely difficult for WBCR. While we were able to help more BCs in need than ever before, we also were nearly overwhelmed with rescued dogs who had major medical issues. We hoped our run on special needs dogs would end with the close of 2009, but that was not the case!

2010 began with a petite little BC girl named Cotton who shortly after arriving from a CO shelter, began showing strange and painful symptoms including intermittent joint inflammation and pain, and cluster seizures in the first days of the new year. After many vet appointments and tests, it was discovered that Cotton has an immune-mediated arthritis along with idiopathic seizures.



Next Bing arrived from a UT shelter with a life-threatening case of antibiotic-resistant pneumonia that took three months and multiple vet visits to treat effectively.

Next came sweet little Jazmine who arrived from a NM shelter severely malnourished, heartworm positive, and with an old dislocated hip injury. She soon developed pneumonia as well.



On the heels of these major vet bills came our next catastrophe – fabulous Ian was attacked by coyotes and suffered life-threatening injuries, needing immediate and inpatient medical attention to save his life.



Then the tiny and vulnerable “N pups” (Nick, Nudge and Nyx) pups arrived from a KS shelter with severe parasitic infestations (both coccidia and giardia), and the next incoming puppies, Oliver and Olivia from a NM shelter, contracted parvo shortly after their rescue. We’re confident we are now on a first name basis with every vet between Albuquerque, Salt Lake City and Fort Collins, and have done our part to help put their grandkids through college! It was an extremely stressful few months and almost too crazy to be believed, but we are happy to report all have recovered and are happy, healthy dogs now!



Alas - not all our special needs cases were so fortunate. Despite the best veterinary care and the heroic efforts of their foster parents, Buster, a darling young pup from an ID shelter, lost a battle with distemper earlier this winter, and tiny Norman of the N pups did not survive a perforated intestine. Our only consolation is knowing that although their lives were cut way too short, we were able to help both Norman and Buster finally know the love and safety that every dog deserves.

And all along, sweet Raena has been waiting her turn for some medical attention. Raena came from a UT shelter last fall with an old fracture on her left front leg. It was definitely a pretty traumatic injury as it not only caused her ‘ankle’ to angle far outside of her leg, but also stretched and tore all of the ligaments to a point beyond repair.



While her injury is certainly not life-threatening, it definitely impacts her quality of life. At just 3 years old, we feel it’s in her best interest to be able to spend the rest of her life being able to play fetch (her faaaaaavorite pastime!) absolutely pain-free. Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Felix Duerr of Aspen Meadows Vet Clinic and Paws of The Rockies Vet Clinic in Fort Collins, we will be able to get Raena’s surgery at a significantly reduced amount, and will be scheduling that as soon as our ‘wallet’ recovers a bit!

As you can imagine, all of these expenditures have put a huge drain on our finances. Please help us continue to treat these dogs with special needs donating to The Dash Fund, an account set up for extraordinary veterinary needs. For more on The Dash Fund, please turn to page 4.

## THE OKLAHOMA DOGS ARE A-OK!

### Our OK dogs:

As many of you may recall, WBCR rescued 6 Border Collies/ BC mixes from a horrible hoarding situation in Oklahoma last summer where 127 dogs were seized, most of them in horrible physical and mental condition. We are thrilled to report that "The Oklahoma 6" all have since physically and mentally healed, and are all now living in their forever homes!! We touched base with a few of their adoptive families, and here's what they had to say about their furry family members:



A "fan favorite", Merritt has made an amazing transition from sick and emaciated to vibrant and well, a bit of a "musk ox".

**From Mercy's adopter:** Although still a shy and cautious girl, Mercy is thriving in her loving forever home. She enjoys going for walks and is more confident when Mojo (her oh-so-handsome BC buddy!) is along. She recently enjoyed an 8-mile hike, and is realizing the world is a pretty great place to be! When she's relaxing at home, she loves having her tummy rubbed and although she rarely solicits attention, she will nudge you or make a dramatic plea for a rub by rolling on her back and sticking her legs straight up in the air -- very silly! It's been wonderful to have a dog to share my life with again - life really didn't seem complete without one. Mercy is a funny kid - she really doesn't make any demands, but I can tell that she appreciates having a home, regular meals and some human affection, and I am thrilled that I am the one to provide her with those things. I have come to appreciate Mercy's unique personality. She really is the sweetest and most gentle dog I've known.



**From Ruby's family:** Ruby is a wonderful girl who has changed my life in unexpected ways.....I work with autistic children, and have become so much more aware of their sensitivities thanks to Ruby. When I see Ruby hesitate at a door, withdraw from coming near because there is activity behind me, or reacting fearfully to a new sound, or a door opening or closing, suddenly now I am so much more aware at school of how scary an environment can be. This has increased my sensitivity to just how busy our worlds are, and how we need to give shy animals and people the opportunity to feel safe by accepting them as they are, but also helping them be all they can be. Ruby, a dog who not that long ago was struggling for survival with 120+ other dogs without any human attention/ connection, has taught me this. Thanks to Ruby, my children with heightened sensitivities have found an island in the room we work in of more calm and more acceptance...thank you Ruby!!



**From Callie's family:** Callie has become more confident since that first day we brought her home and has settled in well with all of us. She connected quickly with our golden retriever and they both enjoy each other's company. This was important to us because our golden is an older dog. Callie has such a sweet disposition that she fit right in and enjoys all the walks, hugs and fetching we do. Although we didn't have Callie as a puppy, it's been a joy watching her evolve and progress. We've observed her responses to new situations (previously not exposed to) and teaching her along the way. The best part is that every day we learn something new about each other and that makes it exciting. We're looking forward to many years of fun and continued laughter with Callie.



## MORE SPECIAL NEEDS DOGS

### WHISPER AND LADD

The OK dogs reiterated a valuable lesson we see again and again in rescue - that given enough time, many "unadoptable" dogs can be rehabilitated and integrated into loving forever homes.

So we again did not hesitate to step forward and offer assistance when, early this spring, over 100 dogs and other animals were seized from a "rescue" that had quickly degenerated into a hoarding situation in rural Wyoming. Several of the dogs were BCs, and 2 of them soon arrived into WBCR.

Darling little Whisper and sweet Ladd had lived nothing but a life of neglect and fear and likely had never even been touched by people in a good way. Two months later, both have made great strides and are a far cry from the terrified, cowering creatures whose only hope was WBCR. Ladd, allegedly Whisper's father, is the older of the two and is still quite shy. At 4 years old, we expect him to take a little longer to come around, although he has quickly befriended another dog in his foster home and has recently begun to play and enjoy life. We are surprised and delighted that beautiful little Whisper (who is only 1 1/2) settled into life in a foster home quickly, and has already been adopted!



## THE DASH FUND

WBCR is committed to helping all kinds of BCs in need. Our expansion has brought an increase in rescues, and that increase in rescues means an increase in dogs with a variety of special needs. To address this, the Dash Fund was established this year, named in honor of a very special BC boy who arrived at WBCR in early 2009 and shortly after, contracted distemper. Despite his best efforts, the finest in veterinary care, and the incredible love and care of his foster and adoptive families, Dash did not survive. However, his memorable delight for life remains with us, and the Dash Fund was created so that WBCR can offer the same level of care to other incoming rescues needing extra special attention and/or extraordinary vet care to ensure the best chance at a new life. If you have a soft spot in your heart for those who need a little extra help, consider donating to the Dash Fund. We'll be setting up a special Dash Fund page on our website in the near future; in the meantime, we'd welcome you to donate via PayPal or check and mark your donation "Dash Fund". Remember, all donations are 100% tax-deductible.

## CLOVER

And lest we forget - there is one other nearly feral BC that has come into WBCR recently - darling Clover! After living all by herself in a NE sunflower field for months using an old culvert for shelter, some kind people were finally able to trap this tiny girl and took her to a local vet, who called WBCR to help.



Clover came to WBCR last fall and before long was kicking up her heels and learning to trust people. Clover is now ready to move into a foster home where she can receive more one-on-one time to help her learn the skills necessary to be a very adoptable canine companion. Clover is a petite little lass who loves to play with dogs and toys and shows a lot of natural herding instinct. She's still got a ways to go in the confidence-building department, but if you are interested in helping a shy dog learn about the wonders of life, consider fostering Clover!

Enclosed is a donation to help the homeless Border Collies at WBCR and please send me a t-shirt to commemorate the 500 dogs already placed in forever homes!

Enclosed please find my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and send me \_\_\_\_ t-shirts(s) in size \_\_\_\_\_ (adults S-XL) in \_\_\_\_\_ (red, blue, green or grey).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to: Western Border Collie Rescue  
PO Box 141  
Glenrock, Wyoming 82637-0141



## GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!

### The 2011 WBCR Calendar Photo Contest Begins!

Every year our calendar just gets better. And once again, you have a chance to have your dog's photo in it!

#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

- Only images of dogs adopted through or currently fostered with WBCR are eligible for the calendar.
- No identifiable people in the pictures please (by this we mean no faces).
- Picture Size: **As LARGE as possible -- 8x10 inches @ 300dpi or more.** This calendar will be a professionally printed, wall-type 12x12" calendar so we need **large, high-quality** pictures.
- No limit on number of submissions per dog/family—the more the merrier!
- **Submission Deadline: 5:00 PM, Weds, July 7th, 2010.**
- By submitting your images, you agree to surrender one-time publication rights to Western Border Collie Rescue for use in this calendar and its marketing with proceeds benefiting WBCR. If your submitted picture was taken by a professional photographer, please contact us for a release form.



- Caption information: Please include name of the dog & the month/year adopted (or currently fostered) and what state you reside in.

We hope to feature dogs from all the states in our coverage area to show that WBCR is the place to come to if they're looking for an awesome rescued Border Collie! Also please include your contact info in case we have any questions.

All questions and/or images should be sent via e-mail to Jay Koelzer at [jkoelzer@colomail.com](mailto:jkoelzer@colomail.com). If you have hard copy photos, please email Jay for mailing directions.

Our 2011 calendar will be available for sale by early September, so keep an eye on our website for pre-ordering & purchasing info. We really look forward to another year full of pictures of all the great dogs that have passed through our hearts on their way to wonderful forever homes!

### WBCR ALUMNI: Are Ya Ready to Rumble??!

WBCR is hosting our 2nd Rescue Reunion on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010! Please see the front page of our website ([www.wbcrecue.org](http://www.wbcrecue.org)) or check out Western Border Collie Rescue's Facebook page for more details.

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

WBCR is doing more & more events and getting our name and mission spread to a far bigger group of folks! This means more opportunities for you to come and visit WBCR's volunteers and adoptable dogs than ever before! WBCR will be at the following fabulous events this summer:

- Sat. 6/5: [Linnea Memorial Walk - Ft. Collins, CO](#)
- Sun. 6/6: [Fundraiser Hosted by Riverstone Agility - Mead, CO](#)
- Mon. 6/7: [1st Annual "Pup Cup" Golf Tournament - Colo Spgs](#)
- Sat-Sun. 6/12&13: [RUFF in the Rockies Flyball - Brighton, CO](#)
- Sat. 7/10: [WBCR Rescue Reunion](#)
- Sat-Sun. 7/24-25: [Showdown at Hole-in-the-Wall Flyball Tournament - Laramie, WY](#)
- Sat-Sun. 8/21-22: [New West Fest - Ft. Collins](#)
- Fri-Mon. 9/3-6: [Soldier Hollow Classic Sheepdog Trial, Heber, UT](#)
- Thurs-Sun. 9/9-12: [Meeker Classic Sheepdog Trial, Meeker, CO](#)

More events may be forthcoming; you're welcome to keep an eye on the Events Calendar page of our website as we'll post more events as we learn about them! Each of these events are sure to pique the interest of any BC lover, and we always love to see those dogs who have traveled through our hearts and homes on their journeys, so if there's an event in your neck of the woods, please stop by and bring your adopted dog along!



- Digital cameras
- Microchip scanner (new or gently used)
- More foster homes**
- Dog beds
- More foster homes**
- Copy machine
- More foster homes**
- Crates and x-pens
- More foster homes**
- Toys and Chewies
- More foster homes**
- Collars and Leashes
- More foster homes**
- Volunteer Events Coordinator
- More foster homes**
- Puppy Piddle Pads
- Tech Savvy Volunteers for website help
- Gasoline gift cards (to help with transportation expenses)
- Donated items that we can sell/auction to raise funds

*and did we mention more foster homes?*

## OUR MISSION

Western Border Collie Rescue is dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming Border Collies and Border Collie mixes, as well as educating the public on the characteristics and needs of this breed.



## OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS

There's a whole world of Border Collie lovers out there, and many of them own their own businesses! Below is a list of those who will donate to the rescue when you make a purchase. Please support these businesses who support WBCR!!

### **Paw-Wares Pet Supplies in Broomfield, CO**

They give 10% to the rescue when you mention WBCR

[www.pawwares.com](http://www.pawwares.com)

### **Halo Pet Food**

Sign up for email newsletter and get \$5 coupon

[www.halopets.com](http://www.halopets.com)

### **Natural Balance Foods & Treats**

50 UPC codes and they'll donate to named charity

[www.naturalbalanceinc.com/home/charities.html](http://www.naturalbalanceinc.com/home/charities.html)

### **Premier Pet Products**

\$50 is donated to the WBCR account when you spend \$100 in one order AND mention WBCR referred you (phone orders)

### **Jan Snook Art - Custom Porcelain Tile Paintings**

Mention WBCR \$ she'll donate 20% of your order to WBCR

[www.jansnookart.com](http://www.jansnookart.com)

### **Jimmy Dog Custom Pet Portraits**

Mention WBCR % he'll donate 10% of your order to WBCR

[www.jimmydog.com](http://www.jimmydog.com)

There are also some businesses who find what we do so valuable, they offer a discount to friends of WBCR.

### **Paw-Wares Pet Supplies, Broomfield, CO**

Get 10% off pet supplies within 10 days of adoption

[www.pawwares.com](http://www.pawwares.com)

### **Mile High Engraving** [www.milehighengraving.com](http://www.milehighengraving.com)

Free ID tag with proof of adoption from WBCR!

### **Fetching Tags** [www.fetchingtags.net](http://www.fetchingtags.net)

20% off your online order with code "WYBC01"

### **Paco Collars** [www.pacocollars.com](http://www.pacocollars.com)

20% off your online order with code "WYBC01"

### **Stray Gold**

20% off your online order with code "WYBC01"

### **Baby Print Art** [www.babyprintart.com](http://www.babyprintart.com)

15% off your custom art piece with code "WBCR15"

### **Mountainsmith Gear** [www.mountainsmith.com](http://www.mountainsmith.com)

25% off entire online Mountainsmith order with code "BC25" (purchase through 12/31/2010)



## ABOUT WBCR

Western Border Collie Rescue (formerly known as Wyoming Border Collie Rescue) was founded in 2003. WBCR is a 501(c)3 non-profit all volunteer organization. We have no staff – all the work is done by volunteers – people who love Border Collies and give of their time and talents to help dogs in need. We rescue and rehome Border Collies throughout Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Montana, New Mexico, Idaho, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and beyond.



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