



# SPDR Speaks!

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## From Our President

By Lynn  
Erckmann

*As I write this we still have remnants of the big snow in our yard. We had 10 inches at our house and I have to say that my Shelties were not impressed. I reminded them of their ancestry on the Shetland Islands, but they ignored me and hung out on the deck and under the house eaves. To be honest, it was hard for them to navigate in such deep snow. Fortunately we were only without power for 10 hours, but it was looking like a 3-dog night for awhile.*

*2012 marks SPDR's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a huge achievement for a grassroots, nonprofit group. We'll be celebrating in various ways throughout the year. Any ideas of ways to celebrate are welcome!*

*Along those lines, we're introducing Lisa Bachler in this issue. Lisa is SPDR's new Support Coordinator and will be recruiting and organizing our volunteers and volunteer program. She*

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## Renaming your rescued dog

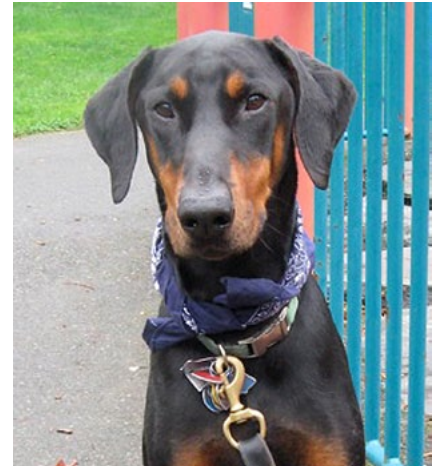
By Darlene Arden

There are few things in life as rewarding as giving a homeless animal a second chance at life. Some have never had a proper home, many have never had a good home and some have lost their home because of their owner's life circumstances, often the death of the owner or the birth of a child who is dangerously allergic to pets.

One question that often arises is whether or not to give your new dog a new name. This may sound frivolous to some but it's a serious question and a real consideration. Here's my "rule of thumb" for renaming a dog.

If the dog has been in a loving home and has only positive associations with his name, I advise keeping the name. He has already lost so much in life, why subject him to losing the last familiar thing? It will help make the transition easier if he knows that you're talking specifically to him. Acknowledge who he is and always use his name in a loving tone of voice.

On the other hand, there are certainly times when changing your dog's name is advisable,



*Max, formerly named Lethal*

when he needs a fresh start in every possible way, including a new name. In some cases, the dog may have been brought into a shelter off the street and has no name. In that case, the shelter volunteers have named him but his only real association with the name is a loud, cold, noisy shelter environment and what little affection the volunteers can spare when it has to be spread among so many animals.

In other cases, the dog has a bad association with his name. These are often the dogs that have been relinquished to shelters. In breed rescue groups, volunteers foster the dogs to help them make the transition to a new home so, for our purposes, we'll be concentrating on shelter dogs or those off the street who have appeared in your life.

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# It Takes a Village. . Another Miracle

By Vicki Brunell,  
Boston Terrier Co-rep and Board Member

He was named Red by the shelter staff. Red was picked up by animal control in early October. No tag! No collar! No microchip! He appeared to be just over a year old and to be healthy except for a heart murmur and a case of kennel cough. Because Red was so handsome, the staff knew that his family would surely come to claim him. No one did. The shelter staff contacted us to take Red and find a home for him. Gerri and Glenn Wilson drove to Olympia to pick Red up and bring him to our home in Redmond, WA.

We interviewed several families that might work for Red. One family stood out, the Shea family from Seattle. They came to visit Red on his second day with us. The children and dad were hooked right away. All they had to do was to look at Red's sweet face. Mom wanted to think about it. But as they were leaving, Red followed mom along the fence to the car. She noticed him following her with his big brown eyes and that was it! She was hooked too.

The Sheas had a family meeting when they got home and decided that Red was the one. The children had even chosen the name Ike for their new friend.

On Red's (now Ike) fourth night with us, he had what we thought was a seizure. By the time we rushed him into the vet the next morning he had two of these "seizures". Dr Rachael Israel Wise from the Value Vet Clinic in Bellevue told us that he was not having seizures but that he was probably faint-



ing because his heart was not able to pump enough blood fast enough. The same day she sent us to a cardio specialist, Dr. Hsu at the Seattle Veterinary Specialists in Kirkland. Here we discovered that Red had valvular pulmonic stenosis. One of his heart valves was not opening all the way so the blood flow was greatly restricted. He would need balloon valvuloplasty, a very expensive procedure, to correct his condition, and it needed to happen very soon. We had three choices: have the \$3,500 procedure done, do nothing and let him live his life until he didn't wake up from one of his fainting spells, or put him to sleep now.

One thing that we had to do right then was to call the Shea family and tell them the bad news. Because of Ike's delicate condition, he was not a good candidate for adoption. They asked for some time to talk it over as a family.

The very next morning we received a call from Dr. Wise. She wanted to call Washington State University to see if there was something that they could do. Within forty-five minutes she had an answer. The WSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital would do Ike's surgery for 50% of the cost. That was GREAT!! Where were we going to get the money?

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## It takes a village

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We would have to have a fund raiser. We shared the exciting news with the Sheas and they jumped on board. They had decided to take Ike no matter the outcome.

We wrote a letter about Ike's story and asked people to give what they could. It would all add up and Ike would have his surgery. We sent it to everyone we could think of. We put it on web sites and Facebook pages. By the end of the fifth day we had raised over \$2,000. We had donations from as far away as Austria and from all over the West Coast. Ike's surgery date was set, and before we left for WSU, we had raised almost \$3000. That should cover everything!



Dr. Meyer and Dr. Maran of WSU

In order to get Ike to Pullman, WA, we had to scramble. It took three volunteers to get Ike and me there and back. Clarice Sackett drove the first leg from Redmond to Moses Lake, WA. Sue Mixon took over and drove from Moses Lake to Pullman and from Pullman back to Vantage after Ike's surgery. Al Williams drove from Vantage back to Redmond during a terrible snow storm to get Ike home.

Ike's stay in the WSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital started with the help of Rachel, the Cardio Department Coordinator. She got everything all set up and they were waiting for us when we arrived. First we met with Dr. Michelle Meyer, who did all the preliminary work and introduced us to Dr. Brian Maran, who actually did the surgery for Ike.

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## It takes a village

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Doctors Maran and Meyers did an excellent job of explaining what the problem was and how they were going to fix it. They explained all the possible outcomes, both good and not so good.

Ike's surgery went just as planned. Ike had the best at WSU!! His medical journey is still not over. Ike has several follow up visits and will be required to take heart medicine for the rest of his life.

Here is the best part of this story. With the help of over 70 people who donated their time and/or dollars, just six weeks after Ike was picked up by animal control, he received life saving surgery and went to live with his forever family. Thank you to all of you that made it possible for Ike to go to his new forever home. We couldn't have made the journey without you! What more could a little dog ask?



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# Tips for Combining Dogs and Gardens

By Cheryl S. Smith

The yard is not a babysitter – don't expect to leave dogs out there on their own without trouble.

A tired dog is a good dog – a truism well known to dog trainers everywhere. A dog with energy to burn can undo your landscaping in a frightful hurry.

Compromise is key when dealing with dogs and landscapes. If the dog is digging, don't try and stop him. Instead, give him a really terrific approved place to dig!

Safety is paramount. Use only products that are nontoxic, especially snail and slug baits.



Let the dog have some say in how he or she wants to use the landscape – maybe a kiddie pool for those water-loving retrievers or circular paths for those herding types or a perimeter path for the guarding breeds.

*Cheryl S. Smith is the author of Dog Friendly Gardens, Garden Friendly Dogs. She lives on the Olympic Peninsula.*



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# From Fellow Dog Lovers...

## Thank you Lab Rep

CASA would like to give a huge THANK YOU to the wonderful Labrador Breed Rep and the fabulous foster home from Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue who committed to helping PawPaw (a chocolate Lab). We are excited to say that PawPaw has left the shelter and is on his way home with his new foster parents. No one could be more thankful than PawPaw himself. What a change from the past life which left the worn and raw collar wounds around his neck. Thank you for making PawPaw's second chance a reality.

*Camano Island Shelter (CASA)*

## Helpful Breed Rep

This is a special thank you to Lynn Erckmann for helping us connect with "Samson," the Sheltie.

*Barbara Goucher*

## Light of Their Eyes

Thank you for the wonderful work you do. We would like to make a donation to your program in memory of our daughter and son-in-law's Boxer "Lucy." She was the light of so many people's eyes.

*Jon & Laurel Shelton*

## Keep the Updates Coming

Jason and I are glad we found your organization. We are happy to know that our Westie Bridgit has a wonderful new home. Thank you for keeping us updated and sending pictures.

*Laura Coen*

## Chloe, the Weimaraner

Good Luck on your surgery.

*Kim Fleming*

## Taking Time to Say Thanks

God bless the good work you do.

*Olivia Yang*

## Honoring My Best Friend

The enclosed donation is for Chloe's medical fund in honor of my best friend and protector for fourteen years, my Weimaraner, Shadow. May Chloe soon know what it is like to be loved by a family.

*Sandra Rea*

## A Beloved Companion

I am donating to your rescue group in the name of "Skipper" the Border Collie, beloved companion of Lois and Stan Barber. They adopted "Skipper" from a rescue group and had him for over ten years. This is a just a small token to help with all the wonderful work your organization undertakes.

*Beverly Suther*

## Very Successful Adjustment

Thank you very much for helping us adopt "Ayla." She is doing very well and adjusting to her new home. We love her!

*Patti & Daniel Champoux*

## Puppy Finds a Home

Thank you for finding a home for my Doberman puppy "Ruby."

*Bill Ramos*

## Gizmo Always Remembered

Enclosed is our gift to your wonderful organization in memory of our precious Shih Tzu/Lhasa named "Gizmo." We got him through Becky Hughes in 1998. Sadly, he passed away in 2004 here in Arizona. We still think of him fondly.

*Pat & Shirley Gallagher*

## Satisfied Adopter

Thank you for our beautiful Shelties. They are loved.

*Louise Fellows*



## New Family Member

Many thanks for your organization. "Mari," our new Shiba, is a beautiful addition to our family.

Tyler Sipe

## Happy CEO

Please accept this donation on behalf of "Buddy's Duds." "Buddy" (the CEO) and his grateful family thank you for bringing our little "miracle with paws" to us.

Tom & Teena Kracht

## Beautiful Creatures

This donation is for the Pomeranian fund in memory of our beloved Coco, whom we adopted with the help of Susan Pfeiffer in 2002. May this help, in some small way, your continued efforts in saving the beautiful creatures which bless our human existence.

Steve & Dawn Clarke

## Chloe Available for adoption



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## Featured Breed Rep: Pam Carlson Shiba Inus

*By Lynn Erckmann, President  
Herding Mentor and Sheltie Breed Rep*

Pam Carlson has a lot of experience with primitive, independent dog breeds. She began rescuing Akitas for SPDR around 1992. A couple of years later she added Shibas to her family because they are a lot like Akitas, just smaller. That led to being the Breed Rep for both Akitas and Shibas. Because Akitas can be dog aggressive, it became difficult to foster them without putting the smaller Shibas at risk from the larger dogs, so Pam settled on being the Shiba rep only.

Pam handles about 10 Shibas per year for SPDR but also places a few Shiba mixes and Jindos outside of SPDR. She hopes that someone with experience with the breed will start a Jindo rescue because she sees them in shelters and regularly gets calls about them. Additionally, Pam helps Shiba rescue in Oregon by doing home checks for them in Washington.

Pam grew up in Michigan. Her family moved to Saudi Arabia when she was twelve. It was there that she had her first experience with a primitive breed when her family adopted a desert dog. These dogs are somewhat like dingoes or Canaan Hounds and are very independent. Because there was no high school for Americans in Saudi Arabia, Pam returned to The United States, attending high school in Massachusetts and going to college in Ohio.

Her parents were still in Saudi Arabia following graduation, so Pam came out to Washington because she was attracted to the Pacific Northwest. She enrolled in some post graduate classes at the University of Washington in Fisheries. She began working as a biologist on water quality for Weyerhaeuser in their environmental department. Now Pam has moved to Weyerhaeuser's Forestry Research Department, where she clones conifers to produce high quality lumber.



*Pam Carlson and Shiba Inu, Pip*

Pam is training her 2-year-old Shiba in agility. She has a 6-month-old puppy that is in training for showing in conformation. Her 14-year-old Shiba is in nosework classes which she greatly enjoys, and they help to keep her old girl sharp. Pam is using totally positive training methods for her dogs and is very happy with the results. She compared Shibas to cats in dog suits, emphasizing how independent they can be, and how positive training really works for them.

Pam is seeing more Shibas in pet stores. Shibas need heavy socialization as puppies and don't respond all that well to traditional training methods. Unfortunately this may lead to more dogs showing up in shelters and rescue. Pam seems well-equipped and capable of dealing with whatever need arises. Shibas and SPDR are lucky to have her on board.



## From Our President... *continued from page 1*

will be looking for areas where breed reps can use help, where the Board can use help, as well as finding writers for SPEAKS and helping where needed.

Our featured breed rep is Pam Carlson, who rescues Shiba Inus. Pam is a long term rep and her help has been invaluable.

Our featured article on changing your adopted dog's name is of interest to me. When a dog comes to me in rescue, if it already has a known name I usually keep it. Many dogs come with names unknown or ones the shelters have given them, and those dogs always have to learn new names. It's just one more little stressful thing for them when they are trying to adjust to new people and surroundings. However, the author does make a good point that if a dog has had a poor life that its name may not bring up good mem-

ories, so that must be taken into consideration.

I want to remind everyone that SPDR has a Facebook page. Anyone can post photos of your SPDR dogs (both adopted and available for adoption), adoption stories, or things related to SPDR.

*Lynn*

**"Louie"**  
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# Meet The Breed: Golden Retriever

By Desiree Gibson,  
SPDR Breed Rep for Golden Retrievers

Unlike many breeds, the development of the Golden Retriever in historical terms is fairly recent, and thanks to the painstaking research carried out by breed historians, the history is well-defined and documented.

The breed originated from a series of crosses carried out by Lord Tweedmouth in Scotland from 1864 onwards. The starting point was his acquisition of a good looking yellow colored Flat Coated Retriever. He mated this dog to a Tweed Water Spaniel, a breed now long extinct, and then bred on from the offspring of this mating, using the occasional outcross to an Irish Setter, a second Tweed Water Spaniel and a black Flat-coated Retriever. The dogs produced proved to be grand workers, obedient and attractive. Puppies from the crosses were given to friends and family, who also bred them. The dogs bred true to type, and so the forerunners of the breed we know today were established.

It was not until 1908 that the breed came into the public eye. Lord Harcourt had formed a great liking for the breed and had gathered a collection of the dogs descended from the original crosses on his Oxford estate. He decided to exhibit them at the Kennel Club Show in 1908, where they created great interest. They were entered in a class for "Any Variety Retriever", and described as Yellow Flat-coated Retrievers. The term 'Golden Retriever' was first coined around this time, and has been attributed to Lord Harcourt.

Once they had been seen by the general public, many people wanted to own one, and the breed's popularity was assured. One of the people that saw them and acquired one was Mrs Charlesworth, who became the greatest enthusiast the breed has ever had. From 1910, when she acquired her first Golden, until her death in 1954, she championed the cause



of the breed against all comers, and pushed her fellow enthusiasts relentlessly to keep the breed as a true "dual purpose" dog. She also organized her fellow enthusiasts into forming a Golden Retriever Club in 1911, writing a breed standard, and campaigning for the breed to be registered with the Kennel Club of England as a separate breed. (The Kennel Club had previously registered them as Flat-coated Retrievers). The breed was accepted by the Kennel Club of England in 1913.

## **GOLDENS NEED:**

### **Your Time and Companionship**

Goldens are outgoing "people" dogs. They need to be with, around, near, on the lap, or underfoot of humans, because they thrive on love and attention. In rescue Goldens these traits are often exaggerated. Goldens cannot be maintained as outside dogs; they are indoor companions. Consider your lifestyle and household schedule—do you travel a lot, do you work long hours, are you busy with your children's activities? In other words, do you have time to give the love and attention a Golden needs?

### **Exercise**

Goldens need to have hard, consistent exercise  
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## Meet Lisa Bachler, SPDR's New Support Coordinator

I'm very pleased to be joining SPDR as the Support Coordinator, as I adopted my second American Eskimo from SPDR back in 2006 and have been a fan and supporter since that introduction.

Many of you have a soft-spot for the breed of your current or past dogs; mine is for the Eskie, the breed that I adopted 12 years ago from the Humane Society. I adopted my second Eskie from SPDR after filling in a general adoption application and speaking with Sherry Myers, the rep at the time, about what age/gender would be a good fit in my home. Sherry instilled in me the importance of probing questions to ensure that a dog is a perfect fit when going to its new home. I could tell that she had a deep love for the breed, and I stayed in touch with her whenever I had questions about my new adoptive dog.

When I heard of a huge puppy mill bust of American Eskimo dogs in Kennewick in 2009, I contacted a national breed rescue group to see how I could help. That initial contact, coupled with my fantastic experience with my SPDR breed rep, led me to the dog rescue circuit. I have fostered a couple dozen dogs over the years, each one still having a portfolio of pictures on my computer.

In addition to breed rescue, I was a Program Manager in my "other" life until I retired in November of 2010. When I left, many of my coworkers commented, "Now you can do dog rescue work that you've felt a passion for!" I did, indeed, go full time with the rescue group I had volunteered with, and I spent many hours transporting, fostering, vetting, and adopting out American Eskimo dogs, as well as continuing work as a board member and newsletter editor. My retirement was always intended to be short-term, however, and I knew I would eventually return to the workforce. I'm very lucky to have found a position that blends the project management that energizes me with a cause that I feel passionate about.



*Lisa Bachler and Luna*

Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue has an outstanding group of volunteers, including foster homes, Breed Reps, general volunteers, and the Board of Directors. My goal as Support Coordinator is to fully engage the volunteers and ensure that everyone wanting to assist the organization knows whom to contact to lend a hand—whether that is helping out at the SPDR booth at events, transporting dogs, writing articles for *Speaks* or one of the many other opportunities available. With 2012 being the 25th anniversary of SPDR, it's going to be the best year yet!



### Juneau and friend



## Meet the Breed...

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daily (20-30 minutes twice a day) or they may have trouble adjusting to the calm house-pet role expected by most owners. Dogs will not exercise by themselves. You must interact with them. Goldens that do not get enough exercise can exhibit behavior problems such as inappropriate chewing, excessive barking, unruly behavior, and digging. Senior Goldens also require daily walks and playtime in order to stay healthy.

### Grooming

Goldens should be brushed every other day. Professional grooming costs \$30 to \$50 every 6–8 weeks. Goldens need to have their toenails cut regularly and most Goldens need to have their ears cleaned frequently; both tasks are simple for dog owners to learn to do.

### Food and Veterinary Care

Feeding one dog for a year will cost about \$300–\$400. Routine veterinary expenses run between \$200–300 a year. Goldens, like all breeds, have certain hereditary conditions. They are prone to skin allergies, hot spots, and ear infections, and occasionally hypothyroidism (underproduction by the thyroid gland, easily treated with daily oral medication) or hip and eye problems. Though many expenses are hidden in the grocery bill (food, leashes, collars, brushes, shampoos, toys, etc.), they do affect the family budget!

### Goldens Are:

Extremely tolerant of children but, like any other dog, if

teased, frustrated, or physically harmed, Goldens will growl and can bite. Goldens can be good family dogs, but no dog should be left alone with young children.

Goldens have an average life span of twelve to thirteen years although fifteen year-olds are not unknown. Consider what your plans might be in five to twelve years. Will you still welcome the responsibility of a highly social dog when you have a family, go back to work, have an “empty nest” when the kids go to college or when you retire and want to travel?

### Don't Get a Golden if:

You want a fastidiously kept home. Goldens are a long, double-coated breed and they shed constantly. You will always find some dog hair around, especial-

ly on rugs, furniture, your nicest clothes, and, oh yes, occasionally in your food.

Like any other dog, Goldens can get ticks and fleas and their paws will track dirt, mud, and snow into the house. Goldens possess active tails, making clean sweeps of coffee tables.

You object to a dog having your personal or household articles in his mouth. Goldens are retrievers—genetically programmed to carry laundry, shoes, kids' toys, etc. in their mouths!

You want a guard dog. Though they may bark and growl defensively, when it comes to brass tacks, they'd just as soon kiss the intruder and show him to the silver.

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## **Breed Characteristics:**

**Size:** Breed standard is 55-65 lbs. and 21-22" tall at the withers (shoulder) for females, 65-75 lbs and 23-24" tall for males.

**Color:** Ranges from cream to gold to mahogany.

**Energy Level:** High for the Sporting Group, high for Golden Retrievers in general.

**Life expectancy:** 12 to 14 years

**Abilities:** Excellent family companions, but also excel at Obedience, Agility, Tracking, Search & Rescue, and Therapy work.

**Compatibility with Children:** Excellent.

**Compatibility with Other Animals:** Very Good.

**Shedding/Grooming:** High.

**Health Issues:** Allergies, hip dysplasia, hemangiosarcoma and lymphosarcoma, hypothyroidism.

**Best with:** An owner that has the time and energy to spend with an active Golden Retriever.

**Not for:** Someone looking for an independent companion. Golden Retrievers are known as "velcro dogs." They want to be with their people at all times, and have an almost constant need for attention.

**Pros:** Gentle, loving, active, highly trainable.

**Cons:** Needy, high shedding factor, potential medical issues/allergies.



## **A Golden Moment...**

One of my most memorable rescues was Elvis. Elvis was fostered by an SPDR volunteer in Everett. His prior owners didn't have time for him anymore, and he had been relegated to outdoor living.

I had an applicant who lived in the same general vicinity, but she'd been on the waiting list for quite some time, so I wasn't sure if she was in the position to adopt at that given moment. I gave her a call, and found out that her son had just passed away from brain cancer, leaving three small children behind. She was understandably completely devastated by this and initially said that she wasn't ready to adopt at this time.

However, she called me back later that day and said this might just be what she needed. She came out to meet Elvis and adopted him immediately.

A few years later, she wrote to say that Elvis was the best thing that had happened to her, and that when she was in the throes of grief and depression over the passing of her son, Elvis was like a lifeline to her. She said that Elvis saved HER life. It's endings like this one that make me thrilled to be a part of SPDR, rescuing Golden Retrievers.

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## Renaming your rescue dog *continued from page 1*



*Lillie Mae, formerly Mae, a Border Collie*



*Lily, a Sheltie, formerly Precious*



*Another Lily, a Bull Terrier*

Usually, dogs who have been relinquished by their owners have come with some sort of history or their reaction to volunteers can tell part of the story just by watching their body language. While most small dogs are given up because of housetraining issues, many people get a dog and get tired of it so they stick the dog in the backyard, totally ignoring this living, breathing, sentient being. Or they get bored. Or they no longer want the responsibility, or it grew bigger than they thought. The human-animal bond means nothing to these people and it is the dog that suffers. Other people take out their hostilities on the dog, hitting it, screaming at it, kicking it, etc. Not one of these dogs will have a positive association with his or her name. These dogs have often been called by name only to be punished; they've been screamed at, they've been abused.

Along with the tender, loving care you provide a new name will help set the tone for a new life.

Naming your adopted dog will give you both a fresh start. You may want to start with something close to the dog's previous name and use the old name first, quickly followed by the new name. Then switch to new first and then old name, and then phase out the old name entirely.

If the dog's background has been so horrible that he quakes when he hears his name, just change it immediately and remember to associate it with only

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*Max, a Scottie, with owner Barbara Kam*

good things. Use his name and toss a treat his way but not directly at him. Don't frighten him because he's had a lifetime of fear. Always call him to you to pat and praise him and give him a small treat. You never want to call any dog to you for punishment or to yell at him. Always make the association positive and loving.

Remember to be patient with your new family member. It takes time to adjust to a new home, a new name, and feel secure. Positive training will help him make happy associations with his new home, his new family and his new life. Speak softly to him, tell him he's a good boy (or good girl) and set your dog up to do things that you can encourage. Mistakes happen. Don't yell at him, especially be careful to use the new name in positive, loving ways and don't rush your newcomer. Allow him to have some

time get acquainted. He's going to expect to be yelled at for no reason that he understands, or punished, or left alone in the yard, or returned to the shelter. It takes time to build trust and that wonderful human-animal bond. A slow, steady start and a brand-new name will lead to a lifetime of wonderful experiences and a deep and satisfying human-animal bond for you and your dog.

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### ***Love Has No Age Limit: Welcoming an Adopted Dog Into Your Home***

*Authors: Patricia B. McConnell, PhD., and Karen B. London, PhD.*

*Publisher: McConnell Publishing Ltd., 2011*

*As Reviewed by Lynn Erckmann, President, Sheltie Breed Rep*

Here is a book that every person who adopts a dog should read, preferably before bringing the dog home. It contains all of the common sense information SPDR's breed reps try to share with their adopters in one small handbook that they could carry in a pocket or handbag if not clipped to their belt.

It begins with all of the things you should do before bringing the dog home, such as getting the needed supplies, dog-proofing the house, learning as much as possible about the new dog, even bringing home a blanket or towel the dog has slept on to make him more comfortable. Perhaps more importantly, the book tells you what NOT to do.

It moves on to the first day when you bring your dog home and covers the car ride, introductions to the family, other dogs, and other pets. There is an emphasis on preventing housetraining mistakes and how to deal with them when they occur. Again, the authors also address what not to do – no welcome home

party, no immediate trips to the vet or groomer (unless absolutely necessary), and staying close to home until the dog has settled in.

The book then moves into establishing daily routines and house rules, followed by building a relationship with your new dog. Patience is stressed over and over, as well as giving it a safe place where it can retreat and not scaring your dog. There is a brief chapter on training with positive reinforcement. This wraps up the first half of the book.

The second half is devoted to common behavior problems with adopted dogs. It is not intended to be complete but to get you started on dealing with separation anxiety, house re-training, chewing, resource guarding, common fearful behaviors, and problems with other dogs. The authors also tell you when it's time to seek professional help.

The book closes with a list of resources. The authors list other books for in depth information with training problems, offer



information on how to find a trainer or behavioral consultant, and provide some useful websites.

Love Has No Age Limit has been nominated for a Dog Writers of America Association award. We thought it was so useful that all of our breed reps should have a copy, so we purchased a large number and provided them at no cost to reps. They can share the information with their adopters or lend the book to adopters. Hopefully it will help more dogs adjust to their new homes more easily and lead to successful placements.

# SPDR Resources and Information

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