



The Rottie Report

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Meet the New Arrivals!

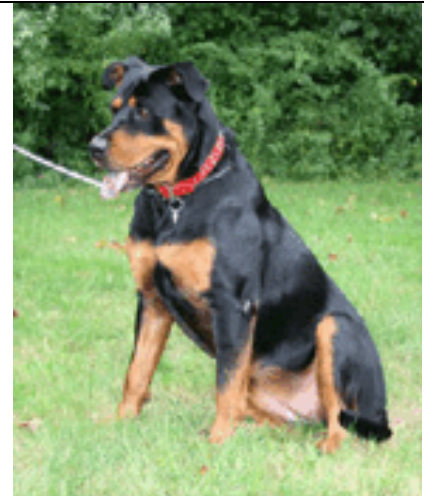


TIGGER

Sex:	Male
Age:	8 years
Size:	113 lbs
Kids:	Over 14 Ok
Dogs:	Yes
Cats:	Yes
Small Animals:	Yes
Level:	Novice Home

SCOUT

Sex:	Female
Age:	18 months
Size:	85 lbs
Kids:	Over 5 yrs Ok
Dogs:	Yes
Cats:	No
Small Animals:	No
Level:	Some Experience



To Learn more about Tigger, Scout, or any of our dogs on referral, please visit the available dogs section on the website.

www.RRUFF.org

Stuff You Should Know



The Canine Good Citizen Certification

An Important Test for Any Responsible Dog Owner

The AKC's Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Program is an important step for any responsible dog owner. Started in 1989, CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club.

Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs. The Canine Good Citizen Program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events. As you work with your dog to teach the CGC skills, you'll discover the many benefits and joys of training your dog. Training will enhance the bond between you and your dog. Dogs who have a solid obedience education are a joy to live with—they respond well to household routines, have good manners in the presence of people and other dogs, and they fully enjoy the company of the owner who took the time to provide training, intellectual stimulation, and a high quality life.

A number of specialty (one breed only) clubs give the CGC at their annual national dog show. Dog clubs have discovered that the CGC is an event that allows everyone to go home a winner. Veterinarians have recognized the benefits of well-trained dogs and there are some CGC programs in place in veterinary hospitals. State legislatures began recognizing the CGC program as a means of advocating responsible dog ownership and 17 states now have Canine Good Citizen resolutions.

In a little over one decade, the Canine Good Citizen Program has begun to have an extremely positive impact in many of our communities. This is a program that can help us assure that the dogs we love will always be welcome and well-respected members of our communities.

1. Before taking the Canine Good Citizen test, owners will sign the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge. We believe that responsible dog ownership is a key part of the CGC concept. By signing the pledge, owners agree to take care of their dog's health needs, safety, exercise, training and provide quality of life. Owners also agree to demonstrate responsibility by doing things such as cleaning up after their dogs in public places and never letting dogs infringe on the rights of others.

Stuff You Should Know, CGC (continued)

After signing the Responsible Dog Owners Pledge, owners and their dogs are ready to take the CGC Test. Items on the Canine Good Citizen Test include:

- Test 1:** Accepting a friendly stranger
- Test 2:** Sitting politely for petting
- Test 3:** Appearance and grooming
- Test 4:** Out for a walk (walking on a loose lead)
- Test 5:** Walking through a crowd
- Test 6:** Sit and down on command and Staying in place
- Test 7:** Coming when called
- Test 8:** Reaction to another dog
- Test 9:** Reaction to distraction
- Test 10:** Supervised separation

Equipment

All tests must be performed on leash. Dogs should wear well-fitting buckle or slip collars made of leather, fabric, or chain. Special training collars such as pinch collars, head halters, etc. are not permitted in the CGC test. We recognize that special training collars may be very useful tools for beginning dog trainers, however, we feel that dogs are ready to take the CGC test at the point at which they are transitioned to regular collars.

The evaluator supplies a 20-foot lead for the test. The owner/handler should bring the dog's brush or comb to the test.

Encouragement

Owners/handlers may use praise and encouragement throughout the test. The owner may pet the dog between exercises. Food and treats are not permitted during testing, nor is the use of squeaky toys, etc. to get the dog to do something. We recognize that food and toys may provide valuable reinforcement or encouragement during the training process but these items should not be used during the test.

Failures - Dismissals

Any dog that eliminates during testing must be marked failed. The only exception to this rule is that elimination is allowable in test Item 10, but only when test Item 10 is held outdoors.

Any dog that growls, snaps, bites, attacks, or attempts to attack a person or another dog is not a good citizen and must be dismissed from the test.

For more information about the CGC test, please visit www.AKC.org

Yummy Treats for your Furry Friend

Peanut Butter - A Dog's Best Friend

We all know that dogs love Peanut Butter! It has so many great uses from stuffing Bones to help with separation anxiety to these great treats that let your furry friend how much you love him!



Peanut Butter Biscuits

1 cup flour

½ cup milk

2 Tbs peanut butter

¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

1 tsp baking powder

1 egg white

1 Tbs chicken broth

Mix flour and milk until lumpy. Add peanut butter and broth. Mix Parmesan cheese with first 4 ingredients. Add egg white.

Mix well or until it has the consistency of pancake batter. Add baking powder. Pour onto greased cookie sheet, making 2" drops.

Bake at 400F for 15-20 minutes until golden brown.

Cool.

In The Public Eye

Past and Future Events

The RRUFF Volunteers are an active bunch! Since we are a new organization, getting our name out to the public and raising funds are top priorities. Check out some of our successful past events as well as where you can come and meet us in the near future! Visit our web site for the latest event info and directions.

April 23, 2005 - Pamper Your Pet Event - Despite the wet weather we had a very successful photo day at the Litchfield, CT Pet Supply store. We teamed up with the Northwestern CT Dog Club who had an owner education table and Pamela Holick a licensed pet massage therapist who gave free 10 minute massages to anyone who came in.

May 14, 2005 - NERR Spring Stroll - The NERR spring stroll is an annual event held by our fellow volunteers at North East Rottweiler Rescue. There were many reunions of adopters, fosters, and volunteers from many rescue groups. All dogs big and small had a fun walk around a very scenic park.

July 23, 2005 - Bark-B-Q Fundraiser – RRUFF along with Nature's Variety food and The Litchfield, CT Pet Supply hosted the first annual Bark-B-Q! The weather was perfect, the dogs all behaved and we had a good turnout. The Nature's Variety people cooked for the dogs and Nancy, the store owner, donated hamburgers and hotdogs for us to cook for the people. Along with the food, sales, donations, and pet pictures, we also had CGC Testing, dog washes, and agility try-it's!

August 6, 2005 – RottStock, CT - What a success it was for a first really big event for Rott.net & RRUFF together! Despite the heat and humidity, everyone came together for a great day! Everyone enjoyed the K9 Demonstration by Officer Bradshaw and Justice from the Oxford Police Dept. Pamela Holick joined us again for Canine and Human massages. A Huge Thank You to all who supported the event by either attending, purchasing a t-shirt, or donating. Check out our happy group!



September 11, 2005 - Petrock Festival - It was more like Dustrock 2005 - one of the pet food bowls was actually accumulating a layer of dirt in it! Petrock is an annual event held in Worcester MA (Usually at the beginning of September) which includes agility demos, bands, professional pet portraits. It is attended by over 100 vendors and rescues. If you are thinking of getting a dog, this is the place to meet dogs of every kind and talk to a variety of breed knowledgeable volunteers.

October 22, 2005 – Howl-o-ween Party, Westford MA. A chilly fall day, where a whole host of dogs vied for, and obtained a passing grade on the USTT (U.S. Temperament Test) and CGC (Canine Good Citizen, as described in this newsletter.) For the after party, there was bobbing for hotdogs and a costume party (for the dogs or course!)

October 29, 2005 – Pet Fall Festival. It was a perfect fall day, so we took the opportunity to take pet pictures outside this year. To the right, Angel poses in our makeshift Halloween graveyard. A record number of pets (14) had their fall portraits done, and even the humans had a grand old time. Pets also entered a costume contest, and bobbed for treats; a traditional fall game.



October 29, 2005 – Hartford, CT Pet Expo. This is a very large event sponsored by PetCo. It is an event roughly the size of PetRock. Although it is not “rescue” specific like PetRock is. RRUFF received a lot of exposure from this event, as did over 100 other breeds! The event consisted of 100 breeds of exotic and domestic purebred cats, The Rare and Ancient Dog Breed Show, featuring extremely rare breeds in a live dog show competition, Police and protection dog demos, Bwana Jims Reptile Show, Animals Everywhere and much more! The expo surely will be back next year...

Upcoming events

Sunday, November 27, 2005 County Can Drive	Litchfield, CT
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Do you live in Litchfield County of Connecticut? Do you have any returnable cans or bottles hanging around that you just haven't gotten to return? Give RRUFF a call to arrange a pick up time on this date and a friendly volunteer will come to your house and rid you of the problem! No cost to you only the donation of the \$.05 return money that we will collect when we return them. Think of all the returnables you will have from Thanksgiving! **Call** (978) 429 - 4059 and leave a message with you name and phone number so a volunteer can contact you.

Saturday, December 3, 2005 2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair & Pictures with Santa	10 am - 4pm	Litchfield Fire House Route 202 Litchfield, CT
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Crafters still needed! For more information on booth availability please call RRUFF at (978) 429 - 4059 and leave a message with your name and phone number for a volunteer to contact you.

Saturday, December 10, 2005 Holiday Pet Pictures	10 AM to 4 PM	Litchfield Pet Supply In the Cove, Route 202 Litchfield, CT
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If you missed the craft fair, here's your follow up chance to show off your pet in a neutral holiday themed background: *Rottweiler* sized pictures (or greeting card size) with *pug* sized prices (all proceeds donated to RRUFF.) No appointment needed.

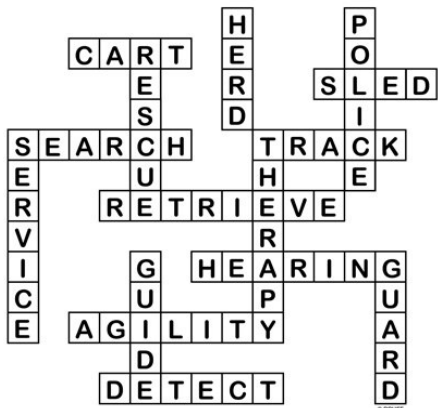
STUFF TO SUPPORT...



Please visit the full RUFF STUFF online store at www.cafepress.com/supportruff
Our store features many original designs for the dog lover in us all on many items from clothing to coffee mugs to pillows and clocks!

RRUFF STUFF FEATURED DESIGN

Why do dogs rule?



Its no puzzle.

Our “Dogs Rule” design is for the dog owner that knows what pet is best!

This design is available on many items including long sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hooded sweatshirts for those chilly fall days. Or if coffee and hot cocoa are your preference check out this design on our ceramic mugs in 2 convenient sizes.

Check out the cafepress website; we have many more unique and creative pet-centric items – all designed by our very own volunteers.

One Important Asset....

Foster Homes

The Integral part of Rescue

Foster homes play an integral part in the success of rescuing Rottweilers. We do not use a shelter to hold our dogs. Instead, all the dogs must spend a minimum amount of time in foster care. Without volunteers to provide a place for the dogs to stay while awaiting adoption, our work would be limited; and many dogs would suffer.

RRUFF's dogs come from many situations. For example Animal Control Officers call us on strays, and shelters call us when Rottweilers are brought in or surrendered by their owners. Many dogs enter our program under weight or over weight, under socialized, and in need of basic training & medical care. Our Evaluation Team performs a rigid temperament evaluation on each dog in order to determine whether or not the dog is a suitable candidate for our program. Dogs are matched to prospective foster homes in the same fashion they are matched to permanent homes, including reference verifications and a home visit. We ask that foster homes carefully communicate what types of situations are acceptable for their family, and have all members of the family understand their importance in fostering a dog. All dogs receive vaccinations, heartworm tests, fecal tests, spayed/neutered, and have other medical needs attended to before entering foster care.

Foster homes provide the dogs a second chance to find a forever family. RRUFF dogs often spend much longer than the minimum 2 weeks in foster care before being adopted by that perfectly matched family. Foster care allows the dogs to learn how to live harmoniously in a family environment, where they are taught or refreshed in the area of manners, housebreaking, crate training, and some basic obedience. Training guidelines are provided to foster homes when needed and Coordinators are always available to assistance. RRUFF has an email list for foster care providers that enables the entire foster group to communicate with each other quickly and efficiently. Foster homes are responsible for filling out foster update questionnaires, taking updated photos of foster dogs for the website and keeping the dog's bio up to date. We hold events throughout our coverage area and foster homes are asked to bring foster dogs to events within their area so the dog can be seen by potential adopters. If we have an approved adopter that is interested in a foster, foster families talk to the family to give them more information on the dog and to set up appointments for the family to meet the foster dog.

Foster families open not only their homes, but their hearts to every dog who enters their lives. Fostering is a mixture of commitment, patience, intuition, responsibility, consistency, adaptability, love, experience, structure, comfort, discipline and generosity. Foster homes are truly a gift to the dogs who enter rescue and the families who adopt the best companion they will ever have! Here is what some of our foster homes had to say about their experiences fostering:

I wouldn't even know what to say. I loved doing it. I loved placing the right dog in the right home. It made me happy and made me feel like I made a difference in one living things life. - Teresia

I have been a foster home for RRUFF since the first dogs came into the program. I have fostered for another rescue as well over the past 5 years, and I think I have had at least 10 foster dogs in that time period. Why do I do it? Well I have adopted from both groups, and we wanted to do more. Fostering is a lot of work, but very rewarding work. You bring a dog into your home who has to learn a whole new set of rules, boundaries and limitations - all of which will be tested, but you also see those dogs realize life is FUN - they blossom into outgoing, affectionate, well mannered and welcome members of society, you help these dogs get ready to transition into a life of luxury! A life full of love, security and their former lives are forgotten. Is fostering hard?? Well, yes, it is, if it was easy, everyone would do it! But to see a dog come into the program and into my home and flourish into a really great dog, and then to send that dog off to live with a forever family knowing you have done all you can to get that dog ready for adoption, knowing that they are THE home for that dog, and to see the happiness on the faces of everyone involved, including the dog - THAT is why I foster. - Anne

RRUFF is limited in the number of dogs we save by the number of foster homes available. If you are interested in fostering please apply at www.ruff.org or call RRUFF for an application by mail at (978) 429-4059.