



Our namesake – Ryley – after rescue & adoption

What is Ryley's Run.org?

We are a registered non-profit 501(c)3 whose main focus is the rescue & placement of abused and abandoned dogs. Through our volunteers & staff we strive to make sure that dogs in shelters, pounds, and roaming the streets have a Sanctuary in which their physical & mental wounds can be healed. Ryley's story is a common one. Found emaciated and near death he was turned over to a veterinarians office for treatment by a loving lady in Florida. Through their efforts and the contributions of people across America Ryley was saved and placed in rescue. He was lovingly fostered by a family who grew to love him so much they made him a part of their family. This story moved one person, Donna Sullivan, so much that she formed Ryley' Run to help benefit local area rescues. A yearly Walk/Run with your dog is now an annual occurrence in Albany, New York on the beautiful campus of S.U.N.Y. Hundreds of people and their dogs attend and participate in this worthwhile endeavor with all the proceeds going to canine rescue. Donna's motto is one we all embrace:

"It's All About The Dogs"

What Can You Do?

You virtually have the power of being able to give Hope & Life where now there is only despair & death. Become involved with your local rescue groups, be proactive in supporting local rescue fundraisers. Educate yourself on the terrible loss of life that takes place daily in your local shelters & pounds. Help to foster a loving dog when your local rescue runs out of space. If you are thinking about purchasing a dog – adopt instead. Report abuse when you see it or have fear it may be occurring. Call your local rescue if you see an abandoned animal.

Have Your Own Ryley's Run

On our website, www.ryleysrun.org, you will find all the contacts you need to get information concerning how to hold your own **Ryley's Run**. This event has spread from New York to California and States in between. We will assist you in what needs to be done including marketing materials, local rescues that need your help, sponsor requests, etc. It can and will be the most rewarding function you ever volunteer for.



Misconceptions

1. Rescue Dogs are sick & unhealthy.
Truth: These dogs have been nurtured back to health before being adopted.
2. Rescue dogs are vicious breeds
Truth: The majority of rescues come from the gentler breeds such as Golden Retrievers.
3. Rescue dogs are always old
Truth: The average age of rescues are dogs all in the prime of their life.
4. My local SPCA will take care of them
Truth: Local SPCA's and shelters are currently overwhelmed with animals.



.Take the time to visit our website:

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Leave us a message if you are looking for a local area rescue to volunteer for.

Contact your known local rescues concerning donations of blankets, towels, toys, paper goods.

National Rescue Sites - Please visit these sites to find your local area breed specific rescues.

1. **Golden Retrievers**
www.grca-nrc.org
2. **Labrador Retrievers**
www.thelabradorclub.com/rescue
3. **Beagles**
clubs.akc.org/NBC/beagle_rescue.html
No www needed
4. **Collie**
www.collie.net/~ashley/rescue
5. **German Shepard**
www.agsra.com
6. **Whippet**
www.whippet.com/rescue.html
7. **Dachshund**
www.drna.org
8. **Greyhounds**
www.4greyhounds.org
9. **Mixed Breed**
www.cofc.edu/~huntc/shelter.html
10. **AKC Breed Listing**
www.akc.org/breeds/rescue.cfm



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Giving a Chance to Those That Don't Have One

“For every dog we rescue, we rescue humanity as well”



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Ryley the day he was rescued

WHY?

Every year millions of dogs, abused and abandoned, are left to starve on the streets of America. If they are picked up by local shelters and not adopted then they are euthanized. Not hundreds, not thousands, but MILLIONS of loving, devoted, scared & homeless dogs.

Most people believe that this happens only to the more “media” branded aggressive dogs – Pit Bulls, Dobermans, etc.. but the largest percentage of dogs abandoned & abused come from the ranks of the gentler breeds – Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Beagles – your typical “Family Pet”

WHY?

In the majority of cases it's simple to say, yet impossible to understand - The Family no longer “cares” about the dog.