

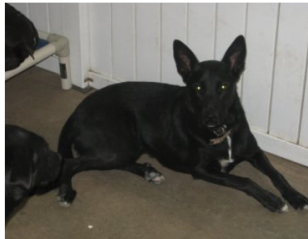
# Wagville

## ADOPT A DOG!

## OUR BELOVED RESCUES

REMEMBER: ALL OUR RESCUES GET 50% OFF DAYCARE AND BOARDING AT WAGVILLE FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES!

### Sadie, the gorgeous lab!



Sadie is our newest rescue. She's a sweet lab with huge ears and a huge heart. She loves people and all dogs. Her old family had to give her up because she was having some territorial issues, but these are common for dogs and if you're willing to work with her you won't be disappointed by what a loving, wonderful friend you'll have.

### Buddy, the friendly terrier.

Buddy is our 10 month old Benji look-alike! He couldn't be sweeter. He's about 30 pounds, and got the brightest brown eyes out there. He'll charm you for sure.



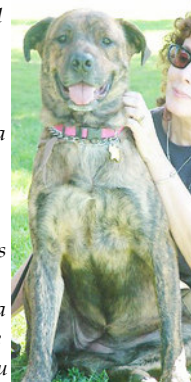
### Thor, lab mix extraordinaire!



Thor is a bit older (probably around 7), calm and sweet but loves playing and gets along well with other dogs. You won't have to deal with all the puppy issues with Thor – instead you'll get a well behaved gentleman ready to love you!

### Meet Miley, our special shy girl.

Miley was petrified when she came to us, but is doing much better now. She obviously had a horrible past, but you can give her a wonderful future. She is about 4 years old and needs a loving home with a reliable owner. We will help you as you usher Miley into your home.



## NEWS AND INTERESTS

### Rescue News

Wagville will be hosting a new adoption fair the second Sunday of every month at the Bank of America parking lot from 11am to 4pm. (The BofA on the corner of Silverlake and Glendale in Silverlake). We do need volunteers to help show off our dogs; please let us know if you are interested.

### Massages

We offer relaxing, therapeutic massage for your dog. Note that we are currently offering **Massage Thursdays**: between the hours of 2pm and 4:30pm on Thursdays, massages are \$5 for 15 minutes. Normal prices are \$1 per minute.

### Teeth Cleaning

Our next anesthesia-free teeth cleaning will take place **January 23, 2008**...sign up today!

### Training Classes

Our next group training class will begin **February 2, 2008 at 11:00 am**, and will continue every Saturday at the same time for 5 sessions. The class teaches you how to teach your dog basic commands like sit, stay, down, heel and go to your place using positive, rewards-based training techniques. Sign up at the front desk today! The class costs \$199, and we require a \$50 deposit at sign up.

### Field Trips

This month's field trips are:

**January 9: Runyon Canyon hike**

**January 23: Huntington Beach trip**

**Sign up now to book a spot!!** If a trip is full, please sign up on the wait list. There are usually one or two no-shows.

### Signs of Agitation

Many dog owners can tell when their own or another dog is very upset. There will be big signals. If the dog is angry, you might hear growling or see bared teeth. If the dog is afraid, you might see a tucked tail or shaking.

It is also important to learn to see the initial, smaller signs that a dog is upset. This can help you to prevent further escalation. It can tell you when you should break up play which has become uncomfortable to one or both of the dogs. It can also help you to introduce yourself or your dog to another dog.

Ear position, for example, can tell you a lot. Pinned back ears are a sign of stress. Eyes can tell you a lot as well. Looking away from the object of fear is a common way of showing anxiety. Fear can easily turn to aggression, so it is important to be aware of it.

Tail wagging and hair raising (those doggie mohawks), on the other hand, don't tell you as

much as you might think. Dogs wag their tail when they're happy, excited, and angry. Hair raising definitely indicates excitement, but it doesn't necessarily mean the dog is angry or going to become aggressive.

Many of the signs that a dog is upset can also mean other things. It is important to look at the totality of the dog's body language rather than at only that one signal. For example, a dog licking its lips might just be licking its lips, or it might be anxious. A dog blinking rapidly might have some eye irritation or might be nervous. A dog yawning might be tired, or agitated. A dog scratching might have an itch, or might be upset. If you see several of these behaviors one after the other, it is more likely that you are seeing a stressed out dog.

It's been found that people and other dogs can actually calm a stressed dog down by replicating some of these signals. For that reason, they are called "calming signals." If you lick your lips, yawn, blink and then look away from a dog, you are helping it to calm down and feel better about you and the situation in general.

Never approach a dog who is exhibiting signs of agitation. You and your dog can simply remove yourselves from the situation. If that's not possible, you can get down low, look away from the dog, and exhibit some calming signals. If the dog wants to approach you, it will.