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Blind Dogs See a Bright Future in 2010

PHILADELPHIA (Jan. 15, 2010) – Six months, 55 animal rescue volunteers, and plenty of love, caring, and hustling have proved life saving this winter for more than 10 dogs, who before Blind Dog Rescue Alliance came along, didn't see a chance for a happy future. Blind Dog Rescue Alliance, an all-volunteer "doggie" rescue group, changed all that. Now the 16 dogs are happily in their foster and permanent homes and well cared for.

"Blind dogs adapt. They do the same things as other dogs, and blind dogs can do very well for themselves," said BDRA President Karen Belfi. "Unfortunately, it is often people who see the difficulties, and not the love. These animals can so easily love their human families."

Newly created in August 2009, the Alliance was formed by Belfi and other well experienced rescue volunteers. To date, the BDRA network of volunteers services the lower 48 states and Canada, too. Searching out visually impaired or blind dogs of all breeds and ages, volunteers contact shelters, stay in constant contact with other rescue organizations via the internet and years of personal connections, and assist owners who can no longer handle their pets in need.

"The Alliance is in desperate need of funds," Belfi noted. "Vet visits are expensive, and many of the dogs coming into our rescue need costly treatment other than the norm." The Alliance raises funds at local events and booths at community functions, through merchandise sales, ebay auctions, and raffles, among other avenues. On BDRA's website, www.BlindDogRescue.com, donations may be made via Pay Pal. All funds raised and received by BDRA go toward the fostering, medical care, and health concerns of the Alliance's dogs.

Connor, one foster dog who was just recently adopted out to his permanent home, came into rescue more than 20 pounds underweight and in need of eye surgery as well as treatment for heartworm infection. This young, red male Husky regained his strength and weight under BDRA foster home care, and has been placed in his new home -- all this in less than three months. Yet, where there is one success story, there is another dog awaiting rescue. And that's where Blind Dog Rescue Alliance comes in.

"We can't save every blind dog, but we try to rescue one dog at a time," Belfi stated. "And that counts."

ABOUT BLIND DOG RESCUE ALLIANCE

Blind Dog Rescue Alliance (BDRA) is a 501c(3) nonprofit, animal rescue group dedicated to rescuing visually impaired dogs who have been lost, whose owners no longer wanted their love and affection, or who can no longer care for them. Volunteers are located throughout the United States and Canada. In addition to rescue, the Alliance educates the public about blind dogs and their capabilities, just as any other dog. Contributions can be made via the BDRA website to help assist with medical costs associated with caring for these dogs. For more information, visit <http://www.BlindDogRescue.com> .

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