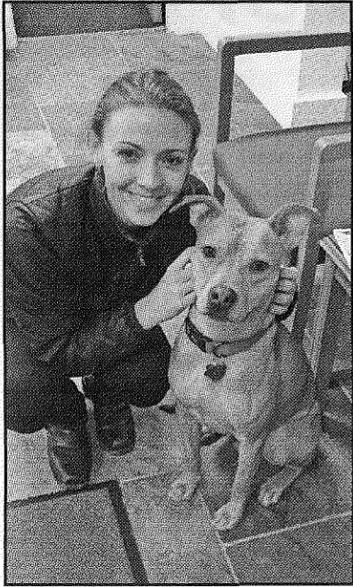


Finding homes for dogs one at a time



Eliza Graves and Joey

Eliza Graves, Waitsfield, picked up her second foster dog on December 17. She is fostering with Potter's Angels of Randolph, which rescues dogs from the South.

This is her second foster. This summer she fostered sibling puppies for the Central Vermont Humane Society. The puppies were a pug-dachshund mix and she had them for three short weeks before they were adopted.

Her current foster is an 18-month-old pit mix named Joey. Joey is shy and timid and afraid of open spaces and most men. He is a beautiful, tan boy with soft, shining fur and deep brown eyes.

After she picked him up, she wanted him to jump into

her car, but he was afraid. She tried to pick him up to put in him in the car, but that also scared him. She finally got him in the car but then had trouble getting him into her apartment because he is completely scared of stairs. So she carried him upstairs.

It's been almost two weeks and Joey is adapting and becoming less fearful. He goes to work with her at Brothers Building during the day where he is exposed to people and employees coming and going and he's becoming a little more social.

He has also played, rough-housed even, with Graves' sister's dog and enjoyed himself immensely.

Graves and Potter's Angels

don't know what Joey's story is, whether he was abused or abandoned, but Graves is less interested in that and more interested in socializing Joey and helping him trust and love.

Asked why she is fostering, Graves said, "Because I want a dog."

A look at Valley people who rescue and care for dogs

There are numerous businesses in The Valley who offer dog walking, dog sitting and doggie day care. The Valley is also home to a rescue organization and a dog grooming and rescue operation. Read on for more details about the folks who work with dogs in The Valley.

Lucky Dog

Lucky Dog is a doggie day care run by Laure McGuire and her husband, Duke Freeman, in Warren. When she opened up for business there were 1,400 registered dogs in Warren alone; clearly The Valley is crazy about man's best friend.

McGuire said that she is very careful when accepting any new dogs into her pack, as getting so many animals together can become risky

quickly. In her 16 years of business, though, she has only had one troublesome pet.

Prior to becoming a part of the day care, local dogs must meet with the day care owners and submit a record for vaccinations. The meet and greet is important to ensure that they will get along well; Duke and Laure like to make sure they are keeping a safe environment.

Dogs are naturally social so it's no surprise that they love to go to a day care where they have space to run and play with one another.

At Lucky Dog, there's space to run outside and for dogs that choose to stay the night, they will be comforted by a special dog room outfitted with numerous dog beds in different styles and sizes.

Lucky Dog also offers pick-

up and drop-off service for dogs.

Mad River Dog Camp

Bri Skoldberg runs the newest dog care operation in The Valley. She started Mad River Dog Camp in August of 2016. Skoldberg used to work in accounting, but her love of animals took over and that's when she decided to start the dog camp.

Skoldberg does dog walking and dog sitting. When she is walking dogs, she only takes one or two at a time. Skoldberg really emphasizes training the dog before integrating them into any sort of group.

"I focus on making sure that my dog gets trained before I add another dog. I don't want to have a situation where I have multiple dogs running

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Goals of the project are to:

- support economic vitality
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Any questions, please call Miron Malboeuf @ 496-2709

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