

Hello Chicken Friends,

Thanks for forwarding this message to other potential chicken adopters. Apologies to those who have sent messages or adoption inquiries. We are very behind in our correspondence but will respond asap.

Since last March, CRR has been a member of the Chicken Working Group Task Force which is making recommendations to Minneapolis Animal Care and Control which is in the process of revising its Chicken Permit policy and standards of care. Permit applications have quadrupled in Mpls/St. Paul over the last couple years. CRR submitted a 46 page report for consideration and will post information about the final policy in a future Adoption Chronicles. Mpls. policy is likely to include an education requirement so CRR is accepting registration for our first ever comprehensive CITY CHICKEN CLASS (details below).

Latest cockfighting seizure update-

East Bethel cockfighting bust 4/21/09 coverage:

http://www.twincities.com/allheadlines/ci_12194922

http://abcnewspapers.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=6962&Itemid=26

<http://www.startribune.com/25723699.html>

http://www.kare11.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=519616

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/s517967.shtml?cat=1>

Finally, to make sure that accurate information is available to make informed decisions about adopting from Chicken Run Rescue, please read "7 Advantages of Adoption from Chicken Run Rescue" at the end of this message. This information will be added to our website as soon as possible.

ADOPTIONS SINCE LAST POST:

Nicole, Sienna and Carisa Beth Hugo are Wisconsinites now. Happily getting settled in a safe loving home.

Margaret Mary is supervising a flock on a gorgeous hobby farm in Chaska.

McNamara is all grown up and gorgeous. He has special needs because of arthritis and is now a very loved permanent resident at Chicken Run!

Gertie, a Barred Rock hen, was never posted and immediately adopted.

She's blended seamlessly into a new flock in St. Croix Falls, WI. 100% of that flock are Chicken Run Rescue graduates.

STILL AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION:

Rocky has become a Golden Retriever of a rooster- beautiful, mellow, friendly and affectionate. Wally is my constant companion in the

garden- all sensitive 100 pounds of him! They now keep each other company and would be ever so happy to have a home together. You won't find two sweeter roosters.

Rocky Legato

<http://www.petfinder.com/petnote/displaypet.cgi?petid=12971962>

Wally Onewattle

<http://www.petfinder.com/petnote/displaypet.cgi?petid=12289344>

Little Edgar is a lively, lovely, vocal boy who won't admit he likes being held. He so wants a flock of his own. Highly qualified for upper flock management position.

Edgar McLittle

<http://www.petfinder.com/petnote/displaypet.cgi?petid=12578537>

NEW GUESTS: (NOTE- apologies for the rotated photos on the PetFinders site- the PF site managers are having technical difficulties and hope to have them corrected soon.)

Luckilee (wait till you read her story!)

<http://www.petfinder.com/petnote/displaypet.cgi?petid=13703910>

Gabby

<http://www.petfinder.com/petnote/displaypet.cgi?petid=13703921>

Jina

<http://www.petfinder.com/petnote/displaypet.cgi?petid=13703930>

WHATS NEW:

1. CHICKEN RUN RESCUE- CITY CHICKEN CLASS- REGISTER NOW!

June 20, 2009, 9-1pm

pre-registration required, \$20

Introduction to the basics of living with chickens with an emphasis on the practicalities of costs and commitment required and the rewarding bond that develops between humans and chicken companions. This workshop will furnish information about providing an enriched environment to meet their instinctive interests, needs, and activities and relevant state and local laws that protect them and their predators. Presentations by local experts on chicken history and behavior, vet care and zoonoses, animal law, shelter design specific to Minnesota climate, non-lethal predator protection and landscaping for forage. Appropriate for those who currently care for chickens or

are considering doing so, animal control professionals, shelter staff and veterinary technicians. CE credits pending.

To register, contact chickenrunrescue@comcast.net
Put Class Registration in the subject field of the e-mail.

2. VEGAN DRINKS / ART EXHIBIT OPENING

Nouveau: Wild, Works by Linda Hatfield

Friday, June 5 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm

2615 E. Franklin Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Justice for Animals Arts Guild Gallery is hosted by the Animal Rights Coalition in the commercial space they share with Fast and Furless Vegan Boutique. JAAG's primary goal is to feature Special Exhibit shows by artists deeply involved in hands-on animal rescue and rehabilitation.

This show features the work of Linda Hatfield, a Minneapolis artist / activist who has devoted her life to wildlife ranging from wolves to Canada geese, giving them a voice in the federal government, the Minnesota State Legislature and city councils. Her whimsical art nouveau style drawings of animal subjects are executed on paper and beautifully incorporated onto vintage wood furniture. She is a longtime volunteer at The Raptor Center where she works with birds of prey rehabilitated after injury or illness for eventual release back to the wild. She is also the Director of HOWL (Help Our Wolves Live) which advocates for predatory mammals such as wolves, lynx, and wolverine.

3. 2009 Revised Edition Now Available.

Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs:

An Inside Look at the
Modern Poultry Industry
By Karen Davis, PhD

The New Revised Edition looks at a world in which avian influenza, food poisoning, global warming, genetic engineering, and the expansion of poultry production and consumption are careening to an unsustainable point. Read the compelling argument for adopting a compassionate, plant-based cuisine as an alternative to the warfare waged on defenseless chickens.

Order at:

<http://www.upc-online.org/merchandise/book.html>

4. RHYMES WITH VEGAN

A local YouTube cooking show hosted by a Minneapolite Meagan Holtgrewe.

<http://www.rhymeswithvegan.com/>

"Good production values, great music and Holtgrewe's engaging manner combine to make this a local asset."

-- Kim Ode, Star Tribune

5. CHICKEN INFORMATION RESOURCES

(Please note the while these resources endorse using chickens for breeding, egg and meat production, they provide excellent factual information on chicken care)

Atlas of Avian Diseases

Cornell University College of Veterinary Diseases

<http://partnersah.vet.cornell.edu/avian-atlas/lists/disease>

<http://www.professorchicken.com/>

Professor Chicken's Forum:

yardpoultry@yahogroups.com

PasturePoultry@yahogroups.com

6. CHICKEN RUN RESCUE PHOTO CONTEST 2009

Only 2 more days to vote!

<http://www.brittonclouse.com/chickenrunrescue/photos09/index.php>

7. CRR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

chicken care, general helper

web tutor (DreamWeaver)

If you are interested in volunteering, please send a message to chickenrunrescue@comcast.net
Put "Volunteer" in the subject heading.

8. ADVANTAGES OF ADOPTION FROM CHICKEN RUN RESCUE

Adoption should not be confused with purchase, "free to good home" or swapping birds or fertilized eggs. An Adoption Agreement protects the best interests of the bird as the first priority.

1. Known Health

All incoming birds given a complete physical exam upon intake. A fecal test is performed and they are quarantined for a minimum of one to two weeks and prophylactically treated for internal and external

parasites. Vet care for illness or injury is immediately provided by the best avian specialists in the region. Complete medical records are maintained and a medical history provided to the adoptor. Special needs, if any, are clearly stated.

2. Known Behavior / Personality

During their foster stay, CRR's rescues are provided with stress free, comfortable, enriched environments. They are handled and socialized daily and become accustomed to close contact with humans, other birds, dogs, cats and urban life. Each individual bird's habits, likes and dislikes are noted and that information is provided to the adoptor. Birds who have bonded with each other go to a new home together.

3. Known History

All information available about where the bird came from and what circumstances they experienced is documented and that information is provided to the adoptor.

4. Experience / Education

Since its founding in 2001, Chicken Run Rescue has rescued over 450 domestic fowl and invested over \$10,000 in the best avian veterinary care for our rescues and encouraged area veterinary clinics to extend their services available to chickens. Our rescues have expanded the practical experience gained by those clinics. We have also learned how to manage and nurture many birds with different personalities and needs in a small urban environment. Adoptors are provided with comprehensive information packets and encouraged to contact us for advice on care, health and behavior 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

5. Commitment for Life

CRR is committed to the health, happiness and safety of our rescues for life. Our Adoption Agreement stipulates that CRR will assist with advice, placement or return to our care if the adoptor is no longer able to keep the bird for medical, behavior or any other reasons.

CRR's Adoption Agreement allows us to make inquiries about how the birds are doing in their new homes but we rarely have to- our adoptors regularly keep in touch with us, ask for advice but mostly want to tell us how much they love their birds. They understand and respect the effort we've made to finding the best homes possible. Adoptors continue to receive CRR's Adoption Chronicles announcements and adopt more birds as they are able.

CRR has adopted over 450 birds and have only reclaimed 4 for breach of the Adoption Agreement- 3 of them from the same adoptor. Sadly, we later gave the person a second chance and adopted two more hens. Despite extensive e-mail correspondence prior to adoption discussing their special needs (archived), the birds were left out in subzero weather and were dead within a month.

6. Sustainability

Adopting existing chickens who need homes means not supporting hatcheries and breeders who kill 50% of the birds hatched (roosters) and displace hens who need homes. There is nothing sustainable about treating live animals as disposable commodities. **THERE IS NO PROHIBITION OF PERSONAL CONSUMPTION OF EGGS LAID BY CRR ADOPTTEES.** A vegan diet is not a condition for adoption. CRR's Adoption Agreement states "Adopter agrees to accept this animal as a companion animal not a food animal and not to produce eggs for profit or breeding purposes. Acceptable uses for the eggs would be for personal consumption or to feed other companion animals or wildlife rehabilitation."

7. Altruism.

Helping an animal who needs a loving home is an act of kindness and respect that benefits all involved.

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--Spike Milligan

ABOUT CHICKEN RUN RESCUE:

Every year, domestic fowl, mostly chickens, are impounded by Minneapolis Animal Control (MAC) and 5 Metro Area humane societies. These birds are victims of neglect, abuse and abandonment, sometimes used as a source of eggs or intended for slaughter, fighting or ritual sacrifice. Some are the discarded outcome of "nature lessons" for children or after a hobby

that no longer holds interest. After their release from MAC, Chicken Run provides the birds with temporary shelter and vet care, locates and screens adopters within 90 miles of the Twin Cities and transports the birds to their new homes. Chicken Run Rescue is the only urban chicken rescue of its kind and depends entirely on donations and sales of art merchandise to continue helping chickens. There is a special need for rooster homes. Don't breed or buy- Adopt! There are never enough homes for displaced animals.

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