We’re not searching for a dog’s NEXT home …
We’re searching for their LAST home

Milla, won’t you be mine?

My name is Milla and I’m a two-year-old female. My girlish figure is staying put at 68 lbs. I like children and other dogs.

Please adopt me!

Keeping up with A Rotta Love Plus

Already, 2009 has brought many changes to A Rotta Love Plus! At the top of the list is the establishment of an office in St. Paul located at 2324 University Avenue. ARLP maintains a secure suite within the Women Venture office, #120, where files, computers and marketing materials are stored.

In an effort to create the best strategic direction for the organization, ARLP established a new steering committee. Made up of Directors Beth DeLaForest and Rachel Anderson, the group is rounded out by Amy Hotchkiss, Lara Peterson and LaDonna Seely. Together, they assume a wide-range of duties including, fostering, organizing adoption days, bookkeeping, Web site development and maintenance, temperament testing, case managing and media relations. In addition, Kellie Dillner continues her excellent pursuit of bringing dog bite prevention to children of all ages as our Assistant Director of Education.

New this year, our “Rott N’ Pit” Education program is offered to A Rotta Love Plus program dogs, volunteers, and adopters. It was created as a support system for everyone involved with ARLP and offered free of charge. Trainer Aimee Bovee covers topics such as responsible dog ownership, pit bull and Rottweiler breed temperament and basic obedience. Taught at All Breed Obedience in Woodbury, this six-week class is meant to give each dog and handler a solid beginning.

As so many new volunteers, fosters and adopters join our ranks, many of you are participating in social events to get to know one another better. Keep checking out the ARLP online forum community at http://arottalove.org/forum to learn about the next doggie play date, volunteer’s dinner out, event clinic, new volunteer meeting or open house.

Most of all, THANK YOU for your involvement with A Rotta Love Plus. We cannot express enough how deeply we appreciate your gift of time and energy to further the mission, values and ethical standards of this organization. With the continued support of our committed volunteers, A Rotta Love Plus will continue its 12-year journey of re-homing stellar pitties and rotties, educating the public, and advocating for our breed’s legislative rights at the state and national levels. There is power in numbers, and the impact we are able to deliver reaches far and wide because we all work together! It is our sincerest hope that you will continue on this journey with us for years to come.

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Events

ATIS Testing – June 6 – 7
A Rotta Love Plus is hosting an American Temperament Testing Society temperament test weekend!

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day
Course walk-throughs at 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Location: Burnsville High School Soccer Fields
600 E Highway 13, Burnsville, MN 55337
Entry Fee: $35 - (includes $5 for facility rental)
Register by: May 29, 2009 at www.arottalove.org/atts.htm

New Volunteer Meeting - Wednesday, June 24th, at 8pm
This monthly event is your chance to learn more about A Rotta Love Plus and how you can get involved to help these wonderful dogs. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP and/or contact: bdelaforest@arottalove.org.

Twin Cities Pride - June 27 & 28
A wonderfully fun and inclusive event, ARLP is proud to have participated in Twin Cities Pride for several years. We’ll have a booth for the weekend and we’ll be participating in the parade as well. Stop on down and show your Pride. For more information on Twin Cities Pride, visit www.tcpride.org/index_main.php.

Adoption Days!
Come Meet the Dogs
While we do not do same-day adoptions, these events are a great opportunity to come and meet some of the wonderful dogs we have available and to get to know our organization.

Please adopt me!

If you had a friend like ...

BEN!

I’m an energetic young man, weighing in at a slight, but buff 40 LBS.
I’m crate and potty trained and currently live with two dogs.

Please adopt me!

I’m Bishop!
(But my nickname is Meathead!)
I am two years old, love kids and dogs and am a graceful 81 lbs.

ARLP Merchandise!
We have a variety of Pit Bull, Rottweiler, Breed-Specific Legislation, and A Rotta Love Plus merchandise available at our Cafe Press store. A portion of the proceeds benefits the dogs in our program. www.cafepress.com/arottalove
What New Pittie Parents are Saying …

“Hello from Bowie Dog’s new home! Yes, Bowie is FINALLY home! It has been a long time coming, but he is here! Bowie came home yesterday and the transition has been going smoothly. We have a few kinks to work out with Elvis (the cat) but other than that, Bowie has been one great dog!

We want to thank Amanda and Jeremy at camp Jackson for fostering Bowie a few extra weeks while we were making the transition to our new home. They did an awesome job with Bowie and he sure misses them. I also want to give a shout out to Shannon and Ryan, who I understand fostered Bowie for quite a long time. Bowie wouldn’t be the great dog that he is today with out the big hearts of all of you fosters! So, THANK YOU for being great people!

I will send updates and pictures often. Bowie says ‘Woof Woof - I’m FINALLY home everyone, I’m finally home!’”

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“Here’s a little update on our first night… We had about a two hour drive right off the bat and Holly was a perfect passenger in the truck, a welcome change from Winston who paces, pants, yawns and generally never sits still when we’re on the highway… Next she checked out her crate, she ran in and out of it about 20 times and I’m thinking she likes it (she’s in there right now while I’m typing this, without any crying or complaining). Thanks again to Laura, Beth and everyone else at A Rotta Love!

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Melissa, thank you so much for the hard work you put into taking care of Miss Priss. She’s doing great in Rott n’ Pitt Ed, and we’ve been working on leash training at PetSmart and local strip malls … Three people gushed over how ‘good’ she was!”

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“We are now the proud parents of Yuma, the sweetest dog ever. We got him Saturday evening and have been loving having him. Andrew works from home and is so lucky--I hated to leave him to go to work today!!!! We are so thankful for Justin and Danielle for being terrific foster parents and helping make him such a terrific dog! Rachel posted the adoption pictures in Yuma’s gallery. When I figure out pictures, we will post some more. Thank you to all of A Rotta Love!”

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“Well we did it, thanks to everyone at A Rotta Love. We are the proud parents of Oxford. He is doing great in his new home. He loves to play tug and do zoomies in his new yard. He has also destroyed a number of new toys. But that’s what dogs do. Thanks again to everyone especially Tony, Jessica, Rachel, Amy and Larry.”

Adopt Me for Hot Fun in the Summertime!!

Hi, I’m Winston!!

I’m not quite a year old and just a squirt at 48 pounds. I’m great in my kennel and getting pretty good at that potty training thing! I love playing with my foster kitties and pitties and snuggling with my foster mom on the couch.
A Rotta Love Plus has joined forces with several other humane organizations to create MnPAW, Minnesota Partnership for Animal Welfare.

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**Only 1 in 600 will make it out alive**

*Save a life Foster a Dog*

www.arottalove.org

Within weeks of this billboard appearing in downtown Minneapolis, ARLP received 21 foster applications. Many more are needed.

**Keep Those Fosters Coming!**

Foster parents are the most important people involved in a rescue. Imagine getting over 20 emails and phone calls a day from organizations and people begging you to take in a dog. A Rotta Love Plus works with a network of foster homes who care for the dogs while we find them their “forever” homes. We don’t have a shelter, so fosters are invaluable to us. Their numbers dictate how many lives we can save. Without the support and presence of fosters, most of the dogs will never make it out of the shelter alive.

The main criteria to be a foster parent are love and patience. You don’t have to have a yard - many people who foster for us live in apartments. It’s okay if you have another dog, and even if you have a cat. Most of the dogs that we take in are dog-friendly, and some even love cats. We will always work with you to make sure that your foster dog is a good fit for your home. Other requirements:

- You must live within 50 miles of the Twin Cities metro area.
- Your homeowners insurance must not have breed exclusions. Our insurance requires that all of our foster homes have breed-friendly homeowners or renters insurance.
- If you rent, that’s ok, but you will need to provide your landlord’s phone number for verification that you can have a foster dog in your home.
- We require that all current animals in your home are spayed or neutered and up to date on vaccinations.
- ARLP will take care of food and medical bills.

For more information, or to fill out an application, go to www.arottalove.org/rehoming/fostering.htm

**About Us**

**Our Mission**

A Rotta Love Plus is dedicated to the Rottweiler, American Pit Bull Terrier and other non-traditional breeds.

**Rescue**

We are here to rescue the unwanted & neglected Rottweilers & American Pit Bull Terriers surrendered to local animal shelters.

**Re-Home**

With the help of foster homes, we then evaluate the dogs and prepare them to be re-homed with a loving family.

**Educate**

For those willing, we are here to educate them on responsible ownership and the truth about these majestic breeds. The Rottweiler & American Pit Bull Terrier have fallen victim to bad press and prejudice. A Rotta Love is here to defend and protect these wonderful breeds: we are their voice.